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Along the west banks of the Willamette river the lands are mostly wild, yet, they contain even more productive merit than those which have been under high cultivation. The hop raising industry for which these lands are adapted, to most newcomers is but slightly appreciated; hence we may be pardoned if we print a few elementary facts in connection with the business.

The past year has shown that Oregon can count on a certain market in the east for all surplus hops. Indeed, Cincinnati buyers even crowd home purchasers, hence, we can safely predict that hops will never again bring less than 15 cents per pound; the cost of raising, picking, curing and packing the crop does not exceed 7 or 8 cents per pound; the yield per acre varies from 1500 to 2500 pounds, from which it can be readily seen that for small farming, hop raising holds rare inducements to prospective settlers who fear the uncertainty of extensive grain raising; we may add that the poles for the hops are abundant and are located in easy distance up the river, so that the cutting is the greatest cost. The second year brings profitable returns and the start is made from roots which can be had at little cost; care is required as to varieties; also attention must be given to planting enough pollen producing vines to insure ample fertilization. In planting and cultivation no more skill is called for than is required in corn raising, but in drying and pressing it is necessary that experience be used. Parties interested in this business can be shown lands adapted to hop raising and will be given all required information by J. W. Kirkland, of the firm of Kirkland & Cressey, at Independence, near which town and Buena Vista, are located the largest tracts of hop lands in the county, and lands that cannot be surpassed by any locality on the coast.

Clover should be sown now, if you want to sow it this spring. February is the month, if the weather is pleasant and the soil in order, when much work can be done. But there are some seeds that do not like to take the buffets of March and its pelting storms, if they come. Wheat, for instance, for spring sowing, is better off to be sown when March is over and the first warm weather follows the blustering month. But March can be so agreeable once in a while that it seems unkind to give it a proverbial likeness. We must try not to aggravate Mars, and hope that he will this year give us his best terms, so that we won't need "beware the Ides of March."

The proposed act making education compulsory on children between 3 and 14 years of age requires that they attend school during 12 weeks of each year. The age of three years is rather to young for anything but a kindergarten or infant school, and it might be advisable to change that to five years, but compulsory education should be enforced for the benefit of the rising generation. Three months is not much time and even then a child could hardly at 14 master the three R's, and understand the rudiments of language. Ignorance is the parent of vice and it is important for the state to educate the young as a safe-guard against crime.

Senator Hatch introduced a bill in the senate Friday to re-locate the county seat of this county by submitting the matter to a vote of the people, which passed. The bill was then sent to the house, when Representative Fisher moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, which was done with almost a unanimous vote. We understand the friends of the bill are making a strenuous effort to re-usurp it, and at the present writing we do not know what will be the result. The bill provides that the vote be taken at the general election in June, which is almost two years in the future.

The last number of the West Side causes us to regret but two things: First, that Independence cannot have a newspaper worthy of her enterprise, and second, that Anaxias was stricken dead in vain.

The fifteenth biennial session of the legislature will end by legal limitation February 22nd, but that day being a legal holiday, no business will be transacted. The session will therefore end on the night of the 21st,

after having lasted thirty-nine days instead of the usual forty. Whether the legislature will make up for the missing day by sitting on the 23rd or not remains to be seen. It can do so, but will receive no pay.

We are sorry to see that our valued exchange, the West Side, lashes himself into such fury over the OBSERVER and its advocacy of Dallas. Sensible men in both towns deprecate the dime novel style of b-lud. Ta ta brother.

Mrs. Mary B. Clay, at the Woman's Suffrage Convention in Washington, succeeded in laying down a platform for her sisters in one sentence. "Wifehood and motherhood," said she, "are but inferior states in the true woman's life. Her chief end is citizenship."

We have not been able to find out just how many signers the petition and remonstrance had in the matter of re-locating the county seat, but as near as we know the petition was signed by 700 and the remonstrance by 1086.

The immigration into Oregon during the month of January just closed was eight times larger than during January last year. The secretary of the Portland board of immigration estimates that this year's immigration into Oregon will be 400,000, which is greater than the present population. In a few years land in Oregon will sell higher than in any New England or eastern State, not excepting New York, Pennsylvania or any of the Mississippi Valley States.

Republicans see exemplified in General Harrison a man who will grow as Lincoln grew, and they place an unquestioning trust in firmness and sagacity. Should he call Blaine to the chief place in the councils of his administration, he would be following in the footsteps of his predecessors of illustrious memory, namely, William Henry Harrison and Abraham Lincoln. The former made Daniel Webster secretary of state, and the latter called William H. Seward to be his chief advisor—in each instance a formidable oival was installed in the cabinet. The party received no rude shock and the country suffered no evil in consequence. The precedent is a safe one for a republican president to follow.

**MRS. HARRISON'S FATHER.**

One of the most interesting men in Washington is a \$1200 a year clerk in the pension office. Dr. Scott, the gentleman referred to, is the father-in-law of the next president of the United States, and has other claims of public attention in a long and useful life and an engaging personality, now made prominent by the fact of his interesting family relations.

The old gentleman has a desk in the southeast corner of the room on the ground floor of the new pension building. Though eighty-eight years old, he is one of the best clerks in his division, for he is well preserved and active in the use of faculties well cultivated. The fine old man has a tall figure and stoops but very little. His face has a good healthy color. Dr. Scott has spent his life in study and thought, and is famous as one of the successful educators of the west. Hundreds of young men and women look back to his tuition as the foundation of all their successes in life. He is a Virginian, and a relative of Gen. Winfield Scott. For many years he was professor in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and later principal of a flourishing school for young women in the same place. Dr. Scott makes his home with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Scott-Lord, a widow who has in her household her two married daughters, Mrs. Lieutenant Parker and Mrs. Demick, and their families. The old gentleman goes back and forth to his desk every day with the regularity of a clock, usually riding in the street cars or herds, but then on fine mornings, walking down to the pension building.—Baltimore American.

**Executor's Sale.**

In re estate of Thos. Warriner, deceased. By virtue of an order of the County court of the State of Oregon for the county of Polk, made at the November term thereof, A. D. 1888, I was authorized and directed by said court to sell the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: The east half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section 27, T. 6 S. R. 4 W. of the Willamette meridian in the county of Polk and state of Oregon and containing 80 acres more or less. Now therefore, in virtue of said order, I will, on the premises at 1 o'clock p. m. on 5th day March, 1889, sell the above described real property to the highest bidder. Terms, cash in hand. John J. Daly, Attorney for estate. G. C. Bell, Executor. Feb. 8, 1889.

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**Administrator's Notice.**

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that I have been appointed by Hon. Jonathan Stouffer, county judge of the county of Polk, state of Oregon, administrator of the estate of Clarence Franklin, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will please present them at the office of my attorney, John J. Daly at Dallas, Polk county and state aforesaid within six months from this date, and all persons indebted thereto will please make immediate payment. John J. Daly, Attorney for estate. Executor. Dated Feb. 4, 1889.

**Citation.**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk. In the matter of the estate of Wm. Tatom, deceased. Citation, M. L. Robbins, administrator. To Sarah E. Tatom, Thomas Tatom, Marcus Tatom, Kate Elliot, Georgeanna Walker, Richard Tatom, Ellen Tatom, Mary Tatom, Willie Tatom and Fred Tatom, greeting: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Polk at the Court Room thereof, at Dallas in the county of Polk on

Tuesday the 5th day of March 1889.

at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause if any there be why an order of sale should not be made as in the administrator's petition prayed for to-wit: a one-third interest in the following described premises to-wit: Commencing at the S. W. corner of tract, block No. 1 in the town of Independence, Polk county, Or., thence north 102 feet, thence east 250 feet, thence south 102 feet, thence west 200 feet to place of beginning; also a strip of land commencing 8 rods north and 114 feet east of the south-east corner of said tract, block 1, thence east 249 feet, thence north 30 feet, thence west 249 feet, thence south 30 feet to place of beginning; also a lot on the river commencing 8 rods north and 26 rods east of the south east corner of said tract, block No. 1, thence north 4 rods, thence east to the Willamette river, thence south 4 rods, thence to place of beginning.

Witness, the Hon. J. S. Stouffer, judge of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Polk with the seal of said court affixed, this 16th day of Jan. A. D. 1889.

Attest: C. G. Coak, Clerk. Jno. J. Daly, Attorney for Estate.

**Notice of Final Settlement.**

In the matter of the estate of M. D. Hubbard, deceased. M. D. Hubbard, Adm.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern that said administrator has filed his final account with said estate in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and asked for a final settlement of the same, and said Court has set the hearing of said account for Tuesday, March 5, 1889, at 10 o'clock, at which time any objections thereto should be made.

M. D. HUBBARD, Administrator. WARREN TRUITT, Attorney. Dated Jan. 9, 1889.

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