

Reports from the Field.

Linn County Meeting.

The annual meeting for Linn county commenced on Saturday, June 30th, and closed on Monday morning, July 9th. The attendance part of the time was large, reaching on the second Sunday to 1500 or 2000 persons. The order, considering the number of persons present, was as good as I have ever seen.

The attendance during the first few days of the meeting was small, on account of the rain, but towards the middle of the week brethren from different parts of the county began to come in, until near the close of the meeting there were twenty-five or thirty camps on the ground. Numbers would also come in the morning, remain on the ground during the day and return home at night. There were three discourses preached each day, besides a meeting in the morning for prayer and exhortation.

The preaching was done by Bro. E. W. Barnes and the writer, with the exception of two discourses, one by Bro. J. M. Harris, and one by Bro. C. Sharpe, late of California. Bro. P. Mulkey was present most of the time and delivered one or two warm exhortations to the people.

There were in all twenty-one additions, sixteen by baptism, some restored and some from other sources. I think the meeting resulted in good in other ways besides the gaining of additions. The brethren were aroused to some extent to more active duty, and to the necessity of building up the cause in Linn county. Some of the churches in the county have taken steps to have regular preaching among them. The churches at Harrisburg and Muddy have combined their strength and have employed Bro. Barnes to labor among them, and the churches of Halsey and Brownsville will soon have an evangelist to labor for them. This is work in the right direction. Let other churches follow in the move until every church in the land shall be supplied with preaching. Taking everything into consideration, the meeting was a success, so those in attendance decided, and so I believe.

P. R. BURNETT.

Eugene City.

Communications.

AN APPEAL TO THE THINKING CLASSES IN AMERICA.

The following from the *Library Table* we re-print by request of the writer, and can commend it to our readers:

In this first year of our second century of national existence there are said to be three millions of unemployed persons in the United States.

Who can tell us why or how this appalling situation arose? Who can set forth in colors sufficiently vivid the degradation and demoralization it is bringing upon the sufferers and upon our country? We are dealing with wide spread effects; let us search into their causes. Are these the ripened fruits of our boasted civilization? Or is this crisis an ordeal through which every nation must pass? Now, if ever, is the time for our legislatures, our political economists, and our social science reformers to exert themselves for the benefit of a bankrupt people.

As I am a woman, and therefore cannot be expected to understand so profound a mystery as Political Economy, I do not pretend to have any solution of these questions ready. But I have asked myself, with an earnestness springing from intense feeling, is there no remedy? Can anything be done for these idle millions?

I believe that a few clear heads, a strong will, and a little money judiciously expended, can control the world. If I cannot answer the question, I can at least state it, and summon the wise and the good to answer it, and in their replies I shall recognize the vox populi vox Dei, the crystallization of that universal reason, which is the voice of God speaking to the understanding.

I appeal to governors, to legislators, to journalists, clergymen, physicians, lawyers, teachers, workers in whatever field, and thinkers with whatever title, to give their minds to the solution of the great problem of the cause and cure of national misery. Think of it, study it, observe the facts, and communicate your conclusions to the most convenient organ of publicity. Discuss it in the press, in legislative halls, in the sessions of societies, upon the lecture platform, in the pulpit, and in the private gatherings of friends.

Will not the periodical which receive this appeal second my proposal, and aid it by making known its practical contents, to the end that the best talent of the country may be stimulated to the study of this great issue? I desire that every aspect of the subject may be thoroughly discussed in the columns of the American press. To that end I offer three premiums, one of one hundred dollars in gold, one of seventy-five dollars, and one of fifty dollars, for the best newspaper articles of about 2,000 words upon some feature of the "Labor Question," considered in its widest scope. These articles are to be signed by some *nom de plume*, and sent to the office of the *Library Table* before the 1st of October next, and the awards shall be made by a committee to be appointed by the "American Social Science Association" at its meeting at Saratoga in July. I reserve the right of accepting at twenty dollars any of the essays which may not receive the premiums.

ELIZABETH THOMPSON.

Mrs. Thompson has deposited funds in the East River National Bank, for the payment of the prizes awarded to the articles that may be approved by the committee of the American Social Science Association.

CHARLES JENKINS Pres.

AN LL. D. (and I am very sorry to say he is a Massachusetts LL. D.) was dining at the table of a lady who never furnishes wine, no matter who is her guest—at whose house General Grant spent nearly two days, during which time not a drop of wine, ale, or spirits did she present to him or his staff; and when the British nobility are entertained by her, they inquire, "Can you entertain Lord So-and-so?" when she replies, "Yes, but he must know beforehand that neither wine, ale, nor spirits are offered in my house. This gentleman was at her dinner-table, and he said, "Now I think I cannot understand your position in reference to this matter, Mr. So-and-so. Now, I enjoy a glass of wine at my dinner; it is my habit to use it. You say to me, Doctor, I shall give you no wine because So-and-so makes bad use of it. Here is one person cannot drink with impunity, and here is another who makes a fool of himself. By-and-by you will take from us all our luxuries. I enjoy cheese. I like it with a cup of coffee and a cracker; it promotes digestion. Would you say, Doctor here is a man cannot eat cheese with impunity, and I shall give you no cheese? Is that a fair way of putting it? Did you ever hear a man standing on the gallows tree saying to those who came to witness his execution: "Now, my friends, take warning by me; never eat cheese?" Did you ever hear of man, murdering his wife and giving as a reason, or as an excuse, that he had been eating cheese? Did you ever hear of a row in the street where one man is murdered or several ribs broken, and the papers say, "Those men have been eating freely of cheese?" Now, just show to me that cheese produces eight-tenths of the crime, seven-eighths of the pauperism, and half the lunacy—show me that cheese produces the result that drink does, and, by the grace of God, I will battle the cheese while I live.

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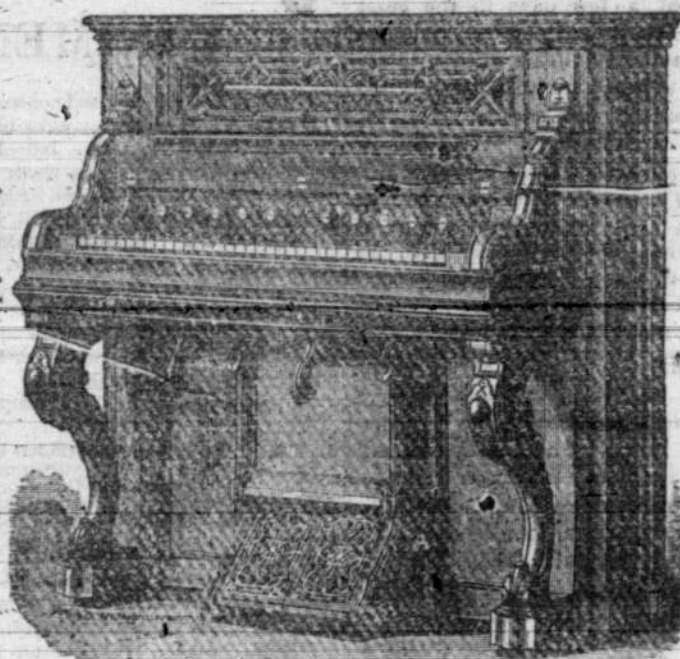
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