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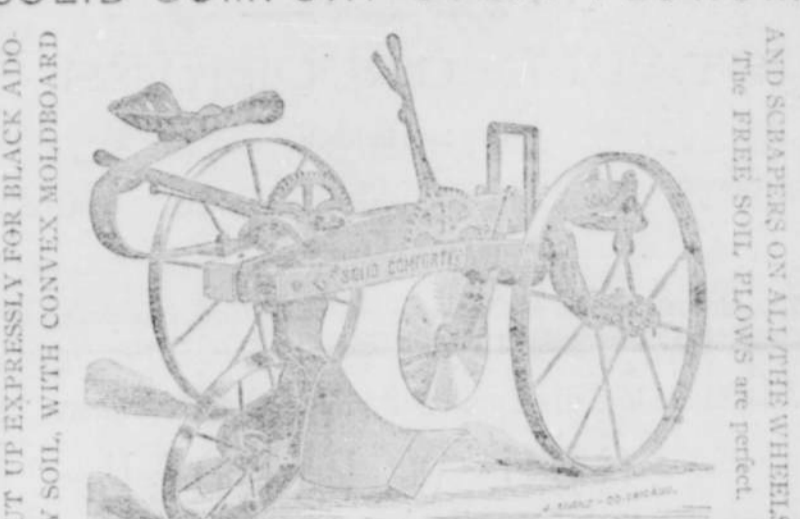
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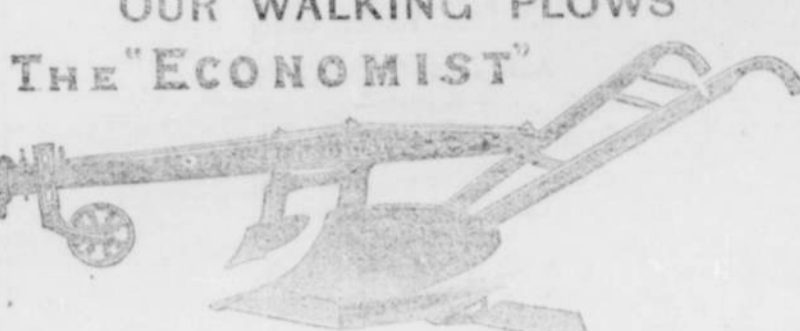
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Salem Correspondence.

SALEM, Oreg., Jan. 31, '87. ED. COURIER:—I have been too busy to write you any thing about legislative matters, but I see by the COURIER that you are keeping up with us. It is an unfortunate thing for the people that there is not an insurmountable barrier in the way of our amateur statesmen, so they could not introduce any bill after the first ten days of the session. There is a sort of mania on the part of many members, to introduce a great many bills, thinking to get a reputation as statesmen, thus encumbering the calendar and obstructing the way to needed legislation. Those bills are generally, or at least often, without merit. Some of them are for mere buncombe pandering to a supposed popular clamor, many of them clearly inconsistent with the State and United States constitutions. Many of them were simply introduced for the sake of introduction. I have asked members about their bills in which I could see no merit, and have been surprised that they have no objection whatever that they expect the bill to accomplish if it becomes a law, and no argument to effect why it should become a law. One of the fatal mistakes of the session is the failure of the assessment and taxation bill, by reason of the unfavorable report of the standing committee to which it was referred. This bill should have become a law, and I have been unable to find any good reason for the committee so reporting it. The only matter that has taken political complexion is the apportionment bill, both parties having appointed special caucus committees for its consideration. The Republicans are figuring on the likelihood of the Governor's veto, if they pass a grossly unjust bill, and argue that if they give Eastern Oregon a little better show than they have now, he will not dare face the storm that a veto would raise; but they are reckoning too far. Governor Penneyer will veto any measure which is unfair, unjust and unconstitutional. They do not propose to follow the rule of the constitution, but will jump senators around to all the counties which have the full ratio unit, and will then put the smaller counties and fractions together to make up the list to the best political advantage. One of the beautiful schemes is to put Josephine in with Douglas county or else with Coos and Curry. So bold a dash as that will certainly show the hoof of the beast so plainly, that men who have a spark of honor or pride will blush to have a hand in the consummation of the plot. I think the Democrats are disposed to assist Eastern Oregon to get her full share of representation. Jobs are not favored by this session; and I predict that the intended wholesale raid on the treasury for appropriations will get a very black eye. S. U. MITCHELL.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22, '87. Congress began the week with some sweeping pension legislation. Its attention was then turned to matters of local interest. Appropriation bills, miscellaneous business, and the discussion of the bill for establishing Agricultural Experiment Stations. It became stirred for a day over the question of investigating the management of the Pacific Railroads; and the House finally settled down to deliberate over the Interstate Commerce bill, which the Senate passed last week. When the President sent a special message to Congress asking that suitable action be taken for celebrating the Centennial of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, he was careful not to commit himself to any special time or locality. He hoped that in a spirit of patriotic co-operation, rather than of local competition, Congress would proceed, etc. But the committee of seven Senators, who had the audacity to declare that Washington was the suitable place for holding this celebration, have come in for a large share of criticism from rival cities. Washington is the only city where every American is at home, and in which he feels the pride of an American citizen's ownership, and the Exposition will be given to Washington without a doubt. It will last from '89 to '92. There need not be a continuous rush, racket and carnival for three years, as there would be over a public affair of this kind in a great commercial mart. Washington is not that kind of a city. It cultivates tranquillity of deportment, and has sufficient breathing spaces to enjoy everything in a quiet way. It is used to crowds and gatherings of all kinds, indeed it ought to be. Its six National conventions are being held here during the present week. Some members of Congress have said that the principal object of the Government in the Pacific Railroad matter, was to get what was owing to it. Of course it is desirable to save \$200,000,000, or as much of it as can be recovered, from those who have no right to it, but a number of men in both branches of Congress feel that the main thing to be attained is the moral effect of rebuking corruption. The Government can afford to lose the money, but it cannot afford to agree to a theft, if such there has been. The desire to investigate the management of the Pacific Railroads is not, therefore, born of a spirit of persecution; it is simply the duty of Congress to go to the bottom of this matter. Although the Senate voted to pension the widow of Senator Logan at \$2,000 a year, the bill has come to grief in the House Committee on pensions. It is claimed that to pension Mrs. Logan would cost the Government eventually half a million by encouraging every widow whose husband had ever been in the army. But it appears that the fund provided for Mrs. Logan by the friends and admirers of her husband has now reached \$70,000, and this will obviate all necessity of straining pension precedents so as to provide for her by act of Congress. The citizens of Chicago have also contributed \$13,000 for the payment of encumbrances upon the home of Mrs. Logan in this city. The notes have all been paid off in the past few days, and Mrs. Logan now owns the house known as Calumet Place in her own right. The bill passed by the House pensioning dependent soldiers and sailors, who were not disabled in the service, but who are now too old and too feeble to work, and also pensioning the dependent parents of soldiers and sailors, has frightened those who are opposed to pensioning everybody who ever had anything to do with a war. They fear Congress will next undertake to pension life-long non-combatants who have incurred physical or mental disability in writing war articles for the papers and magazines. The above mentioned bill applied to veterans of any war, Seminole, Black Hawk, Mexican, war of the Rebellion—and gives a uniform allowance of \$12 a month from the time of the passage of the bill. Then there is a proposition to pension Walt Whitman, which, it is claimed, would open the Treasury doors to an army of 50,000 new pensioners, claiming that they nursed some soldier somewhere during the late war. They say if Walt Whitman ought to have \$25 a month, Clara Barton ought to have \$1,000 a year. Washington society is intensely curious to see the inside of the Cabinet, Mrs. Lamar, and its curiosity has increased with her evident desire to postpone her public or even private appearance. Several of the ladies of the Cabinet have called to see Mrs. Lamar, but she has thus far refused herself to everyone. She is said to be a typical southern woman, who has always lived quietly, and when she realizes that hundreds of pens are waiting to paragraph her, it is not surprising that she shrinks from the public gaze. The wives of the other Cabinet officers tell the Secretary of the Interior now that they believe his bride is a nyth. From Althouse. This being a day of storms, quite unfit for man or beast to be out in, I concluded I would devote it to the service of ye county paper. First, then, I will give the notices of the societies and their newly installed officers: Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. and A. M., meets each Saturday, on or before the full moon. The following newly elected officers of that order were installed on Dec. 27th: Thos. F. Floyd, W. M.; Geo. S. Mathewson, S. W.; Chas. Anderson, J. W.; S. W. Forbes, Sec.; Chas. Anderson, Treas.; A. J. Adams, S. D.; Wm. Sawyer, J. D.; Andrew Johnson, Tyler. Kerbyville Lodge No. 55, I. O. O. F., meets at its new hall every Saturday evening. The following newly elected officers were installed Saturday, Jan. 8th: A. H. Platter, N. G.; Peter Hansen, V. G.; S. W. Forbes, Sec.; R. P. George, Treas.; F. Dessinger, W.; A. Umphlett, Con.; C. Hart, R. S. N. G.; Geo. Hansen, L. S. N. G.; A. J. Henderson, R. S. V. G.; C. Duncan, L. S. V. G.; Chris Kruse, I. S. G. The trustees for Kerbyville Lodge for the present year are Forbes, Hansen and R. P. George. All our societies for the past two years have felt the general depression which a scarcity of coin induces upon any town or county. But I am pleased to be able to say that the tide has changed and the prospects for new life, new work and good material to work with, are flattering to those who are earnest workers in the fields of F. L. and T. and F. H. and C. The great excitement of the times in these parts, is the horse-race which will be run on the first Saturday in February for a hundred dollars a side. Many bets of from a chicken-cock to a fifty dollar ring have been made on the outside. The young girls are also divided although they are, on the whole, in favor of a union. But ribbons and gloves will be in demand soon. Friend Platter says that blood will tell, and Hansen is quite as confident of the staying powers of the little black. If the weather is favorable the race will be a fair and exciting one; they have made a good track, have had the roller upon it for some time. All the valley, with uncles, cousins and aunts, will be there to see the sport. Many other match races will grow out of this one, and who can tell what this corner of little Josephine can show in the shape of horse flesh. Chas. Felt is still quite unable to work in the mines. Chas. Beach is fast recovering from the effects of his late accident. It was a close call for him and should remind him that he has passed the days of youth. The miners of Althouse and Sucker creek are now blessed with plenty of water. All are at work and are driving the rocks and slum off at a lively rate. The Spring will come before they will be able to tell anything about the profits of their seasons work. Roney, who returned here some two years ago from a residence in the State asylum and who has been a charge upon the miners of the creek and the county ever since, is fast becoming even worse than he was before they sent him to Salem. He now declares he will have the hearts blood of the man who has, perhaps, done more than any other in the way of helping him. The man ought to be in the asylum again. This is not a fit place for such as he is, for we do not know from one hour to the other what he may become. From a private letter, from Mrs. B. F. Bonham, wife of the U. S. Consul General at Calcutta, India, dated, Dec. 7, 1885, it is learned that the thermometer at 7 a. m., on December 6, stood at 76 degrees Fahrenheit, and at 3 p. m., it stood at 84 degrees, and at 9 p. m., it was at 72 degrees. On the 7th at 7 a. m. it stood at 69 degrees, at 11 a. m., 79 degrees—all in the shade. She reports many deaths from cholera principally among the natives. It is stated that there were 205 deaths from cholera alone in the last two weeks.—Statesman. The Oregon Pacific railroad company have two elegant steamers on the way from New York, which are to be placed on the route between San Francisco and Yaquina. They are named respectively, "Wilette Valley" and "Eastern Oregon." The former vessel left New York last week, and the latter left yesterday. They will both be here in time for the spring trade.—Statesman. Gov. Penneyer has appointed W. A. Manly as his private secretary.

Fine Fruit Lands.

(Southern Oregon.)

Fine fruit lands can be had in this section at very low figures. Land that can be bought to-day for ten and 15 dollars per acre, will in a year or so readily bring 30 to 40 dollars. The people are slowly waking up to the fact that they have a source of wealth at their very doors which they have been overlooking, and which, in the near future, take advantage of. What product of the soil pays better than fruit. We say, taking it one year with another, nothing. We do not mean that you can plant your trees and pay no further attention to them and gather a bountiful harvest; but the one that tills and prunes his trees properly, is sure to find it a profitable investment and a pleasant occupation. We have not the orange groves of our adjoining neighbor, but we have the apple groves which produce the finest apples in the world, for which we can always find a market. Fruit trees are healthy and free from moss, which is common to trees in the more moist climates further north. They usually begin bearing at 2 or 3 years from bud or graft. The writer has never seen a worm in any kind of fruit in this section of Oregon. California fruit stands and grocery houses advertise our fruits. Why? Because we have the finest and best flavored fruits that grow. Think of it, and make capital out of it. St. Paul and Minneapolis want our fruits. In talking with a gentleman from St. Paul, Minn., a few days ago, he made the remark that Southern Oregon fruits were sought after and preferred, to those of any other section, on account of their fine flavor. There is no reason why we should not furnish the above named cities at least, with a portion of the fruit they consume. What the State Board of Immigration says about it: There is no portion of the State where fruit attains such a degree of perfection, where the trees are so rapid in growth, so thrifty and so prolific. The flavor of the fruit is just as fine as it can be and the size of peaches, apples, plums, pears and berries, is something phenomenal. From the Oregon Sentinel. James Birdsey, who returned this week from his hydraulic claim on Birdsey creek informs us that Lance, Duffield & Co., are running their hydraulic night and day with plenty of water. Also R. Cook & Co. are busy night and day. All agree that this winter is the best mining winter they have had for many years. John McKee, who has a mining claim on Jackas creek, was one day this week, surprised to see a deer come bounding in his claim where he was standing holding the joint of his hydraulic. He instantly turned the water on the deer which knocked it down and before it could get up it was secured. A dog had chased it into the claim. T. J. Kenney, the largest dealer in hides in Southern Oregon, informs us that he has purchased in two months, 3,078 pounds of deer hides. It would require about 1,500 deer to make that weight. We may safely say that the same amount was purchased by other parties, which would require 2,600 deer. The question is, how long will our deer last at that rate of killing. No doubt hundreds of these deer were killed for their pelts, in direct violation of the existing law. Information has reached this place purporting as coming from good authority, that the right of way can be secured from this place to Central Point for nothing. It is said the land owners along the line will donate the land to the company, and that the citizens of Central Point will take three or four thousand dollars worth of stock. Central Point seems to have wakened up at the last hour, and is coming to the front in this matter. Should this be true, the committee will certainly take such action in the matter as our interest demands. FREE TRADE. The reduction of internal revenues and the taking off of excise stamps from Proprietary Medicines, would have largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially is this the case with Green's August Flower and Bunker's Green's Syrup, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The August Flower for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the German Syrup for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicine in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents contain the same size. Gov. Penneyer has appointed W. A. Manly as his private secretary.

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