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CLEVELAND ELECTED.

Though an Official Canvass is Necessary to Satisfy the Republicans.

We are somewhat disappointed at our inability to make an authoritative announcement to the effect that Cleveland is to be our next President, though we entertain no doubt whatever as to his election. The Republicans still claim New York, the bone of contention, in the hope that some Democratic precincts may be thrown out, and refuse to concede the State to Cleveland until the official canvass so decides. The *Sun* puts the Democratic plurality at 1,306, the *Herald* claims 1,906, the *Times* makes it 1,361, and the *World* has it 1,424. The *Tribune* claims the State for Blaine by 1,000, and dolefully remarks "that the vote is very close, and an official count of the vote is necessary to decide the result."

The Albany Evening *Journal* (R.), concedes the election of Cleveland and says: "There seems to be no longer a doubt that Governor Cleveland has been elected President. Every county has sent in its full vote, and after a careful verification, the results assure Cleveland a plurality of 1,000 in this State. The vote will not vary 200 on either side of these figures."

The National Democratic Committee on the 7th issued an address to the people of the United States in which they state that "there can no longer be any question concerning the actual result of the Presidential election. Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks have a majority of eighteen in the electoral college. If any different or altered returns are now being prepared, or are promulgated, they are corrupt falsifications of the records of the State of New York, and the men aiding or abetting the making of such reports are criminals. It is not expected that you will tamely submit to the machinations of such men. Let them understand that you will not recognize or tolerate such actions. At noon tomorrow, throughout the United States, celebrate the actual election of Cleveland and Hendricks by firing National salutes. Meet to-morrow night, throughout the country, and express your opinion in a manner that cannot be misunderstood. The men of New York are resolved not to submit to the gross outrage attempted to be perpetrated upon their rights and will speak for themselves."

The only Northern States aside from New York, known definitely to have given Cleveland a plurality are Indiana, Connecticut, New Jersey and Nevada.

Congratulations are pouring in on Cleveland from all parts of the country.

Virginia's majority for Cleveland is 10,000.

Cleveland's plurality in New Jersey is 2,579.

Blaine carries California by about 10,000.

Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa give Blaine a comparatively small vote.

Blaine carries Oregon by 1,432—estimated.

Mr. A. H. Thrift has been so seriously ill during the week past as to require the attendance of a physician. However, we learn that he has rallied and is in a fair way to recover since the receipt of the news of Cleveland's election.

We are informed that A. Crawford, of San Francisco, who owns a large tract of land on Elk and Sixes rivers, has about completed arrangements to send up an Irish colony to settle on his lands.

Ed Sypher has purchased of Chris Long the body of land containing 200 acres lying between J. E. Hawkins' place and the sea, for \$800.

George Anderson returned to this place last week after a few months sojourn in Douglas county.

SAME OLD TACTICS.

Our placid, polished friend of the Ellensburg paper is nothing if not consistent, in his revenges at least. Exercising a right common to all citizens of the county, we saw fit to oppose his election to the Assembly last June. We gave what seemed to us good reasons why he should not be so elected. We showed from the record that he had, while in official position previously, not only conspired with wealthy persons to reduce the taxable valuation of their property, thus defrauding other taxpayers, but that he had actually appropriated sundry considerable sums of the people's money to his own use, well knowing that such acts were without law to sustain them, but were in themselves criminal. He made faces at us simply. His argument was, "Perjury," "theft," "lyer," etc. On this basis he forced the issue between himself and us. On this issue we appealed to a jury composed of the honest, intelligent voters of Curry county. Their verdict was, that Mr. Sutton was guilty as charged, since the county being 40 majority Republican, he was defeated by 12 majority, a clear loss to his candidacy of 52 Republican votes at home, and where we were both best known. Of course we deemed ourself quite vindicated, and were content for the matter to rest as it stood. But it appeared that he was not. A week or so since he published in his paper another of a series of false and misleading statements concerning proofs in support of settlers' rights in homestead and pre-emption cases, thus confusing and embarrassing claimants upon the public lands, without any apparent motive other than to force pre-emptors to drag their witnesses all the way down to Ellensburg at great additional cost. We deemed ourself in duty bound to correct the false statement, to the end that pre-emptors should definitely understand their rights in the premises, and know that it would be so much money wasted to take their witnesses (often at great inconvenience to themselves) all the way to Ellensburg, when the testimony would be just as good taken before a Notary Public. For this service and this showing, we are treated to another installment of the same old mud; but there is no argument in that sort of thing, and he who has recourse to it but shows the innate weakness of his position.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

At a meeting of the Director of this school district, held last Saturday, the Clerk's district assessment roll was examined and approved, and a warrant issued to the Clerk authorizing him to collect the levy of two per cent within sixty days.

According to announcement bids for the construction of a school house were opened and passed upon. The contract was awarded J. H. Upton, whose bid, \$3,19, was the lowest.

J. H. Upton's resignation as Director was received and accepted.

Alfred Button's resignation as Clerk was received and accepted, and J. M. Upton appointed in his stead.

Storer Peirce of this place went down to Ellensburg last week to accept a position in R. D. Hume's store. We expect Storer to render a good account of himself in his new field as he goes well prepared in every particular.

Mr. H. Nelson, with his witnesses, Messrs. John Langlois and F. M. Shoemaker, went below to Ellensburg last week, to make his final homestead proof.

Mr. W. S. Winsor and daughter, Miss Mary, passed down last week on their way to Ellensburg.

George Fitzhugh has completed his residence and moved therein.

Mr. James Haft's new residence is fast approaching completion.

FINAL PROOF IN UMATILLA.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has decided in a recent case in Umatilla county that final proof not made at a county seat, before a Register, Receiver, County Judge, or County Clerk, is not sufficient proof.—*Astorian*.

The case above referred to grew out of a practice in Umatilla county of making final proofs before one and another of the several land agents in that county. Stimson & Tenney, LaDow & Co., Miller & Caviness and another firm of land dealers advertised to make final proofs, and did make numbers of them; indeed the competition among them grew so spirited that the price was finally put down to three dollars for the entire work. There was something of ambiguity in the alternatives as stated in the *Astoria* paper. For instance, according to that statement of the gist of the ruling, a proof would be good taken at a county seat, or before a Register, or before a Receiver, or before a County Judge or Clerk. Hence, so far as it appears from the face of the statement, a proof would be sufficient made even before a land agent if made at a county seat. We are sure however, that no proof not made before the Register or Receiver, County Judge, County Clerk or his Deputy (who exercises all the functions of his principal), will be good. We are at a loss to understand where the Umatilla land agents derived the color of authority to make final proofs unless the Land Office at La Grande armed them with some sort of commission for the purpose.

MORE ENCOURAGEMENT.

A letter from John Blacklock, late of this place but now of San Francisco, to Geo. Bennett, Esq., of Bandon, among other things says: "Notwithstanding our mishaps, the [Captain Jurgensen] gives it as his opinion, after three weeks' careful examination, that Port Blacklock can be made a good harbor and an important shipping point, and is anxious to acquire an interest therein. The Stone Company are to erect a trestle work wharf, which a man of experience says will answer all present requirements—the building of the stone pier and filling gaps in reef to follow erection of wharf. I will be up shortly."

TARDY FROST.—A remarkable feature of this part of the country is, that the Fall frosts are generally deferred to a very late period. Up to the present time but few spots in the Floras creek region have been seriously touched with frost. In our garden well down on the flats are tomatoes, ground cherries and other plants equally sensitive to the touch of frost, still growing green, with no appearance of having had notice that the Winter season is at hand.

Dr. Downing of Port Orford, has a card in the professional column of the *Recorder* this week. Dr. D. comes highly recommended as an experienced and skillful physician, and will doubtless build up a lucrative practice in this county.

Ed Sypher has relinquished his claim to the piece of land lying east of Denmark in favor of Mr. Costello.

George Fitzhugh, County Surveyor, and party, left Sunday for the vicinity of Eckley to do some surveying.

Mr. P. Dwyer dropped in on us last week. He came down to learn the result of the election.

At Averill's will be found a stock of the celebrated "Paragon" chewing tobacco.

Jas. Williams has a residence in course of construction on Chris Long's place.

Attorney Hazard and Watson went up to the Bay last week from Ellensburg.

The sewing machine man is abroad in the land.

Sol Culver went over to the Bay and returned last week.

COOS COUNTY.

The O. S. I. Co's steamer Alki has reached San Francisco.

Oliver Hilborn, engineer of one of Noble & Hyde's pile drivers, had one of his fingers badly mashed last Saturday.

Thursday, the 27th inst., has been designated by President Arthur as a day of general Thanksgiving throughout the United States.

The official vote of Coos county is as follows: Blaine 758, Cleveland 638; Blaine's plurality, 120; Butler 35, St. John 13—total 1,444.

It is stated that a light draught steamer is to be built on Coos Bay to ply between that place and the Coquille river. This will do away with the importation of California farm products into the Bay and will enable the Coquille farmer to dispose of his surplus.

Getchell & Co's cannery on the Coquille was shut down for the season last week. The run of salmon was not so large as anticipated, and consequently the company fell short of the estimate calculated on. The number of cases put up was 11,000, while from 13,000 to 15,000 was looked for.—*News*.

Alex H. Syder of Myrtle Point had his left arm broken, between the elbow and the shoulder, at Rocky Point last Tuesday. He went there to see Capt. Littlefield on business and was not aware of the blasting operations going on, the consequence of which was that he went within 50 or 60 feet of a blast just at the time of its explosion, and was struck on the arm by a flying rock.—*Mail*.

Mrs. Sally Gilmore, aged 74 years, was so seriously burned at her home on Willanch slough, last Saturday, that death resulted in a few hours. Mrs. Gilmore has been blind for 14 years, and the supposition is that while moving about the house she got too close to the fire, which was burning on the hearth, and her clothes were caught by the blaze. When found, her clothing was nearly all torn off, showing that she had struggled hard to save herself.

The first 4th of July ever celebrated in Coos county was celebrated in Bandon on the 4th of July, 1853, by Capt. Harris and the little band of heroes who left Jackson county with him on the previous 10th of June. The Democratic principles planted here by the old hero on that occasion have held possession of that place ever since, and at our late Presidential election, Bandon has proved itself to be the Democratic banner bearer of the county.—*News*. [Our fellow-townsmen, Alex Thrift participated in the above named celebration.]

THE LATEST NEWS.

The prohibition vote in New York is fully 25,000.

It is reported that Cleveland will soon marry a young lady of Buffalo.

The reappearance of cholera in France causes great alarm throughout Europe.

St. John was burned in effigy at Topeka by the Republicans on the 7th, amid great excitement.

George Leslie of Marion county has in three years raised 16,500 fish from an original stock of 11 carp.

Martin and William Mackey, of Josephine county are undergoing trial at Kerbyville for the murder of Mike Purcell.

Loss by the high tide in the province of Quebec on the night of the 5th is estimated at \$250,000. Waves mounted to the height of 60 feet on the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The wife of Dr. Schuyler Gardiner, of Chicago, shot her husband and young child, killing both instantly, and then shot herself, with probably fatal result. She was driven temporarily insane by her husband having charged her with infidelity.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

J. M. Fry, of Illinois river, was in town this week. He is still engaged in packing in his Winter's supplies.

Messrs. H. Nelson, J. N. Langlois and M. F. Shoemaker of Denmark, arrived here on the 14th on land business.

Mr. George W. Miller presented the North Star Hotel with a very large and nice squash last week, its weight is a little over 51 pounds.

The Cleveland banner at the North Star presents a beautiful rooster this week. He is a stately bird and is crowing, "Turn the rascals out!"

Miss Ellen Bailey closed a three months' term of school in District No. 5 last Tuesday. We hear her school spoken of in the highest terms, and Miss Bailey is conceded to be one of our most successful teachers.

Butler, the wily old chieftain, has run his race—has finished his labors and will retire to peaceful rest, leaving his party very much in the condition of the mule—"Without pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity."

The tug Pelican after about three week's stay with us, returned to Smith river on the morning of the 13th taking as passengers, Walter Sutton and Mr. Joslin, who has been clerking in Mr. Hume's store for some time past.

Judge Woodruff of Euchre creek, was in town last week, being called here to assist in canvassing the election returns of the county, and to attend the Blaine funeral. He says all he asks of the coming Democratic Administration, is for it to be just as honest and pure as the last three Administrations have been.—This request is very moderate.

The news of the election of Cleveland was received at this place very quietly by the Democrats the news being what they confidently expected; and we must add that a majority of the Republicans we have talked with view the Democratic victory as a God-send and admit that we need a change. Still, some of the hopeful ones who had political prospects ahead look careworn and dejected, and fear that the "grand old party" cannot recover from such a defeat. Stripped of its Federal patronage the old hulk will fall to pieces of its own dead weight.

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