



FOURTH OF JULY.

Preliminary Meeting of Citizens to Arrange for Picnic and Celebration.

Citizens of Floras creek met May 30th, pursuant to call, at North side school house to take into consideration the advisability of having a picnic and celebration on the coming Fourth day of July.

On motion of W. H. Averill, J. H. Upton was appointed chairman. H. A. Hawkins was elected as secretary.

On motion of J. A. Cox it was decided to have a pic-nic in the grove near the ford on the road between W. H. Averill's and J. H. Upton's places.

It was decided by motion to have a basket pic-nic.

On motion a committee of three, composed of T. J. Stitt, J. E. Hawkins and J. A. Cox was appointed by the chair to prepare grounds.

On motion of W. H. Averill a finance committee was appointed. W. H. Averill, P. Nelson and E. M. Blackerby said committee.

On motion of T. J. Stitt the chair was directed to appoint a marshal of the day. N. C. Lorentzen was appointed as such marshal.

On motion of J. E. Hawkins, A. H. Thrift was appointed President of the day.

On motion T. J. Stitt, the chair appointed a committee on programme for the day, composed of J. E. Hawkins, W. H. Averill and D. E. Stitt.

On motion of P. Nelson it was decided to elect a committee of programme for evening and night. W. Shoemaker, Charles Langlois and H. A. Hawkins elected.

On motion of J. E. Hawkins, J. H. Upton was elected orator of the day.

On motion W. S. Guerin was elected reader of the Declaration of Independence.

On motion it was decided that W. H. Averill, W. Shoemaker and D. E. Stitt act as committee on music.

On motion adjourned *sine die*.

J. H. UPTON, Chairman.
H. A. HAWKINS, Secretary.

GONE BELOW.—Mr. Sam Bernstein, of San Francisco, who has been in these parts some weeks settling claims against the Burnham Lumber Company went below by way of Coos Bay Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Robert Burnham. Mr. Bernstein was signally successful in his endeavors to satisfactorily settle claims against the company.

SURVEYING.—W. P. Wright, who has had many Government contracts for surveying in this county, passed down Saturday with his party on his way to the Upper Rogue river and Euchre creek countries where he has contracts.

SLICES ROBBED.—It is stated that last Friday night some Chinamen robbed the sluice boxes at the Cooley mine this side of Rogue, of about \$350 in dust.

Fourth of July comes on Saturday.

JUDGE MOSHER.—Judge L. F. Mosher of Roseburg, having been called over to manage several important actions and suits in our Circuit Court, arrived at this place during the latter part of the past week, and we were most happy to greet him over again, this being our first meeting for a period of about eleven years; and if appearance are not misleading, those eleven years have dealt kindly with him as we note but little change in his appearance since we saw him last prior to departure for Southern California in 1874. This is the first visit to Curry the Judge has made since his retirement from the Bench of the Second Judicial District. He will remain in the county until after the closes of the term of our Circuit Court which commences Monday, the 8th inst. His hosts of friends in the county will be pleased that he is among them again.

NEW JURY.—Proceeding under the old law a new jury was drawn. It comprises S. Thornton, Thos. Smith, A. R. Miller, P. McManus, E. Carey, P. G. Egan, Edward Clark, Edward Good, A. B. Sabine, J. M. Upton, D. L. Anderson, C. S. Langley, J. A. Cooley, James Wilson, Michael Duffy, John Billings, Frank Smith, Antone Delafonte, John D. Cooley, J. H. Koch, T. Cornwall, T. J. Stitt, J. W. Carey, James White George Harris, W. C. Lake, A. W. Forgey, David Libby, H. G. Blake.

APPOINTMENTS.—The latest Federal appointments for Oregon are, Hon. A. C. Jones of Roseburg, Receiver of the Land Office at that place, and Judge Wm. M. Townsend of Yamhill, Receiver at the Lakeview Land Office, Lake county. Both these appointments are excellent and cannot but meet the approval of the party in the State.

FAILED TO CONNECT.—We learn that the mail from Roseburg to Coquille City fails to connect at Fairview as advertised, the stage leaving the latter office about two hours before the arrival of the Roseburg mail. This causes a delay of over one whole day. The schedule should be changed.

TO THE BAY.—Mrs. James Blacklock and daughter, Mrs. Roberts of Marshfield passed up on Wednesday's stage for Coos Bay. Mrs. Roberts has been visiting her mother at Port Orford for some months.

TAKEN A RANCH.—Mr. Geo. Beebe of Ashland who was here some months since in the interest of a Chicago school desk house, has returned with his family and taken up a place north of Ed Crook's.

OFFICIAL VISIT.—Sheriff Bailey has made two trips up this way during the week on official business. He was accompanied on his first trip by Miss Nellie Gardner who came up to visit Mrs. E. Crook of New river.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Jackson horse will be at Zumwalt's next Wednesday and Thursday, and on the 11th and 12th. See advertisement.

CHAOS IN JURY MATTERS.—Our Grand Jury as was that of several other counties of the State, was summoned in pursuance of the new law providing for the separate designation of the Grand and petty juries. This law has already been decided unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, wherefore it becomes necessary to proceed under the old law. This turn of affairs involves but a trifle of extra expense in this county comparatively, as the authorities had noticed it in time to correct the error in advance of the convening of our Court.

RETURNED.—J. L. Nay and F. Unican returned from the Bay Thursday where they went, as stated last week, to make settlement of the claims against the Elk river mill. It is said that all of the holders of checks accepted the offer of fifty cents on the dollar, and that Mr. Unican brought back with him coin to take up the paper on that basis.

IN CHARGE.—Mr. Joseph A. Corkill was placed in charge of the Burnham Lumber Company's business, as manager last week by Mr. Sam Bernstein prior to his departure for San Francisco. Mr. Corkill is in every way qualified to discharge the responsibilities devolving on the position.

PORT ORFORD NOTES.

Mr. Henry McBride and family have moved down from Sixes where they have been sojourning for some time.

Mr. Adams the genial book keeper at the store was unfortunate enough to lose his purse containing eighty dollars in coin and valuable papers. This is a very severe blow to Mr. A. at this time, and the finder should return it to the gentleman and receive his reward of ten dollars and heartfelt thanks.

Mr. Divalbiss was down from his home to-day and reports everything progressing nicely at his mine, three or four men being engaged in developing the ledge. It is to be hoped that their efforts may be crowned with success and reveal some of the hidden wealth which nature has so deftly buried in this section.

Mr. Bassett, son of the late Joseph Bassett who formerly did business and had extensive interests here, is up looking after his property, and is fast making friends by his affable and courteous manners. We are informed that Mr. B. is already becoming quite noted for his adeptness with the caricaturing pencil on a prominent San Francisco magazine. He will remain some time.

Mr. J. W. Wilson of Eckley has been visiting here some days.

The work of opening the roadway to the site of the proposed wharf has been commenced, the route surveyed and workmen already engaged in grading. The piles for the structure will be delivered immediately, part of which having been distributed around temporarily until they could be hauled to the terminus. With the inauguration of this long-expected project, Curry county need feel no alarm as to its future importance. This will enable vessels to discharge their cargoes without any more delay than is experienced at the most favored ports, and will afford a convenient outlet for products that now seek other points, besides awakening industries which have long lain dormant on account of the indifferent shipping facilities of the place. With the construction of the warehouses, consignments can be forwarded without delay and also with a great freight reduction. The need of these enterprises must be felt to appreciate them fully.

The Carey brothers are doing a land office business delivering wharf piling, making everything hum, as it were.

Mr. Geo. Guerin came down from Eckley last week on a visit to his family.

The road to the proposed wharf site is about completed. This will enable the construction to go on with greater dispatch hereafter.

The steamer Coos Bay called in Tuesday afternoon, taking Mrs. Wilbur as a passenger to the city, also some freight.

Dr. Downing and Mr. Bassett took an afternoon's recreation at Orford Lake Tuesday, ostensibly for a boat ride, but we believe some of the finny tribe were served at 5 o'clock dinner, which were pronounced first class.

NORWAY NEWS.

Believing that a few items from this part of the country would once in a while find room in the columns of your paper, I post the following.

The rain which lately visited this section has livened up growing crops wonderfully, also the downcast look of many of our farmers and stockraisers. A large number of the farmers were late getting in their crops on account of their land being in a bad condition for the plow—trampled too much by stock; but after all such bad management fair crops are promised.

Work on the race track at Hall's prairie is progressing rapidly under the supervision of Hon. J. H. Schroeder, and a fine track it will be when finished. The lumber for a pavilion, 40x80 feet, was sawed at Myer & Hoers' mill at this place which has lately been repaired and put in running order. These gentlemen are worthy the good will of everybody. They have a grist mill in connection with their lumber business where they make the best flour to be had on the river.

Captain Reed of the Ceres has been overhauling his little steamer and giving it a thorough examination. The Captain is very much of a gentleman and never snarles when asked for a favor.

Business in the neighborhood seems to be moving along with some vigor, several farmers widening out their fields and others erecting buildings, all of which goes to show that a community can thrive somewhat on "dicker" when drained of money.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

The run of salmon still continues light. Dr. Downing of Port Orford came down Wednesday and remained several days.

The school directors of District No. 3 have engaged Miss Booth of Drain's Station, Douglas county, to teach a term of school to commence the first Monday after the Fourth of July.

Hon. T. W. Crook has Maplewood in charge and will care for him this Summer.

J. D. Hume last Thursday purchased Robt. Walker's interest in the saloon and hotel property. It not known whether Mr. Walker will remain longer in Ellensburg or take up his home elsewhere.

George Forty's Woodbury colt will take part in the Smith river races on the Fourth.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT until further notice Mr. Joseph A. Corkill is in charge of the milling property of the Burnham Lumber Company, and is authorized and empowered to transact any and all business appertaining to the same. He will promptly fill local orders for lumber. BURNHAM LUMBER CO., By S. BERNSTEIN.

FOR SALE.

400 ACRES OF LAND TOLERABLY well improved; about 150 acres of it good grazing land seeded down to tame grass; 20 acres tillable; about 2 miles of fencing. Situated 8 miles from Coquille City; near the river; good wagon road to the city. Price \$2,500. Enquire at the office for further particulars.