

Linn County Council.

As per previous announcement, Linn Co. Council met with tangent grange la Saturday Feb. 6th with President Burbank in the chair.

Committee on Legislation: A. D. Hale, J. W. Propst, J. W. Swank, O. E. Haley, R. G. Wigle, A. S. Lewelling, M. S. Dunbar and Frerksen.

Committee on Education: O. L. Shaw, A. Bievins, Savilla Powell, Mrs. L. L. Dunbar and Mrs. A. D. Hale.

Committee on Women's Work: Mrs. Eugene Palmer, Mrs. Sarah A. Burbank, Mrs. Henry Sprenger, Mrs. Cora Leeper, and Mrs. C. H. Walker.

Finance Committee: Moses Parker, Thos. Froman and W. J. Obermier.

Committee on Revision of Constitution and By Laws: W. W. Francis, A. D. Hale and Henry Sprenger.

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over \$3000, an Albany firm \$800, a Portland firm many thousands. Saw mills all along the foot hills had been compelled to shut down either on account of shortage of cars or prohibitive rates and all had begged in vain of the rail road company for relief from certain failure which stared them in the face.

The Col. spent about an hour telling us of the distressing conditions, but we listened in vain for him to tell us of a remedy. In this he reminded us of the Dr. who when called in to see a sick man, said "my friend, you are a very sick man, I am very sorry for you. I wish I could help you, but I can't" and with this went home and left the sick man to fight it out as best he could.

The Col. said that he was not there to fight corporations, he had lived in Oregon many years and had never paid a cent in railroad fares and the railroads had been kind to him. He didn't believe in government ownership (as most grangers do) but he was sure there was a remedy somewhere though he didn't know what it was, he advised us to think seriously over the matter, and if we did not get relief, we should shake our fists under the rail road company's nose, and remind them that they were treading on dangerous ground, that in some instances, people had become so enraged at the overbearing rail roads that they dynamited them and tore up tracks. He hinted that as many of us have suspected, the shortage of cars and the recent raise of rates might be due to the fact that some men who are interested in railroads are also interested in getting the timber lands back of them, and when the little mills are all out of their way and timber all in hands of these men, a large mill might be erected by these men who would pay such wages as they choose and sell lumber at their own price.

The Farmers Turn

The National Government gives the rivers and harbors some \$30,000,000 a year.

It gives the cities great public buildings, post offices, court houses, etc.

It gives manufacturers protection by the tariff.

It gives its veterans and their families \$140,000,000 a year in pensions as it should.

It has loaned its credit to private individuals to build railways, and given them grants of millions of acres of land.

It has, however, done but little for the farmer and for agriculture.

The farmer is the backbone of the country; it is he who feeds the entire population, and he is no longer satisfied with poor roads.

At last it seems as if the National Government was going to do something for the farmer. A bill has been introduced in Congress called the Brownlow Bill, which appropriates \$24,000,000 as National aid for the building of roads.

The farmer wants this bill to pass, and he is determined that the National Government shall do something for him, as well as for the rest of its citizens.

Before pleading for changes in any kind of an administration of democrats the republican papers should look in the looking glass. Most of the changes needed in the United States are from republican misrule. Take for instance the U. S. post office department reeking in fraud. If you wish to come closer home the Oregon state legislature which has burdened the people of the state with an eight and half mill tax where a three mill tax has been in the habit of doing the business. The democrats of Linn county have reason to be satisfied with the administration of affairs in this county. During the past two years the offices have all been in good hands and the interests of the people have been carefully looked after.

The New York World says: "Even Mr. Bryan's European tour has not cured him of his haunting fear of the gold bug. There is one thing to be said of our 'money-changers,' against whom Mr. Bryan inveighs: They do not give you 50 cents for a dollar as he tried to do." If we are to accept the statements made by the New York World's news columns, for instance, in the shipbuilding trust affair, there were many people who would be very glad to receive 50 cents for every dollar they had confided to the care of those "money-changers."

Commoner.

It is estimated that it costs at least 50 per cent more to build in Oregon towns than it did five years ago. Our people pleading to the ladies, as it had been one of the cardinal principles of his life at all times, and under all circumstances to strive to please the ladies but if they would kindly bear with him this time, he would return at some future time and tell them how to can strawberries, and then turning to the other side of the house he announced that his subject would be "Can Shortage and Freight Rates". He then launched into his subject producing numerous letters from saw mill and flouring mill men and shippers all over the valley complaining of their inability to get cars in which to ship products and the consequent loss. A Lebanon man lost \$1000, a Corvallis firm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—There can be no doubt that the passage of the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill by the Senate yesterday will have a strong influence for good, both in the House committee on expositions and in the House itself. The Senate action was especially timely.

The Proper Thing. WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan during hostilities and thereafter the neutrality and integrity of China must be recognized.

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Royal Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. THE BALTIMORE FIRE

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—When darkness fell tonight, the people of this stricken city knew the worst was over. The flames which for 32 hours had swept resolutely through the heart of the city were checked. The damage is given as follows: Loss, estimated \$200,000,000. Amount insurance involved, 100,000,000. Number blocks burned, 75. Number buildings burned, 2,500. Area in acres, 140. Firms burned out, estimated, 7,000. Banks wiped out, 3. Hotel destroyed, 3. Newspaper offices burned, 4. Telegraph offices burned, 2. Persons thrown out of work, 50,000. Number of injured in the hospitals will not exceed 50.

Big Baltimore Fire. BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—The most destructive fire in the history of Baltimore occurred here today, raging practically unchecked during many hours, completely destroying scores of the largest business houses in the wholesale district, involving losses which cannot yet be estimated, as the fire was still burning furiously when night fell. Owing to the wide extent of the calamity it will be tomorrow before an approximate estimate can be made, though it is certain that it has already exceeded \$40,000,000.

Feb. 8, a. m.—The fire continues to burn furiously, but has not yet extended beyond Jones Falls.

The Heavy Losers. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Baltimore Sun, in issue, published this morning from Washington, says it is thought the loss will exceed \$50,000,000. The heaviest of these losers were: John E. Hurst & Co., \$1,500,000; insurance over \$1,000,000. R. M. Sutton & Co., \$1,500,000. The Daniel Miller Company, \$1,500,000. Armstrong, Carter & Co., \$500,000. The district comprises about 125 buildings, occupied by more than 50 firms.

Lewis and Clark All Right. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It has developed that the Lewis and Clark bill is stronger than the St. Louis loan amendment in the House. If the House agrees to the St. Louis proposition there is no doubt about the Lewis and Clark bill going through.

The Bill Passed. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Without a dissenting vote the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill passed the Senate at 5:30 today, carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$1,775,000. The number of National commissioners was reduced from seven to three; an amendment was attached absolutely closing the Exposition and grounds on Sunday.

War Begun. PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet near during the night and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged. The Japanese, who thus scored the first success of the war, escaped undamaged.

After Four Years. THE DALLES, Feb. 8.—The arrest of Norman Williams at Bellingham, Wash., today on a charge of having murdered Mrs. L. J. Nesbitt and her daughter, Alma, near Hood River, in the spring of 1900 was the culmination of searching investigation of official of the Interior department and the relatives of the murdered women covering a period of almost four years.

Russians Whipped. TOKYO, Feb. 9.—It is reported here that the Japanese fleet engaged and defeated two Russian warships, whose names have not yet been learned, at Ohempul today. It is said the engagement began at 11 a. m. and continued until 3 p. m. The smaller Russian vessel is reported to have been sunk and the larger one was fired and hopelessly destroyed. A part of the crews are reported to have escaped to the shore and have been captured.

The Baltimore Fire. BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—As yet no figures on loss and insurance that can be regarded as official can be obtained. A careful canvass of insurance experts, builders and business men places the loss in round figures at \$125,000,000, and the insurance \$80,000,000 to \$90,000,000. It is probable these estimates will stand with slight changes when the final figures are written.

Uncle Sam's Part. WASHINGTON, Feb.—Orders were issued today to Rear Admiral Evans to send his cruiser squadron, consisting of the Alliance, New Orleans, Raleigh and Cincinnati, from Subig bay to some point in Chinese waters yet to be determined, for the purpose of observing the naval operations.

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