

A Pioneer Dress.

In justice to Mrs. Hale, one whose pleasure it is to know her well, tells the DEMOCRAT that she was, and is yet for that matter, too skillful with her needle, if by any chance she could get a needle, ever to have worn "a blanket fastened about the waist for a skirt," as mentioned in Mr. Davis' sketch of early Albany.

Yet in justice to Mr. Davis, it must be explained that she did have a blanket dress; but it was made with waist, skirt and sleeves, and they were elbow sleeves too, not from choice or fashion, but as a matter of necessity, for the goods fell short.

The blanket was light in both weight, and color, in fact was white, and the dress was afterward dyed brown, by Miss Allie Cornelius, who later became Mrs. Woodcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale, with their one little child, came from The Dalles by trail, Mrs. Hale riding horseback, with their little daughter in her arms, and Mr. Hale walking, as did also a few others of the company.

But they sent their wagons and goods down the river by boat, in charge of one of their company.

At Fort Vancouver the boat tied up, and the men went ashore. When they returned to the boat, they found it submerged, and the contents wet. The goods were spread out to dry, and a portion were stolen, among the rest some of Mrs. Hale's dresses, and all of her needles.

Now Mrs. Hale had a blanket, given her as a parting gift on going from Indiana to Iowa, which she brought with her to Oregon as a treasured memento of the far away dear one who made and gave it to her, and from which after losing so much of her clothing, she made herself a dress, borrowing for the purpose, a needle of Mr. Whitlock, who had only the one, and who charged her so earnestly not to lose or break it, that she used it almost reverently, and felt relieved when the dress was finished, and the precious little needle returned safely to its owner.

This was not told the DEMOCRAT in any spirit of criticism as Mr. Davis' sketches were very interesting, but it is easy to get a little mixed on some of those far away facts, and attention would not be called to this slight mistake were it not that a good woman's feelings might be hurt should Mrs. Hale chance to read that item about the "blanket dress skirt."

Oregon Bound

(Special Correspondence.)

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—This state was never so well prepared to take advantage of the colonist one way rates to Oregon as at the present time, because many thousands of people are asking regarding farming opportunities in Oregon, and are receiving literature from many of the organizations holding membership in the Oregon Development League, representative of all sections of the state.

Commencing March 1st, and continuing daily until April 30th, tickets will be on sale for any point in Oregon, for \$25 from Kansas City and all other Missouri river points; this also means from St. Paul and Minneapolis, and all the territory west, including the most important agricultural sections of the United States, and from just where we want our home builders.

These tickets are good by way of Portland all the way round to Ashland, or to any intermediate point, also to Astoria. Holders of these tickets can get a stop-over of ten days at any point on the O. R. & N. The same privilege is given to all holders of tickets between Portland and Ashland, on the Southern Pacific, except that stop-overs are to be secured by depositing tickets in the Union Depot at Portland.

Every citizen of Oregon should get busy and write to friends of this opportunity to come out to this country.

Two Enough

Two Normal schools is all a state of the population of Oregon should support. The fact is the population of the state calls for only one, but geographically the situation suggests two. Any more than that is the worst kind of a graft. The members who support bills for the support of all the normal schools do not represent the best interests of the state. The DEMOCRAT is heartily in favor of every effort made to advance the educational interests of the state, both in the public schools and in higher education, but believes in running these things in a business way with as much sagacity as a man runs his own business. The business of logging, under which the money of the people is juggled with, is infamous, and to this is due the immense appropriations for different things that would never be recognized but for the back scratching process. The people should watch their representatives and keep their records on the different bills.

What shall it profit a man to give away his millions, and be merely regarded as a conscience-faith contributor?

That Proposed Change.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 25th, 1907. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:

I see an item in your paper, A scheme to annex part of Linn to Benton county, which needs correcting. This is no Corvallis scheme; but is gotten up here by us in Linn county for our own interest and the benefit of both counties. The proposed county line in Linn county leaves the river at the big bend below Corvallis between sections 28 and 29, thence due south to the river above, and does not reach Oakville, and is just three miles east of Corvallis.

The citizens of Benton are willing Linn should have enough land from Benton county opposite Albany or what is right. The petition was here in my possession, and I know whereof I speak. I fail to see how any one could find fault with this change, as the people living across the river by Albany would be close to their county seat where they do all their trading, and is their home market. And they should help pay for and keep up the large steel bridge there at Albany.

And we of Linn here should be annexed to Benton for the same reasons; only it is a ferry here, instead of a bridge. Again it is right for a county to compel her citizens to go ten or twelve miles to a county seat, when by this change we could reach it in three or four and the voters in this proposed change could decide this question by a vote, you would quickly see this just change accomplished.

Again our roads are in a miserable condition here. Why? Because our road supervisors are selected in the farther side of the district, whose interest is not this way, but towards Albany. And it is not to the interest of Linn county to work the roads to take her produce away from her own home market, and induce her citizens to go to Corvallis, or elsewhere to trade. Then editors and citizens of Linn and Benton counties, please help us; it will be no drawback to you. Yes, you can keep us down with an iron heel. But justice crushed to earth will rise again. W. H. AVERILL.

More Than a Matter of Sentiment

Competent men declare that if the Oregon City locks bill passes it will saddle on the state \$1,000,000 at least. That the \$400,000 appropriated will not begin to pay the cost of a set of locks at the present price of labor and material, in fact one person declares that it will cost nearer \$1,500,000. Then it is an improvement it is not the business of the state to make, but of the U. S. government. The people of Oregon are tax ridden enough already. It is easy to sit down and figure out how the locks will save the farmers of western Oregon hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, and they undoubtedly would be a saving if free, but that is not an easy thing to figure on when it is known that there is a combination between the railroad and boats of such a character as to prevent competition in prices. Sentimentally it is the business of a newspaper to swallow everything that sounds like production of benefit to the farmer, but with the present big state taxes, the time has come to ask for a thorough investigation before adding such a large amount to the expense account, which promises to be enormous anyway. Before it is done, at least let a full set of Senators and Congressmen make another rustle to have the U. S. Government attend to the matter, as it is their business to do. It is not always well to accept figures often based on sentiment, for facts, but, if possible rather go to the bottom of things, and see things as they are. Perhaps after all the pocketbook of the farmer will be much better off if the bill fails, and Uncle Sam is made to make the Willamette navigable at Oregon City the same as at Portland and the mouth of the Columbia.

Railroad Legislation.

Railroad bills galore have been introduced in the legislature. Most of them have a provision for some kind of a railroad commission. Oregonians who resided here when Oregon had a railroad commission will view with suspicion the different bills until they know that they are of the right calibre, and some never will be satisfied with them, believing that in the end they will terminate about the same as the old Oregon commission, which was a flat failure and no credit to the state, doing no good, in fact being in the minds of many merely a graft concern in the interest of the commission and railroads. A bill with the right provisions should obviate it and should be composed of men who are not politicians, men who have never held any state or district office or been members of the legislature, shrewd business men who have kept out of politics, men even who will not accept an official position in office, even that much of a hint of bribe.

Persia received a constitution for a New Year's present. If Persia is wise she will nail the flag to the Constitution while the latter is young and in tact.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Panama has given President Amador, formal permission to return Mr. Roosevelt's visit. Fortunately, for our President, he does not have to ask anybody when he wants to make a few pop calls.

The "Superb" a new battleship for the British navy, will be even more formidable than the "Readnought". This puts it up to Uncle Sam to build the "Out-O-Sight" a fair successor to the "Skeered-O-No'ing."

The Chicago Journal says the natives of New Guinea make dipnets of spider web, sit on the banks watching for passing fish, and when they appear, scoop them up. As a starter for the New Year, that's a fairly tallish fish story.

The Kansas City cashier who disappeared with \$9,000 of the bank's funds, has returned home, and says he does not know why he stole that amount. As he could have stolen more, his employers are as mystified over it as he is.

Capt. Bill McDonald, the Texas ranger, who seems to be anxious to challenge Senator Foraker to a talking match, is about as handy with his vocabulary as he is with his shooting irons.

The story that Harry Thaw, the condemned murderer, has incurred the cordial dislike of his mother-in-law, may be merely a shrewd play for the sympathy of those in a similar fix.

Gertrude Atherton has politely requested the London Times to go to the devil. If she will furnish the address and a year's subscription in advance, the Times will no doubt be glad to comply.

Carter Harrison is again looming up a candidate for mayor of Chicago. The Chicago mayoralty has always been regarded by the Harrison family as an heirloom, anyway.

An Illinois judge has ruled that a jug of whiskey is a deadly weapon, but he did it in a case where a jug was thrown at a man—not emptied into him.

Grange Meeting.

A regular meeting of Tangent Grange was held Jan 25th, with good attendance, and visitors present from Western Star, Sand Ridge, Grand Prairie, Charity and Crowtoot.

Three applications for membership were received. The forenoon was taken up with the regular routine work, until a call came that dinner was in waiting, when recess was taken.

The following officers were installed the ensuing year, by Mrs. Dora Harris, assisted by Brother and Sister Allen. M. M. F. Wood. O. D. McGregor. L. S. Mary Tisdale. A. S. W. J. Obermeyer. T. J. H. Scott. Sec., Miss Georgia Blevins. G. K., G. C. Stellmacher. C. Tricie Sharp. P. Winnie Dow. L. A. S., Miss Lydia Stellmacher. Organist, Miss Cora B. Scott.

The retiring master delivered a fine address and urged the members to stand by their new master, and aid and assist him with their presence and in every way possible if they wished to make a successful and influential grange.

The lecturer's hour was taken up in listening to short addresses by visiting members. Excellent remarks were made by the installing officer Mrs. Harris, also by Bros. Freerksen, Francis, Harris and Allen. All enjoyed the meeting which was pronounced a success in every particular. J. H. S.

State Masters Visits.

Austin T. Buxton Master of Oregon State Grange will visit the following granges at the dates fixed below: Western Star, Feb. 5th. Tangent, 7th. Sand Ridge, 8th. Oak Plain, 9th. Charity, 11th. Holley, 13th. Grand Prairie, 15th. The meetings will convene at 10 a. m. and the afternoon session may be public if solicited, when all who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the objects of the grange explained can do so. Members of the order are earnestly requested to attend these meetings and give the State Master a cordial reception.

Another Shipper Convention.

Another shippers and producers convention has been called, this one to be at Cottage Grove on Feb. 6. The Commercial Club in calling the convention passed resolutions referring to the calamity of car shortage and the vicious and unjust discrimination perpetrated by the Harriman lines. The convention is called to prevent a great industry being trampled under foot and crushed out of existence.

The high school basket team will play the Corvallis team at Corvallis next Friday night. A bill will be introduced to raise the salary of the treasurer of Linn county from \$1,000 to \$1,500. On the evening of February the 18th there will be a Buttery sociable at the W. C. T. U. hall.

C. H. NEWS.

U. S. to Charles M. Doty 80 acres 13 E 2..... Patent

Mortgage for \$2000, \$200, satisfaction of mortgage for \$425. Assignment of mortgage for \$2000.

Notarial commission Ethel Ross filed.

License issued for marriage of Verne D. Lockner, aged 21, of Portland, a railroad man and Ethel V. Wait, aged 21, of Albany, a teacher. The ninth license this year.

Hunters license: John Marrs, aged 56, of Lacombe.

Probate: Fifth account filed in estate of Mary Ann Shank, an incompetent, and approved.

The tax extenders are now on the last book. The collection of taxes will begin about the middle of February.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Several Bills Pass Each House.

The House: Steen—Fixing salary of School Superintendent of Umatilla county at \$1800.

Barrett—Providing for taking up and disposing of stock.

Barrett, Umatilla—To prohibit driving animals on sidewalks and limiting to six miles an hour the speed of such animals in unincorporated towns.

Northrup—Limiting liability of real estate of deceased persons for payment of debts to a period of six years.

Barrett—Increasing penalties for intimidation of judicial, legislative or executive officers.

Freeman—Curing deficits in deeds and other instruments now on record.

Freeman—Authorizing sale of property of estates when directed by testator in his will without an order from the court.

Perkins—To prevent false labeling or branding of fruits.

The Senate: Coshov—To perfect title to lands formerly belonging to decedents.

Coshov—To declare certain marriages void.

Malarkey—To authorize establishment of Reed Institute.

The Senate killed by indefinite postponement.

F. J. Miller—For employment of school physicians.

Smith—To repeal the Tuttle road law.

Bills continue to pour into the two houses. Some new ones are: In the Senate, several already in the house, and Malarky, hours of R. R. employees. Mult, making it unlawful to throw sawdust in streams. Smitn, creating Cascade county. Smith, prohibiting combination of grain dealers. Johnson increasing O. A. C. appropriation from \$25,000 to \$50,000 annually.

In the House: Beverage, providing for jury verdict by majority. Abolishing death sentence. Beutgen, prohibiting depositing high explosives within mile of dwelling and two miles of school house. Barrett, \$10,000 for operating portage road. Chapin, prohibiting advertising cures for venereal diseases. Beals, Making cruise value basis for assessment of timber land.

Northwestern Inventors.

The following patents were issued last week to Northwestern inventors:

Washington—J. L. Anderson, Seattle, pipe-holder; J. W. Cover, Tacoma, pencil sharpener; E. Hoops, South Bend, sawmill track sweeper; C. Kruse, Seattle, bread kneading and molding machine; J. W. Laurent, Spokane, current motor; G. Moore, Granite Falls, logging device; W. Schwarweber, Seattle, ventilator. Oregon—C. J. Atkins, Huntington, flush tank; E. N. Buchanan, Portland, trunk harness; C. F. Carlson, La Grande, ironing table; W. H. Clark, Sumpter, plate lifter; W. H. Corbett, Portland, friction clutch; F. S. Gunning, The Dalles, combined harrow tooth and weeder; W. D. Plue, Rainier, rotary wood planing device; R. Rutherford, Montavilla, boat propelling mechanism. Copies of any of the above patents will be furnished to our readers at ten cents each, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

Weatherford Won.

There were ten contestant in the O. A. C. oratorical contest at Corvallis, which was won by Mark W. Weatherford, a nephew of Hon. J. K. Weatherford of this city. The judges were President Crooks, A. C. Schmitt and J. S. Van Winkle of this city, and Mrs. B. F. Irvine, R. J. Nicholls and Prof. Baldwin of Corvallis. Besides a \$10 gold medal Weatherford received a cash prize of \$15. The O. A. C. does things according to Caesar.

May Revert to the Government.

According to a dispatch in the Oregonian the U. S. government is about to bring a suit for the condemnation of numerous tracts of timber land in western Oregon, sold for taxes and bought up by different parties. Some of it is in the county of Thomas creek, and to be very valuable timber land. If this land should be made to revert back to revert back to the government it would open for settlement some fine land, those who have not taken advantage of their timber rights would be glad to get hold of.

MISFITS.

Portland was an icy city yesterday.

It looks as if it will be Postmaster Van Winkle.

Think of living in Portland with Albany on the map.

Some people go off on every tangent that comes around.

Who would be a Portland telephone lineman about now?

The jingle of the nickle-in-the-slot machine is again heard in the city.

A good many people are opposed to any kind of a railroad commission.

Depend upon it the Tongues of Fire will not be easily extinguished.

A locks bill will be very ineffective unless the river-rail combination is dissolved.

Portland is a good deal colder city than Albany except when the weather man makes his report.

Like the Holy Rollers the Tongues of Fire people may court persecution, which often helps.

The Menonite people are very peaceable citizens without those Tongues of Fire importations.

A bill providing for shutting up hogs was referred by Speaker Davey to the committee on game. That ought to kill it.

A Portland correspondent says there are many tricks in the manipulation of references to committees, sometimes making it a farce.

It is thought a jury will be secured in the Thaw case by the 4th of July, when the fire works will begin.

Some up-to-date valentines, a big improvement on the trashy colored affairs of past years, have appeared on the market ready for the 14th of February.

Figures lie about as much as anything. Mr. Bryan didn't waste any of Oregon's time, not a cent's worth. The legislature has been having too much time. Better off if they had Bryan to speak to them an hour every day.

If Oregon takes the job of building new locks, it will cost the state over a million dollars before it gets through with the job. That \$400,000 would only be a starter. It is the business of Uncle Sam to make the Willamette navigable.

The president of the senate and the speaker of the house will probably continue to be elected by the bodies over which they preside, which is probably proper, even though not always satisfactory.

The Southern Pacific company is building a steel bridge at Coburg, preparatory to putting Salem and Albany on a branch line.—Times. The manner in which it runs its Coburg train through Albany now doesn't harmonize with the statement, nor the new heavy rails on the main line.

People Who Come and Go

W. E. Carpenter, Portland. A. R. Marsh, Seattle. R. H. Warfield, Portland. C. A. Pugh, Shedd. Wm. D. Spence, Chicago. Chas. Foskett, Portland. J. McCreadie, S. F. H. A. Goldman, Tangert. H. A. Brewer, Portland. W. F. Paul, St. Paul. Jack Ralston, Portland. Sio Beck. C. C. Hall. W. B. Glass, Brownsville. W. W. Robe. G. B. McLeod, Portland. A. M. and W. A. Templeton, Halsey. W. F. Swick, Seattle. E. J. Kintz, Oakland, Calif. G. H. Richardson, Portland.

For a Choral Union.

Tomorrow evening at the college at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held for the organization of a choral union under the direction of Prof. Palmer, to meet according to arrangement for practice, with a view of concerts and perhaps a cantata later. All are invited to attend. Do not wait for personal invitation.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned desire to express their heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown them during the sickness and death of their beloved daughter and sister. Signed MR. AND MRS. J. R. BRAY. ETHEL BRAY. CLAUDE BRAY.

Eight Foot Moss.

R. S. Derriek left at the DEMOCRAT office this morning a piece of moss eight feet long, which he took from a tree near Crabtree, where he was yesterday. It is a very pretty piece of green stuff, and shows what Oregon can do in the moss business. Mr. Derriek has been trapping some along the Santiam, among his catches being 22 otter, two musks and fifteen coons.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Senator Mulkey Now.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The Senate met at noon. Senator Fulton presented the credentials of Senator Mulkey, which were approved and he was escorted to the vice presidents desk and administered the oath, taking half a minute in occupying his seat in the rear of the democratic side, a full fledged senator.

Famished Cattle.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 30.—McLeod, Alberta, was invaded last night by 6000 famished cattle mounted men trying to drive out.

SALEM, Jan. 30.—The opponents of the Jamestown appropriation succeeded in defeating the measure in the Senate this morning. They headed off further discussion by moving it indefinitely postponed. Kay and Johnson led the fight for retrenchment. Beach, chairman of federal relations committee reported a bill appropriating \$65,000 favorably. A vote was taken on a minority report and adopted seventeen to ten. Kays motion to indefinitely postpone it carried 15 to 12.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—The senate cleared the desk of everything this morning. Senator Miller introduced a joint memorial to increase the pensions of Indian war veterans from \$8 to \$12 per month.

Supreme court being behind two years in its work Senator Cooke introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the governor of two commissioners, each serving two years to draw the same salary as the supreme justices. The appointments must have approval of court.

SALEM, Jan. 29.—The first fight in the house occurred this morning over the resolution of Representative Wilson to increase the assessment and taxation committee to seven, and add these two from the Multnomah delegation. All the big delegations united against Multnomah and it lost 23 to 35.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Getting Ready to Do Things.

The state legislature met yesterday again, chewed the English language some and began to do something after two week preparation.

The Locks bill will be the order in the morning.

Several new bills were introduced in the house: Davey descended and sent in two, one appropriating \$100,000 for Indian war veterans, one authorizing board of public commissioners to pay \$20,000 for site for state printing office and one for flat salary of \$3,000 for state printer.

Eaton, \$50,000 for topographic maps, investigation of experiment station and hydrographic. Gee whizz! Beals, evidently having the fever, \$50,000 for improving Tillamook Bay. Rothchild, relocating deaf mute school, with \$14,000 appropriation. Chapin, making Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday, and Saturday afternoons for public officials.

Gray, Jackson and Vawter \$27,000 for Central Oregon State Normal School. Let the bands play.

In the Senate several local bills were introduced. Also by Smith providing for only two normal schools, one west and one east of the Cascades. Senator M. A. Miller introduced a resolution providing for amending the constitution in reference to the location of state institutions.

Now it is said the reason Mr. Bristol is not confirmed as district attorney is because Harriman opposes him. Can it be possible Senator Fulton would be influenced by anything like that?

FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Linn County.

In the matter of the last will and testament and estate of Hans Wodtli, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the last will and testament and estate of Hans Wodtli, deceased, has filed her final account of said matter in the above entitled court and an order has been made and entered of record directing this notice and naming Friday, March 1, 1907, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon the day for the hearing of objections to said final account and for the settlement thereon.

Dated January 30, 1907.

ANNA WODTLI, Executrix of the last will, testament and estate of Hans Wodtli, deceased. CHAS. J. SCHNABEL, Attorney for Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

To all the creditors of Richard Mayo, deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of said estate by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon; therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same to me with the proper vouchers, at my residence near Lyons, Linn County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 1st day of Feb., 1907. J. M. BERRY, Administrator of said estate, W. R. BILYEU, Attorney for Administrator.