

THE DAILY DEMOCRAT.

A VERY OLD RAILROAD.

One of the first railways, if not the first, in this country, says the *Railway Age*, was the Mohawk & Hudson, which was chartered by an act of the New York legislature April 17, 1826. The commissioners who were intrusted with the duty of organizing the company met for the purpose in the office of John Jacob Astor in New York city, July 29, 1826. One of their first official acts was to appoint Peter Fleming chief engineer and send him to England to examine as to the feasibility of building a railroad. Mr. Fleming's salary was fixed at \$1,500 a year. The road first used horse power, and later on adopted steam for use in daytime, retaining horses, however, for night work. It was not deemed safe to use steam after dark. At first the trains consisted of one car each, which, in its construction, closely resembled the old fashioned stage coach. There was no conductor, no bell-cord, and, in short, very few of the innumerable attachments which belong to the railway train of to-day.

The road connected the two towns of Albany and Schenectady, and was seventeen miles in length, but that portion which was operated by steam was only fourteen miles in length, horses being used on the inclineplane division from the top of one hill to the top of another. In those days the only brake used consisted of a wooden wedge, which was dropped in between the wheels and the end of the truck-frame when the train was about to commence the descent of a grade. When it approached the station agent met it as it neared the platform, placed the wedge in position, and, when the time arrived for it to start again on its trip, he removed it and the train sped again on its course.

The first improvement on this brake consisted in placing a strip of leather on one side of the wedge. On one side of this wedge was a hole in which a broom-handle, or other handle, was placed for convenience in operating the contrivance. As business increased and cars were added it was found impossible for the engineer to see all the cars of his train, so as to determine if they were moving along in proper shape, so a guard was placed on top of the first car back of the engine, who kept his eye on the entire train, and notified the engineer to stop when he discovered that any particular car bobbed enough to indicate that it was off the track.

OUR AMERICAN HOUSE OF LORDS.

Hon Amos J Cummings, who is himself a congressman, writes in the *New York Sun* a very interesting letter, showing the different treatment that the Senate and the House of Representatives give to matters affecting economy. The Senate is careless and liberal to itself and employes, while the House is conducted on a much more economical scale. Messengers in the House receive \$1100 to \$1200 per year. Those of the Senate, having much less to do, receive \$1440, and it is so all through the list. The eighty four senators employ forty five messengers, while the 325 members of the House have only fifty one. Each senator, without regard to party, is allowed a private secretary, paid for by the public. Even the shaving of the senators is done by a senatorial barber and paid for out of the public treasury. The Senate is now proposing to drive the Supreme Court from rooms it has occupied for years, to secure rooms for committees that rarely meet. Without doubt the Senate of this country is arrogating to itself privileges such as are enjoyed by the aristocratic House of Lords in England. When the Constitution was framed, the dominance of the House of Representatives, directly representing the people was thought to be secured by giving it exclusive power to originate revenue bills. But the longer terms of senators, and the fact that they are not directly responsible to the people, have reversed what the fathers intended. Senatorial terms should be made shorter. Four years is long enough for any representative of public interests to act without being instructed as to his duties by his constituents. If the constitution were amended so as to make senators elected by popular vote, the Senate would be less a club of millionaires than it now is, and public interests would be much more faithfully represented.

A Mexican letter says: "If you chance to be a visitor at a Mexican 'balle' quietly sitting on a bench, do not be surprised if some bewitching sonaria, with raven hair and roguish eyes, trips lightly up to where you are sitting, and unceremoniously smashes an egg over your head. This curious action is merely to show her preference for you, and means an invitation for you to get up and dance with her."

There lately passed across the Red Sea from the African to the Arabian shore a flight of locusts calculated to have covered over 2000 square miles.

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The managers of a number of large manufacturing establishments in Fall River are watching with interest the experiment which the Bourne Mill is making in profit sharing. They are very favorably impressed, as the new system offers an incentive to better work, and what is quite as important, prevents men from leaving at the end of the year. In a business where success helps both employer and employe, profits are likely to increase from year to year. Some of the best farmers have adopted the plan of hiring men conditionally, giving so much per month at the lowest rate of profit, and an additional sum if crops, seasons and prices combine to make a favorable year. Farmers who do this get better help, and make more clear money for themselves, than they can by hiring men who only work as time-servers, because they have no personal interest in what they are doing.

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ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District, No 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1890, at the hour of 7 o'clock p m of said day, at the Court House, in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk of said school district and to levy a tax for the support of the schools for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.
Dated February 14th, 1890.
C G BUCKSBAFT, Dist. Clerk.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Old Fellows Hall Building Association held at their office in Albany, Oregon, on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1890, at the hour of 7 o'clock p m of said day, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve the ensuing year, and for any other business that may come before said meeting.

This the 5th day of February, 1890.
W C TWEEDALE, Presid. nt.
E A PARKER, Secretary.

PROF. H. C. PALMER'S Conservatory of Music, Tweedale's block, First street, Albany, Oregon, opened January 20th, 1890. The course of instruction will consist of classes for piano, organ, harmony and voice culture. There will be a normal class and diplomas furnished to teachers, specifying capacity and experience. Students participate in monthly recitals, and are graded to insure equality in rendition. This conservatory will be conducted on the same basis as those in Boston, New York, etc. This is the only recognized successful system known for a thorough musical education. Send for circulars and references. Office hours from 1 to 3.

STRAY NOTICE.—Taken up by the undersigned, living six and a half miles southeast of Halsey, on the 10th day of December, 1889, one bright bay horse, about 10 or 12 years old, with some saddle marks on side and back, black mane and tail, a very dim brand on the right shoulder, which can not be distinguished. Appraised by W. J. Stew, art, Justice of the peace, at the sum of \$30.
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WANTED.—A first-class girl to work at Depot Hotel. None but first-class need apply. Call early.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the name of Dayos & Robson has been dissolved, Mc L W Dayos retiring. The business will be continued by Price & Robson. All accounts should be settled with the old firm, by whom all debts will be paid.

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