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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of R. A. Gesner late of said county, deceased, by the honorable county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Marion. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of J. J. Murphy, Griswold's block, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

ALONZO GESNER,
Administrator of said estate.

Salem, Ogn., May 11, 1888.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Some Pertinent Remarks Addressed to this Public Body.

When the board of trade of this city was re-organized during the past winter, the object of the movement was to infuse some stir into our social life. It was found that some localities, with less advantages then this city has to offer, were receiving a large immigration, and it was supposed that with a proper effort a portion of this flow of humanity could be turned in this direction. To this end committees were formed, a liberal subscription of money raised, and 5000 copies of a resource pamphlet printed for distribution through the country.

Here the activity seems to have died out. The money subscribed has not been collected, and the correspondence sent to different members of the board of trade remains unanswered. This will never do. The man that puts his hand to the plow must not look back. The work has been begun under good auspices, now we want no fainting by the way. The seed that has been partially sown must be sustained with a good planting, and then nursed into a profitable crop.

Perhaps the movement is too diffused; compact bodies have freer action. How would an executive committee of seven or nine members do, to watch for the public interest and originate business for the consideration of the board? Office work needs to be done, too, and the proper facilities provided. An eligible room should be rented, and kept open during day and evening, where committees of the board can meet when occasion requires, and the secretary can write his correspondence. The money subscribed by our citizens should be collected on the 1st of every month as regularly as a grocery bill, and deposited in the bank for necessary uses.

Letters enquiring about our natural resources, our schools, our city society, and a thousand other things should be promptly answered. No member of the board has time; then pay for the services of a secretary. To send out the pamphlets and other advertising matter, answer letters and keep the records of the board would employ half the time of a competent person. The board of trade fund was raised for such a purpose; let it be collected every month and applied to the proper use.

Last Saturday the mayor called a meeting of our citizens to consider the location of the new depot. There has been long complaint of the unfitness of the present site; but when the time came to select a new location, public interest suddenly abated and the matter was allowed to go by default. An extension to the city sewers is needed for the public health; it has been discussed in the newspapers, expert testimony has been taken and there the matter ends. Some of our streets need grading and improving; the city council is not a representative body; it rests with the board of trade to consider such improvements, and then apply to the city government for the proper action.

By the advertising that has been given this state and the broad and fertile Willamette valley, land seekers and settlers are coming this way. These are but prelusive drops to the coming shower. Salem must be up and doing if advantage is to be taken of the approaching opportunity, and to the board of trade is committed the custody and promotion of the public interest. That body of enterprising citizens has begun its work well, now let it go on with unabated power.

A TAXPAYER.

SALEM, May 15, 1888.

Subscriptions to the Portland hotel stock now amount to $470,000.

TELEGRAPHIC SPLINTS.

Bills for the admission of Washington, North Dakota and Montana are made special orders in the senate for the 24th inst.

In Elyria, Ohio, on Monday night, James Smith, 20 years, beat his wife, five years his junior, to death, because the girl wanted to go to a dance.

Hon. John F. Swift, has been taken ill at Albany, and his engagements for the present week have been canceled. When sufficiently recovered, he will resume his campaign work in Baker City.

In Los Angeles on Tuesday, a fire destroyed several stores in the large new Hollenbeck block. The loss is $17,5000; insurance $4500.

At a crowded mass meeting of British citizens, held in London on Monday evening, resolutions were adopted urging the government without delay to deal effectually with national defenses. Another mass meeting was arranged for June 5th.

The 6-year old son of Col. J. R. Williamson, of Macon, Ga., killed his brother, three years older, with a shotgun. The children were put to bed together, and the little murderer arose while his victim was asleep. He acts as if insane.

Andy Henline Dead.

Andy Henline, whose sickness has been noted in these columns, died yesterday morning in Portland. He was forty two years of age and was born in this county. He has relatives still residing at Stayton in this precinct. The Oregonian says of him: "He had been a member of the police force in this city for ten years, and was generally respected for his integrity, efficiency and his good nature. He was the largest man on the force, weighing 320 pounds when in good health, and good-naturedly termed the "baby" of the force, owing to his great weight and size. But during his fatal illness he grew so emaciated that no one would recognize the inanimate form as that of him who is the subject of this brief sketch. He leaves a wife and one child. The interment will take place in the beautiful plot recently purchased by Progress lodge I. O. O. F., adjoining the Masonic cemetery.

For Memorial Day.

The committee of arrangements, of the G. A. R., for memorial day observances, has extended an invitation to A, B and I companies of the 2nd regt., O. N. G., to join in the parade in this city. The invitations were forwarded through Col. Thomas C. Smith, who transmitted them with his approval endorsed thereon. It is likely the invitation will be accepted.

BRAINS ON THE FARM.

Alpha and Omega Have a Friendly Tilt Over the Dignity of Labor.

ED. JOURNAL: In your issue of the 15th inst., a communication appears over the name of "Alpha", upon the subject of "Brains on the Farm", which is remarkable for one thing only, and that is the misquoting and misconstruing of the remarks of Hon. T. T. Geer at Whitcaker some days since upon the subject of 'Dignity of American Labor'. Mr. Geer in his remarks said, "no class of workmen are assisted by nature so much as the farmer, and that it requires less study to be a farmer than any other class of workmen." Which is true, and Alpha only betrays his blissful ignorance upon the subject when he denies it. The farmer is the only person who becomes a skilled workman without first serving an apprenticeship. Now, Alpha, suppose you attempt to build a steam engine and see how much nature will assist you. Suppose you attempt to manufacture a watch, construct a dwelling house, convert wheat into flour, or cotton or wool into cloth, without first studying the subject for years and see how much nature will assist you.

Mr. Geer said "a fool may dig a hole in the ground, place seed therein, and nature immediately lends her aid to sprout it;" which is true. Now let a fool attempt to run a dry goods store or a steam boat and see how much he will be assisted by nature.

Now, Alpha, either because you did not pay strict attention to Mr. Geer, or that the subject was too deep for you (in your natural state) to comprehend, your attempt to convey the impression that Mr. Geer was trying to throw a slur on the farmer.

Now, Mr. Geer is a farmer, and so am I; born and raised upon a farm. I was present and heard every word Mr. Geer said. Now, Alpha, did he not say: "Understand me, gentlemen, I do not say that the farmer is ignorent, or that he should not study, for the more you study and read the more you will assist nature in her endeavor to assist you." Did not Mr. Geer say that "the farmers of Oregon are a reading class of men, and show the effect of study by their thrifty condition?" Did not Mr. Geer say that "no class of workmen were shown so little consideration at the hands of the democratic party as the farmer, and to maintain his present position and to prevent his being reduced to a level with the serfs of Russia, the peasants of England, France or Germany, it was his duty to stand by the party that upholds the dignity of American labor?"

Now, Alpha, is it not a fact that one-third of the articles proposed to be put on the free list are products of the farms, and is it not the duty of every farmer, if he wishes to maintain the rank he now holds, to vote for the party that votes for him, and that the grand old republican party? Now Alpha you are unsophisticated and have not studied the labor question to any great extent, so your mistakes and misconceptions may be overlooked. But in future when you attempt to criticise the remarks of others, quote them correctly, and do not be led away upon a tangent of your own imagination.

OMEGA.

SALEM, May 16th.