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Daily Capital Journal

BY HOFER BROTHERS,

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JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

It is reported that the Populists of Linn county are a unit for the nomination of H. C. Watson for circuit judge. Mr. Watson is and has always been a Democrat.

After taking care of his family, Senator McBride is devoted to his friends. The party comes next. The people last.

An authentic dispatch from New York states that the McBride reindeer expedition has already cost the United States government over \$500,000, and that the reindeer have not yet reached the most expensive part of their journey. They were shipped from New York a week or more ago and should have reached the Pacific coast before this time. It will cost our government close onto a million dollars yet. A great financier is the "Little Accident" from Oregon.

In case of war—well, we have Gen. Compson on our side.

There are some of the epithets which the "Oregonian" applies to Brownell: "liar," "grafter," "boogler," "dead beat," etc., any of which, if true, ought to forever damn him in the estimation of the public, and preclude him from holding any place of public trust. The "Oregonian" is a responsible concern. Mr. Brownell cannot put on the dignity of silence under the imputation of these charges. But—well—why do our people entrust men of the Brownell type with responsible positions?

The next campaign will bring about some good results, not the least of which is that men who are thought to be boodlers, or dishonest in their dealings, whether in public or their private affairs, will not be conspicuous on any ticket. The world is progressing in moral, as well as material, prosperity, and men of character and integrity will be sought for places of public trust. This is a result greatly desired, except by boodlers and thieves who prey upon the state, and also to succeed by underhanded and dishonest dealings.

"It is we who are the defenders of peace, the friends of law, the foes of inequity and injustice."—Towne.

A money system 2000 years old is good enough for bimetalists.

Editor R. J. Hendricks, of the local gold standard paper was an interested listener to Mr. Towne.

"Hurrah for Cuba!" yelled a Silver Republican as Towne said McKinley was a weak man.

"Old Tom Kay" was a close listener to Towne, although he stood through out the whole meeting.

No speaker ever at Salem held a crowd so completely as Towne.

An open mint into which both gold and silver come freely at a given ratio and equal terms and plane of power.—Report Eng. Con. 1886.

"You cannot create value by law" says the goldbug. But you can create privilege by law and that is what the goldbug wants.

Too many bankers talk with their faces to the east when they ought to consider the interest of their costumers at their door.—Chas. A. Towne.

"I have worked so hard that I have produced so many boots and shoes that the factory had to shut down and I have been compelled to go idle and my family without shoes."

Now that the government has gotten a lot of reindeer into its hands for which it has no earthly use—through the short sightedness of the great Senator Geo. W. McBride—it has been suggested that Santa Claus might take some of these poor reindeer if the price should be put down low enough. Or possibly they might be used by Ex-Senator Mitchell in building his railway to the planet Mars. Between Santa Claus and Ex-Senator Mitchell the government may be able to get back a few of the \$500,000 it has spent in this childish scheme. The senator's impulse to get a reindeer relief expedition to Alaska disclosed the goodness of his heart with other people's money.

STATE NEWS.

Weston is to have a new city hall. Much seeding is already done in Union county.

Eugene has a new incandescent dynamo for its light plant.

The lumber for the new mill at Wasco is on the ground.

Spring seeding has commenced at Junction City, Oregon.

Samuel F. Kern, of Eugene, has been granted a pension of \$6 per month.

The residence of Geo. W. Bacon, of Oregon City, was burglarized Monday morning.

About 800 people attended the Hood River Farmers Institute last Saturday.

Andrew J. Keeney an early pioneer of Lane county, died at his home near Yonhe.

Fire destroyed the residence of A. M. Mauritsen, of Newburg, early Sunday morning.

The little baby that was left at the Eight Presbyterian church, has been returned to its mother.

All nickel-in-the-slot machines have been ordered removed in The Dalles, also all other gambling devices.

Dave Camslack, of Deer Creek, Douglas county, has been arrested for robbing Geo. W. Catening. He was found over.

Washington county now owns three road graders and is going to expend more money and time than ever on their roads.

Fred Throe, the unfortunate young man that was injured on the Wallowa mill, in Wallowa county, died last Tuesday morning from his injuries.

The dead body of an infant was found last week at Four-Mile, near Brandon, in Curry county. The body was wrapped up in a pillow case, was found among a lot of logs.

O. G. Shurtell, who owns the Star Gulch hydraulic mine, this week picked up in his mine a nugget that weighed 565.50. The mine is located 16 miles southwest of Jacksonville, on the Applegate.

A. Smyth, of Eastern Oregon, is one of the largest mutton shippers in the west. He is now buying 10,000 head and expects to ship all summer. He is shipping to Chicago.

Jesse and Perry Pitchford, whose logging camp is at the junction of Thomas creek and the Santiam river, have a contract to put in 900,000 feet of balsam logs for the pulp mill at Oregon City.

New Oregon posemasters were appointed on Monday as follows: Mrs. Effie B. Corbett, Trade, vice Hattie Van Bibber, resigned; Mrs. Lillian Helmick, Ukiah, vice Dr. W. C. Pitting, resigned.

The residence of Mrs. Rachael Brenner of near Molalla burned Sunday evening. The fire was caused by upsetting a lamp. Mr. Brenner was absent from home. Mrs. Brenner and children escaped by crawling out at a window.

The Populist, Democrat and Silver Republican party of Yamhill county held their primary on Saturday and elected delegates and the Democrats passed resolutions favoring a union of forces and in favor of the initiative and referendum.

Saturday morning Gordie Graham, a 19-year old boy, living at Mosier, was struck in the eye by a stray bullet. The bullet was undoubtedly fired by some hunter. The injured boy was taken to Hood River for medical treatment.

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BROOKS.

Remember there will be an oyster supper given at the W. C. T. U. hall next Friday evening the 11 inst. Proceeds to help pay for the new church organ.

The precinct meeting to elect delegates to attend the Marion county Democratic convention was held March 5, and resulted in electing the following named delegates: Hugh Eldridge, M. J. Egan, Jas. Finney, Aron Nusom, and Gus Moisan.

Miss Stella Isbell returned home Sunday after visiting for a few days with the Misses Evans of this place.

Mr. John Ellis left here on the morning of the 5th bound for Fort Wrangle. From thence he expects to finally reach the Klondike gold fields.

Fred and Robert Newson of this place and Will and Harvey Stephens of Salem left for Washington Sunday the 6th in search of employment. Frank Evans and Ed Fravel who left for that place a short time ago succeeded in finding work an \$1 per day the next day after their arrival in Walla Walla.

The people of Clear Lake know how to entertain an audience, as was proven by a crowded house last Saturday night. Their program consisted of music, both vocal and instrumental, dialogues, recitations, local hits and the farce, "That Rascal, Pat," in which Jud Ganiard as Pat just beat the Irishman at his own game. After which neckties were sold, entitling the purchaser to his supper with one of the fairer sex.

The closing exercises of Prof. Wm. H. Egan's school on the eve of March 4 was a decided success, and was rendered before a crowded house. Prof. Egan's pupils all deserve great credit for the way in which they impersonated the characters assigned them. Master Carl Massey as a comedian takes the cake, and little Ivan Truit in his solo, "Hoe de Co'n," had to respond to an encore as usual. The proceeds of the evening was \$13, which pays for the library and leaves a balance of \$3. The pleasure of the evening was somewhat marred by the sudden illness of Miss Madeline Miller, daughter of George B. Miller, near Fairfield. The young lady fainted and was carried into the open air, but reaction was so slow that she was taken to the home of Wm. G. Evans P. M. where neighbors and friends rendered what assistance they could until the arrival of Dr. Stott of Gervais. Miss Miller was so far recovered as to be able to return to her home next morning. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Egan for his efforts in behalf of the school.

The sound of the hammer is again heard in our town. Mr. Wm. Hoover reached home on March 2, he having left Seattle for Skagway, February 8, and is thankful that he was permitted to return alive if not well. He is suffering from a severe cough that attacks all classes with the exception of the native Indians. I shall give some of his statements in his own words. "Talk about cold, it is worse than any Kansas blizzard that you ever heard of. The wind blows a perfect gale; and on the wharves, in the canon and on the summit near Skagway, the thermometer stands at about 40 degrees below zero, and in town about 15. On leaving Skagway you can walk on dead horses for about three miles up the canon. There are about 75,000 people in the towns of Skagway and Dyea, and people are dying at the rate of three or four daily from cerebral spinal meningitis. I went into a dead house and saw thirteen dead men frozen stiff and piled upon a bench. Upon making inquiries about the immense quantities of gold that was reported as being brought out from the gold fields, I was told that the only gold (about \$25 in dust) that had been brought out by the way of Skagway was found on the bodies of two men who had attempted to come by the way of the pass from Dawson City, and had frozen to death within seventeen miles of Skagway. Some of the new arrivals tried to be jolly, dancing around and kicking a frozen potato over the wharf. But it was only a few minutes until all the jolly that they could muster was frozen as was the potato they were kicking. When Mr. Hoover was asked why he did not fetch his tent and do his own cooking, he replied that he could not do so without pitching it on the ice, as the land was all taken.

The question, Why did you return home? was answered thus: I did not start for the gold fields, but only to ply my trade (that of blacksmithing) and found that if I would locate on a paying place that it would cost me about \$25,000 for a shop and then I would not be certain of a continuation of trade. So concluded to return home. I took passage on the Oregon, Feb. 24. The Oregon left her wharf six hours ahead of advertised time to evade bringing out some of the sick and dead. All of her crew with the exception of perhaps two declared that nothing would induce them to return to Skagway. We met about twenty vessels from all parts of the world, England, Australia, San Francisco and home ports. I would advise those who have good homes to

let "well enough alone." Mr. Hoover is a gentleman that is well known and his reputation for truth and veracity dare not be questioned. The annual school election was held March 7th and resulted in electing Mr. W. F. Massey for one year (Mr. Hoover resigned) and Harrison Jones for three years. Mr. Dan Roggles was elected to serve as clerk.

ALASKA AS IT IS.

Mr. Error:—If I need any apology for writing this article for your paper it shall be that I wish to warn honest working people who may be thinking of following the thousands who have already gone to that over crowded country, Alaska.

The hardships of the steamer passenger begins when he leaves the docks.

To a man who is leaving a comfortable home the change is repulsive, unbearable. The steamer companies are paid at the rate of about \$5 a day to carry and feed steamer passengers. They give a very disagreeable place to sleep, with only a straw mattress on a bunk, and packed in like stock in a car. When they all get seasick, the pitch and confusion is beyond description. They get but very little to eat and it is served about as respectable as a farmer would serve his hogs. It costs the company about 15 cents a day per head to feed them. When they reach Skagway or Dyea they are very much surprised to find it very cold. Many of them are dressed in light clothing for they have been told that the weather was no colder than in Oregon.

They get off on the dock at Skagway or the lighter for Dyea and the north wind strikes them, blowing a gale, with the thermometer at 12 or 15 degree below zero. It simply paralyzes them, many freeze their hands and faces before they reach the shelter of the town. It is impossible to give any idea of tenting in that climate at this season of the year. There was, when I left Skagway, fifty men for every job, and while returning on the steamer Oregon—its last trip—we met seventeen ships going in, at least fourteen of them loaded with people, one-half of them going to Skagway and Dyea to find work. I found hundreds of good honest men, many from Oregon, without work and no money to get home. These two towns are mostly made up of tents and shanties and there is no steady employment for carpenters. The people are dying by the dozen, seven died with spinal meningitis the day before the Oregon sailed, many are freezing to death. I saw an advertisement recently in a prominent daily paper for men to go to Skagway and work on the railroad, the wages \$4 per day, with board at \$1 per day. There is no railroad being built at Skagway, nor anywhere else up there, and laboring men are getting but \$2.50 per day and only a little work at that, when the weather gets warmer so that men can work the wages will be greatly reduced.

Keep away from Alaska. It is no place for a white man, even the Indians will not live at Skagway.

REV. LESTER F. CLARK.

Portland, Or.

Grant county has a Klondike of its own in a rich ledge on Canyon mountain, about 90 miles from Baker City, and it is stated that one man, with his pocket knife, took out from \$500 to \$800 in one day. Another ledge has yielded as high as \$1000 in a day. Great excitement prevails.

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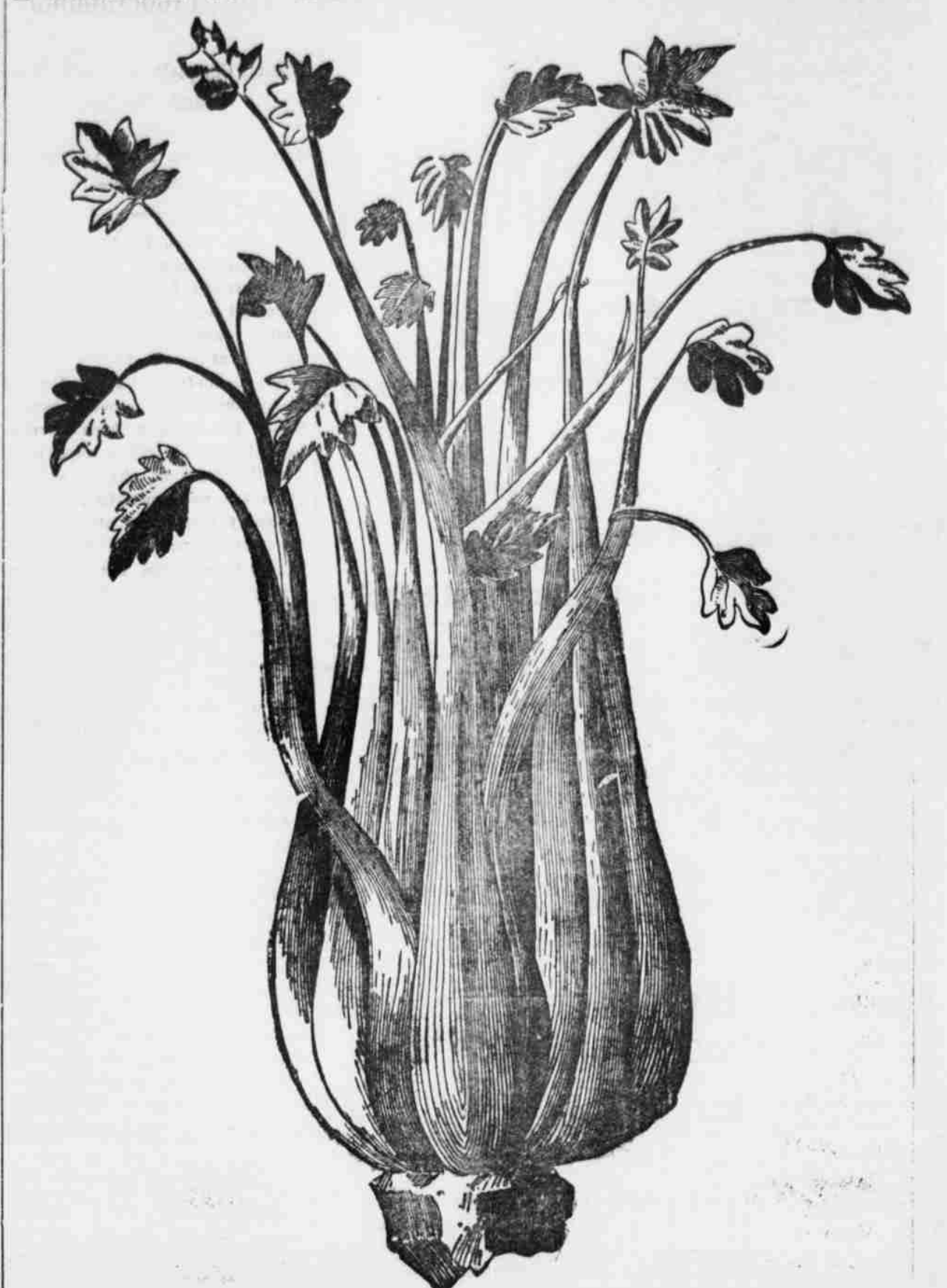
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