

Holt County Sentinel

OREGON, MISSOURI, FEBRUARY 12, 1875.

Mayor Stokely, of Philadelphia, has offered an additional reward of \$5,000 for the return of Little Charles Ross, or information which shall lead to his recovery.

It is announced that Rev. Dr. Williams, the missionary to China, is soon to return to this country to spend the rest of his days. He has lived there forty-one years as a missionary of the American Board of Missions, during which time he accepted the position of Secretary of Legation to the United States Government. He is the author of several valuable works in reference to China, his "Middle Kingdom" being a standard work. But his most important work is a Dictionary of the Chinese Language, on which he has spent seven years.

The Transit of Venus Commission at Washington has received a telegram from Professor Airy, of the Greenwich (England) Observatory, stating that nine glass plates and fifty-eight sun pictures were obtained at Rodriguez Island.

The Tennessee Legislature has elected Andrew Johnson United States Senator, vice W. G. Brownlow, whose term expires with this Congress. Long a prominent public figure, this event will make Mr. Johnson a prominent official figure until 1861 at least. No other person ever elected on the national vote, after obtaining the Presidency, has re-entered Government life.

The New York Times says that Mr. Dawes is "more thoroughly informed as to the practical details of the Government than any other man at present in the National Legislature. Massachusetts, of late years, somewhat changed the standard of her Senators; but in Mr. Dawes the State has a representative of whom she will have no reason to be ashamed."

Vice-President Wilson has received a number of letters from prominent Republicans throughout the country, approving the sentiments expressed in his open letter to the Springfield Republican, and declaring that if the policy recommended by him be carried out, the future success of the party is assured. It is known that this letter also meets with the approval of some of the most prominent Liberals who withdrew from the Republican party two years ago, and that upon the conditions suggested by Mr. Wilson they are willing to return again to the party fold.

Mrs. Dean, the wife of the Rev. Dr. Dean, of Blinn, has the satisfaction of knowing that her petition, signed by most of the European ladies of Blinn, praying for the abolition of the law which allows a man to marry his wife and child, is being favorably received by the young king, and that the unusual privilege will probably be taken from the Siamese gently.

DEATH OF AN EMPEROR.

Young-Chi, Emperor of China, died in the imperial palace, Peking, January 25, aged nearly 19 years. He began his reign in 1861, when he was only five years old. He was under the joint regency of the Dowager and the Empress Mother, who ruled for about twelve years with great success. Among the progressive imperial acts put forth during his administration was one decreeing that foreign ministers should be admitted into the court presence without undergoing humiliating ceremonies. His successor is a prince five years of age.

SEN. LOGAN'S SPEECH.

In his speech on the Louisiana question Senator Logan made a home thrust that greatly disturbed the Democrats, when he denominated Sheridan from Democratic Senator, Representative and newspaper, than he heard against Jeff. Davis from the same source during the entire war. The observing Northern people generally will attest the correctness of the Senator's statement. Instead of denouncing Jeff. Davis, men who were fighting against Sheridan made themselves hypocrites in shouting over Confederate heroes.

THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT.

The Swedish Parliament has passed a bill enabling women by a marriage contract to retain the possession and management of their property. The bill encountered much opposition from a large portion of the orthodox clergy, who maintained that, as Christ is the head of the church, the man is the head of the household, and equal rights between man and wife is abnormal. The king has given his sanction to the measure.

DEATH IN THE PULPIT.

Our Baltimore exchange reports the death of Rev. William B. Crowley, for many years a resident of Baltimore. He died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday, January 24, while attending services in the Methodist Baptist Church, near Hagerstown, Pa., of which he was pastor. While delivering a prayer, his voice suddenly failed, he fell prostrate, and soon died in the church.

The spirit of the opponents of the Administration's policy in Louisiana will be judged from the following, written to the New York Tribune by a correspondent, and printed in that paper: "It is the President's intent on fighting us out on this line, where one will play Brutus to the other without fall, which, by the way, would be a great blessing to the country." It is perfectly consistent for men who murder and burn down churches to be opposed to them at the North, and to want a President assassinated who interferes with their plans.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM JAMES HALL.

FRANKLIN, LAKE COUNTY, OREGON, January 11th, 1875. My Friends: Thinking that you all would like to hear from one of your country friends, I will try to inform you of my trip across the country to this place. I started from Bigelow Dec. 14th, 1874, at 3 o'clock, for Omaha, paying for my ticket \$5.10. I bought a ticket at Omaha for Portland, Oregon, for which I paid \$5.00.

From Omaha to San Francisco 210 hours; from San Francisco to Portland 82 hours—the fastest time this season from San Francisco by Ocean. I am stopping at present in the Willamette Valley, near Junction City, where the climate is just what I need. Everything is growing and beautiful. People are plowing and making preparations for sowing their wheat; they begin to sow here this month.

Wheat is selling for 50 cents per bushel; oats 50 cents; no corn. Potatoes from 25 to 40 cents per bushel. Dry goods—calico 10 to 12 cents per yard. Cotton goods, from 11 to 16 cents per yard; all other goods, as far as I am able to find out, are about the same as in Holt. Wagons are from \$150 to \$170. Harness are from \$26 to \$40. Stock: Horses are from \$75 to \$100; Cattle are from \$2.50 to \$3.00. This includes spring calves. Sheep are from \$2.50 to \$3; this includes old sheep that have good wool. Pork from \$5 to \$6; chickens per dozen \$2.50 for grown ones.

There is plenty of cheap land in this valley, and some splendid looking land. There is not very much Government land, although I have seen a few tracts, so I am told. But there is some of the finest kind of land that a man can lay down his pile and take the deed, and go to work.

All of this country is timber: Pine, fir, oak, willow, laurel and several species that I have not learned their names. There is water on almost every 100 acres of land that I've noticed. The settlers tell me that they have not had very much rain this season, and consequently their grounds are dry to plough. This valley is not level, but sloping land, very productive, and will raise everything but corn. So I am told. There is a mist falling and falls every day or night, but not enough to wet a person's coat in two or three hours. I think that a poor man can do very well in this country. Wages here are by the day on farms \$1; at saw mills \$1.50, and in the mines from \$2.50 to \$4. So I am told. There are no mines very near here. I will bid you good-by, until I learn something new. I would be glad if my friends would write to me.

JAS. H. HALL, Franklin P. O., Lane Co. Oregon.

CAUTION—MURDER. My notice a statement that I had given a great many choice peach trees with a great deal of such in the case. I have in my orchard 30 acres, 1,100 apple trees, 1,000 budded peach trees, 100 plum trees, 100 apricot trees, 100 cherry and pear trees, embracing varieties from the earliest to the latest, and although we have had very cold weather, yet I am satisfied that in the above number I have not up to this date lost a single tree with the winter. There are enough bloom buds left un-killed for a one-fourth crop of peaches.

N. F. MURPHY, fruit grower, Holt County, Mo., Feb. 9.

SATURDAY EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment at the Court House on Saturday evening was quite a success, notwithstanding the blustering cold weather. The attendance was all that could be expected, and the net receipts of the evening, we learn were in the neighborhood of \$25, and will flow into the treasury of the Oregon Woman's Union.

Messrs. H. S. Gardner and Charles Lukens, and the Misses Stella Goelin, Carrie Niece and Lida Potter, who took part in the Pilsbodey Drama, deserve great credit for the perfect manner in which they performed their parts. The singing, the reading and the tableaux were all very excellent and frequently "brought the house down." Mr. Gardner is a natural-born tragedian, and it is our candid opinion, that with a little training he could compete successfully with the best stars of the stage.

The entertainment was repeated on Wednesday night, and at both occasions the Oregon orchestra furnished the music. The orchestra consisted of Chris Kankle, with B. Flat; Dan Martin, Tub; David Foster, Violin; James Beasmont, Guitar; James Foster, Guitar.

The Connecticut Republican Convention held at New Haven nominated James Lloyd Green, of Norwich, (the Mayor who ordered a salute of 100 guns in honor of the President's course in Louisiana affairs), for Governor; Charles L. English, of New Haven, Lieutenant-Governor, and Augustus Penn, of Meriden, Secretary of State.

Philip Quigley and others, of Wilmington, Del., have contracted to build Machinery Hall, in the Centennial building at Philadelphia, for \$275,000. The annual report of Director-General Gothen states that the enterprise is moving forward encouragingly; the building will be entirely completed by February 1, 1876, and the success of the Exhibition is guaranteed without the aid of Congress, though an appropriation not exceeding \$400,000, for premiums to exhibitors, will be asked for.

The grand jury of the Cook county (Ill.) circuit court having indicted the latter of the county for selling beer to prisoners, he has been dismissed by the sheriff.

Have We a Tamany Ring in Holt County?

COURT DECISION.

An Unjust Judgment Rendered.

Correspondence of Holt County Sentinel. Mr. EDITOR: Way up here in this isolated section of the county, we sometimes get a slight lankling of the doings of our courts, and among other items was the rendering of the decision in regard to the public printing, which came off last week.

Now, they may say that it is none of our business up here, but being of an inquisitive turn of mind, and of a disposition to attend somewhat to other people's business as well as our own, (this little matter interests all us more or less,) we are going to "rise and explain," and demand an explanation from that august body, or at least that portion which constituted the majority in the above case last week.

It seems that the intention of the two Judges was to give the legal printing to the Times; but to keep from making the case too plain, they instructed the Sexton and Times to bid on the job, and we are informed, never notifying the Spy at Mound City of their intentions. Our informant, who was present at the opening of the bids, tells us that the Times figures were 75 cents per square for the first insertion, and that the Sexton's was only 45 cents. Still we suppose the court reserved the right to reject any and all bids, and chose the higher figure.

We can't see the point, without the court became of a sudden very charitable, and placed the spoils where they were most needed. Again, they may be fearful of our citizens knowing their official actions, and prefer having them published; where they will never be seen; as the Times has but few subscribers in Holt county. Most of its issue having gone up to Atchison county to the patrons of the Grangers' Advocate.

There is certainly something wrong, and our people would like to have a clear breast made of the little affair to appease their curiosity. The Sexton, whose bid was very much less than that of the Times, should certainly have been accepted, provided the Spy had had a fair show with the balance and had not been less. We believe that either the Sexton or Spy are responsible, as much so as the Times at least—and then the citizens of the county read both of them, while copies of the Times are as scarce in the county as white Republicans in Louisiana. Perhaps the two aforesaid judges have undertaken to get up a little game on the people by making them take and read their adopted organ; but they will be badly frustrated in their enterprise as in going to the Legislature a few years ago.

The aforesaid gentlemen may say that it is none of our business, but we say that it is our business, it is the business of every tax-payer and legal citizen of the county. If the County Court believe in retrenchment, let them act fairly in the matter, and not whip the Devil round the stump, to favor a charitable subject that is of no importance to us.

The majority of our people are taking two county papers, and want no more. They are good enough, responsible enough, and we do not intend that the Court shall force the circulation of another upon us, simply because they have branded upon it "the official paper of the county."

G. RANGER, CRAIG, Mo., Feb. 8th, 1875.

REMARKS BY THE EDITOR. The information upon which our correspondent bases his remarks concerning the action of the court, was, in the main, as stated in the above, only that it did not pan out in the end as intended by the majority of the court.

On Friday noon Judge Lullison came to our office and informed us that the printing of the Financial Statement would be let at the present session, and he had come to ask what our bid would be. We told him that we did not consider the Times a competent competitor, because it had not the boucde circulation, yet if we had to compete with it, we authorized him to tell the court that we would do the work for half for what it had been done heretofore, which reduced the price from a dollar (the rate established by law) to fifty cents the lack down the column.

We went up to the court room in the afternoon, and after some parley with the court, and waiting for an answer, the court told us that they had come to the conclusion to defer letting the printing until all the papers in the county could have a chance to bid, and they also gave us to understand that the bidding should be in the shape of sealed proposals. With this understanding we retired from the court room.

But scarcely had we left the court room when Judges Anderson and Van Wormer insisted on awarding the printing to the Times office at seventy cents per square! Querer way, this, of showing how to be fair to the other printing establishments in the county! After court that evening we met Judge Collins and he advised us what the court had done. We immediately wrote the court a note, stating explicitly that our bid would be 45 cents per square. On re-assembling the next morning we again went up to the court room and presented our bid in person. The order giving the printing to the Times was read in our hearing, and we remonstrated with the court that their action was hasty and unjust, both to the Sexton and the Mound City Spy. Our remonstrance made very little impression on the Hon. Court, and we retired.

In the meantime, fearing the effect that their arbitrary action might have upon the people, Judge Anderson takes our written proposition and runs up to the Times office, and with a tremendous effort of his judicial Greatness induces

MISSOURI NEWS.

There is considerable talk about the unhealthiness of the capital building in Jefferson City. Come to St. Joseph, gentlemen of the General Assembly, and hold your sessions in our four hundred thousand dollar Court House.—Morning Herald.

The credentials of General F. M. Cockrell have been presented in the U. S. Senate.

Among those industries of Missouri which are two days old, are pottery. In a short time it is claimed, war will be done on the banks of the Mississippi, as fine artistic and perfect as that produced in the factories of Europe.

Judge Buckner thinks there is no prospect of getting the Missouri war claims bill through Congress.

G. Washington Frame, the latter Addison, and nephew of his uncle, has gone to paraphrasing it for the St. Joseph Gazette. Maynard and Frame will work well together. May and Frame, as it were.—St. Louis Journal.

Gov. Hardin has commuted the sentence of Scanlan the celebrated St. Louis murderer, from hanging to imprisonment for life. He was to have been hung Feb. 24.

The people of Folk and Dallas are excited over the discovery of valuable zinc mines in those counties. Polk and Dallas always did run together in these things.

If the State of Missouri will buy the inexhaustible stone quarries of Johnson or Henry, and have the put into the hands of them, their labor will be made a source of great revenue, and the penitentiary problem be solved.—Bazoo.

The Salem Monitor is mad because it can't get the St. Louis papers until they are two days old, and crosses the railroad for it.

The cultivation of fax seed brought the industries farmers of Henry county \$20,000 last year.

Two drunken men at California, Mo., committed suicide, last week, by attempting to ride a mule.

R. F. Lakeman, Esq., of Hannibal, has for five years past paid \$17,150.82 for state, county and city taxes.

Three townships in Bates county did not hold any election on the 23rd for delegates to the Constitutional Convention, and only about 500 votes cast in the whole county.

The people of the southern portion of Bates county are agitating the question of improving the Osage river to LaCygne. A competent engineer reports that it can be made navigable that far for \$50,000.

The Neider "infamy" is up in the legislature again, just as we predicted some days ago, during the campaign. We will now see what its friends will do with it.

The People's Saving Institution of St. Louis, has failed. It is not known how much will be lost in this failure. The cashier drew some \$50,000 to pay off some debts, and has not been heard of since. It is supposed the cashier is hunting Gams, the defuncting public administrator, who lately so mysteriously disappeared from St. Louis, and his whereabouts none of us know.

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