





FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1877.

RAILROAD LAND GRANTS.

As the nation has dealt liberally with the Northern Pacific Railroad, so should this company deal liberally with the people of Puget Sound.

The idea that lands as far down as Jefferson county should still be withheld from settlement in behalf of a scheme, the promoters of which admit its futility, is an outrage on all decency, and when these men strive to obtain these lands in behalf of a private coal road or ask that they be withdrawn for a further term of years they cannot fail to rouse a spirit of indignation in the breast of every man who has the welfare of Puget Sound at heart.

The people of Washington Territory want Railroad communication, especially such a connection with the Eastern States. To this end they readily submitted when millions of acres of their finest land were given to this company.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

A very large amount of business was transacted at this session of the County Commissioners' Court. The action of the Board in regard to license we deem worthy of comment and commendation.

Some of our people on the other side of the Sound are becoming so used to the defenseless state of the British possessions in case of a declaration of war between England and Russia.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON TERRITORY, U. S.

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 14, 1877.

Board met at 1 o'clock p. m. Present—O. F. Gerrish, Gen. W. Haven, and Wm. Hobbes.

The following persons presented applications to the board for retail license to sell spirituous, malt and fermented liquors, viz:

Wm. H. Newton, James B. Smith, E. N. Rice, W. S. Seavey, Alexander Bain, Henry S. Sutton, C. F. Clapp, R. D. Attridge, J. G. Sterning, John E. Pugh, Dodd & Pugh, William Korier and John H. Woodly, who having proved to the satisfaction of the board that they were men of good moral character.

It was ordered by the board that licenses issue to said applicants on paying to the county treasurer each at the rate of \$300 per annum, and filing a bond in the sum of \$1000, to be approved by the County Commissioner, that they will keep a quiet, peaceable and orderly houses when such licenses are used.

The following persons presented applications to the board for licenses to sell lager beer in Jefferson county, viz: James Delgado, Charles Eisenbeis, Torkel Torjusen, C. L. Schur and August Moll, which were granted. Bonds set at \$1000. Rate of license \$100 per annum, excepting August Moll, of Port Discovery precinct, whose rate of license was set at \$50 per annum.

Wholesale license were granted to C. C. Bartlett, O. F. Gerrish, D. C. H. B. Boshild, Waterman & Katz and Hunt & Learned to sell spirituous liquors and wine in greater quantities than one gallon. Rate of license, \$25 per annum.

License to keep billiard saloons were granted to J. G. Sterning, W. H. Newton, Dodd & Pugh, James B. Smith, Louis Sohr and James Delgado. Rate of license \$15 per annum for one table and \$10 for each additional table.

ROADS.

T. M. Hammond, supervisor of road district No. 1, presented his account, which was found correct and approved.

George Cooper, supervisor of road district No. 2, and John H. Woodly, district No. 3, having presented their accounts, the same were examined and approved.

Ordered by the board that Henry Webber be appointed supervisor of road district No. 2, and John H. Woodly of district No. 3.

A petition signed by H. E. Morgan, J. L. Butler and 12 other, asking for an alteration or re-location of a part of the road to Point Wilson from Port Townsend road. Petition read, placed on file and notice of petition being presented, being satisfactory to the board, John L. Butler, F. H. Whelan and Wm. M. Haven were appointed viewers, and H. E. Morgan surveyor, for the purpose of viewing out, surveying and re-locating a part of said road, as prayed for in the petition. And Monday, May 12th, was set as the day for said viewers and surveyors to meet for the above purpose.

Ordered by the board that B. F. Miller, sheriff of Jefferson county is required to execute a new official bond in the sum of \$3000, and that C. C. Bartlett, treasurer, execute a new official bond, and the amount is fixed at \$12000, and that J. A. Kuhn, Judge of Probate, execute a new official bond in the sum of \$2000; and that R. R. Carr, constable of Port Townsend precinct, execute a new official bond.

The following bills against the county were approved and ordered paid out of funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:

Table listing various bills and amounts: B. S. Miller, making Auditor's seal, \$10.00; B. S. Miller, sheriff fees and per diem, 21.60; Estate of E. S. Fowler, dec'd, 18.00; T. T. Minor, maintenance of poor to April 30, 1877, 393.00; Chas. Philbrick, printing poll tax receipts, 3.50; John Lomaster, burying John Harris, 5.00; Waterman & Katz, clothing for paupers, 3.75; Charles Philbrick, printing Feb. term of the board, 10.00; Allen Weir, printing notice meeting of the board, 1.50; C. M. Bradshaw, attorney in case of W. Creswell vs Jefferson county, 25.00; Jas. Carr, arresting and holding prisoner, 2.20; James Seavey, auditors fees Qr to April 30, 1877, 38.00; N. D. Hill, medicines furnished E. D. Smith, 3.75.

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LOCAL NEWS.

MARRIED.—In East Oakland, Cal., May 12, by Rev. James Ellis, D. D., Rev. John R. K... Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, W. T., and Miss Church, Fort... eldest daughter of J. B. K... of East Oakland, Cal. During a residence of nearly five years in this town, Mr. R... has made many friends... We join with them in wishing the happy pair all the joys of wedded life.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—A few hours too late for insertion in our last issue, we received an announcement of the sad intelligence that two children on Orcas Island, one aged about 7 years and the other three, entered a building in which was kept some gunpowder, and either one lighting a match and setting fire to the powder, the explosion of which went away one side of the room, and caused the death of both unfortunates. One of the Orcas Lime Works, we believe, and the names of the relatives were Thomas and George, sons of Geo. Phillips, a cooper at the Lime Works.

THE renowned Alleghenians visited our town this week, and performed two nights to large audiences. In communicating upon them, we can only say that they combine the highest grade of education with the most refined and commendable character. May they always meet with the success and liberal patronage they so richly deserve. We found in Mr. D. G. Waldron, the gentlemanly manager, an old member of the "trapezoid," and a man we would wish success everywhere.

FOR the benefit of our subscribing patrons, we are pleased to announce that we will be able next week to commence the publication of the current market reports, which intelligence we expect to continue furnishing weekly to our readers from that time on. No labor or expense will be spared to make the ARGUS the most valuable paper on Puget Sound.

A WANDERING menagerie could hardly have drawn together a larger crowd than did a young bear being up before the hotel last Sunday morning. Bruin had unfortunately obstructed the passage of a sportsman's bullet near Mr. F. Winslow's place, between this town and Port Discovery bay.

A PRIVATE letter from Swedholm states that farmers are still busy in this section, planting crops. Some of them will be planting for a month yet. Mr. L. J. Andrews has moved his family and goods to the town of La Couver.

BY a private letter news comes to us of the probability of trouble with the Indians in Wallawa valley. Some of them will be planting for a month yet. Mr. L. J. Andrews has moved his family and goods to the town of La Couver.

LAST night we were much pleased to note the arrival, and otherwise improved appearance of the Olympia steamer, Mr. J. M. Murphy, the proprietor, is a thorough business man.

SOME light-fingered genius in the lumber part of town, appropriated a few dollars in money, a day or two ago, while the owner's back was turned.

CAPT. SKYMOCK, late of the steamer Mastek, has been charged of the bark Antlock, and will go to Burrard Inlet to float lumber for Shanghai.

BORN.—In Port Townsend, on the 16th inst., to the wife of C. F. Clark, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, a daughter. Our congratulations are tendered.

THE steamer tug Mastek towed a boom of near 50,000 feet of logs from the Shobushin river, to Port Discovery this week.

NEXT week we will be furnished for publication the remainder of the proceedings of the Commissioners court.

REV. Mr. Davis will preach in the Episcopal church on Sunday, morning and evening.

WE acknowledge as all this week from Mr. D. A. Miller, agent for the Portland "Bee."

WE were positively unable to furnish our readers with telegraphic news this week.

BY STEAMER DAKOTA.

Passengers for Port Townsend.—H. McDonald, M. Hutton, W. J. Adams, J. R. McArthur, E. Donohue, H. Donohue, J. Miller, Geo. Thompson, and 7, in the steamer.

For Seattle.—Mrs S. Anderson, Mrs L. L. Cooper and child, D. Bagley, D. Heaves and family, J. E. Trumphy and 48 in steamer.

For Tacoma.—E. Sellers, B. Fallows, W. W. Durce, and 12 in steamer.

For Olympia.—Miss F. Clark, and 12 in steamer.

For Portland.—T. Dayton, R. F. Hall, W. Olney, J. O. Mallory, Jr., and 5 in steamer.

Freight for Port Townsend.—Waterman & Katz, 35 pkgs; C. C. Bartlett, 13; Hunt & Leach, 4; O. G. Gerrish, 11; Rothchild & Co., 24; O. Ebenfeld, 32; Etker ranch, 3; H. A. Webster, 6; James Jones, 13; Argus, 1; F. J. & Co., 2; L. M. Sterns, 1.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM SAN JUAN ISLAND.

MAY 12, 1877. It was with no slight anticipation of a pleasant trip to this sunny spot that we left home yesterday morning, taking passage in the neat and commodious little propeller Dispatch, the captain of which bears the name of Munroe and the reputation of being a pleasant and accommodating gentleman, which character we found fully sustained by our association with him. Having met on the steamer, in accordance with the guidance of "Lucky stars," Mr. J. McCurdy, the general proprietor of the San Juan Line Works, also his estimable wife, and having accepted from them a cordial invitation to visit their section of country and share their hospitality, we accordingly joined their company.

THE ISLAND

is about 18 miles long by 7 wide, or an average width of perhaps 4 1/2 miles. Its population numbers about 550. The number of actual settlers or land owners figures somewhere between 90 and 100. There are three school districts, two of which boast of flourishing country schools, having in all about 60 pupils. Perhaps one-quarter of the land may be utilized for agricultural purposes, the remainder being partly dry fir ridges and partly bold, barren rocks, especially the north west portion, which rises to the hills of 300 feet or more above the sea level. Nearing this part, where the Lime Works are located, the afternoon being pleasant and a bright sun shining down through a clear atmosphere, our eyes were greeted with a scene at once pleasant because so varied. Those rugged, brown and partially bare boulders rising abruptly from the water's edge, and covered here and there with scattered stunted trees and shrubs, seemed to partake of the air of ancient rock-bound castles so often pictured in the historic lore of the old world.

THE LIME KILN

is situated on a side hill composed of solid, gray and brown stone. The rock, which is manufactured into lime is contained in a ledge about 150 feet across and extending several hundred yards back; the quarry where great pieces of stone are blown off and broken up with blasting powder being in front. The kiln is a square pyramid constructed of massive stone masonry; is about 18 feet across each side at the base; is something over 20 feet high, and contains a vertical cavity about six feet in diameter. In this a fire is kept going constantly, consuming about 4 cords every 24 hours. The quarry is about 80 feet above the salt water; and the kiln, being situated below it, receives the fine broken pieces of rock at its top through a chute. Here are turned out, labelled ready for market, about 70 barrels per day of the finest quality of lime in the world. From 15 to 20 men are kept in employment to carry on the business; and the expenses are estimated at nearly \$1200 per month. For pluck, experience and genuine business capacity, Mr. McCurdy takes rank among the foremost men in our country, and if there were only more of the same kind the resources of Puget Sound would soon be developed to an extent worthy of their value. With his aid and that of his pleasant foreman, Mr. Scott, we were enabled to "do up" the enterprise in a short time. The process of making the barrels was witnessed with no little interest. Several coopers are employed. Strong, light, durable barrels are made from cedar staves and young fir hoops. These are taken to a shed just below the kiln, where they are filled, headed up, and sent down on an ingeniously constructed double railway track to the warehouse which is situated just above the wharf, and which will hold about 1,500 barrels. Here the proprietor showed us what he called "an affecting sight"—a great many barrels in tiers; whereupon we remarked that it was a kind of paradox, since they were so dry. Mr. McCurdy also keeps a store in the lower part of the building occupied by himself and family.

This morning, mine host being kind enough to lend his horse, we started off at about 7:30 for the purpose of making a tour of the island and chasing unfortunates prospective subscribers into fence-corners in order to make them surrender. By galloping around at a lively rate, climbing fences and "footing it" across fields all day, we managed to meet and form the acquaintance of a great many honest tillers of the soil; also, by way of diversion, to secure

some 14 subscribers to the ARGUS. Among the places visited were those of Mr. H. Douglas, late Representative; Mr. Douglas, a very enterprising farmer, at whose house we were kindly entertained during the dinner hour; also the residence of Rev. J. T. Weekes, and others whom we might mention did space permit. Our journey was closed for the day when we arrived at the store of Mr. I. Katz who is doing a flourishing business. The citizens here are quiet, hospitable, pleasant people; this fact, however, is not so remarkable considering that their good soil, luxuriant crops, and dry, healthy climate is enough to make a desirable habitation for man, of any part of the earth. Some inconvenience has been experienced here on account of the survey, and consequent location of farms, not being consummated until after the decision of the United States. Not a few of the claims are still involved in litigation; yet after all the place is in a prosperous condition, and a bright future is foretold. Vacant land still awaits the woodsman's ax and the husbandman's plow; and in due season, under the transforming influence of the hand of Art, rises "Isle of the Sea," will no doubt "blossom as the rose."

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