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THE VOTES OF THE LADIES.—Mrs. A. J. Dunnaway, Mrs. E. F. Hendee, Mrs. M. A. Lambert and Mrs. Beatty (colored) repaired yesterday to the Morrison Precinct polls, accompanied by the husbands of the first two, to deposit their ballots. Everything was quiet and orderly, and the ladies entered the booth with a determined but modest demeanor that evidently meant business. Mrs. Dunnaway walked up to the stand with a Republican ticket in her fingers, which she tendered to Judge Mayer who looking up, quietly said: "Mrs. Dunnaway, where do you reside?"

Mrs. D., in a calm, measured tone, "In Portland, Oregon."

Mr. M.—"In what precinct?"

Mrs. D.—"That matters not, sir. We are not limited to particular precincts when voting for United States officers."

Mr. M.—"Ahem! Have you tried to vote at any other precinct?"

Mrs. D.—"No, sir. We were told that the most gentlemanly judges in the city were in this precinct; so we came here."

Mr. M. (taking off his hat.)—"Thank you, ladies. I shall be glad when the time comes that the ladies' right to vote is everywhere acknowledged; but, at present, if we receive your vote it must be under protest."

Mrs. D.—"Why under protest? I am a peaceable law-abiding citizen of this Republic. I pay taxes, own lands and possess other immunities and responsibilities of citizenship, and I am here to deposit my ballot as a duty I owe to the commonwealth."

Mr. M.—"Are you of lawful age, Mrs. Dunnaway?"

"I suppose so, sir; I have raised a half dozen voters and worked out my state of 'previous condition of servitude.'"

Judge Failing—"I see no law requiring me to receive your vote, madam."

Mrs. D.—"There is no law prohibiting your doing so. I have read the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and come here under those instruments to claim the equal protection of the laws."

Mr. F.—"The statute says that women, if heads of families, may vote at school meetings."

Mrs. D.—"This is not a school meeting, and if it were, I shouldn't want to kill my husband to get to vote."

Mr. F.—"Do you believe I ought to receive your votes under protest?"

Mrs. D.—"I know you ought not to protest, sir."

Mr. F.—"But that does not answer the question. We don't differ on this principle as much as you may suppose, but as I am sworn to obey the laws, and can find no law instructing me to receive your vote, I must decline it. Again, I ask, do you believe I ought to receive your vote under protest?"

Mrs. D.—"I do not, sir; because I deny your right to protest. Hundreds of women wanted to come with me to-day, and they are anxiously awaiting the result of this attempt. They said that you would snub our votes, and you have; but, gentlemen, we thank you for the courtesy with which you receive us personally, and we assure you the day is not far distant when you will treat us just as well as you to-day treat our colored brethren."

The clerk took the names of the ladies in a separate "register," and they filed smilingly out and passed down the street amid the congratulations of their friends, Mrs. Dunnaway quietly remarking that "she felt sorry for the judges; they evidently were ashamed of the laws they felt compelled to obey."

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.—Major Robert will start for San Francisco the last part of the present week to attend a meeting of the Board of Engineers for the Pacific Coast, of which he is an honored member. This meeting of the Board has been called for the express purpose of examining the plans, specifications, etc., of the Portland bridge. The Secretary of War designated this Board as the proper body before which the matter ought to be brought. The plans will be inspected, their feasibility and practicability discussed, and the results of the examination, whether adverse or favorable, will be communicated to the Secretary, which official will in a great degree be controlled by the report of the Board of Engineers in his approval or rejection of the plans. Major Robert requests any or all persons who may have objections to interpose as to location of the bridge or its being constructed at all, to call and see him at his office and express their individual or collective opinions before his departure.

MR. VINSON'S BENEVOLENCE.—Next Friday evening that old popular actor with this public, Mr. Jas. H. Vinson, will take a benefit at Oro Fino Theater. Of the artistic qualities of this veteran of the boards, it is entirely unnecessary for us to speak. All theater-goers cannot but heartily endorse the statement that a better or more thorough actor has never appeared before this public in his peculiar line. That old favorite and sterling play, "Grimaldi," will be produced expressly for that occasion. The title will be assumed by the beneficiary. Those who have seen Mr. Vinson under the difficult character "Grimaldi," will agree with us when we say that there are the fewest number of actors anywhere, who can act the old French Soldier—one of Napoleon's Legion—as well as Mr. Vinson, and we hazard the assertion, that there are none who can surpass him in that role. He is *par excellence*. No urging at our hands is necessary to crowd Oro Fino Theater to its capacity on Friday evening.

DANGEROUS RIDER.—A small boy rode a horse down to the foot of Stark street yesterday, where the end of the plank roadway extends into the river. When the animal came to the jumping-off place, it declined to go any further, but being urged forward, was in the act of leaping into the river, when several gentlemen perceiving the danger, shouted to the lad to hold in his horse. This he did, when on the very brink, and thus narrowly escaped. The boy did not suppose the water was deep at that point, and imagined it would be an innocent sport to ride into the river. But if the horse had trusted itself to the water, footing would not have been found much short of ten or twelve feet. The first step would have landed the young equestrian headfirst into the river, and the consequences might have been more serious than ludicrous.

UP THE COLUMBIA.—Major Robert and Capt. West returned a few days ago, from an official tour to the Upper Columbia. The object of the visit was to examine the points along at the different places where natural obstructions to the channel exist, and lay out work for the contractor, Mr. J. B. Montgomery. That gentleman is making speedy arrangements to commence work at once. Operations will be commenced at Umatilla Rapids, Devil's Bend and John Day's Rock simultaneously. Under the contract, a certain portion of the work is to be completed by the first of January, and all the work embraced in the contract to be finished by the first of next April.

TO THE MERCHANTS.—We take this method of cautioning the public against certain parties who are circulating the report that L. Samuel will not issue a directory. We can assure our readers that on the 1st of January, 1873, Samuel's Illustrated Directory will be ready for delivery. It will be superior in every respect to any publication of the kind ever attempted here; and he charges \$2 50 less for advertising than others do for the same amount of space in an inferior publication. Don't be imposed upon by cheap gotten up affairs because their prices are higher, but patronize the best—Samuel's Directory of Portland and East Portland.

QUIET.—The election yesterday, considering the great and important interests at stake, passed off with scarcely a ripple. Men went up quietly, deposited their ballots, and resumed their various avocations. So quiet and orderly was everything conducted, that one would not suppose that the Presidential election was being held in the city, if he were not in the immediate vicinity of the polls, except that it was the 5th of the month. There was an entire absence of drunkenness, loud conversation, or disorderly conduct, which so frequently disgrace our local elections. There was no quarreling, and so far as we have been able to learn, not a single fight occurred during the day.

FIRST STEAMER THROUGH.—The recent rains have produced a decided effect on the stage of water in the Tualatin river. It has been constantly on the rise for the last week. A few days more of rain will have sufficiently swollen the stream to enable the steamer owned by the Tualatin Canal Company to float through the Canal, from the river to Oswego Lake, with ease and safety. Arrangements are being made by the Company to avail themselves of the first opportunity. The event will be celebrated by the citizens of Oswego in an appropriate manner.

UNREPAIRING REMAINS.—Necessary repairs are being made to the lighthouse stations at Point Dangeress, Edix Hook, and Tatocosh Island, under the superintendence of J. T. Robert, who is now visiting those points.

READY TO LAUNCH.—The hull of the new dredger has been nearly finished, and will be ready to launch in a few days. One of the scows has already been completed, and the frame for the keel of the second laid. The boiler and engine to be used on the new dredger have been completed at the Willamette Iron Works and will be ready to place on the new craft in the course of a few weeks. The machinery which is to come from the East has not been shipped from New York yet.

TO THE FORWARD.—The steamer *Dixie Thompson* took on board 75 tons of flour yesterday afternoon for the bark *Forward*, which is now down the river at Rainier. In addition, the barge *Nex Perce's Chief* was towed by the same steamer, having on board 200 Chinamen and their baggage. The *Forward*, after receiving the passengers and flour, will be ready to sail for her destination.

NEARLY FINISHED.—Work on the new lighthouse at Cape Moulweather is being prosecuted with all the vigor possible. The keeper's house has been completed several weeks ago by Chas. F. Brown, under contract, and the lighthouse is expected to be finished by the last of the present month.

MEET AGAIN.—The Board of Delegates of Portland Fire Department, will meet again this evening to further consider the charges against certain members of Engine Co., No. 4, which investigation has been before the Board some time.

NEARLY THROUGH.—The old dredger is still at work at Swan Island. She has nearly completed the work through to the seventeen-feet cut on the upper side of the Swan Island Bar.

ARRIVED.—The bark *Webfoot* arrived yesterday evening from Astoria in tow of one of the tugs. She came from San Francisco with a large assorted cargo.

READY TO SAIL.—The ship *Siam* having completed her cargo of wheat, is now lying at Astoria ready to cross the bar as soon as the weather will allow.

TO DECIDE.—The motion for a new trial in the case of United States vs Frank Thompkins and others, will be decided to day by Judge Deady.

ARRIVED.—The steamship *John L. Stephens* arrived at port last evening from San Francisco. She brought a large passenger and freight list.

GONE TO SEA.—The bark *Loch Dee* went to sea last Friday, destined for Liverpool with a cargo of wheat.

SEEN OFF.—A vessel was seen off the bar yesterday. This craft is, no doubt, the *Norwood*.