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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ALMOST AN ACCIDENT.—The Roseburg *Platender* relates the following: On the 9th inst., the locomotive of the construction train with a box car containing nine passengers left the end of the track for Eugene City. When on a trestle forty feet high in the Pass Creek Canyon the up train turned the curve immediately in front. The brakes were whistled down but a collision appeared so imminent that some of the passengers and brakemen jumped from the up train to avoid it, the height of the trestle work prevented those on the down train from doing the same. The engineers and conductors however remained at their posts and succeeded in stopping the trains with just daylight between them. To the courage and coolness of these men the passengers were indebted for their preservation from a terrible disaster.

JACKSON COUNTY.—The Democrats have nominated the following ticket: For Representatives, E. C. Mason, Henry Klippel, L. D. Wade; County Judge, John M. Black; County Commissioners, John O'Brien, Thomas Wright; Sheriff, J. S. Miller; Clerk, S. J. Day; Kasper Kubil, School Superintendent; J. B. Farley, Assessor, Wm. Gregory; County Surveyor, H. Lynch; Coroner L. T. Davis.

The *Times* says Mr. W. C. Mast, of North Carolina, arrived in town on the stage this week. He informs us that a colony of about seventy persons comprising several families, came through to Red Bluff from that State, where he left them sitting up teams. They will arrive in this county in a week or ten days, and propose to settle in our valley, if they can find suitable locations, to devote themselves to farming and stock-raising.

The *Scout* says that S. Plymale is organizing a stock company for the purpose of sinking an artesian well for the benefit of the town.

RECOVERING.—The *Dallas Mountaineer* says that Rev. Thomas Condon has so far recovered from his injuries as to be able to be out on the street.

HOMICIDE.—A. J. Campbell, of Chesham county, W. T., was shot and instantly killed, on May 9th, by Wm. Kirkland. The difficulty grew out of a dispute concerning a piece of land. Kirkland surrendered himself to the sheriff, and was lodged in jail. His statement is that Campbell overtook him on the beach about four miles below the mouth of the Hoquiam, calling to him to stop as he intended to club him. He, Kirkland, turned and told him to stop where he was, as he would shoot him. Campbell continued to advance and was shot, four bullets taking effect, three in the body, one penetrating the heart.

BARN BURNED.—One day last week the barn of William Lemon, on the Newakum, in Lewis county, Washington Territory, was burned, together with several sets of harness and a large quantity of hay. The loss is about \$900.

KILLED.—Mr. James Huntington, aged 71 years, who has lived near Monticello, W. T., for twenty years, was run over by a railroad train and killed, on the morning of May 16th. He had been out milking, and was returning across the track when he was struck by the train.

RANDOLPH MINES.—The Roseburg *Platender* says that S. R. Lane has gone to San Francisco for the purpose of securing improved machinery for

working their black sand claim. Although the mines are yielding largely the greater portion of the gold is lost by the present method of sifting the gold which we believe is the same that was in use ten years.

POLK COUNTY.—The *Dallas Republican* says that Mr. David Guthrie has thirteen head of fine imported Cotswold and Leicester sheep. He has also some pure blooded Chester White pigs. Mr. G., in common with many other leading farmers, is taking great pains to improve stock of all kinds.

Major Magone passed through town last Saturday with twenty-eight head of blooded cows and calves, mostly Durham, the property of S. G. Reed, and destined for his farm in Yamhill county. They were purchased in the King's valley, and are said to be the best that could be found in the State.

From J. W. Meldrum, who is surveying the Grand Ronde Indian Agency, we learn that the line run from the Agency due west to the coast reaches the ocean about two and a half miles north of the mouth of Salmon river. The work of sub-dividing the Reservation is to be pushed forward to completion.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—The Washington County Agricultural Society, has chosen officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, W. G. Scoggin; Secretary, L. Patterson; Treasurer, James Imbrie; Directors, W. G. Scoggin, James Imbrie, Jerome Porter, Robert Imbrie, Samuel Stott, Ulysses Jackson, Benjamin Stewart, Leonidas Patterson and G. M. Raymond.

N. P. R. R.—That portion of the Northern Pacific Railroad nearest Olympia is progressing at a rate very satisfactory. Mr. Hallett, the contractor, has now a force of 275 white men and 200 Chinamen. The end of his thirty-mile section near Olympia is about one mile and a quarter from Hodgden's station. He has graded and piled and entirely fitted the road bed for a distance of eight miles.

A METEOR.—A *Herold* correspondent, writing from Grant county, says that a remarkable meteor was observed at Canyon City on the night of May 2. Its nucleus was of wonderful magnitude and brilliancy, and illuminated the whole southern heavens. Its progress was very slow.

LEG BROKEN.—The *Baker City Democrat*, May 15th, says: Some days ago Daniel Hawksworth, a miner at work in the Eagle Creek mines, fell a distance of twenty-two feet, in a shaft, and broke his right leg. Dr. Atwood was called; and at last accounts the sufferer was slowly recovering.

COVALLIS.—Since the late destructive fire at Covallis the people there are making efforts to have a fire engine.

During the progress of the fire, B. F. Purdon was run over and badly hurt.

Within a few days Rev. J. Wesley Miller, who, but a few months since, came to Oregon, lost his wife and eldest daughter by sickness.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING.—The *Oregonian* gives the particulars of a suicide committed on Tuesday last, a short distance above Vancouver. At the last term of the Circuit Court for Union county, a man named Edward Simpson was found guilty of the crime of assault with intent to kill. He was sentenced by the Court to imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years. On Tuesday morning, accompanied by Sheriff Warnick, of Union county, Deputy Sheriff McDonald, and another prisoner named Dan Williams, Simpson started from the D'elles on his way to Salem. Although known to be a desperate man, it was never supposed that his desperation would lead him to contemplate self-

destruction. He was heavily ironed (with a sixteen pound Gardner's shackle around his ankle) and closely guarded. On his way down from the Cascades, and a short distance from Vancouver, Simpson desired the privilege of going down from the cabin to the deck. Sheriff Warnick, never dreaming that Simpson meditated anything wrong, allowed the request. Leaving Deputy Sheriff McDonald to guard Williams, Warnick started with Simpson. The prisoner led the way, the Sheriff following but a few feet behind. No sooner had Simpson passed from the cabin door to the side of the boat than, without the least warning or motive but apparently that of self-destruction he leaped over the railing into the water. So quickly was he leaptaken, that the Sheriff could not offer the least resistance to prevent the rash and fatal act. Simpson disappeared beneath the water as soon as he touched it, and was seen no more.

The alarm was given and the boat stopped as soon as possible, but all to no purpose. Fettered and weighed down by the shackle, no swimmer could keep himself afloat for a moment. After looking in vain for the body, the boat came on down.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—The coal company at Seattle ships to San Francisco 3,000 tons of coal per month. The water is about out of the coal mine at Bellingham Bay, and it is expected that the company will commence taking out coal in a few days.

The only child of Edward Harmon, of the Skokomish Reservation, one day last week, while playing around an open fireplace, was so badly burned that his recovery is doubtful.

Recent heavy frosts have committed sad havoc with the fruit in Yakima valley. The entire peach crop has been destroyed. Crops everywhere are looking well, but need a little more rain to secure a bountiful yield.

The Roman Catholics of Walla Walla held a meeting on the 5th of May, to organize an effective opposition to the Territorial public school law.

Mr. Robert Abrams, of Seattle, lost a valuable span of horses, a set of harness and a buggy in Cedar river, W. T., a few days ago. He was trying to cross the stream but got into deep water and barely saved his own life and that of a young lady, who was in the buggy with him.

Millmen are looking around sharply and anxiously, from Bellingham Bay to Budd's Inlet, on both sides of the Sound, for logs for their mills. Several mills are almost out, and the supply of all is running down. Saw-logs are now being, measured, and accepted and paid at the railway of the camp, five dollars per thousand feet.

DROWNED.—A Chinaman who took passage on board the steamer *Rescue*, at Columbia City, jumped overboard shortly after the boat left the wharf, and was drowned, notwithstanding the efforts of the officers of the boat, and parties on shore, who put out in boats to rescue him.

SICKER.—All the hands on the Locks at Oregon City struck on Monday last for \$5. We learn that after holding out all day, the contractors acceded to their demand.

SMALL POX.—The dailies of this place report, on the authority of Gen. Palmer, that there are six cases of small pox among the Indians on Siletz Reservation. The physician has sent to Salem for medical aid.

CONVICTS.—William A. Ryan has been sent to the penitentiary for one year for stealing a horse, and Patrick Lewis one year for burglary. Both from Douglas county.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A dispatch from Oakland, May 20, says: A young aged about 18, son of Thomas Smith who lives at the ferry at the crossing of the North Umpqua, died suddenly to-day. A post mortem examination will be held to-morrow morning.

FOR CONGRESS.—The Democrats of Idaho have nominated John Haily for Delegate to Congress.

DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The nature of the report on the supplemental article indicates that the President will be advised to negotiate a treaty in a less objectionable form than that originally submitted.

The House will be prepared to adjourn June 3d, but the Senate business is not so far advanced, the Senate having yet to act on the Tariff and other important measures, including the additional article to the Treaty of Washington. The last named measure, it is supposed, will give rise to several discussions.

DETROIT, May 19.—A fire at Flint yesterday, destroyed \$150,000 worth of property, including Roosevelt & Son's livery stables, together with twenty-one horses, the Irving House, Warren's Block, Gibson & Edson's livery stables, and a number of law and other offices.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Specials dated yesterday that in Pike county, Pa. a fire covering territory seven miles in extent is sweeping over some of the best land in that section. Twelve large steam saw mills and many dwelling houses are destroyed. Dozens of families were compelled to flee for their lives. A quarter of a million will not pay the losses.

The lumber villages of Carter and Gould, Pennsylvania, are almost totally destroyed, only three houses remaining. Two places in Sussex county, New Jersey; Sullivan, Delaware and Monroe counties, New York, are still being swept by the fiercest fires. The losses are estimated to reach into millions. Quite heavy rains have fallen throughout this section and have extinguished the fires in the vicinity of Hudson.

SCRANTON, (Pa.) May 19.—Heavy rains have put out the mountain fires in this section and afforded vegetation much needed relief.

LExINGTON, May 19.—The track yesterday was very muddy at the time of the three mile dash. The race was consequently slow. Longfellow won. Time, 61.

NEW YORK, May 20.—Wood carvers, cabinet makers and upholsters have resolved to strike for the eight hour system.

Henry Ward Beecher, preached last night on labor strikes. In the course of his sermon he said, in this unanimous rising of laboring classes he recognized one of the most promising signs of the times. He compared the capitalists to the herd of swine into which unclean spirits entered, and said he considered the strikers' demands perfectly right and reasonable. He was in entire sympathy with the movement.

MEMPHIS, May 20.—Four children were burned to death in this city on Saturday last by an explosion of coal oil, with which the eldest was kindling a fire.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Prohibitory bill was signed by the President, and contains the following sections, as offered by Senator Corbett: All persons born in the district of country formerly known as the Territory of Oregon, and at this time subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, are citizens of the United States in the same manner as if born elsewhere in the United States of America.

Mr. Cox offered a resolution requesting the President to join with the Italian Government in a protest against interference with and cruelty practiced upon the Jews of Roumania. The resolution was adopted.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The strike among various trade organizations for the enforcement of the eight-hour law is virtually over, and a complete success.

Over ten thousand immigrants arrived at Castle Garden yesterday—the largest number landed in one day since the establishment of the institution.

NEW YORK, May 21.—At the Methodist Conference this forenoon on the first ballot for the election of Bishops the choice was W. L. Harris and R. R. Foster of New York, and Thomas Boreman of Indiana. Four hundred and eighty-eight votes were cast; 295 were necessary to a choice. The above three were the only ones who received a majority. On the second ballot J. H. Wiley and S. M. Merrill were elected.

Peck recovered \$8,000 from the Central railroad for being put off a palace car for refusing to pay extra fare, when the ordinary cars of the train were full.

WASHINGTON.—The President this evening signed the House Amnesty bill passed by the Senate this morning. The exceptions provided for in this bill, it is supposed, cover less than two hundred cases, including Jeff Davis and J. C. Breckinridge.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, May 19.—At a banquet last night the Solicitor General expressed the opinion that the meeting of the Geneva Board of Arbitrators, the obstacles to which he hoped were in a fair way to be overcome, would inaugurate a new era in the settlement of disputes between nations.

BERLIN, May 20.—The Imperial Army Band, by consent of Emperor William, will shortly come to America to take part in the World's Peace Jubilee at Boston.

MADRID, May 21.—A later dispatch from Biscay reports that the Carlists organization in that province is completely annihilated. Five thousand insurgents surrendered on Sunday last, and order is restored throughout the province.

PARIS, May 21.—Charles Francis Adams, American member of the Geneva Tribunal, left here for Geneva to-day.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A London special says the English papers continue to discuss the Treaty of Washington with undiminished interest. The editorials are generally inspired by a desire to prevent the failure of the arbitration and save the treaty.

An article in the *Pull Mall Gazette* says the whole drift of the feeling in England justifies it in saying that the worst thing to do with the treaty is to save it. Saving the treaty means offense and humiliation to America or England, or both. It means a renewal, not abatement, of the ill feeling it was intended to allay.

DREADEFUL MASSACRE.—A dispatch from Washington, May 17, says the War Department has received the details of a massacre by Indians, Mexicans and negroes, of seventeen persons, including two women and a child, who were accompanying a train loaded with United States commissary stores, on the way from San Antonio to Fort Stockton, Texas, and the plundering of the train. The details of the butchery show it to have been one of the most horrible in the annals of Indian atrocities. The poor victims of these incarnate fiends were tied to the wagons and burned alive, and when Colonel Merrill, commanding the Ninth Cavalry, arrived at the scene, blackened corpses was all that was left. It is not certain but that the women were carried off as prisoners. General Arague expresses the opinion that the Indians came from New Mexico, and the belief is sustained by the fact that deserters from negro regiments accompanied them, such desertions universally escaping into Mexico.

ROUTE OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.—Intelligence from Washington state that the official charts for the location of the Northern Pacific Railroad through Dacotah and Montana have just been filed. The line noted on the charts may be designated as follows:

Crossing the Red river of the North at Fargo, just above the mouth of Big Cheyenne river; thence nearly due west, to the crossing of the Missouri river, at the mouth of Heart river, west, to the crossing of the Yellowstone, at or near the mouth of Powder river; thence up through Bozeman Pass; thence past the site of Hamilton, on up the valley of Jefferson and Madison rivers, through Big Hole or Deer Lodge Pass, down Deer Lodge and Hell Gate rivers, to the mouth of Big Blackfoot river, thence straight across to and down the Socko and Flathead rivers to Cœur d'Alene lake.