

Teacher Engaged.

Miss Ollie Chamberlain, one of Salem's most excellent musicians, has been engaged as teacher of music for the Blue Mountain University at La Grande.

Being Repaired.

The handsome tug Edith was hauled in below Pacific dock yesterday and is having her hull and decking caulked and otherwise overhauled.

Fiends in Trouble.

The opium fiends of Oregon City do not dwell together in unity. A few days since they got into trouble over a pipe and indulged in a general fight, breaking up the pipe, fixtures and what few articles of furniture there was in the joint.

A Collision.

Yesterday as the locomotive from the car shops came down to take out the 4 o'clock train, and was passing the yard engine down by the switch, they collided. Johnny Brandt was on the locomotive going north, and Billy Sally on the yard engine, both of whom are careful engineers, and by what error the accident happened we are at a loss to know.

Receipt of Wheat.

Kinney Bros., of the Salem flouring mills, have since harvest received 260,000 bushels of wheat, which amount will probably be increased before the season closes to 300,000 bushels, an excess of 100,000 bushels over the receipts of any former year.

The Independence Robbers.

The Independence robbers who were captured at New Era on Wednesday, were taken over to Independence yesterday and had a hearing before the Justice of the Peace. They were bound over in the sum of \$2,500 each, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

A Forger.

Yesterday, Abel Laughridge was arrested in this city on a telegram from Salem. In the evening Marshal Minto arrived in the city, and from him we learn that Abel forged two small checks on Mr. Graves, signing the name of a woman named Hattie Dorris.

Still Progressing.

The track on the West Side road has been laid two and a half miles beyond Independence, as far as the iron would reach. The grading has been completed to Corvallis, except one or two embankments.

Being Investigated.

The case of the Chinawoman who was shot by Wang Fook, while attempting to escape from a den of infamy, is on trial to-day in Justice Davis' Court. From what we learn the case has several dark features and we leave them to law and justice to punish as they deserve.

Effect of Mountain Air.

A young lady from one of our valley towns, disappointed in love last spring, pined and pined to a shadow, and to save the necessity of ordering of a pine coffin, her friends sent her to Hood River.

Poultry Association.

We have received a pamphlet copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Oregon State Poultry and Pet Stock Association. The pamphlet also contains the premium list and rules for the first annual exhibition to be held at Portland from Dec. 8th to 12th inclusive, 1879.

Farmers Complaining.

The farmers on the Upper Chehalis have gathered in an abundant harvest and now have it in their granaries, where it is likely to remain, as they have no means of transporting it to market.

Regular Tour.

The grand jury yesterday visited the poor house and found the place in a condition that reflects great credit on the present superintendent. An abundance of vegetables has been raised during the past season which will be more than sufficient to meet the present demand.

A Forger Arrested.

This morning Capt. Kelly received a telegram from Marshal Minto of Salem, asking him to arrest a man named Abel Laughridge, charged with forgery.

Annual Meeting.

The Board of Managers of the State Agricultural Society will hold their annual meeting at Salem, commencing Tuesday Dec. 2, 1879. At this meeting the time will be decided upon for holding the annual fair of 1880, and the list of premiums for the same will be arranged.

The Farmers.

The present fall has been one of the most favorable to the farmers that they have had for several years, and they have fully improved it by sowing much grain. The acreage sown is said to be much larger than last season.

Oswego Iron Works.

This important industry in the products of our State is at present closed down on account of running out of water, the lake which is three miles long and fed by an old ditch having run dry.

A Terrible Encounter.

We were shown yesterday some tusks taken from a very large panther killed by Mr. Caples, about four miles from the Grove, says the Hillsboro Independent. The tusks were 2 1/2 inches in length, and the best measured when killed, 9 feet from tip to tip.

Woary of Life.

About 12 o'clock last night a great excitement was created in the vicinity of Mr. Morgan's house, on Clay street, near Third, by his wife attempting to destroy herself by hanging.

Went Ashore.

The schooner Lottie Goes Ashore on Point Hudson.

A telegram from Port Townsend last evening says: The pilot schooner Lottie, purchased yesterday by H. Landes, while coming from Neah Bay last night ran ashore on Point Hudson, near this city.

Heavy Trains.

The trains which daily pass up and down Fourth street are heavily laden. The incoming ones bring grain while the outgoing ones carry freight and building material for bridges and offices.

Navigation Suspended.

On Monday last the steamer Spokane went up the Snake river to Lewiston with three or four passengers and three tons of freight. She took on board about 40 tons of freight but discharged the most of it at Almota.

Narrow Escape.

This morning while a countryman was driving along L street, East Portland, one of his horses stepped through one of the many holes in the plank roadway, throwing him to the street.

Large Contract.

The Oregon Steam Navigation Co. recently entered into contract with Honeyman & Co. to furnish the entire machinery for a new steambot to be built on the Upper Columbia in the Spring and also for a large boiler to be placed in the Mountain Queen, which will give her almost one-third more power.

Elopement.

The Roseburg Star tells of an elopement of an ex-convict named Charles Jones, with a young girl scarcely fifteen years old, daughter of a Mr. Benham, of Camas valley, Douglas county.

Still Missing.

The man McDonald who was sent to the Insane Asylum some five weeks ago, where he remained but two weeks, after which he worked on the railroad two weeks and disappeared without drawing his pay, is still missing.

Accidentally Killed.

The following dispatch from Gardiner, Coos county, last evening, under date of Wednesday, says: A young man named Reddick, whose parents live at the Klaskanine settlement, on the Columbia, was struck by a falling tree yesterday, crushing his shoulder and side and breaking his thigh.

Saloon Fire Department.

At the regular meeting of Capital Engine Company No. 1, held on Thursday evening, this week, says the Statesman, the building committee was authorized to make arrangements for the furnishing of the hall in the new engine house, and also to confer with the City Council and the other fire companies in relation to furnishing the hall.

Shot His Sister.

Yesterday morning, while Eddie Manchester and his little sister Anna were eating breakfast at their home on Railroad street, says the Tacoma Herald, the former was handling a revolver, which he accidentally discharged, the bullet taking effect in the head of his unfortunate companion, the ball entering at the center of the nose a shade below the eyes, ranging a little upward, lodging near the junction of the skull and vertebra.

Killed by a Friend.

Newton Claiborne Mistaken for a Deer is Shot and Killed.

Full many a time and oft we have been called upon to chronicle the death of persons accidentally killed by a friend while out hunting, on account of being mistaken for an animal. These accidents always occur in "still" hunting and are too frequently the result of carelessness of all concerned.

The Old Man's Sunset Home.

"Your old chair is very much in the way, grandpa; I wish you would be content to sit somewhere else besides at this west window," said a dashing young lady, as she swept into the family sitting room.

"I came here because the sunshine was so pleasant, Sophia. 'Pears to warm up my stiff, old limbs better than the fire. I'll give you the place if you want it, though."

"Where are you going, dear grandpa?" said a brown haired, sunny faced young lady, who had just now glided into the room.

"Nothing in the world worth making such a time about," said the young lady, sweeping hastily out of the room.

"I have been leaning on this arm till it is all asleep," said the old man. "I just see, and unfastening the white wristband, she chafed the thin arm and hand till the customary circulation was restored."

"Thank you, Katy, darling; it is well now. Grandpa's fingers used to be as young and quick as yours. Don't seem so, does it? I don't think your hands are quite as white as your cousin Sophia's, but they are a thousand times prettier, in my opinion."

"Mine have to work, you see," said Kate, laughing; "it would not do for the little folks to go hungry at home because sister was afraid cooking their dinner would brown her looks. George likes them just as well brown."

"He may well be thankful to get them any way. They are a treasure worth any man's aspirations."

"Shall I read to you, grandpa—I see you have a new book open—shall we talk? I must go home to-morrow, you know."

"To-morrow? I had forgotten that. O, I am so sorry, so sorry!" he said, very sadly.

"Don't read, Katy; talk, if I can only hear your voice one day longer. You are a ray of sunshine in this house, and you will be in any house you enter. May God bless my child!" he added solemnly.

"I shall be pretty lonesome when you are gone, I know I shall. There won't be any one to talk to then. Old people love to talk, Katy. Martha is kind to me and makes my room as pleasant as she can, but household cares and company take up all her time, so she can't talk to her poor old father much."

"If there is any favor I can do my Katy, she need not be afraid of any days."

"Well, then, you know that in a few weeks I shall have a home of my own; not a grand establishment like this, but a neat, pleasant cottage, suitable to George's income. Now, what I wish to ask is, will you not make us happy by sharing that home with us? George wishes it as much as I, and I am sure you will be happy with us."

"Tears filled the old man's eyes again, but this time they were tears of pleasure. 'My precious child, you don't know how much you are taking upon yourself. You don't know how much trouble an old man like me would be in a house.'

"I do not know any such thing, I assure you; but I do know how much joy and comfort it would be to us, and what a real blessing your society would be, long days, when George's business calls him away from home. Indeed, I could not keep house without you, I am afraid, so we will understand that we have settled this point, will we not?"

"I shall be too happy to go any place on earth where you are Katy, even to a strange town. I know most all the old people about you there in Horton, and it will seem enough more like home than this place, which is as strange to me now as it was five years ago, when I first came here. But what will Martha say, Katy? Can you tell?"

"I have talked with her all about it, and she consents; on condition that you ride over often."

The kind-hearted girl did not care to tell the eagerness with which the proposal had been accepted, "only for the children's sake," it was clearly to be understood.

And so the arrangements were made, and the month quickly rolled away. The little cottage had received its simple furniture, and the best room in it was fitted up for grandfather as nearly like the old familiar home as possible.

The light buggy drove over to A—, and in a few hours afterward the old man was walking hand in hand with his darling Katy over the establishment, listening with keen delight to all the little details; and at last comfortably settled down in his easy chair, he talked with his new grandson over his present home and future prospects, till Katy called them to their tea.

An old-time friend was asked to spend the evening, and a lively conversation was sustained till long after his customary hour for retiring. He seemed ten years younger when he took his place at breakfast next morning.

"Are we too early for you, sir?" said George, "I was afraid we were."

"Not a bit; I never sleep a wink after five o'clock. Early rising is all important to young people just setting out in life, and I am glad you have the habit."

When the meal was ended, the morning hymn was sung, and an earnest prayer for God's direction and protecting care through the day was offered; then the young physician started on his daily rounds.

Rev. Alex. Wright, a chaplain in the United States army, narrates to the readers of the last number of the Steubenville (Ohio) Press a true but trifling romance of the late Princess Monica, a daughter of Spotted Tail.

This narrative is more interesting in that it explains the uniformly peaceful attitude of that chief toward the whites. A short time ago Monica visited Fort Laramie to look upon the pale faces and their manner of living.

The great Sioux chief, whose warriors outnumbered those of Sitting Bull, was mortified at the conduct of his best beloved daughter, and sent her to a little camp in the Rocky Mountains. One day a courier arrived at the chief's camp with the tidings that Monica was dying.

Spotted Tail rode with all haste to her side, and heard her farewell injunction: "My chief, live with the pale faces in peace, and bury Monica on the hill before the fort."

General Maynadier, commander at the post, Colonel Bullock, the post trader, and Chaplain Wright gave the body Christian burial. The grave is now a point of interest to travelers, as Fort Laramie is approached on the Cheyenne river. General Maynadier testifies as to the truthfulness of the girl's death from a broken heart and to the effect it had upon the Sioux.

Whilst polygamy is the weakness of the Mormon system, it is also its strength. It is abhorred by the women; and yet they strenuously defend it, for if it were overthrown all the polygamous wives and their children would lose their status and position.

They would be cast-off waifs. Again when a woman has suffered from polygamy she commonly wishes to see all others reduce to the same state. With respect to the men, the clever Mormons who see through the monstrous fraud and imposition of their system would, in many cases, after having made money, return to the States but for their polygamous households of wives and children, whom they can neither leave nor take with them.

Hence in order to retain these men Brigham Young always insisted on their taking two or more wives, and the refusal of any one to do so excluded him from office in the Mormon Church and from all hope of rising. Such refusal was considered as a proof of apostatizing, and in the time of the Danite Band Brigham could point out such a person to it for destruction.

He would say, "So and so is apostatizing; if he dies a natural death his soul will be lost, the only way to save him is to offer his blood a sacrifice for his soul. One member of this band stated that he had offered up fifty-four individuals in this way, by the orders of Brigham Young, in the days when Mormonism was a law to itself. And it is so still, that whenever a man begins to thrive he is told by the elders or apostles that he must take another wife, and offered an introduction to some very nice girl that he should marry. If he declines he is a marked man."

His charity was overflowing, his generosity excessive. I heard once a story from a man who was a dear friend to both of us. The gentleman wanted a large sum of money instantly—something under \$2,000—had no natural friends who could provide it, but must naturally go to the wall without it. Pondering over this sad condition of things just revealed to me, I met Thackeray between the mounted heroes at the Horse Guards, and told him the story.

"Do you mean to say that I am to find the \$2,000?" he said angrily, with some expletives. I explained that I had not even suggested the doing of anything, only that we might discuss the matter. Then there came over his face a peculiar smile and a wink in his eye, and he whispered his suggestion, as though half ashamed of his meanness.

"I'll go half," he said, "if anybody will do the rest." And he did go half, at a day or two's notice, though the gentleman was no more than simply a friend. I am glad to be able to add that the money was quickly repaid. I could tell various stories of the same kind only that I lack space.

Farming in Nevada is almost as uncertain as mining. The soil in many parts of the State is very "spotty," and the division lines between the best and the worst are often only a few inches wide. The Humboldt meadows around Lovelock's contain some of the richest lands in the world, and also some of the worst, and the strangest part is that no one can tell anything about it by comparing it with land anywhere else.

There is very handsome black ground which looks as if it would produce anything, but which is so full of saltpetre and black alkali that nothing will grow on it. Water which stands on it a few hours gets the color of a very dark beer.

Yeast helps poor people to raise bread for a family.

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Linn County's Standing.

The annual assessment of Linn county has been completed, and the following figures have been compiled from it:

Number of acres of land, 422,337; value, \$2,967,266; average per acre, \$7.10. Number of acres of railroad land, 31,921; value, \$15,960; average per acre, 49 cents. Wagon road land, 17,500 acres; value, \$8,750; average per acre, 50 cents. Value of town lots, \$762,908; value of improvements during past year, \$317,381; merchandise, implements, etc., \$628,879; Money, notes, accounts, shares of stock, etc., \$1,420,181; Furniture, carriages, watches, \$200,962; Horses and mules 6,275; value \$285,989, average per head \$47.50; Cattle 9,324, value \$79,245, average per head \$8.50; Sheep 43,610, value \$49,027, average per head \$1.20; Swine 7,393, value 11,252, average per head \$1.50; amount of indebtedness \$1,825,344; amount of exemptions, \$471,609; amount of taxable property, \$1,490,341, which is \$177,402 lower than last year.

Number of polls 2,004, against 1,796 last year, which shows that our county has gained 1,109 in population.

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