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BREVITIES.

Mr. P. Dwyer dropped in on us Sunday.

This is the beginning of the gum-boot season.

Mr. Harrington, late of Jos. Nay's mill, passed up yesterday.

Solly Anderson caught a fine otter in Beaver Creek last Saturday.

Mr. David Carey passed through Denmark last week on his way to the Bay.

Mr. E. Clark, of Clark & Dwyer, was down from the mountains last week.

Two letters in the Denmark post office for Fred Funk and Steward J. Miller.

The wild goose season is not afar off, and the sport is burnishing up his breech-loader.

Passengers of the Port Orford hack line now take their noon-day meal at the Lorentzen house.

S. Bernstein, of the Burnham Lumber Company, came up from San Francisco last week.

Mr. Chas. Winsor, superintendent of Hume's cannery passed up en route to Parkersburg Monday.

Mr. T. W. Crook passed through Denmark yesterday, having the racer Maplewood in charge, on his way to Coquille City.

Jos. Bassett of Port Orford is making final preparations for his departure for Oakland, taking his stock of goods with him.

Mr. Thos. Cornwall was up this way yesterday having come for Mr. Haft's bear dog to assist him in riding his place of the unusually numerous varmints which are killing his sheep.

TAME PASTURAGE.—Who questions the practicability of speedily reducing our brush lands to good pasture, will do well to inspect the present condition of the hill-sides facing Capt Lorentzen's residence. Two years ago a garter snake would have hesitated before attempting the ascent of these slopes, so dense was the growth of brush thereon. All is changed now, and an enduring grass sod occupies the space vacated by the bramble. And it has cost next to nothing to accomplish this gratifying result. A little intelligent effort in the way of setting out fires at the right time and in the right places did the work. It only remained to scatter the seed, to lay the foundation for excellent permanent pasturage. There are thousands of acres near here, which will be much easier reduced from unproductiveness than were the hill-sides and slopes above mentioned; indeed were the great stretches of semi-open lands lying east of the Floras lake flats occupied in small holdings, they can with a comparatively trifling outlay of money and muscle, be made to blossom as the rose. These hill and dells will be owned and occupied by thrifty, solvent, self-sustaining stock-raisers, dairymen, farmers and horticulturists before many years have elapsed.

JOB WORK.—During the past two weeks the Recorder job office has done considerable work for Langlois & Nelson in the way of bill heads, letter heads, paper bags, etc. This firm, always abreast of the times, is not blind to the beneficent results certain to accrue from the persistent and judicious use of printer's ink, and their success is a standing rebuke to the folly of country merchants who make out their bills on straw wrapping paper and write their few letters with a "404 Gillott" on diagonally-ruled boarding-school-girl note paper.

VARMINTS.—W. H. Averill discovered and shot at a panther on his place Sunday, and within two hours all the hunting bloods in the district were out with guns and dogs but failed to trace it up.

THE BRIDGE MEETING.

Saturday last at 1 o'clock in pursuance of an advertised call of the president, the citizens of the district interested in the building of a bridge across Floras creek met to hear the report and take action on the work of the committee elected at a meeting held the previous Saturday. In the absence of the chairman of the committee, J. E. Hawkins, and E. M. Blackerby, secretary, it could not be ascertained whether or not any bids had been received for the erection of a bridge at the site selected by the committee. After some little discussion the meeting concluded that, had any bids been received, the chairman would have presented them; whereupon D. E. Stitt, a member of the committee, moved its discharge, which motion was adopted. A motion to elect a new committee of three, to report within four days, was passed, and Messrs. Peter Nelson, T. J. Stitt, Z. Boice, E. Dodge, W. Shoemaker, W. S. Guerin and W. Cox were put in nomination, the balloting resulting in the selection of Messrs. Dodge, Cox and Stitt. After some discussion as to the probable cost and dimensions of the proposed bridge, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

The committee have since reported and suggest that the road, after crossing the chasm south of J. M. Upton's place, pass thence by the west foot of the rocky butte on an even and very gentle slope to the bridge site; thence along the west bank of the river until it strikes the section line, thence along said line to the high land north of the valley and thence over to intersect the county road.

PANTHERS.—Old "Doc" Wilson writes to us as follows: During the past week the panthers have played h— with my sheep. I had fifteen graded bucks in a grass lot near my shanty, for safe keeping, and last Friday night the panthers killed five of them, and crippled eight more so badly that some have since died. After a thorough reconnaissance of my range, I find they have been about as heavy on my little band. First off, I thought such damnable luck as that would make a preacher cuss. Why sir, I was mad enough to eat a dozen boiled eggs at one setting. I would have shot a panther if I could have come on to him, and had my gun, and she had not hung fire. But upon mature reflection, my chickens have plenty of meat to eat, and are running over my wooden plates as usual, and I am able to crawl round by a tight squeeze, but it makes no difference, so Cleveland is elected.

NO BURNS THIS YEAR.—The rains have come again, which fact must dispel any hopes there may have been entertained for Fall burning. Where the brush has been slashed and lies thick upon the ground, it will be all the better for lying over one season, as the burn which follows will be much cleaner; besides, there will be an advantage in giving the elders and salmon brush a chance to sprout, as, when the ground is burned in August the sprouts and stumps from which they issued will be effectually killed, thus hastening their decay and disappearance. There are, however, many hundred acres of last year's burns which, if thickly seeded this Fall yet, will produce good pasture for next season, besides "holding the fort" against the advent of noxious and worthless growths which always seek to occupy burnt over lands. There are many hundred acres of unclaimed land burnt over and ready for seeding.

MOVED.—Mr. E. M. Blackerby who has had S. J. Culver's place rented for a year past, moved his family last week to the Brown place across the creek where they will reside for the present.

COOS COUNTY ITEMS.

Daniel T. Hill, late of Coquille City, died at the insane asylum at Salem on the 14th inst.

Twenty-nine boats are engaged in fishing on the Coquille, catching, in the aggregate, 1000 salmon per night.

Rev. G. W. Black, of the Baptist Church at Marshfield and Miss Ella Ritter, of Parkersburg, were married at the latter place, on Thursday last.

Hon. A. C. Jones of Roseburg, a Cleveland candidate for Elector of this State was announced to speak at Norman's Hall in Marshfield last Saturday night.

The late rains have damaged grain in Coos County. Grain cut before the storm is a total loss, while uncut grain is so badly lodged that it will be difficult to harvest.

The Government steamer Gen. Wright was in the Bay last Sunday. Capt. Powell was aboard, perhaps to see how the breakwater would look from a new standpoint.

Mr. John Lewis will next week commence the construction of a warehouse, 80x30 feet, with 16 feet sides, at Bandon, and will be prepared to take care of all freight discharged by vessels at his wharf.

James Dyer, who arrived on the last steamer, is here on a visit to his brother, our esteemed County Judge. Some years ago Mr. Dyer resided at Port Orford. He is now a resident of California, and is the inventor of quartz-crushing machinery of a valuable character.—*Mail*.

A. C. Frick, the man who was lately stabbed at Randolph, is improving and it is said will ultimately recover, notwithstanding the serious nature of his wounds. Frank Sheridan, who is accused of cutting him, is at present in Empire, awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.

A wild hog, weighing about 300 pounds, was killed by Philip Martin a few days ago, in the canyon at his place, near Southport. The beast first routed Martin's dog, and then manifested a disposition to go for him, when it was shot and killed. It had tusks three inches or more in length.

Obo Smith of Pony slough, took to Empire last week a raft of 380 logs, which he anchored above town, and Thursday night the line parted and the raft drifted to the Breakwater at Rocky Point, where it went to pieces, after which all the logs except about two dozen went over the bar and were lost. The logs were worth about \$1,200.

Mr. H. P. Whitney has sold his real estate on the Bay, and the good will of the butchering business to Messrs Otto Schetter and P. Flanagan for \$27,500. The new firm also take the stock of merchandise on hand at cost prices. We understand they have also made arrangements to take whatever beef cattle Whitney may wish to dispose of.—*News*.

The *News* says Capt. Reed has made arrangements to build a side wheel steamer for the owners of the Coos Bay. Her dimensions will be—keel, 120 feet; beam, 25 feet, and depth of hold, 7 feet, to draw seven feet when loaded. When the new steamer is finished, the Coos Bay will run from San Francisco to this port, only, and the new boat will deliver freight at the different harbors and rivers along the Coast, touching at Ellensburg, Port Orford and possibly the Coquille.

KNEE CUT.—We are informed that a letter has been received by Mrs. O. P. Brown of this place from her husband who went from here some time since to Linkville, in Benton county, for the benefit of his health, that while engaged in getting out shingle timber he lost control of the splitting ax, which went entirely through the block and into his leg, splitting his knee-cap.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

The run of fish still remains rather slack for this time of year.

A party will be given in the new warehouse when it is completed.

Beautiful weather again, and our farmers are busily engaged in thrashing and taking care of their small grain.

Any one wishing a first class Singer sewing machine will do well to call on or address, A. M. Gillespie of Ellensburg.

Chas. Camp still remains at the North Star in rather poor health, but is somewhat improved since last writing.

There will be quite an amount of fencing done with barbed wire in this portion of the county during the coming season.

The steamer Hume came in on the evening of the 13th, and having but very little freight either to discharge or to take away, went out on the same tide.

Capt. Strahan and his party went out to the rocks on the Rogue river reef on the morning of the 13th and returned on the same day with their camping outfit used while sealing on those rocks during the past season.

BADGER.

LAND SALES.

We omitted to mention in our last issue the purchase of the Bassett land on Floras creek by Messrs. T. J. Stitt and George Fitzhugh. The tract consists of two hundred acres, lying immediately along the stream from Mr. Averill's west line up. Mr. Stitt gets the east half in the division between himself and Mr. F., of the entire purchase.

Mr. J. E. Hawkins has purchased of Mrs. C. M. Upton, the tract of land locally known as the "Scott Eighty." This purchase, added to the Fitzhugh place, gives Mr. Hawkins one of the most desirable farms in Curry county. By trimming away some willow points here and there, and clearing an occasional alder grove on the skirts of the prairie, Mr. H. will possess a solid field of excellent open bottom land of one hundred and twenty acres which can be swept by the eye from from any point of observation within the opening. There is no crop but will grow to perfection on this place.

THE FAIR.—We learn that T. W. Crook will enter Jos. Nay's Maplewood in the mile race at the fair and stock show at Coquille City, on the 16th prox., under the auspices of the Southwest Oregon Agricultural Society. For the same race A. J. Aiken's horse, Sammy Tilden, and the "Gallier mare" have been entered. This race promises to be the feature of the racing program, since it will serve to settle a much mooted question as to which of the two Woodbury colts is "fleetest of foot." Some funds will change ownership on the result.

THE MINERS' MANUAL.—Henry N. Copp, of Washington, D. C., has a little volume called the "Prospectors' Manual" a work suggested by a Colorado miner. It enables the prospector to any mineral by the acid and blow-pipe tests given. It also gives the United States and local mining laws to date, land office instructions, and valuable forms for location notices, miner's liens, proofs, leases, deed, and applications for patents. Price 50 cents.

SCHOOL MEETING.—The directors of School District No. 13 met Saturday to take into consideration the question of the completion of the school house, and ordered the Clerk to call a meeting of the voters of said District to pass upon the advisability of levying a tax to raise the necessary funds, in addition to the subscriptions paid in, to complete the structure. The second Saturday in October was named as the date of the meeting.

GENERAL NEWS.

Two Chinamen born in Walla Walla, W. T., and now of age are entitled to vote.

The Tammany organization, on the 12th inst., by a vote of 810 to 87, endorsed the action of the National Democratic Convention.

"O, for Blucher or for night," exclaimed Wellington at Waterloo. "O, for Dorsey or for cash," cries the Plumed Knight in his soul.

Frank Hutchings, the man who murdered his mistress in San Francisco some months since was hanged in that city on the 12th inst.

The Nez Percés, now in Indian Territory, are to be returned to their old reservation in Idaho. Chief Joseph will not return with his tribe as his scalp is at a premium in that section.

It is stated that the price realized by the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company for their fleet of twenty-six vessels, sold, as announced, to an American Company, for 5,250,000 taels, equal to about \$6,500,000.

At Pomeroy, W. T., wheat is sold for 35 cents per bushel. In Lewiston, I. T., it has been sold for 28 and 30 cents per bushel, and dull sale at that price. Millions of bushels have been produced this year in those localities.

It is stated that President Arthur is quietly laying wires for election to the United States Senate from New York to succeed Senator Lapham whose term expires March 4, 1885. Arthur believes "that a Senatorship from the great State of New York is a position he could take with propriety, and at the same save his dignity.

Frisbie, the defaulting bank clerk, was arraigned in Portland on the 16th on a charge of the larceny of \$2,905 in a banking house, the complaint alleging that the money was taken on July 12. After consulting with his counsel he stated that he would waive examination. His bonds were fixed at \$5,000, which he is unable to furnish.

Advices state that intelligence has reached Canton of fearful inundations in Kiang Sai province. The news is dated from King Jak, chief center of the pottery manufacture, and one of the four great markets of the Empire. The floods lasted four days, and submerged an immense section of country to the depth of sixty feet. Whole towns were swept away, and from 70,000 to 80,000 people perished.

On account of the depression in the trade, the Edgar Thompson Steel Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., have notified their employees that unless they accept a reduction of wages a suspension of operations would be necessary. The firm employs nearly 5,000 men. The probability is that a reduction will be accepted, as the number of idle men in that vicinity is greater now than at any time during the past ten years.

The international survey party has located the boundary between Mexico and the United States, 600 yards north of the old line. This throws a considerable portion of the town of Nogales on Mexican soil. The Mexican law prohibits foreigners from holding real estate within twenty leagues of the boundary. Americans declare their intention to hold on to their property, by force of arms if necessary. General Topete will enforce the demands of his Government and compel American occupants to relinquish their possessions. Trouble is expected.

A BIG EGG.—Mr. J. E. Hawkins brought to this office last week a hen's egg, which for size beats anything ever produced in these parts. It measures six inches in circumference the short way and eight inches lengthwise.