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BREVITIES.

Mr. Frank Langlois has accepted a position at Parkersburg.

A Blaine and Logan club has been organized at Marshfield.

Jack Frost made his appearance across the river last week.

Mr. Geo. Bensen and wife were up from Port Orford Saturday.

The steamer Coos Bay stopped at Port Orford on her last trip up.

Curless's horse will contest for the first prize at the Coquille fair.

Miss Alice Hughes returned to her home on Sixes river last Thursday.

Miss Jennie Malehorn, of this place has taken a school at Myrtle Point.

Jim Wilson wants to bet all he has even down to his shirt that Blaine will be left.

We still have hopes that Cleveland will overcome the Republican majority in this county.

Sheriff Bailey was up this way last week posting notices of election and notifications to taxpayers.

Mr. J. P. Tupper of Bandon, came down yesterday to inspect the wreck of the City of Napa, we understand.

Hume and Sutton have again healed the breach, and the latter, like the fabled sow, has returned to his wallow.

A. P. Mann of Sixes was in Denmark last Saturday, and the denizens were reminded that Butler is yet in the field.

Mrs. S. J. Culver, who has been visiting relatives in the Valley, passed through Denmark on her way to Port Orford Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Barry, of San Francisco, passed down to Port Orford on Saturday's stage to look after the interests of Andrew Crawford.

There is a Butler wave up on Sixes and if it could get past H. J. Zumwalt's and then escape Pat Hughes further down, it might go headlong into the sea.

A crew started in a boat to make some changes with the cable at the point last week, when the boat capsized, somewhat severely injuring one Johnson on the head.

Abner T. Fitzhugh, brother of Hon. J. S. Fitzhugh of Roseburg, died in Grant Co., Sept. 17th. We believe deceased was a nephew of Hon. Solomon Fitzhugh of this place.

Langlois & Nelson have entered "Old Bill," a team horse, in the best race at the Coquille fair, and have confidence that he will get away with the swag, "Maplewood" being in notwithstanding.

A PUZZLE EXPLAINED.—When it was announced that Mr. Stitt's school was to close Saturday, many people who remembered the date of its commencement were incredulous. The school opened May 12th, and a vacation of Fourth of July week was had, besides the school was closed on election day. Thus one week and a day had been made up, and the five months' term was out Oct. 4th, whereas the popular idea would have it that, if no time had been lost, the term could not expire before Oct. 12th. It happens in this way. School's are practically taught by the day instead of by the month—five days per week, which is twenty days per month or sixty days per quarter, and resultingly one hundred days for a five months' term. Two hundred and forty days out of the three hundred and sixty-five constitutes a year's teaching. At \$55 per month, the salary is equal to \$2 75 per day.

THE CITY OF NAPA.—At each tide efforts are made to work the schooner City of Napa up out of reach of the breakers, and unless a storm rises during the week it is more than likely that the vessel will be saved, though she is badly strained and her cabin and hatches have been carried away.

BRIDGE LETTING.

Last Saturday being the day appointed to open bids for the building of Floras creek bridge, considerable interest was manifested in the matter. Four bids were put in. We will enumerate them in the order of size. N. C. Lorentzen, \$1,150; Russell & Corkhill, \$785; J. H. Upton, \$711; Wm. H. Averill, \$600. The Committee took three days to examine and compare plans submitted before making the award. All the plans exhibited were quite practicable; the structure fashioned in accordance with either one of these will be a good one. Mr. Averill is in a position to execute the contract with greater facility than any of the other bidders, residing as he does near the site, and being otherwise equipped for the undertaking. Being a public spirited citizen, and anxious for the improvement of our roads, he will take special pride in giving us a good, enduring bridge.

TAKEN THEIR DEPARTURE. Mr. John Blacklock and family took passage on the Orion from Port Orford for their future home in San Francisco. Mr. B. has long been a resident of this county, and has taken a leading part in all efforts for the promotion of the best interests of this section. We regret to lose him and his family from our midst, but are assured that he will not cease to interest himself in behalf of enterprise and development in this county. He leaves large interests behind him.

RETURNED. Mr. Willis Miller and family of Rogue river, passed through Denmark Saturday on their way home, having been visiting friends and relatives in Marion county during the past month. Mr. Miller confirms the reports we have had of the immense damage done to grain in the Valley by the rain and says that fully two-thirds of the grain was rendered unfit for market. He finds, as others have found, that there are worse places than Curry county.

REGRET THE CHANGE.—Our stock men down this way generally regret the transfer to other parties by Mr. H. P. Whitney of his business on the Bay. Mr. W. has been so long a customer of our sheep and cattle men and has uniformly dealt so squarely with them, that they had come to look upon him as a fixture in the business. Mr. Whitney's successors will comply with all existing arrangements which remained to be carried out in this county when they purchased the business.

FIRE.—Last Monday night Mr. Cotton's house caught fire and was totally destroyed. The bedding and a portion of the clothing were saved, as could all have been but for a misplaced box of cartridges which caused the family to immediately depart from the vicinity of the burning building. The shells exploded a few minutes after occupants had reached a refuge, blowing the house to atoms. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

GONE TO ROSEBURG.—Col. John Lane has removed to Roseburg and formed a law partnership with his brother Hon. Lafayette Lane. We regret the Col's leaving Southwest Oregon, as he was one of the most genial and companionable men it has been our fortune to meet in the two counties. Before the people as a candidate, the Col. was absolutely invincible. We wish him the most unbounded success in his new location.

CLOSED FOR THE TERM.—The public school at this place in charge of Mr. D. E. Stitt, closed for the term last Saturday. The attendance during the entire session has been good, and the marked advancement of pupils in all grades attest the worth and ability of Mr. Stitt as an instructor. Many visitors were present at the concluding exercises.

COOS COUNTY ITEMS.

Dunham and son intend opening their coal mine, on the Isthmus this Winter, for the purpose of supplying their locomotives with coal.

The Herald says 850 salmon were caught at the cannery last Tuesday night. The company have 400 cases of tin on the schooner Coquille.

Grass hay sells on the banks of Coos river at \$14 and grain hay at \$18 per ton. And yet every schooner brings up California baled hay.

The new vessel at Grube's is decked, planked and nearly caulked, with the exception of the bottom. She will remain on the ways this Winter.

At the examination of teachers held at Marshfield last Friday, first-grade certificates were awarded to Clyamon Vanderburg and Miss Charlotte Vanderburg.

An effort is being made to organize a Company of State Militia at Marshfield. The list already bears many signatures, and the number is daily being increased.

John Macklebrink closed down his logging camp at the forks of the north fork of Coos river last Tuesday. He has about 350 now in the water, which will average 800 feet to the log.

The Herald is informed that they drive fifteen piles a day in the construction of the breakwater at Bandon. Its progress outward, is from seven to twelve feet, in the same period.

As Rev. J. B. Perkins was coming in from Empire the other day, on the steamer Comet one of the windows, the sash of which was raised, unexpectedly fell and severely mashed the fingers of the left hand.

An immigrant train of 13 wagons arrived at Coos City on Monday last, having come overland from California. Some of the party have relatives on Ten Mile, and we understand it is their intention to settle in that portion of the county.—News.

Wednesday night of last week Capt. Ernst had the third and fourth fingers of his right hand badly mashed while he was engaged in landing a cattle scow at the wharf at this place, by having his hand caught between the wharf and a portion of the scow.—Mail.

Among the freight received here by last steamer we noticed a box labeled "Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co.—English milk." This is not exactly carrying "coals to Newcastle," but it is bringing milk a long way into an extraordinarily good milk region.—Mail.

Robert Ducham has a crew of men employed cleaning out beaver slough preparatory to putting in a stern wheel steamer to run between the Coquille and Coaledo. A great deal of freight comes over that route at present, the average being about five tons per day, and with better facilities for handling it, a much larger traffic can be secured.

John Smith, who fell and hurt himself so badly at the mill in Empire on the 13th of August, died at his home at Poney Slough on the 24th ult., and was buried at Marshfield on the 25th. He was a Finn, 52 years of age, and an old resident of the Bay. The Mail says his misfortune in losing the logs that he had spent two Summers in cutting and rafting, no doubt led to the loss of his life.

The Bay Democracy shies its castor into the ring after this fashion, through the Coos Bay News: Election is coming on, and all sides should be heard. Suppose we organize a joint discussion, say for three nights successively, Democrats and Blaine Republicans putting forward a new speaker each night. What says the Blaine club? Or if the above suggestion does not meet your approbation, any reasonable arrangements for a joint discussion will be accepted by the Democrats, against either local speakers or those from abroad.

GENERAL NEWS.

Jno. McCullough is reported to be losing his mind.

Corn-fed hogs are being shipped from Ashland to Portland.

Postmaster General Gresham has been appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. W. D. Fenton, Democratic elector, opened the campaign at Salem on the 5th.

It is reported that the Empress of China has decided to conclude peace with France.

Portland will not adopt electric light. The gas company had a lein on the council.

The rain has rendered about one-half of the grain in Baker county unfit for market.

Under the new ordinance, liquor dealers in Olympia, W. T., pay \$600 as a yearly license.

It is rumored that President Arthur and Miss Lillie Frelinghuysen will soon be married.

In the White Bay district, New Foundland, 3,000 persons are starving owing to the failure of the codfish catch.

Frank Frisbie, the defaulting bank teller of Portland, pleaded guilty last week and was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary.

Gov. Newell has been assigned as Indian Inspector to the fifth division that consists of California, Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho.

But little progress has been made in the Panama canal for the past six months, notwithstanding the fact that 16,000 men have been at work.

The Columbus Iron and Coal Co., at Hollidaysburg, Pa., have posted notices of a reduction that will cut laborers' wages down to 81 cents per day.

Minnie Garrison, eldest daughter of the late Wm. Lloyd Garrison, was married at Elberon, N. J., on the 26th ult., to Count Pal de Brialles, of Eprenay France.

Mrs. Griffin, wife of J. S. Griffin, both early missionaries among the Indians of the Northwest Coast, died at Forest Grove on the 26th at the age of 80 years.

Parliament is to be asked at the next session to vote an allowance to Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, of £50,000 a year.

Rathdrum, Idaho, a starting point for the Cœur d'Alenes, was burned on the 27th. Not a business house is left in the town and no provisions on hand. Hundreds are destitute.

A lot of Italian and Hungarian laborers have been imported by a contractor to work on sewer construction in Washington at 75 and 90 cents a day, crowding out colored laborers at \$1 50, and trouble is threatened in consequence. [Verily, American labor is "protected" against the "pauper labor of Europe!"]

Hon. Joseph S. Smith, of Portland, died in that city on the 29th ult. Deceased was born in Pennsylvania and was 60 years of age at the time of his death. He was among the pioneers of Oregon, settling at Oregon City in 1845, and has filled many high political positions in the State. He was nominated for Governor in 1882 but was defeated by his Republican opponent, Z. F. Moody.

The Times special says the French stopped and searched English regular trading steamers at Frehken and Aai-Loong, in the channel of Formosa. There is great irritation in consequence of this high handed proceeding. Neutral steamers conveying soldiers and munitions to various quarters in this section of the world are all alarmed at their prospects, if this shall not be resented, and it is regarded as likely to be a source of possible complications with foreign powers.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

The run of salmon still continues light for Rogue river.

Rogue river will have another fishery the coming season.

The potato crop of this vicinity is afflicted with the blight.

The new warehouse of the Business Association is very nearly completed.

Our school has a large attendance this term, and Miss Gray proves to be a popular teacher.

Mr. Frank Bailey has been paying Chetco a business visit during the past week but did not bring her home with him this time; delays are dangerous, Frank.

The tug Pelican came in one day this week and returned to Smith river. She brought Mrs. A. H. Moore and took away A. H. and F. S. Moore A. W. Lester and one or two strangers.

Within the past few days Mr. R. D. Hume has purchased the tide land frontage of Messrs. M. Doyle and A. H. Moore. Mr. H. seems to have a hungering and thirsting after that kind of real estate.

We were pleased, this evening to notice the familiar countenance of our old friend, J. N. Langlois of Denmark. Dame Rumor says he had important business with the County Clerk. John is one of our substantial young men, and lucky is she who wins him.

One day this week there were 24,947 pounds of grain received at the new warehouse, which was the surplus product of our small ranches on the river. Grain raising is rather a new enterprise in this vicinity, but judging from the surplus of this season it may yet prove to be one of our leading industries. **BADGER.**

We were in error last week in our account of the beaching of the City of Napa, in stating that the vessel had lain off for fourteen days awaiting an opportunity to sail into Blacklock Harbor. She arrived and sailed right in, laid some moorings, and was getting ready to take a cargo when heavy seas set in, whereupon she sailed out and laid off for only three days. Returning, she was making ready to load, when heavy swells came in from the westward and finally overwhelmed her.

SCHOOL CLOSED.—Prof. W. S. Guerin's school across the river closed for the term last Friday with appropriate exercises. Next Saturday, as School Superintendent, the Professor will make the round of the schools in the southern portion of the county. On the 20th of the present month he opens and eight months' term of school at the Cape.

THE FAIR.—To-day the fair at Coquille City opens under the auspices of the Southwest Oregon Agricultural Association, and the outlook is favorable for some spirited racing and a good stock exhibit. Hon. J. M. Siglin will deliver the opening address.

For the past few weeks the sea has been rougher along here than usual for this time of year, especially for so long a period together.

The schooner Orion which sailed from Port Orford on the 1st took the last of the season's work of Nay's mill.

FINAL PROOF NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON }
September 29th, 1884. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Curry County, at Ellensburg, Oregon, on

Saturday, November 15, 1884.

Viz: HANS NELSON—Homestead, No. 3275, for the Lots 3 and 4, Section 2, and Lots 1 and 2, Section 3, Township 31, South of Range 15 West.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: John N. Langlois, M. F. Shoemaker, Wm. Cox and F. M. Langlois, all of Denmark, Or.