

LATE CITY NEWS FOUND

By the Reporters on Their Round of the Town.

Legal Lights -- To the Pen -- State Items and News.

New Notaries. Gov. Pennoyer to-day issued notary public commissions to J. F. Booth of Portland and A. R. Thompson of The Dalles.

Commissioners Court. The county commissioners are this afternoon in session as commissioners court. This term will perhaps continue for two or three days. No business of especial significance is before them.

The Hindu is ill. Pandita Ramabai will not be able to fill her engagement here on Friday night. A telegram to the president of the W. C. T. U. says she is prostrated from overwork and will not be able to visit Salem.

Before the Recorder. Brought up before the recorder yesterday afternoon under the vagrant act and sentenced to the county jail for terms of from ten to fifteen days were Wm. Greene, Frank Wilson, Pat Sheridan, Geo. Daly, Richard Wilson and Edward Chamberlain. The big half dozen are merely tourists who were left in our city by the freight crew preventing them from boarding an outgoing train.

They Collided. Last night as J. C. Cawood was returning home in his buggy and had just passed the electric light line beyond the depot, he had an accidental collision. After leaving the electric lights he was blinded for some time, and before he could tell where he was himself, horse and buggy and Dr. Rowland and his horse and buggy were in a heap together. No serious damage is to report other than the demolition of wheels, shafts, etc.

Not Too Many, However. Farmers tell us there are more grasshoppers in Oregon this year than at any time since 1855. When you get to talking about grasshoppers they all figure from 55, for in that year the sun was nearly hidden from view by the vast swarms of them--it rained, hailed and snowed grasshoppers, as it were. This year there are not enough to do any damage. Perhaps they are sent to encourage some wild song birds to come and partake of them, who knows?

The Woodburn Prohl Rally. On Saturday [6th] there will be a prohibition rally in the grove at Woodburn and all are invited to attend. Every effort is being put forth to make the event a success. The O. & C. have given a half rate between Albany and Portland, and Oregonian Co. between Astoria and Woodburn with perhaps a special train. Prof. G. M. Miller and Clark Braden are the speakers; J. W. Webb president of the day. The Silverton band and glee clubs will furnish music. In case of rain a hall has been secured.

The Supreme Court. Upon its re-assembly this morning the supreme court passed upon the applicants, as examined yesterday, for admission to the bar. The following named gentlemen were admitted: H. H. Emmons, J. P. Booth, C. F. Ruppel, J. S. Beal, A. C. Williams, J. H. Cannon, J. M. Carroll, John Ditchburn, L. F. Conn, J. N. Brown, Samuel Hayden, M. W. Hunt, F. D. Hasbrouck, C. R. Fenton, Gilbert McGinn, A. C. Smith, J. E. Kirkland, Sanderson Reed, Harry W. Hogan, A. W. Gowand, T. J. McClary, G. W. Rowland, Harold Pilkington J. F. Hamilton. Court adjourned to meet Monday next.

Scarcity of Song Birds. We happened this morning to be talking with an old farmer about wheat and general crops, when he remarked that he had always noticed there was a great scarcity of song birds in our forests here. It is a fact that there are very few wild songsters here. Whether it is because there are so few insects or not is not known. A person might spend a day in the woods and he would not see above a dozen woodpeckers, robins and all together. We should encourage birds here. Rather than shoot the robins for eating your cherries you should set out a few extra trees for them. In return, if caterpillars ever get in your apple or pear trees the birds will clean them out.

WERE MENTION.

A New Version. Cleveland wears a seventeen collar, Sullivan wears the same, Harrison is no puglist, But he'll get there just the same.

Bridges & Bozarth have just received a full line of wools, zephyrs, etc.

To-night at the opera house Clark Braden discusses the issue of the day.

The Oregon Farmers' Congress meets in Salem on Monday, January 8th, 1889.

The Boyd-Manbury company play in Albany Saturday night and come to us from there.

The wood team of Wm. Wright took quite a little run yesterday evening. They were scared by a switch engine.

The Woodburn prohl rally comes on the last day of the Butte Creek fair (Saturday). The error was not noticed in time to change dates.

This morning several Kansas and Colorado farmers were taking a look at our splendid fruit lands, with a view to purchasing and locating here.

Kelley Bros.' restaurant and lunch counter. Everything new and clean. No Chinese employed. West Commercial street near the postoffice.

Already the hops are coming in quite rapidly, ready for shipment. In one warehouse there are nearly 150 bales which average 180 pounds to the bale.

If you want a fine suit of clothes made in the latest style, go to E. Schoettle, Salem's fashionable tailor, two doors south of the white corner, Commercial street.

The taxable property of Baker county, as shown by the assessor's returns, is \$1,540,000. The tax levy for county purposes is twenty-two mills, to which the state tax is to be added.

For the benefit of neighboring cities that are now wrestling with the "cow ordinance," we will say that Salem has found it desirable and practicable to keep them off the street entirely.

"Unknown," at the Boston Theatre, has been increased in business from the first night. "Standing-room only" is a favorite announcement now, and those who would of disappointment be themselves "unknown," had better go early or secure their tickets during the day. There are calls and recalls at the close of every act, and applause rings in almost every scene.--Boston Herald.

Articles of Incorporation. Articles were to-day filed with the secretary of state incorporating the First Congregational church of Oswego, Clackamas county, with Oscar Eaton, A. J. Thompson and M. K. Shipley trustees, and Darwin G. Eaton, clerk. Oscar Eaton, Darwin G. Eaton, A. J. Thompson and Mrs. Ella A. Thompson are the incorporators, and \$600 in the approximate sum for which they incorporate. Also the Astoria and North Pacific deep sea fishing company of Astoria, Isaac Bergman, Ludwig Mortensen and Thomas B. Loughery incorporators. The term of incorporation is for twenty years, with principal office and place of business at Astoria; the business in which it is proposed to engage is the catching, preserving, packing and selling of all kinds of fish found in the waters of the Pacific ocean and tributaries, and to that end may purchase vessels, real estate, etc. Capital stock is \$20,000 divided into 200 equal shares.

PERSONALS.

G. A. Peebles is in Portland. T. T. Geer went to Portland this morning.

Dr. Greene of Gervais is in the city for a few days.

Hon. John Burnett of Corvallis is attending supreme court.

Hon. E. Skipworth, the democratic candidate for presidential elector was in the city yesterday.

In Board Over.

Owen Bartlett was arrested this afternoon and examined before Justice Goodell for the larceny of a shawl from the house of Mrs. Kate Ogelsby. He was bound over to await the action of the grand jury, and being unable to give bond was lodged in jail.

A Big Assertion--Est. Trax.

During this month Keller & Sons will give away three handsome pieces of parlor furniture as prizes to their new Baking Powder. Look out for future locals.

THE BOY MURDERER.

The Jackson County Youthful Fiend Brought to the Penitentiary.

John McAllister, the Jackson county patriot, was brought to the penitentiary this morning by Sheriff Birdseye. He stands convicted of murder in the first degree and is sentenced to imprisonment for life. He is a mere boy, being but sixteen years of age.

The crime for which he is paying the penalty was a most heinous one. Early one morning while his father was yet sleeping, the boy entered the father's sleeping room up stairs, placed a revolver of large calibre to his head and fired. Death was instant.

The boy seems not to feel the weight that hangs over him, and is gay and free.

Sheriff Ross of Clatsop county also arrived from Astoria to-day with two prisoners--Thomas Potland and Charles Jones. They are each sent up for larceny, the former for one year and the latter for two.

From the Albany Herald and Democrat.

The city marshal has collected the tax on 50 dogs thus far, and expects to catch that many more. Dogs of high and low degree are gobbled up alike and will be promptly cremated unless the required tax is paid.

Albany's cow ordinance provides that each family shall allow to run at large no more than two cows during the day, and none from 9 o'clock p. m. to 8 a. m. The manner of enforcing this ordinance is to arrest the owner of the cow or cows, take him before the recorder and, on conviction, fine him two to ten dollars.

Wm. Reese left yesterday for Portland where he goes to act as assistant engineer on the Oregon Pacific company's river steamer, the Three Sisters. The boat, having been completely remodeled, will leave Portland in a few days to ply on the upper Willamette. She has been made very light draught and can run on the upper river, it is said, at the lowest stage.

Yesterday was the liveliest day among the cannerymen at Yaquina bay yet experienced. Williams put up 800 cases, containing 1,564 salmon, of all of which one Chinaman cut off the heads. Parker canned 100 cases, using about 700 salmon, and Baker & Hayes canned 64 cases. The run last night was nearly as good, and as a result the cannerymen are quite happy.

Rails have been laid twenty-eight miles east of Albany on the Oregon Pacific. The rock cut was finished yesterday, which will give an opportunity for fast rail laying as there is a clearfield beyond for twenty-five men. The contract was let yesterday for building the tunnel, which will be worked during the winter. It is thought that fifty miles of rails will be laid down east of Albany before work ceases, beside some grading beyond.

How They Mine in Alaska.

When the Yukon river freezes to a great depth, ice on the banks and bars generally freezing solid to the bottom, the miners cut away the ice and then dig up the gravel, which is also frozen, and carry it to the banks. This process is continued till the river breaks up, for a couple of months, when the dirt is carried back again and washed for gold; in this way one man took out \$1000, but it is hard work. The gold is principally coarse, the largest nuggets weighing not over \$40. Provisions are pretty dear. Flour is \$17.50 per 100; bacon is 40 cents per pound, beans 30 cents, sugar 30 cents; dried apples 30 cents, of all of which there is a fair supply. The Indians on the Yukon are peaceable and willing to work.

More Truth Than Poetry.

An eastern exchange says a man who spent some time in China and speaks the language fluently, while passing a shooting gallery in Washington, a few days ago, noticed a couple of Chinamen trying their skill as marksmen. Stepping into the gallery, he found that the Chinamen were quite expert. He was on the point of congratulating them in their own tongue, but something kept the words back. Presently some one said, "John you are a good shot!" "Yes, good enough," replied the Chinaman, and turning to his companion he said, in his own tongue, and in a sneering tone, "Yes, we will show these Americans what we can do with a gun before many years have gone."

October.

The pumpkin pie is yellow, The buckwheat cake is brown, The farmer's grey neck whiskers Are full of thistle down.

The leaves are crisp and russet, The snail's blazing red, The butternut descending Is cracked upon your head.

The rabbit is coveting Along the gloomy slope, The shotgun of the sportsman Eliminates his hope.

The butterfly departed, Likewise the belted bee, The small boy in the orchard Is up the apple tree.

The county fair is blooming, The circus is no more, And on the polished brass dogs We make the hickory roar.

The trees wear lovely colors, In beautiful excess; All nature seems to rustle Just like a new silk dress.

The sausage soon will ripen, The popcorn soon will pop, And Christmas things enliven The window of the shop.

Sing hillo for merry autumn, Sing hillo for autumn gay, Whose pretty people squirrels Among the branches play.

For now no merry bluebird Upon the rose tree tools, And Autumn, golden Autumn Scarcely up and scolds. --Harper's Bazar.

The Box of Old Buttons.

'Tis a box of old buttons I hold in my hand, To you it looks faded and old; For 'tis only of pasteboard, with corners so torn, It scarcely the buttons will hold.

But before me, while gazing on each cluster there, Fond pictures will often arise; Each one with a story--very simple, perhaps, But each brings the tears to my eyes.

Here's a cluster of white ones; they're new, That you never would look on them twice; But because of the pictures they bring to my view, To me they are far beyond price.

We mourn with the parents whose children have died; But for those whose babies have flown Far away out of sight, almost out of sound Into happy homes of their own.

We have n't a word of comfort to give, Yet can anyone count up the cost To the parents left in the desolate home? Can anyone tell what they've lost?

So each cluster of buttons a story could tell, Do you think you could buy them of me? No, they're mine; though the children that wear them are gone, And their faces no longer I see.

Ah, the parents alone in the desolate home, Who long for them day after day! May we all be united in heaven at last, Is the prayer of a mother always. --Mrs. L. M. Sloper.

Steel Railway Coaches.

A company has been organized with ample cash to manufacture railway cars constructed entirely of sheet steel, under patents of C. W. Math, of San Francisco. The company is negotiating for the purchase of a large tract of land near Chicago, where the cars can be built. It is claimed for the new vestibule cars that they are absolutely indestructible, non-combustible and can be built as cheap as wooden coaches.

Eaten By An Alligator.

The mystery of the sudden disappearance at Savannah, Ga., recently of Mark Johnson, a bright 18-year-old negro, has been solved. He was in swimming with other boys when he suddenly gave a scream and disappeared beneath the water. Johnson's parents thought the boy had cramps and was drowned. They got some neighbors to drag the creek and several hours were spent in searching for the body but it could not be found. At last some boys found a suspicious looking spot on a bar looking out into the creek. The sand had been terribly disturbed but the tracks were too large for turtle's. They began digging the loose sand and were horrified to uncover a human body. When all the sand had been removed the trunk of the missing boy was seen. The legs and arms were gone and the body was horribly mangled. The story was plain. An alligator had drawn him beneath the water, eaten a meal off him and then buried the remainder in the sand for another meal.

Wiggins Gives A Reason.

Professor Wiggins says the cause of yellow fever in the south was purely astronomical. On June 16, 1887, he said; the planets were on the same line, and the earth had yielded to the tendency to approach the sun, and since the cyclones, earthquakes, floods, cholera and yellow fever had devastated our planet. The advance had been only a few miles, but increased solar attraction had contracted the earth's surface, causing floods. The unusual shrinkage caused earthquakes. The atmosphere had become denser, and consequently held more carbon and its compounds in solution, producing microbes, and thus cholera and yellow fever.

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