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NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Springfield sawmill will soon shut down for want of logs.

The recent high waters have damaged the new Albina bridge to the amount of \$500.

A man was sandbagged and robbed in the city of La Grande last week for the small sum of \$1.50.

About \$20,000 of stock for the new cannery and ice factory at Corvallis has already been subscribed.

According to the official census returns of Lane county, the population has increased by 65 per cent. in the last ten years.

The Corvallis Foundry and Manufacturing company has just closed a contract with State Brothers for the manufacture of forty of their hay presses.

The store of Hasbrouck & Co., of Sprague, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The building was insured for \$3000, and the stock for \$5000. It was owned by H. Herbring, of The Dalles.

Malheur City, in Malheur county, supports four dry goods stores, all doing a good business and while the town is the center of an old mining district there is not a saloon in the place.

Seeking as a home a town where there are no saloons, the Keeley institute, for the cure of liquor, opium and tobacco habits, is to be moved from Portland to a permanent location in Forest Grove.

Wayman St. Clair, of Corvallis, and his entire family are just recovering from the effects of being poisoned. The cause is supposed to have been from eating cabbage sprinkled with paris green while growing.

A machine has been invented and is in use in the east that cuts lumber without any waste. The new invention is called the Bradley draw cutting machine. It will cut thin boards and planks in different thicknesses, from one-thirty-second of an inch up. All kinds of wood have been cut by it with perfect success.

Twenty of the heaviest Tacoma property owners tonight petitioned the Chamber of Commerce to take action on the charge made by them that Pierce county property has been valued too high, thereby compelling the payment of a much higher proportionate rate than other counties of the state. The petition was referred to the general January meeting.

A convention of all democratic clubs or societies throughout the commonwealth of Oregon is announced to be held in the city of Portland on January 8th and 9th, 1892. The call for the convention is made by the Tamany society and young men's democratic league. The object of the convention is to organize the democratic party for the coming campaign.

A certificate is on file with the Portland health office that perhaps give the key to many deaths that occur in that city. John Sederquist, a Scandinavian aged 27 years, died. Dr. E. O. Svenson, who attended Sederquist, gave the cause of death as gastritis, following typhoid fever, which was contracted by drinking city water. Dr. Svenson could attribute no other cause of death, and stated the case frankly in his death certificate.

For the privilege of carrying on their lottery scheme the New Orleans lottery managers offer to contribute for the public schools there \$250,000, payable quarterly; to levees, \$350,000; to charities, \$150,000, payable quarterly in advance; to pensions for disabled, infirm or indigent Confederate soldiers resident in Louisiana, \$50,000; to the city of New Orleans, for drainage and other sanitary purposes, \$100,000, payable quarterly in advance. The total amount of the bribe offered is \$31,250,000, payable in twenty-five years.

Two nightingales, male and female made a habitation for themselves on the banks of the Willamette river, three miles from Aurora during the summer months. The female nested there, raised her young, and the birds have gone south for the winter months. People in the vicinity say that at night time the songs of the male bird were delightful to listen to. Young men would whistle in answer to the birds and the little creatures would then respond in the most charming vocal strains. It is only a question of a few years when Oregon's forests will ring at night with the nightingale's beautiful music.—Eugene Guard.

A surprise party was recently given J. R. Peterson and wife, on the Cowlitz, by a lot of his neighbors. Mrs. Oscar Oleson was one of the guests. She weighs about 230 pounds, and when she essayed a skirt dance, it truly was a surprise party. The floor was weak, Mrs. Oleson was heavy, and in the midst of a difficult figure the floor gave way and the fair dancer disappeared into the cellar along with the kitchen stove. She was quickly extracted from her perilous position by the men of the party by the aid of levers and ropes, and was found to be but little injured. The stove, fortunately, contained no fire, and did not fall upon her.

The most outrageous swindle that has been perpetrated for some time, was the platting of a piece of land five miles from this place, advertising is as one mile from Hood River, and giving it away to those who were unfortunate enough to purchase a ticket to the theater. The land is worth \$2.50 per acre, but these fellows gave it away, charging only for making the deeds \$2.50. The land would bring at this rate about \$30 per acre. The real estate firm that put it on the market are doubly thieves. One in robbing the public of Portland and the second time in robbing Hood River of its good name. There is an abundance of fine properties here, but Portland people should know that

they can only expect to find it by coming here, or writing some reputable person.—Hood River Glacier.

Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout, aspires to be put in charge of the Indian exhibit at the world's fair.

A wedding took place recently among the high-toned Alpowai Indians. We notice that Rain-in-the-face, Stinking Breeches, Hole-in-his-Shirt and Old Skookum Root, were among the invited guests.

Forty tons of good grain hay sold under the hammer in this city last week for \$2 per ton, this being the first and only bid. It was not the desire of the purchaser to take it even at that price. This same hay may command \$10 per ton before spring.—Long Creek Eagle.

The Wallowa canyon, from the bridge on the Wallowa river to its junction with the Grand Ronde river, is the hunters' paradise. The recent snow in the mountains has caused the deer to come down into the small ravines and breaks that lead into the canyon, and they are very plentiful.

The Inland Empire must be heard in the congressional halls, says the Long Creek Eagle, and for this reason, both W. R. Ellis and J. H. Raley should be nominated on their respective tickets. Then our interests would be carefully looked after, it matters not which one succeeded in being elected.

There is now a fair prospect that all the tin plate which the Columbia river canneries will consume next season may be procured from American works. This country, which has attained such excellence and ingenuity in manufactures of the most varied kind, is fully equal to the task of making its own tin plates.

A phenomena is observed in an artesian well near Ellensburg. The well spoken of is down about 200 feet, but the water in it is still 160 feet below the surface. The peculiarity consists in the fact that when there is no wind the water is that distance below the curbing; when there is a high wind flowing water pours out of the pipe.

The machinery of the jute mill at the penitentiary, Walla Walla, will arrive in a few days. Wheat sacks will probably be cheaper in the Inland Empire next year on account of the operation of this mill. And yet there will be no diminution of the crop of demagogues who will rail against convict labor as taking the bread out of the mouth of the poor man.—Oregonian.

A late explorer in the wonderland of Alaska reports that he found large deposits of ivory near the Yukon river and judges from the immense quantity there that in pre-glacial days ivory-bearing animals fought a great battle at that place when thousands were slain, their tusks and skeletons remaining to this day. The fact that he has about induced a company to send a ship next summer to bring down a cargo of the ivory gives a shadow of truth to an otherwise wild story.

A nautical journal published on the Pacific coast asserts that the Nicaragua canal, if completed, will never be used by sailing vessels, for a reason which applies also to the Panama canal. On either side of Central America, in the vicinity of the proposed entrances to the canal, is a region of perpetual calms and doldrums, and a sailing vessel would find it exceedingly difficult to get into the entrance on one side, and after being towed through would have equal difficulty in getting away from the coast into the region of trade winds on the other.

New York, rotten as she is, has yet among her vast population an element possessed of conscience and moral purpose which makes itself felt on occasion. Tweed died in jail, Jake Sharp was caged in a cell, and some of the aldermen whom he hoodled were sent to the penitentiary. Young Field embezzled enormous sums of money intrusted to him, and his family was able to exert sufficient influence to have him declared insane and be housed comfortably in an asylum. Yet in response to the demand of the healthy element that all thieves shall be equal before the law, this son of a multi-millionaire and nephew of a justice of the supreme court of the United States, has been indicted for his crimes, dragged out of his not dishonorable retreat, and will be tried like any other scoundrel. San Francisco takes off her hat to New York. We couldn't do such a thing as that here. The powers which rule us would not permit a gentleman of young Mr. Field's financial and social connections to come to harm, though he were to run amuck on the streets with a cutlass in each hand. Boodle is king in San Francisco.—S. F. Examiner.

Rather Not Testify.
BOISE CITY, Dec. 29.—The trial of Annie Campbell, the woman recently indicted for having circulated spurious money, was to have begun today, but the case was postponed until tomorrow. It is very hard to secure witnesses against the woman. She was proprietress of a house of shady reputation in a small town in Kootenai county, and it is known that she passed a great many counterfeit \$5 pieces upon the dagoes working on the Great Northern grade. She is prepossessing woman of 30 years, and was looked upon as a superior being by the poor dagoes, who now, much as they deplore the loss of their money, decline to appear against her. Hence the delay in the trial. Officers are confident they can prove the woman was the agent of a gang of Montana coiners.

The Washington Independent says that Washington City is the most corrupt place outside of hell.

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OPENING THE COLUMBIA.

This is one of the greatest issues before the people of Oregon. Next to opening the Willamette, the people of this congressional district feel a deep interest in the work at the upper dalles of the Columbia. The reports of the government engineers on that work, when compared from year to year, show that mere contemplation of the obstructions to be overcome seems to magnify them.

In ten years the estimate for improving the rapids with a canal and locks has increased from half a million to three and a-half millions. Between two and three millions has been spent there with no visible result. Indeed, good authorities say the government contractors in summer repair the ravages of the preceding winter's flood. No doubt most of the money is stolen.

What are the people to do? Is the world to stand still until the government or the war department finishes the work? That would take half a century. Are the people to wait until honest officials or contractors can be found? That would be to wait for the millennium. Obviously the people must act. They must send to congress at the next election two congressmen for open rivers. They must act upon the present congress. They must send down petitions to Washington asking for specific relief. Our proper state officials at Washington must demand for the people of Eastern Washington and Oregon prompt and immediate action by congress to secure temporary relief. If the locks or a boat railway cannot be built within ten or twenty years, a portage railway must be built at once.

The people of Oregon have built one portage railway in the past year at The Dalles and can build another if need be. The state of Oregon is showing Congress that a portage railway is the most practical solution of the problem, and that with three men at \$300 a month it can handle all the business at present in sight at The Dalles. A conductor at \$100, an engineer at \$100, and a brakeman at \$60, leaving \$40 a month for oil and fuel. The portage is a mile long and in two trips a day handles the freight.

If an appropriation for a temporary portage railway at the thirteen-mile rapids and falls of the Columbia cannot be procured of the present congress the people should know the reason why, here in Oregon. What will it cost? The government reports show that the sum of \$431,500 is the engineer's estimate for a single-track portage railway. Captain Powell's estimate is \$250,000, and the state could undoubtedly build the portage road and equip it for \$300,000, and operate it for \$1000 a month.

The boat railway is undoubtedly the thing most to be desired in the end for the permanent improvement of the Columbia, but it will always be more expensive than a portage railway. The engineer's estimate for the boat railway is \$2,800,000 to build it and \$80,000 a year to operate on half time. To pass forty boats each way in twenty-four hours, will cost \$275,000 a year to operate it.

If congress will not come to the relief of the producers of the great inland empire, what can be done? To secure speedy results we should say make it a political issue in this state and pass a bill through the legislature at its next session for a portage railway. Open the great waterways to the sea, and in one year the enterprise will have more than justified the expenditure.—Salem Journal.

"STILL HARPING ON MY DAUGHTER."

One of the half dozen copies published daily from the Times-Mountaineer office accidentally fell into our hands this morning and from it we see that the editor is still living in the remote past, chewing the cud of bitter retrospection and threshing old straw that has not yielded a kernel of grain for the last two years. In spite of everything The Dalles today has a water system second to none on the Pacific coast, judged by the quality of the water or in any other way. The mains that the Mountaineer says have "nearly all to be replaced by new pipes" consist exactly of six blocks in length—the oldest and all the oldest pipes in the city, and they have been replaced by larger pipes as a matter of necessity. Only six block's length, and yet the Times-Mountaineer says "nearly all the old mains have to be replaced by new pipes." The Times-Mountaineer could not tell the truth about our water system if it tried.

Here are some facts brought out by the November report of Justice Bateman & Co., one of the largest wool commission firms in the United States. The reader can study them and draw his own

conclusion. "Very handsome xx Australian combing wool has been bought in London at 11 pence, half penny (or 23 cents American money.) The value of washed Ohio fleeces in London is therefore below 22 cents." Were it not for our tariff laws, wool of the grade referred to would sell in Boston, reckoning freight at about 23½ cents per pound. But the duty on this class of wool is 11 cents per pound and the price of xx Ohio combing wool is quoted by Justice Bateman & Co., at 35 to 36 cents, that is the amount of the tariff duty is the difference in the price on the same class of wool in England and America.

The state board of equalization will do a very foolish, not to say illegal thing if it taxes mortgages at their face value while sheep are taxed \$1.60 a head and other property, real and personal, at a similar rate. When will men learn that the laws of Oregon demand that all kinds of property shall be assessed at a uniform rate? Neither the state board nor any other authority has a right to discriminate in rates. Sheep are to be taxed \$1.60 a head while good mutton sheep are worth over \$4.00, and the commonest stock sheep worth nearly double the amount assessed, yet mortgages are to be taxed at their face to please the demagogic cry for the taxation of capital when every dollar of taxes so levied and assessed has to be paid by the debtor classes in the long run.

The New York Press has made a poll of the entire congress on the silver question and the result shows that no unlimited coinage bill can pass the fifty-second congress over the president's veto. In the house there are 236 democrats, 87 republicans and 8 farmers' alliance. Of the democrats 162 and of the republicans 9 are in favor of free coinage. Eighty-seven democrats are opposed to it and 70 republicans and 54 members of the house are doubtful. In the senate 36 democrats and 18 republicans are in favor of free coinage and 3 democrats and 30 republicans are against it. The total number of senators who will favor free coinage being 54, there is no danger of such a law being enacted at this session, seeing it takes 59 votes in the senate to pass a bill over the president's veto.

When a newspaper man is liberal nothing on earth can equal his liberality. Day before Christmas the big-hearted editor of the Washington Independent announced to the country that if there were any sad hearts in the little breasts because poverty and pinching want forbid the entrance of the German "Kris Kringle" they should report to him forthwith and they would be made to rejoice if it took his last cent and exhausted all the credit of the firm. It is safe to say that this remembrance of generosity was never put to the test.

We have received a communication from Wamie signed "Sympathizer" which we will willingly publish if the writer will forward his name to this office, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee that the statements contained in the letter are true. We cannot publish anything that reflects on another without the assurance that the reflections are founded on fact and even then we must be allowed to judge of the propriety of giving them to the public.

The Grant county News insists that Eastern Oregon is entitled to name the candidate for congress from this congressional district at the coming election. There can be no doubt of the justice and fairness of this claim. Western Oregon has already two senators and a congress man and will have them for years. Eastern Oregon is surely entitled to one representative in four and will undoubtedly get it, if she makes the demand and sticks to it.

It was a singular fate that was reserved for a man named Pugh who died on the Luckimute in Polk county, last Monday, coming from Dakota the home of the blizzard and the land of the cyclone. Pugh was frightened to death because a little Chinook sephyr moved his house from its foundation. He must have forgotten, for the moment that he was in Oregon.

The Keeley drunkenness cure is to be tested in court on the suit of an inebriate who paid \$150 on a pledge that he should be cured, which was not done. He wants \$1200 for the damage done to his constitution by the treatment. An exchange says that incidentally this suit may raise the question whether an incurable drunkard has \$1200 worth of constitution.

The Goldendale Sentinel says a scheme is on foot to construct an endless chain railway from the summit of the hills south of Goldendale to the rivers at Rockland, by which cars loaded with grain going down the mountain will draw back the empty ones. The Sentinel thinks the scheme is practicable but not probable.

Gambling breaks suicide, says an exchange, as war breeds famine. The click of the ivory chips and the crack of the pistol go together the world over, and will continue to keep company so long as men covet the wealth of their neighbors, which will probably be till the end of time.