

**HORSES IN CHICAGO.**

Sales Advancing Readily Both in Prices and Numbers.

LIMITED OFFERING IN THE SCALE.

Condition of the Cattle Market Much Improved Last Week.

RECEIPTS ARE BELOW ESTIMATES.

Cows And Mixed Stock Show the Advance of a Brisk Trade—The News Wanted.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—You may say that the Chicago market is active for horses. Without any special cause, the recent dullness started in actively last week, and prices ranged from 20 to 30 per cent in advance of previous sales, closing Saturday: 1,600 lb. draft, \$190 to \$230; 1,400 lb. chunks, \$140 to \$160; 1,400 express, \$170 to \$200; 1,250 chunks, \$125 to \$175; steeters and extra drivers in demand at from \$100 to \$300 per head, according to conditions.

Receipts of cattle during the week fell far below the estimates, being less than half the arrivals of the corresponding week. With the usual demand and such limited supply a mild advance would have resulted, but orders for all classes of cattle were on a limited scale and the trade was only moderately active at an average advance of 10@15c. Heavy cattle were not even readily salable at that advance, the demand being very light, but the good, light and medium weight steers went off briskly and the supply was cleared at an early hour daily. Cows and mixed stock shared the advance of 10@15c, the trade ruling quite brisk at that advance. Range cattle composed half the supply, there being 2,000 westerns and 3,000 Texans on sale. Both branches of the trade were active at the general advance.

**HYPOCRISY OF PUBLIC MEN.**  
The Billion Dollar Congress and Its Counterfeit Counterpart.

The present democratic house of representatives, with about 140 democratic majority, contrasts very unfavorably with the last house of representatives, with the republican majority, in the "billion dollar congress." The billion dollar congress was controlled by men who had brains and plenty of horse sense and it gave the people full value for their money. While it spent only about one billion dollars, it was worth at least ten billion to the people. The McKinley tariff bill alone will save the people ten times as much money as the billion dollar congress appropriated, while the billion dollars went where it would do the most good, in improving rivers and harbors, erecting public buildings, building war ships and fortifications, and in hundreds of useful ways all laudable and necessary, and the money was put in circulation among the people, where it belongs, which is far better than keeping it locked up in the treasury, as the democrats have boasted they would do, but have failed to keep their promise.

After making as large appropriations, or larger than the republicans did, and we have no fault to find with them for this, only because of their demagoguery and false promises; they have tried to cover up their tracks, and make a false showing of economy by filibustering during the last week or ten days against the \$5,000,000 for the worlds fair. This is all humbug, they intend to pass the bill finally, either before the present session closes or after the presidential election next fall; and are trying to get votes under false pretenses. It is very little better than a confidence game by which sharpers swindle honest but credulous people out of their money. Such hypocrisy in public servants is disgraceful and ought to be rebuked by the people. The democrats are not entitled to any credit for their conduct in this matter but deserve the severest censure. This big democratic majority has blown long and loud about being a cheap affair, but it is dear at any price.—Eugene Journal.

**Conquest of Riot by Law.**

PITTSBURG, Aug. 9.—When asked what was the plan of his company toward the Homestead strikers, Mr. Lovejoy said: "We have started in on his conquest of riot by law, and it will be carried to a finish. There would have been more information before this but for the fact that many of the strikers engaged in the riot have run away. Meanwhile evidence against them is being gathered, and when they return information will be made against them, and they will be arrested. If they don't come back they will be followed up till they are arrested, and brought back for trial."

**What is Needed.**

Waterville Democrat. An open river to the sea is what eastern and central Washington wants, and not a big ditch on the sound.

**THE DALLES POISONING.**

A Statement from Coroner Eastwood, of Wasco County.

From the Oregonian.  
I see an article in to-day's Oregonian in which Dr. Otto S. Binswanger expresses his opinion rather freely concerning the poisoning of Mrs. Matilda C. Rogers, of this place. It occurs to me that the doctor is expressing himself upon a few fragmentary portions of the report sent by some one to the Oregonian, which does not purport to give the evidence in the case at all. It would seem, therefore, that an opinion based on such a report must necessarily be worth far less than that of the chemists who analyzed the stomach of the deceased, and his judgment as to the merits of the case far more likely to be wrong than that of the justice, who heard all of the testimony and the arguments in the case. It appears to me that one with the information that was before the doctor is a little presumptuous in thus criticising others who are in a far better situation to understand the case than he is.

I think the facts will show that he is laboring under mistaken ideas throughout the case. He says the statement "either sulphate of zinc or chloride of zinc after the analysis is made is worthless. The examination must show with absolute certainty which one of the two was contained in the stomach." Does the doctor know that a quart of embalming fluid was injected into the stomach, and two and a half quarts more were injected into the abdominal cavity around the viscera, and that this fluid contained large quantities of both sulphuric and hydro-chloric acid? If not then he does not understand the case and should not be venturing his opinion upon it. Can the doctor tell under these circumstances in which form the poison entered the stomach?

Again, he says that the report says that Mrs. Rogers died "suddenly" and that neither of these poisons will kill suddenly. Again he does not understand the case. Mrs. Rogers was sick from Sunday until Thursday morning. Does this give the poisons time to produce death? If so, then there is nothing in his argument to the effect that death cannot be attributed to either of these poisons. Again he says: "It is very doubtful that after a body has been buried for one or two weeks, even if it was embalmed in the ordinary way, it would show yet distinct inflammation of the stomach and intestines. In order to carry some weight such a statement must come from a physician and not from a chemist, whose knowledge of pathology is at best very rudimentary."

The three physicians who removed the stomach and intestines have all testified that the same were in a good state of preservation, while one of the chemists who made the analysis was also a physician and testified to the evidences of inflammation. So it seems that the doctor is laboring under a misconception of the case throughout. I am informed that he was consulted in regard to making this analysis, but the job, for some reason, was given to other parties. Perhaps this fact accounts for his interest in the case and possibly dreams of a corroborative analysis may have enlisted some of the sympathies he expresses. Let the proper officers try this case as the law makes it their duty to do. That they will discharge this duty to a conscientious manner no one doubts, and the defendant stands in no danger of being convicted on insufficient testimony.  
N. M. EASTWOOD,  
Coroner of Wasco county.

**Whales at the Beach.**

A returned sea sider says there is great competition between Clatsop and North Beach this year. He says the North Beach people secured a whale early, but it proved to be an elephant on account of the excessive flavor, and a worlds fair exhibitor was next secured to boil the whale, and pack the bones in a box for Chicago. Not to be outdone, the Clatsop people employed Captain Munson, the famous trout and salmon fly-fisher, to coax a school of whale up to the beach. That he was successful may be inferred from this paragraph, from the Astoria Examiner: "An interesting sight presented itself yesterday at Clatsop while the tide was flooding. Eight large whale were counted sporting around just outside the surf, so near, in fact, that one could almost cast a stone out to where they were playing about. Later in the evening two more monster whale were seen, almost in the same spot. Sea lion are very numerous around the beach now, and it is a common sight to see a score of them sporting about in the water near the surf."

**Current Topics.**

The Washington Republican state convention meet in Olympia tomorrow. Many delegates to the state league are on hand, and President Tom Cavanaugh expects about 350 will be present when the league meets tomorrow. The principal work will be reorganization. Cavanaugh, who has been president three years, does not want the office again. Kreider, the secretary, says there will be a change all around.

**Keep Your eye on Clatsop.**

Dispatch. Dr. Mullinix, of Astoria, is in the city. If every county in the state was under the management of such a working democrat as the doctor, Cleve and Steve would have the electoral vote of Oregon.

**THE TRAIN ROBBERS.**

Surrounded With a Prospect of Capture, Perhaps Today.

GEORGE CONANT UNDER ARREST.

His Nonchalant Way of Telling How he Made His Funds.

SAID HE HAD A PATENT AIR BRAKE.

The Guards Intend to Hold Him More Securely Than His Predecessor—Grat Dalton.

VISALIA, Cal., Aug. 9.—News was received yesterday that the train robbers are surrounded ten miles from Oroso, and will be taken dead or alive today, unless they should escape further into the mountains. John Sontag, one of the gang, stopped at the New Reedley hotel July 29d and was very talkative and astonishingly profane. He spent the evening in the hotel, drinking beer. A drummer for a shoe manufacturer in San Francisco was there. Sontag made him drink till they emptied four bottles. Sontag told Landlord Ayres he was going to Squaw valley to join his brother, and then they were going shooting. Conant, who is in jail here is kept carefully guarded. After their experience in the escape of Grat Dalton, the officers keep the prisoner on a ball and chain whenever he is admitted to the corridor for air, and no one but officials are permitted to talk with him. He retains his cool, polite demeanor, and answers all the questions put to him by the officers and detectives in the same nonchalant manner as when he was first interrogated. An important discovery has been made at the Evans house in the shape of four pieces of fuse, such as is used in exploding dynamite cartridges. Around these pieces were wrapped the business cards of a laundry in Mankato, Minn., the home of George Conant. In the light of recent events the cynical humor of a remark once dropped by Conant is becoming appreciated. He was a free spender of money, and one evening, while he was playing billiards at the Palace hotel here, a bystander asked him: "Where do you get so much money? You don't seem to work for it." "Oh," he said with a laugh, "I have a patent air brake for stopping trains, which I've been out introducing, and its a great success." When asked what he had been doing during his absence this spring he said: "I've been over the mountains introducing my patent air brake." It is believed now that his patent air brake consisted of a shotgun and dynamite bombs.

**Mills Started Up.**

DUQUESNE, Pa., Aug. 8.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning between 500 and 600 men, acting nonnominally, as previously agreed to, effectually broke the strike in the Carnegie mill at this place. They returned to work in a body and the soldiers are not required to protect them. The repair men had the mill ready for running. Steam was turned on and the several departments returned almost full and began to turn out finished steel. There were many members of the new Amalgamated lodges, which were formed here since the strike began, among those who went back to work and they did it openly and without fear of what their companions would do. There was no disorder at all.

**Parliament Opened.**

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The Queen's speech was read to parliament yesterday. The speech said that, as the business of parliament was practically completed before the dissolution under the proclamation of June 28th, it is not necessary for parliament now to continue the session at this unusual period of the year. Hope was expressed that when parliament meets at the customary season it will again direct attention to measures of social and domestic improvement. The last portion was greeted with groans by the liberals. Barton, conservative member for Midarmagh, moved an address in reply to the Queen's speech.

**To be Tested.**

Portland Telegram. County Judge Moreland has purchased at sheriff's sale several large mortgages on which the owners have declined to pay taxes. The county now holds these mortgages by virtue of the sale, and Judge Moreland will apply the legal test to the question as to whether or not the holders must pay any taxes on them. The question to settle is whether the mortgage tax law is worth anything. The supreme court will have to adjudicate the matter. Should the county win, it will be of great advantage to those who are compelled to bear the burden of taxation.

**Cosmopolitan Klamath.**

Star. Carloads of Iowa pork continue to arrive in Oregon. Corn is cheap in Iowa, but Klamath county don't care. We raise our own pork, and let the Iowa corn rustle.

**SPECIFICATIONS WANTED.**

A Popular Movement is Absolutely Needed to Start the Work at the Cascades.

A gentleman in Portland, who is authority upon the subject, informs us that nobody about the United States engineers office consider that they have anything further to do with the Cascade locks on the Columbia.

They seem to think they are left like Othello, since the passage of the general appropriation bill. The clause transferring the completion of the locks to the contract system left the engineer department without funds, as certainly as if no bill had passed.

That is the proper view to take of it. That is just as it is—but the engineers have a work to perform, nevertheless.

No contracts can be let, until the plans and specifications are prepared.

Bidders are now waiting for these; not only in Oregon, but elsewhere; and there need be no solicitude expressed fearing that these gentlemen have any doubts about the ability of the government to meet its share of the obligations imposed by the contract under the act.

It has been intimated that there are some knotty points at issue, which require time to straighten them out.

How much time?  
The river is falling.  
Time is precious.

People are on the anxious seat; and want to know whether they are to wait another decade or so for the plans and specifications? If so, a little dynamite must be used to get a move on those in authority.

The Inland Empire has been bottled up altogether too long. When our readers see what the rest of the world is accomplishing by their God-given rights of water transportation, as set forth in our Buffalo dispatches today; and by what has been done by the famous Sault Ste. Marie canal, they become clamorous for an open Columbia river.

The Dalles is no more deeply interested in this matter than the balance of the Inland Empire; but of one fact the people may rest assured, if The Dalles and the Inland Empire do not force the matter to a prompt and decisive issue it will not be forced. That's all there is about that. The only help that can be expected below the Cascades must come from Vancouver and Astoria. Portland does not want the river opened, any more than does the Union Pacific railway company.

**THE TUNA HEDGE.**

The Fence of the Future—Utility, Economy, Beauty.

Especially adapted to this climate, soil and demands of the people—"horse high, bull strong and rabbit tight." "He is a public benefactor who causes two blades of grass to grow where but one had grown before." The advantages of the Tuna hedge are:

1. In two years it makes a fence that will turn rabbits sheep and hogs, and in three years it turns everything.
2. It is the cheapest fencing ever used, as it supplies the material for all time to come.
3. It does not sap or impoverish the ground, being strictly an atmospheric plant, and will not grow from the seed or by cutting the roots, and hence will not spread.
4. It grows only from cuttings, and will grow in the driest ground, drawing its sustenance from the air.
5. It requires no trimming, growing in perfect shape and height for a fence.
6. It has been thoroughly and satisfactorily tested in climates more rigorous than ours, and does not winter-kill, having been successfully grown in Ohio, Kansas, Texas and Colorado for the last nine years for fencing purposes.
7. It can be planted any time of year except in mid-winter.
8. It ornaments your homes, being an evergreen and blooming through the months of May, June and July.
9. This wonderful plant opens its bloom just as the sun crosses the meridian line, making it a timepiece.
10. It also has a small, pear-shaped fruit, which is red when ripe and quite delicious, but, being hard to gather, it is not much used.

It will be delivered about October 1, 1892, and in order to introduce it in this country extra inducements are now offered. We respectfully solicit investigation, and invite you to call and ascertain fully in regard to its merits, as this is an opportunity to secure fencing material that has never before been equalled. It does away with the mutilating barbed wire, gives the old posts and rails for firewood, and supplies fencing material on the farm. Address Johnson & Moon, The Dalles, Or.

**The Campaign Committee.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The republican campaign in the west will be directed from here, subject to the national executive committee, by W. J. Campbell, of Illinois; J. N. Huston, of Indiana; E. Rosewater, of Nebraska; R. G. Evans, of Minnesota; H. C. Payne, of Wisconsin. Campbell will be chairman. The committee will have supervision of the canvass over the west, especially in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, member of the executive committee, will have charge of the southern states, and J. H. Manly and Sam Fessenden of New England. The Pacific coast has not yet been provided for.

**WATER V. RAIL ROUTES**

Advantages Conferred Upon the People by the Erie Canal.

BENEFITS BY ALL WATER ROUTES.

An Array of Facts and Figures That Cannot be Disputed.

APPLICABLE TO THE COLUMBIA.

An Aggregate Saving to be Divided Between Producers Amounting to \$135,800,000.

BUFFALO, Aug. 9.—All parties interested in water transportation will be edified by the statements of Edward P. North, concerning the operations of the Erie canal last year. Mr. North says: "Although, on account of the practice of vessels going up light, only about 30,299,000 tons of freight were transported during the season. They were carried an average distance of 266 miles; so that, multiplying the tons carried by the distance in miles, we have more than seventeen thousand million ton-miles, or a freight distribution equal to almost one-fourth of the ton-mileage of all our railroads. This lake freightage has been done at an average charge to shippers of 1.3 mills per ton-mile. The shipments by railroads, on the contrary, are averaged by the Interstate commerce commission at 9.22 mills per ton-mile; so that there was a saving on each ton transported by this water-road over the average charges by railroad, for an equal distance, of \$14.48, or an aggregate saving, to be divided between the producers and consumers of this country, of more than \$135,800,000. As the government has appropriated not quite \$30,000,000 for the improvement of the great lakes, their harbors, and the rivers that run into them, the people of this country received, through the cheapened distribution made possible by this expenditure in the single year of 1891, four and a half times the total cost of the improvements; or, to state the advantages of this improved waterway in another way, the cost of lake freight was six and one-half per cent. of the value of the goods transported; whereas, if they had been transported at the average charge for railroad freight, the cost would have been fully forty-six per cent. of their value. This percentage would have obviously taken so large a part of the value of a considerable proportion of the goods that the labor and profits of their production and distribution must have been lost to the community, if dependence had been placed on railroads alone.

**Big Works at Niagara.**

NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 9.—It is stated that one of the largest brass and copper mills in the world is to locate here, and that preparations have already been made for the erection of the plant which will occupy fifteen acres of ground. The site has been secured and will front on Buffalo street. The main building, according to the plans will be 200x300 feet in size and three stories high. The new company is one of the largest concerns in France and it is expected several hundred men will be employed in the mill here. The engineer of the company has been in the city some time preparing plans, but the matter has been kept very quiet for some reason.

**A Sensible Community.**

JUNCTION TIMES. From a showman we learn why Robinson's great circus gave Albany the go-by. He says Albany is booked as the poorest show town in the valley. He says further that the whole country comes in to witness the free parade, the stores and business houses close for the same purpose, but when it comes to pay, they are not in it. "If we were to give Albany a free show," he said, "it would require a tent as large as Rhode Island to accommodate the people. Its a rank show town, and is so rated."

**All Good Judges, But—**

Klamath Star. A Portland editor says any man that votes for protection in Oregon has hardly as much sense as a sheep! Portland editors are all good judges of sense, but the glasses through which some of them look at the subject are often a little too full.

**Positive Proof of Insanity.**

Klamath Star. The fact that Wilson the murderer, became his own executioner is positive proof that he was insane. A murderer too delirious to put his hoe into the long and easy row of technicalities, neither knows nor cares how rocky his hoeing is.

**You Put up the Gold.**

Review. English analysts say that there is not a trace of gold in the Keeley cure. We fear that our British cousins will never understand American humor. You see Keeley puts up the bichloride, and his patients put up the gold.

**A BRILLIANT SHEET.**

Digging Deep Down Into the Depths for an Excuse for Not Opening the Columbia River.

A brilliant sheet is the Tekoa Globe, says the Review. It can generally be relied upon to find the wrong side of public questions, and it is, therefore, not surprising that it should howl for the Seattle ditch as against the work of opening the Columbia river. With pitiful incomprehension, or amazing nerve, it defends Allen, Seattle, and the ditch, because the railroads make favored rates to the terminals as against the interior towns and cities, entailing "an unnecessary addition to the cost of every article we use, wear and consume." How this burden is to be lifted by digging a canal to two lakes back of Seattle is a point overlooked by the Tekoa paper. The consumers and producers of the interior have always entertained a belief that the only way to break a railroad combination was by opening the Columbia river, and men free to exercise their independent judgment know that this relief cannot be hastened by a policy that asks for \$500,000 for Seattle's local job, and only \$10,000 for eastern Washington and the upper Columbia. The Tekoa Globe may be stupid enough to think that the railroad problem can be altered by the digging of a canal at Seattle, but it is very certain that none of its readers will show such a density of intellect.

**Trout Creek Opals.**

Prineville News. Within the last few days a valuable discovery has been made by Hoskins Bros. & Co., on the headwaters of Trout creek, in the form of an immense deposit of opals of the finest quality. They are said to excel the opals of the far-famed Mexican mine. They are found in a formation peculiar to the opal, topaz, agate and amethyst, and this mine shows them in their greatest perfection. The formation is Geode, in nodules, the interior of which contains the gems. Hoskins Bros. are experienced miners for precious stones, and they feel highly elated over their discovery. Work of development will begin at the mine immediately and arrangements will be made by which the lapidary art may be applied to the stones of the mine. These gentlemen also have interests in the Morrow county opal fields, which have attracted considerable attention during the past two years.

**Bandits Attend Church.**

PITTSBURG, Aug. 10.—When the posse on track of the Cooley bandits were informed that the gang attended church at Smithfield Sunday night they were almost paralyzed. The gang boldly rode up to the church door, hitched their horses, and entered the sanctuary as calmly as the oldest members. They wore their belts with revolvers displayed, but carried no guns. As they sat on each side of the door they were recognized by dozens of the members who knew them by sight, but the terrified congregation were too timorous to go out past the bandits and give the alarm. No more outwardly devout than the outlaws on the back seat could be found among the members, and when the contribution-box was circulated they all chipped in. While the congregation sang the Doxology, the outlaws slipped out, mounted and rode off, yelling like Indians. No attempt was made to arrest them.

**At the Monumental.**

Eagle. The company of Portland parties interested with Jack Powers in his mine on Greenhorn have made arrangements to run another three thousand foot tunnel, at which time, when completed their developments will aggregate about \$30,000. They will then put up the proper machinery to reduce their ore. Chas. Miller, who owns the Monumental mill, is at present engaged hauling ore from his mine to the mill. This is a portion of the ore which was taken out last winter, and which he could not transport to the mill last fall owing to the great amount of snow, and unbroken condition of the roads. He will start his mill as soon as there is enough ore on hand to warrant such. Walla Walla and Pendleton parties can be found on all parts of the Greenhorn mountain working assessments on their newly discovered property.

**Has the Merit of Novelty.**

Union-Journal. The East Oregonian wants a law enacted providing that counties can issue scrip in denominational amounts of from one to twenty dollars, bearing eight per cent. It argues that this would give the people that inflated currency they so much desire. Drawing interest, as they would, there would not be an overplus, because as the silver mounted up, the scrip would be withdrawn from circulation and held as an investment. This would keep all scrip at par, while enough would be lost or destroyed to reimburse the county for the interest paid out on the balance. It is offered by the E. O., as the greatest cure for our present financial system. It has the merit of novelty, at any rate.

**"Timely and Appropriate."**

Telegram. Bishop Morris' protest against the "christening services" at the exposition is timely and appropriate. There is no occasion for making the sacraments of the church a drawing card for a secular performance. The things which belong to Caesar should be kept distinct from those which belong to God.