

Oregon eggs are quoted at 25 cents per dozen in Portland, while Eastern eggs sell at from 18 to 20 cents per dozen in the same market. This should be gratifying to Oregon farmers, and with the price of freight added to the price of the Eastern product, they should be able to keep out of the competitive market. Eggs sold in this city last Saturday at 30 cents per dozen, the highest price reached in several years.

Dan's weekly review of trade for the week ending Saturday, December 13, says: "Close to its annual holiday rush, business is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are again 2.5 per cent larger than 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity. The production of iron, woolsens, boots and shoes is larger than ever before. Exports of all sorts are at a record, and the failures for two weeks have been the smallest for the corresponding weeks in five years."

James Sherman, keeper of the range light on Tenes Ilahse island, several miles down the river, was found dead in his skiff last Thursday morning. He was a well-known character, being an old man and a resident of the island for many years. When found his feet were fast in the boat which was almost filled with water, and the greater part of his body was hanging in the river. It is thought that, as he is subject to fits, he must have fallen over while taking his usual walk. It is believed he has no relatives other than a granddaughter living in Portland.

The Hillsboro Argus says that George Mooberry's dog helped bring Gus Wachlin to justice. When the searching party was looking for Ledrick's body, all efforts were fruitless. They were about to give up the hunt when Mooberry, one of the party, said: "If his body is here, my dog will find it." Attention was then turned to the dog, which went down the narrow lane leading to the barn. The dog passed by the manure pile a few feet, sniffed, and then returned straight to the pile of compost. The eager crowd noted his strange actions, and Mooberry said: "He must be buried in there." Search revealed the truth of this, and the body was soon uncovered.

William Powell, aged 70, an old pioneer, was found dead last Friday on his scow near Wood's landing, on Westport slough. Appearances indicated that he had been dead several days. Deceased crossed the plains from Missouri, settled on Lewis river, and took up a donation claim in 1849. Having lost his wife, he moved with his children to this county, and took up a homestead on the Nehalem river in 1859. He followed hunting, fishing, and trapping in the time he came to this country. He left several daughters, among whom are Mrs. John Wallace, of Mt. Or., and Mrs. Joseph Smith, of East Portland. His remains were buried in Maplewood cemetery at Clatskanie last Saturday.

Gus Wikstrom and his partner, Mr. Day, owners of the logging road south of Kalama, are negotiating for the right of way for a lumber flume from their timber land, three miles southeast of there, to the water front in that city. They will put in a sawmill at the upper end of the proposed flume, and saw the lumber for wood wharf which they propose to construct. On a big lumber and wood wharf will be placed two planing mills for dressing lumber for market. A box factory of moderate capacity will also be added. It is the intention of the firm to deal quite extensively in cordwood, and they will have an upper and lower wharf for handling wood. Operations will be begun, they say, as soon as the right of way can be secured.

The continued wet weather has caused more slides on the Astoria road. Mr. A. B. Hammond has been over the line to investigate, and decide what is the best course to pursue in order to secure the speedy completion of the road. As it is impracticable to move the soft earth except with a dipper, the cuts into which mud has come down will probably be sluiced out, a pump and hose being used for this purpose. The water will be taken from the Columbia, which is bridged, until such time as fills can be bridged, the bridges required amounting to less than a mile. There are about 400 men employed on the line at present, but more will be put on as soon as they can work to advantage, as it is desired to have the road finished as soon as possible.

Tuesday's Oregonian contained a lengthy article stating positively that the N. P. R. Co. would extend their line from Kalama via Vancouver. The building of this line will avoid the necessity of maintaining the ferry between Kalama and Goble. The road from Goble to Portland has been leased for 99 years to the Astoria-Goble E. B. Co. This move should have been made years ago, but since the old U. P. grade between Kalama and Vancouver has been abandoned it gave the Northern Pacific an opportunity to buy an almost complete grade. The new line will run through a very rich country and this news will surely be received with joy by the people of Woodland and the Lewis river country. Poor Kalama will be side-tracked and Kalso will have the county seat.—Kalso Journal.

Some extensive river improvements are soon to be made at Vancouver, an appropriation of \$65,000 having recently been secured for the work. Among the stagnant industries the river-improvement at that place is expected to stimulate into new life, the most important is the lumber industry. When the river is opened for deep-water vessels, and the proposed extension of the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima railway into the immense timber belt only 25 miles distant has been completed, this industry, which was a few years ago the most important in the county, giving employment to hundreds of men, but which, on account of the obstruction to navigation caused by the sandbar in the river opposite Vancouver, has been practically dormant for four years, will undoubtedly take on a new lease of life and in a short time greatly surpass its former importance. It is understood that plans have already been figured on starting up two of the big sawmills, there, which have a daily capacity of 150,000 feet, and which have been idle for the greater part of the past five years.

Christmas cards at Ross' drug store. Also a fine line of books for the little folks.

The steamer Young America made no trip last Monday, being in Portland undergoing repairs to her machinery.

Last Friday evening the common council of this city met and appointed Chas. Blakesley recorder in place of J. B. Beagle, resigned.

John Winters has purchased the cooping establishment of John Atkins, in this city, and will continue the business in the future.

Money makes the mare go in Oregon. The horse-packing establishment at Lionton has sold 2000 tierces of Oregon horse meat in Paris this year.

If you want to make your wife or sweetheart or best fellow a lovely Christmas present go to Ross' drug store and buy some of those sweet California perfumes.

Smelt are said to have made their appearance in small quantities in the Columbia. In this a harbinger of springtime, or has some fellow had an overdose of catfish?

The Portland Daily Tribune tells the people of Oregon that the administration of Penneyer is a model one; that there is no crime of any importance, and that every day is Sunday.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Deer Island at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at Columbia City at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and in this city in the evening at 7:30. All are invited.

Wash Muckle and Thos. Holstein have formed a logging partnership and will put in several hundred thousand feet of logs this winter on Milton creek. The logging industry is receiving new life in all quarters.

There is not an advertiser in The Star but is worthy of your confidence and trade. Firms who advertise take this means of asking you for a share of your patronage. They desire you to know the character of goods they sell.

Grain elevators are to be built at Flavel, near Astoria. Work on them will begin shortly. As soon as the Astoria Goble road is finished and in operation wheat will be shipped by vessel largely from that point instead of Portland, as now.

Wheat dropped 7 cents per bushel in Chicago last week, and populists are tumbling over each other in their frantic glee; but did you hear any of them mention the fact that sawlogs had advanced about \$1.25 per thousand in the last year?

Four Columbia county men have filed their names with the chamber of commerce of Portland to accompany the relief committee to Alaska. Thos. from Clatskanie, Duncan Christman, Frank Quigley, and Alfred Johnson, and C. H. Piggott, of St. Helens.

The leecess of the steamer Ocean Wave will pay the owners \$6000 a year for three years, with the option of purchase at the expiration of the lease for the sum of \$35,000, less amount paid on the lease. It is understood that the Wave will be put on the Victoria-Tacoma route.

Prof. COLLIER, of Portland University, delivered a lecture last Friday evening to the reading circle of this city on geology. The professor's talk and charts were interesting in the extreme. He may deliver a lecture to the class later in the winter on some other similar subject.

The Star prints more news than any other paper in Columbia county, and its columns are open to the discussion of all important questions. Correspondents in all sections of the county contribute to the paper's columns, and the class of news sent in is of the highest character.

An editor in a neighboring town sarcastically remarks that he wants to buy a sack of flour, a pair of shoes, and a lot hat, and he is ready to receive the lowest bids for the same. He says that some of his own townspeople treat him that way when they want printing to the amount of two or three dollars done.

D. F. Macy, agent of the California fish commission, has completed his purchases of Chinese pheasants in this state, and left last Saturday for San Francisco. He has bought about 400 birds, the shipment of which is being made in ships of six, to various parts of California, for the purpose of propagation.

The time in Justice Clark's court in this city last Saturday was occupied in hearing the Sintak-Gambel cow case. Several witnesses testified on either side, and at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the case was brought to an end by the court holding Gambel in the sum of \$500 bonds to appear before the grand jury.

Patents to lands in this county have been received at the Oregon City land office for the following-named residents of the county: Maria Freeb, Alfred C. Wolf, Eben Roberts, Henry L. Kysar, Thomas George Peoples, James William McNaughton, William B. Derebery, Bondt Pederson, Edwin R. Throp, Prosper Claude.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company's agent at Kalama, Mr. D. J. Sullivan, states that materials have arrived for the construction of an entirely new pontoon for the big ferry landing, and a crew of bridgebuilders are there to begin work on it. It will take between two and three months to complete the work.

Last Sunday marked the beginning of a new epoch in church affairs in this city. The new church building of the Congregational denomination was dedicated to the Ruler of the Universe with appropriate ceremonies. This sacred event was looked forward to with great interest by those interested for many weeks, and the best wishes and co-operation of the entire community goes along with those who labored hardest for the completion of their house of worship. The services took place at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, opening with anthems of praise and earnest supplications, Rev. Mr. Clapp, of Portland, preaching the dedication sermon. It was announced by the secretary of the society that an indebtedness of about \$85 hung over the building, and before the ceremonies could be closed this amount had to be raised, which was the work of but a few moments, the appeals from the pastor being hastily and liberally responded to until \$118 were subscribed and contributed, after which dedicatory invocation was offered. The building is a neat and substantial one, doing credit to the place and those who labored hard for its completion. Its architecture is of the latest design, and its capacity is sufficient to meet the requirements of the town; its location is handy, and its presence adds dignity and stability to our city.

Work on the new wood flume being built by members of the Mayor campaign is progressing in an entirely satisfactory manner. It is expected that the flume will be completed into this city by the first of next week. That this improvement will add new life to the business of this community is a foregone conclusion, and is being observed by all. Should the company carry into execution their former plans in relation to this matter they will have out about 30,000 cords of wood yearly, and coupling the price of cutting with other expenses incident to carrying on such a business, the company will pay out over \$30,000 annually in this community. We have had no interview with any member of the company, but calculating from a conservative view of the matter, the conducting of the business will necessitate the expenditure of at least that amount annually. At all events each dollar that is expended by them in our midst will be just one dollar extra added to the circulating medium of this section.

The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says that he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., of that place, and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

C. H. Wheeler, the capable manager of Himpel & Wheeler's mill at Nehalem, leaves in February, in company with John Mullin of Puget Island, for Dawson City. Mr. Wheeler goes at the instigation of a wealthy San Francisco firm, who intend to establish a sawmill at Dawson City. The company will own and operate their own coas and river steamers for the transportation of the mill plant. Mr. Wheeler goes to locate the site for the mill and make the necessary arrangements for its erection pending its arrival. Messrs. Wheeler and Mullin will go to Dawson via Chilcoot. The selection of Mr. Wheeler is a sure indication that the mill will be a success, as he is one of the most capable mill men on the coast.—Cathlamet Gazette.

The regular annual election of St. Helens lodge No. 32, A. F. & A. M., was held in this city last Saturday evening, when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Master, U. W. Clark; Sr. Ward, Andrew King; Jr. Ward, J. Weed; Sr. Deac, F. Vivian; Jr. Deac, Chas. Muckle; Sec'y, Chas. Johns; Treas., James Muckle; Tyler, Wash Muckle; D. C. Tedford and E. M. Wharton, stewards. The installation of officers will take place on the evening of St. John's Day, next Monday. After the business of the meeting had been disposed of the members repaired to the Oriental hotel, where they partook of a sumptuous luncheon which had been prepared at their request.

It is not known whether the trial of Upton will be proceeded with at the January term of circuit court or not. The state will, in all probability, be ready to go to trial, but more than likely if the defense is certain that the state is ready to proceed, it will ask for a continuance. We have it from good authority that the state has its witnesses located and they will be on hand when needed.

At a meeting of the Rathbone Sisters held in this city Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. C. Mrs. H. R. Cliff; S. C. Mrs. D. Davis; J. C. Mrs. E. R. Quick; M. Mrs. N. A. Perry; M. of F. Mrs. M. C. Gray; G. I. T. Mrs. R. Cox; G. O. T. Mrs. Jas. Sheldon.

Officers of the local land office at Oregon City are just now busy sending out notices to homesteaders whose time for proving up has about expired. It is found that nearly 1000 homesteaders in this district have failed to prove up, although the five years allotted them has about expired. The hard times, probably caused this condition of affairs.

About the first of January there will be launched in Portland a new daily paper, of which Chas. Meserve is to be the managing editor. The new paper is to be republican in politics, and claims to have secured the use of the associated press dispatches. Five or six type-setting machines are to be put in, and a Hoe perfecting press will print the paper. Agents are out over the state securing good correspondents, and it is claimed the paper will be in every detail a metropolitan daily.

The first week of the new year will be a lively one in St. Helens. An adjourned term of circuit court will convene here on Wednesday, the 5th instant, as will also the regular January term of commissioners' court, before which many important matters pertaining to the county's welfare will be brought on for disposition. The settlement with the various road supervisors, the appointment of judges and clerks of election, the fixing of the tax levy for 1898, and many other important matters.

The work of recovering the 1200 cases of salmon, which the Columbia dumped into the river recently from the Fishermen's cannery, is progressing much better than was at first anticipated. It has been found that they were not carried away by the tide and current, but lay in piles directly where they fell. Many of the cases are damaged somewhat, but a majority will be raised in good condition. The real difficulty experienced is that the diver has to grope his way around, as the water is too muddy to permit him to see.

Mr. and Mrs. James Muckle entertained a host of friends and acquaintances last Monday evening at what, the occasion being the 18th anniversary of their marriage. After fifteen bands of what had been played the guests were escorted to the dining-room, where stood a board loaded to its fullest capacity with everything pleasing to the palate. The evening was most enjoyably spent, and about 1 o'clock in the morning the guests reluctantly departed, wishing for their host and hostess many happy returns of the occasion.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Mr. Ed Black, of Goble, was in town last Saturday.
Dr. Edwin Ross visited Portland on Wednesday.
Mrs. J. G. Muckle and Mrs. D. J. Switzer were in Portland Tuesday.
Mr. John Dibble, of Rainier, was in this city last Friday attending to business matters.
Mr. W. H. Dolman returned last Saturday from a four week's sojourn in Placer county, Cal.
Mr. J. B. E. Bourne, of Rainier, was looking after business matters in this city on Thursday last week.
Mr. D. J. Switzer, Mrs. Jacob George and Mrs. M. C. Gray, St. Helens' invalids, are on the road to recovery.
G. C. Joush, T. C. Watis and H. M. Fowler, of Goble, attended Masonic lodge in this city Saturday evening.
James Muckle came up from his camp on the Coweeman, and spent a day or two in town the fore part of the week.
Dr. J. E. Hall was in this city Tuesday evening attending a meeting of the board of medical examiners for pensions. He returned home on the Shaver that evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bross, Mrs. C. I. Hoggartz and Ed Philbrook, of Rainier, were in attendance at the dedication services of the new church in this city last Sunday.
Dr. E. P. Geary, of Medford, has sold his business to the County Court of that location in Northern California. Dr. Geary was, year before last, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of this state, and has many friends among that fraternity in this county.
Frank Henrick, of Montaville, who has been seriously ill for a long time, is now recovering. He received a blow on the top of his head several months ago, which proved quite serious, and it was feared that an operation would be necessary. His friends in this county will be pleased to learn that this was not necessary, and that he is in a fair way to full restoration.

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How to Cure Bilious Colic.
I suffered for weeks with colic and pain in my stomach caused by biliousness, and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. B. BROWN, Fairhaven, Conn.
Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attacks by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Cure that cough with Shill's Cure. The Best Cough Cure. Relieves cough promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cents. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

Broadly Nervous.
GENTS—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthened my whole Nervous System. I was troubled with constipation, kidney and bowel trouble. Your tea soon cleansed my whole system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained my health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
In the matter of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, duly appointed administrator of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them, with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, at his residence, near Pittsburg, Columbia County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.
PITTSBURG, Oregon, Nov. 20, 1897.
LUCINDA WILKINSON, Administratrix of the estate of William Wilkinson, deceased.

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Gus Wachlin, the murderer of John D. Ledrick, at Cornelius several years ago, by his attorneys, filed a motion for new trial before Judge McBride last Friday, but the judge overruled the motion and sentenced Wachlin to death by hanging. The time for the execution was not set by the judge at that time, but Wachlin's execution will take place at Hillsboro within 60 days from last Saturday.

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