

OREGON MIST.

March 8, 1899.

SIDE-HEAD PARAGRAPHS.

JUMPED FROM A FLYING TRAIN.—Sheriff A. L. Kirby, of Cowlitz county, Washington, mourns the loss of a prisoner, Frank Harris, who he was taking back to Kalama from Portland Sunday morning, over the Northern Pacific, and all went well until the train had passed Warren station, when Harris, who had gone into the toilet, smashed both panes of the double-ash window and threw himself from the car. The sheriff had the train stopped and succeeded in reaching the point where Harris had struck the muddy grade, within five minutes, but lost track of him in the dense underbrush. The prisoner had got off on the side next the river and crossed the track, but that is the last known of him, though 15 men were in search very shortly after he got away. Harris was accused of robbing the store of Ole Olsen at Catlin, and the detectives in Portland had captured him with the plunder, which he had consigned to him by steamboat. He is supposed to have robbed the same store twice within the past few weeks. Sheriff Kirby returned to Portland Sunday evening much chastened over his loss, and after offering \$50 reward for the recapture of the prisoner, left for home on the night train. Harris is 22 years of age, though he looks younger. His height is 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 140 pounds; is of swarthy complexion, smooth face and has long, black hair. He is lame in the right hip, and wore, when he got away, a brown striped coat, dark trousers, black sweater and black slouch hat. He is not a desperate character, and no trouble is anticipated by the authorities in his capture, if he can only be located. He took desperate chances of getting away, however, as the train was making 25 miles an hour where he threw himself off.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—Section 13 of the Daly school law, passed by the recent legislature, says: "There shall be elected by the legal voters of each county at the biennial election in the year 1900, and every four years thereafter, a county school superintendent, who shall take his office on the first Monday in August following his election. He shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor is chosen and qualified. But the present office of county superintendent of schools is not affected by this section until the election in the year 1900. No person shall be eligible to the office of county school superintendent who has not, at the time of his election or appointment, taught in the schools of the state at least nine school months, and who does not hold a first-grade county certificate, a state diploma or a state certificate in Oregon, and no county clerk shall place the name of a candidate for the office of county school superintendent on an official ballot unless said candidate for the office of county school superintendent shall furnish proof to such county clerk that said candidate has taught in the state for nine school months, and also holds one of the certificates as provided for in this act. The law also provides that the school superintendent of Columbia county shall receive \$550 annually for his services."

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ON SALARY.—The legislature, conforming to its general inclination to wipe out fees, put all district attorneys on salary, and provided that they shall receive no additional fees, percentage or compensation. In addition, district attorneys are required to advise county courts on all legal questions that may arise and to prosecute and defend the counties in all proceedings to which the county may be a party. For this work no extra pay will be allowed. Beginning with the first Monday in July, 1900, district attorneys will hold office four years. The salaries set (house bill 263) are: First judicial district, \$3000; second, \$4,000; third, \$4,150, and out of this salary is to be paid a deputy in Marion county \$500, Linn \$400, Yamhill \$250, Polk \$250, Tillamook \$200; fourth, \$4,000, and two deputies at \$1,800 a year, who are to be paid by the state; fifth, \$4,000, out of which is to be paid a deputy in Clatskanie county \$500, Clatsop \$600, Washington \$500, Columbia \$200; sixth, \$3,000; seventh, \$3,000; eighth, \$3,500; ninth, \$3,000. This law took effect February 18.

COLUMBIA FORTIFICATIONS.—Work on the fortifications at the mouth of the Columbia is pushed along with a sureness and steadiness which indicates that the people and property of the Columbia are to be well protected from foreign intrusion in cases of complications arising that would lead to war. Over 100 men are employed at Fort Stevens, and the guns and mortars that were shipped there last year are about placed and ready for action. In addition to these there is another contingent on the way from the East, and as soon as it arrives the fortifications will be made much more powerful. At Scarborough head work will soon be resumed and that place made such a formidable defense as to reassure the people of no danger. Apparatus for planting the mouth of the Columbia full of submarine mines is stored in the forts in great quantity, and as the work is to be continued it is certain that the government expects to make the forts complete in every particular.

A LONGER PLACE.—A little boy had been told by his mother that people who tell lies cannot go to heaven. After thinking the matter over a while, he began asking home folks, and then other friends if they ever told lies. Most people would be honest with the little child, and each answered in accordance with the case. A few days later, after some deliberate thought on the subject, he started his mother by announcing that he did not want to go to heaven. "Why," asked his mother, "O, it would be so lonesome for me there—nobody there but Jesus Christ and George Washington."

CANAL BILL PASSED.—By a decisive vote in the United States senate last Friday the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal was passed. It went through as a rider to the river and harbor appropriation bill, and it is expected that it will meet with like success in the house. It will require about \$120,000,000 to build the canal, and there seems little doubt but what it will be ordered by the government.

WESTERN IMMIGRATION.—A large influx of immigrants are making preparations to journey westward in the spring, and Columbia county should look alive in order to secure its share of the new population. The past rigid winter and other causes are turning the minds of people living east of the Rocky mountains to the beautiful valleys of the Pacific slope, and they long to back in our equable climate and enjoy the balmy breath of the gentle chinook.

INJURY IN HOOD RIVER VALLEY.—Fruit is badly injured throughout the Hood river valley from the effects of the late cold spell. Peach buds seem to be all killed; cherries about 25 per cent; prunes 50 per cent; quinces and plums killed; pears and grapes badly injured. Apples and strawberries, their principal crop, are not damaged. Hood river escaped lightly compared with other parts of the country. In some parts of the Willamette valley the fruit trees were killed, and in many places the strawberry vines were frozen out.

SCHOOL LAWS.—Prof. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, will, in a few days, issue a pamphlet containing all the legislation affecting the schools of the state passed by both the special and the regular sessions of the twentieth legislative assembly. This will be distributed throughout the state, each county superintendent receiving sufficient copies to supply all the officers of all the districts in his county, so as to give the public an opportunity to become acquainted with the new laws affecting the public school system.

OREGON DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association will be held in Portland on Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 1899. The importance of a meeting of this kind is attended by the dairymen of Columbia county as it should be in self evident. Organization means strength and prosperity. The experience of the past year has forcibly called attention to the necessity of maintaining a strong dairy association in the state. For the coming meeting an interesting programme has been arranged.

ORCHARD RUINED.—Cottage Grove Leader: "I. H. Veatch informs us that the recent cold weather has killed his fine young prune orchard. He says he would not be surprised if untold damage has been done to young orchards throughout the valley by the cold snap. His attention was called to the matter by a neighbor who has suffered the same kind of loss, though not so extensively, and he says that upon close examination he finds every young and peach tree is killed in his whole orchard of about 7 1/2 acres. The trees are six years old and bore a fair crop last year. This is a severe loss to Mr. Veatch and is one that cannot be easily estimated."

GRAND JURY USELESS.—A bill has passed the state senate which practically nullifies the present grand jury system. The bill was introduced by Moody during the closing days of the legislative session, and passed during the rush of business without it becoming generally known. It had the endorsement of the Oregon Bar Association, and becomes a law ninety days after being signed by the governor. It provides that the district attorney shall investigate information in cases which are held to the grand jury. The law does not abolish the grand jury system, but leaves it optional with the circuit judge whether a grand jury be convened or not.

INCORRECTLY REPORTED.—The Washington correspondent of the Oregonian certainly inaccurately reported the amounts carried in the general appropriations for rivers and harbors as applied to the Clatskanie and Lewis rivers. The first statement published was to the effect that \$60,000 had been appropriated for the improvement of Lewis river. Later reports do not confirm the statement. The correct amount is but \$10,000. Instead of \$13,000 being appropriated for Clatskanie river, the amount is \$15,000. With that sum of money the Clatskanie can be fairly well improved, at least it can be made much better than at present. The appropriations for rivers and harbors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho amount to \$686,000.

SOME BIG TIMBERS.—The largest bill of big timbers that was ever turned out in the Cowlitz valley by a sawmill is now being cut at Fidler's mill, Catlin. The timbers are to be used in the steamer Lakme, that was recently fired by her cargo of lime, and now lying at Astoria for repairs. The largest timber is 18x24 inches and 126 feet long and will be used as the keelson. The log that furnishes this piece of timber is 126 feet long and 34 inches at the small end and contains 8810 feet of lumber. Two other timbers measure 100 feet in length and are 18x24. There are quite a number of smaller timbers. The logs were furnished by Taylor & Beck, loggers on the Ostrander, and the woods is full of just such logs, but the expense of getting them to market is considerable greater than common lengths, but when extraordinary lengths are desired Cowlitz county can produce them.—Kelso Journal.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. ABSOLUTELY PURE. Makes the food more delicious and wholesome. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

A NEW INVENTION.—Some one in Cleveland, Ohio, has just recently invented a system of telegraphy by which the receiving is done in print. Its promoters claim they are about to build wires and spread the system all over the country. The process of the new system requires the work at the transmitting end to be very slow and laborious. We predict that it will not take the place of the Morse system of telegraphy. This system is the most reliable yet discovered, and it is hard to conceive of any more reliable. With its new code, and its duplex and quadruplex improvements, and with the use of the typewriter in receiving, it is rapid. It used to be that the work of transmitting could be accomplished faster than it was possible for anyone to receive. But, by the use of the typewriter, the contrary has transpired. No operator can transmit as fast as an experienced man with a typewriter can receive. The sending operator must make several strokes for some letters and figures, while the receiving operator needs only one stroke for each letter or figure. But the use of the new code is overcoming this. This history of the development of the Morse telegraphic system would be an interesting one, dated from the time when a tape was used at the receiving end—before anyone learned to read by sound. W. W. Skinner, the Southern Pacific agent at Salem, learned to read by sound, just before coming to Oregon in 1859. He built the first telegraph line in Oregon, in 1862, for Mr. Strong, who was a resident of Salem a long time and died there. That was long before Oregon had a sign of a railroad.

PROSPERING UNDER GOLD STANDARD.—The Rev. Sam Jones told the people of Hopkinsville, Ky., a few nights ago that William Jennings Bryan is 40 years of age, pays only \$8 in taxes per annum, and that any man who cannot manage his own affairs so as to be able to make a better showing than this ought to quit fooling with the finances of the nation. The people of Hopkinsville did not take kindly to this attack upon the apostle of the heaven ordained rail, so they telegraphed to Lincoln, Neb., for statistics. The reply was, according to a contemporary, that Bryan paid \$135 in 1896, \$241 in 1897, and \$322 in 1898, and the evangelist was at once asked to correct his statement. This Jones did, but spoiled it all by adding that as Mr. Bryan paid nearly three times as much in 1898 as he did in 1896 he must be prospering under the gold standard. The increase in Colonel Bryan's taxes from 1896 to 1898 is remarkable, however, in view of the fact that he has been devoting all his time to the country rather than his law business since the first-named year. He has had a small income from the royalties on his book and has made some money lecturing, however, but as he buys a new shirt with a deep bosom every time he appears in a full-dress suit his expenses must have been quite heavy.—Inter-Ocean.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION SHINGLES.—The Metcalf & Wade shingle mill at this place will turn out the coming season 100,000,000 shingles. The company now has at their mill 1,000 cords of bolts, and 10,000 cut ready to be driven to the mill at any time. They have written contracts with cutters to furnish them 14,000 cords and will cut 8,000 cords more before the season closes, making a total of 20,000 cords of bolts which they expect to manufacture into shingles before December 1, 1899. Figuring 5,000 to the cord, which is a very safe estimate, the mill will cut 100,000,000 shingles this season. Mr. Tallman, who has charge of the bolt department, now has 100 men cutting bolts in the fine belt of cedar timber on the Touth river. Mr. Tallman is an expert timber cruiser, and says there is no end to the cedar in that section. He has been with the firm for years, and, though a resident of Tacoma, he has at last decided to locate in Kelso.—Journal.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.—Captain Crowninshield, United States navy, points out that, while all the ports of the United States will profit by the Nicaragua canal, those of the Pacific will be the most benefited by its construction. Every bushel of grain exported from California, Oregon and Washington to Europe now goes by way of Cape Horn, but with the canal those states will be brought 8000 miles nearer their market. The voyage is now 135 days long, but then it will be only 35, so that the cargo can be delivered over three months earlier. During the year ending December 30, 1898, 1,150,000 tons of wheat, 200,000 tons of other grain, and 3,000,000 barrels of flour were shipped from the Pacific coast.

WHAT IS A DOLLAR?—A dollar is what some men promise to pay for a county newspaper. It is something a newspaper man enjoys more in anticipation than in reality. It is the price of a day's work for some men and a single night's drink for others. It is what the wife frequently needs but seldom has. It is the power that makes or unmakes men. It is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to get rid of known to mankind. It is a blessing in a small measure and a curse in many instances. No man ever had more than he wanted and no man ever will. A dollar is a snare and a delusion and every one of us are chasing the delusion.

ALWAYS PRESENT.—The newspaper goes right into the reader's house—goes in and sits down with him. It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he smokes after the meal. It reaches him when he is in an unapproachable condition. That's why newspaper advertising brings better results than other advertising.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it cures that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by Dr. Edwin Ross.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dr. Ross was in Portland Wednesday.

County court will convene on next Wednesday.

Chas. Merrill was up from Deer Island last Monday.

B. T. Smith, of Rainier, was in the county seat Monday.

Attorney Dillard was attending to business in Portland Tuesday.

Do not neglect to attend the school election next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buell have taken up their residence in Portland.

When you want a hot lunch call at Mrs. McIntyre's next to bowling alley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sheldon were passengers on the Potter for Portland on Wednesday.

Miss Bingham, of Portland, is the guest of Miss May Whitney in this city this week.

Good mixed and oat hay at \$5.00 per ton, loose in the barn. CHAS. MERRILL, Deer Island station.

Captain Good's new steamer, America, will be launched on Saturday at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Stella Holsapple, of Delana, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Martin White in this city this week.

Mrs. A. H. George, Mrs. G. W. Cole and Miss Grace Miles were among the visitors to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Thos. Cooper, of Kalama, was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Decker, in this city this week.

Mrs. Black, of Mayger, spent a few days in this city this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mayger.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach at Bachelor Flat next Sunday at 11 a. m. and in St. Helens in the evening at 7:30.

Hot lunch will be served by Mrs. McIntyre. Coffee and pie or coffee and cake, 10 cents. Home-made bread, 5 cents a loaf. Next to bowling alley.

The ladies of St. Helens and vicinity are requested to call on Mrs. Sadie A. McKibben, East Morrison and Union avenue, Portland, when they desire the services of a first-class dressmaker. See her about your Easter costume.

Mr. J. G. Watts, who has been confined to his home for over a week with a severe cold, is much better at present, and expects to be able to take charge of his duties in the clerk's office in a day or two.

The rains of the present week raised havoc in the Willamette valley. A great deal of stock has been drowned and many people driven from their homes by the sudden rise of the streams, and devastation prevails throughout the section.

A social dancing club was organized in this city last Saturday evening. About twenty-five persons signified their desire to become members, and it is expected that considerable enjoyment will result. Social dances will be held every Saturday evening in the big hall.

John Benedict, a fireman on a Northern Pacific work train, employed near Columbia City, fell off the rear end of the tender while the train was in motion Wednesday, and both his legs to the hips were crushed to pulp. He was immediately taken to St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, where he died about 11 o'clock Wednesday night.

Mr. H. H. Clark, of Warren, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Clark informs us that the creamery building at that place is completed and ready for the machinery, which undoubtedly will arrive and be placed so that operations may be commenced within a week.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist church, at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it will please me." For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross.

The justice of this precinct has been very busy this week docketing suits and making out papers, principally in collection cases. At least a dozen such cases have been instituted and the end is not yet. Many of them were for collecting the renter just below town, and who are manifesting a decided inclination to evade the honorable discharge of their obligations, which, by the way, seem numerous from the complaints registered before the justice.

BACHELOR FLATS. B. F. Pope was a Scappoose visitor Sunday.

D. J. Switzer spent a few days of last week with S. Sailer.

George Case was in St. Helens Tuesday and Wednesday.

J. Hegele is putting up 100 cords of wood on the Sterna place.

John and Alfred Baker are spending this week in the Nehalem.

Mrs. R. H. Bailey was in this neighborhood a portion of last week.

S. Sailer has finished cutting all the wood he will cut this winter, which is 235 cords.

Mr. Little, of Houlton, was running some lines for Messrs. Case and Switzer last week.

John Morris has commenced cutting wood on the Switzer tract. He anticipates cutting about 200 cords. The Baker brothers are doing the sawing.

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CHANGED HIS MOTTO.—An editor in a small town was running the motto "We tell the truth" at the head of his paper. The other day, however, he was compelled to encounter several gentlemen who objected to the truth being told, and as a consequence the motto disappeared and the following notice was printed: "Until we recover from the recent injuries received, this paper will lie just like the rest of them."

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved, and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned. JOHN EDGAR, Germantown, Cal. For sale by Dr. Edwin Ross, druggist.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE. OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, ST. HELENS, OREGON, Feb. 17, 1899. THE CITY TREASURER OF ST. HELENS, OREGON, hereby gives notice that all warrants of this city which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," and not paid for, and warrant No. 338, issued October 2, 1897, and warrant No. 339, issued October 9, 1897, will be paid upon presentation to me. Interest will not be allowed after this date. DAVIS, CITY TREASURER.

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