

Scarlet fever is prevalent in Pendleton. Marshfield's new school house is completed.

The Independence Enterprise is now published by Harry E. Wagoner. Eugene papers are agitating the founding of a hospital in that city.

The Pendleton flouring mills are to be enlarged to 800 or 1000 barrels daily.

The Oregon National Guard has 1600 men and costs \$30,000 a year to maintain.

Blair Forward, an Oregon pioneer and former sheriff of Marion county, died at Salem on the 5th inst.

The steamship Columbia, which was disabled off the mouth of the Columbia last week, is being repaired in Portland.

The Indians report that Chinook salmon have already put in appearance in the river, says the Gold Beach Gazette.

The ministers and the W. C. T. U., of Astoria, have petitioned the city council not to renew the liquor license of the Casino theater.

There is to be a new star route between Cornelius and Blooming, six times weekly. Bids have been invited for performing the service.

There is now about seventy stamps dropping in the miners around Baker City, and another ten-stamp mill is on the way from San Francisco.

McMinnville was visited by 14 tramps last week, who remained and lived off of the town until they became tiresome and were driven out.

Sheep buyers from the east are flocking into eastern Oregon, and better prices are anticipated than for the past two or three years. The supply is large.

A gold excitement in Wallawa county has flashed out, the assays ranging \$1.03 in gold and \$1.40 in silver to the ton, instead of into the hundreds as anticipated.

The Albany city council is having trouble in the settlement of two suits involving bridge warrants. While matters are being delayed costs are piling up against the city.

T. W. Riches, of Silverton, has been appointed turnkey at the penitentiary, vice A. D. Carlton. Riches is a republican, and Carlton is a democrat, and had been employed at the penitentiary for years.

A coyote was killed in the Amity hills, in Yamhill county, last week, that stood 28 inches high and measured 4 feet two inches from the point of his nose to the tip of his tail. The \$10 bounty was paid for his skin.

Mrs. John Eiting, whose husband was found drowned in South Mill creek, in Salem, several weeks ago, has applied to the county court to return to her the \$24 or so which was found in his pocket, and which was turned in to the county treasury by the coroner.

Two masked men entered the O. R. & N., station at Heppner last Thursday night, and at the point of revolvers commanded the agent to open the safe and give them his cash, which amounted to \$50. They fled in the darkness, and though the alarm was quickly given, nothing could be seen or heard of them.

Charles Feister, the wife murder, at Grants Pass, is suffering from paresis, and will not live more than a couple of months at the longest. The attempt to send him to the asylum proving unsuccessful, the matter has been laid before the attorney general. There seems to be no well defined method of procedure in such cases.

Gillam county has a clever horse thief. The officers on his track came across him one day last week on a stolen horse. One of the officers recognized the animal and, asked the fellow where he got it. He replied that he got it from Mr. Thompson to ride after a thief, who had stolen Thompson's harness. His story was believed until he had safely disappeared.

Last Thursday night a brick building at The Dalles collapsed, and near it stood a frame building, the front part of which was used by Mrs. J. J. Hogan as a photograph gallery, and the rear part contained living apartments. This building was completely demolished. The photograph gallery was completely buried in falling brick, but the rear part withstood the force of falling debris sufficient to allow the inmates to escape.

On Thursday night of last week Geo. Baxter, in a fit of jealous rage, slashed his wife's throat with a razor, and when an hour afterwards officers came to arrest him he cut his own throat. Mrs. Baxter was killed, but the suicidal attempt proved a failure. Baxter was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where the chances for his recovery are pronounced good. An officer is in attendance waiting to arrest him on a charge of murder, as his recovery is brought about.

A two pound cannon ball, the once-discharged projectile of a howitzer, may be seen in the window of a Dalles drug store. It was found in a well being dug in the rear of the feed yard back of E. J. Collins & Co.'s store, being discovered about 15 feet below the surface, and is rust-eaten by long years of corrosive influence of water. Its early history would very likely be a part of that made when the neighborhood was under the range of the guns of Fort Dalles.

A Salem dispatch of the 7th inst. says the annual report of Brigadier-General Beebe, submitted to the Governor today through Adjutant-General Tuttle, is an exhibition of considerable work on the part of the officials, and indicates that the details of the military department are being very closely looked after. The report shows that the state now supports 140 officers and 1554 enlisted men. The examination list of questions show that commissioned officers must not only be able to make out satisfactory reports, but shall understand international law, be posted in company, regimental and brigade movements, and prove master of important questions belonging to the school of a soldier. The report also shows that of a list of 81 questions submitted to the captain of each company in the state the past year, a large percentage was satisfactorily answered. The summary indicates an improvement in the condition of the companies as to supplies and drilling facilities and the manner and regularity of drills.

The Minneapolis Journal in a recent issue states that Geo. P. Kellogg, of Northport, Ill., has written a letter to that paper, enclosing a copy of the Wauegan Register, in which there appears over his signature a long article maintaining that the demoralization in the horse market is about at an end and that there will be a horse famine. In a well sustained argument he shows that the hard times and the introduction of bicycles have not displaced more than 1,500,000 horses out of a possible total 18,000,000 in the country. This was not a sufficient displacement to have demoralized the market had it not been for the universal hue and cry that the horseless age was not at hand, that the knell of the horse had been sounded, and the consequent rush on the part of owners to dispose of their surplus horses at any price. During the ensuing panic, horse breeding decreased about 90 per cent and the brood mares have been slaughtered. As the average age of a horse is about 12 years, it is necessary that the stock should be increased each year in the United States by about 1,000,000 new animals. As nowhere near that number has been raised in the last few years, the nation will wake up one of these days and find that it has hardly enough horses for its needs. Mr. Kellogg declares that the bicycles and motorcycles will not drive the horse out, but that, like steam locomotion, they will greatly increase his uses. He reminds farmers that motorcycles are all right on well constructed roads with easy grades, but that for years to come the bulk of the primary moving of all the heavy articles of commerce must be done by horses. Mr. Kellogg goes deeply into the subject and shows that the demoralization in the market is largely due to the system of selling horses at auction in large numbers.

According to Mr. Kellogg, the price of all kinds of serviceable horses will soon be very high, and the nation will discover that through its carelessness to man's most faithful servant, a great source of national wealth has received a blow that can not be recuperated in this generation. He predicts that before the bad consequences of the carelessness are done with, many industries particularly cotton raising, will be almost paralyzed for want of horses and mules.

The Journal interviewed a leading horse dealer in Minneapolis, J. D. Barrett, as to his opinions concerning Mr. Kellogg's statements, and that gentleman admitted that though he is one of those whom Mr. Kellogg charges with bearing the market, the statements are substantially correct. He continues that bicycles and electric cars did not displace so large a number of horses, though the number that they did displace is what has caused a demoralization of the market. Bicycles and motorcycles are not going to cause the horse to be deprived of its usefulness, but in the end will cause a greater use of horses instead of a disuse. "I am willing to admit," he says, "that auction dealers, like our firm, have had a good deal to do with demoralizing the horse market. We acted in the interests of the buyer rather than of the seller and it is our object to effect sales and get along with a small profit."

Mr. Barrett then proceeds to show why the production of horses has fallen off during the last several years through this policy on the part of horsebuyers. It costs in the neighborhood of \$125 to \$150 to raise a first-class five-year-old horse, and this horse is now bringing in the neighborhood of \$60, or about one-half of its cost. The result is that many breeders have gone out of the business, and he doesn't think it an overestimate to say that breeding has decreased 90 per cent in the horse country. Horsebreeding has stopped and the best horses are being shipped to Europe. It is almost impossible to get good lumber horses. They used to take nothing less than five or six years old, but now they have to be satisfied with four-year-olds. Next year there will be no four-year-olds. It will be the same story next year, and for a number of years. Already prices are going up in the east, and within a year there will not be enough horses in the country to do the work that is expected of them. Mexico is also making a big draft on American horses for cavalry service, but it is hard work to supply them. The interview is finished with Mr. Barrett's statement, "you can put me down for a prediction that within two years, horses will be higher in the United States than ever before."

Solders for Glass.

The Scientific American presents two methods of soldering glass, the discoveries of Charles Margot. It is as follows: An alloy composed of ninety-five parts of tin and five of zinc melts at 200 degrees, and becomes firmly adherent to glass, and, moreover, is unalterable, and possesses a beautiful metallic luster; an alloy composed of ninety parts of tin and ten of aluminum melts at 390 degrees, became strongly soldered to glass, and is possessed of a very stable brilliancy. With these two alloys it is possible, says the Pottery Gazette, to solder glass as easy as it is to solder two pieces of metal. It is possible to operate in two different manners. The two pieces of glass to be soldered can either be heated in a furnace and their surfaces be rubbed with a rod of solder, when the alloy as it flows can be evenly distributed with a tampon of paper or a strip of aluminum, or an ordinary soldering iron can be used for melting the solder. In either case it only remains to unite the two pieces of glass and press them strongly against each other, and allow them to cool slowly.

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THE GIST OF THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AS TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Interesting Items From Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America, With Particular Attention to Important Home News.

A high school may soon be opened at Pacific Grove.

David Speer, a pioneer, died at Port Townsend recently.

Lieutenant Samuel G. Croden, U. S. N., died at Missoula, Mont.

The Mormon temple at Brigham City, Utah, was burned. Loss; \$25,000.

Francis Schlotter, the Colorado "Moskiah," is said to have arrived in San Bernardino.

No trace has yet been found of Mrs. A. E. Gedy, who disappeared from Tacoma last week.

William E. Wheelock & Co., piano manufacturers at New York, have failed.

The Truckee ice palace has been rebuilt and large crowds are again enjoying the winter sports.

The new building of the Native Sons of the Golden West at San Francisco was fittingly dedicated last Sunday.

John J. Kewella, aged 37, formerly a railroad employe, was killed while attempting to board a moving train near Yreka, Cal.

The steamer Columbia struck her rudder while crossing the bar at Astoria, Or., and had to be towed back to Portland.

The senatorial deadlock in Kentucky is apparently as far from solution as ever. Both Hunter and Blackburn are confident of victory.

Perry Allen of Washington, private secretary of Justice Harlan, has been appointed assistant secretary to the Venezuelan commission.

Emma Perkins, aged 18, the beautiful daughter of a prominent contractor at Seattle, was found in a Chinese opium den smoking "dope" with a Chinaman.

Frank Specher, an express agent at Dunbridge, Ohio, was short in his cash and he knocked himself senseless with a stove poker, claiming he was robbed by footpads.

Hillary Butler, for 45 years a resident of Seattle and one of the founders of the city, died recently. He was a native of Virginia, aged 76 years. Butler did much for the state of Washington and in politics was a Democrat.

The board of supervisors of San Benito county have demanded the resignation of County Treasurer Montgomery. He was short in his accounts a year ago and the amount was made up by a relative and he continued in office.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador to England has authorized President Cleveland to announce his resignation in the event congress passes a resolution censuring him for utterances in his speeches in Great Britain.

General John Gibbon died at Baltimore a few days ago. He made a gallant record in the war and on the frontier. He entered the army in 1847, at the age of 20, and served until retired in 1891. He was the commander of the famous Iron brigade of the Army of the Potomac.

Mary Agnes Bennett, a young girl at Alameda, Cal., attempted to poison her grandparents and her aunt by putting "rough on rats" in their tea. The intended victims drank the poison and narrowly escaped death. The girl will not tell her motive in trying to get rid of her relatives.

P. H. Foster, who dealt in green and dried fruits under the firm name of Foster & Co. at San Jose for the past two years, is anxiously wanted by creditors. Ten days ago Foster and his family, after selling their household effects, left San Jose and are now supposed to be in Honolulu.

Ironwood (Mich.) has a Russian count at work shoveling snow off the streets. His name is Count Polinski and he claims to be a Russian nobleman who was obliged to leave his country to escape punishment for conspiracy against the government. The count was arrested for vagrancy and sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment.

The Woodward & Shanklin horse sale at Lexington, Ky., showed low prices for trotting horses. On the first day 74 head were sold for \$12,345, an average per head of \$167. The second day 85 head brought \$18,085, averaging \$154 apiece. On the third day 89 horses realized \$10,085, averaging \$114, and the fourth day's sale amounted to 73 head for \$7,685, an average of \$104.

The suit of the San Francisco Savings Union against the Semi-Tropic Land and Water company of San Bernardino to foreclose a mortgage for \$750,000 has been decided in favor of the plaintiff. The original suit involved the homes of 459 persons. Some of these have paid off their portion of the mortgage while others have abandoned their property in despair.

The youngest daughter of George Hazard, a prominent Democratic politician and leader of the Hill Democracy in the West, has eloped with Edward Coates, aged 19, a clerk in the street railway office, from Tacoma. The girl is aged 16. Their parents supposed they were visiting friends in Seattle until it was learned that the couple left on a steamer for San Francisco, where they were arrested on a telegraphic warrant.

Percy G. Chamberlain, a retired captain of the British army, fatally shot himself with suicidal intent in Chicago. He left a singular letter in which he said that his only reason for suicide was that he was tired of the world. "I want no fancy funeral," he wrote. "The potter's field will make a downy couch to rest my bones in. Let me be buried with the burial of an ass, a stranger in a strange land, unhonored and unknown."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Interesting Items Picked Out from the Daily Dispatches.

Frye of Maine has been elected president pro tem of the senate.

The house appropriations committee has decided to report a bill to abolish the Carson mint.

The Ohio delegation in congress held a meeting recently to discuss the prospects of Major McKinley for the presidential nomination.

William H. Orin, representative in congress from the Eleventh district of Texas and a member of that body since the forty-ninth session, died at Washington recently.

The Red Lake and White Earth Indian reservations, comprising about 1,000,000 acres, a part of the Chippewa reservation of Minnesota, will be opened for settlement on May 1. The proclamation will soon be issued.

Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith appeared before the house committee on the Pacific railroad funding bill and argued in favor of the government foreclosing its mortgage on the roads.

Representative Johnson has introduced a bill authorizing the president to appoint four boards, of three members each, to examine and class mineral lands held by the Central Pacific, Western Pacific and California and Oregon railroad grants in California.

John Shea, first-class clerk in the pension and record division of the war department, a veteran of the civil war, committed suicide in a closet of the department by shooting himself in the head. He was mentally unbalanced from a wound received in the war.

The house committee on education has reported favorably the bill to aid in establishing schools in the states and territories to teach speech and vocal language to deaf children before they are of school age. The measure appropriates \$100,000 for educating not less than 100 teachers who are to be sent to state and territorial schools when established.

The new national semi-military organization has been formed at Washington by General Dillon, founder of the Union Veterans' Union and the Medal of Honor Legion. The organization is called the Oriental Order of Zouaves and its principal objects are to cultivate among citizens of all classes and ages a strong spirit of Americanism, with a special view to the rigid enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

Romero, the Mexican minister at Washington, says the Mexican authorities will make every effort in their power to prevent the Maher-Fitzsimons fight coming off on Mexican soil. Soldiers of both governments have been sent to the border to stop the mill. Dan Stuart, the manager of the tournament, declares that the programme will be carried out and hundreds of sports, relying on Stuart's assurances, are congregating at El Paso. Stuart has not disclosed where the battle will take place.

Representative Hartman of Montana has introduced a bill granting to California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota all the arid lands within their borders. Any land requiring artificial irrigation to produce agricultural crops is to be deemed "arid" or "desert" land, and the proceeds of the sale of any such land by each of said states is to be used only for the reclamation of other desert lands within the limits of such state.

The postoffice committee of the house has agreed to report with some amendments Sperry's bill to provide for the delivery of letters in towns where no free delivery exists. Whenever not less than twenty persons receive their mail matter through the same postoffice and petition the postmaster to do so, he is to appoint carriers to deliver and collect the mail from such persons. The carriers are to receive from the persons to whom the mail is delivered a compensation agreed on, and if no agreement is made they may demand not exceeding 1 cent for each letter. They are to receive no other compensation.

The house became involved a few days ago in a bitter controversy. It sprang from remarks made by Talbert (Democrat) of South Carolina in defense of secession, which Bartlett (Republican) of Massachusetts interpreted as treasonable. He had Talbert's words taken down and offered a resolution of censure. After a wrangle and some explanations Dalzell (Republican) of Pennsylvania moved to refer the resolution to the judiciary committee. The motion was carried by a vote of 154 to 41. This is understood to mean that no notice will be taken of the matter.

Prince Reed, deacon of a colored church at Louisville, was shot and fatally wounded by John Breckinridge, a ruffian whom the deacon tried to eject from the church for disturbing the services.

The regular Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf mail train from Denver was blown from the track at Fisher Gulch, Colo., by a terrific wind and was completely wrecked, but fortunately no one was seriously injured.

Harry Meyer of Oakland has been arrested on complaint of his father for stealing a diamond stud valued at \$1900. Meyer, who is 39 years old, met his father on the street and snatched the diamond from his shirt front and ran off.

Mary McDermott, a member of the Morton street, San Francisco, demi monde, was strangled to death in her room. Her body was found by the rent collector. The woman was young and the only daughter of a well-to-do widow, but she chose a life of shame.

Of Interest to Indian War Veterans.

Grand commander of the Indian war veterans, Mr. T. A. Wood, sends the following communication for publication:

"I have received several inquiries in the last few days from a number of United States senators, including the chairman of the special committee, as to the probable number of Indian war veterans, including the widows of veterans, who would be benefited by the passage of a pension bill covering all the period from 1846 to 1857, and what the probable cost would be to the government, together with other information that would be of value to committee and senate.

"This is an urgent call, and must be answered. That I may be able to do this in a way that will be acceptable and carry weight, I ask every Indian war veteran to send me his age, name and address, and the name of the captain of the company served in. This is not asking too much. We must have this information. Camp commanders, surviving officers, of companies or regiments, and county newspapers can assist this worthy cause. Send in all the information you have in your possession. The original number of these veterans was in the neighborhood of 5000. The great majority have passed away. How many survive is what we are anxious to find out. We will be able to get a pension bill through congress if veterans will write at once. Please do so. This is money in your pocket, and it will aid in benefiting your comrades."

A scientific writer put out flaming handbills, headed "Know Thyself." A wag soon called on the lecturer and told him he was inducing a great many people to form acquaintances of a very low order. The lecturer looked at the wag a moment and said: "My friend, you are right; but it never occurred to me until I saw you."

Teacher—"Polly, dear, suppose I were to shoot at a tree with five birds on it and killed three, how many would be left?" Polly (aged six)—"Three, please." Teacher—"No; two would be left." Polly—"No, there wouldn't. The three shot would be left, and the other two would be fled away."—Philadelphia American.

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Administratrix's Notice.

In the County Court of the county of Jackson, State of Oregon. In the matter of estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned N has been by the county court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, appointed Administratrix of the estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased, and all persons owing said estate are hereby notified to pay to the undersigned at once the amount due from them to said estate and all persons having claims against the estate of said Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to present them with proper vouchers, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned at the late residence of said deceased in the town of Medford, Jackson County, State of Oregon.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1896.

MARY M. CHILDERS, Administratrix of the estate of Spencer Childers, Senior, deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, January 31 1896. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. R. Keel, county judge of Jackson county, Oregon, at Jacksonville, Oregon, on February 15, 1896, viz:

On homestead entry No. 5972 for the 2 1/2 of sec. 4, 2 of sec. 24, tp. 33 s., r. 1 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Clemens, of Central Point, Oregon, A. H. Boothby and S. S. Aiken, of Prospect, Oregon, and Joseph Buck, of Leeds, Oregon.

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On homestead entry No. 526 for the 2 1/2 of sec. 4, 2 of sec. 24, tp. 33 s., r. 1 e.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Compton, T. E. Nichols, John Ashpole, and T. J. Conover, all of Eagle Point, Oregon.

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