

NEWS OF THE STATE

The peoples party state convention is to be held at Salem, March 25th.

At the late teacher's examination in Eugene there were over 100 applicants.

A petition for the re-hearing of the branch asylum case has been filed with the clerk of the supreme court.

The steamer Coos Bay, which was built at Marshfield a number of years ago, is now running between San Francisco and Mexican ports.

The Sheriff of Morrow county offers \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the robber who held up the O. R. & N. station agent at Hoppper.

The Oregon City Enterprise estimates that one-third of the hop acreage of Clackamas county will be either plowed up or abandoned this year.

Theron Sutton was arrested and brought before Judge Bellinger's court for cutting railroad ties from government timber in Umatilla county. His fine was \$100.

A Tillamook farmer gives the net returns of milk he sold to the creamery during the year at \$36 per cow. The cash paid out in this county annually is about \$50,000.

The Grants Pass council has passed an ordinance forbidding boys smoking on the streets, and another ordinance forbidding the display of obscene pictures or posters in the city.

Portland's new union depot, which has been built at a cost of \$300,000, was opened for business last Friday afternoon. It is the finest depot west of the Rocky mountains, excepting that at Los Angeles.

The prize of \$100 offered by Wm. H. Maule, the Philadelphia seedman, to the grower of the three finest specimens of Yellow Danvers onions, was won by J. D. Saunders, of Union county.

At 9 o'clock last Sunday morning the jury in the Porter murder case, at Union, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Porter is convicted of killing the Mache family on New Year's day.

A Seattle man has been in Washington county hunting up 1600 pound draft horses for the logging camps on Puget sound. During the several days he was there he found four that were suitable for his purpose.

At Eugene freight is being brought from Harrisburg by teams, having been brought to that point by boat. This is because the boats have not been able to reach Eugene, but it is cheaper than shipping by rail.

Ex-Chief of Police Taylor, has presented a bill to the Corvallis council for \$147 claimed as back salary, because the city reduced his salary by resolution instead of by ordinance, which action the ex-chief claims was illegal.

Pendleton, says the Tribune, is beginning to put on metropolitan airs. It has a \$40,000 insurance case on trial, a doctor charged with manslaughter, a new woolen mill, an electric power plant, and two of its married women mysteriously disappeared.

The Southern Pacific company may build a roundhouse and repair shops at Creswell, in Lane county. The company is at present making Creswell the distributing point for the products of their creosoting plant at Latham, and has acres of ground covered with the "doctored" timbers.

The grand jury of Wasco county have scored the city council of The Dalles for the deplorable condition in which the approaches to the city from various county roads are found, and have appointed a committee of one to appear before the next grand jury and lay the case before them if a remedy has not been applied before that time.

Chris Boehmer, a Portland harness maker, 30 years of age, became tired of life, and went to a drug store and called for cyanide of potassium. He went to a saloon, poured the poison into some whiskey, gulped it down and requested the presence of the undertaker and coroner. The druggist suspected that all was not right and filled the order for poison with lobelia, which simply produced nausea. The young man lives.

Two of the three Portland financial institutions now in the hands of the receivers will probably be wound up within the next year. The Oregon National will pay depositors about 50 per cent on the dollar, and Northwest Loan and First company will probably liquidate at about twenty-five per cent, ten per cent having already been paid. The other institution, the Portland Saving bank, has been devoting all its available resources to the payment of preferred claims.

A Pendleton correspondent says that the will of the late Samuel P. Sturgis, late cashier of the First National bank has been probated. Mrs. Sturgis inherits the entire estate, amounting to over \$100,000, except that two relatives receive \$1000 each; the three minor children \$100 each, and the public library, founded by the Commercial Association of Pendleton, is given \$5000. Mrs. Sturgis is made executrix, with full power to sell any or any part of the real property.

The Hillsboro Independent says that J. C. Townsend, of Centerville, Washington county, with the coming season, cultivate 50,000 tobacco plants on the farms of Robert Imbrie and Peter Nelson, in Washington county. The tobacco, when grown, will be cured in Mr. Imbrie's large hophouse. This looks as if hop culture on that farm is to be suspended this year, though it is possible that the hops and tobacco maturing at different times may be cared for in the same dryhouse.

A primitive Oregon native gold coin, is a rare curiosity owned by Lynn Sturgis, of Baker City, son of the late Judge L. O. Sturgis. It is a \$5 gold piece, and on one side in a circle are the words: "Oregon Exchange Company," on the face "150 G-5 D," on the reverse side, in circle, the letters, "K. M. T. A. W. R. C. S." Below the letters a cut of a beaver and the letters, "T. O." with date "1849." Judge Sturgis came into possession of the coin fully 20 years before his death, and it was found among other relics after his demise.

The great overlap land case, involving some 200,000 acres, the title to which is in dispute between the government and the railroads of this state, was to reach a hearing in the appellate court at San Francisco on February 19, the date for which it was set some

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The attorneys have found it impossible to prepare their briefs within that time, and the case has gone over to June 1, when it will be brought up for hearing. If the decision of Judge Gilbert is sustained the railroad company will carry the case to the supreme court at Washington, where it may hang fire for a couple of years before a decision is reached. A bitter fight is being waged over this contest in titles, and much valuable property is included in the grant which the government desires to recover.

The Eugene Guard tells of the discovery by Claude Branton, of McKenzie, of a peculiar looking bird in an old slough. The bird did not seem able to fly, and by throwing rocks in the water he frightened it out upon the ice, where he caught it. The bird is about the size of an ordinary wild duck, though rather more slender in build and having a much longer neck. It has a bill about four inches in length, which is perfectly round, and tapers to a sharp point, being perhaps a half inch in diameter at the base. Instead of having web feet this bird has one small and three large paddles or flaps with a toenail at the end of each one, resembling very much the human toenail. The bird has no tail, but has short wings, similar to those of the mud hen. In color its back is gray, like that of a goose, while its breast and the under portion of its neck is light colored. Its head is broad and flat and has a black topknot. When left alone it stands erect like an awk. The bird is very lively and strikes with its bill at every one who comes near it. It has been pronounced a western grebe, and is extremely rare in this section.

A. P. A's to Rev. Desmarias. Since by your adroit evasiveness you practically concede our claims we join you in the shouting, "alleluia." You answered us by charging us with "bigotry," "ignorance" and "falsehood." Now we sympathize with you in your emergency. For we know, and every intelligent person knows, that you would not resort to such drivell if you had any better argument to offer. Since it is a confession of the weakness of your own cause, we are very well satisfied to have you call us pet names.

You evade all of our letter except the sixth section which you brand as "unqualified falsehood." In section six we said, "Pope Innocent III annulled the peoples' charter, and excommunicated the twenty-four barons appointed to enforce it." You say you "unqualified falsehood." We ask you and the public to read Green's History of the English People, book III, chapter 7 page 71, paragraph 201; Thalmeyer's History of England, page 81, paragraph 145; Israel Smith's Universal History, page 175, "Reign of John;" also the Encyclopedia Britannica, ninth edition, Vol. XIII pages 713-14, King John of England.

These are indisputable authorities, and within reach of every one. Now Friend Desmarias, if you have never seen any of these great works we think it will pay you to take a day off and come down to Medford and we will take pleasure in showing you through the libraries of some of our citizens. Reverend sir, we have the kindest feeling toward you, but what is the use for you to butt your brains out against historical records?

By order of council. ISAAC WOOLF, president.

DOGS IN CLOTHES.

In Paris the Best Dogs Actually Carry Umbrellas.

No matter what the dress may be, the indispensable companion of the woman who walks is her little dog. Short-haired terrier or long-haired toy, it is of no moment, provided that it is very tiny.

At the moment it is, perhaps, the terrier which is the most popular, as he furnishes a further excuse for the exhibition of fur in that his smooth coat does not appear to his kindhearted mistress a sufficient protection from the cold of this season of the year.

So the little dog has his tail as well as his owner, and Ledouble, of the Palais Royal, may be called the Worth of the kennel. With garments of velvet, trimmed with fur, or of cloth-strengthened and embroidered, the clothing of the little creature harmonizes with that of his possessor.

Some ladies provide mackintoshes for their pets for rainy days, and have them made with a full hood, which covers the ears. Others there are who choose tartan, having points turned back at the shoulders and fastened with a strap around the body. For those believed to be particularly chilly, the coats are provided with collars of quite Medic style, and are lined throughout with Astrakhan, nutria, or even beaver, as these short furs are not too cumbersome for the petted animals.

There are some which actually have umbrellas of dark blue silk, which they have been taught to carry quite straight and steadily between their teeth in the event of a sudden shower.

They are also provided with handkerchiefs in cases of accidents, a tiny pocket in one of which these being placed on one side of the coat.

These handkerchiefs, adds the Paris correspondent of the London Daily Graphic, are found useful when madame stops a few minutes at the confectioner's, and can wipe her pet's nose and paws after his share in the delicacies she buys.

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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.

Fishermen are enjoying rare sport with salmon and quinnat in Santa Cruz harbor.

The "Texas Flyer," on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, recently ran 80 miles in 71 1/2 minutes.

The prize fight between Fitzsimmons and Maher was postponed last week on account of Maher, who is suffering with inflammation of the eyes.

Over three miles of trees and brush have been cut away on the route of the Mill Valley and Mount Tamalpais Scenic railway in Marin county, Cal.

A denkey owned by Charles Dowd of Mill Valley, Cal., ate three sticks of dynamite and the town has since been in terror. The animal, however, by its good behavior has prevented an explosion.

John R. Gentry, 2:03 1/2, the champion pacing stallion of the world, was sold at New York for \$7,500 to William Simpson of that city. The stallion was sold to dissolve the partnership of Holt & Scott of the Alamance stock farm, Graham, N. C.

All foreign fire insurance companies must pay a tax of 2 per cent on their gross receipts from business transacted in Chicago or stop doing business in that city. The ordinance to that effect has become a law by the signature of Mayor Swift.

James and Sarah Rutland, halfbreed Indians, have begun suit in the federal court at Seattle for the recovery from E. B. Mastick of San Francisco and E. B. Mastick Jr. of Seattle of 160 acres of valuable land adjoining the city of Port Townsend.

Woodford, the 14-year-old son of Dr. J. H. Davis of Los Angeles, shot a burglar who broke into the house. The wounded thief escaped, leaving a trail of blood. Young Davis gave the police a good description of the man and he will probably be caught.

A movement is on foot among the orchardists of Sacramento which may result in the formation of a fruit exchange by which producers will have voice as to the sale and price of fruit, and to prevent the practice of consigning the product to Eastern commission merchants.

Dr. Richard Smith, a prominent citizen of Salt Lake City and elder of the Mormon church, has arrived at Phoenix, Ariz., to inspect the advantages of the Salt River valley for the founding of a Mormon colony. He will remain several weeks and then return to Utah to make his report.

Railroad employes at Topeka, Kan., discovered that Joseph Love, a farmer, had in order to save passenger fare packed his three children, aged 11, 9 and 7 years, in a box for shipment by freight to Guthrie, O. T. Love pleaded poverty and a stranger advanced him money to buy tickets.

A new political party has been started at Omaha which is designed to relieve the distress of workmen. General Kelley of Commonwealth army notoriety is at the head of the movement and will be named for president. Every man present at the meeting was required to sign a pledge to abandon existing political parties.

The medical fraternity of Western Pennsylvania is watching with interest the case of a boy whose head was cut open to relieve bone pressure on the brain. George Stewart is 9 years old. Eight years ago he had an attack of cerebro-spinal meningitis, which so affected his brain that its growth was stopped. In addition the growth of his body was also retarded and he looks like an 18 months' old child.

The jury in the case of Clarke Wood, the alleged defaulting deputy clerk of Fresno county, on trial for embezzlement, was discharged on account of inability to agree. The jury stood 10 for acquittal and two for conviction. It is not believed the case will again be tried. Wood failed to pay \$340 of public money. His defense was that he was still an officer of the court and the money was still in his possession, subject to demand.

Preparations for the pet of Bering sea during the coming sealing season are being rapidly completed at the treasury department. The cutter Corwin will soon be dispatched from Port Townsend to Sitka to relieve the cutter Wolcott, which will return to Mare Island navy yard for overhauling. The Wolcott, after repairs, will return to Bering sea for patrol during the closed season. The cutter Bear will sail for the north on March 15.

The Southern Pacific shops at Sacramento are again running in full blast. Gradually the force has been increased until it now numbers 1,700 men, and the chances are that 800 more will be added to the working force before 30 days pass. A congressional law compelling all railroads to equip freight cars with automatic couplers, the same to go into effect on Jan. 1, 1898, has furnished considerable work and will give a good deal more during the next two years.

Four stations for the inspection of milk, meat, vegetables, fowl and other articles of food have been established by the board of health of San Francisco. At each station there are two inspectors, one during the day and one at night. A new ordinance of the board of health pertaining to the sale of milk has gone into effect. Every dairyman must obtain a permit to sell milk, and the license issued will indicate the station where the milk is to be inspected. Records of inspection will be kept at the station and when it is found that a dairyman has violated the inspecting regulations his license will be revoked. Every milkman will have a registered number.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Violent Acts of Lawbreakers and Losses by Fire and Accidents.

Stephen B. Burnham, a pioneer committed suicide at Bidwell's Bar, Butte county, Cal.

Robert Gillespie, charged with the murder of Ambrose Plant, a tramp, at Poso, Cal., was discharged at Bakersfield. There was no evidence to justify holding him.

Mary Quill, aged 14, was run over and beheaded by the local train in Berkeley. The girl was alighting from a car and the train started, throwing her under the wheels.

William Meadows, a brakeman on a gravity car used in grading at San Francisco, was killed while at work. He was crushed beneath a car which jumped the track.

Edward Nielsen, bookkeeper for a planing mill firm at Stockton, has disappeared and it is said his delinquency will amount to more than \$10,000. Expensive habits caused Nielsen to default.

The supreme court of California has decided that W. H. Thompson, better known as "Kid" Thompson, must hang for his attempt, with others, to wreck a Southern Pacific train at Gooschen in February, 1894.

Kelsay Porter has been convicted of murder in the first degree at Union, Or. He killed Benjamin Masche, his wife and their 17-year-old son Benjamin on New Year's day. The Maches and Porter had trouble over some land.

The dead body of Max Eglan, an artist 60 years old, was found dead on the fourth floor of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at New York. He had been beaten to death. Three pupils in the institute have been arrested on suspicion.

Frank Dunn, while ascending in a loaded skip in the Jones mine at Angels Camp, Cal., suffered a temporary loss of his nose. The member was cut off and his face was otherwise mutilated by striking against a timber. Dunn's nose was hastily fastened on again and bids fair to stay.

Colonel James W. Catterm of Albia, Ia., who bears press notices referring to him as "poet laureate" of Iowa, has been sentenced at Tacoma to six months in the county jail for stealing blankets from a hotel. He has been working the hotels along the line of the Northern Pacific in a systematic manner.

J. R. Cummins, a barber, is in jail at Florence, Ariz., charged with the murder of a man named Matthew Knight at Starkey, Fla., five years ago. While drunk recently Cummins related that he had to leave Florida because of a murder.

Herman Biemann, a German, has been arrested on a plantation 90 miles south of Coahuaco, Mexico, on the charge of robbing a business house of Hamburg, Germany, of \$50,000. Application has been made for his extradition and he will be taken to Germany as soon as it is granted.

Mrs. W. J. Martin and her daughter, Lea Martin, aged 23, were killed in their home near Centerville, Ia., by George Jones, who afterward killed himself. There is mystery about the affair. Jones was a lover of the girl. Both were of good families and there is no reason for the belief that there had been trouble among them.

Bandit Jack Brady, who with his pal, Browning, held up the Southern Pacific train at Swingle station, Cal., in October, 1894, is to be an important witness against John D. Harms, alias Karl Herrmann, the tramp who found the buried treasure and spent it like a prince. It is said Brady will tell for the first time all about the robbery.

The Sacramento grand jury intended to investigate the corruption practiced at the last election, but by a blunder the jury vitiated its own work. The men accused of corrupting the polls were called as witnesses, and according to recent supreme court decisions the subpoenaing of an accused person bars the way to an indictment against that individual.

The body of H. Cranston Potter, a capitalist of Tacoma and son of Howard Brown Potter, a well-known banking man of New York, was found on the beach near the Cliff House at San Francisco. He disappeared suddenly from his hotel and no trace of him was found until his remains were identified at the morgue. It is not known how he met his death.

Secretary of State Brown of California, in the course of the systematic investigation of state affairs, institutions and commissions in which he has been engaged for some time, has uncovered a steal of large proportions. In a report he declares that of all the property supplied to the state board of silk culture, or of the purchase by that board, not a single article can be discovered. Moreover, not one clew to the location of any of the property can be found.

Private Marshall T. Mitchell, formerly of Mississippi, committed suicide at Fort Douglas, Utah, by shooting himself with a rifle, on account of despondency. The bullet passed through the right temple and came out behind the left ear. Passing through the wall of his room it barely missed two privates in the barber shop adjoining. It struck the opposite wall 12 feet from the floor, penetrated the plastering and dug a four-inch hole in the solid stone wall, where it flattened.

Near Collins, Fresno county, a passenger train ran into two tramps who were asleep on the track. Their names are Fred Boyce and a colored boy, aged 15, named Alexander Thompson. While

walking along the track they came to some live ashes that had been dropped from an engine. Securing a ladder they laid it across the rails over the coals, intending to lie there until warmed. They fell asleep and the train struck them. Boyce's skull was badly crushed, a foot mangled and an arm broken. The negro boy's right hip was crushed and one arm terribly mangled.

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County Treasurer's Eighth Notice.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER OF JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON. JACKSONVILLE, Ore., February 14, 1898. NOTICE is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all outstanding county warrants protested from January 25th, 1896, to March 21st, 1898. Interest on the same will cease after the above date. M. S. WELCH, County Treasurer. By L. L. JACOBS, Deputy.

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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. Nell, county judge of Jackson county, Oregon, at Jacksonville, Oregon, on March 21, 1898, viz: HENRY J. GORDEN. On homestead entry No. 5973 for the N 1/4 of sec. 25 of T14, R. 34, S. 35, T. 14. 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 Buek of Leoda, Oregon. 17 m 13. R. M. VEATCH, Register.

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