

Mr. Samuel C. Price is one of the oldest settlers on the Pacific coast, and gives a bit of news relative to the Quillayute river in Washington. He says it formerly entered into the north side of the bay near Large Rock islands, which prevented the forming of a bar across its mouth, and small schooners could safely enter the river. About sixteen years ago, during a freshet, the river made a new outlet through the beach, one mile north, and the old one was soon closed up. The present mouth is shifting and obstructed by sand bars. The former outlet was about twelve feet deep at low tide, of good width and was permanent. He thinks the expense of turning the river to its old channel would be small as compared with the increased harbor facilities it would give, and the material development it would bring about.

Portland is extremely fortunate in possessing such a place of amusement as Cordray's Musee and Theatre, where a first class variety entertainment is given for ten cents and a good dramatic performance for from ten to thirty cents additional. A place where such amusement can be had at such low prices and so conducted that the best people of the city visit it, can not be too highly recommended. A new leading lady has been engaged and will open July 21. She is Miss Esther Lyons, and has just terminated her engagement with the "Galley Slave" company, where she succeeded Miss Jeffreys Lewis in the leading role.

The Northern Pacific railroad has ordered fifteen new grain elevators erected along its newly constructed lines. On the Palouse & Idaho branch they will be erected at Moscow, Vollmer, Kendrick, Juliaetta, Lewiston and Asotin. New elevators along the Central Washington and the Oregon and Washington railroads were located at Elwood, Coppei, Long's, Huntsville, Dayton, Dixie, Wilbur, Sunshine and Creston. They are all to be completed in time to handle the present crop of grain.

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Ex-Alderman Hite, of Bozeman, Montana, is busily engaged in constructing two boats, one of which is twelve and the other twenty-three feet in length. The latter will be propelled by steam. These Mr. Hite proposes to launch the coming fall at Livingston, and in company with one or two friends, will set out to navigate the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Tacoma Belt Line railroad has been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000, and with I. W. Anderson, D. B. Hayden, Thomas Hosmer, Edmund Rice and others, as incorporators. The object of this company is to construct a line of railroad around the city of Tacoma from Meeker junction to Lake City, American Lake and Point Defiance.

While exploring the old Chinook burial grounds, near Astoria, Oregon, a Harrison "log cabin" medal was found, with other trinkets, with the date 1840 plainly visible. It was probably traded by some of the early pioneers to the happy Indian who wore it at a barter price far beyond its value.

On Tuesday, July 29th, low rates will be in effect for the round trip between Union Pacific points and Salt Lake City, giving all an opportunity of indulging in the luxury of a salt water swim at the celebrated Garfield beach; making a daylight trip through the beautiful Cache valley and enabling passengers to view the magnificent scenery of Snake river. Tickets, detailed time of trains and general information can be obtained upon application to any ticket agent of the Union Pacific system. T. W. LEE, general passenger agent.

The remains of a mastodon were found on Snake river, near Asotin, Idaho, last week. The tusks measured eight feet in length, and seven or eight inches in diameter at the but. They were formerly in the earth about fifteen feet, but had been exposed by the earth being washed from them.

Articles incorporating the East Side Street Car & Motor Co., at Baker City, Or., have been filed. The capital stock is fixed at \$25,000. J. P. Faull, George Waggener, P. Basche and J. H. Parker are the directors. The object is to supply better street car service in that growing city.

The William Ruble gold mines, in Josephine county, Oregon, are, perhaps, the most valuable in the state, consisting of 350 acres of gold-bearing soil and rock, some of which are very rich in minerals. There was recently on exhibition at Salem \$2,200 worth of these mines' products.

The Independence & Monmouth railroad has been completed, thus connecting Independence and Monmouth, Oregon, by rail. It is the regular standard gauge, and the car to run on it has arrived, and awaits the motor to operate it, which is expected by the 20th of July.

Kootenay, Idaho, thinks it has prospects ahead of becoming a mining center, hoping, at an early day, to have a smelter and an extension of the Northern Pacific to the rich mines of that section. Spokane Falls and eastern capitalists are said to be investing in its mines.

About \$8,000 worth of gold dust was on exhibition in Baker City last week, the result of a partial clear-up of the Nelson placer mines. It is estimated that those mines have produced \$25,000 so far and will aggregate double that sum by the end of the season.

The Yakima Street Railway & Power company, has been incorporated and capitalized at \$100,000, and proposes to construct the road from the north end of North Yakima, Washington, to a proposed park and gymnasium a few miles from the city limits.

The Seatco Manufacturing company, which recently had its extensive plant burned out at Bucoda, Washington, has decided to rebuild at Bucoda, notwithstanding the flattering offers they have had to rebuild at Centralia and other places.

The government has ordered additional life saving stations on the Pacific coast, to be established at the mouth of Umpqua river, at Coos bay, and at the mouth of the Coquille river; all of which are on the coast of Oregon.

A paint mine has been found near Moscow, Idaho. It is said the Northern Pacific R. R. has purchased an interest in it.