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LOCAL AFFAIRS

BROWNVILLE ITEMS.
FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.
BROWNVILLE, Nov. 13, 1869.
We have just pruned a late number of the REGISTER, which fully satisfies us that if the present energy and tact is displayed in its management is fully carried out, it will prove a valuable paper to the people of Linn county.
We learn from Mr. Gordon Downey, who is just down from the Dalles, that work on the U. S. Mint is suspended until Spring.
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By yesterday's mail we received a copy of the Portland Evening Commercial. It seems as though the city has just become aware that it was going over the river—a fact that any disinterested person might have known many months ago. Portland proper has controlled every commercial interest of Oregon so long, that she seems to think a change is not at all probable. We give them credit for their success in keeping trade on its present site during the mining excitement of other years; but we very much doubt if the same tact and policy will secure the same results much longer. But we are like the lady when her husband was fighting the bear—we haven't much choice which whips.

Mr. A. Wheeler has opened a new store on Main street, North Brownsville. He does no credit business—cash or produce is the only terms. One would suppose from the variety of his billing and extensive stenciling on the fences, gates, logs and trees, that he had been reading the papers, and is a true convert to the modern idea of business success.
To say that we are all wide awake here on the prospective railroad through this county, is to imperfectly express our interest in that direction. Every movement of the surveying party is noticed with intense interest. One citizen expressed himself in our hearing this evening as impatient on account of the late arrival of the mail, as he wished to learn through the REGISTER, how the railroad was getting along.

A LITTLE FIGHT.—We are informed that a scrimmage occurred at the Brook saloon, on First street, in this city, Thursday morning about three o'clock, between one of our boys and a Brownvillian; and report has it that Brownvillian won the "belt." Several panes of glass were demolished, and other evidences show that a lively time was had. This is the first occasion for some time that we have chronicled any "oppleasntness," and we hope that this will not be considered a good "precedent." Our fellers should not be so impolite to strangers as to undertake to "put a head" on them when they come to see us.

Since writing the above we learn that our first information was incorrect. There were three parties arrested; the row occurred at the City Brewery; the parties were all from Brownsville; one of the parties was fined \$10 and costs; another, \$5 and costs, and the third was discharged. The two parties fined "forked," and were discharged, which makes quite a little item.

IMPROVEMENT.—We notice a marked improvement in the Portland Evening Commercial of late. We learn that Wm. Pickett, Esq., is writing the paper up, which accounts for the interest afforded in reading its columns. Mr. Pickett is one of the ablest writers on the coast.
THANKSGIVING.—Thursday opened in the good old fashioned style—the rain fell in torrents pretty much all day. As there were no turkeys in our neighborhood, we were compelled to dine on cold beef—and, come to think of it, we prefer beef to unattainable turkey, any day.

A COMPARISON.—The weather here for the past few days has not been like that had during the building of Solomon's temple. Then it rained in the night and was fair during the day. Here the thing is reversed.

WEATHER.—Splendid, for ducks and geese—and everything "is lovely and the goose hangs too high" for the size of our money.
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Hons. James Applegate and Geo. E. Cole were in this city yesterday. We have been especially favored with visitors this week. We suppose this means railroad.
JULIUS GRADWOHL.—See the advertisement of this gentleman in this issue. Besides a fine stock of dry goods, clothing, ladies' dress goods, etc., he has a fine stock of stoves, tin and tin-ware, etc., which he will dispose of very low, for cash or produce. Men that advertise liberally are the men to deal with.
HIGH WATER.—On Thursday last the Santiam river was at flood tide. Much drift was being carried into the Willamette river, which retarded the passage of the boats two hours between this point and Salem.

BOAT ACCIDENT.—The *Reliance* met with an accident to her machinery, a few miles above Oregon City, on Wednesday, which compelled her to return to that point for repairs.
HOGS AND PEACOCKS.—Mr. Nimrod Price, Esq., received by Saturday's steamer a pair of peacocks and two pair of swine, the latter of the Essex breed.
ON A SNAG.—The *Reliance* got a hole punched in her bottom the other day, up the river, but the damage was slight and soon repaired.
SERMON.—An appropriate sermon was preached, by Rev. E. R. Geary, in the Congregational church of this city, on Thursday.
BRIDGE WASHED AWAY.—Just before the present high water the railroad company had put up temporary works by which the railroad bridge across the Clackamas river could be raised. Part of the bridge was up and the timbers ready for the balance of the bridge. In this stage of construction the high water came and drove drift against the temporary works which washed the whole structure away. This is a serious loss to the Company, but Col. Moores informs us that the work of track laying will not long be delayed. The Pony locomotive has been purchased from the O. S. N. Co., and a temporary track will be laid through the old stage bridge, so that track laying will not stop on account of the loss of the railroad bridge. The damage by the flood will be repaired within fifteen or twenty days.

OUR "GORDON."—Our new Gordon Job Press having arrived, together with an entire new stock of type, card-board, colored inks, flat-cap, and other papers, enables us to promise our patrons as good work at as low figures as can be afforded any where in the State. We do job work rapidly, neatly, and at reduced rates. Call and see us.

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