

Walla Walla complains of a scarcity of oats.

Burlingame with the Chinese Embassy arrived at Berlin on the 23d.

Emigration to the West from New England is on the increase.

The Walla Walla Statesman gives currency to a rumor of the death of Dr. Newell, at Watsburg.

Lynn Williams, in his suit against Dr. E. Poppleton, of Portland, for malpractice, gets a verdict for \$900.

There is a wagon at Hamilton, Nevada, that will bear up 40,000 pounds—the largest ever built on this coast.

Gov. Woods is to lecture on "Western Civilization," in Eugene City, on Wednesday, December 1st.

A Florence dispatch says that at a meeting of the Cabinet on the 21st, all the ministers resigned.

The money market in San Francisco was much easier at latest dates than for some weeks.

DISCHARGED.—Jack Harris, who killed Whitney some weeks since in Portland, has been discharged by the Grand Jury.

REPAIRING.—We notice that J. B. Sprenger has been overhauling, beautifying and repairing the "Cosmopolitan" of Portland.

A Couple of prints were to fight a duel on the 22d, in Marin county, California. A female was at the bottom of the embroglio.

It is claimed that the Suez Canal is not yet complete, and that further improvements must be made before it will meet all the requirements of commerce.

The Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf railroad is finished to within seven miles of Fort Scott, and will be completed to that place in ten days.

Dates to the 22d give accounts of a destructive earthquake in the Philippine Islands. Eight persons were killed, and many injured by falling buildings. The loss of property was very great.

SUICIDE.—A German hailing from Corvallis, named Rodemaker, committed suicide in Portland on the night of the 22d. Deceased came from Germany two years since, and had been living with a brother-in-law at Corvallis.

West India advices by mail state that cholera, yellow fever and small pox were raging fearfully at Santiago de Cuba. Three hundred deaths have occurred in thirty days, and it was found impossible to give the dead proper sepulture.

The Sioux Indians are again "making mischief." They are under the leadership of a quarter breed named Richards, a man of some education, said to be dangerous.

The heirs of John Campbell have commenced suit to obtain the ground on which the city of Louisville, Ky., stands, which is valued at \$30,000,000. A big thing—if they get it.

The gale on the 17th was terrific and wide spread. A train on the Harlem road was blown from the track at Boston Corners, and hurled from the bank a distance of seventy-two feet. One boy was killed, and many passengers injured.

Chicago dates to the 20th speak of the terrific gale on Lake Erie, during which many vessels went down or ashore, with the loss of all on board. The storm extended west from the coast of Maine to Cheyenne.

The New York Times says that the recent election cost the Tammany ring \$900,000; each procession cost \$120,000. Mayor Hall contributed one-fifth of his salary, and eight other candidates contributed \$50,000 each, and all the candidates under their control were taxed ten per cent. on salaries.

OPERATION OF THE SINKING FUND.—The Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to General Spinner, Treasurer of the United States, the following letter of instructions, which illustrates the working of the Sinking Fund, and will therefore be of interest to the general reader:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1, 1869. Sir: In answer to your letter of October 30th, stating that you have \$77,277 50 in gold of interest due this day, on bonds purchased for the Sinking Fund, and \$576,536 50 in gold interest due this day on bonds specially purchased to await the action of Congress, and asking instructions as to the disposition of these amounts, I have the honor to say that you will sell off said gold and with the proceeds purchase bonds and add the same to the respective funds from which the gold was received; that is, the gold received as interest on the Sinking Fund Bonds to be expended for the purchase of bonds and added to that fund, and that received from the bonds specially purchased to be sold and expended in bonds to be added thereto.

Very respectfully,
Geo. S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

Oregon and California Railroad.

As everything pertaining to the Oregon Central and California and Oregon Railroads (which must be regarded as practically one road) is of interest to our readers, we shall endeavor to keep them fully posted on the subject. The length of the road from Portland to Marysville is computed at six hundred miles, which is about equally divided between this State and California. As our readers are aware, the work on what is called the Oregon Central Railroad is in the hands of Ben. Holaday & Co., while that on the California and Oregon Railroad is being prosecuted by Stanford & Co., of the Central Pacific, who bought the franchise, including grants of land, from the original incorporators. Upwards of twenty miles of the Oregon end will soon be completed and in running order, while from forty to sixty miles of the California end is promised in the same time. Both companies, until they reach the mountains forming the boundary line between the two States, have level valley lands to pass over, which offer no serious physical obstruction to the rapid progress of the work for upwards of four hundred miles, passing over as rich and productive a country as the sun ever shines on. It is calculated by those having the enterprise in charge, that within three years from the inauguration of the enterprise the road will be finished and fully equipped. This road is only second in importance to the Pacific Railroad, so far as the interests of the people of the Pacific coast are effected. The railroad now in operation between Folsom and Marysville, Cal., fifty miles in length, which intersects the Central Pacific, and thus reaches Sacramento and San Francisco, is part of the California and Oregon road, and bears the same name.

Says a California exchange: "From San Joaquin and Tulare valley road, which has been undertaken by Stanford & Co., will extend the Oregon road on nearly a straight line from Sacramento and Stockton to Visalia, and thence to the Southern Pacific; thus securing a grand trunk railway from the waters of the Columbia river to the Colorado through the great central valleys of Oregon and California. Ultimately the northern end of this line will reach Puget Sound.

Nature has marked out the course for this road, as for the connecting lines on either end and the short feeding lines on either side. The topography of the Pacific States suggested long ago the railway system which capital and enterprise are now building. Oregon will gain even more largely than California from the completion of the trunk coast line, because she is more isolated without it, and has fewer points of convenient access to the ocean. The practical beginning of her part of the work is something on which she may be heartily congratulated."

An Important Decision. DALLAS, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, November 17th, 1869.

MR. EDITOR.—A question of considerable importance has been decided by Judge Boise, now holding a term of the Circuit Court in this place. The Assessor of Polk county presented to the County Court of Polk county an account against the county for a considerable sum, charged for mileage while assessing. The decision of the County Court was adverse to the claim. The Assessor proceeded by mandamus to compel an allowance on the demand. On a full argument in the Circuit Court, Judge Boise decided:

1st. That the remedy, if any, was not by writ of mandamus, but by a writ of review.

2d. That there was no law for allowing mileage to Assessors.

It is important that this decision be known, because these demands for mileage are being allowed in some of the counties, although there is certainly no law for it.

I have taken some pains to inform myself of the facts likely to be developed in the alleged Jenny Boise abortion and murder case, and I have no hesitation in saying that none of the parties accused can be convicted by any sensible jury on the evidence that will be introduced on the trial. J. QUINN THORNTON.

ALASKA ITEMS.—The Alaska Times has entered upon its second volume. From it we glean the following:

A correspondent calls upon the charitable ladies of Sitka to provide for a number of Russian orphans, who are destitute of shelter, clothes and food.

Lewis Garlipp, Richard Livingston and John Beck, sailors on board the cutter Lincoln, were drowned at St. Paul by the upsetting of the Captain's gig in the surf.

Four thieves, named Brady, Mullen Douglas and St. Clair have been banished from the Territory by Gen. Davis.

The Times devotes a column and a half to replying to Gen. Thomas' report.

A monthly mail will be carried between Fort Townsend, W. T., and Sitka, A. T. The steamer Constantine will do the service.

A number of officers from Sitka were detailed to hold a general court martial at Fort Tongas.

Mr. McGregor, the famous traveler in the Rob Roy canoe, has brought out a profusely illustrated work on his travels in the far West.

STATE ITEMS.

The following paragraphs are from the Roseburg Ensign:

It is reported that the relatives of Eli Durbin, who was killed by running off the road in the canyon, contemplate bringing an action for damages against the Canyon Road Company.

In consequence of the rain that has fallen during the week, the North Umpqua river has been too high for ferrying since Wednesday night.

Sheriff Van Buren has already collected and paid over to the Treasurer of this county \$11,600 of this year's assessments. He reports no scarcity of coin among the owners of property in this valley, and thinks that he will have all the taxes in much earlier this year than usual.

Last Thursday, W. B. Singleton, Enoch Anderson and Jas. Harpane, of Deer Creek, were out on a hunting excursion near the head of Myrtle Creek. Mr. Harpane having separated from the rest of the party, lost his reckoning, and after many unsuccessful attempts to return to his companions, or find his way out, was compelled to lie out all night in a dreaching rain without food or blankets. Search being made the next day, he was found about two o'clock, sick and nearly exhausted. On Friday morning the young man shot and killed a huge panther near the tree beneath which he passed the night. The animal measured nine feet from the nose to the end of the tail. We are indebted to the gentlemen who composed the party for the above facts.

The Portland Herald says that George Fisher, of Eugene City, sent, a few days ago, some saddles, bridles, etc., by a teamster to this city. By some means the fellow got hold of the bill of lading before its arrival in Portland, and represented to the person to whom the property was consigned that he was the owner, and it was delivered to him. He went to a person whom he knew bought such things and sold the "stuff" for a valuable gold watch, giving a note for a balance of \$80, signing the name of "Geo. Fisher." The purchaser went to well known dealer on Front street, in articles of this kind, and sold them. The veritable Fisher arrived soon after, pronounced the signatures a forgery, and succeeded in getting nearly all. The victims expect to capture the culprit and give him a few years in the State prison.

From the Jacksonville Sentinel of the 20th we learn that Mrs. N. M. Wade obtained a decree of divorce last week, on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Also that Mr. Campbell, on Apple-gate, Jackson county, raised on his farm this season, from one pound of Early Rose potatoes, 260 pounds. Also, from one pound of Norway oats, 5 1/2 bushels. Who can beat that?

The same paper says: Mr. Colwell, of the Crescent City stage line, we learn that a young man, 17 or 18 years of age, was drowned in Illinois river, Josephine county, a few days since. His name was William Wakeman. He was endeavoring to cross the river on horseback when the accident occurred. His body had not, up to the latest information, been recovered.

The News reports a big sell in the way of a big quartz lead. "All is not gold that glitters"—as in this case the glittering stuff turned out to be "mica."

A man named Young was thrown from his horse while racing through Overbeck Gr. ve and badly hurt. One ear was so badly mashed that a portion of it had to be cut off.

Rev. Mr. Driver preached the thanksgiving sermon in the Jacksonville M. E. Church.

Jacksonville complains with being overrun with skunks.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—We are in receipt of this marvellously cheap and handsome Magazine for December. Its table of contents is varied and charming, embracing the usual fine varieties of serials, sketches, stories, poems and attractive engravings. The publishers announce in the prospectus for the coming year, a serial story for adults by the popular Magazine writer, James Franklin Pitts, and a juvenile serial by the young people's favorite, Horatio Alger, Jr. The price of this periodical is a marvel to everybody—a hundred page first-class illustrated Magazine for fifteen cents, or \$1.50 per year, is indeed wonderfully cheap. Elliott, Thomas & Talbot, Publishers, Boston, Mass.

From the Salem Statesman we learn that Mrs. Louisa Epperly has been granted a divorce from John Epperly, at the present term of Court for Marion county. Orlando Bidwell failed to appear, and thereby forfeited his bond. Thatcher vs. Mary Huntington et al—judgment by default for \$750 and costs. Harrison Smith vs. Salem & Des Chutes Wagon Road—judgment by default for \$750 and costs.

An English banker's beautiful daughter saw a pensive Mahomedan in London, fell in love with and married him, accompanied him to Calcutta, to find her home a miserable dwelling and herself the fourth wife of a teacher of languages. She took passage back in the same ship, and is now one of the loveliest of Indian widows.

The Prussian executioner will have to soon behold at Goretitz a girl of eighteen who murdered her parents because they would not allow her to marry the man of her heart.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

Grant favors the resumption of specie payment by the government.

The estate of the late Amos Kendall is valued at \$300,000.

Alabama has ratified the Fifteenth Amendment.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward has a portion of the National Palace assigned to him and his party during their stay in the City of Mexico.

Terrible hurricanes have been experienced in the Mediterranean sea, resulting in the loss of an English steamer.

The Bishop of London delivered the funeral discourse on the death of George Peabody to an immense audience.

South America is still convulsed with "war's dire alarms."

Vessels are being specially constructed for the navigation of the Suez canal.

The King of Belgium is to pay a visit to the Queen of England at Windsor Castle soon.

Tennessee only owes \$39,000,000, and has \$20,000 to pay it with.

The Avondale fund has reached a sum in excess of \$200,000.

Eight editors in Iowa were nominated for the State Legislature.

In portions of Indiana corn is higher than wheat.

The government property of Harper's Ferry is to be sold on the 30th instant.

Gen. Butler sends two of his children to be educated in Germany.

An Ohio paper says that "every cord of wood given to the poor will be so much fuel saved from use in the next world."

A St. Louis paper gets off the following comparison: "The black pot, caught railing at the ungratifying peculiarity of the kettle."

A county in Missouri is to be favored with a colony of Swedes, who are to raise cotton and manufacture it on the spot.

Paris dry goods dealers complain of the dulllest times in trade seen for many years.

THE RAILROAD.—The California and Oregon Railroad is progressing rapidly from Marysville northward, with 600 Chinamen at work. The grade is now completed from Marysville to the Feather river, and the bridge across that stream is nearly finished. Unless extraordinary stormy weather interferes, it is expected the road will be completed to Chico by New Year's. From thence it can be built to the mouth of Pitt River during the balance of the winter, and next summer proceed with the road to Shasta Valley and Yreka, so that it may be possible to have the road to this place in about a year, or two years at farthest. The great question on striking Shasta Valley will be its course to Siskiyou, in which all our citizens are greatly interested. It thought the road will pass directly through Yreka, and proceed through Hawkinsville, crossing the Klamath at Groat's Ferry, and reaching the eastern base of the Siskiyou mountain via Cottonwood while others think it will run across Shasta Valley towards Little Shasta and Bogus, leaving Yreka ten or twelve miles west of the road. When the road is in running operation to the mouth of Pitt River, the travel north will naturally follow up the Sacramento River and through Shasta Valley to this place, which will greatly increase and build up our city, so that its importance will attract the railroad to it. The adoption of a route from Butteville to the Siskiyou remains to be determined by survey, as it has never been ascertained which is the cheapest and best route, whether through Yreka or through Little Shasta, or it may be possible that the most practicable route is directly along side the stage road and telegraph line.—Yreka Journal.

EXPEDITION TO REMOVE SNAKE INDIANS.—From a letter written by Dr. McKay to a gentleman in this city, we learn that Mr. Meacham, safely reached the Indian country the latter part of October, but found only a few Indian bands, and many of those who did come to the Council were determined not to remove to the Reservation. This was the result after several days spent in Council with them. The Chief Ye-ye-wa-wa and his Indians, of the Malheur District, refuse to go to the Reservation. These are the ones who have been among the most warlike and troublesome, and they will probably have to be coerced. Dr. McKay thinks they are not subdued and are likely at any time to resume hostilities, but are restrained by the presence of the military. At the date of writing the Council was deferred to await the arrival of the winter. The Piute Chief, so well known in Washoe and California. This old rascal, who used to go on the war path in Oregon and Idaho, at the very time he was counted as a good peace subject in Nevada, found it convenient to leave just before Mr. Meacham arrived, and an express had to be sent after him. Ocheyo, one of the most influential Piute Chiefs, declared in open Council that he and his people would go to the Reservation; his people number 250, they are the same with whom Gen. Crook had such a battle at the head of Pit River. He is now very friendly and much good is hoped from his assistance.—Statesman.

THREE MEN OF OREGON.—The California Alta tells of three ruffians capturing a young girl, of 14 years of age, in San Francisco, and her release being effected by a gentleman named Clinton, who demanded her release of the miscreants, and being attacked by them, fought for her rescue. He had knocked two of them down and drew a revolver on the scoundrel who detained the girl and drove them all off the ground. They had terrified the child so that she was unconscious. The Alta speaks of Mr. Clinton, and two strangers who came to his assistance, named Wilson and Taylor as Oregonians. These could not have been any of the "Oregon flats" we read of.

The white lead works of Pierce, Anderson & Douglas San Francisco, were destroyed by fire. Thomas Wallace with his wife and child occupied the third story. Being cut off by the flames, they joined hands and leaped from the third story window. The father and child were instantly killed, and the mother lived but two hours.

ALMANAC.—McGormick's Almanac for 1870 has been received by us. It is filled with valuable statistics and information relative to the North Pacific coast that can be obtained no where else. Every family in Oregon should have a copy. Ed. Freeland has it.

The Statesman is informed that the Clackamas Railroad bridge is to be rebuilt, and the gentleman in charge of the work has undertaken to have it done by December 20th. This we hear by good authority. Money and energy will accomplish wonders, even in high water.

Seven new railroads are in process of construction in Georgia. Several new ones are planned in Alabama and Tennessee, and there is sign of activity and prosperity in the South, even more than there was exhibited before the war.

A terrific panic lately occurred in a Methodist Church, in Troy, New York, caused by an alarm of fire. Some one struck up a good old Methodist tune, and the power of music quelled the tumult when many lives were in danger.

The Shasta Courier tells about an egg, that hatched on its own hook in a manure pile. The chicken raised himself under the discouraging circumstances of not being able to identify his own parents, and is to-day as fine a rooster as can be found.

The ship General Lee was abandoned at sea on the 12th of October. Her cargo was wheat, valued at \$53,650—insured in England.

New discoveries of rich placer diggings are reported in British Columbia, on a tributary of Pearce river.

MIDNIGHT.—If it be a fact that murderers deeds are done in cold blood, the proper time for such a deed is between eleven o'clock at night and one in the morning; for it is in this interval that the temperature of the human body falls into a minimum. From some researches lately communicated to the Royal Society, it appears that healthy beings go regularly through a daily cycle of variable warmth. The maximum heat is reached at nine A. M., when, in persons under twenty-five, the temperature of the flesh stands at ninety-nine degrees Fahrenheit, and this is maintained till six P. M., when it slowly and steadily falls till an hour before midnight; the amount of decrease by this time is something over two degrees. At about three A. M. the upward turn is taken, and the heat increases until nine o'clock. It is curious that this extent of change only occurs to young bodies. Old folks preserve a nearly equal degree of warmth all the twenty-four hours through. Other notable facts are, that feeding has nothing to do with the variations, and that hot and cold baths do not appear to interfere with the regularity of the sudden changes.

Some people don't believe in advertising, because they say "nobody reads the papers." But let them get into a scrape and you will find them flying around to the newspaper offices with the request, "please don't mention that little affair; it's a mistake; I don't want my name published all over the country."

STRAWBERRIES IN NOVEMBER.—Mr. John Durham has brought to town specimens of November vegetation and fruitage very surprising even for this valley. Wild strawberries in bloom, and with the fruit perfectly ripe, form the chief attraction. Blackberry blossoms, oak buds bursting into leaf, wild roses in full bloom, pea vines in blossom and bearing peas—these are the strongest proofs that we can give of the boasted mildness of the Oregon climate. During the last few weeks we have had very heavy rains, but much of the time the temperature has been warm as that of April. We have for two months past heard very wintry reports from the Atlantic States in the same latitude, which have been ice and snow bound, while we have had scarce frosts enough to kill the dahlias and tomatoes. In our gardens the roses are blooming still, the daisies are coming out in full force, the gillie flowers are flourishing and even the verbena continues in bloom. The tenderest house plants have kept safe in the shelter of an open porch. There have been no frosts for a month past, and those that occurred were few and light.—Statesman.

"Tommy, my son, fetch in a stick of wood." "Ah my dear mother," responded the youth, "the grammatical portion of your education has been sadly neglected. You should have said: 'Recruit me a collection of combustible material upon the threshold of this edifice one of the curtailed excrecences of a defunct log.'"

A Parisian paper recommends the following method for the preservation of eggs: Dissolve four ounces of beeswax in eight ounces of warm olive oil; in this put the top of the finger and anoint the egg all around. The oil will immediately be absorbed by the shell and the pores filled up with the wax. If kept in a cool place, the eggs after two years, will be as good as if fresh laid.

A bashful young man escorted home an equally bashful young lady. As they approached the dwelling of the damsel, she said entreatingly, "Zekiel, now don't tell anybody you 'beard' me home." "Sary," said he emphatically, "don't you mind; I am as much ashamed of it as you are."

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