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CITY AND COUNTY.

SANTIAM DITCH.—We are anxiously awaiting a report from those gentlemen engaged in the enterprise of putting through the Santiam Ditch. It is quite an undertaking to be sure, but can be put through in short order if the proper energy and spirit is brought into requisition.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—For the week ending Thursday, September 7th: H. P. Crawford to John Wagle; consideration, \$700. Overlooker to Jason Wheeler; consideration, \$3,650.

Uncle Jimmy Deathbit called on us Thursday having returned from Ochocho to his old home in this county last Friday. He is in good health with the exception of a twinge of the rheumatism now and then.

NIGHT WATCH.—The earnest attention of the City Fathers is called to the fact that stays everybody else in the face—the need of a night watch. Our buildings, with few exceptions, are of wood, and during the present dry weather would catch fire from a spark.

ATTENTION.—Mr. Jerry Driggs has completed the survey of his timbered lands on the Santiam river, nine miles east of Albany. The lands have been subdivided into tracts of ten, twenty, thirty and forty acres and are now offered for sale to those wishing to secure small tracts of timbered lands for fuel, rails, etc.

GRAPE.—On Wednesday a kind and thoughtful friend of ours presented us with the first grapes of the season. There is nothing so deliciously cooling and appetizing, in our opinion, as a bunch of just such grapes, in the early morning.

FINE PAINTING.—Dr. Gray has kept several mechanics busy for weeks past, remodeling and adding to his residence on the corner of Ferry and Fifth streets. They have completed their labors, and the Doctor now has a cosy residence, yielding in neatness and home-comforts with any other in the city.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.—Under the management of Mr. M. C. George, assisted by Miss Belle Z. Gird, opened on Monday with an attendance of seventy scholars—a much larger attendance than has greeted the "first day" of school for a long time.

"STEPHEN PIPES MARSSETT."—The hero of Pipeville comes out to-night at the Court House, after an absence of 13 years from our city. Let him have a cordial reception, not only from the fact that he gave one of his first "Readings" in this State in 1858, but coming to us again, endorsed universally by the press of the Eastern States and the journals of this coast, as a genius and a man of talent in his art.

WANTED.—Elsewhere in this paper will be found an advertisement of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Two hundred choppers and loggers are wanted immediately between Cowitz river and Hodgen's as well as a number of ox teams. Read the advertisement.

GRAY.—The great San Francisco music dealer, and Piano Forte Importer is going, like a sensible man, to open a branch establishment in Salem and Albany. His indefatigable agent DePrans, in Portland, will be here next week to select a store.

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ATTACKED BY A COON.—Friend McPherson, ad interim of the Democrat, was attacked by that same "old coon," a few evenings since at the St. Charles, and made to vacate the bed in haste. His coonship showed fight, but was at last secured and driven from the premises.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT EXCURSION.—Thirty-eight members of the Albany Fire Department participated in the excursion, on Monday last, to attend the annual parade of the Portland Fire Department. The boys speak of the whole affair as one of the most pleasant reunions they ever attended—of the generous hospitality and universal kindness extended to them on all hands by their brothers of Portland.

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TEMPERATURE.—Mr. Wm. L. Smith has kindly favored us with a table showing the highest point attained by the mercury in his thermometer during the warm days last month. The time commences with the 7th:

Mr. Robert Holman, Chief Engineer of the Portland Fire Department, called on us Wednesday. Bob was in a fine state of preparation, and spoke highly of the hospitality of Albanyans.

WHEAT.—Still remains at \$1 per bushel except at Chendie & Co.'s, where the farmer can obtain \$1.10.

WATER.—The water in the city is still very pure and of excellent quality. The water works are doing well, and the supply is abundant.

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