

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

From the Roseburg Plunderer we learn that a railroad hand died at Eugene on Thursday of last week, from the effects of drugs, administered to him by thieves to obtain his money.

The people of Oakland generously contributed nearly \$100, to assist Mr. J. L. Clunker, who recently lost his residence by fire, near that place.

A Mrs. Oliver, of San Francisco, was dangerously, if not fatally burned, by a switch of false hair catching fire from a candle, recently.

The recent riot at Los Angeles, Cal., was a most barbarous and criminal affair. About \$10,000 were stolen from the Chinese, and other valuables amounting to half as much more, were also taken. The houses were riddled with balls, and even the roofs were torn up by the white rioters.

The fire in the hold of the bark Whistler, San Francisco, after it had been burning three weeks, was at last extinguished by pumping carbonic acid into the hold. About fifty tons of cargo were found charred to ashes, and most of the remainder more or less damaged.

The Chinese Companies have renewed their quarrels among themselves at Los Angeles, Cal., and several suits, growing out of the late riot, have been commenced.

On Thursday of last week, a young married couple hired a boat at South Beach, San Francisco, and went out sailing on the bay. They have not been heard from since. They are thought to be lost.

From San Francisco, Nov. 4th, we learn that the United States steamer Saranac was to be dispatched to Magdalena Bay immediately, to bring back the last remnants of Lower California colony, now abandoned and in danger of starvation.

The Executive clemency was extended to Charles Burch, on the 3d inst., releasing him from the State Penitentiary, to which he was sent for two years, from East Portland, for larceny, in November 1870.

A petition to General Grant is now being circulated through every town and settlement in Arizona, to obtain the signatures of all interested. It will likewise be presented for signatures in the several districts in California. It contains three printed long pages of outrages by Indians. Its purport is a request that Gen. Crook be let alone.

The Mormon postmasters are accused of suppressing such of the Gentle papers of Utah as bear down heavily on their religion. Special Agent Wickizer, notifies that the practice must be stopped.

The Puget Mill Company have located at Puget Sound nearly 3,000 acres of land under Tennessee Agricultural College script, which has proved to be counterfeit.

The Methodist intend to build a church at Hubbard station, five miles south of Aurora.

Some individual broke into the brewery of Mr. John Rast, of Roseburg, on Wednesday of last week, and emptied 250 gallons of beer, says the Plunderer.

A Coroner's jury in the case of the death of John Iserly, who died suddenly at Eugene on Thursday last, rendered a verdict of death from narcotic poison, administered by some person unknown. Some believe that he suicided, while others think he was drugged.

It appears that a number of citizens of Lane county have broken faith with the Oregon and California Railroad Company, and that suits have been commenced in some instances to quiet title to lands occupied by the road.

A man named Boly was arrested by Sheriff Poindexter of Lane county, a few days ago, for selling liquor without a license, but escaped while the Sheriff was enjoying a sardine lunch.

Two Californians have purchased a ranch of 400 acres near Eugene, for \$5,182, and report lots of farmers in the Sacramento Valley anxious to emigrate to Oregon.

Lane county has six divorce suits to be adjudicated during the coming term of Court.

A thief entered the house of Mr. E. L. Bristow, in Eugene, on Saturday last, and stole \$20. The robbery was committed about four o'clock in the afternoon, while no one was in the house.

The Eugene City Manufacturing Company has secured the right of way for a ditch, to bring water from the Willamette river, from a point on the McVay place, to the head of the slough which now furnishes their mills. They intend cutting a ditch four feet deep by twenty in width, which will make a never-failing water power of vast importance. The contract will be let and the work commenced immediately.

From July 4th to October 17th the travel over the Oregon Central Military Road was as follows: Going east—cattle, 458; horses, 547; sheep, 2,329; men, 156; women, 65; children, 121; negro, 1. Going west—cattle, 34; horses, 204; sheep, 1; men, 102; women, 38; children, 61.

The Eugene City Guard of November 4th says: On Wednesday evening, Hon. Stukely Ellsworth attempted to pass from the baggage car into the passenger car of the train, while standing at Junction City, fell through bruising and badly straining a leg. He barely managed to get out of his uncomfortable position before the train started.

A coal ledge has been discovered on Muddy, a tributary of the Yamhill in Yamhill county. The ledge crops out a foot in thickness near the surface, and the prospects are excellent.

George Bartlett pleaded guilty to embezzlement at Roseburg on Monday of last week, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

Three men were arrested at Yoncola charged with horse stealing, and taken to Oak Grove, where they were examined and discharged. Two of the party, however, were rearrested for stealing blankets and fined twenty dollars, in default of which they were sent to jail.

It seems that the fellows arrested were traveling with a kind of a minstrel show, and hired a team in California to take them through, the owner sending a driver along to take care of, and return with the team. When they had proceeded some distance on the road, the driver proposed to sell the wagon and harness, and take the horses and leave. This the showmen refused to do at the time, but when they arrived at Oak Grove Station they quietly got up in the night, and not only left the wagon, but the roguish driver also. It appears to have been an instance where very little honor was displayed, rogues as they were.

Nathan Conner, of Jackson precinct, aged about seventeen, fell from the roof of his father's house on the 28th ultimo, dislocating his wrist, and otherwise injuring him considerably. He fell a distance of thirty feet, and it is remarkable that his injuries are no greater.

The Salem Statesman is informed that farmers are so busy that they can scarcely find time to come to the city to do their necessary trading. The late rains have put the ground in excellent condition, and every one that has a plow is making it do good service.

Dr. Carpenter and S. R. Hammer of Salem, purchased of Butterfield & Son the fine flock of Argora goats exhibited at the late Fair. They have one pure blood buck, and fifteen ewes, fifteen-sixteenths grade. They will be kept on Dr. Carpenter's farm, a few miles from Salem, with the design of breeding to such an extent as to furnish those who wish to obtain this kind of stock.

An attempt was made to fire a house on Scott street, in San Francisco, last Saturday night, but was discovered in time to save the building.

At Stockton, Cal., on the morning of the 6th inst., Jacob Wagner was assaulted at his residence, and stabbed in two places, five inches below the arm pit, by a man named Ester. The wounds are serious. Ester is in jail.

The Arizona Miner, published at Prescott, dated the 28th ult., publishes a letter from King S. Woolsey, from lower Gila river.

The region is literally alive with Mexican bandits, plundering settlers, robbing passing travelers and escaping with their booty to Sonora. The settlers are arming and pursuing them into Mexico.

Great excitement prevails at Prescott over the discovery of very rich silver ledges about eight miles southeast of Prescott. From Hammerstake ledge the rock yielded \$1 25 per pound. The number of claims taken the first day was twenty. Specimens of chloride and horn silver are brought in.

A well known Mormon writing from Beaver, October 31st, says: Brigham Young arrived this morning, and left after five hours' rest for St. George, on the southern border of the Territory. He was escorted by twelve mounted men of the Nauvoo Legion. "I am told," says the writer, "he has bid a final farewell to Salt Lake City." Brigham's movement has greatly agitated the minds of the people here. Hon. Tom Fitch left yesterday for the East to fulfill an engagement to lecture. The Gentiles say the Mormons have sent him on a mission.

A man ninety-one years of age, known by the name of Wrestling Joe, was arrested in Portland last Tuesday for perjury. He claims to be the husband of Mrs. Caruthers, deceased, and has been used as a witness in the Caruthers cases. The perjury charged against him is in swearing his name was Joseph Thomas, when his real name is claimed by the affidavit to be James W. Davidson.

The hat store of J. L. Andon, San Francisco, was burned out last Monday night. Loss \$2,000; fully insured.

Great uneasiness was felt in San Francisco on Tuesday caused by the rumors of the extent of a fire in Vallejo; but when it was found that only a block was destroyed, loss \$50,000, much relief was felt.

San Francisco has a project on foot for raising \$100,000, in \$10 shares, to be appropriated in small loans to the distressed farmers in San Joaquin Valley, a nominal interest to be charged.

Potatoes in Walla Walla, are reported by the Union as selling at one cent per pound from wagons. Wood is reported as selling from \$7 to \$9 per cord. Oats are reported scarce at one and a half cents per pound.

The Yamhill river, above Sheridan, is being dammed so as to carry its waters into a ditch which was intended to carry water into McMinnville. Four miles of the upper end of the ditch is already completed.

The land disposed of at the Olympia land office during October amounted to 16,911 acres.

The people of Stevens county, W. T., have a petition to the Legislature asking for a division of the county.

J. M. Breeding, one and a half miles south of Eugene, has sold his farm of 400 acres to a California immigrant for \$5,182.

The Portland Oregonian says that a letter was received in that place, stating that early next year a large emigration from Illinois may be expected.

From the Monmouth Messenger we learn the following:

The brick work of the new college edifice is now complete. It is a stately building of fine proportions. If the weather continues favorable it will be enclosed in a week or ten days. The work on the inside can then go on even though the weather should be wet or cold.

The Jacksonville Sentinel of Nov. 4th says:

We learn from Mr. Taylor, the contractor for carrying the mails from Jacksonville to Sailor Diggings, that a man by the name of Hawkins has discovered new diggings on Rogue river, below the mouth of Applegate. Mr. Hawkins has been making from \$20 to \$40 per day with a rocker, and has sold his claim for \$2,000. The ground is being rapidly located above and below him, and there is a big gold excitement in that section.

The Lewiston Journal gives the following particulars of the hanging of a man named Moran, at Clearwater bridge, recently:

We are informed that J. J. Moran was hung by the neck until dead, near Jackson's bridge on the South Fork of Clearwater river, on Friday morning, the 29th ult. It seems that Mr. G. W. Bowker, who had been running the express from

this place to Elk City, had purchased \$2 worth of rope for Moran sometime before, and for which Moran owed him. Bowker had quit the express, but was on his way from Lewiston to Elk City, and stopped at Jackson's bridge. Bowker asked Moran for the two dollars, which Moran paid, and then, without provocation of any kind, remarked, "Now, I'll mark you," or of like purport, and immediately drew a revolver and knocked Bowker to the ground; then, taking his pocket knife, slit both of Bowker's ears, gashed his forehead and gouged and cut the divisions between the nostrils of his nose, and while doing so he uttered words showing his brutal intent. This was done on Thursday evening, the 19th, and Moran was found hanging on the following morning.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHY.—The difficult problem of how to transmit telegraphic messages in Chinese, has at length been satisfactorily solved. And here's how it's done:

At first sight the difficulty of telegraphing in a language which is destitute of an alphabet, and is made up of about 50,000 distinct characters, appears almost insurmountable, but the obstacle has been overcome, and A-fat at Hong Kong encounters no more difficulty in communicating by telegraph with A-chum at Shanghai than does Frown with Jones under similar circumstances. The plan adopted is this: Some few thousand of the more common Chinese characters are cut on wooden blocks after the manner of type, and on the reverse end of each is a number cut in the same way. Now A-fat having landed in his message written in Chinese, the native clerk selects in order the corresponding blocks from the case and prints off the numbers on their reverse. This he hands to his English colleague, who telegraphs the numbers to the destination desired. Here the reverse process is gone through, and the numbers having been taken from the cases, the characters are stamped on paper, and thus A-chum is put in possession of the cherished wishes of A-fat through the medium of his native language.

COUNTERFEITERS GOBBLED UP. On the 5th inst, a counterfeiter's den, a short distance from Kansas City, was broken up. Jo Rielly and Tom Ballard were arrested. Harry Cole and Josiah Myer, the latter the leader of the gang, were captured, but escaped. A large quantity of tools, presses, dies, etc., were captured, including a \$1,000 United States note and a lot of fibre paper, such as is used by the Government.

The new Austrian Ministry is believed to be as follows: President von Portolio of the Interior, Baron Vankeller; Minister of Finance, Halsegethan; Minister of Worship, Destermyer; Minister of Justice, Chilmetzky; Minister of Commerce, Deplener; Minister of War, Schoel; Minister of Agriculture, Grocholsky. The new President declared that the policy which compelled the retirement of Hanworth will be vigorously pursued. Some of its friends were deceived by stories of compromise.

Some of the officers of the abandoned whaling fleet, at San Francisco, state that the disaster was predicted by the Esquimaux along the shores of the Artic, long before it occurred, and had they listened to the warnings, the whole loss might have been avoided.

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New Jersey boat builders merely lay the planks on the timbers and get inside. The mosquitoes run their sharp bills through and the men inside rivet them. No bolts are needed.

A minister once prayed: "O, Lord, we thank Thee for the goodly number here to-night, and that Thou also art here, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather."

Track laying on the West Side road had been progressing favorably up to last week, when the spikes gave out.

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