

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Figaro says, buckwheat cakes are fit.

A fire recently occurred in Vallejo, Cal., destroying nineteen buildings in four hours, the loss roughly estimated at \$50,000.

The Eugene City Guard says that on Wednesday night of last week Mr. A. J. Crugan killed a large cougar on the prairie between his house and Cloverdale.

A surveying party east of the mountains reported to the Jacksonville Standard that on the mountains east of Langel valley, they had found several sections of land covered with wild plums. They estimate the crop at from four to five thousand bushels.

Matt, Bledsoe, who is now undergoing a sentence of imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of ninety years, for murder in the second degree, committed some half dozen years ago in Portland, is to be pardoned soon, it is reported.

Ex-Governor Goodwin, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, accompanied by Gen. Sprague and others, are now in Washington Territory, for the purpose of selecting a terminus for the road. This, of course, puts the people of the aspiring towns in a flutter. The sight will be chosen within the next sixty days, so says the Tribune.

The "no fence law" is being strongly agitated by nearly all the press in California. Even the papers in "cow counties" declare for it, and all declare it necessary for the progress of the State.

William Winter, of San Francisco, whose son committed suicide there about a year ago, dropped dead in his office last Saturday.

On Monday of last week about thirty Apache Indians attacked the stage, containing seven passengers, about ten miles from Winchester Arizona, on its way to San Bernardino. At the first fire two passengers on the outside of the coach and the driver, were killed. Three of the five inside of the coach were killed. Wm. Keeper of Prescott, and Miss Mollie Sheppard, were wounded and escaped to the brush. Mr. Keeper defended himself and Miss Sheppard with a six-shooter. They escaped and reached Wickenburg, though both severely wounded. The killed are Fred Shohim, F. M. Loring, N. N. Solomon, P. W. Harned, O. S. Adams, and John Fritz, the driver. The bodies of two of the men were found fifty yards from the stage, scalped. The baggage and mules were plundered and one horse shot. Great excitement prevailed, and parties were to start in pursuit.

The Kalama W. & T. Co., has been fully adopted as the organ of the N. P. R. R. Company, and is now furnished with an office free of rent and is patronized extensively in other ways.

The Vancouver Register has this: Special Constable Jacob Isaacs arrested Lewis Miller of Lewis river bottom, on Saturday of last week, under a charge of incest by living in adulterous cohabitation with his own sister, but before the officer had time to wink, after reading the warrant of arrest, the prisoner gave "leg ball," took to the brush, and has not yet been arrested.

Portland, for its size, is said to have more drinking saloons than any other place in the United States. If that is so, it is no credit to Portland nor the State.

The "perjury case" of Portland is suspended for the present, on account of the severe illness of "Wrestling Joe."

A nugget of pure gold, worth \$100, was picked up not long since in French Gulch, Baker county.

Last week a female performer in one of the melodowns in Portland, took a "cup of cold poison," with the intention of "shuffling off this mortal coil," but a stomach pump, kept her from a coroner's inquest.

The Utah Northern railroad company intend to connect the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific by rail, extending from Ogden through Utah and Montana to the line of the Northern road. They are building now between Ogden and Soda Springs.

The famine among the farmers of San Joaquin valley, Cal., according to their own statement, is not so great as reported. All they ask is credit for seed.

We gather from the Foreland Oregonian of the 13th, that the Chinese are raising quite a loud snarl by the filth which they have permitted to accumulate in their back yards and on the streets near their gutters.

The horses of Mr. Chavner ran away near Jacksonville, throwing him out and bruising him badly. He lay on the road until his little son went home ten miles and told the news. The above item is from the Times.

Joaquin Miller arrived in Salem last Tuesday.

A week ago last Wednesday the Aurora Borealis was seen in the northern sky at Salem.

Editor of the Jacksonville Times has been presented with a ten pound tur-nip.

A wagon was capsized near the Catholic church in Jacksonville, recently, throwing William Chambers, Sr., John Chambers, Daniel Murphy and H. F. Crook violently to the ground, badly bruising Mr. Crook, who lay insensible for some time, and internally injuring John Chambers.

A diminutive child has been born at Salem. When it was five days old a lady's finger ring was slipped upon its arm as far as it shoulder.

A hurly-gurly house has been opened at Eugene.

The track of the Oregon and California Railroad has been laid to the town of Cresswell—twelve miles south of Eugene.

Hay has been sold in Eugene recently at retail for \$40 per ton.

A man named Robinson, while wrestling in a beer saloon on Main street, Olympia, on Sunday night last, was thrown with such violence as to break his leg in two places.

To travel from Helena, Montana, to Omaha now costs only \$70 currency. From Helena to Corinne fare is but \$5. Cheaper than staying at home.

Montana is rapidly developing into an agricultural Territory, and now produces an abundance of cereals, vegetables, butter, &c., for her own consumption. She has a Territorial Agricultural Society and several county Societies.

Chief Justice McKean states the issue with the Mormons as follows: "The Government of the United States, founded upon a written constitution, finds within its jurisdiction another Government, claiming to come from God—imperium in imperio—whose policy and practices are in grave particulars, at variance with its own. The one Government arrests the other, in person of its chief, and arraigns it at this bar. A system is on trial in the person of Brigham Young. Let all concerned keep this fact steadily in view; and let the Government rule without a rival which shall prove to be in the right."

The Portland Oregonian says: Two railroads routes have been surveyed through Yamhill county, one crossing the Yamhill river below Lafayette and the other some distance above. McMinville supposed she had a sure thing on the railroad, but since the Lafayette route has been surveyed it is reported that the McMinville barber has increased charges one half for shaving the citizens of that town, in consequence of the elongation of their faces.

A man named William Cornwall, a native of England, residing in Wasco county, was taken one night last week with a severe fit of coughing, and to get relief he arose to go to the door and fell dead.

A Republican Convention is called at Salem to nominate candidates for municipal offices.

Two million five hundred thousand bricks have been laid in the walls of the new penitentiary.

The following is from Jacksonville, Or., Nov. 14th: This evening about 6 o'clock three horse thieves named Morrill, Werner and Good, who were confined in the jail in this place awaiting their sentence, overpowered the jailor and escaped. They had just eaten their supper when they made the assault by knocking the jailor down and robbing him of his revolver, money and keys and locking him in a cell with a Chinese prisoner. A reward of three hundred dollars is offered by the Sheriff for their capture, or a proportionate amount for either.

ADROITLY HIT.—A correspondent of the Herald and Presbyter, writing from Minnesota, tells the following: "I have picked up a little story which I think too good a reproof for disturbers of the peace in churches to be lost. A presiding elder of the United Brethren Church was preaching in this same neighborhood, and was much annoyed by persons talking loud and laughing. He paused, looked at the disturbers, and said, 'I am always afraid to reprove those who misbehave in church. In the early part of my ministry I made a great mistake. As I was preaching, a young man who sat just before me was constantly laughing and making uncouth grimaces. I paused and administered a severe rebuke. After the close of the service, one of the official members came and said to me, 'Brother—, you made a great mistake. That young man whom you reproved is an idiot.' Since then I have always been afraid to reprove those who misbehave in church, lest I should repeat that mistake, and reprove another idiot.' During the rest of that service, at least, there was good order."

Mr. Orrin Kempton, conductor upon the Boston, Lowell and Nashua railroad, was somewhat taken aback on the week of the Fair at Lowell, when the fat girl, nine years old, weighing 320 pounds, presented a half-fare ticket.

A little terrier in Iowa ate a yeast cake. Next morning his master did not know him; he was as big as a bulldog.

Anti Woman Suffrage.

Some ladies in Washington, headed by Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren and Mrs. General Sherman, who are taking an active part in opposing woman's suffrage, have started a movement the object of which is to completely outflank the suffragists of the Tilton-Woodhull school.

These ladies do not believe that the Constitution as it now stands gives the women the right to vote, and they are determined to deprive the others of their so-called Sixteenth Amendment by occupying the ground themselves with an amendment providing for a uniform system of divorce. Their principal argument in favor of this new measure is that if the Courts in other States are obliged to recognize Indian divorces as valid, though they are generally obtained by fraud, the trials of that State virtually absorb the whole divorce business of this country and imperil the property and marital rights of every woman from Maine to California. This, they think, makes the question one of such national importance as to require the interference of Congress, under constitutional safeguards; and they desire the constitutional provision they are seeking to be called the "Sixteenth Amendment."

They are going to work like real high-born ladies to encompass their ends, and design having the measure first introduced into the Senate rather than the House, since the former is a body of much more decorum and dignity than the latter. What is more, Mr. Trumbull is to be asked to take charge of the amendment, both as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and as the purest and best of the Senators of the United States. It is believed that this measure will secure for American women all the rights they care to exercise in public affairs, and save them from the wrongs of such pernicious legislation as is the disgrace of India. The frank movement of the suffragists by appropriating their favorite amendment is regarded as a good stroke and one that will put at rest the agitation of a question which a few ambitious women, by driving its best friends into obscurity, have made reputable. It is not intended to make the amendment too radical, and it is only feared that it may be defeated by the promoters of so-called reform overloading it and killing it. A lively scrimmage among the female politicians is expected, and the movement cannot fail to add new features to the remarkable lobby in which women play such varied and important parts.

WHAT IS THINE AGE?—"Father," said a Persian monarch to an old man, who, according to Oriental usage, bowed before the sovereign's throne, "pray be seated; I cannot receive homage from one bent with years, whose head is white with the frosts of age."

"And now, father," said the monarch, when the old man had taken the proffered seat, "tell me thy age; how many of the sun's revolutions hast thou counted?"

"Sire," answered the old man, "I am but four years."

"What?" interrupted the king, "fearest thou not to answer me falsely, or dost thou jest on the very brink of the tomb?"

"I speak not falsely, Sire," replied the aged man, "neither would I offer a foolish jest on a subject so solemn. Eighty long years have I wasted in folly and sinful pleasures and in amassing wealth, none of which I can take with me when I leave this world. Four years only have I spent in doing good to my fellow-men; and shall I count those years that have been utterly wasted? Are they not worse than a blank, and is not that portion only worthy to be reckoned as a part of my life, which has answered life's best end?"

Gent.—"Waiter, how came this dead fly in my soup?"

Waiter.—"In fact, sir, I have no positive idea how the poor thing came to its death. Perhaps it had not taken any food for a long time, dashed upon the soup, ate too much of it, contracted an inflammation of the stomach that brought on death. The fly must have a very weak constitution, for when I served the soup it was dancing merrily upon the surface. Perhaps—and the idea presents itself only at this moment—it endeavored to swallow too large a piece of vegetable, this remaining fast in his throat, caused a choking in the windpipe. These are the only reasons I can give for the death of this insect."

A little four-year old boy in Palmer, Mass., who had been told by his mother what a pretty thing it would be to have brothers and sisters, asked in his next evening prayer that the good Lord would give him sixty brothers and a hundred sisters. The mother thought this was too much, and did not say Amen.

Abernethy being called to a patient who fancied himself very ill, told him ingeniously what he thought, and declined prescribing, thinking it unnecessary. "Now you are here," said the patient. "I shall be obliged to you, Mr. Abernethy, if you will tell me how I must live—what I may eat, and what not." My directions to that point," said the physician, who abounded this sort of question, "will be few and simple. You must not eat the poker, shovel or tongs; for they are hard of digestion; nor the bellows, because they are windy; but anything else you please."

RELIGIOUS.

WHO WAS HE?—"Can you tell me," said Napoleon, "who Jesus Christ was? I will tell you. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself have founded great empires; but upon what did these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded an empire upon love, and at this very moment tens of millions would die for him. I am not mistaken—I know human nature well. Those kings were only men as I am only a man. Jesus Christ was alone. No other ever resembled him. Jesus was not a man, he was more than a man. Thousands have been animated with such an enthusiasm for me that they would die for me; but to inspire such devotion, it was necessary that I should be visibly present among them, that they should feel the influence of my looks, my voice, my words. Jesus alone hath so elevated the mind of man to the unseen, that it is insensible to time or space. Across an abyss of eighteen hundred years, he demanded what is most difficult to give. He requires that which the philosopher often asks in vain from his followers, the parent from his child, the brother from his brother, even the wife from her husband. He will have the heart, the whole heart, and the heart of every human being. He requires the heart unconditionally, unreservedly, with all its passions and affections. This he demands, and lo, immediately this demand is satisfied! This is astonishing. In defiance of time and space, the soul of man, with all of its powers and faculties, becomes a part of the empire of Christ. All who believe in him experience this mysterious love for him. Here is a phenomenon entirely inexplicable. It is infinitely above the creative power of man. Time, which destroys all things, cannot extinguish this sacred flame; time can neither diminish its force nor limit its rage. This amazes me. Over and over have I reflected deeply upon it; and the more I reflect, the more perfectly my conviction of the divinity of Jesus Christ."

BIBLE MEASURES.—For the benefit of those who are not very well posted in Biblical affairs, we print the following paragraphs in relation to Bible measurements:

A day's journey is thirty three and one-fifth miles.

A Sabbath day's journey is about an English mile.

A cubit is twenty two inches.

Ezekiel's reed was seven feet.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A shekel of gold was \$8 09.

A talent of silver was \$538 31.

A talent of gold was \$3,800.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A garah was a cent.

A mite was a cent.

An epha, or bath, contains seven gallons and five pints.

A bin was one gallon and two pints.

A firkin was seven pints.

An omer was six pints.

A cab was three pints.

An Episcopal clergyman calls attention, in the Chicago Tribune, to the great gains which his denomination has made, at the expense of other churches. He says: "Not only is it true that about two-thirds of the church are recruits from other religious bodies, but a majority of our bishops were originally from the ranks of denominational clergy. A single bishop has reported that 207 out of 285 clergymen ordained by him came from other religious bodies." This may be true; but it sounds like an exaggeration. At any rate, it is nothing to boast of. The army is not strengthened by transferring officers or soldiers from one corps to another; and, if the gains of the Episcopal churches are mainly of this sort, we are sorry.

Roman Catholics of Ireland now scarcely exceed four millions, while the Episcopalians and Presbyterians reckon a million and a quarter of adherents. Other denominations are quite insignificant. Thus there are but forty-one thousand Methodists of all sorts, and only about four thousand five hundred Independents, with a like number of Baptists, in all Ireland.

HONORS TO PUNSHON.—From a late exchange we glean this: The Rev. William M. Punshon was warmly received by the British Wesleyan Conference, the whole audience rising and cheering. Twenty thousand applications for tickets of admission to the Wesleyan chapel at Leeds were made when Punshon preached there one day last month.

The colored bishop, T. M. D. Ward, says: The Indian appealed to arms and was crushed; the negro appealed to heaven, and God has preserved them as a race, broken the steel bolts of their dungeon, unsprung their fetters and crowned them with the diadem of American citizenship.

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