

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

The Oregonian speaks of a strong wind that prevailed on Thursday night of last week, obstructing the railroad track with limbs and trees.

A Portland restaurant man attempted suicide last week, but was pumped out and saved, says the Oregonian.

A telegraph operator at Cornelius, Washington county, named James Farrell, died suddenly on Thursday of last week. He had been drinking heavily.

Last year Washington county expended 3,724 days' work on the public roads, and \$14,000 for lumber and bridges.

A dispatch from Coriune, dated the 9th, states that several passenger trains have just arrived there. The first had been twenty-two days from Omaha, the second twenty-one, and the third twenty-four.

The Gentiles, at Salt Lake, are indignant at Minister De Long and the Japanese Embassy for calling upon Brigham Young. They think it compromises some of the Federal officials, as well as Mr. De Long's station as Minister, Young not occupying any official position, and being a prisoner charged with murder.

Considerable sickness is reported at Eugene.

The Good Templars of Eugene have given up their charter, and donated their funds on hand, \$50, to the M. E. and Christian Sabbath Schools, says the Journal.

A number of costly buildings are to be erected in East Portland the coming season.

The snow blockade was worse than ever on the 10th inst.

The first official act performed by the new Governor of Idaho, was the marriage of a colored couple.

The Independent Order of Red men of Jacksonville have purchased a piece of property for a cemetery.

John Pelling of Jackson county has brought an action to recover \$1,000 damages from Thos. Sly for assault and battery, whereby the plaintiff's nose was broken.

The Era growls about the dangerous condition of the sidewalks in East Portland.

Mrs. Frost was lecturing at Victoria, last week, on "The downfall of the United States Government."

A counterfeit half dollar piece has made its appearance in San Francisco, very hard to detect.

Stock to the amount of \$17,000 had been subscribed to the Good Templar's Hall Association, of Portland, up to last week.

The bar at St. Helens is to be surveyed with the view of furnishing estimates of the cost of improving the channel.

Real estate is advancing in prices in East Portland.

Deer Lodge has been selected as the capital of Montana Territory by the Legislature.

Greeley, Colorado, on the 20th ult., nominated its man for postmaster by ballot. Ninety-eight women voted.

Olympia has presented the railway company with four thousand acres of land, in and around the city, in return for which the company engage to build a depot within one mile and a half of the center of the town.

Colorado is again knocking at the door of Uncle Sam for admission—won't succeed.

A Horticulture Society has been organized at Victoria.

The people of British Columbia are earnestly asking to have their toll roads abolished.

Four Indians are in jail at Vancouver charged with a murder committed in 1865. The proof against them is the dying confession of an accomplice Indian.

John Hickling, a farmer of Salt Spring Island, B. C., was drowned on the 14th ult., on his way home from Victoria in a canoe.

Mrs. Fair, of San Francisco, is granted a new trial, by the Supreme Court, an Frisco lawyers are displeased thereat.

The Mormons are madder than March hares over Gov. Wood's veto of the Utah admission bill.

The County Court of Marion county awarded the contract for building the Court House at Salem to Messrs. Boothby, Miller & Myers of that city.

Ash wood was selling at the Salem wharf last week at \$4 50 per cord.

Walter D. C. Davidson of Marion county has been adjudged insane and taken to the Asylum.

As Mr. Halleck's ox team with a load of lumber was crossing the bridge on the road to Elledale, two and a half miles from Dallas, the bridge broke through, and the wagon and team went into the creek, killing one steer and badly crippling the others, says the Statesman.

A student of the Salem University had a fit of epilepsy in the chapel last week.

Turkeys were selling at \$10 each and eggs at \$4 per dozen, at Cariboo, at last dates.

Six car loads of oysters, in the shell, recently arrived at San Francisco, but all spoilt, having been frozen and thawed, caused by the delay in the snows on the Union Pacific.

Henry Steffers, a woman whipper of San Francisco, was fined \$200 with an alternative of one hundred days in jail, on the 8th.

Seventeen hundred dollars have been collected in Walla Walla, toward the purchase of a lot and the building of a brick Protestant Episcopal church thereupon, the whole to cost \$3,000.

People of California are learning to make small change. The Marysville Standard says: We saw recently at the office of the Railroad Company a peck or less of nickle cents.

The Company is obliged to have them, as they make exact change. For example, if your freight bill is \$4 91, you receive in change a silver five cent piece and four nickle cents.

On the 20th ult. the ground at Walla Walla was frozen to a depth of eight inches.

J. H. Lasater, and the editor of the Statesman, at Walla Walla, had a fight recently. The latter got the worst of it, and the former was fined twenty dollars.

The ditch on Burnt river is finished and ready for water.

A rich mine has been discovered within three hundred yards of the Canyon City court house. The ledge is eight feet thick. It is believed that this discovery will bring about a revolution of affairs at Canyon City.

Sunday the 4th inst., was the coldest day in Powder river valley. The weather was ten degrees below zero.

A recent number of the Dalles Mountaineer has an article stating that Great Britain has declared war against the United States.

Eight members of the Walla Walla bar have petitioned Hon. S. Garfield to ask Congress to disapprove of the civil act of that Territory, passed by the recent Legislature.

Much wood is stolen at the Dalles now.

A new Bank, called the Salt Lake National Bank of Utah, has been started in Salt Lake. B. H. Du Rell, of Idaho, is President, and A. W. White, of Utah, Cashier. Capital \$100,000.

The Columbia river is open and navigation has been resumed.

Last Sunday a large antlered buck rushed through the streets of Portland, plunged into the river and struck out for the other side. After an exciting chase by some persons in a skiff, he was caught, says the Oregonian.

J. C. Hildroth, assistant superintendent of the O. & C. Railroad, was presented with a valuable gold watch by friends, last Sunday, at the St. Charles Hotel, Portland, says Oregonian.

A petition to the next Legisla-

ture to license gambling, is in contemplation by certain ones at Portland.

Mrs. Burgess, of Portland, on last Monday, was severely injured by falling.

A call is issued to the Marion County Republican Committee to meet Salem on the 21st inst.

A Eugene paper learns that five thousand copies of Joaquin Miller's "Songs of the Sierras" have been sold in a single county in Iowa. A mistake, we guess.

The Eugene Journal cries loudly against the gambling dens at that place.

A caucus of Democratic Senators in the California Legislature has agreed that the repeal of the litigant law is not a party question, and a number of Senators announced that they would vote for a repeal. This will erase that odious law from the statute book.

The coinage in the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco during January was \$840,750. There were: Double eagles, \$660,000; half dollars, \$170,000; half dimes, \$10,750.

At Eureka, Nevada, ten cases of small-pox are reported.

There were twenty violent deaths in San Francisco last month.

Eight inches more rain has fallen this season in San Francisco than in Sacramento.

The winter seems to have been rather more severe in Yakima valley than in other localities east of the mountains. Snow was deeper than in most other places heard from.

A few days ago the house of Thomas Rowland of North Yamhill was burnt. Loss, \$1,500.

Work on the Walla Walla railroad has been discontinued to wait for better weather.

The Port Townsend Argus presents a scheme for a railroad from Gray's Harbor to Port Townsend. It says that the route was surveyed last year.

A letter from Helena, Montana, dated January 3d, written by a former resident of Portland, states that the storms in Montana this winter have exceeded in severity any that the writer had ever experienced. Wages were very low, and common board twenty dollars a week. Everybody is advised to stay away from that country.

On Monday evening a blast in Telegraph Hill, San Francisco, exploded prematurely, killing instantly a man named Coughlin and terribly injuring a man named Hughes.

Last Sunday, at Oregon City, while a passenger train was on the side track to allow a freight train to pass, by some mismanagement the freight train was backed against the locomotive of the passenger train with such force as to break both the locomotive and the rear freight car, to some extent, and to injure several passengers. Mrs. Duniway had her right arm badly bruised, and Mrs. Weatherford was considerably hurt, and others were bruised.

Mr. Thomas Moffett fell and sprained his ankle so badly in Portland last Saturday, as to be unable either to walk or stand.

Dr. E. W. Rust has been appointed resident physician of the Insane Asylum.

A man full of gin fell off the ferry slip in Portland last Saturday, and saved himself from drowning by seizing upon some drift wood till he was fished out, says the Oregonian.

A dwelling on the farm of Perry Smith, near Dallas, which was occupied by Wm. Kersey, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. All the family effects of the latter were lost.

James Hamlin, of Jacksonville, has commenced an action against the law firm of Kahler & Watson, B. Stephens and Sarah, his wife, to recover \$2,234 damages for the alleged unlawful issue and levy of an execution against the property of plaintiff.

The Salem court-house is to cost \$90,000.

Dallas girls have been tormenting a young man by rapping at his door

as they passed. He flung his door so that one of them, who indulged in this amusement, tumbled into the room where he was sitting.

Christmas's blockade of the Oregon and California Railroad has been raised.

The rock yields \$100 to the ton in the Ida Elmore mine at Owyhee.

A jokist says that the Puget Sound people only hunt clams one hour in the day. All the rest of the time they are hunting for the terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad—something that never has been lost.

During January last 150 arrests were made in Sacramento, Cal.

A Wheatland, California, hen has not eaten anything for three months.

The public debt of the United States was reduced \$5,663,431 during last month.

There were 108 suicides in New York last year, as against 115 in 1870.

A dog twenty-two years old has lately died in Boston.

Cockroaches have not been seen in Chicago since the fire.

Rev. Mr. Spurgeon declined ten offers of hand and heart from pious spinsters last year, and looks forward to this year with dire apprehension.

The proposed Viaduct Railway in New York, if ever built, will cost \$18,000,000.

Valdes, a commander of Government forces in Mexico, broke the seals of ammunition belonging to a commercial agency and appropriated goods of Americans, recently. The London Times declares that England has not revoked and never will revoke the treaty of Washington.

On the 1st inst., there was \$103,371,703 in coin and \$12,840,271 in currency in the United States treasury.

It is reported that more than 9,000 head of cattle have perished in the cold and snow, on the Laramie Plains in Wyoming.

Con Mooney, a prominent Democratic politician of San Francisco and an officer in the Fire Department, has been convicted for housing a cockpiper.

Over eight hundred sewing machines have been furnished to the sewing women of Chicago by the Relief Society. They are valued at sixty dollars each, but are furnished by the manufacturers for thirty-six dollars. Of this amount the Relief Society donates twenty dollars, and the recipient obligates herself to pay the other sixteen dollars within one year.

In the late municipal election at Salt Lake, the whole Mormon ticket was elected. Under female suffrage a crowd of Mormon women and girls voted in the early part of the day.

It was thought on the 12th that the Japanese Embassy, then at Salt Lake, would have to return to San Francisco and take the Panama steamer for the East, there being no prospect of the blockade being raised for months.

John Caughlin was killed, and D. B. Hughes was seriously injured in San Francisco on the 11th inst., by an explosion resulting from pounding new priming for a blast, after it had failed to explode.

Valuable mines in Alturas, Idaho, have been sold at great prices to English capitalists, who will immediately put up large mills.

It is stated that last summer and fall not less than two or three hundred families settled in Umatilla county, Oregon.

Messages to and from Victoria have to be ferried across the cable break.

A growing party in Canada proposes opposition to the construction of the Pacific Railway by Government grant, so long as the northwest shall be insufficiently settled. This alarms the British Columbia people.

A man named Dan (other name not ascertained) was found murdered in his yard, on Whidby's island, on the 6th inst. He had evidently been dead some days when found.

Mr. Charis Nowell, late of the Bulletin staff, and a gentleman of considerable newspaper experience, has taken a position as reporter on the Herald.

The Oregonian has quite a long local item on a fool horse that refused to be hooked off the track by a locomotive.

SHORT DIVISION.—We heard a story a day or two since in which Ira A. Eaton of Nevada figured prominently. As an aid to the difficult solutions of knotty subjects we give the story as we heard it. At one time when Eaton was partner with a certain person in the mountains, he was joint owner with the partner aforesaid, in a fine young dog. The partner, at times, misused the dog as Eaton thought, therefore he determined to buy or sell, to own all or none of the canine. He broached the subject to his partner who had no desire to sell or buy. Eaton offered to give his partner \$25, or to take \$20 for his own interest in the dog. No, he would neither sell or buy. "Well," said Eaton, "this dog must be mine or yours, if he is yours you can abuse him as much as you like, but I don't want you to abuse my half, and if you won't sell or buy, we'll divide him, which half will you have?" His partner treated the proposal lightly, and Eaton went over to the butcher's shop and armed himself with a heavy, sharp cleaver. Putting it under his coat he returned and again made the offer to buy or sell with the same success, meeting a point blank refusal. Drawing the cleaver, with one well directed blow, he cleft the object of dispute in twain, remarking: "There, the dog is divided, which part will you take?" They did not buy any more dogs in partnership after that.—Appeal.

Strange that the enterprising reporters of modern journals missed a very extraordinary event which happened the other day, and for the only account of which we are indebted to a few dreamy astronomers, who had an eye upon it. It seems a tremendous explosion recently took place in the sun, in which flying debris was hurled to the height of over two hundred thousand miles, and a body of hydrogen gas rose about fifteen thousand miles, when it exploded and burned up. We trust this sort of thing will not continue; it is difficult enough to keep up with events upon this planet, without looking after local affairs in the sun.

It has been suggested that France shall be governed alternately by the different parties claiming ability to rule it. Thus, on Monday, the elder branch of the Bourbons should take charge, to be succeeded on Tuesday by the younger branch; on Wednesday the Bonapartes would take a hand, and on Thursday the moderate Republicans; Friday would be the day for the Radicals and Saturday for the Communists. Sunday, being a day of rest, there would be no government. If the first week could be successfully gone through the plan would doubtless work.

A PUMP ADVENTURE.—This morning, a little son of Mr. John Koch, on State street, met with an accident which should be a warning to all boys in the future. It seems that the little fellow went to the pump at the market place, and very foolishly touched his tongue to the iron pump handle, to ascertain, we presume, if it was cold. Of course the result was not only fearful, but extremely painful. The tongue, being very moist and warm, and iron being a good conductor of heat, the moisture and heat were immediately withdrawn from the latter by the cold handle, and it froze tight. The little fellow endeavored to withdraw his tongue, but could not. Several gentlemen went to his rescue, but it required the most careful handling to loosen the boy's organ of taste from the iron. They ejected saliva upon the handle, and rubbed it with their hands fully five minutes before they succeeded, and then a piece of the skin of the tongue, about the size of a nickle, was left on the handle, leaving the surface of the tongue where it had come in contact with the handle as white as though it had been seared with a red-hot iron. During the time the boy was fast, he gave vent to his excruciating agony in loud and continuous screams.—New Albany Ledger.

The Attorney General at Washington has decided that the charges against Southworth, Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, are wholly unfounded, and the petition for his removal will not be granted.

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