

Albany Register.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE SNAGBOAT—THE UPPER WILLAMETTE—A LARGER APPROPRIATION DEMANDED.—The snagboat "Uncle Sam," built at Oregon City, for the purpose of clearing the Upper Willamette of snags, stumps, etc., for the past month has been doing good service on the river between this city and Corvallis, clearing the channel of trees, stumps and logs, that seriously impeded navigation between the two points. Having made a clean sweep of all obstructions, she dropped down to this city on Monday morning, and proceeded to take out an ugly fir that had floated down, lodged and become imbedded in the sands near the mouth of the Calipoola, directly in the channel, making it impossible for boats to ascend to the Magnolia Mills, just above the mouth. Having a desire to observe the modus operandi of "snaking" out obstructions of this character, we, together with other citizens, through the courtesy and by invitation of the Captain, George G. Smith, were taken on board, where we witnessed the process. The vessel is one hundred feet in length by twenty-four in breadth, and draws about twelve inches of water. She is one of the prettiest models for a light-draft low water boat we ever saw, and steamers built after her model would find no difficulty in navigating the Upper Willamette, as far at least as Corvallis, all the year round. As it is, she makes a most effective snag-boat, the only drawback being the lack of propelling power. As she has no engines, when it is necessary to ascend a stream she must be taken in tow by a steamer, or "cordelled," which latter is a slow and laborious process, in which much valuable time is consumed. The "cordelling" process consists in carrying one end of a line up the river and fastening it to a tree or some object on shore, making the other end of the line fast to the capstan, and then hauling in on the line—and so on, until the desired point is reached. The process by which snags, &c., are drawn out of the river by the snagboat is very simple, and as probably many of our readers have witnessed the operation, we shall not attempt to describe it. Suffice it that a large fir stump that had become deeply imbedded in the channel was taken out and landed on the bank with little trouble and short space of time, considering the power used. What we thought at the time was this: Why were not engines placed in this boat, not only for the purpose of moving her from place to place, but for handling the machinery used in dragging out the obstructions in the river? By the application of steam power, obstructions that, with present facilities, require the continued labor of one, two, and even a greater number of days, to remove, could be removed in as many hours, thus accomplishing so much more work in a given time. Then, too, bars that are constantly forming in the river could be dredged, and a safe and deep channel made in a few hours' work; while without the aid of steam the process of dredging, by hauling the boat, to which the dredger is attached, up and down the river with a line attached to some object on the bank, is so slow and laborious that very little if any good can be accomplished by it. We venture the assertion that if the snagboat, Uncle Sam, was supplied with the necessary steam power, she would accomplish more, and do better work, in one month than she can with her present facilities in twelve. Right here we deem it proper to say that the attention the importance of the subject demands has never been given to the navigation of the Upper Willamette river by Congress. While large sums have been appropriated by Congress for improving the lower Willamette, the insignificant sum of \$3,000 only, it seems, can be spared to improve the upper Willamette—the portion that drains almost the entire area of what is known as the Willamette Valley. A proper expenditure of money in the improvement of the Willamette, from the falls at Ore-

gon City to Eugene City, would render the river navigable a good portion of the year at least, and as far up as Corvallis, (about two hundred miles), no serious impediments would be found during the entire year. An appropriation of \$50,000, it is asserted by those who are well acquainted with the river, would clear it of obstructions, and prove of incalculable benefit to the great grain producing portion of Oregon. This is a matter of the greatest importance to the grain-growing counties bordering on the banks of the Willamette, and the man or party who does not favor the securing from Government the necessary aid to make the improvements demanded, will hereafter receive no aid or comfort at the hands of our people. The small appropriation spoken of, with the snagboat as at present equipped, accomplishes but little good, as so much time is occupied in handling the boat and her machinery, that but a small portion of the river can be examined thoroughly before the appropriation is expended, when perforce the work must be discontinued. As before remarked, a reasonable appropriation would give us a craft properly equipped for rapid and effective operations, and we could soon have an unobstructed river, almost from its mouth to its head—and certainly the interests at stake are sufficient to demand the granting of such an appropriation.

SEVEN MILES COMPLETED.—Seven miles of the Albany & Santiam Canal has been completed, and the balance, five miles, is rapidly approaching completion. The portion completed is the heaviest and most costly, the seven miles completed having cost about three-quarters of the whole sum to be expended upon the improvement. It is highly probable that the entire Canal will be completed within the coming two months—that is, sometime in September next. In view of the early completion of the Canal, various enterprises, of importance to the growth and prosperity of our city, heretofore talked of, are beginning to take definite shape. We believe if proper steps be taken now by those qualified, our citizens would liberally aid the erection of a woolen mill. With a cheap water power, there is no one industry that would pay larger dividends, in our opinion, than that of a woolen factory.

BEAR RIDE.—A story was told us the other day, which runs in thiswise: Old Stonewall Moss—everybody either knows or has heard of the old mountaineer, Moss—came across a huge black bear, on Moss' Butte, when the bear catching sight of his old enemy, started down the Butte, probably having heard of the old hunter's prowess, and therefore not desiring a close acquaintanceship with him. Moss, not desiring to be snubbed in this manner, and having no gun with him, drew his hunting-knife, made for the bear, caught up with and jumped upon his back, and commenced gently inserting its long keen, sharp blade into the body of bruin. Each successive thrust of the knife only increased his bear-ship's speed—and thus, Moss riding astride the terrible beast's back, cutting and slashing away with his keen blade, the bear, panting and bleeding from a score of wounds, rushed madly down the steep sides of the rocky mountain, through briars and brush, over rocks and through ravines, a distance of three miles, to the level space below, which he reached only to pass in his checks, and add another trophy to the great Webfoot hunter.

HO!—Several of our good friends, just before starting for Fish Lake, with the very last shake of the hand, said: "Now, Van, we'll remember you sure, and you can look for fresh supplies of delicious trout every time the hack comes down; and if there's any deer or elk up there this season, you can depend on receiving at least one ham from us." We know our friends meant what they said, and that their success as fishists and hunters is acknowledged, and the only reason we haven't received the game and fish promised is that the condemned hack hasn't come down yet! Such slow travelling! Bah!

OF INTEREST TO ALL.—As will be seen by reference to card in our advertising columns this morning, the greatest living expositor of the science of Phrenology, Prof. O. S. Fowler, will visit our city on the 31st inst. By laborious research and study, extending over a period of forty years, he has gained a knowledge of the physical and mental condition of man that enables him to determine his character at almost a glance. As a lecturer he surpasses Holmes, Saxe, or Emerson; as an author his writings are first-class, and as a Phrenologist he stands unrivalled in the world. Everywhere his rooms are crowded, and the highest encomiums are showered upon him at every land. His arrival here will be generally welcomed, and his lectures crowded.

A BEAR STORY.—While Mr. John McFarland was in the mountains, one day last week, he killed two large elk, and not being able to carry both to camp, he, with the assistance of others, hung one of the elk on a tree, supposing it to be out of the reach of any wild animal disposed to "go for it." Upon his return the next morning, what was his surprise to see a large brown bear clinging to the tree with three legs while with the fourth his bearship was leisurely stripping and conveying to his mouth the choice portions of the hams of the elk. Several shots were fired at bruin, but he succeeded in eluding his would-be captors and escaping to the fastnesses of the mountains.

TORN THINGS.—Two or three days since, at Crouse & Hurd's saw-mill, a huge four-foot fir log was gradually being hauled out of the river into the mill, to be manufactured into lumber, when something broke, and the log "went back" on the machinery so suddenly, as to create an idea among the boys that something had busted, and some of them got from thence in haste. The "bull-wheel" was torn to smash, portions of it going through the top of the mill. We are happy to state, however, that no one was hurt. Damage, about \$0.

FINISHING UP.—Mr. Morris finished up his big job of work at the head of the Santiam Canal the forepart of the week, and has moved camp to James Elkin's farm, just in the suburbs of the city, to commence operations on the last two miles of the Canal. Between the portion of the Canal already completed and received by the Company, and this city, there is less than five miles of Canal to be dug and flumed, and as this unfinished portion is under contract to Messrs. Turley, Frey and Morris, gentlemen who know how to put work through in good shape, we expect to see the Canal completed within six weeks from this date.

A NEW WEATHER FEATURE.—The rain-storm which commenced the latter part of last week and extended into the forepart of the present, is a new departure—a storm at this season of the year in the Willamette valley being a thing hitherto unknown. Quite a large amount of grass, cut and lying in swath, is probably ruined. A considerable amount of wheat and oats was blown down, and will probably prove worthless except for hay.

WELL OFFICERED.—The snagboat, Uncle Sam, is officered by Geo. G. Smith, Captain, and James H. Gist, Mate, both obliging gentlemen and capable officers. Give them a boat with the necessary steam to propel her and the machinery for raising stumps, etc., and the Willamette would soon be cleared of all impediments to navigation, from the falls at Oregon City to the head of navigation.

AHEAD.—Tangent Grange is ahead. A few days since an idea struck the members of the Grange, that they needed a hall. They acted on the thought at once, and now they have a fine two-story frame 40x20, completed, the upper story of which will be used by the society, and the lower as a town hall, for public gatherings.

WILL ATTEND TO IT.—The request of Ed. Fleischer, Secretary and General Superintendent of the St. Joseph (Mo.) Industrial Exposition, will be attended to.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. D. Titus, of Titus, Bourgardes & Co., of this city, arrived home last Friday, much improved in general health, after an absence of some weeks in visiting the Sound.

Mr. Noltner, of the Oregon City Enterprise, passed through this city en route for Corvallis on Monday. He had ten dollars with him.

Ed. Freeland and family arrived at their residence in this city last week, after an absence of several months in Ochoco.

Messrs. Humphrey, Clement, Parker, and others, have returned from the Ochoco mines. They didn't strike it rich.

Messrs. Layton, John McFarland, Wm. Brown and Geo. Burkhart, returned from Fish Lake the first of the week. Report blackberries till you can't rest in the mountains.

Messrs. W. S. Newbury, Hank Mendenhall and John Althouse started for Fish Lake last Saturday.

R. Saltmarsh, of Carothers & Co., is attending Judge Deady's levee, at Portland, as a juror.

Mr. Belden and family start for Southern California in a few days, where Mr. B. expects to go into the manufacture of brooms on an extensive scale.

Dr. Golden and family have returned from Yaquina Bay, after an absence of about a month. The Doctor got away with several deer while absent.

Pratt, the patent medicine man, entertained large concourses of people on the streets, Monday and Tuesday evenings, expatiating on the virtues of his medicines, relating his experiences, and filling in the spaces with vocal and instrumental music. Pratt is a rare bird.

Mr. John Parker has returned from the Ochoco mines. His private opinion is that the diggings, all through that country, will average or "stand off" any other tract of country of similar size in America. Therefore, parties who wish to become diggers—wish to excel in the art of delving into the virgin soil with spade or shovel, are advised to go for Ochoco and intermediate points.

Mrs. A. J. Riley, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Salem, called on Thursday. The Commercial, under her management, is one of the best kept, and consequently one of the most popular hotels on the Pacific coast.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. I. D. Driver, agent of the Bible Society, will preach at the Pacific Opera House on Sunday next, at 11 o'clock A. M. There will be no services at any of the other churches at that hour. All are invited to attend.

ENCOURAGING.—The flies and mosquitoes are said to be very hungry for blood all along up the mountain wagon road. It is next to impossible to keep the flies from "blowing" fresh meat, and the mosquitoes never let up as long as there is anything to go for.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. W. H. Meisse, pastor of the M. E. Church of this city, will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday evening next—July 30th. He hopes to meet all of his congregation at that service.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The Albany Dramatic Association give an entertainment, Friday evening, July 18th, at Pacific Opera House, on the occasion of Mart. Taylor's birthday. A roaring old time will be had, all to wind up with an elegant hop. To lovers of fun here's the opportunity.

RECEIVED.—Through the politeness of the Secretary of the Interior, Hon. Columbus Delano, we are in receipt of a copy of the Compendium of the Ninth Census. Thanks.

FOR SANTIAM MINES.—About one hundred and fifty Chinamen took their departure for Greenhorn and Doula Bars, on the Santiam, on Wednesday. They got away with six wagon loads of grub and traps.

A fact worth remembering.—Five cents worth of Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders, given to a horse twice a week, will save double that amount in grain, and the horse will be fatter, sleeker, and every way worth more money than though he did not have them.

SEASONED LUMBER, ETC.—For Rustic Ceiling, seasoned Mountain Flooring or Finishing Lumber, go to Driggs & Carter's planing mill, adjoining the saw mill in Albany, where they keep a good article for sale, and are prepared to manufacture Rustic Ceiling, match flooring, dress lumber, or do any other work in the planing mill line at short notice, and on reasonable terms. Doors, sash, moldings, etc., always on hand, at prices to suit the times. Satisfaction guaranteed. ED. R. M. CARTER, Superintendent.

DON'T FORGET.—Wood & Howell have only the latest improved agricultural Machinery for sale. No old style Mowers and Threshers, but the genuine latest patterns, with all the improvements now known. 45v5tf

BRICK WAREHOUSE—WHEAT AND OATS STORED.—C. D. Simpson, having rented the brick warehouse lately occupied by Messrs. Cowan & Co., is prepared to store grain at the coming harvest in good shape. Sacks furnished to order. Grain stored at my warehouse will be subject to the order of owners—they disposing of it as suits them best, merely paying me storage thereon. I am prepared to purchase Wheat, Oats, Wool, &c., paying the highest market price therefor in cash. Call and see. 45v5m2 C. D. SIMPSON.

WOOL! WOOL!—Parties having Wool for sale will do well to call on Wood & Howell, at Frank Wood's Blacksmith shop, before disposing of the same. 44lm

Married ladies, under all circumstances, will find *Parson's Purgative Pills* safe; and, in small doses, a mild cathartic. They cause no griping pains or cramp.

The Career of a Great Remedy.
Twenty summers have elapsed since it was briefly announced that a new vegetable tonic and alterative, bearing the name of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, had been added to the list of preventive and restorative medicines. The successful advertisement which invited attention to the preparation stated that it had been used with great success in private practice as a cure for dyspepsia, bilious complaints, constipation and intermittent fever. It was soon discovered that the article possessed extraordinary properties. The people, of every class, tested its merits as a tonic, stimulant, corrective and restorative, and found that its effects were more than fulfilled their hopes and expectations. From that time to the present its course has been upward and onward, and it stands to-day at the head of all medicines of its class, American or imported, in the magnitude of its sales and its reputation as a safe, agreeable and potent invigorant and restorative. For languor and debility, lack of appetite and gastric disturbances so common during the summer months it is absolutely infallible. Indigestion, bilious disorders, constipation, nervousness, periodical fevers, and all the ordinary complaints generated by a vitiated and humid atmosphere, vanish under its renovating and regulating influence. This is its record, avouched by volumes of intelligent testimony, extending over a period of a fifth of a century, and comprehending the names of thousands of well known citizens belonging to every clime and calling. In Europe it is thought a great thing to obtain the patronage of royalty for "patent medicine," but Hostetter's Bitters has been spontaneously approved by millions of independent sovereigns, and its patent consists in their endorsement. July.

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BORN.—On the 13th to the wife of George Davis, a son.
On the 14th, to the wife of Mr. Needham, a girl.

DIED.
At Dayton, W. T., July 1st, 1873, Fred Duffoy, infant son of Lewis G. and Julia A. Ketelum, aged one month and twenty days.

New To-Day.
PROF. O. S. FOWLER,
Of New York and Boston,
WILL LECTURE IN THE PACIFIC
Opera House, Albany, Oregon, on
Thursday, July 31st,
at 8 o'clock P. M., on "Phrenology applied to life and self-culture," &c. On Friday, at same hour, the subject of the lecture will be "Love and Marriage." Saturday, at 2:30 P. M., to ladies only—"Female Health and Beauty." Illustrated with French female models. At 8 o'clock P. M., to gentlemen only—"Marriage and Woman," also illustrated. Sunday at 3 and 8 o'clock P. M., (free)—"God and Immortality." **SEATS, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.** Consultation as to your own and children's Phrenology, self-culture, best business, health, &c., &c., at St. Charles Hotel, from July 31st to August 4th, only. Call early. 45tf

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