

Pacific Slopers.

At a quarrel a few days ago, at San Luis Rey, between two men named Wiles and Graham, another man, named Blanchard, interfered and shot Graham. Blanchard was discovered next morning gagged and hung to a tree. Graham will probably recover. No further particulars.

At Santa Barbara, California, on the 18th, Dr. Francis M. Upson, of Ohio, committed suicide by drowning himself in a well, as is supposed while temporarily insane. Deceased was 50 years of age.

The State Temperance Union convened at Salem on the 14th, with a fair attendance. A resolution, offered by Mr. Howe, recommending the nomination of a temperance ticket for State, Legislative and county officers at the coming election, was referred to Committee on Resolutions. The committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing resolutions relative to the death of Colonel T. Finlayson, reported the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God has seen fit in his wisdom to remove from the scenes of earth to the spirit land, our dearly beloved brother, Colonel T. Finlayson; therefore,

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Bro. Finlayson as one whose place among us cannot well be filled—a true and worthy man, a genial friend, a faithful laborer in the cause of temperance, in whose heart dwelt the true principles of upright manhood; one whose standard of integrity did honor to all with whom he associated.

Resolved, That while we deeply feel his loss, we recognize in it the hand of an All-wise Providence, remembering that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That we mingle our sorrows, which can be but faint and feeble, comparatively, with those of the more immediately bereaved, his family and other kindred, whose wounded hearts no human solace can heal.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy and condolence to the family of the deceased in this sad bereavement.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Union be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased, and to the newspapers of the Willamette Valley for publication.

King Lamello, of the Sandwich Islands, died on the 3d inst., of bronchial disease. He was 33 years of age. Queen Emma, widow of Kamehameha, is named as his successor; also, Prince David Kailana. The Legislative Assembly was ordered by the Cabinet to meet on the 14th (last Saturday), when the question of succession would come before it.

John Kruse, the well known ship-builder at Coos Bay, will this week lay the keel of the largest sailing vessel built in Oregon, and the second largest built on the Pacific coast. She will be a ship of 1,100 tons burthen, with two decks, about eight feet between. Her length will be 180 feet, or about 200 feet over all; breadth of beam, 41 feet; depth of hold, 22 feet. She will be a full-rigged ship, capable of going anywhere and carrying any kind of cargo.

The Coos Bay News says Mr. Howlett has commenced putting up the frame of the new sidewheel steamboat being erected by Mr. Luse. She is to be about sixty feet long and will do a sort of jobbing trade about the tributaries of this bay. Her engine, which is to be a single high pressure one, of 12-inch cylinder, is expected to arrive here in about six weeks. She will not be very large, but from the model we believe she will show her heels to some of the larger ones.

A writer in the Farmer says: In Umatilla county, the lover of fruits and vegetables find a congenial home. Corn, potatoes, in fact vegetables of every kind, grow to perfection itself—100 bushels of corn, 200 of potatoes, and 1,000 bushels of onions, per acre, are not an extraordinary yield, and grains of all kinds are as good here as any part of the Pacific coast, and but for the general cry of "no market," this would be the agriculturists' delight.

The growth of freighting on the Willamette may be estimated from the fact that Lincoln, below Salem in Polk county, in 1870, stored at its warehouses 8,000 bushels, and in 1873, 123,000 bushels more stored, so we are informed by a gentleman who is interested in the Warehouse and Shipping Company, organized by the Farmers Club of Bethel. This company has been a great success, and has reduced storage from 5c to 2½c a bushel. He says it is difficult to find boats to take away the freight. There are now more boats running on the river than ever before. The success of the farmers' warehouse at Lincoln is assured, and will serve as an example for other localities.

A letter from the Forks of the Santiam says that Mr. James Forgy, an enterprising farmer of that section, has dried 18,000 pounds of fruit during the past season with an average of 1,478 pounds per week. Henry Poliss, another farmer of the same neighborhood, has dried 5,000 pounds. This speaks well for the capabilities of the Santiam country, and the enterprise of its residents.

Our Territory of New Mexico is an anomaly. Its people are unlike those of any portion of the country. Though living on the frontier, they have none of the push and energy of other frontier people, but are very conservative. They glory in the old fame of Spain and hold on to the old Castilian dialect. The Territorial Legislature, now in session, is composed almost entirely of men of Spanish descent. As the laws of the United States only recognize English as the official language, the bills are drawn in English for official publication. However they are in reality first drawn up in Spanish, and the copies are presented to the members in that language. The discussions in both Houses of the Legislature are conducted in the Spanish language. The clerks are obliged to understand both English and Spanish, and their labors are very arduous.

On the 21st ult. Mr. Poland, from the House Judiciary Committee, reported a bill authorizing Legislatures in the several organized Territories, except Utah, at each regular session to make an assignment of Judges to hold Courts in districts, and when the Legislature fails to do so, then the Judges of such Territory shall make an assignment, to continue in force till the close of the next regular session of the Legislature. He explained that the exception of Utah was because there was no Legislature, but the Governor made an assignment of Judges. The bill passed.

Through the efforts of R. C. Smith, Sheriff of Cowlitz County, W. T., \$7,480.50 of the \$8,000 recently taken from the express box of Wells, Fargo & Co. at Kalama, has been recovered. It would seem that the money must have been extracted from the express box immediately after it had been transferred from one train to the other, and before the train left Kalama. The money was found in an old boot under the doorstep of the house occupied by the Master Mechanic of the N. P. R. R., Mr. Curtis. F. L. Bullong, who was arrested for the theft, and was discharged, although the evidence was strong against him, has been rearrested, as there are strong additional evidences that he is the thief.

The Coos Bay News says Capt. S. Matteson will immediately commence building a schooner at Marshfield, after the style and model of the Ivanhoe. We believe that he has secured the services of Mr. John Howlett to model the vessel and superintend her construction. The most successful vessels in the coasting trade have been built on this bay, and the reputation of our little ship-yards has begun to go abroad.

The anniversary of Washington's birthday will be appropriately celebrated at Walla Walla by the Fire Department of that city. The procession, as contemplated, is to consist of the entire Department (the Washingtons and Tigers with their engines, etc.), the Hibernian Benevolent Society, and the military under the command of Colonel Green at Fort Walla Walla. In the evening of the same day the Washingtons give a grand anniversary ball, at which an unusually large attendance is expected.

Johnny Moore, whose parents reside in Roseburg, sustained a fracture of the leg by being thrown from a horse, at Looking Glass precinct, last week. This young man met with the same misfortune about four months ago, and the leg was broken where it was before.

The Salem flouring mills during the year 1873, turned out 33,800,000 pounds of ground stuff, as follows: Flour, 25,000,000 pounds; bran, 6,500,000 pounds; shorts, 1,300,000 pounds. The Willamette Woolen mills turned out in the same time 299,000 yards of cloth, consuming 400,000 pounds of wool.

A correspondent from Goose Lake Valley pronounces the statement, that the snow had been four feet deep in the valley since December untill. Fourteen inches has been the deepest snow fall, and the thermometer has never measured more than four degrees below zero.

At San Francisco on the 15th, James Ryan, proprietor of a house on Spear street, was shot by his brother-in-law, Eugene McCarthy. They quarreled about a cigar, and McCarthy placed a pistol against Ryan's breast and fired. It is feared the wound will prove fatal. McCarthy is not yet arrested.

The Eastport collided with the Messenger at Marshfield last week, and cut through her port guard. Capt. McAllop told Capt. Lane to get the necessary repairs done and that he would see the bills paid. A high wind was blowing at the time, so it was one of those things that can't be helped.

At a regular meeting of the Jacksonville Literary Society, held Friday, February 6th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Robert Kahler; Vice President, Miss Ida Martin; Secretary, Miss Anella Miller; Treasurer, Miss Amy Dunn. The Society proposes giving an open meeting soon.

Two Roseburg hoodlums who have been going on at a high rate, and have at last, been caught in some petty larcenies, now languish in jail and will so continue for one moon.

Walla Walla wants a Library Association.

The Walla Walla Seminary will be reopened on the 16th proximo.

John Leary, of Seattle, has been appointed a Notary Public.

The new steamer Empire hereafter will ply between Coos bay and Frisco.

Mr. W. N. Bell, of Seattle, has given King County two blocks of land for county buildings.

Mr. W. R. Andrews, of Seattle, has been admitted to practice as an attorney by the District Court.

We understand a daily is talked of in connection with the *Intelligencer* at Seattle. Lively times then.

A correspondent at Centreville writes that the farmers in that vicinity have commenced plowing.

Mr. S. P. Andrews has been elected to fill a vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners of King County.

The Society of Industrial Co-operatives in Olympia intend having a grand ball on Monday, February 23d.

Dr. Chance, of Salem, has been granted a patent on a "dental plugger."

Portland street cars are again running on full time, to the delight of the average pedestrians of that city.

They have experienced severe storms in Northern California, causing the loss of many young cattle and sheep.

Several new buildings and general improvements are going forward in Seattle, notwithstanding Winter and dull times.

Mr. L. Bean, living on the upper Walla Walla, last week killed twelve deer and four panthers (the old one and three young ones.)

An Idaho man has lost 50 per cent. of his stock the past winter. He had two cats, and a neighbor's dog "chawed" up Thomas.

The Circuit Court is still in session at Seattle. Cases are being disposed of with celerity, certainly and dispatch, by the executive, Judge Jacobs.

There are five members only of the Utah Legislature who are not possessed of more than one wife each, and of these five, three are Mormons by profession.

Chinese commenced celebrating their new year on the 15th, at San Francisco, and would continue celebrating four or five days. What pleasure there is in store for San Franciscans!

Seattle is again in comparative darkness, something about the gas works having busted, thus for a time cutting off the supply.

Articles of incorporation of the "Olympia Union Seminary" were filed in the office of the Secretary last Saturday. It has a Board of six Trustees, and the location of the institution is to be in Swanton.

William Sharon, the great capitalist, has purchased the Virginia City (Nevada) *Enterprise*, for the purpose, it is reported, to further his chances as the successor of Stewart in the U. S. Senate.

A meeting of citizens was held at Salem last Monday night to express indignation felt at the defeat in Congress of the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the Modoc war.

Mr. Lew Tucker, well known to the traveling public of Southern Oregon, has been appointed Division Agent for the Oregon and California Stage Company, in place of Mr. John Clark, resigned.

The Olympia *Transcript*, Blinn's paper, defends Rev. Col. Kemble and attacks General Milroy. Its anguish will be great when it learns that Blinn has been dismissed and Milroy restored.

The Walla Walla *Spirit of the West* says: A few days since news reached here of a row that had occurred between several white men and Indians. It seems that a quarrel had previously occurred on Snake river, about thirty miles from Lewiston, between two Indians, in which one killed the other. A party of white men went to arrest the murderer, but met with resistance, and a fight ensued. Three of the Indians were shot after which the white men fled. At last accounts the settlers were congregated at Letch's, fearing trouble.

The man Greathouse, who mysteriously disappeared from Silverton, Marion county, about six weeks ago, and for whose ghostly remains the citizens of that "burg" have been confidently looking in the stream and wood ever since, they supposing him to have been ruthlessly murdered, now writes from California for his clothes and back pay, and gives as a reason for his abrupt departure, some "youthful indiscretions," the consequence of which he wished to avoid.

An interior correspondent says: "It will be remembered by many that the County Clerks of this State received notice from the Secretary of State that the several counties had been charged only with the assessment as equalized by the County Boards. Now comes the State Treasurer and notifies the County Treasurers that they have charged them with the assessments as equalized by the State Board. A happy state of affairs will be inaugurated by these non-official notifications."

The following is from the Yreka *Journal* of the 11th inst., concerning the death of White, at Linkville, that paper crediting its information to John Hendricks, who had just reached Yreka direct from Linkville: "A party were in Blair & Dick's saloon, when a difficulty arose between James Gentry and a man by the name of Duval. William Hathaway separated them, then James Lindsey attacked Duval with a chair. Hathaway, fearing that Duval would be seriously injured, started out of the rear door of the saloon to call the proprietors. At this time White and John Cafferty were lying on a table in the saloon, and were not taking any part in the disturbance. Hathaway had not gone more than 20 feet when he heard a pistol shot. When he returned he saw White lying on the floor dead. John Cafferty states that as soon as the smoke cleared away he saw Gentry with a pistol in his hand. Cafferty started towards Gentry and said, 'Give me that pistol, you have shot White.' Gentry replied, 'Yes, and I will kill you, you hold of the pistol and used his fist freely on Gentry's nose to make him give up the weapon. Gentry has been sent to jail at Jacksonville in the first degree."

At the last meeting of the Board of the Washington County Agricultural Society, R. Imbrie, G. M. Raymond and L. Patterson, Mrs. David Lenox, Mrs. N. Raymond and Mrs. Sarah Patterson were appointed a committee to revise the premium list of 1874. The committee will meet March 25th, 1874, at Hillsboro. A general attendance of parties interested is solicited by the committee, as well as communications containing suggestions will be thankfully received. All communications can be addressed L. Patterson, Hillsboro, which will be delivered to the respective departments.

From Nevada, February 16: A woman in Truckee, by the name of Mrs. Heyman, committed suicide by drowning in a small pond on the Grass Valley road, about half a mile from town. Mrs. Heyman, her husband and son were arrested about a week ago at Truckee and brought to this place for examination, and on the charge of robbing the freight cars and secreting stolen goods, and on examination they were admitted to bail to await trial at the next term of the County Court.

August Weinschank, one of the oldest citizens of Los Angeles, California, fell from a tree on the 16th, and died shortly after from internal injuries. He leaves a large family.

Work on the Eureka & Palisade Railroad, Nevada, is progressing slowly, on account of the excessive cold weather.

Eastern Oregon claims 12,000 inhabitants and \$6,000,000 worth of property, and pays an annual State tax of \$32,250.

One man in Union county lost seven head of horses in one day with the epizootic. Persons should attend well to their horses.

At Baker City hay is worth \$10 per ton; wood, \$4 50 per cord; potatoes, 2c; butter, 50c; eggs 50c per dozen; flour, \$5 per bbl; grain, 1c.

A Labor-Saving Invention.

G. W. Peque, in the *La Crosse Liberal Democrat*, gives the following description of his new invention, entitled the "Patent Self-Baking, Stem-Winding, Breech-Loading, Seven-Octave, Non-Explosive, Automatic Urchin Chastiser and Combined Hair-Comb, Editorial Protector, and Hash Cutter." He says:

This is an age of invention, and there is no knowing what a day may bring forth. Prominent educators for years have racked their brains and consumed midnight oil to devise some method whereby the youthful student, the urchin with thick-soled pantaloons, could be chastised as the gravity of his offences might demand, without inflicting a more severe punishment upon the lady teacher's hand than upon the child. Previous to the invention of this machine, principals of schools have wept to see their assistants go around with their arms in a sling from the effects of punishing their scholars.

In many instances excellent teachers, who loved their calling, have been compelled to resign their calling, their positions, and get married, because they had too much on their hands. The matter has been discussed at the various institutes, and it had been almost decided to adopt capital punishment instead of the time honored taking across the knee, when the inventor of this machine stepped in, and by the simple device above illustrated, he saved the lives of many valuable young ones. The heart of the inventor was touched at seeing a frail school ma'am with her right hand swelled up to the size of a canvas ham, from agitating a boy who had wickedly placed a piece of clapboard inside his trousers, when he knew that the teacher was on the war-path after him. He was a bad boy and will probably fetch up in Congress. The teacher was weeping, and saying she would be cussed if she didn't run that boy through a threshing machine before she got through with him. The idea at once struck the inventor that a machine could be constructed that would run the jacket, as it were, of the young Modoc, and you see the result of careful thought and study in the machine before you as a spanking machine.

What a change! Instead of dragging the task of punishing scholars, and shivering at the prospect of blistered hands, she looks forward to the hour for doing the day's spanking with a feeling of pleasure and gladness, and the frown formerly stereotyped on the face of the average school-ma'am gives place to an angelic smile. She seats herself at the instrument, with a dime-novel in her hand, after placing the condemned urchin in a row within reach of the holding apparatus, or ice tongs; she smiles, tumbles the snatch-brake with her foot, and the doomed urchin is launched into—if not into eternity, he will think so before that hand lets up on him. With a smile playing over her face she works her tiny hoof, and the avenging hand descends; the boy says his "Now 'lay me," and the old machine works as though endowed with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. (Care should be taken not to work the machine too rapid at first, as it may make it hot for the boy. Or it might telescope his spinal meninges, with fatal results. Any teacher can work it all right after per chance killing a few scholars of the cheaper kind.) It will only take a moment of treading to make any boy sorry he enlisted, when he can be dropped and the next one snatched. A whole school can be spanked in up fifteen minutes, if the teacher is anything of a treader. We make different sized machines, suitable for the primary department, the intermediate, and high school.

The ease with which this machine can be changed from one thing to another will convince the reader that it is almost human. It will remind one of a politician every time it changes. To change it from a spanking machine to a self-raker all you have to do is to unscrew the "hand," remove it and screw on a fine comb, change hands with the boy, and proceed to search for things that live, move, and have a being, and "bite boys' heads." This tends to relieve mothers of much searching investigation, as the school-teacher can by simply moving her feet keep the heads of all the urchins free from the festive bug that at times makes life a burden. Don't you see?

Every editor in the land will thank us on his hended knees for the invention, as it solves a problem that has disturbed the minds of the knights of the scissors for many generations, viz.: How to exterminate the exchange fiend, the man who steals exchanges when you are busy writing. The editor can have a machine sitting in his office. In place of the hand of Providence, we screw on a cast-iron fist weighing 700 pounds. If you desire simply to maintain the fiend for life, you work the treadle mildly, and only mash his eye out, and italicize his nose, and break his jaw-bone. But if he is an old offender and you want to make an example of him, you keep treading, and the pile driver will come down on him and break every bone he has in his body.

To transform the machine into a hash cutter it is only necessary to unjoint the hand and put in its place an ordinary chopping-knife, and set it running. (Of course it is understood that the boy should be removed and a piece of beef hoisted in his place, unless you are fond of boy hash.) We have testimonials from some of the best hotels in the State, where our machine has been used as a hash cutter, and they all unite in pronouncing it the most successful aid to the dissemination of meat that has lost its charm for boarders that they ever saw. One accident has occurred so far. At a Madison hotel the proprietor had been chafing a dining-room girl with the machine, and stepped out to see a man leaving the girl hoisted on the ice-tongs. The cook took the machine to cut some hash, and forgot to take the girl off, and she was cut finer than mustard seed. One of the boarders was first to discover the tragedy. He got a piece of ear-ring on his plate. The funeral was largely attended. These accidents need not occur if the manipulator of the machine uses ordinary caution.

There is no end to the uses to which the machine can be put. Anything that requires a strong horizontal motion can be done better by machinery, and this machine will fill a want long felt. But it is as an urchin-chastiser that its principal merit lies, and in which its owners expect to amass a fortune. It is not only in the school-room that the machine can be utilized, but in the family. Any family that has thirty-five or forty children can make a machine pay for itself in a year and the work will be more satisfactory. Where families are smaller several can club together and own one in partnership, and one can be appointed to chastise a whole neighborhood. The invention opens a field for the unemployed by which they can make a living. Those female book agents can buy a machine and mount it on a wheelbarrow and go from one house to another, doing jobs that any mother would be glad to pay a quarter to get off her hands.