

General News.

At 2 P. M. on the 23d, says a Port Jarvis, N. Y. dispatch, an engine ran off the track at Uniondale, of the Jefferson branch, between Susquehanna and Carbondale, and fell down an embankment seventy-five feet, instantly killing conductor J. R. Harding, engineer Cramer, fireman Daniel Cramer, and brakeman Thomas Rip. Dates to the 23d from Cheyenne are as follows: General Baker, a noted Indian fighter, arrived here yesterday and left for the front to-day. Generals Sheridan and Ord reached Fort Laramie in safety this morning. Nine Companies of Infantry and seven of Cavalry left here to-day for the vicinity of Red Cloud Agency. Considerable snow has fallen and the weather cold.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee say that the Geneva award distribution will not probably be ready to report for weeks.

At Detroit, Michigan, on the 23d, a heavy east wind drove the ice from the mouth of Saginaw river into the Bay. It was reported that three hundred fishermen were on the floating ice, and at last accounts they were five miles from land. It was feared that the ice would break up before the men could be rescued, and a fearful loss of life would result. Later—A later report from Schewabing this evening says that fifty men have made a landing there. Other reports from different points say about two hundred men have escaped and that two men are known to be drowned. The ice is solid and ranges from twelve to twenty inches in thickness and cannot easily be broken up.

The following named postmasters have been appointed for the Pacific coast: Chas. E. Botsford, at Oswego, Clackamas county, Oregon; James Lister, Scottsburg, Douglas county, Oregon.

Dispatches from Nagasaki, Japan, say the insurrection is spreading, and that the situation is critical. The insurgents are advancing on that place, and at last accounts were so near that foreign residents were preparing to leave.

A London *Times* special from India gives details of the distress by the famine in Bengal, in two districts, of which 250,000 are in distress. It is estimated that in the famine-stricken territory half a million would perish were it not for Government aid, by which alone they now subsist.

On the 24th in Congress Senator Kelley presented a petition from citizens of Oregon, asking for the passage of the bill to aid in the construction of the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The sub committee of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom the matter was submitted, have agreed to recommend that all claims for Indian depredations be turned over for adjudication and settlement to the United States Courts for the respective districts where the depredations have been committed.

R. H. Lindsay, has been nominated U. S. Attorney for Nevada; H. Carpenter postmaster for Hamilton, Nevada.

Dispatches from all parts of Ohio where the temperance movement has been started, report immense temperance mass meetings and general activity.

Steve Lowery, the last survivor of the Robeson county, N. C., outlaws, passed in his cheeks recently while tuning up his banjo preparatory to playing for some wagoners. Three citizens fired at him, and three balls entered his head at about the same instant of time. The killing caused the greatest rejoicing among the citizens. Lowery, when shot, carried a rifle, three pistols and a knife. The \$6,000 offered for his body will be equally divided between the three young men who killed him.

At one o'clock on the morning of the 25th, at Newcastle, Delaware, twelve masked men entered the jail and seized, gagged and bound the warden. They burst open the cell and let out Frazer, recently sentenced to imprisonment for life for murder, and Lawton, Hurlbutt, Carter and Pope, in for 10 years each.

William Bennett, of Jamaica, Long Island, was fatally shot there by Charles Sprague, of Rockaway, during a quarrel about a woman.

At Dayton, Ohio, on the 24th, Christopher Mourse, a Frenchman, living in the southern part of the city, shot and instantly killed his wife in a sudden fit of rage.

It is now probable that all the fishermen on the floating ice in Saginaw Bay will reach shore in safety. Two hundred reached the shore on the 23d. Others who were on another field have been driven to the western shore by a change in the wind, so they can probably land easily. The report that Smith and Poorier were drowned is untrue.

From Mexico: A terrible affair has occurred in the State of Vera Cruz. A quarrel between the townsmen of Quimixtilan and Huasaculo, resulted in a fight in which seventeen were killed. The infuriated men of Huasaculo afterward went to Quimixtilan and began an indiscriminate massacre, killing children and cutting off the breasts of women. The neighboring town of Chalchicomula sent a detachment of militia to stop the atrocities.

The police spy reports the number of New York Communists at 300, and says the German and Irish organizations are uniting with the Frenchmen. In a recent meeting the Chairman said: "It is not only work we want; it is also liberty and abolition of high salaries and monopolization. We want the heads of the thieves who are now stealing the funds of the city. We want their heads, and we shall have them. We want to make them suffer what we are now suffering. There is no justice in New York. We will take justice into our own hands, and administer it with rifles and bayonets. We will find petroleum, and use it as we did in Paris. Our German, Irish and American brothers will help us, and we will help them."

The freight brakemen of the New York and Erie Railroad are on a strike for back pay. No freight trains moved to day in consequence, and all passenger trains have been stopped at Hornellsville. Nothing was allowed to proceed except an engine with a mail car. A large number are congregated at Hornellsville. The men remain firm, and the company shows no signs of acceding to their demands.

FOREIGN.

From London, February 22d, it is represented that Gladstone has determined to no longer take an active part in Parliamentary proceedings, and there is much speculation as to who will succeed him as head of the Opposition. The *Observer* hopes that Gladstone's determination is not final.

It is stated that on the assembling of the new Parliament, it will be immediately prorogued until the 12th of March, to admit of the re-election of those who have accepted office, and the Queen's speech will not be delivered until then.

Madrid, Spain, dates to the 22d say that severe fighting has been going on in Biscay for several days. Gen. Dorregray, with 25,000 insurgents, holds the heights above Somorostro. The Republicans have taken the first height. Their losses are heavy. The wounded are coming into Santander. A fleet has left that port to attack Portugalete, which will be simultaneously assaulted by land. Later—The fleet entered the river on Friday, and found that Portugalete had been abandoned by the Carlists.

The Carlists have taken the town of Vinaroz, in Valencia. The garrison numbering 200 were taken prisoners by the Carlists.

Dates from London to the 23d, give the following: Sir Michael Beach has been appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland; Sir Henry Ibbetson Under Secretary for the Home Department. Sir Chas. Adelerley becomes President of the Board of Trade. Sir John Pakington has been elevated to the Peerage, under the title of Baron Hamilton. He was defeated in the elections.

Mr. Dillon, member of the Livingston Search Expedition, has committed suicide. Dr. Livingstone's remains were expected to reach Zanzibar on the 20th inst. The Cameron Expedition will proceed to Ujiji obtain documents and property left by the Doctor.

From Strasburg, under same date: M. Guener and six other delegates to the Reichstag from Alsace and Lorraine have published a manifesto, repudiating Bishop Reas for his acknowledgment of the Frankfort Treaty.

From Paris, Feb. 23: The citizens of Strasburg demand of Bi-hop Reas the resignation of his seat in the Reichstag because he has acknowledged the validity of the Treaty of Frankfort.

The Dutch troops in Acheen have captured an importhat fort, killing 200 of its defenders. The loss to the expedition was only 6 killed and 53 wounded.

A report has reached London that a great battle has been fought at Comanche between the A-shantees and the forces under General Sir Garrett Wolsley. The engagement is said to have lasted a whole day and to have closed with no decided result. The loss of the British troops is given as nearly 300, including many officers. The Highlanders alone are reported to have had 150 men killed. Gen. Sir Garrett Wolsley is said to be in need of reinforcements, which are 150 miles off.

Dates to the 24th from Madrid, Spain, report the capture of Portugalete by the National forces is confirmed. Morozon with 22,000 men, now controls the main body of the Carlists, and news of a general engagement is hourly expected.

Pacific Slopers.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at Watsonville, California, on the evening of the 21st, M. J. Gilkey and Dr. C. E. Cleveland being the actors. There has been great ill feeling between the parties, a deadly feud having existed for some time, and culminating last night in the death of both of them. It appears from the testimony of Alfred Devoe, who was an eye-witness to the whole affair, that about 11 o'clock last night he met Dr. Cleveland at the Mansion House, and together they walked down town, the Doctor telling Devoe that he was hunting Gilkey who had threatened him and he was going for him. Devoe tried to get the Doctor home, but did not succeed. They both went into a saloon, drank and went out. Devoe supposing the Doctor would go home, was on the point of leaving when Gilkey appeared on the scene. The Doctor said: "There is the son of a—now." Gilkey then started across Maple avenue, using similar language, and also saying, "I am prepared for you now." They both drew their pistols, which could be seen glistering in the starlight. Devoe here tried to stop them, saying they had gone far enough. The Doctor commenced backing up towards the railing of the sidewalk, Gilkey following. When the Doctor reached the end of the rail, both men fired at the same moment. After the first shot and before Cleveland fell, he fired again at his antagonist Gilkey, as he was apparently turning, the doctor then fell on his face. Gilkey went back as far as a tree on the corner of the sidewalk, steadied himself a second or so, then fell dead. Neither of them spoke after the first shot. The combatants must have been within two feet of each other when they fired. An alarm was given, and the lifeless bodies were picked up and taken away. An inquest was held this morning. Gilkey had been drinking all yesterday afternoon, and was very boisterous toward evening. Cleveland had also been drinking. Had this not been the case, in all probability the fatal event would not have taken place. The affair has created considerable excitement in town. Both parties have lived here several years. Cleveland was a physician of good standing, and had an extensive practice. Gilkey was a millwright, and when under the influence of liquor was very abusive, and a dangerous man to cross or come in contact with.

From Gold Hill, Nevada, under date of the 21st, we have the two following items of news: This morning, a boy named Joseph Joy came near having his head split open by a buzz-saw. While scraping up sawdust at the Belcher hoisting works, he got directly underneath the saw, which was making about 500 revolutions a minute. When he raised up, the saw teeth hit him, inflicting a frightful gash in the head. Last evening the head of the steam drum at the Pacific Mill blew out, flying about 300 yards, over the Woodville hoisting works and down the canyon. None of the mill men were injured.

The following sea-going vessels were lying at Portland on the 23d: *Chasco, Silver Cloud, Jennie Pitts, Natch, Welford, Coloma, Ella Stewart, and Pekin.* The *Jennie Pitts* and *Chasco* arrived in tow of the tug *Brenham*. The former vessel is now lying at anchor out in the middle of the stream. The tug did not remain at the wharf but a few minutes, but returned to Astoria, without delay.

Counterfeit trade dollars are in circulation in Portland. This kind of money is little better than none, although Portlanders may think differently.

A letter from Polk county states that the crops of wheat in that county this year will be at least twenty per cent. greater in acreage than it was last. The fall down wheat looks well.

The steamer *North Pacific* entered San Juan harbor on the 19th during the prevalence of a heavy gale. She cast out two anchors, but dragged for about a mile, then steamed ahead again, and at ten minutes past four struck a sunken rock, smashing timbers in her bow. A heavy sea was on and she lay in a very dangerous position. At 2:30 on the 20th she was flung on the rock so heavily that sixty-five head of cattle had to be thrown overboard and are reported all lost. The *Isabel*, in port here, was telegraphed for, and immediately proceeded to render assistance. A sail was placed under the bow and both steamers arrived here at eight this morning. The damage to the *North Pacific* is estimated at \$5,000. She will go on the ways here at once.

British Columbia dates to the 21st, announce the success of the DeCosmos faction. The election for representatives of the Dominion House of Commons for the Victoria district took place on the 20th, and was closely contested, at the close the poll standing: DeCosmos, 308; F. J. Roscoe, Charles Meaton, 299, and Thomas Harris, 97. DeCosmos and Roscoe were declared duly elected. The ballot was used in this election, the first time in British Columbia.

Here's an incident of the late election at Salt Lake, recited by a high old Mormon of that city. Quite a young lady, with an infant in her arms appeared and voted, and retiring into the hail, says to Lizzie, who seemed to be much younger, "now, you take the baby and vote." Lizzie did so, and on returning, she turned it over to another young lady, who went through the same formula. Mormon says he left, but believes if he had staid longer he could have ascertained exactly how many times that baby was voted. Hence, the commandment: "Is a baby necessary to qualification, as to age?"

Mr. Bowker's barn, which was burned at Salem Wednesday night last week, contained, besides quite a pile of hay, a considerable number of valuable tools, and his loss will reach at least \$100. The incendiary, for such was undoubtedly the origin of the fire, was considerable enough to turn out a cow which was in the barn before applying the match.

The Sheriff of Marion county has lately received a number of anonymous letters through the post-office, stating that certain persons were at those particular times in certain parts of the city of Salem, who had knowledge of the commission of certain crimes. He offers a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of the persons charged in the letters with the commission of the crimes.

W. O. Kendall, Esq., of Benton county, has demonstrated that the land in Oregon never wears out. He had a field that had been sown to wheat and oats for 15 or 20 years. He plowed it a foot deep in the fall, and four inches deep in the spring, and planted it in corn, getting 40 bushels to the acre. Last fall he sowed it in wheat, and now the luxuriant grain is tall enough to hide a rabbit.

A man arrived at Corrinne, the other day who had walked all the way from Helena, Montana. He gives a gloomy account of affairs in that Territory, and thinks it is relapsing back into a howling wilderness. To see a man draw a greenback from his pocket now creates as much excitement as the drawing of a revolver did in the palmy days of Montana.

W. H. Thoss, aged 53, native of Prussia, committed suicide in Silver City at 1:40 on the 4th inst., by shooting himself through the temples. Deceased had been afflicted with lung disease for 23 years, and having no hopes of recovery put an end to his suffering by suicide. He shot himself in his room in the lodging-house of Mrs. Drysdale.

Thomas Brown, who was sentenced for five years to the Penitentiary from Jackson county, in 1870, was pardoned by Gov. Grover last Saturday. A petition, signed by over 2,500 citizens of the State, was presented to the Governor for his release. This is the largest petition ever placed on file in the Governor's office.

James Chambers of King's Valley, Benton county, Oregon, has plowed 400 acres during the winter, and expects to plow 150 acres more before seeding time. Five hundred and fifty acres in wheat, and wheat at \$1 per bushel, with an average yield, will put money in Jim's purse.

The Philanthropic Society of young ladies at Forest Grove gave a literary entertainment last week, which drew a large audience. The Misses Goodell, Keen, Collier, Lyman, Martin, Scott, Coburn and Watt were the principal performers, and all acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner.

Charles L. Williamson and George M. Munroe, prisoners confined in the Ogden city jail, cut through some planking, tore out some adobies on the south side of the cell, and made their escape, taking with them about \$20 worth of blankets.

The miners in Josephine and Jackson counties have sufficient water to keep them running for some time, and expect to take out thousands of dollars worth of virgin gold.

Hon. Benj. Simpson has been nominated for Surveyor General of Oregon.

A large band of sheep was recently sold in Polk county at \$3 10 per head.

The municipal election in Jacksonville will take place next Tuesday, March 3d.

Sheriff Burch of Polk, lately traveled the country over, and raised about \$4,000 taxes.

George Mansfield and Frank Wayne have been declared common drunkards by the city authorities of Corvallis.

Denverites are indignant at the probability of the removal of the Colorado Capital to Pueblo.

Several farms in the Waldo Hills, Marion county, have been sold recently, at prices ranging from \$14 to \$20 per acre.

Candidates appear to be more plentiful in the sage brush counties of Eastern Oregon, than in the "cow counties."

A man from Baker City recently caught 1,300 pounds of mountain trout and sold them in that market for 10 cents a pound.

A Chapter Lodge of Royal Arch Masons has been organized in Eugene. Among others interested in this work we notice ex-Governor Whiteaker and Dr. Baley.

T. D. Humphreys, Esq., the Chairman of the Washington County Republican Committee, has called a meeting of that body for March 4th, at 1 o'clock, at Hillsboro.

The continued snow and rain storms that have prevailed in Jackson county lately have incapacitated the ground for plowing, and the farmers are unable to do much.

Jackson county has 63 persons and firms who each pay over \$100 taxes. Of these, 21 pay over \$200, 8 pay over \$300, 4 pay over \$400, and the O. C. R. Road Co. pays \$1,410 20.

W. B. Singleton, of Roseburg, stood almost in one place and killed seven deer out of nine shots, every shot taking effect but one. This work of destruction occupied not to exceed ten minutes.

Private Michael Cullen, Company M Eighth Cavalry, committed suicide at Fort Union, Colorado, on the 30th ult., by shooting himself through the body, just above the heart. Domestic trouble was the cause of the deed.

The Roseburg *Platender* has been informed of rich placer mines, discovered last week on the headwaters of Myrtle creek. Several claims have been located, and prospect about \$5 a day to the land.

The son of E. L. Bristow, Eugene City, one night last week shot at a burglar who was attempting to gain an entrance into his father's dwelling. Unfortunately he failed to "bring" the thief.

The ball given by the Hook & Ladder Company at McMinnville on Friday evening, the 20th inst., was a most splendid success. Over one hundred couples were present. The beauty and fashion of Yamhill were all on hand, and the party eclipsed anything of the kind ever given in that flourishing section.

It has become a settled fact that the headquarters of the department of the Platte will be moved from Omaha to a place farther west. Our information, which comes through military sources, leaves us in doubt as to the locality which is likely to be chosen, although we have been assured that both Generals Sheridan and Ord prefer Cheyenne to Denver.

Six carpenters were hired and set to work on the *North Pacific*. The extent of her injury is not known, but it is supposed that 10 days' work, and an expenditure of \$1,000, will make her good. The cattle thrown overboard belonged to Messrs. Spurlock and Jackson, and were beeves for the Victoria market. Thrown overboard in the night, and in such a sea, the unfortunate animals were entirely helpless, and with a few exceptions, all drowned. Their value was probably \$2,000.

While the Rev. J. R. Thompson, of Olympia, was gone on a lecturing tour to Seattle, some person or persons unknown (though certain highly respectable individuals are suspected) took advantage of his absence down Sound, whither he had gone to lecture for the benefit of the Seattle Library Association, to enter the parsonage and make themselves perfectly at home, overturning things generally, and putting down a new carpet in the study and making various changes too numerous to mention, and all for the better.

It seems the messenger in charge of the express box of Wells, Fargo & Co. at Kalama, from which \$8,000 was extracted recently, by name Fagan. In connection with Budlong are the boys who put up the job on the Express Co. Ballong carried out his part of the steal, but Fagan failed, after arranging the whole matter, to have the necessary nerve to carry out the part of the programme assigned by himself to himself. Having acknowledged the theft, Budlong's bail was fixed at \$1,000, a ridiculously low figure, which he immediately gave, and fled. The opinion is that Fagan will also fit from the gaze of his friends before the sitting of the Court.