Pacific Slopers.

The O. S. N. Co. contemplate building an incline at Wallula.

A quarter of an acre at Tacoma in the rear of the old town has been sold for $300.

Wood is selling on the streets at Walla Walla at from $5 to $7 per cord, according to quality.

A Grange of Patrons of Husbandry was organized at Skookum Chuck, W. T., on the 4th inst.

A Grange will be formed at Nooksactk, W. T. The papers are in the District Deputy's hands, awaiting action.

There is a project on foot to have Spring races over the Bybee track, Jacksonville.

John Dougherty, who has been housed in jail at Tacoma, will be released on a writ of habeas corpus from Judge Jacobs.

On Monday night February 23d, the thermometer run down to five degrees below zero at Boise City. The coldest night this Winter.

The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived at Victoria from Fort Wrangel on Wednesday, March 4th, having made the quickest time on record.

The contract for carrying the mails from Vancouver to Kalama has been let to Michael Shea for $600 per annum.

One of the oldest buildings and a landmark of Boise City, Idaho, is being torn down to make room for a new edifice.

Daniel Coughlan, a resident of Madison Valley, Montana, was severely injured by being kicked in the face by a cayuse horse

The tunnel being run to tap the Hendricks lode, on Meadow Creek, Montana, is progressing finely. The tunnel is to be 600 feet long; it is now in 150 feet.

The question of cheap and rapid transportation was satisfactorily solved by a boy at La Grande recently. He tickled the heels of a mule with a sharp stick.

Five hundred and twenty-five dollars was raised in about two hours, on the 27th of February, towards buying a lot on which to build a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Walla Walla.

The Boise City *Statesman* says: This weather is awful on cattle and sheep, and unless it comes off warm very soon, the probability is that the stock in this valley will die off by thousands.

The trial of Scarfaced Charley and eight other Indians is docketed for the ensuing term of the Circuit Court of Jackson County.

The postponed term of the Circuit Court, Judge Prim presiding, at Jacksonville, convened Monday, March 9th. There is considerable business to transact.

On last Monday morning, March 2d, about 9 o'clock, the house of W. M. Garrison, near Pocahontas, Baker County, caught fire, and it and everything in it was destroyed.

A hurricane passed over Upper Willow Creek, Montana, on Wednesday, February 28th, doing much damage. Several houses were unroofed and many haystacks blown down.

A party of surveyors that have been out in all of the bad weather of the last few months, working on three townships near the headwaters of the Puyallup and White Rivers, returned to Tacoma on the 9th.

The *Mountaineer* says: The pretty fashion of wearing feathers in the hair has curtailed the behind end of Virginia's prettiest roosters. We saw a lady put on her spiked shoes on Tuesday and run old dominique down in just three minutes exactly by a stop watch.

There is now at Wallula about 500 tons of wheat awaiting shipment down the Columbia River. There is also a large amount of freight below. The Columbia River is so low it is impossible for the boats to run, and freight will have to lay in store until the snows in the mountains melt.

The reports from the Swauk Creek mines are very conflicting. One writer asserts emphatically that they are good for nothing. Several persons have recently left Walla Walla for the new gold fields who contemplate thoroughly prospecting that country.

The Jacksonville *Times* says: Thos. G. Devens, who has just returned from San Francisco, informs us that the road on each side of the railroad between Redding and Sacramento is strewn with a large number of dead cattle, who have died from exposure and starvation. He says the number is so great that it equals the destruction witnessed on the plains in 1854.

The party which went up Mill Creek from Salem some time ago to bring a raft of logs, has been heard from. A corps of engineers was sent out to find them if alive, and if not to learn their fate. They found them a few miles out of town in a deplorable condition. The raft (three logs) had split on a stump, and the demijohn of "provisions" had slipped through and mingled with the chuck.

The Marion County Woman Suffrage Convention met last Saturday. A proposition to admit persons under twenty-one years of age and over eighteen, was postponed. A Committee on Order of Business was appointed, and also a Committee on Music. Revs. P. S. Knight and S. C. Adams were invited to address the Association at their convenience. The time of holding regular meetings was fixed at 2 P. M. on the first Saturday of each month.

The Virginia City *Montanian* of Feb. 19th says. The team belonging to Mr. Herbert, of the valley, while being driven home last Saturday, took fright near Junction, became unmanagable, and ran away. Shortly after they started the wagon upset, throwing Mr. and Mrs. H. violently to the ground. Mr. Herbert was badly bruised by the concussion, and Mrs. H. received a compound fracture of the leg near the ankle.

A shooting affair came off on Tuesday evening on Main street Dalles, between William Snyder and Henry Brindamour, two rival restaurant keepers. Several shots were fired, but no blood was spilled. The result of the affair was that Mr. Brindamour was bound over in the sum of $300 to answer for an assault with a dangerous weapon at the next Circuit Court, and Mr. Snyder was fined for disturbing the peace, by the City Recorder.

The Vancouver *Register* makes the following suggestions: "Won't somebody ship a few buckets of paint and whitewash to this city, and induce some of our citizens to try the experiment of laying on a few coats as a preservative to house fronts and yard fences? And, by the way, a few six and ten penny nails would become handy around in several places.

A joint stock company has been formed by the citizens on Newaukum River, in Lewis County, W. T., for the purpose of erecting a flouring mill on that stream, near its confluence with the Chehalis. The capital stock is fixed at $24,000, $8,000 of which has already been subscribed—this sum being taken in a few hours by the citizens in the immediate neighborhood.

Marion County Democratic Convention placed in nomination the following named gentlemen for the Legislature, all Grover men: For the Senate—L. M. Savage, E. F. Colby, E. C. Cooley; Representatives—Lewis Pettyjohn, J. C. Caplinger, F. X. Mathias, D. S. Stayton, Michael Eagan and Davis Shannon. For County Judge, F. E. Eldridge. Clerk, Dan. H. Murphy. Sheriff, Sol Durbin. Treasurer, James J. Dalrymple.

Mr. J. A. Ripperton, a citizen of Salem, was arrested and brought to the Dalles by Deputy Sheriff Charles Schurz during the fore part of last week on the charge of perjury, in giving in his taxable property in Wasco County to the Assessor fraudulently. An examination of the case took place on Wednesday before Judge Campbell, which resulted in his being held to appear before the District Court to answer the charge as above stated. He gave the required bonds and was discharged.

The following vessels have been chartered to load at various points: Ship Lookout, 1,068 tons, instead of coal from Bellingham Bay, will take lumber from Burrard Inlet to Iquique, on private terms; bark Martha Rideout, 922 tons, will take lumber from Port Blakely to Melbourne, also on private terms; bark Mariana, 549 tons, has been chartered to carry railroad ties from Barrard Inlet to Port Chalmers, at £5; bark Aureola, 822 tons, will load coal at Nanaimo for San Francisco.

News from Alki Lake, British Columbia, reports snow two feet deep on the river but no crust on it, and cattle are doing well. At Lillooet the snow is three inches deep; on Pavilion Mountain it is two feet deep, and at all points it is very much drifted. All mail carriers have to break their own road. At Clinton the weather has been very severe, and considerable snow fell on last Tuesday night. The thermometer was 20 degrees below zero at Lacolmer on Thursday last. It commenced snowing on the night of the 8th inst., and the next morning it was nine inches deep. Since then it has all disappeared before a succession of southerly gales.

The *Mountaineer* of Saturday has this: Sometime during Thursday night of last week some graceless scamps entered the lodging house kept by Mrs. Springer and plundered several lodgers. They relieved Judge McArthur of his gold watch, a diamond pin sundry articles of clothing, and a leather wallet containing some private papers, deeds, insurance policy, etc. From Mr. Wood they "lifted" six dollars and two safe keys, and from Mr. Vest gold pencil and several articles of jewelry. Mr. Mears is also said to have lost a gold pen and pen-holder. On the following Saturday several handkerchiefs with the Judge's name were found under Grant & Co.'s old warehouse, the thieves evidently thought it unsafe to have them around. Suspicion points quite strongly to certain 'hoodlums,' who, if they dont give up their present habits of life, will certainly fetch up in the penitentiary.

The Olympians will next indulge in a "grand pillow-case and sheet ball."

The Metropolitan Minstrels are billed for an entertainment at Vancouver.

The merchants and hotel-keepers at Snohomish City have quit taking jawbone for goods and board.

A farm two miles below Salem was sold at administrator's sale a few days ago for $18 50 per acre. The farm contained about three hundred acres.

A man plowed up fifty rattlesnakes in Douglas county one day last week. He killed forty of them, and ten got away. 'Twas'nt a good day for snakes, either.

A Teachers' Institute, for Douglas county, was held in Roseburg last week. But few teachers were present, and the proceedings were brief but interesting.

Three different parties have been engaged in the neighborhood of Vancouver during the Winter in getting out hoop poles for the San Francisco market.

Extensive preparations are making for the logging business on Snohomish river, W. T., this Spring. Work has already been commenced in several camps.

The little daughter of A. E. Mable, of Olympia, has partially recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, but her reason is entirely dethroned—her mind is a perfect blank.

The laws of Washington Territory will be ready for distribution in about five weeks. They will form a very large volume, and that is the reason of the delay in getting them ready. Over 500 pages are already printed.

At Yuba City on the 6th, in the case of James Leach who killed Horace Rause at Nicolaus last November, the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

At the Methodist Church in Eugene on the evening of the 1st, the minister requested all who felt that they needed the prayers of the righteous, to rise to their feet. The load of sin was actually so great, that the floor gave way. No one hurt.

The recent earthquake shock in Sierra County, California, opened a crack at Howland Flat more than a thousand feet long, and in some places four inches wide at the surface and ten feet deep in the snow, which is almost as solid as ice and twelve feet deep.

The Vancouver *Register* says: We are informed that the farmers of Mill Plain have about completed their spring sowing, and that crop prospects are very favorable. Several farmers on this plain have from one to seven hundred acres under cultivation.

The Polk County paper speaks as follows: "It is a noticeable fact that last Wednesday, for the first time in the history of the town, that a County Convention was held here without there being a single drunk to be seen on the streets."

At Bakersfield, on the afternoon of the 6th, the trial of J. W. Smith, for the murder of Frank Howard last May, was concluded. After a session of three hours, the verdict of murder in the second degree was found. Sentence next Monday.

The name of the brakeman killed near Humboldt Wells on the 6th, was Al. Bixley. He was caught and held fast in the wreck by both legs, with a portion of the wreck jammed in his abdomen. The other train hands were unable to extricate or remove the timbers holding him fast, and in this condition he lived three hours begging his friends to kill him and put him out of his misery.

The following are the postal changes ordered for the Pacific Coast: Offices established—Alcatraz, San Francisco County, California, Amasa Bushnell Postmaster; Junction House, Lassen County, California, William E. Jones, Postmaster; Patha, Walla Walla County, W. T., A. J. Favor, Postmaster. Name changed—Big Meadows, Plumas Co., California, to Prattville. Postmasters appointed—P. Hamilton, Marion, Marion County, Oregon; John Briscoe, Oysterville, Pacific County, W. T.

Some thieves have stolem 500 head of sheep from Messrs. Jones & Nixon of Douglas county, since last November. This might be called sheep-stealing extraordinary. The *Plaindealer* says: "The most remarkable feature is that most all the sheep are marked and branded three or four different ways, and could be easily identified. These gentlemen have offered $300 reward for the recovery of the sheep and arrest of the guilty parties."

This from Marion County: The Republican Central Committee for Marion County met Saturday, at Salem, and agreed upon a call for a County Convention, in accordance with the recommendation of the State Central Committee. The members represented the Republican party in their several sections as but little broken by the so-called independent but really sorehead movement. It was hardly expected the Democrats would make straight nominations in this county. The fact that they have done so will tend to unite Republicans. Democrats appear to have hope of electing their ticket by the aid of the "independents."

The Roseburg *Plaindealer* has the details of a most disgusting case from Elk Creek precinct, in Douglas county. One Hancock was arrested last week on a charge of incest, preferred against him by his sons. He was brought to Roseburg, but waived an examination, and his bail fixed at $2,000, in default of which he lingereth in jail. It is stated that he has had criminal intercourse with four of his own daughters, three of whom had children by him.

A shooting affray occurred on last Friday night at Oakdale, Cal. The cause was the scandle between the Oakdale House and Dr. Iman and family. Three young fellows, named John Tipton, Tommy Madden and John Kerr, took sides with the Oakdale House, and tried to make Dr. Iman take back what he had said or run him out of town, but they did'nt succeed in either. The first shooting scrape was was between Tipton and a French Doctor, who took it up on the side of Iman, and who was shot in the arm. After that Tipton, Madden and Kerr went down to Iman's house, and commenced shooting at the house, and succeeded in running the family out. Citizens interfered and stopped further shooting. There would probably have been considerable bloodshed if they had not. Tipton and Madden escaped, but Kerr was arrested and brought to Modesto.

General News.

During a riot in South Wheeling, W. V., on the 7th, a man named Blattnor received two balls through his lungs. He cannot recover. Two others were injured. The disturbance arose from evidence given in Court the day before.

Senator Windom pronounces it untrue that the Senate Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard had agreed to report that, although Congress has Constitutional power to regulate railroad tariffs, it is not now expedient to exercise that power.

Seventeen cars freighted with tea and silk-worm eggs arrived at Baltimore on the 28th ult., direct from San Francisco, via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, having been only fifteen days en route from California. This is the first through freight from California ever brought over the Baltimore and Ohio Road.

A Philadelphia dispatch of the 28th of February states: A considerable movement is going on in the matter of converting Northern Pacific Railroad bonds into lands. Bonds amounting to $221,000 were yesterday surrendered to the Trustees in this city for cancellation on account of land purchases.

In the House the Public Lands Committee are considering a bill authorizing the Territories to grant the right of way through the public domain to railroad companies, the right to incorporate companies being reserved to Congress. There is a bare possibility that it will pass.

The monthly circular of the Silk Association of America gives the direct imports of raw silk into New York during February at 251 packages. Gold value, $280,489. Direct imports of silk and silk mixed manufactures in February, 32,308 packages; gold value, $2,842,733.

The trial of the prisoners engaged in the brutal massacre at Colfax, Louisiana, has begun. The testimony against the parties charged is fearfully conclusive. The evidence develops such terribly revolting cruelty as has been scarcely paralelled in the annals of crime. It is believed that nearly if not all the prisoners will be convicted.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed General Thomas Hillhouse, the Assistant Treasurer at New York, to sell $3,000,000 in gold for the month of March, as follows: Thursday, March 5th, $1,000,000; Thursday, March 12th, $500,000; Thursday, March 9th, $500,000; Thursday, March 19th, $1,000,000; Thursday, March 26th, $500,000.

Among the "Boston notions" is the latest one of selling eggs, not by dozen, but by weight. According to the new law adopted in Massachusetts twelve eggs no longer constitute a lawful dozen, but as many as it shall take to weigh one pound and a half. Eight good eggs, laid by wellfed fowls, will weigh a pound; while it will take ten or twelve eggs laid by puny fowls to make that weight. The difference ceases to be a trifle when prices range from 40 to 60 cents per dozen.

The House Military Committee have decided to apply to the Pay Department their general rule of reduction, and to provide for the payment of troops by drafts on the Treasury, to be sent by Department Paymasters to Commanders of Posts for officers and men under their charge. It now costs $2 per man to pay fully, while under the proposed system it is believed that the expense would be trifling. At isolated posts, where Treasury drafts cannot readily be converted into money, the present system of pay will have to be retained.

The Senate Committee on Transportation are thus far unable to agree on any report, but a majority report is deemed probable, favoring the moderate measures received from the House on the railroad question.

The bill introduced into the House amendatory of an act to prevent the extermination of fur-bearing animals in Alaska, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to designate the months in which fur seals may be taken for their skins on the islands St. Paul and St. George, and in adjacent waters, and to fix the number to be taken at or about each island.

Chairman McKee, of the House Committee on Territories, says there is no doubt whatever that his stringent bill relating to Utah troubles, reported a week ago, will readily pass both Houses. He says it is less stringent than McCullen's or Frelinghuysen's bill, each of which had the sanction of one or other branches of the preceding Congress.

Senator Jones has received full reports of surveys made to ascertain the practicability of reclaiming the Colorado Desert by turning into it the waters of the Colorado River, accompanied by interesting commentaries. He thinks the subject worthy of Government investigation, and proposes asking Congress to authorize a thorough survey.

General Schenck says his visit to this country is solely on private affairs; that he has not come home to fill any Cabinet or other office, and that he will return to England in May, when his leave of absence expires. He goes to Washington on Tuesday, where he will remain three days. He will then visit Ohio, and the last three weeks of his stay in the United States will be passed in New York.

At Washington, March 2d, the banquet given by the Alumni of Yale College, in honor of Chief Justice Waite, was attended by a large party of distinguished gentlemen, including President Grant, the Associate Judges of the Supreme Court, President Porter, of Yale College, William M. Evarts and Judge Pierrepont. The banquet was on a grand scale and in all respects successful.

On the 10th the boiler of the city water works at Binghampton exploded, killing the engineer and demolishing the boiler house. The city is now without water. The Mayor has called a meeting of the Common Council to appoint a special patrol to guard against fires. It will take twenty-four hours to clear away the wreck and get the remaining boiler at work.

The House Committee on Railways and Canals are quite confident of passing McCrary's bill, appointing a committee to regulate railroad fares and freights. Western members will propose an amendment, depriving the commissioners of the absolute power of fixing the rates, but making them sort of intermediate arbitrators between the railroads and aggrieved parties, with summary power to correct grievances through the United States Courts. This will be opposed on the ground that the remedy is too troublesome of enforcement to have a salutary influence over railroad extortioners.

Advices from Auckland, New Zealand, by telegraph from Melbourne, dated Feb. 23d, state that the ship *Allahabad*, from Newcastle, New South Wales, for San Francisco, had put in there, having encountered heavy gales, during which she was thrown on her beam ends and obliged to cut away her mizzen mast, maintop and sails to right her. Everything movable on deck washed overboard, including three boats, and the master's and mate's personal effects. The hull is sound. She will be laid up two months for repairs.

Gen. Sheridan is in receipt of dispatches from Lieut. Col. Davidson, commanding at Fort Sill, giving information from the Kiowa and Comanche Agencies in Texas, to the 19th of February. Capt. Haworth's young men had just returned from Comanche camps, where they had been counting the people, and reported that on the recent raid the number of Indians who had been killed was variously reported at twelve and twenty-two, but one or two of the raiding parties escaped. This shows that the reservation Indians, in spite of their promises before the council held last October, have not ceased to raid into Texas.

The steamer *Pennsylvania*, which arrived in Philadelphia from Liverpool on the 9th, experienced a violent hurricane on the 27th ultimo at midnight. Capt. Broadburn, the first and second officers, and two seamen, were swept overboard and lost, and the fourth officer had a leg broken. All the deck houses and boats were swept away. Brady, formerly third mate of the ill-fated *Atlantic* (who, it will be remembered, swam ashore and secured a line from the *Atlantic*, thereby being the means of saving a number of lives), was among the steerage passengers on the *Pennsylvania*, and it was decided to put the ship in his charge, and he brought her safely in. Captain Broadburn, who belonged in Baltimore, had intended to make this his last voyage, as it had been arranged for him to act as Port Warden at Liverpool.