

Pacific Slopers.

There are ten saloons in Vancouver where liquors are retailed at a bit a glass, besides the Settler's store on the Government reserve.

A child four years old, son of D. M. Nichols, of Payette valley, Idaho, was fatally burned by his clothes taking fire on the 18th, and died on the 25th ult.

There are only three church organizations in Vancouver—the Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and Methodist. The Catholic Church has the largest membership, the Methodist next.

There are three fire Companies in Vancouver: No. 1, Hook and Ladder; No. 1, Engine; and No. 2, Engine. The latter is a soldier Company, with quarters inside the Q. M. Department.

There is not a favorable prospect for navigation to open on the Columbia river much, if any, before the 1st of April, as it will take two or three weeks of thawing weather to raise the river enough for boats to run; and the thawing weather has not yet set in, and we do not see any immediate prospect of its doing so.

According to the *Statesman* property in Jefferson must be declining. That paper says: "Property has been changing hands lately at ruinous figures. That the Beaver Hosiery Co., incorporated at \$12,000, sold for \$5,000. Conser's house, which two years ago sold for \$2,000, was to-day purchased for \$520. B. Van Buren's property, purchased a few years ago for \$1,600, has been sold for \$800.

The *Salem Statesman* of last Friday says: "A trial was commenced in the Circuit Court, yesterday, wherein the plaintiff John Rogers, sues the Oregon and California Railroad Company for \$20,000, which he claims to be the amount of damage sustained by him in being dumped out of one of said company's coaches when the same ran off the track on a certain occasion. A compromise was effected this morning by the company agreeing to pay \$3,000 and the costs of suit."

The miners in the Palouse country have been at work most of the winter, but have not washed any. The ground where they are at work prospects better than was expected when first opened, and indications are very favorable for a good clean-up. The snow is about three feet deep at the diggings, and about five in other places around there.

Capt. Starr settled with the drovers for the 65 head of cattle thrown off the *North Pacific* and supposed to be lost, at the rate of \$30 per head, with the proviso, however, that sum should be returned for all animals subsequently discovered and delivered in Victoria. Twenty-seven head have since been captured on San Juan Island, saving Capt. Starr \$810.

At the last term of the Circuit Court in Marion county, Charles Miller was tried under an indictment for shooting one Slater near Jefferson, and the jury being unable to agree at that trial, the case went over to the present term, and after a second trial, which lasted two days, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant was discharged. The shooting occurred over a settlement involving two dollars and a half which Miller owed Slater, and out of which the entire difficulty grew.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lewiston, the following nominations were made for city office: For Mayor, Seth S. Slater; for Councilmen, C. A. Thatcher, H. Squier, Geo. Glass and J. P. Vollmer; for Treasurer, W. P. Hunt; for Recorder, J. K. Vincent; for Marshal, J. Jess. The Democratic nominees are: Mayor, H. W. Stainton; Councilmen, J. M. Curry, M. M. Williams and D. Dumas; Recorder, D. J. Warner; Treasurer, A. Bismard; Marshal, D. McElwain.

Eugene charter election will take place April 6th.

All the public schools in Salem were closed last Saturday. No funds.

Washington county is shipping onions to towns up the Willamette valley.

A Mrs. Dubraille of Corvallis is going to sue that corporation for damages caused by falling on a rickety sidewalk.

Henry Lloyd, of the Dalles, was kicked nearly into the middle of next week, on the 12th, by a vicious horse.

Salem Fire Department has another new bell weighing 2,000 pounds. The old one has been returned to the makers.

Hon. John Burnett, of Benton county, has announced himself as independent candidate for Judge of the Second Judicial District.

Jefferson is still engaged cultivating a fine crop of measles. Schools and church exercises have all been suspended for about three weeks.

The Capitol Commissioners are in session at Salem. Work on the Capitol building will commence as soon as the weather will permit.

Two men have bought about one thousand head of sheep in Benton county in the last two weeks, paying from \$3 to \$5 per head.

Billy Sacket, the mail carrier between Dallas and Alsea, reports snow three feet deep on the Alsea mountain. This is the deepest it has been this winter.

A Royal Arch Chapter of Masons has been organized at Roseburg. It is called Umpqua Chapter, and Thos. H. Cox is H. P.; A. G. Brown, K., and N. P. Bunnell is Scribe.

The ministers and saloon keepers of Salem held a meeting last week, in which the latter proposed to close their saloons on the Sabbath if other business men would do the same.

The Sheriff of Marion county was out last Saturday looking for a man supposed to be crazy, who was seen wandering around a graveyard east of Salem. He was not found.

It is said by parties living near the summit that snow has not been so deep for years this late in the season as it is now. At Abrams' mt., only a few miles from Eugene City, it is about four feet deep.

Captain Coffin, of the Dalles, is the man who introduced the famous Chinese knife-throwers and magicians in the United States in 1872, and it was his uncle, an old sea Captain, who brought the Siamese Twins from Siam to the United States.

Mr. John W. Kelly has severed his connection with the Roseburg *Plainsdealer*. In bidding good-bye to his patrons he says: "Financially the venture has not been the success my smallest hopes anticipated; otherwise I make no complaints."

Le-how-skin, an Indian about thirty years old, living on the Umatilla reservation, sold two hundred horses, receiving therefor \$3,000, in coin. Soon after he lost fifteen hundred horses by gambling with another "noble red man of the forest," &c.

We have received the first number of the *Eastern Oregon Weekly Tribune*, published at Pendleton, Umatilla county, by M. H. Abbott, an old and experienced typo and editor. It is a neatly printed sheet, well filled with local matter, and will doubtless meet with the hearty support of the people in that section.

The Sixth District Court of San Francisco on the 14th annulled the marriage of H. S. Byan and Fannie L. Byan, on account of fraud—the lady having represented herself to be a widow, whereas she had never been married.

The steamer *North Pacific* made the run from Victoria to Tacoma, 115 miles, direct course, in the unequalled short time of 7 hours, running time.

An immense land slide occurred on the 13th on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, at American Flat, a short distance below the Tyler mine, Nevada. The slide was 80 feet in length, 50 feet in width and 25 feet in depth. The heavy pressure on the track forced it up to a position nearly at right angles to the one originally occupied. At the point where the slide occurred there is a sharp curve in the road, and the engineer of the first western-bound train, composed of cars loaded with ore, which left here at 6 o'clock this morning, being unable to see the obstruction on the track, ran into it. The conductor jumped off the locomotive before it struck the slide, but the engineer and fireman remained in the cab. The locomotive and tender fell over sideways and was half buried up with dirt. No one was injured. One ore car was wrecked, and three others jumped the track. Passengers arriving from Reno and different points were transferred to trains on this side.

The *Jacksonville Sentinel* of last Saturday says: "Quite a number of citizens of the Klamath Basin have been in attendance on Court, principally witnesses in the Gentry-White case. They report the trip a rough one in the extreme, there being eight feet of snow on the Cascade mountains and the weather cold. They bring only confirmation of previous reports concerning the distress of cattle and sheep men in that region. Nearly all will lose more or less of their stock, and in some cases whole bands will perish. They bring the report also that Jesse Applegate, after freezing hands and feet in attempts to save his stock, had finally been compelled to abandon the herd to their fate. The Applegates will doubtless be heavy losers. No word reaches us from Goose Lake valley. We have no doubt, however, the storms prevail there also, and much loss in stock will also be suffered in that locality yet. In the absence of knowledge of that fact, we shall entertain a hope to the contrary."

Here is what the *Tacoma Tribune* learns about Stickeen: "It is reported to be terribly cold on the Stickeen river, and worse and worse every mile further interior. An Indian had come down, and got over to Wrangle as the *California* came by. He says that one white man only, Mr. Buck, had got through to the Dease lake diggings, but that the entire road was lined with hundreds of poor fellows bravely toiling on. All are covered up as warmly and heavily as possible, the faces being shielded entirely with tightly drawn furs, having three of the slightest apertures to see and breathe through. Notwithstanding every precaution, however, scores of the men have been frozen, and a great many have turned their steps back toward the coast. Another month will be amply soon enough for men to go to Cassiar."

Parties arriving at Prescott from Camp Verde report the surrender at that reservation of a band of sixty-two renegade Apaches, who had absconded some time back to the mountains, where their retreat became known to Agent Williams, who sent them word to return at once, upon condition that the young bucks should be confined for one month in the guard-house at Camp Verde, the old men, women and children to remain on the reservation. This they did, and the young men, numbering seventeen, are now under charge of the military. The appearance of the whole party was wretched, indicating great suffering from hunger and cold in the mountains.

The *Jacksonville Sentinel* tells a yarn that is just a little hard to believe. It is, that a Court in that county fined two men each \$5 and costs, and as the men had no money, the Court took their notes for the amount, and thinking the State ought to have security from its debtors, the Court signed the notes as security.

James Gentry, who had been held to answer for the murder of Henry White, at Linkville, sometime in January, was exonerated by the Grand Jury of Jackson county last week.

On the 7th inst., the snow was from 10 to 16 inches deep all over Powder river valley. The average temperature for the week ending that date at Baker City was 27° above zero. On the 6th the mercury was at 5° above zero.

Mr. Slater having notified M. P. Bull, of the *La Grande Sentinel*, to give up the material with which that paper is printed, it is likely to be suspended for a time, but Mr. Bull proposes to re-issue with other material in a few weeks.

Wash Obenchain, of Jackson county, who was badly scratched up by a grizzly bear about a year ago, had a chase after a huge black bear, last week, which had killed one of his cows. In both instances he succeeded in making meat of bruin.

All those who have claims growing out of the Modoc war against the Quartermaster's Department of the U. S. Army, should send their address to the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Klamath, with instructions where they will have their checks sent, giving also the amount due them.

A. D. Saunders, of Lafayette, wishes to know the whereabouts of Johnathan Riggs and Isaiah Poteet, who came with him last fall from Kansas, and any one who can give any information of their whereabouts will confer a favor by addressing him as above.

The *Sentinel* says: "A very respectable portion of the delegates to the Democratic County Convention, which convened at the Court House in Jacksonville on the 7th instant, withdrew from the Convention upon the ground that the party was not fairly represented."

Henry John, for whom a warrant was issued by Justice Coffey, at the time of the affray between Johns and Perry Mansey, at Salem, was arrested in that city last Saturday. He waived examination and gave bail in the sum of \$200 for appearance before the Grand Jury during its present sitting.

La Grande Grange, the first in Union county, was organized last week with officers as follows: M. Baker, Master; A. W. Waters, O.; Jos. Palmer, S.; D. A. McAllister, A. S.; C. Arnold, T.; Nessly, C.; S. O. Swackhammer, Sec.; J. Ladd, L.; A. Hemming, G. K.; Mrs. Mary Webb, S.; Mrs. Rachel Ladd, C.; Mrs. Sarah Waters, P.; Mrs. Lucie Shambaugh, F.

Deputy Master Buick last week organized Eagle Point Grange, on Butte Creek, Jackson county. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: James Miller, W. M.; Peter Simon, O.; Wilson Potter, L.; George Nichols, S.; H. J. Terril, A. S.; A. C. Howlett, C.; Levi Inkham, T.; Joseph Cleft, Sec.; John Nichols, G. K.; Elizabeth Simon, Ceres; Elizabeth Culbertson, P.; Theodosia Culbertson, F.; Eola Nichols, L. A. S.

The primaries for the election of delegates to an independent County Convention were held Saturday. The meeting in this city were largely attended, and the utmost harmony prevailed. The meeting at Springfield is said to have been the largest precinct meeting ever held there. The following named delegates were elected: North Eugene—Allen Boud, A. J. Zumwalt, Jas. Perkins, W. G. Purkerson and St. John Skinner, South Eugene—John Bailey, J. W. Skaggs, Jesse Cox, J. F. Amis, Thos. Belshaw, H. H. Gale, J. W. Jackson, Springfield—Jas. Stevens, Geo. H. Armitage, M. H. Harlow and T. D. Edwards.

Tacoma has a string band just learning, which has set the whole town by the ears.

The total expenditures in support of public schools in Arizona last year was \$11,950 12.

Mayor Whitman, of Walla Walla, has gone on a visit East.

Hon. John Burnett, of Benton county, announces himself as an independent candidate for the office of District Judge.

Fred Drew, who has been in Peru for some time past, acting in a business capacity for the Port Gamble Mill Co., has returned to Puget Sound.

Capt. W. Hall and party have arrived at Port Ludlow from San Francisco, and will build there a 100-ton schooner for the California coasting trade.

Lieut.-Col. Dodge, promoted to the Twenty-third Infantry, vice General Crook, is to leave New York en route for the headquarters of his regiment, some time next month, coming across the plains to Santa Fe, thence by way of Camp Apache to Prescott.

Shorty Hayes and Jacob Clark having received sentences each of thirty years at Auburn for the Forest Hill stage robbery, which together with the twenty-one years for the Shasta stage robbery, will probably last them for the term of their natural lives.

A telegram from Elko, March 14th, gives the following account of an accident on the Central Pacific Railroad: The west bound passenger train No. 2, consisting of a mail express and baggage car and one sleeper, two first class coaches and an emigrant car, met with quite a serious accident this morning, when about ten miles west of Toano. The accident occurred on an embankment about thirty feet high. The train was an hour late, and running at the usual speed, when a rail broke and precipitated the hind coach and emigrant car down the embankment. The coach was filled with passengers and turned completely over, and now lies upside down. The emigrant car, which was in the rear, was thrown violently down the grade but maintained its equilibrium. The forward coach and sleeper was also thrown from the track, but did not go down the embankment. The following is the list of the injured, obtained by a special reporter sent to the scene of the disaster: Jas. Dick, Colorado springs, Col., slight cut in right shoulder, was in the next to the rear coach. Benj. Cawson, Providence R. I., deep cut in forehead, not dangerous; was in the emigrant car. Mrs. Wm. Roe, Dundas county Canada; seriously injured about the head, right arm and side fractured; shows signs of internal injury; considered somewhat doubtful. Several others sustained slight injuries, but none of a serious character. The accident was a most fortunate affair in its results, as railroad men consider the escape of so great a number uninjured from the coach that was violently thrown down the embankment bottom upwards, as almost miraculous. The heavy snow, however, in the vicinity of the disaster, probably accounts for the number uninjured. The wounded with one exception, that being Mrs. Roe, will be able to proceed to their destination. The engine, mail, express and baggage cars passed over the broken rail and felt nothing of it, showing plainly that the rail broke in passing over it. Every provision has been made by the company for those who sustained any injuries. The snow along the road between Wells and Toano is very deep, and a slight addition, accompanied by high winds is liable to produce a recurrence of the blockades at any time.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads will hold a special meeting on the 17th to consult with the Government Directors proposed legislation regulating subsidized railroads; operations of Wyoming coal and other inside rings are to be investigated; the question of the further exemption of railroad lands from taxation; the propriety of having the principal office of the Union Pacific Company removed from Boston to some point on the line of the road; and some other matters requiring legislation will also be considered.