

Albany Register.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1874.

Pendleton folks are clamoring for a photograph gallery.

Rumor says a newspaper will soon be born at Oakland.

Oysters and fish are brought direct from the bay to Corvallis.

The *Platibator* has fizzled out, gone up the flume and stopped.

The Corvallis Brass Band are preparing for a concert.

Howlish-wampo, a big chief, is sojourning in Pendleton.

The assessed value of property in Umatilla County in 1872 was \$995,599.

Peach trees are in full bloom, and gardening of all kinds has commenced at the Dalles.

Last week Postmaster Hanna, at Corvallis, issued 47 money orders—aggregating over \$1,600.

The Library Association of Eugene City is under headway. All it lacks of being a success is books.

There were seven interments in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Salem, during the month last passed.

On the 2d "Lady Mac" trotted five miles in thirteen minutes, over the Oakland, California, course.

At Philadelphia on the 2d a saloon keeper was convicted under the Sunday Liquor Law—the first case under the new law.

The City Council of Philadelphia, on the 2d instant, passed the one million dollars appropriation bill by acclamation.

About eight feet of what was once the body of an oak tree, now stone, was recently taken out of the Boise river.

John Hailey, of Idaho, has a band of \$10,000 sheep. A great many have died during the winter, but not near as many as at first reported.

A number of McMinnville young folks, while returning from a party after dark a few nights since, insisted that they felt an earthquake. That's too thin.

A restaurant keeper of Salem fed his boarders on saw-dust tarts on the 1st inst. They have been drinking water since, in order to float the lumber out of their stomachs.

Two deer antlers locked in a similar manner to those portrayed in "The Combat" were found near Idaho City a few days since. The skeletons of the animals were also in the position where they fell.

Late news from Cassiar mines say that miners are making from \$12 to \$30 per day to the hand. There are between seven and eight hundred men at the mines. Weather mild.

Williams, cashier of the Connecticutville, Penn., National Bank, has been arrested. An examination of the books shows a defalcation of \$27,000, besides \$4,700 reported stolen recently, confirms the suspicion that the alleged robbery of the bank some time ago, was devised by Williams to cover his pecuniary

From Washington it is stated that inflationists have abandoned their efforts to secure \$200,000,000, or an illimitable increase, and the general impression is that the House will concur in the \$46,000,000 action.

A law has passed the Illinois Legislature providing that any person adulterating milk with water, chalk, or other substance, and selling the same, shall be fined not exceeding \$500, and imprisoned not exceeding one year.

Dabney G. Jones, convicted of murder at Olympia, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for twelve years at hard labor. In the absence of a Penitentiary he was sent to the County Jail, where he will wear away the allotted time, unless he escapes.

On the 3d instant, Nesmith made a strong argument before the House Committee on Railways and Canals in favor of the bill to aid in the construction of the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad, and the Committee agreed to report favorably on said bill. The bill provides that the Government shall guarantee the interest on the bonds of the Company to the amount of \$10,000 per mile in Oregon, for which the Company is to transport the United States mails, carry supplies, etc., free of charge forever.

The Benton county Independents have made the following nominations: Senator—E. Hartless; Representatives—Bird Wells, James Bruce, A. K. Horter; County Judge, J. Haller; Clerk, J. Cauthorn; Sheriff, N. H. Newton; Treasurer, Wallace Baldwin; Commissioners, John Harris and B. Wood; School Superintendent, A. R. Brown; Assessor, James Thunn. The delegates to State Convention are: John Harris, N. H. Newton, E. Hartless, A. G. Mulkey, B. R. Biddle and Louis Wilson.

The Independents have made the following nominations in Marion county: State Senators—A. J. Hunsaker (Dem.), J. W. Grim and D. Payton (Reps.); Representatives—B. F. Harding, W. P. Pugh and Charles Miller (Dems.), and Henry Smith, W. L. Eastham and John Minto (Reps.); County Judge—Wm. Waldo (Dem.); Sheriff—G. S. Downink (Dem.); Clerk—Jason Royal (Rep.); Treasurer—C. Woodworth (Rep.); Commissioners—F. R. Smith (Rep.) and Pendleton (Dem.); School Superintendent—Wm. Simpson (Dem.); Surveyor—John Newcome (Rep.); Coroner—D. W. Prentice (Rep.) Delegates to the State Convention were also elected.

The stage which left Eureka, Nevada, on the night of the 3d, for Palisade, was stopped about one mile from town by two men, one of whom had a sack drawn over his face. The coach was in charge of Sampson, who endeavored to rein up the team when guns or pistols were presented at him, but the horses became frightened at sight of the robbers and sped on in spite of him. One shot was fired at the driver, but fortunately without effect, save to increase the speed of the team. The authorities had no definite knowledge as to the highwaymen.

Wong Ching Foo was naturalized at Detroit, on the 2d. He claims to be the first Chinaman to renounce allegiance to the Empire.

The Austin (Nevada) *Reveille*, of April 1st, has the following terrible story: From Dietrich Osterhaus, who came this evening from Smoky valley, we get the particulars of a dreadful tragedy which occurred in that locality on Sunday about 1 o'clock. Osterhaus' nearest neighbor was a German named Christian Eckstein, and has lived in the valley for the past two years, occupying with his wife and two children, aged two and three years, a small stone cabin on a patch of hay land. Of late Eckstein and his wife have quarreled frequently, owing to the husband's jealousy of a young man named Norton, who was herding a few cattle in the neighborhood. The neighbors paid no attention to the quarrels of the pair as they had become of two frequent occurrence to be noticeable. Eckstein was known to be naturally of a quarrelsome disposition, and had made frequent threats that he would kill both Norton and his wife, but none of the people in the vicinity entertained suspicion that he would carry his threats into execution. On Sunday last Osterhaus had occasion to pass Eckstein's cabin with his team, and noticing an unusual stillness hung about the place, halted his team and knocked at the door of the cabin. His summons meeting no response, he was about to remount his wagon, thinking the family had gone to town. By an impulse for which he can't account, he took a second thought and pushed open the door, when a horrible sight met his gaze. On the floor lay the half nude body of Mrs. Eckstein covered with blood, her features hacked beyond recognition,—the skull being cut almost in twain. At her feet lay her two little girls with their heads nearly severed from their bodies. Across the bed lay the bodies of two men clasped in the embrace of death. They were the bodies of Norton and Eckstein. In the hand of the latter was clutched with the vice-like grip of death, a large bowie knife covered with blood, and by the side of Norton lay a large sized dragoon revolver, four chambers of which had been discharged. The terrible sight nearly paralyzed Osterhaus, who for a short time was almost incapable of action. As soon as he came to himself, he aroused the neighbors, among whom the wildest excitement prevailed over the affair. A Justice of the Peace was summoned from Ophir Canyon, but up to the time our informant left no verdict had been rendered. He gave his testimony on the inquest, but urgent business in this city necessitated his immediate departure. He promises further particulars on his return home. Eckstein was a man about 45 years of age, and his wife about 23. She is represented as having been quite handsome. Norton was a young man about 25 years of age, and a native of Missouri.

The following is a telegram from San Bernardino, Cal., dated April 4th: In Spadra yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock a man named Lillie shot and killed the Rev. B. F. Standifer. The facts are as follows. Mr. Lillie had written a letter to Standifer, which so enraged him that he armed himself with a cowhide and repaired to a saloon, where he found Lillie. Approaching him, Standifer asked him if he wrote that letter, Lillie replied in the affirmative, when Standifer struck him on the forehead with the butt end of the whip, knocking him down, and when he got up struck him again. Lillie drew his pistol and fired at his antagonist, the ball taking effect in the left shoulder, whereupon Standifer struck him again and Lillie fired a second time, shooting him through the heart and killing him instantly. When the stage left a Coroner's jury was being summoned. The leaving at Spadra was in justification of the act. A feud of long standing had existed between them.

F. H. Smith, one of the Indian Commissioners, reached Cheyenne from Red Cloud Agency on the 4th. The other three have returned to Spotted Tail Agency. He says the actual number of whites killed since January 1st, by Indians, is six. He reports that the troops at both Agencies are unmolested; that at Spotted Tail Agency, especially, friendly relations with Indians exist. The Commissioners held several councils at both Agencies, with hopeful results. About six thousand Ogallalas, Sioux, Arrapahoes and Cheyennes have registered, and about four thousand Brule Sioux are at Spotted Tail Agency, and are expected to register next week. The Commissioners say the situation has been critical, but that published statements have been exaggerated. Reports from other sources say the Commissioners have seen nothing but the old ration esters, and that as soon as the grass starts the Indians will renew hostilities.

Inspector Murphy, of Jersey City, returns from Matamoras without Hamilton, the defaulting Treasurer. He says Cortinas has all the stolen bonds, and offers to sell them at less than one-third their value. Hamilton is destitute of everything.

A lively race took place between the steamer Alice and the Willamette Chief on the upper river a few days since. The Alice proved her superiority by showing the Chief the color of her wheel.

The hard times ball at Olympia is all the rage. Everybody is going, as a change of costume is unnecessary.

For selling a blind man a pair of boots of different numbers, Thomas McDermott, of Providence, R. I., languishes in jail for ninety days.

A malicious person says that cotton sheets and newspaper sheets are alike in the respect that a great many people lie in them.

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