

Pacific Slopers.

Roseburg has a Mite Society. Spelling school is in order at Eugene City.

Corvallis is donning a new coat of paint.

Eugene City is going Maying on the 1st prox.

Roseburgers are going to have a May-day party.

Lafayette Grangers are going a Maying on the 1st prox.

Yamhill farmers are organizing for a general coyote hunt.

Wrestling Joe has had a few of his toes amputated. Poor Joe.

Spiritual lectures will interest the Corvallis folks shortly.

Dallas, Polk County, is preparing to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The spanking season has commenced in Dallas. Pupils are numerous.

A valuable horse died very suddenly on a Lafayette street last Friday.

Something like pin-cushions are indispensable in Dallas ladies fix-ups.

Complaints are made of the miserable condition of roads in the interior.

Next Monday the Odd Fellows of Oakland will celebrate in an appropriate manner.

Chinamen and Indians engaged in a riot at the Capital a few days since. No funerals.

The County Council of Grangers of Lane County will meet in Eugene City on the 5th of May.

A number of Salemites are suffering from Sticken gold fever. The best doctor is experience.

The editor of the *Umpqua Call* has an appetite thirty-six inches long. He subsists on vegetables.

Marion County Democrats are going to wear coon-skin caps on election day. All they want is a hollow log to crawl into.

A Corvallis horse, in attempting to jump a fence, ran a picket into his breast twelve inches. He soon passed in his checks.

Somebody stole the axe belonging to the *Umpqua Call* previous to its first issue, which in a measure accounts for some of its editorials.

A son of Mrs. Keeney, while working on the railroad track at Eugene City, last Friday, fell and broke his arm between the elbow and wrist.

The master of the bark *Dublin*, arrived at San Francisco April 16th from Port Gamble, reports that, on the 18th of February, John Oaks, second mate, fell through the hatchway and was instantly killed.

The Salt Lake *Tribune* makes this thrust at the Mormon leaders: "Worse men than Bender remain unhung in Utah. They are Prophets, Apostles, Elders, etc., and are shielded by the garb of religion."

The Arizona *Miner* says: "While all intelligent Arizonians hope that Congress will enable Colonel Scott to build a Southern Pacific railroad, many of them fear that Congress will not grant such aid and concessions as he demands."

A gentleman who has made a canvass of Tacoma estimates its actual resident, municipal-voting population at three hundred—a number six times greater than that of one year ago, and second to that of no other town on Puget Sound. The assessment of the town, though yet incomplete, indicates an advance over last year of 300 per cent.

A Corvallis horse tried the other day to stand on a fence picket with heels. The picket "took" place next day.

Pendletonians clamor for more mutton.

Jacksonvillians now want a fire engine.

Building material is in brisk demand at Jacksonville.

George Rogers now publishes the *Roseburg Plaindealer*.

The coming races is the topic of conversation in Union County.

Sheep shearing will soon commence on the Upper Columbia.

Montana farmers are busily engaged in sowing grain.

Travel in Montana is reported as being exceedingly lively.

Baker City is undergoing sundry improvements. A sign of prosperity.

Montana cattle have been eating poisonous herbs. A number have died.

The mining season in Montana has opened under favorable appearances.

A party of seven persons left Tacoma for Swack mines last Monday morning.

Wesley Roberts is wanted. He is supposed to be living somewhere in Montana.

The Keating & Blacker Mine at Radersburg, Montana, has \$80,000 worth of ore on the dumps.

A man named Nelson was drowned last Saturday by falling overboard from the Alden Bessie at Portland.

Eugene City for the year ending April 13th expended \$2,540 95, for city government, and owes \$720 48.

Dr. Johnson, of McMinnville, had one of his fingers broken a day or two ago—the result of a runaway.

W. P. Wright's store at Tacoma was closed by creditors last Saturday, but he hopes to pull through all right.

The latest joker at Tacoma is a man who tried to borrow money of an editor to buy a lot and build a house with.

Several Puget Sounders arrived at Prescott, Arizona, on the 31st ult., and are expected to settle in that vicinity.

The total rainfall, as reported at Beale Spring, Arizona, from May 1873, to March, 1874, inclusive, was 18.07.

The Independent Literary Society of Jacksonville will shortly give a benefit in aid of the sufferers by the fire.

Donald McKay's band of Warm Spring Braves arrived at Portland Saturday, and danced in war paint and feathers at Oro Fino Theatre during the week.

Baker County has a Jenkins who caused the arrest of a camping party for burning a rotten log on his grounds. The party were immediately dismissed.

The average temperature at Baker City during the week ending April 15th was 44.1 degrees; coldest weather, 32 degrees; warmest 64 degrees.

A Montana paper says: Six horse stock on the Helena route now; full loads to Deer Lodge, and the carrying capacity inadequate. The world moves.

Two Olympia lads, aged about twelve years had a scrimmage the other day, in which knives and clubs were freely used and some had blood spilled.

A man sporting the name of Charles Jackson Wilson played "sick and destitute" on the charitable people of Olympia and raised considerable money to enable him to get out of the country, but forgot himself and drank up or gambled away the gifts, whereupon the people concluded that they didn't want him to go, and had him arrested under false pretences.

All over the valley the farmers are progressing rapidly with their spring planting, in some cases now nearly or quite finished. East of the mountains spring work has just begun, in earnest.

J. Layman, of Pendleton, who last Fall went to the Yakima mines, has returned home, and gives encouraging accounts of these mines. A nugget of gold, which he picked up on his claim, is valued at \$35.

The late rains on the foothills with the snow on the mountains still keep water in the ditches and in the large creeks in Jackson county, and mining continues active as yet—much more so than was anticipated a month or so ago.

The streets of Olympia, each Saturday for some weeks past, have been crowded enough to lead to the supposition that it must be the Fourth of July. The Grange there has so many members in the cause. It is also constantly gaining strength.

At Silver Dale, in Colorado, George Hammond and Bill Mackey differed as to where the next dance should be held. They settled the dispute amicably with pistols. Hammond had the dance at his house, and Mackey has a funeral at his.

The Jacksonville *Sentinel* says: Notwithstanding the risks taken by everybody during the fire, we have only heard of one person sustaining any bodily injury, and that is Mr. George Brown, who cut his foot with an ax while chopping down awnings. Though severe, it will not confine him to the house.

A daughter of Jacob Evans, of Cape Arrago, Coos Bay, was terribly burned a few days since, by her clothes taking fire from a fireplace. Her little brother, in attempting to extinguish the flames, was also badly burned, and the lives of both are despaired of.

The wife of William McFarland, who resides on the ocean beach, some twenty-five miles north of Gray's harbor, was severely wounded the first of last week, by the accidental explosion of a metallic cartridge. She was handling it and dropped it, causing it to explode. The ball entered her wrist and ranged up the arm between the bones, coming out near the elbow.

The Democratic County Committee of Marion, met on last Saturday and made the following nominations to fill the vacancies on the Democratic county ticket. J. W. Weatherford and B. F. Fletcher were nominated for Representatives, vice L. Pettyjohn and Davis Shannon, declined. L. H. Judson was nominated Surveyor, vice Wm. Pugh, declined.

Olympia Grange had a full meeting on Saturday. Twenty-eight members were initiated, advancing them to full membership as patrons. A bountiful harvest—least was enjoyed by the Grange. Delegates from seven Granges, and a goodly number of patrons from other Granges joined on the occasion. Olympia Grange voted to turn out on the 1st of May and help grade the railroad on Bush Prairie.

A gentleman at Helena, M. T., has a pair of huge mountain lions or cougars, which he has raised from whelps. These beasts are now about two years old, and fully as large as a good sized panther. They do not attain their full growth until four years of age. They are very ferocious, and give no evidence of becoming tractable, and an ordinary sized dog, thrown into the cage, did not survive long enough to give a yelp. The owner says they have already devoured some ten or twelve dogs and twenty or thirty cats, which have been given them to play with. Three of the same species, taken from Montana to the States last fall, were sold to a Chicago museum for \$1,800.

John Kearns and Henry Norton have been sent to the Penitentiary for two years from Yamhill county for larceny in a dwelling.

The price of wood in Boise city is \$12 per cord, and very scarce at that. The cause is attributed to the deep snow in the mountains.

Idaho has lately received an addition to her fine stock, by the purchase, by a Boise man, of two fine stallions, Kentucky thorough-breds.

The receipts from the festival of St. John's Episcopal Church, Olympia, were very satisfactory, laying cleared, after all expenses being paid, \$135 80.

First camping of the season is announced to commence June 4th, on the Newsom camp grounds, lower end of Howell's Prairie, Marion county.

Wm. Campbell passed Boise on the 15th inst. on his way to Rocky Bar, having with him a fine band of fat cattle, from Grand Ronde valley, Oregon.

The men of Tumwater, thirty strong, will commence the grading of the Olympia-Tenino Railroad through their town, next Saturday. A distance on the line of about one mile has been left to them.

Several emigrant wagons, headed toward Eastern Oregon, passed Salem Monday. The usual tar buckets swung "to and fro" under the wagon, and the "regulation" number of dogs followed the train.

The Salem *Record* says: Ben Blanton, who is "reposing upon his laurels" in the county jail, went three days without eating last week—going to starve himself to death; but weakened when he found that Billy Barker, the Janitor, didn't scare worth a cent.

The Woolen Mills of the Pacific Coast.

There are on the Pacific coast eleven woolen mills—eight in California and three in Oregon. Those in California are: Two in San Francisco, one at San Jose, one at Marysville, one at Stockton, one at Sacramento, one at Los Angeles, and one at Los Gatos. In Oregon, there is a mill at Oregon City, one at Salem, and one at Brownsville.

They have in the aggregate 20,840 spindles and 232 broad looms. Their capital is \$2,000,000; the value of buildings and machinery is \$1,525,000; the number of pounds of wool used last year was 5,380,000, of a value of \$1,200,000, and the value of the manufacture was \$3,000,000. Of the wool used, 3,680,000 lbs was Californian, 1,200,000 lbs was Oregon, and 500,000 Australian. About 250,000 of cotton were also used. Of casimeres, 11,000,000 yards were made, and of blankets, flannels, etc., 1,600,000 yards. The total number of employees was 1,356, of whom 851 were Chinese, 260 white men, 137 white boys, and 133 white women and girls. The wages paid aggregated \$556,400. The value of goods sent East was about \$350,000, and the total exports at least \$400,000. Such an exhibit is highly creditable to the coast, and gives the highest promise of a glorious future for this industry.

A few days ago a very handsome lady entered a dry goods house and inquired for a "bow." The polite clerk threw himself back and remarked that he was at her service. "Yes, but I want a buff, not a green one," was the reply. The young man went on measuring goods immediately.

"You cannot taste in the dark," said a lecturer. "Nature has intended us to see our food?" "Then," inquired a forward pupil, "how about a blind man at dinner?" "Nature," answered the professor, "has provided him with eye teeth."

The steamer Otter has returned to Victoria, bringing one passenger and the following news from the northern mining country:

Mr. A. Choquette (Buck), who went up on the first trip of the Otter this year, has been through to the mines, and reached Wrangell, on his return, the night before the Otter arrived. He reports having discovered another paying gulch; also, that Ike Stevens & Co. were making \$8 a day on a piece of ground which they had been able to thaw out on one of the creeks discovered last year.

Mr. Silvester, the expressman, was at Wrangell, awaiting the arrival of the Otter, and intended to start again for the mines the day after that vessel left. Several of those who went up on the last trip had returned to Wrangell, finding traveling difficult on account of water on the ice. It is improbable that the Sticken River will be open before the end of this month.

The Nass and Skeeny Rivers are still closed, and the Government trail men who went up on the Otter do not expect to be able to ascend the latter for another ten days.

Two miners who left Victoria about the end of January, and who have been through to the diggings, furnish the following information of "matters and things" there:

The snow from Buck's Bar averaged about 30 inches, was soft and spongy, there having been no night-frosts to form a crust, and snow-shoes were necessary. Excellent use was made of the dogs in hauling the toboggans. The men who were first on the creeks had confined the operations to the old diggings. Six and a half miles of Dease Creek were staked off, and the miners, after obtaining good prospects, had commenced to build cabins. About 250 men were on the creeks.

Provisions of all kinds were from \$1 to \$1.60 a pound at any place above Buck's Bar. There was no supply at Buck's Bar. There were only about 50 sacks of flour at the diggings for sale at \$50 per sack.

The trip with a loaded toboggan, from Buck's Bar to Dease Creek, consumes nine days. Men were paid \$50 for packing in goods.

Two hundred and fifty men were encamped on the Sticken River banks.

Snow on Dease Creek was four and five feet deep. The thermometer stood below zero on several consecutive days in March.

When our informant left, the "boys" were thawing earth to prospect the claims.

The Government trail men, who went up on the last trip of the Otter, were still at Port Essington, unable to proceed with their supplies.

A great number of British Columbia Coast Indians had started for Sticken to engage in packing.

The ice in Sticken River is breaking up slowly. In some places the traveler comes across great fissures and chasms in the ice, through which the water foams and spouts in its eagerness to surmount the barrier. At other parts, where the current is not rapid, the water lies on the fields of ice and men have to wade through it waist deep. Of course all this makes traveling both difficult and hazardous, and few care to imperil their lives in braving the difficulties and have encamped on the river bank to await the final breaking.

Dr. Everson has excited the derision of little people of both sexes by stating in a lecture that "little women should go out of fashion. Physical diminution can be avoided by right methods in the use of food."

A New York girl got mad at her Kansas lover and expressed him 1,400 love letters. As she could express her own feelings by expressing his, they ought to be one.

Two hundred people in a Colorado town recently turned out in a body to look upon a bedstead with castors, it being the first one seen in the country.