

## Home News.

## PARAGRAPHS.

Strawberries are ripe.  
New potatoes in market.  
Linn county is full of Independents—thick as hasty pudding.  
Wednesday morning was cold and foggy.  
Business during the week only so-so.  
Two runaways on Tuesday—only two.  
The wife of Judge Baber has been unwell for some time.  
W. H. Scott, Esq., was in the city on Thursday.  
Jack Titus sold seven Singers last week.  
Judge Baldwin has taken the stump.  
Hugh Small was in the city on Wednesday.  
Dr. E. O. Smith has received a patent for a new dental apparatus.  
J. G. Gilmore has returned from his visit to Eastern States.  
Politics getting hotter and more of it daily.  
The street sprinkler is now a recognized institution of this city.  
J. B. Irvine, of Scio, called a moment on Thursday.  
The temperance ticket is a good thing.  
M. M. Hart will erect a neat residence out on Baker street at once.  
John Atkinson, Esq., late of the *Catholic Sentinel*, shook us up on Tuesday.  
The Willamette river is still in good boating stage, but freight is not offering very lively.  
Look out for the Astorian excursion on the 25th—it will doubtless prove a pleasant occasion to participants.  
Ford, Whitney and Humphrey are prosecuting it in Yamhill this week.  
The delinquent tax list was returned to the Council on Tuesday night.  
Our correspondent "Bedrock Democrat," hits some heavy blows. Read his communication this week.  
N. R. Barber is the new Mayor elect of Corvallis. Shave 'em, Barber.  
Saturday evening's express train ran over and killed a cow at the switch in this city.  
The Albany base ball club has been challenged to play by the Scio club.  
Quite a number of our people who have a desire to snuff salt water breezes, will go "down to the sea" on the 25th.  
The dance at James Scraftord's, on the Luckiamute, Benton county, last Monday night, is spoken of by the boys as a pleasant occasion.  
"Granger Watches" is the latest thing at Titus, Bouregard & Co.'s. Only \$15 each, and good time-keepers.  
A writer in the *Democrat* thinks the Ochoco diggings will pay from \$20 to \$30 per day to the hand if properly worked.  
The exhibition given by Captain McKay and his band of Warm Spring Indians, at Woodward's Gardens, San Francisco, on the 10th, were witnessed by about twelve thousand people.  
The village of Ridgeway, Iowa, was totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 6th. Thirty or forty families were rendered homeless. Loss estimated at \$1,000.

## A Speck of War.

New York dates give details of a horrible outrage perpetrated by Colonel Gonzales, Commandant of the port of San Juan de Guatemala, on the British Vice Consul, John Magee, with whom the Colonel had a personal difficulty with reference to the clearance of a vessel. They had a rencontre on the street, exchanging blows. On the 24th of April Gonzales summoned Magee to appear at his office, and the latter declining to come, Gonzales had him brought by soldiers. The Colonel then abused him, beating him over the head with a pistol, and declared he should first receive 400 lashes, and then be shot. Magee vainly invoked the protection of his flag, and the remonstrances of the United States Consul's Agent, James, were also disregarded. The Pacific Mail steamer *Arizona* arrived at noon, but Gonzales, seizing the telegraph office, planted two canon to cover the Arizona, had his victim brought out and 200 blows with a rattan inflicted. McGee fainted and was returned to prison, with the promise that the rest of the sentence should be carried out in the morning. Meantime, the news reached Salvador, and a detachment of soldiers was sent to San Jose, reaching there just as McGee was stripped for torture. Gonzales ordered his soldiers to shoot Magee, but they refused. He fled to the Arizona, pursued by Gonzales, when unseen hands among the passengers fired a number of shots at the villain, three of which entered his body. His boat was taken ashore, when he died soon afterward. The United States Minister at Salvador sent a dispatch, ordering the detention of the steamer, but the Captain, considering that the order was designed to keep the ship until the safety of the foreign residents was assured, decided to disregard it, and sailed for Panama April 25th.  
The British Government will doubtless demand prompt and full satisfaction for the insult.  
The Grand Encampment of the I.O.O.F., of California, met in Vallejo on the 11th. Thirty-four Encampments were represented.  
The Court of Inquiry in the Howard case closed its labors on the 9th, honorably acquitting Howard on every count.  
Sir Archdale Wilson, of England, knighted for heroic services at the capture of Delhi in 1857, is dead.  
W. S. Ladd, banker of Portland, will sail for Europe in a few days, accompanied by his family.  
In Spain the Carlists report a victory over the Republicans in the last battle.  
Liberia is the name of the steamer reported lost between Liverpool and Madeira.  
The *Pendleton Tribune* says: The cattle growers of Birch Creek, and vicinity made a large *Rodiero* on Tu-tu-willow on Thursday last. There were about seventy men present. Yesterday they were to make another on McKay Creek. This should be practiced at least twice a year, as it enables people to find their stock without much traveling—and they are not so liable to lose by straying.  
The "Vieuxtemps" Brothers are at Jacksonville, instead of Eugene City, many people will be misled.

## Pacific Slopers.

The mining season in Baker County will be short.  
The Rosedale Troupe will soon appear at Baker City.  
Grain in Union County is doing remarkably well.  
Jacksonville wants to celebrate the Fourth of July.  
Speculators from Victoria are buying up sheep in Union County.  
Baker and Canyon City are to have weekly connection by mail.  
Jacksonville people are being enlightened on the beauties of Spiritualism.  
Cattle are dying rapidly in the vicinity of Burnt River, Eastern Oregon.  
The farms around the residences of Baker City folks are being turned into orchards.  
"Barney Flanders," the fast trotting horse of Jacksonville, was sold for \$1,000 last week.  
Stonewall, an Indian at Jacksonville, went on the war-path a few days since. Ten dollars paid the bill.  
The Jacksonville *Times* was delayed publication several hours by the non-arrival of paper this week. But few persons knew it.  
F. L. Mace, who recently went to California to purchase some Angora goats, returned to Jacksonville on the 8th inst. with one hundred.  
On Thursday last Rev. Mr. Bell, of the Arkansas Conference, while cutting some fire-wood at Ashland, cut a severe gash in his foot, nearly severing it.  
A Democratic paper at Jacksonville is compelled to say the Republican primaries were fairly attended, which means considerably more than pleasant to Democracy.  
The Union County Republican Convention met in La Grande last Saturday. The delegates from La Grande precinct are D. Chaplin, J. L. Caviness, James McDonald and S. O. Swackhammer.  
At the Republican primary meetings on the 2d inst., at Jacksonville, the following gentlemen were elected delegates to the County Convention: Jesse Dollarhide, M. Bellinger, Joseph Blatt, G. Brown, John Boyer, W. J. Stanley, R. Armstrong, P. D. Parsons and S. Hall.  
Gov. Salmon informs the *Echo* that he has received orders from the Washington Coal Company to commence work next week opening their coal mine, near Tenino, and that work will be pushed vigorously from this time until a full supply for shipping is procured, and then the supply will be continued without abatement.  
The government dam now being erected across one of the slough mouths of the Willamette, adjoining Peary's Island, will, it is thought, injure the adjacent farms, and during the past week papers have been filed for an injunction against the work.  
Mr. Williams Watson, Reedsville, Washington County, is collecting samples of Oregon wool to send to Austria and Scotland. All favors by way of samples to Mr. W. will be duly credited and thankfully received.  
The *Seattle Intelligencer* of the 2d says: Yesterday, we noticed on one piece of the Seattle Railroad, with their coats off and sleeves rolled up the following gentlemen: Dexter Horton, Rev. Norman McLeod, Rev. Mr. Cosper and Capt. Geo. D. Hill. Chief Justice Jacobs and Hon. John Dem, similarly occupied, were not far off.  
Wood is worth \$12.50 per cord in this city. It is worth less

The officers of Utah claim now to have caught John Bender, brother of Kate and son of the old man.  
The Dayton, W. T., Woolen Mills have ceased operations for the present. Cause, out of wool.  
Martion Bennet, near Springfield, Lane County, cut a terrible gash in his foot last Wednesday.  
Saxe Brothers have sold over \$2,500 worth of blooded bulls at Walla Walla.  
Hon. S. M. Waite, of Dayton, W. T., proposes to tell the Grangers what he knows about the beet sugar business.  
The actual deficiency of Rob't J. Ladd, the defaulting school clerk, is reported by the committee who examined the books at \$12,791 54.  
A Forest Grove doctor has a live specimen of horned toad. It was sent to him from San Diego, Cal.  
The Steamer Dayton now makes only semiweekly trips up the Yamhill. Freight has become rather scarce up the river.  
A stampede of 300 head of cattle in Hillsboro on Tuesday created quite a stir and a tremendous dust for a short time.  
The coal shipment from Empire City for the week ending April 28, amounted to 9,000 tons and 150,000 feet of lumber was shipped in the same time.  
William Jones, formerly a screw-turner at Port Madson Mills, has been adjudged insane by the Probate Court of Kitsap county, and committed to the Insane asylum.  
Hiram Flickinger, of Corvallis, met with a painful accident on Thursday last, by cutting his knee with a drawing knife.  
Wheeler Simmons has offered the citizens of Hillsboro the use of sufficient ground for picnics, base ball purposes, and other outdoor meetings, for ten years, on consideration that they will fit up the grounds for said purpose.  
The election by the Vancouver Fire Department, on Monday, May 4th, resulted as follows: Chief Engineer, M. Wintler; First Assistant, P. Buckley; Second Assistant, G. W. Brock.  
William Hunter, who resides near the Chehalis Reservation, was arrested last Monday on a charge of selling liquor to Indians. He was bound over.  
Mr. Andrew McKeney, Supt. of the Renton coal mine near Seattle was killed last Thursday, by a loaded car getting away and running over him.  
Sheriff Palmer, of Benton county, has up to this date received and paid over to the County Treasury of his county \$24,210 in coin, on account of taxes.  
P. F. Baxter, Democratic candidate for Clerk of Benton county, has withdrawn from the ticket.  
The Ladies Relief Society cleared about \$425 at the concert recently given by the friends of the cause in Portland.  
Rev. D. W. Gray has been invited to accept the pastorate of the Forest Grove Congregational Church.  
The members of the Grand Army of the Republic are making preparations, already, for a celebration of Memorial Day—May 30th.  
There are twenty-three civil cases and six or seven criminal actions on the docket for disposal at the present term of the Circuit Court, for Polk county.  
A county school teacher near Vancouver gave a faithful pupil a prize of a fine-tooth comb.  
Report now has it that the fruit crop of Union County will be immense.

Eugene City wants to celebrate July the Fourth.  
Our exchanges are running over with picnic notices.  
Baker County folks are getting ready to attend the races.  
A man named Charles Esnie is missing from La Grande.  
Umatilla County is the locality of a revolting crime of incest.  
Salemites have commenced agitating about the Fourth of July.  
A grand reunion of Pioneers will take place at Aurora next month.  
The Grangers near Marion Station are going to picnic on the 22d inst.  
A representative of the San Francisco Bridge Company is in Salem.  
Work on the Olympia Railroad progresses finely.  
Victoria is livelier than it has been for ten years past.  
A large schooner was launched at Port Blakely last Thursday.  
Idaho Territory is following in the wake of the Grange movement.  
The work of grading Idaho City streets causes general satisfaction.  
Two Church pillars at the Capital engaged in a red-hot dispute a few days since.  
The Sheriff of Idaho County, I. T., has been caught up on a \$672 "irregularity."  
Mr Hardy has taken the place of Kimbal as Conductor on the eastside railroad.  
B. F. Drake has purchased of the county the cells and irons belonging thereto of the old County Jail at Salem.  
The Independent candidate for County Judge of Lane County practices with his revolver by shooting his neighbor's cattle.  
A little boy named Jellison, living in North Salem, met with an accident yesterday by which his leg was broken.  
Twenty wagon loads of flour from Coolidge's, for shipment by river, came into Salem Monday morning from Silverton.  
Oregon now has six more papers—four dailies and two weeklies—than she had six weeks ago. Every candidate will soon have an organ at this rate.  
A man near La Grande lately captured a monster wolf that measured in height 2 feet 9 inches; length, exclusive of tail, 5 feet and 9 inches.  
The *Daily Guard*, of Eugene City, has the cut of the eagle in its head "bottom" up and in its beak are the stars and stripes—"Union" down.  
A gentleman who is gathering to gather a band of horses for the British Columbia trade, purchased of the Indians of the Umatilla County, last Monday, six Indian ponies for \$17.  
The *Umatilla Tribune* says: If the dirty thief who stole our clothes line the other night will hang himself with it, he will oblige us very much, and we will publish a first class obituary notice of him free of charge.  
Charles Bowie is now canvassing Marion County for subscriptions to the Farmers' Association for the manufacture of wagons and agricultural implements. The capital stock is to be \$30,000, in shares of \$50 each.  
G. W. Hunt, Job Denyer and John Downing were appointed a committee at a recent meeting held at Rock Point, Marion County, to take under advisement the getting up of a "farm implement factory" in that vicinity. Report at a subsequent meeting.