

### Pacific Slopers.

The *Courier* says the temperance interest in Olympia seems permanent and deep.

Mr. Shield will shield the slumbers of Olympia hereafter. He has been appointed night watchman.

Lumber is being hauled for the construction of the Episcopal church at Union. Work will also commence on the Methodist church some time this summer.

LaGrande pays two or three men \$3 a day cash, for services performed as Fire Wardens. By ordinance they are required to inspect and report where danger lies.

At the late election in Union county, on the question of the county seat, the vote stood 519 for Union and 342 for LaGrande, and the dwellers in the latter town are indignant.

It is said there is a colony of about 300 Germans now on their way from Kelton, who are destined to settle either in Grand Ronde or Wallowa valleys.

A soldier named Patrick Dwyer is in jail at Walla Walla, held to answer a charge of selling whisky to Indians.

The necessary money for entering the town site of Lewiston, Idaho, has been raised and paid into the Receiver of that Land District.

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Lewis county will be conducted under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry, and conducted according to the Manual of the Order. The exercises will take place at a grove near Claquato court house at Chehalis station.

The miners have all left Swauk Creek and have crossed over to the Yakima river, where they found good prospects, but owing to high water have not been able to perform any considerable amount of work. There are about seventy-five men on the river waiting anxiously for the waters to recede.

Hon. James H. Hawley, of Boise county, says the water has run down pretty low and the heavy mining around Placerville and Granite Creek is pretty much over. They have had a short season, but the mines paid well. His company are making arrangements to get a mill on the Iowa mine, and this is his business over to Owyhee.

The Grangers are to appropriately celebrate the Fourth of July, this year, on Dry Creek, about twelve miles east of Walla Walla, near J. M. Lamb's place. There are to be orations, a barbecue, procession, music, and everything else that tends to promote enjoyment on such occasions. The orators are to be W. T. McKean and M. T. Crawford.

The *Courier*: "On Saturday evening last a railroad meeting was held at Columbia Hall, and well attended. The President of the road stated that there was a little over nine miles of road graded ready for the ties at that time, leaving only a trifle over five miles to carry the grade through to Tenino. To do this will require one month's labor for forty men and twelve teams, supplied with the necessary commissary stores. Speeches were made by Elwood Evans, Esq., Rev. J. R. Thompson, Messrs. Ira Ward and Jos. Allen. Eight months labor was subscribed.

The *Walla Walla Union* says: It is reported that rich diggings

have been struck in what is called the "Warren's Meadows." These meadows have long been supposed to contain vast deposits of gold, but it is so deep to the bedrock that heretofore they have not been able to work them successfully. Above the Meadows a stream that empties into these very rich mines has been worked for some time, and it has always been believed that this same vein ran through the meadows, but heretofore it was impossible to trace it. But now a rich deposit has been struck, and men are taking out as good pay as they did in the palmy days of Warren's Camp.

In the Circuit Court for Jackson county last week, the cases of the State vs Arch Chrisman, James Hards, Jos. Wells, W. B. Dearberry, Chas. Wilson, G. W. Watson Scarfaced Charley, Hooker Jim, Long Jim, One-eyed Mose, Old Doctor, Humphrey, Little Charley, Dave and Little Jim, were continued, except that of Scarfaced Charley, which, on motion of the District Attorney, was dismissed for want of evidence to convict.

Dr. J. M. Rice has a barrel on exhibition at Olympia that is constructed on a novel plan. Instead of staves, it is formed of a thin strap of board about eight inches wide, which is wrapt around a cylinder in a spiral. The joint is then joined by a narrow strip, and the whole retained in position by nails. The merits claimed for these barrels are cheapness of construction, strength and durability, and economy in space where they form a cargo. They are peculiarly fitted for lime and flour barrels, or for any similar purpose, where the contents are not liquid.

The *Jacksonville Times* says: "Shearing has commenced, and the wool is already arriving. Considerable has been shipped below during the past week, and the demand is good. Although the clip will be quite large, owing to the mortality among sheep last winter, it will not approximate the product of 1878. It is to be hoped that the Ashland Woolen Mills will be running soon, so there will be a market for this product at home."

At the election in Bismarck, recently, there were 230 votes polled, indicating in that village a population of over one thousand. At the election last fall, 425 votes were polled in the county, and many new settlers have since come in.

Information is wanted of one Michael McMann, who has been about Montana and Idaho for the past ten years. If living, Michael will find it to his interest to immediately communicate with his brother Thomas, at Owatonna, Steel county, Minn.

Alaska puts forth its claims to rival Minnesota as a resort for invalids, its winter climate averaging 30 degrees below zero, with remarkable equality as far as it can tell when the mercury isn't frozen.

Wool is being shipped from Olympia to San Francisco. About 8,000 pounds have already been sent away. The price paid ranged from 21 to 25 cents. Enough wool is now produced on the Sound to supply a good sized woolen mill.

About four thousand is the estimate of those that will celebrate the Fourth at Hillsboro. The Portland band will do the music. The report is that a train will leave Portland and St. Joseph about same time, passing at Cornelius.

The railroad track to the upper depot in Tacoma is completed, except blasting.

Chen Cheon, a Chinaman, applied for naturalization papers, one day last week in Seattle, and the *Dispatch* is wrathful about it. Wonders will never cease.

The Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad Company have now about 60 men at work on their road and are pushing it forward in a very creditable manner.

The work on the Olympia-Tenino railroad is steadily progressing. A force of 35 white men are now engaged on the line a little beyond Squire Plumb's place.

Hon. P. C. Sullivan has assumed editorial control of the *dallas Republican*.

The Grangers at various points of the valley have gone into the butchering business, and are selling meat at six cents a pound.

The *Crescent City (Cal.) Courier* says Jos. G. Wall has sent out a force of men to repair the road between that place and Jacksonville, Oregon.

A team belonging to Mr. Clonizer of Hillsboro, started to run away last Sunday, and Mrs. Clonizer sprang from the wagon, breaking her leg at the ankle.

A Mrs. Mull sprang from a wagon on leaving the park at Hillsboro and broke her arm near the wrist. Dr. Vite set the limb, and she is now doing quite well.

The *Olympia Transcript* says the premises of Mr. John Chambers were entered last Saturday during his absence and robbed of blankets, clothing, provisions, etc., to the amount of \$25.

It is talked in Olympia that a company has been formed with the design of buying the Orcas Island Lime Company's property, and engaging in the manufacture of lime on a large scale.

From the *Jacksonville Times* we learn that the entire Democratic tickets were elected in Jackson and Josephine counties, except one County Commissioner in the latter.

The committee appointed by the Patrons of Husbandry on the celebration of the Fourth at Hillsboro say that Hon. T. F. Campbell, of Monmouth, has consented to deliver an oration.

W. W. Fiddler, of Josephine county, states that rich diggings have been found on Bridge creek, in that county, and considerable excitement prevails in consequence. A large number of persons are flocking there.

It is said that contracts have been made by the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad, that give promise of an early completion of the first section of said road.

#### The Famine District of India.

Bubeyra was, on the occasion of my visit, a place where famine in its worst form had suddenly appeared, and taken all by surprise. The young civilian, who had just appeared, had to hurry off to another village; the engineer had only just arrived, and was without a horse or a conveyance, a house or food; and bands of hungry poor were daily coming in from their villages. Every official was working with a will, but all confessed, here and elsewhere, what was only too evident—that from four to six weeks had been lost.

As I stood in a mango grove with the young magistrate at my side, upward of a hundred women with two or three children each, col-

lected—collected, I should more correctly say crawled—around us in the space of five minutes. They were at once entered for charitable relief, and, as I left, hundreds of others, new cases, were flocking for the same purpose. The most callous could not look at the sight without being deeply moved. Some, in family groups, sat apart from others, the higher away from the lower or outcasts, all in the same dire straits, but the more respectable mute, passive, almost stolid. The observer soon learns to distinguish what I may call the two families—those which is pinched, anxious and imploring, and that which has gone further, and is marked by the far-away look which characterizes the dying. The magistrate told me he had just witnessed the death of a young man on the road, and his superior had reported the deaths of others, also youths, the day after they began to work. Another had told me of two Brahmin women who stood before him and bared their shriveled breasts, that he might see to what they had been reduced. But this sight seemed to me worse than those. While the names were being registered, some of the women similarly put aside their fluttering rags and then prostrated themselves on the ground, literally howling for food. Half of the children were suffering from that same affection of the eyes which I had seen at Pondoul, and which, I believe, is a solution of the cornea, caused by want. It is not unknown among the very poor who apply to our dispensaries in times of plenty. Others had sores and skin diseases, while one child of six was so far gone that his head rested always on his breast, and he had no strength to crawl or totter, while his mother—who, fortunately, had no others with her—could hardly drag the poor sufferer along. In a few minutes all were provided with rice. Returning to Durbunga, twelve miles off, along the new line of road, I rested in the large village of Madoopore. Most of the men and a few women were at work on the road. The Brahmins complained bitterly that they were not fed and could not work. A boy came up with a bleeding arm complaining that he had been assailed by a shopkeeper, whose stores he doubtless tried to steal. On this the whole village broke out into curses on the "bunnias," & traders generally, for selling food so dear. I visited the principal shop and found nothing but the coarsest millets and peas—no wheat or barley. Government rice was for sale at ten pounds to the shilling, but the people preferred the bulk of the coarser food at a penny a pound, which gave them at least one meal a day. A plaster pointed out to me the disappearance of the village dogs as a test of the intensity of the famine. The people can no longer feed them, and they die or are driven elsewhere. But a more fantastic test was a night I saw at the Durqunga end of the road as I was about to enter the town. An unfortunate starving, half-asstetic, half showman, passed me, with his monkey, on their way to the relief works. It would be difficult to say which was the more emaciated. Starvation seemed to have given the animal's face a more human expression than ever. There was a fellowship in suffering between the two which was most pathetic.—*Letter in London Times*.

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