

THE CIRCUIT COURT

For Linn county has been in session during the week; and several cases of considerable interest have come up for adjudication.

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Another thing which we noticed is the wide range witnesses are permitted to take in giving their testimony. Many of the ordinary Rules of Evidence, as laid down in the books, are totally ignored.

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The Oregon City Mills is capacitated to work 300,000 pounds of wool yearly, making about 6,000 yards of cloth weekly, and employs 89 operatives.

The Eagle Mills, located at Brownsville, Linn county, works 50 operatives, making 3,500 yards of cloth weekly, and consumes 1,500 pounds of wool annually.

The Ellendale Mill, in Polk county, near Dallas, has a capacity to work twenty hands, using 75,000 pounds of wool yearly, and can turn out 300 yards of cloth daily, and make 100 pounds of yarn.

The Oregon Iron Works, at Portland, works about fifty men, consuming daily about six tons of raw material, and turning out work to the value of \$1,000 per day.

There are other Foundries in Portland which do a business very nearly as large—and why the orator did not notice them we are at a loss to conjecture.

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OREGON CENTRAL RAILROAD.

We have before us the Report of the Special Committee to the Legislative Assembly, on the Oregon Central Railroad. We learn from this Report that a grant of twenty sections of public land per mile has been secured, from Congress, to aid in constructing a line of railroad from Portland, Oregon, to the Central Pacific Railroad, in California.

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A DESPERATE SPREAD.

One day last week, Humason, a member of the lower House from Wasco county, pretended to find fault with the manner in which the State Printer executed the bill printing for the House.

Humason is a printer, and his remarks were made for political bouce. He was and is well aware that the printing was executed in the best style.

Humason had concluded his remarks, and exploded one of his "speeches." He frothed and tore up the ground like a young bovine, and closed by offering a resolution directing the committee on printing to examine into the matter and report to the House.

Humason had better confine himself to his legitimate employment of teaching members of the Jones organization to go through the manipulation of the Order, hitting off cartridges, dropping bullets, flourishing ramrods, &c.

THE STATE FAIR.

Circumstances which we could not prevent us from attending the State Fair, this year—a thing we much regret. We have read, with some degree of interest, a lengthy account of the Fair in a late number of the Statesman; and from it we learn that Mr. S. A. Nickerson, of Lebanon, Linn county, exhibited a reaper called the "Oregon Giant," which cuts a swath of ten feet.

Decidedly the finest piece of this or any other country, was an exhibition, manufactured by Mr. John H. Lewis, of Oregon City. It took the first premium.

Just before adjourning, the Legislature passed a bill making the following appropriations:

- For salary of Governor, \$3,000; for salary of Secretary of State, \$3,000; for salary of State Treasurer, \$1,000; for salary of Librarian, \$1,000; for salary of Justices of the Supreme Court, \$20,000; for salaries of Prosecuting Attorneys, \$5,000; for salaries of Pilot Commissioners, \$700; for salary of Adjutant General, \$1,000; for salary of visiting Physician to Insane Asylum, \$1,000; to pay expense of conveying convicts to the Penitentiary, \$9,000; for the payment of expenses and salaries of the officers of the Penitentiary, \$35,000; to improve the Penitentiary grounds and buildings, \$10,000; for the care and medical treatment of the Insane and Idiotic, \$85,000; for public printing, folding, stitching and binding, \$10,000; for incidental expenses of the Legislative and Executive Departments, \$8,000; for newspapers for the Legislative Assembly, \$600; for salary of private Secretary of the Governor, \$1,200; for salary of Assistant Secretary of State, \$800; to pay for printing Proclamations of the Governor, and for blanks, \$400; for the exclusive use of the Gardner shackle for the State, \$5,000.

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Division of the State.

The proposition to divide the State of Oregon has been somewhat discussed of late, and the avidity with which the people west of the Cascades seize it, is the best proof that can be offered of the acceptability of the scheme to the public mind; and it is also an evidence of its wisdom which cannot be controverted.

The proposition is as follows: Give Oregon all west of the Cascade mountains, and lying between California and British Columbia; form a new State or Territory east of the Cascades, out of the Territory which would be detached by the Cascades line from Oregon and Washington, and a portion of Idaho.

THE SAIL FALL OF A PUBLIC MAN.

A St. Louis newspaper correspondent narrates the following sad story: Coming down Chestnut street, St. Louis, one day I was struck by the appearance of an old man past sixty, who wore a threadbare coat, shiny with constant wear and tear, and whose hat was bruised and soiled.

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LIST OF PREMIUMS.

Table listing various items and their corresponding premium amounts, such as 'Best fancy work basket, Mrs. L. Decker, \$1.00', 'Best framed picture, Mrs. J. Decker, 1.00', etc.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign News. New York, October 16.—The steamer Scotia brings the following news: A Florence dispatch says the following are the principal conditions of the treaty of peace between Austria and Italy: The frontiers to be added to Italy are those which constituted the frontiers of Venetia while under Austrian rule.

ARREST OF OREGON CONVICTS.

The Tehama Observer of October 13th, gives the following version of the arrest of two Oregon convicts recently escaped from the Penitentiary: On Monday last, Sheriff English, of Tehama county, arrested two escaped convicts from the Oregon State Prison, named Daniels and Frank Williams.