

The close observer has not failed to perceive the marked tendency to activity in real estate transactions, of late. Indeed, the indications of a general and healthful business activity, in the near future, in our town and county, are regarded by our best informed business men as almost an assured fact.

The good people of this valley are by no means insensible to the fact, that the question of cheap transportation is one of the most vital in its bearing on the general welfare, of all the issues demanding solution at their hands. Turn over the regulation of the rates of freights to soulless corporations, and you forge a chain, which will bind the producing classes—the bone and sinew of the country, into a condition of hopeless servitude, little, if any, better than African slavery, as it existed, prior to the war, in the cotton and rice fields of the south.

Now the man who, in the face of existing facts, can insist that there is no foundation for apprehension concerning the encroachments of monopolists and bloated millionaires, will not enhance his reputation with us, for sagacious foresight, nor elevate our opinion of his candor or common sense. The fact is, the consideration of these and kindred questions, is at this moment, attracting the attention and engaging the intellect of the best philanthropists and statesmen of our age and country.

The Rhode Island legislators are allowed \$1 a day and a newspaper

POPULAR EDUCATION.

One of the most encouraging features of the present age is the great interest manifested by our people, in the subject of popular education. The education of the children, through the instrumentality of the public schools, is the crowning glory of our institutions.

In this country, the life and property of every man and woman, is subject to, and dependent upon, the popular will. The people, themselves are the government. They dictate the form, the powers and the instrumentalities of government.

A COMMUNICATION.

In our last issue was published a communication from Oakville, Linn Co., Oregon, which was not plainly written and was very difficult to read. We handed it to the printers without noticing that it contained language concerning the Moores Ferry, which we would not under any circumstances have published if we had noticed it.

They have a ferry and charge a good remunerative sum for crossing people, and want and expect men to pay them for it, which it is their right to do, so long as they do not charge more than the rates fixed by the county courts.

A Circuit Court in Mississippi has awarded a woman \$14,000 for the killing of her husband a convict in the Penitentiary, by one of the guards.

ACTIONS IN CONGRESS.

A portion of the democratic press has been referring to the meetings held by the citizens of the various counties in relation to the Yaquina bay improvement.

Upon all occasions when referring to this matter they seek to elevate Mr. Grover and hit Mr. George a peck on the head. This is undoubtedly the cheapest manner that the people of Oregon have ever experienced in making political capital for Mr. Grover.

We are creditably informed and know it to be a fact that the plan adopted by Mr. George to work for the Yaquina bay appropriation was to introduce the bill for the amount recommended by the board of engineers as he had followed the amount of their recommendations for all other places of which they had made mention in their report for Oregon and when the bill was referred to the proper committee it was Mr. George's intention to go before that committee of which he was a member and bring to their notice the memorial of the legislature alluded to and all other matters to show the necessity and importance of an increased amount and if possible secure a recommendation of the committee to increase the sum to as great an amount as it was possible to get them to recommend.

The confidence reposed in Mr. George by the people of Oregon is not misplaced and he has the confidence of his party regardless of the effort of a few democratic sheets to belittle his efforts and cast a slur upon his name by holding up to public gaze such a man as Grover.

A NEW PAPER

We are credibly informed that the publication of a new paper is soon to commence at this place and to be of democratic proclivities. The Benton county Blade ceased its weekly visits to subscribers last spring, since which time the Gazette has been the only paper published here.

The democrats of this county are fortunate in having so active a worker as Mr. McFadden to assist in working up this enterprise in behalf of the party. There is no reason why two papers should not be sustained here. If the people of this county would support their papers like people of other countries do by subscriptions and advertising, two good papers could be maintained here handsomely.

We are not yet informed of the name under which our prospective neighbor is to sail.

THE FERRY QUESTION.

The subject of ferry charges, is still agitating the people, across the river in Linn Co. The unavoidable expense, to people in our neighboring Co. on account of having to ferry the river, every time they come to Corvallis, is a circumstance much to be regretted. Why not build a bridge across the river here? It would cost something of course, but the advantage accruing therefrom, would amply compensate for the expenditure.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

For Mr. Henry Villard Concerning the Depth of Water in Yaquina Bay.

Special despatch to the World.

Washington, February 4.—A recent statement credited to Mr. Henry Villard that there are but three feet of water on the bar in Yaquina Bay, Oregon, gives interest to the following very different statement, cited here from the Portland Oregonian of January 21, a paper which is understood to represent Mr. Villard and the Northern Pacific interest as completely as the Nashville American since the death of General Burch, late Secretary of the Senate, represents the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

The new steamer Yaquina arrived at Yaquina Bay last Friday. She crossed in at two hours flood, and found fourteen feet depth on the bar. She steamed straight up to the railroad works and landed her freight, thence went on to the Onetta saw mills and then returned to Newport to leave the remainder of the 300 tons constituting her cargo.—[Oregonian (Portland, Ore.), January 21.]

Inquiry in the proper quarters developed interesting results as to the official information on the subject. The depth of water on the bar at Yaquina Bay, by record of survey approved April 18, 1878, was nine feet, the same being the mean of lowest of low waters, and the average rise seven and eight-tenths feet. These results were practically the same as those of the soundings taken in 1870. The course of the current in the bay was then northeast, but later it became easterly by south, showing that the bar had shifted. There is no record of soundings by Government officials since 1878, which was doubtless the record of soundings in fact made in 1877. In 1880, upon petition from the Oregon Legislature for an appropriation of \$200,000, or so much thereof as might be needed for the improvement of the harbor, the Engineer Department recommended \$50,000 for that year. Congress appropriated \$40,000. The engineers recommended for 1881 \$25,000. Congress appropriated \$10,000. The recommendations for this year are \$60,000, and Mr. George has introduced a bill for that amount.

GENERAL.

President Arthur has rented a cottage at Long Branch for the summer. Patti was enthusiastic at the Cincinnati musical festival on Saturday. Heavy snow fall in Lake county. At Tule Lake the snow is 13 inches deep. A squaw was found hanging to the limb of a tree near the Umattilla agency recently. The Dayton public school contains about 300 pupils and is conducted by six teachers. The house bill to promote the efficiency of the life saving service was reported Saturday.

An unsuccessful attempt was recently made to burglarize Cressler & Bonners Bank at Cedarville. Frank Armstrong, late of Portland, suicided at the Rusa house in San Francisco recently.

An improved sulky plow has been patented by Mr. George Applegate, of Yoncalla, Oregon. An improved fax puller has been patented by Mr. Samuel W. Gaines, of Seio, Oregon.

Mr. Harry Burmester, a brakeman on the Northern Pacific, was lately run over by the cars and killed. The immediate deficiency bill upon which action was taken by the house Saturday calls for \$18,822,032.

The weather having moderated in Southern Oregon, mining will be resumed under what seem to be favorable auspices. The earnings of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company for December last were \$375,700 against \$157,574 for December, 1880.

The shoe manufactory of John H. Parker at Berlin Centre, Mass., was burned on the 18th inst. Loss, \$45,000; insured for 20,000.

Some excitement has been caused in Eugene by the report that a rich "silver quartz lode" had been discovered within two miles of the city.

We learn that Dave Winters, of Prineville, on February 2nd, had his leg badly fractured and thigh broken, receiving very painful injuries.

Broner Leonard accidentally shot himself, at his residence, Southwest of Silverton. His situation when last heard from was extremely critical.

F. C. Hausfus while working at a circular saw, on the 17th inst., at Portland, had two of his fingers so badly cut as to necessitate amputation.

R. L. Scott, the contractor who disappeared under suspicious circumstances about two weeks ago, is at Victoria, British Columbia.

A ten-year-old daughter of Samuel Grindstaff, Highland, Clackamas county, while playing at an open fire recently with her older sister, was burned to death. A fire in Hague street, New York, on Saturday night, destroyed stock and machinery valued at \$50,000.

Orville Jones, while walking along Second street the other day in Portland slipped and fell, breaking his leg. The wreck of the Corvica, at the mouth of the Columbia on the 20th inst, is a new reminder of the treacherous bar. The Governor has commuted the sentence of each of the following convicts in the State penitentiary: Yo Men Tock and Walla Po, two Indians, sent from Umattilla county; Fred Usher and John Hogan and China Charley, sent from Multnomah county.

Mr. Alvin Thomas, of Batte creek, lost his best horse the other day caused by entangling itself in a rope—this being three he has lost in the last six months.

Dr. W. H. Rabell, of Dallas, this week received a letter from his son Willie, who lately got his discharge from the British army. He is now in New Mexico and expects to be home ere a great while.

John Farrell was accidentally killed recently, about 8 miles from Oregon City, by the caving in of earth when he was digging in an embankment. The deceased leaves a widow and four children.

Mr. A. B. Marquam of Batte creek, in Marion county, recently killed a chicken and from its craw procured several specimens of gold, one piece which was as large as a common sized wheat grain.

O. & C. R. R. At the present time the weather is so stormy that it is not possible to push grading on the O. & C. R. R. and only 160 Chinese laborers are engaged on the work near Roseburg. When better weather comes the company will put on as many hands as can be obtained, and expect to get help from California.

Contracts have been made with A. S. Miller & Son for the supply of timber and construction of the bridges required for thirty-three miles south of Roseburg, which includes bridges across Myrtle creek and the South Umpqua.

Contracts for the manufacture of three million feet of lumber, with privilege of six millions if required, are pending with reliable parties at Roseburg, who will put mills on Cow creek on the line of the road, where excellent timber can be had.

DEATH TO MONOPOLIES.

W. W. Starr greeted us on Tuesday, with his usual, smiling countenance. He informs us that the Grange meet regularly in his neighborhood, at the Grange hall, and that said organization is in fine working order, well represented, both on the score of intelligence and numbers, and that they are very energetic and hopeful withal.

He also says, they have organized an Anti-monopoly League, in that precinct, which has held two meetings already, and that said organization proposes to take the blood-sucking monopolies by the throat and so shake them in the eternal grip of truth, that not a joint of their foul carcasses will cling to its ancient fastening. All right Bro. Starr; stir them up with the seven thunders of eternal truth.

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