Weekly Corvallis Gazette.

FRIDAY MORNING, APR. 13, 1883.

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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR BENTON COUNTY

President Arthur's party arrived in Florida on the 8th inst.

Secretary Chandler has issued an order fixing the length of a day's work in the navy-yards at eight hours.

It has been found that the deficit in the accounts of ex-Treasurer Churchill, of Arkansas, amounts to $233,600 87.

Jay Gould's yatch in which he expects to do some extensive traveling was launched at Philadelphia last Saturday in the presence of a large crowd.

Dorsey, ex-Senator, has been on the witness stand in the defense in his trial in the star route case. He denies all the damaging testimony given on the trial against him.

The tax payers should know and realize that a large portion of the tax money which they pay to run the courts, is incurred and caused by persons made criminals through intoxication.

An association composed of the sons of veterans was organized in Turner Hall, Cincinnati. The purpose of the society is to perpetuate the memory of the services of their fathers in the war of the Rebellion.

The order removing General George H. Thomas from command just before the battle of Nashville, afterwards revoked, and the existence of which has been denied, has been found among General Halleck's papers.

The tax payers are getting tired of having to pay the costs of a cutting scrape every week or two occasioned by a lot of fellows congregating around the saloons at all times of night when all quiet and well regulated people should be in bed.

The Governor of Kentucky recently received from U. S. Treasurer James Gilfillan a check for $29,498 94, on account of Kentucky's war claim against the General Government, making about $60,000 in all which has been received since Governor Blackburn has been in office.

A circular has been issued by M. F. Tarply, of San Francisco, calling the attention of wool growers to the necessity of an organization for the protection of wool interests. A call has been made for a convention of wool growers of California, to be held in Sacramento during next September.

A recent dispatch from New York says: The new French Reformed church, Rev. P. A. Seguin (formerly a catholic priest), pastor, was inaugurated in Morse's "Passion" hall today. The new church proposes to organize a school, library, and bureau of placement for the benefit of the French colony. This was the purpose to which the profits of the presentation of the "Passion Play," recently prohibited, were devoted.

The Mormons or latter-day Saints have been holding a protracted conference at Kirkland, Ohio. They denounce the Utah polygamous Mormons and claim that they are at war to the hilt with polygamous Mormons, and are working for the United States to divide them from the polygamous branch and recognise a distinction. They claim that the polygamous Mormons are mostly ignorant foreigners; that there are 150,000 polygamous Germans in Utah and are increasing at the rate of 10,000 per year.

Some of our City Councilmen during the City official year before the present one became convinced that the pay of the City Recorder's office was two or three times as much as it should be and that the larger portion of the city revenue was going in that manner into the pockets of city officials for inadequate services; and yet the same Councilmen some of them have served during the present year and have not dared to have stiffness enough in the upper lip to make any moove towards passing a fee bill reducing the pay of the city officials. The people should look out that hereafter they elect City Councilmen who dare to do their duty. Officials with the inactivity or pliability of puty should not be in any great demand.

The revenue of our city is but little if anything short of forty five hundred dollars per annum and it is difficult to imagine what beneficial results the tax payers realize for it. After the Recorder gets from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars per annum, the Marshal not quite so much, and a night-watch a little over seven hundred, and a few cross-walks are built, the whole sum is exhausted. The Recorders could not get near one third as much for the same time spent at any other business.

It would seem like the holes could be stopped and the leaks closed in our city government so that out of over four thousand dollars city revenue in one year fifty or one hundred dollars of that sum could be spent in cleaning the surface drains and other impurities over town in order that the filth and dirty water might be permitted to run off and thus give at least a half dozen citizens of the town a chance to live through the season and escape some dreadful scourge contracted from being exposed to the filth.

The Recorders office of this city is getting to be sought after by almost as many candidates as the Clerk's and Sheriff's office. The reason why so many are eager to get the position is because the pay derived therefrom is as much again as can be derived from the same amount of labor performed in any other kind of business. The fees charged by our city Recorders are twice as much as they should be. Another city election is near at hand and the people should take into consideration the importance of urging upon the respective candidates for Councilmen the fact that the new council should enact a schedule of fees reducing the Recorder's charges to not more than one-half the present rates. It is likely that it would be proper to make some reduction in the Marshal's fees but it seems likely that he is not paid near so much as the Recorder and it may be not too much. Such things should be investigated and properly regulated.

CROPS AND PROSPECTS.

The following gathered by the crop beauro at Chicago, shows the condition and prospects up to last March 24th:

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

For nearly twenty days the weather for March has been all that we could desire, when we take into consideration the vast and varied interest which so much depends upon this fickle month. We have had no storms of either snow or rain to add or to take from these so far favorable conditions for opening the seeding season of 1883. The frost is nearly all out of the ground in a very large portion of the Northwest, and the farmer is now ready to commence his great work fraught with so much importance to the civilized world.

The lookout upon the Pacific slope has not improved. The latest information by wire gives a discouraging outlook, and the lack of necessary rainfall in California to insure a full crop of wheat from that State continues. From Oregon, under date of March 10, "The unprecedented freezing weather during the first fourteen days of February killed all fall-sown wheat in the Willamette Valley" "Eastern Oregon has not suffered any loss in this respect. There will be no more shipments this season from Oregon." One of the most important items of news which directly effects American wheat producers is the fact that it is the intention of the English government to reduce the rates of transportation for wheat on the railways of India, to enable the wheat growers to compete with American farmers. The prospects for the next harvest in England and upon the Continent is still far from bright.

WINTER WHEAT.

Up to the 15 inst. winter wheat had pulled through successfully against flood, fly and freezing. The conditions since that date, and up to the present time, have been very much against the crop making a full average one. The weather has been trying in the extreme. The great want of rain over the entire wheat belt, and the dry, freezing weather, has told more against the crop than during the whole season since the wheat was sown. Wheat has made so little growth, and looks so poorly yet, that we must have good rains and warmer weather before we can even approximate the amount of real damage the crop has sustained.

There is no one State where the crop looks poorer than another, and, as we have stated, the general backwardness of the crop is the main feature against it at present. South of the Ohio river, in Tennessee and Kentucky, wheat is growing; but far below its growth at this date in '82. In Michigan the snow has not all gone off yet, and there are but few complaints so far of winter-killing. There is very little difference in the outlook of wheat to-day in Southern Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. All are watching and anxiously waiting for rains and warm; growing weather to give the wheat a good start. In Missouri and Kanas the weather at present is very dry and wheat is suffering for want of rain. The careful observer will plainly see that a decided change is needed at once in our winter wheat situation to insure a good harvest in 1883.

SPRING WHEAT AND OATS.

Seeding has commenced, but by no means general as yet. Nebraska has cast the first seed and Dakota has followed suit in a small way. Nothing has been done in Minnesota for the reason that there is too much snow on the ground. From present appearances we confirm what was stated in our Private Crop Report of March 6th, viz: "That we do not see much activity in seeding before the first week in April." There have been a few oats sown, but the late sudden cold and freezing weather has put a stop to it. The ground is fast getting into a fine condition for the reception of the seed, and we consider the general outlook of spring seeding very favorable. Reserves of wheat have moved quite freely during the first half of March.

CORN.

We are not done with the old crop yet. The Department of Agriculture at Washington gives us its idea as to the amount of corn on hand upon the 16th of March, 1883, which is 580 million bushels, or 36 per cent of last years crop. The monthly consumption of corn has been estimated at 140 million bushels. If these figures are correct corn must be scarce before we are able to handle another crop. Farmers have been selling corn very freely during the month of March, two factors being very largely in their favor; one being good prices and the other fine roads. There has not been a month of March for years when country roads over a very large area of the Northwest have been in as fine condition for internal traffic as they are to-day. There has therefore been no obstacles in the way of a very free movement of the reserves of both wheat and corn. This, however, will not continue long, as we are about to enter the most busy and active season of the whole crop year.

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

(Written by a special correspondent.)

ALCOHOL.

Alcohol is the intoxicating principle in all liquors, including wines, porter, beer, ale, cider, and every liquid that undergoes fermentation. Alocohol consists of four parts carbon, six hydrogen, and two of oxygen. It is not found in nature. It destroys vegetable or animal life. No animal or vegetable can live in it. When taken in the human system it coagulates the albumen of the blood and nerves. Albumen exists in the blood seventy-five parts to the thousand, and from five to seven parts to the thousand in the nervous system. Albumen is an organic substance. To *coagulate* an organic substance is to kill it. Every time a man gets drunk he kills himself to the extent of his intoxication. The proportion of alcohol in all intoxicating drinks are as follows:

Brandy .53 .39; rum .53 .68; gin .51 .60; Scotch whisky .54 .32; Irish whisky .53 .66; Genava whisky .55 .44; port wine .23 .26; Mederia wine .22; sherry wine .19 .20; champagne .12 .15; cider .7; burton ale .9; ale .6 .50; brown stout .6 .50; porter .4 .25; small beer .1 .25. These are all the products of the decomposition of cereal grains and of fruits, which contains the elements designed for man's nurishment in their natural state.

Wine is mentioned 261 times in the Bible. It is mentioned in *warnings* 121 times, warnings and reproof 71 times, it denounces as poisonous or venemous 12 times, it totally prohibits five times. Undeluded alcohol is a narcotic poison; it irritates the stomach, the brain, and every organ in the system. No other creature in the universe of God makes and uses alcohol but man, he alone uses it. It will kill a live man and will preserve a dead one.

Horse Posters.

We have recently received at this office, a new Cut to represent the Percheron and Clydesdale stock of horses, besides having a lot other cuts on hand. All person wanting stock or horse posters we can print them with a cut to suit most any style of horse.

Genuine pebble spectacles and eye glasses for sale at P. P. Greffoz.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Waitsburg *Times* is to be enlarged to a 32-column paper.

There are 118 patients in the insane asylum at Steilacoom, W. T.,

The Walla Walla driving park is advertised to be sold by the sheriff.

The Walla Walla police report shows but twenty arrests for the month of March.

A Mrs. Peter Brown suicided near Boise City, March 27th by taking strychnine.

The total amount of school funds distributed to Linn county the present year, is $10, 794, 40.

The sawmill at Colney, Lane county. is preparing to do a large business the coming summer.

Peter George, a Greek fisherman, slipped from his scow at Clifton, Thursday morning and was drowned.

C. B. Montague, of Lebanon, dropped a knife upon his foot, the blade penetrating a couple of inches and breaking off. It was extracted with difficulty.

It is reported that the steamer Yaquina has been chartered by Humo & Co., to remove the material for a cannery from the Columbia to the Coquille.

There remains of the Coos bay appropriation unexpended about $9000. It will be expended in about four months.

A prominent boat builder estimates that there will be 300 new boats built in Astoria for this fishing season at $210 apeice.

The Coos Bay *News* says: There is a great demand for labor in that county. wages ranging from $35 to $60 per month and board.

The officers of the projected Seattle & Gray's Harbor R. R. Co. are considering the question of a branch line to Baker's Bay.

There is 11 feet of water reported on the Coquille bar, and the breakwater improving it beyond the anticipations of the most sanguine.

The Clatsop mills cut 125,000 feet of lumber daily and this does not supply the demand.

Major Adams' paper, the *Columbian*, published at St. Helens, will be enlarged next week to twenty-eight columns.

The 500 yard race near Lafayette last Friday afternoon, between Boatman's bay horse from Dayton, and Dudley's sorrel horse from Muddy, was won by the latter by nine feet.

A large acreage on Canby prairie has already been planted in potatoes. Unless an exceptional season occurs, there will be raised in that nook in the woods, about 20,000 bushels.

Jerry Meeker and Eliza Odell, students of the Indian training school, were married March 31st. At the same time and place David Brewer and Kate Loulin, also students, were married.

Oscar Gaibard, aged 18, died near Rock Point last Friday of diphtheria.

Fred Houck, of Ashland, had an arm broken while wrestling with a playmate.

Baker county has 1,591 children of a school age. Of this number 705 are enrolled in the public schools and 226 in private schools.

During the present term 140 scholars have been admitted in the Heppner school, requiring a force of three teachers.

Goldendale elected a city temperance ticket.

Italian fisherman recently caught a large devil fish near Seattle.

Stage lines are to run from Missoula to the Kootenai county.

The steamboat Northwest is laid up with a broken shaft at Ainsworth.

Rumor has it that the Wilkeson coal mines will soon be opened.

A. K. Woodbury has sold the Spokane Falls *Chroniele* to H. T. Cowley.

Members of the German Methodist church at New Tacoma propose to erect a church.

On last Friday night the breakwater at the central pier of Ainsworth bridge was swept away.

Hanson & Co.'s mill at New Tacoma is being enlarged, and next month will cut 225,000 feet daily.

The sum of $3,900 has been subscribed toward the purchase of grounds for county fair purposes at Walla Walla.

The Walla Walla city council have placed the liquor license at $550 per year, but one councilman voting against it.

Dr. Fruiht, advance immigrant agent, has just gone into the Big Bend country to pick out locations for fifty families.

Josiah Merritt, a pioneer of King county W. T., died suddenly at his home near Falls City last Thursday. His age was about 65 years.

Messrs. Wiscombe, Johnson and Burns are erecting a steam mill and sash factory at Spokane. The machinery is to cost $5,000.

There is considerable excitement among the Indians near Goldendale, as it is understood they have all been ordered to reservations.

Bishop Owens has bought 144 acres on the beach back of Ilwaco. The intention is to erect buildings for conference and camp meeting purposes.

On Monday, the 2d inst., several men were injured by a falling bucket in a well at New Tacoma. Chas. Getzmeyer received injuries about the head.

A new Baptist church was organized in New Tacoma, on Wednesday of last week, with ten constituent members: Rev. J. Beaven, late of Rictoria, was called as pastor.

Bateman's force of track-layers left Walla Walla Sunday on the Palouse branch. The train consisted of 21 cars fitted up for the work.

On last Saturday, R. Scott & Son sold 200 acres of land between Freeport and Alki point, for $6,000, to a gentleman from the east. He will at once commence clearing the land, preparatory to establishing a large orchard and immense small fruit garden, to supply in a measure the Seattle market.

The Goldendale *Gazette* says: This week we met a representative of the O. R. & Co. who says he has been sent to make a thorough inspection of this, the Yakima and Kitititas valley county, to see what is the present outlook for a crop and the prospective value of the country as an agricultural region.

The hook and ladder outfit purchased for the new company organized at Seattle last fall has arrived in San Francisco from New York, and will come up the coast on one of the first steamers ten days hence. It consists of a truck, 4 ladders, eight Babcock fire extinguishers and an unknown number of hooks, etc. The whole rig cost $1,260 to the time of its landing in San Francisco

Seattle *Intelligencer*: Some time during Friday night, thieves broke into the postoffice, entering through a side window, but for some reason they did little or no damage to the contents of the office, probably owing to being scared out before they had time.

Victoria ship carpenters have struck for $5 a day and work is nearly suspended.

E. A. Wadhams is building a new cannery near Ladner's landing on Fraser rer B. C.

Twenty-five thousand brick were lost in Victoria outer harbor week by the capsizing of a scow.

Mr. James Reid, late of Portland, is making preparations to establish an extensive cannery for salmon on Smith's inlet, B. C.

Marshal Kearney arrived from San Francisco on Friday evening, having in Charge Andy Campbell, who is believed to have robbed the Oregon City post office, over a year ago. He captured his man in Dakota. Campbell was arrested for the crime shortly after it was committed, but was released.—*New Northwest.*

There is a great scarcity of men in the Pen d'Oreille and Clark Fork divison of the Northern Pacific.—*Walla Walla Statesman.*

The work of laying the foundatisn of the M E Church at Lewiston, Idaho, has begun. The building when completed is expected to cost $7,000.

Pomeroy W. T., *Independent* says: The country is full of people looking for homes and business in our great country. Let the citizens aid all they possible can.

The Indian School at Shoal water bay closed for want of attendance.

The *Astorian* says: Whatever corner you go to in the city (or, if you prefer, take your stand in the middle of the block, should there be a vacant lot), you will find that some one is building or getting ready to build. The worst of it is that the houses are all rented before the roof is on.

The Dallas *Itemizer* says that the school directors of the Dallas district No. 2 have let the contract to build the new school house to D. J. Riley, of the firm of Harris & Riley, for the sum of $2'360.

Coquille City is rapidly improving.

Ship crews are in demand at Coos Bay.

An anti-Chinese laundry is to be started in Astoria.

The corn crop in Jackson county promises to be abundant this year.

The Newport mine in Coos bay is turning out a superior quality of coal.

The crops through the Waldo hills section of Marion county are looking finely.

The Coos Bay road is now in splendid condition, and stages are making daily trips.

It is claimed that the supply of water in the the wells at Umatilla county is yearly increasing.

The Ashland woolen mills shipped $15,000 worth of its goods to a San Francisco firm recently.

It is thought that a grist and saw mill would be a good investment at Myrtle Point, Coos Co.

P. Avery has purchased 1000 head of cattle in Jackson and Josephine counties to drive to the Chewsucan valley.

John Applegate of Scott Valley had the misfortune too loose his house by fire on March 6th. Loss about $2000.

John Eubanks, living in Oakland, met with a serious accident last week by his horse falling upon him and breaking his collar bone.

Wm. Sampson, mail carrier between Oregon City and Soda Springs, had a narrow escape from drowning last week while fording the Molalla.

A force of men under the immediate supervision of F. W. Abbott will soon be put to work clearing out the great Malheur mining ditch, preparatory to running in water for the use of miners.

The Walla fire department numbers 155 members.

The cash receipts of the Olympia land office for the month of March were $29,000.

The county seat question is agitating the Lewiston and Moscow I. T., papers.

Reports from British Columbia waters are to the effects that the spring run of salmon is unusually large.

The Olympia *Transcaipt* is agitating the question of improving that harbor, either by dredging or piling out to deep water.

The three hop kilns on the San Juan island have, during the winter, doubled their facilities, and this season will turn out 3000 barrels per week.

A 30 foot salmon is reported as caught in Siuslaw bay.

Adamsville is the latest. It is located in Umatilla county.

Seven divorce suits on the Lake county docket the present term.

The hills in Lake county are looking green and stock are doing well.

There are three canneries running this season on the Siuslaw river in Lane county.

Mayor Chrisman started from Lake county recently with 3000 head of horses for the Montana market.

Mr. Fred Hurst, an experienced miller of Salem, has purchased the Lincoln, Polk county, flouring mills of Mr. L. Abrams.

Wild geese were numerous on Bear creek and Rogue river last week.

A much larger area of grain has been sown in Josephine county this season than usual.

The Ashland meat market has been closed for several days past owing to the scarcity of beef cattle.

Bates Willard, son of Thomas Willard of Beaver slough, accidently shot and killed himself while drawing a load from a shotgun.

C. Magruder of Central Point, has purchased quite a number of cattle recently, which will soon be driven east of the mountains, where he has a good sized band already.

One of the employees at the Grave Creek tunnel met with a severe accident on Monday of last week. The facing of the tunnel caved in upon the workmen and buried this man up. He was terribly bruised and mangled.

LEGAL.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Guardian of John D. Mulkey late deceased, has filed his account for final settlement of the affairs of said guardianship in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, and

SATURDAY, THE 7th DAY OF APRIL A. D. 1883,

at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the Court house in Corvallis, said Benton County is the time and place fixed by said Court for hearing and determining objections to said accounts and the final settlement thereof.

This 6th day of March 1883.

A. G. MULKEY,
Guardian of John D. Mulkey.

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PRODUCE PRICE CURRENT.

Wheat in Portland firm at 195 per cental. It may now be fairly quoted here clear:

Wheat	$1.00
Oats	50
Wool per lb	21 to 23
Flour per barrel	5 50
Bacon, sides	12 to 14
Hams	15 to 16
Shoulders	10 to 12
Lard, 10 lb tins	15 to 16
" Kegs	13 to 15
Butter, fresh rolls	20
Eggs, per doz	16
Dried apples, Plummer,	8 to 9
" Sun dried	6 to 7
Plums, pitless	10 to 12
Chickens, per doz	3 00 to 3 50
Hides, dry flint	10 to 13
" green	6 to 7
Potatoes	1 00
Geese, tame	6 00
Ducks, "	3 50 to 4 00
Onions, per lb	3 to 4