

News Summary.

A petition for a prohibitory amendment to the Constitution found 4,000 signers in Linn county.

About one-fifth of the ladies of Walla Walla have registered with the intention of voting at the next election.

Within the last month upwards of 800 emigrants have located north of the Northern Pacific railway in Washington Territory.

The Dominion government is about to erect extensive barracks for a regiment of soldiers at Victoria. The fortifications are also to be strengthened and enlarged.

The Marion County Commissioners have appropriated \$200 towards carrying a case to test the mortgage law, up to the highest tribunal and so obtain a final verdict.

A movement is on foot to divide Multnomah county, taking that part lying east of the Willamette river for a new county with East Portland as a county seat.

According to the roadmaster's report 14,567 head of cattle were imported into the Yellowstone valley in 1882. The exports during the same year were 33,573, showing the excess of exports over the imports to be 18,006.

James Watkins mail carrier on the Sams valley and Butte creek route, Jackson county has been arrested for appropriating to his own use \$100 entrusted to him by R. B. Brown of Eagle point, to deliver to C. C. Beckman.

Reports from Eastern Oregon concerning the coming wool clip are cheering. The increase of flecks will average 100 per cent., and as the sheep have been kept in good condition all winter the clip will be unusually heavy.

The most dangerous counterfeit silver dollar ever known is now in circulation at Salt Lake city, all branches of trade being caught by it. An assay will be made of it as it is believed to be of pure silver and overweight. It is not known where it is made.

At the close of the Mormon quarterly conference in Salt Lake recently, president John Taylor put to a vote the question, "Shall we uphold the doctrines of our church, including polygamy, stand by it and defy the powers of the nation?" and 7000 Mormons shouted "Yes."

The Wasco Sun says that an immense fish wheel now in construction at the Dalles will soon be completed and in position. It is the people of Eastern Oregon wish to preserve the fish that annually come from the ocean and ascend the Columbia, they will insist that to use a fish wheel shall be unlawful.

The City Recorder went below Pendleton Oregon, and married a couple the other day, and afterwards discovered that he was outside of his jurisdiction. The couple were notified and came into town, and were once more pronounced man and wife. Very few couples can boast of being married twice in one day.

Reports from the Payallup hop fields are to the effect that pretty much all of the poles are set and cultivation with the plow is well under way. The plants are in splendid condition, and while it is too early to venture a prediction on the crop it is certain that the prospects could not be better.

A correspondent of the Olympia Courier at Tenino, writes of a cedar log cut near that place, which measures 93 feet and 6 inches in length, and 2 feet and 6 inches in diameter at the small end. It contained 7,000 feet of lumber. This is supposed to be the largest cedar log ever cut in the Territory, if not in the United States.

The Ashland saloon keepers demanded a jury trial when examined for violating the Sunday law and were acquitted. This said nearly all the jury had some of the "pig." The city officers, however, propose doing their duty, and Monday morning of last week the saloon keepers were nearly all "pulled" again for violation of the law the day before. They propose carrying the matter up and testing the legality of the law.

The Astoria Independent in writing up the Ceur d'Alene mines, says: From a gentleman who has just returned from there we are informed that all the gold taken out of the mines last summer was three ounces; that at present there is five feet of snow on the ground, while hundreds of men who went there are dead broke and are praying to get out of the country.

A month or so ago, says the Seattle Post, rich placer gold diggings were discovered on a stream in Snohomish county. No noise was made about the matter, but yesterday a company was formed in this city composed of our best citizens, for the purpose of developing this discovery. The stream will be turned so that a mile and a half of the river bed will be exposed so that it can be worked on an extensive scale. We are not at liberty to give further particulars at this time.

Barney Rees and Tim Terrel have jointly located 160 acres of mineral land lying along the north fork of the John Day river, Oregon. They claim to have discovered an old river bed, lying about twenty feet above the present one, from which good prospects of gold were obtained from near the surface down as far as they went. A company is now being formed to develop the mine, and quite a number of citizens have taken stock in the enterprise.

Roseburg Plaindealer: The amount of mortgages, upon which taxes are reported delinquent, held by foreign parties, in this county, is \$173,212, the tax on which for this year is \$3464.24.

Forty-four miles of telegraph line from Ceur d'Alene City to Eagle City has been completed and the other twenty miles will be up in two weeks, says the Walla Walla Journal.

There were 129 patients at the Territorial Hospital for the Insane at Steilacoom, W. T., on the first of April. One has since died and one discharged, leaving 137 there at the present time.

The Red Men of Jacksonville have decided to build a structure 100 feet in length and will commence work on the same as soon as the plans and specifications can be drawn up. It will be built in modern style and will likely be one of the handsomest buildings in southern Oregon.

Charles Keaton, the young man arrested for connection with the stage robbery near Grant's Pass, after a hearing before Justice Huffer, was held to appear before the next grand jury. His bonds were placed at \$1000, and not being able to secure that amount he was locked up in the county jail.

The Jacksonville Sentinel says there are chances there for five tickets in the field for the Jackson county election next June, as follows: The court house Democratic ticket anti-court house Democratic ticket, regular Republican, the "people's" ticket and the Prohibitionists. Out of all these the Woman Suffragists will make a ticket of their own.

The art department of the Willamette University has given signs of remarkable prosperity during the year in the quality, quantity and efficiency of the work done, as well as the number of pupils in attendance, says the Salem Statesman. There are at present thirty-five workers in this department, while the number enrolled up to this date was 45, eleven more than any previous year.

Mr. Sam Presley who resides above Kittitas valley, says the Yakima Signal, has a girl nearly three years of age that only weighs fifteen pounds, while her height is not more than twenty inches. She weighed seven pounds the first week of her birth, and has therefore increased in weight only eight pounds in the course of her life. She is apparently well and healthy, and possesses a fine head of hair, and talks and acts like other children.

The fishing season a year ago was opened earlier than this, consequently money was more plentiful, says the Astoria Independent. There are only a small portion of the canneries running as yet; one year ago there were nearly 1000 boats out, while this year only about a hundred are running. The catch has been very light up to the present time, but has been larger the past day or two. It is expected that nearly all the canneries will be running by May 1st.

Three gangs of Chinamen are strung along the railroad between Centerville and Pendleton, engaged in graveling, ripping and putting the road in good running order. It is learned that as soon as this work is completed the track will be extended from the depot into the city, but will probably not connect with Blue Mountain during the summer. Trains are running regularly, and the large piles of wheat that have been stacked at Centerville and Adams for such a long time are daily growing smaller.

A few days ago Charles, a son of Dr. D. S. Stryker, of Drain, while out hunting grouse was by accident shot by his brother George. The circumstances, as reported are that while passing through some brush, Charles being in front of George, when the hammer of the gun that George was carrying was caught in the brush and the gun discharged. The shot took effect in the lower part of the hip and raged down toward the knee, bulging in the muscles of the leg. It is a painful but not necessarily dangerous wound.

The town of Victoria was thrown into a state of intense excitement recently by the arrival about dark of a man named George Brown with \$900 in gold nuggets, which he reports he got on a stream about twenty miles north of Victoria. He says he discovered a great quartz ledge, extremely rich, and is going back. Parties of men are reforming to follow him back. Gold has been known to exist in that vicinity for many years and many large nuggets have been picked up in the streams from time to time but this is the largest find yet. The gold shown has quartz attached, and bears evidence of having been broken from a ledge recently.

From the annual report of the county superintendent of Polk the following statistics are obtained: Whole number of organized districts in the county, 48; districts reporting 48; persons of school age, 2678; pupils enrolled in the public schools, 1699; average daily attendance, 1149; number of children between the ages of 4 and 20 years not attending any school, 344; estimated value of school houses and grounds, \$29,125; value of school furniture, \$3,235; amount paid out for teachers' wages during the year, \$10,247; in the hands of district clerks at the close of the year, \$2,655; amount apportioned April 1, 1884, \$12,301.93.

The following is the report of the committee on health of the Eugene City common council, for the year ending April 14, 1874: We find the death rate greater for the past twelve months than has been for previous years, taking in consideration that during this time our city has been visited by a severe epidemic of scarlet fever. However, we are glad to report the health of our city good at this time. During the past year the total number of deaths in the city has been twenty-three, from scarlet fever, 12; from old age, 2; other causes, 9. Twelve were under the age of 12 years.

Legal blanks furnished at this office on short notice at less than San Francisco prices.

We suppose there are few counties where the farmer, generally, has as easy a time as in this, says the Dayton, W. T., Journal. The other day we passed a farm on Whiskey creek, which was just having the spring crop put in. Four horses were drawing a large harrow, and the driver was riding a fifth one, smoking a pipe and taking it easy. A wagon filled with grain stood in the center of the field, and in another place was a horse bearing a sack of wheat across its shoulders and a man on its back, who was sowing the seed broadcast.

Last week a cutting affray took place between Oscar Bergman and Stonewall Mothershead, two young men of Buena Vista. The trouble commenced in the morning by Mothershead accusing Bergman of poisoning some dogs. They had some bitter words during the day. At the time above mentioned Mothershead was standing near the pottery works of A. M. Smith, talking the matter over with his stepfather and a brother of Bergman, when Bergman came up, pulled off his coat, and struck Mothershead with his fist. The latter returned the blow with a pocket knife which he had in his hand at the time whittling a stick. The knife entered the abdomen on the right side, making an ugly and very serious wound. He was taken to his hotel and a physician summoned. At last accounts he was resting as well as the nature of the hurt would permit. Both are young men of respectable families and good habits.

The Times Mountaineer publishes the following fish story: We are not attempting to rival Baron Munchausen or Eli Perkins in publishing the facts about a fish which found its way into the press-rooms of the "Times Mountaineer" office last Wednesday afternoon, but to relate a simple fact. In working off the outside on our Potter power press, the foreman noticed the force decrease until the motor stopped completely and refused to revolve. On unscrewing the valve to ascertain the cause, it was found that a fish of considerable dimension had found his way through the pipe and was wedged at the entrance of the motor. It is unnecessary to state that the amphibious creature was dead when taken out and exposed to view. The fish was 7 or 8 inches long, and of the species commonly known as sucker. We will not dwell pathetically on the perilous voyage of this solitary fish from the reservoir, through the main and into our office, but simply pen the facts as they occurred.

Very rich and extensive discoveries of carbonates were found April 10 in the forks of Eagle creek, six miles from Eagle. No assays have been made, but crude tests establish that they are unquestionably carbonates, rich in silver. Few hundred men are now prospecting in the vicinity of the discovery, which was made on the southern slope of a divide, where the snow is gone. The camp is greatly excited over the discovery. Colorado men who have worked carbonates for years are most enthusiastic over the prospects of an extensive carbonate field. The snow is gone on the southern slopes, and only four or five inches remain in the timber on the Pritchard and Eagle creek bottoms, and that is dissolving fast. We have here one of the finest quartz belts in America. Work done during the winter has established the fact that the places will pay to work for the entire length of Pritchard creek. The bedrock has been tapped by several drain ditches at six feet.

Last week a fatal accident occurred near Canyon City. A lad named Willy T. Riley, aged about 12 years, son of Charles and Susan Riley of Canyon City, met with a fearful death. It appears that Willie was stopping for the past three weeks at his father's sheep camp, and on Friday morning he started home on horseback, to visit his parents. While riding alone, and a short distance this side of John Day, his horse must have stumbled and fell, and the boy's spur on the left heel becoming entangled in the halter rope, Willie was thrown, and the horse being thereby frightened, ran, dragging and kicking him. The horse crossed the swollen creek with the helpless body dragging at its side, and then returned and again entered the creek, following it downward about three hundred yards, when it is supposed the water caused the spur strap to stretch and pull off from the boot, and the lifeless body floated down the stream a short distance and lodged against a drift, where it was found.

Mayor F. B. Dunn of Eugene City, has recently submitted his annual report, from which the following extracts are made: During the year just passed there have been erected in the city fifty-four dwellings, five brick store houses, and by your order, under the direction of a building committee, a building designed for an engine house and city hall combined, and where our engine and hook and ladder apparatus are snugly housed and where our firemen have a nicely furnished hall in which to hold their meetings, and is generally appreciated by the boys. This building does credit to the city, and cost, together with the furniture of the council chamber \$3,453.25. There was received by the treasurer from all sources, as per his report, \$5,099.34. Paid out on orders \$5,693.88. Cash on hand \$5.46. Warrants have been drawn on the treasurer for \$6,950.93, \$1,257.05 unpaid, \$1,000 of which is a warrant in favor of G. H. Park, balance due on engine house. Included in this \$6,950.93 is \$4,042.25 for permanent improvements, \$332 for debts of last year; total, \$4,374.25, showing that our current expenses have been about \$2,576.68.

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The Other Side.

It seems to me that the figures so familiar to all readers comparing license and no license States is not the worst side of drunkenness. The most frightful effects of the drink habit are not those which can be tabulated in statistics and reported in the census; it is not the waste of coin nor the destruction of property nor the increase of taxes nor even the ruin of physical health, which most impresses the mind of the thoughtful of inebriety. It is the effect of this vice upon the characters of men as it is exhibited to him day by day in his ordinary intercourse with them. It is in the spiritual realm that the ravages of strong drink are most terrible. Body and mind are so closely connected that when one suffers the other must share the suffering and the injury; the physical health resulting from intemperate drinking must, therefore, be accompanied by similar injury of the mental and moral forces. The spiritual consequences of drunkenness are overlooked; it is the money point of view that usually arrests the attention. The high license law is regarded by the W. C. T. U., first as unjust, because tending to create a monopoly in liquor selling, to build up the powerful dealers who already do the most harm, and to crush out the weaker who do the least; secondly as unwise financially, because if the dealer pays \$500 instead of \$100 for his permit to engage in the business, he must certainly prosecute his trade more vigorously to win back his extra \$400 which has gone into the city coffers, thus producing more misery, poverty and crime. Thirdly as unwise morally, since it lends respectability and tone to the dealers who can afford the toy, and increase their ability to lure "the weak brother" and the sons of respectable homes and parentage; fourthly, and the most important, as unchristian, because it is like all license laws, a recognition and permission of a traffic which is a crime against evil and sin, against divine government. It is also such a recognition and indorsement as tends to perpetuate rather than weaken or overthrow the system. L. H. A.

Be Sure and Read This.

Having sold an interest in the GAZETTE, its subscription list and printing office on the first of January, last, it becomes necessary that all debts in which I own an interest be paid. In order that all parties may know the amount of their bills we have been sending out statements of accounts to all former patrons and will continue to do so until all of these debts are paid. We hope therefore all persons will pay without a second invitation. If any one knowing themselves indebted, and through our oversight shall fail to receive a statement, we hope they will take warning from this notice and pay up at once. M. S. WOODCOCK.

DECISION OF THE WATER CASE.—Last week Judge Boise rendered his decision in the case brought by the City of Salem Co. against the Salem Flouring Mills Co., concerning the division of water by the new dams in Mill Creek near this city. The judge found from the evidence that the Salem Flouring Mills Co. has been getting by the dam which it put in last summer 25 per cent. more of the water flowing down Mill Creek than the City of Salem Co. has been receiving; and he further found that each company was entitled to one-half of the water; and ordered that the dams be so modified as to give the City of Salem Co. an eighth more of the water flowing down Mill Creek—thus giving to each company the same amount of water. The Judge has had the case under advisement about six weeks since it was argued and submitted, by J. W. Bower and Tilmon Ford for the City of Salem Co., and J. J. Shaw and Geo. H. Williams for the Salem Flouring Mills Co., and his decision, which is in writing and filed with the Clerk, indicates that he has studied the case thoroughly, and it is to be hoped that the water question is now finally settled between our two enterprising flouring mill companies.—Statesman.

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