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News Summary.

Walla Walla farmers are estimating the coming crop at forty bushels to the acre.

Gordon, late editor of the Seattle Herald, is reported as the editor of the forthcoming Victorian Times.

The taxable property of the city of McMinnville, according to the assessment of 1883, amounts to \$313,558.

Sixty million pounds of copper are said to have been produced by the Lake Superior copper mines last year.

The altitude of Thompson's Falls, Montana, is the same as that of Eagle, viz: a little less than 2300 feet above sea level.

The Willamette University's fortieth commencement exercises will be held in June, from the 7th to the 12th inclusive.

From a most reliable source the Walla Walla Union learns that the money has been raised to build and equip the Palouse branch to Moscow.

There will be nearly 7000 Chinamen and the greater number of 1500 white men thrown out of work by suspension of railroad work above Redding.

Initiatory steps have been taken for organizing a law department to Willamette University. Judge Ramsey has been appointed Dean, and Judge G. H. Bennett, Prof. J. T. Gregg and District Attorney Holmes, Professors.

Men are engaged in searching in a Six-mile Canyon, below Virginia City, Nev., for treasure supposed to have been buried there by the outlaw Davis, who was killed while attempting to rob Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express, near Battle Mountain, a few years ago.

A new vault of the sub Treasury, which is twenty feet long, ten feet wide and eight feet high, will be ready in a short time for use. At present there are in the sub-Treasury vaults \$81,900,000, a little more than \$43,000,000 of which is gold, \$25,000,000 silver and \$11,000,000 paper.—S. F. Call.

Albany Engine Company No. 1, of Albany, has extended an invitation to the fire department of Salem to attend their 16th annual picnic to take place in Albany May 16th. Special arrangements are being made to make the picnic on this occasion particularly interesting and a number of prizes will be given for those who are most successful in various contests.

A gentleman from Olympia, says the Argus, who has had large experience in the oyster business, has made a partial prospect of Port Discovery bay in the hope of finding a natural bed of those delicious bivalves. He dredged up a number of shells and considers the prospect very good. He will return soon with a complete apparatus and make a thorough prospect.

The hop growers of Puyallup valley have begun training their hops, says the Ledger. The vines present an appearance of great thrift. Some of them reach as high as a man's shoulder, or from four to five feet high. The vines are trained by tying them to a pole with a string. A large crop is anticipated this season, as present indications are exceedingly favorable.

Ike Nickerson, of Prineville, left that place about the first of March and has not been heard of since. He went into the Cascade mountains, and it was thought to fish Lake; but parties in search of him have not been able to find him. Mr. John Gilliland, of Sweet Home, was in Albany Monday, and said he was at Fish Lake on the 12th, when he saw indications of him having been there, but of course did not know who they were.

El. Haywood discovered a curious freak of nature while looking up some timber on the head of Kentuck slough last week, says the Coos Bay News. On a side hill, near the falls, are two fir trees; one measures 4 1/2 feet in diameter, and the other about three feet. They are growing seven feet apart, and run straight from the ground for about sixteen feet, when the smaller one intersects the larger, growing through it in the shape of an elbow, and from the intersection point upwards both trees remain separate.

Says the Itemizer, there is annually 50000 acres of land unassessed in Polk county, or one-sixth of the entire town and farming area of this county is yearly unassessed. By an honest assessment, therefore, the percentage of taxation could be reduced two mills on the dollar. It has taken the county surveyor, together with his assistant, six months to compute these figures, which has been done in a most perfect manner, and he is now notifying land owners of the discrepancy in their assessments and asking for immediate settlement.

The body of John H. Howlett, ship builder, was found floating in the river under Hustler's dock, at Astoria last week. Howlett was superintending the construction of the new steamer building for the Astoria Coast transportation Company. After finishing his day's work he returned to the Parker house, where he was stopping, and retired about 10 o'clock. He is said to have been a sufferer from asthma, and about 12 o'clock he came down stairs and walked out into the open air. He was not seen again until his dead body was found floating among the spiles. Mr. Howlett had the reputation of being a number one master ship builder. He built the tug Escort and other vessels at Coos Bay, where his aged mother now resides. The coroner's jury found a verdict of accidental drowning. He was a native of the state of Maine, aged about 45 years.

One real estate agency at Hillsboro, Oregon, advertises twenty-three farms for sale near that place.

The late reports from Cour d'Alene are far from reassuring. It is said that hundreds of men are living on charity.

There are fifty-seven business houses in operation at Belknap, on the Northern Pacific railroad, forty-two being saloons.

The town board of Hillsboro, Oregon, at a meeting last week passed an ordinance raising the license for selling liquors by the glass to \$400 per annum.

North Brownsville can boast of one thing which does not occur elsewhere in Linn county, and, with this exception, probably in this state. It actually accommodates one fifth more pupils in its public school than there are children in the district.

Says the Walla Walla Journal: "Emil Sanderson returned from Cour d'Alene. He reports that the prospects now are that only three or four claims will pay for working—and the bottom has entirely fallen out of Beaver creek and the miners are abandoning their claims."

Last Saturday a man named Martin, living on Dry creek, met with a serious accident while harrowing. It appears that the horses became frightened and unmanageable and in the excitement Martin became entangled in the harness. He was thrown to the ground and the horses in attempting to run drew the harrow over Martin's body breaking three of his ribs and otherwise injuring him.

Potatoes growing seems to be the mania with Oregon farmers. One man at Buena Vista proposes to plant fifty acres, while other parties are planting as high as from 15 to 20 acres. On Howell and French Prairies many of the farmers are summer following their fields with a crop of potatoes. They will probably be worth 15 to 20 cents per bushel this fall.

A daughter of Mr. John Stoop, residing near Goshen, Oregon, in alighting from a wagon, stepped upon the end of the double-tree and slipping, fell to the ground. She fell in such a way as to break both the lower bones of one leg. In her attempts to rise, the end of the fractured bones protruded through the flesh.

A young man named Al Weir, 16 years of age, was dragged to death four miles northwest of Hepper on the evening of the 24th. He had recented arrived from Oregon City, and was herding horses for Charles Lind. Appearances went to show that Weir had lain down on the bunchgrass, perhaps to take a nap, and tied the end of his saddle horse's halter rope to one of his wrists. The horse probably became scared and ran away, dragging Weir back and forth among the band of horses he had been herding. Weir was about to expire, and only lived a few minutes, the rope being still attached to his wrist.

The Pacific Cranberry company, which owns 5000 acres of bog land, five miles from Ilwaco, have sixty acres ditched and the soil removed from twenty acres and a coating of sand placed on the same. Sixty barrels of cranberry plants were received a few days since from New Jersey, which will be planted at once. The company have a little railroad which is used in carrying sand to cover the land, after the turf has been stripped off. The ground is well adapted to cranberry culture, and it may be confidently expected that before long importing cranberries from the east will be at an end.

Our readers, says the Salem Statesman, have no doubt a remembrance of the sad misfortune of Mr. F. G. Schwatka over a year ago, by which he lost his right foot. For some time a lack of vitality has troubled his other foot, turning it black and lifeless by degrees, until it was destined to consume his limb and reach his vitals, besides causing unendurable pain. The only remedy seemed amputation again, and recently the serious operation was performed very successfully. His son, Lieutenant Fred Schwatka, was in attendance Mr. F. G. Schwatka is 74 years of age, and we are sorry that his evening of life is darkened by such clouds of misfortune and misery. His constitution is quite strong now, and we hope he will soon see brighter days.

We are informed on reliable authority, says the West Side, that parties will be here next week from Ohio with a view of establishing a bank in our city. We sincerely hope they will meet with the necessary encouragement to remain with us, as this is an enterprise that is greatly needed here, not only for the benefit of the town but the surrounding country as well. The many advantages arising from a bank are too potent to everyone to need pointing out. From what we could learn the parties mean business, and our citizens should leave nothing undone to induce them to remain with us. This is without doubt one of the best points for a bank in the valley and there is no excuse now for us not having one. By all means let us have a bank.

A gentleman who recently arrived from California, says the Albany Herald, brings the information that the people of that state, especially of the state immigration bureau are very much alarmed at the present and prospective exodus from that state, most of whom are coming to the northwest country. It is estimated that fully 50,000 well-to-do farmers and ranchmen will leave the state this year and make new homes in this section of the country. The gentlemen recites several reasons for this movement of people from California. One is, people have learned that the stories set afloat by the immigration officials of that state, by means of pamphlets and the use of the press, are not true; in the words of the gentlemen are "crooked stories," and a reaction has taken place.

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Temperance Department.

EDITED BY THE W. C. T. U.

Juvenile Temperance Work.

The following is an extract from a paper read at the county alliance, held in Philomath last month:

In the education of our children, moral and religious, temperance and religion should go hand in hand. It is much easier to prevent the making of drunkards than to reform them after they are made. It is brave to rescue the fallen, to raise the drunkard, it is glorious work to put out a great conflagration, but it is still better if we can put out the spark when it is a spark, so that there will be no conflagration. We can put in an ounce of prevention for innocent childhood when a pound of cure will be utterly thrown away on ruined manhood. How shall all this be done? We answer, by seeing that our children are thoroughly instructed in temperance principles, in the reasonableness of total abstinence from alcoholic stimulants, tobacco and profanity, by a regular course of systematic scientific study, ethical and governmental. This embraces physiology, hygiene, chemistry, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics on the human system. When shall all this begin? First and most important is the influence of the parent. No father or mother can afford to wait and let this work be done entirely by others. Oral instruction at home every day, conversation, good books carefully selected for them to read, this is the foundation of successful juvenile work. Next comes the Sunday school teacher; here much can be done. A method adopted by a Mr. Hanson, superintendent of the west side tabernacle S. S. of Chicago, is commendable, every teacher handed each scholar a blank to fill out, on which was the following. "To parents: Believing that children should obey their parents, and knowing our efforts to do them good would be vain without your cooperation, we ask you to encourage your children to sign and keep the temperance pledge given below, if however, you would prefer them not to sign it, please say so on this sheet and the matter will not be urged against your wishes." This was signed by the superintendent, teacher and secretary of the school, then a place for mothers' and fathers' consent. Then followed the pledge, with places left for date, name of scholar, residence, age, length of time to keep the pledge. These blanks can be obtained of David C. Cook, Chicago.

There are many ways of doing S. S. temperance work, each teacher if disposed will find some efficient way, then organizations should be formed, let them not be merely nominal things, to make a fuss about and do little work in, but make them alive and keep them lively. The band of Hope is the organization most practicable for general use; should be simple with few officers. A secretary, janitor and librarian may be chosen from the ranks, good adult teachers should be had for classes. One thing should be remembered, when these little ones are gathered together, ready to be led and taught, the teaching must be pure and good and the teacher must have an aptness for the work, they must be kept interested. Miss Colman's temperance catechism is well to use for the younger classes; her juvenile temperance manual for the older ones, and we most strongly recommend Mrs. Craft's blackboard lessons, and various forms of chalk talks for general instruction to the whole school, and if possible have the drawing done by one of the pupils. There is nothing better to keep up the interest than to set them to work. Have basket picnics in the summer, tea parties in winter, which can be made a source of great pleasure and profit if rightly carried on.

Now in the band of hope we find it very hard to get the boys from twelve and over to attend. How shall we secure the attendance of these boys? When boys arrive at a certain age they are too old for the Band of hope, they will tell you, as one did tell me "he was not going with those little kids." Now what shall we do with these boys; to be sure a society of girls alone would be a power for good. Thoroughly impress the young girl of to-day with an abhorrence of intoxicants, even of the middle forms, for the filth of tobacco, the impropriety and coarseness of profanity, and you have a young lady of the future, who will not remark with a simper, that she enjoys the fragrance of a nice cigar, or laugh at a witticism couched with an oath, one who will in no wise accept the attentions of a young man who is suspicious of an occasional social glass. If we succeed in training a class of young ladies who will require of their escorts that purity which is required of them we shall in a measure have solved the problem of social drinking.

Different localities, different classes of boys, need different management; but some methods must be used to enlist our boys; we want them to become good, intelligent, enthusiastic prohibitionists, so that when they grow old enough they will vote right; we don't want it said of them when they are growing into manhood, "Oh that boy is only sowing his wild oats, he will marry some good girl by and by and steady down, it will make a man of him." Yes, if some pure, sweet girl will pour the fullness of her own sweet life into the dark turbid stream of his, there is a bare chance of his being saved; but what of her happiness? God forbid, the picture is too dark, we cannot dwell upon it; better educate that boy so he will have no wild oats to sow, and to that end push on the petitions for compulsory scientific education. Primarily the little learners are enlightened as to the setting the breakfast table and the washing dishes, followed by lessons in all the different departments of house work, even to the instructions relative to the marketing, and the care of cooking utensils. By the employment of miniature dishes, wash tubs, &c., and by the introduction of appropriate

songs the knowledge is imparted in almost as permanent a fashion as that of A. B. C. One thing is certain many evils of intemperance would be averted were there more well ordered homes to offset the attractions of the saloons. The object of this branch of work is to enlist the young ladies in teaching little girls, particularly poor girls, so that they will be able to earn their own living as skilled servants, and strict principles of temperance are inculcated in all their efforts.

In conclusion I would say to every temperance reformer let the cry ring in your ears, by God's help save the children. In looking at this temperance question we must remember that in working for the children we are working for the future; the past with all its horrors is past; the present with all its miseries is present. Here and there a drunkard may be saved, but experience shows us that a confirmed drunkard will as a general rule remain one; but in working for the young people we are working in a region of hope. It will never do for us to be frightened from this effort to rescue the children by the talk of those who say it is an injury for a child to take the pledge. Those are persons who strain at the smallest of gnats and swallow the most monstrous of camels. We have in America thousands of drunkards who go too often to a premature grave. Now who is it that fills up the gaps as they go down? They are filled up by those who were once merry, honest boys and girls. God grant that no small innocent child of ours shall ever go to add to this fearfully recruited army. But it is recruited by those who are now innocent children, the boys and girls of comely, of human beings with hearts like ourselves. Let us struggle then to save them. You pity dumb animals, in many parts of our country are societies for the purpose of protecting these dumb animals; you do not stand by and see even a cat tortured, and you are right; there are societies for the protection of the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, I ask are not the children of America as well worth protecting as these? On going home look into the innocent rosy faces of your own abodes and remember that in trying to help the children you are helping to save those for whom Christ died—Little children of whom he said "That their angels behold the face of his father in heaven." Little children of whom he said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." L. H. A.

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