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News Summary.

Marion county Prohibitionists have nominated a full county ticket.

The telegraph wires have reached Eagle, Cœur d'Alene mining district.

The material for the new Court House at Oregon City, is nearly all upon the grounds.

At the last meeting of the Eugene City Council the Marshal's salary was raised to $660 per annum.

The Anti-Monopolists of Washington county have placed a full county and legislative ticket in the field.

East Portland's new city directory shows that the town contains 1142 "adult males." This indicates a population of 6000.

A Portland lawyer recently caught a 32-pound salmon at Oregon City, using a spoon bait. He was an hour in landing the fish.

The Temperance Alliance at Oakville will give a picnic on the 31st of this month. A general invitation is extended to all to be present.

Eastern Oregon people have been swindled by eastern nurserymen. Some men who will patronize as a practice strangers, instead of fellow citizens, deserve being swindled.

The Seattle Chronicle learns that there have been several cases in North Seattle in the past week of a malignant disease known as "black measles." In one family, that of Mr. Wells, two young daughters are now very low with it, with grave fears for their lives.

Says the Walla Journal: Flour manufacturing in this region is practically shut down for the present. A few mills run spasmodically. There is no export demand and the millers are cutting for local trade. The jobbing price per barrel is now $3.25. The retail price is $4.

The through rate on wool in sacks from all points on the main line of the Northern Pacific in Washington Territory to Philadelphia and other Eastern cities has been reduced to $3.82 per 100 lbs. when shipped in car loads of 12,000 lbs. and over, and $3.30 in lots of less than 12,000 lbs.

Some idea of the rapid growth of the country lying on the east side of the Sound and north of Seattle, says the Post, may be gathered from the statement that the average mail per week sent north runs about sixty sacks. Every day, almost, valuable immigration passes into that country.

Rev. D. M. Cave, near here, left Sheridan Oregon, last Monday for the States, for the purpose of looking after an estate in England valued at $80,000,000 which has been in chancery in London for thirty years. There are fourteen heirs to be represented. A very wealthy man has offered to secure the amount due them for one-half the entire legacy.

Of the finances of Crook county, Oregon, the News says: Our county is clear of all indebtedness, about $5000 in the treasury, and county warrants worth their face in gold. By the investigation and report of the Grand Jury it appears that the records and all the books of the county officers are exactly correct, and in the case of the Treasurer, there was $10 more in the treasury than all the books and returns called for. There is no county poor, and we feel that it is a just cause for congratulation that a county with the population that Crook county contains has not a single pauper within its limits.

Hon. L. F. Mosher of Roseburg, on Wednesday of last week received notice of having been appointed by C. A. Arthur, president of the United States, as a member of the board of visitors to the military academy at West Point. This board is composed of seven persons appointed by the president, and five by the presiding officers of congress. Their duty is to enquire into the actual discipline, police administration, fiscal affairs and other concerns of the institution and report to the secretary of war. The appointment is made in honor of the services of Judge Mosher in the Mexican war, he being a a Mexican veteran.

Overhauling some musty records, says the Baker City Tribune, pertaining to this county within the past few days we found that the miserable shell, called a courthouse, hardly fit for a horse stable, has cost this county for its construction, including interest on the warrants drawn in payment for the same, a little over $10,000; that there are still two outstanding warrants on that account; and that the last warrant therefor redeemed called for $100 principal and $121 interest. Is not an accurate financial exhibit of the county and a change in its management necessary?

Sea otter hunters at Gray's Harbor report excellent luck this season. Harry Witherall, one of the best and oldest otter hunters, has gone this summer to try his luck on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The otter usually weighs from seventy to eighty pounds, and is about the size of a large mastiff. It has no legs forward, however, like a dog, but has flippers in their place. When in full season the fur is of a fine, glossy black. One was killed from a canoe by an Indian in April, which brought $100, and was a very fine one. The prices range from $50 to $100 each, about $75 being the usual price at this time. It is seldom they are killed from a canoe now, although formerly they killed them in this manner.

Says the Hillsboro Independent: August Zitter, a German youth aged 14 years, a nephew of Mr. Keller, who lives across the Tualatin, started afoot last Wednesday morning for Omaha. That boy has lots of courage, and if he makes the trip ought to have his phiz in the illustrated papers.

The Grand jury brought in a true bill recently against L. C. Campbell, of Garfield Co., W. T., charged with sending obscene and indecent matter through the U. S. Mails. Campbell pleaded guilty and was liberated on the payment of $100 and costs.

True bills were recently found against four Walla Walla saloon men, by the Grand Jury, for selling beer to minors, says the Journal. The complaints were signed by nine young lads, the offspring of families holding high social position.

Cheering reports about the fruit and grain crops come from all directions. No better season was ever known. All sorts of early vegetables are in the market, and strawberries have already begun to make their appearance.

The Methodists of Seattle are to build a "Dillon" chapel to cost $2500. A $50,000 brick church will probably be commenced by the same denomination next year. The naming of the above after an old Albany preacher is quite an honor and a deserved one.

Writing of the shipment of salmon from The Dalles, the Sun says: This is the first carload of fresh fish ever sent across the continent. The car left here with a temperature of 20 degrees, and if it maintains a temperature of 30 degrees and under, it must go through safely to its destination.

The road from Marshfield to the Coquille river will be built this summer. Two steamers of 1200 tons burden have been completed and will sail for San Francisco in a few days. These steamers cost about $100,000 each, and are for passenger and freight traffic. They will be put on the San Francisco route from Coos bay.

At Pine valley, Eastern Oregon, says the Union Sentinel, salmon have commenced running, that is as far up as the first trap across Pine creek, but none get any further than the fourth trap and dam which is about two miles from the lower end of the valley, and I understand they caught three hundred and twenty in one night.

Arrangements are being made at Portland for extensive shipments of salmon to the large cities of the East, and several refrigerator cars have been constructed for the purpose. They reach New York in nine days, and the salmon, when taken from the ice, look as bright and nice as those in Portland markets.

Recording the work of the Grand Jury, the Prineville, Oregon, News says: There was only one criminal case to be considered, namely, that of State vs. Wm. Thompson, for the killing of Frank Mogan last December, and in this, after due and thorough investigation, the jury returned not a true bill. Mr. Thompson now stands free and exonerated by the decision of a jury of upright, moral and intelligent men.

People along the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana hope to get a water supply from artesian wells. At Miles City water has been found at a depth of 341 feet; at Billings, 150 miles further up the Yellowstone, a well has been sunk without success. and is still going down, and at Helena there is more experimental boring.

Lieut. Fred. Schwatka, who has been serving on Brigadier-General Miles' staff, at Vancouver, W. T., for some time, has recently obtained a transfer to his own regiment, which is the Third Cavalry now doing duty in Arizona. It is understood that the Lieutenant will soon leave to carry out the object of this transfer.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company is now organizing two parties, one to go to Umatilla county, and the other to go to Yakima county, for the purpose of grading the Northern Pacific railroad lands, preparatory to placing them on the market. It is expected that the parties will leave Walla Walla the latter part of the week.

Some of the fishermen at the mouth of the river were somewhat puzzled, last Tuesday to see a coal oil can coming down the river at a rapid rate, says the Ellensburg Oregon, Post. Although there was no current in the river, the can passed them at a rate that would have distanced Maplewood. The mystery was explained when it was learned that a seal had been caught, and the can made fast to it, at the end of about forty yards of small line.

On the news reaching this place last week that Hon. B. Hermann had received the nomination for congress, the mill was seized by a violent fit of squealing and the American flag was soon waving o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave. His nomination is met favorably by both parties here, and he will carry many a democratic vote in this county.—Coos Co. Herald.

A son of Dr. Ballard, of Lebanon, Oregon, aged eighteen years, was shot in the leg Sunday accidentally, sustaining a very painful flesh wound. He was out in the brush with some companions and one of them discharged a revolver which sent a ball through young Ballard's leg, two inches above the knee cutting away the flesh, but not producing necessarily a dangerous wound.

A terrible shooting affray occurred in Harney Valley, Oregon, on Sunday, May 4. John Bland and Horace H. Mace met in the saloon of Smelser & McCamley and immediately commenced shooting. They advanced until they almost touched and each emptied every chamber of his revolver into the other. Both men fell dead, Bland out in the street and Mace on the saloon porch. F. L. Mace, brother of Horace, was also shot, supposed to be accidently. It is not now known whether he will live or not. The trouble originated at a ball some time ago, when it was claimed Bland insulted Mace's wife. Both men bore excellent characters and were natives of Southern Oregon.

Temperance Department.

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Press Department of the W. C. T. U.

Our State superintendent has kindly given us a few lines regarding the press work. At one of our recent meetings we had a Bible reading referring especially to her work. One would perhaps imagine it rather secular subject to deduct a Bible reading from, but those present at the meeting were greatly edified by the most interesting and instructive lesson which our State Supt. gave us, and it more than ever proved to us that all our work was Gospel work, that every department was rooted in Christ. In regard to our local press work, it is our humble endeavor to offer to the public such thoughts as we believe to be truths; such thoughts as we may gather from reliable sources, which shall be of general interest and which will perhaps "arrest the thought" of some and make them see more clearly their own duty, the demand of the age and to warn them to greater loyalty to God.

L. A. H., Local Supt.

Psalm 68, 11; The Lord gave the word. Great was the company for army margin of those that published it. An old commentator says "it is a singular fact that the word 'published' is rendered in the original 'feminine,' alluding to women joining in the songs of praise after victory Ex. 15, 1; Jud. 5;" God in is wisdom chose Ezra as His scribe and interpreter just when the Hebrew language was becoming corrupt or forgotten, and to preserve His written oracles for us. Now when whole peoples seem likely to degenerate and become Nations of drunkards, God in his wisdom put it into the hearts of the W. C. T. U women to try and "hold the fort" for temperance in the many newspapers of the land, and into the hearts of their editors to permit and even welcome their writings. There are about ten thousand papers published in the United States and it is the aim of the W. C. T. U. to say a word for temperance in each and all. The superintendent of press work of the National Union is Mrs. Esther Housh who wields an able pen herself. She brings out a monthly called "Women at Work," a most captivating magazine, and sends her "Round Robin" of interesting temperance items to her staff of State Press Superintendents every few weeks. These in their turn communicate with every local W. C. T. U. where there is a newspaper published, and encourage local work. Where there are newspapers and no Union the State Supt. begs admission on her own account. Her endeavor and prayer is that that which is written should not only be "acceptable words" but should likewise be upright, even words of truth, like goods, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies. given from our Shepherd. Ecclesiastes 12, 10, 11.

L. A. N.
State Supt. of Press Work.

There is a slight improvement reported in the run of salmon this week, says the Astorian, but the fish are not up to the usual size, averaging about fifteen cans to the fish. The pack is considerably behind that of the corresponding date last season, but as two busy days in June or July would make a difference of several thousand cases it is too early to predicate anything in relation to the outcome.

Every man must sleep according to his temperament. Eight hours is the average. If a man requires a little more or less, he will find it out for himself. Whoever by work, pleasure, sorrow, or by any other cause, is regularly diminishing his sleep, is destroying his life. A man may hold out for a time, but nature keeps close accounts and no man can deceive her.

Among the mining discoveries of last year, probably not the least important was that of what seems to be extensive beds of mica in the mountains near Bear creek, Potlatch country, says the Walla Walla Journal. The Woody mine has been most worked and shows large amounts of mica of good size and fine quality. The proprietors have arranged to put on thirty men at once, running them night and day in three eight-hour shifts. The other claims have been hardly tested, but nearly all promise well. The mineral shipped out has brought an average of $3.50 per lb. Several Walla Wallans have interest in these mica mines.

A correspondent writing from Lafayette to the McMinnville Reporter says, I have just heard that Robert Shook of West Chehalem is missing since last Thursday. It seems that he went out in the morning, telling his boys that he would be back by noon, and to have dinner ready for him, since which time he has not been seen. He took nothing with him except a bottle of something that the boys supposed to be liquor, but do not know what it was. Some fear he has killed himself. They are making a strict search. The correspondent adds: Since writing the above we have learned further about the missing man, Shook. W. D. Fenton received by mail to-day a letter from Eugene, stating that a man named R. S. Shook had suicided at or near a place called Cresswell, fifteen miles from Eugene, by taking an overdose of morphine. Coroner Osborn of that county sent to Mr. Fenton a memorandum book found on the body of the deceased. On one of the leaves was written, "Send this to my son, Walter Shook, at West Chehalem." The book contained two or three promissory notes, all canceled, one of them by D. I. Corker, of this place. Mr. C. also recognizes the book; so there can be no mistake. The coroner stated that the deceased had been decently buried. Word was sent to his children this afternoon. No one knows how he got to Cresswell, or why he committed the deed.