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## News Summary.

Some \$70,000 worth of wool has been shipped from the Pendleton depot this season.

It is estimated that immigrants are bringing into Washington Territory not less than \$500,000 per month.

Fifteen families from the East arrived in Clackamas county lately and have settled in the Russellville country near Soda Springs.

The county seat of Klamath county has been permanently located at Linkville by the vote of the people of that county at the last election.

There are thirty-six circuses headed toward the Pacific Northwest. Thirty-nine times \$2.50, \$37.50, to say nothing of the real sensation man's gettings.

A movement is on foot to build a Soldiers' Home on the Gulf of Mexico for the disabled Union soldiers scattered throughout the Southern States.

The business season for stockmen of Eastern Oregon has fully arrived, and they are all actively engaged now in gathering and branding the wealth of the country.

The time of year has come when every ice cream sign is a chilling terror to the young man with a girl on each arm and only a punched dime in his personal treasury.

The Masons of Philadelphia have the finest temple in the world, and it is said to be the only Masonic building in the country that is given up entirely to Masonic uses.

Eastern Oregon papers estimate that \$90,000 have been saved to the wool growers of the Territory through the recent reduction in freight rates on the Northern Pacific.

A man in Kansas has started five papers, each of which died within a short time. He has just started another and calls it Kind Words, because, he says, kind words can never die.

At a meeting of clergymen in St. Louis last week a banquet was served without wine. It was such an unusual occurrence in that city that the papers devoted half a column of space to comments upon it.

A dispatch from San Jose, Cal., says: Mrs. Louisa A. Woods was to-day granted a divorce from ex-Gov. George L. Woods, on the ground of abandonment. Custody of the minor child is awarded to Mrs. Woods. The parties were married in Yamhill county, Oregon, in 1852. Abandonment is alleged to have occurred in August, 1882.

Polk county has a school teacher, who, to his shame be it said, goes into the school room puffing a cigar. The art of cigarette making (though perhaps not in the curriculum of studies) among the youth of that school no doubt reaches perfection, with so good an example continually before them.

The bunch-grass country in Eastern Oregon has been much excited lately by the depredations of horse and cattle thieves; several have been sentenced to state prison, but as that did not stop operations, more severe proceedings have been had. Two or three bodies of men have been found on the cattle ranges recently, hanging dead, labeled "horse thief," "cattle thief," and other pet names. No coroner's juries have been called, and there seems to be no demand for them.

Philosophizing as to his venture of a daily paper at Spokane Falls, the editor says: We are wiser awake to the many difficulties to be encountered. Others, and they more competent than we are, have endeavored to make a daily paper a success in this city. The failure was through no fault of theirs. The same fate may await the Review. If it does we will have enjoyed the experience of having tried to meet the demand of the public, even if the exertion proved fruitless.

A wild woman was chasing the children at Beaver Creek school house on Wednesday, says the Oregon City Courier. Her long hair is disheveled and a few rags cover her nakedness. The children relate that they have seen her lying down by a log asleep. Several men went out immediately to hunt for her in the woods but could find no trace of her whereabouts. No human being of the feminine gender is missed from the neighborhood, and where she comes from is a mystery.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 12th inst. says: The heavy rains of the past few days have wrought all but disaster to the growing crops, just now approaching harvest. Thousands of tons of hay have been ruined as it lay out in the fields, and the half-ripe wheat has been prostrated. The damage already is reckoned at millions of dollars, and as the barometer is still low, it is feared that the havoc has only begun. Reports being received to-night show that the late rains have done enormous damage to the crops. At Hanford the rainfall to-day was one and a quarter inches. Hundreds of tons of hay lying in the fields will be a total loss, while thousands of acres of grain are laid flat on the ground. A dispatch from Salinas says: "The rains have been the heaviest ever experienced in the valley in the month of June. Thousands of tons of hay are lying in the fields, a soggy mass, rendered unfit for any purpose. All the heavy barley is down, most of it beyond recovery. Wheat is in the same state. The loss to farmers in this section from these rains will be not less than half a million dollars." News from Livermore is that all the hay, fully 5000 tons, may be put down as a total loss. The grain crop has been benefited.

Without mounting by degrees, a man cannot attain to high things; and the breaking of the ladder still casteth a man back and maketh the thing wearisome which was easy.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Jackson county circuit court in the case of the State of Oregon vs. John Justus, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his father.

The O. & C. R. R. Co.'s large freight warehouse, 40x100 feet in size, has been removed from Glendale to Ashland and is being put up at the latter place to be used as a storehouse and depot for their own freight.

The following is the business of the Roseburg land office for the month of May: 25 homestead entries, covering 3,635 acres; 6 final homesteads, embracing 873 acres; 30 pre-emption filings and 7 cash entries of 502 acres.

A matrimonial association has been started in Harlem. Young men pay monthly dues of \$5 and agree to remain single one year. At the end of that time any one, by giving three months' notice, will receive on his wedding \$2,000.

Every farmer who has an eye to the wealth of future generations should plant a large number of walnuts in fence corners and like waste places. It is estimated that five acres of walnut trees, ten feet apart, will be worth \$5,000 twenty years hence.

Heppner, Oregon, Gazette: Why are sheep the most unfortunate of animals, and at the same time the most wicked? Because they spend all their youth on the turf; they gambled when they are young; the best of them are blacklegs, and they are invariably fleeced before they die.

A Pennsylvania man has made a perfect locomotive, which, from the point of the cow-catcher to the end of the tank, measures six and a quarter inches and weighs two pounds. It will be in operation at the New Orleans exhibition.

The Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. of Utah, reconsidered the action allowing Mormons to become members, but decided to exclude all members of the Mormon Church from membership. Mormons are now excluded from all the secret organizations in Utah.

The Scott Valley News of last Saturday has the following: Teamsters are now making summer time over the Scott Mountain route, fourteen days for the round trip between this place and Redding, Cal. The roads along the line are said to be in fair condition.

At Greenville, Oregon, the rapidly developing grain promises an early harvest. The orchards indicate a plentiful supply of fruit the coming autumn. There seems to exist, for some kinds of apples, a damaging blight, which causes the green fruit to prematurely fall from the tree.

Between Centerville and Adams, for six miles along Wild Horse creek, are visible the ravages of the late waterspout, which caused the creek to raise nine feet, making huge excavations on both sides and washing out considerable of the newly constructed embankment of the railroad.

The grand jury of Klamath county, at their recent session, found an indictment against Thomas Weeden for the murder of old man Larkin. The coroner's jury at the time of the occurrence exonerated Weeden; but the people were not satisfied, and now propose to sift the matter to the bottom.

Mark Conger of Eden precinct, says the Ashland Tidings, informs us that he has just sheared 294 lbs. of wool from the full-blood merino buck which attracted attention last year by its heavy yield. This 294-lb clip is less than twelve months' growth, with moderate keeping and feed.

A man living in Yakima valley was bitten on the end of his finger by a rattlesnake a few days ago. He instantly opened the wound with his knife so that it would bleed freely and then sucked the blood away. He is all right and felt no effect of the poison.

Tacoma Ledger: An offer of 15 cents a pound for 50,000 pounds of hops was received at Puyallup yesterday. Several sales have recently been made at 15 cents. Hop buyers do not seem to have much faith in the prophecy lately made that hops would be selling at 10 cents per pound before next January.

The light showers which have visited Goose Lake valley during the past week have had a very beneficial effect upon grain and crops of all kinds, says the Lakeview, Oregon, Examiner. It is safe to say more grain will be threshed next fall than ever before in the history of this valley, and as a consequence the farmers are beginning to put on airs and wear smiles all over their faces.

The Mexicans are beginning to kick against the influx of the Chinese. By a law recently enacted by the Mexican congress, every steamer or sailing vessel landing Chinamen in that country must pay an import tax of \$65 per head. But in spite of this oppressive tax, the Celestial will continue to push his way in.

The outlook for hops this year is good, says the Seattle Post. The vines have a luxuriant growth, and promise a heavy yield. The acreage is great, and the product will be enormous. Hops of the growth of 1883 were sold last week to the quantity of 100 bales at 27 cents a pound. At this rate, if realized for the crop of 1884, the hop growers will do exceedingly well.

In the old settled states it used to be a saying with the farmers who received credit from the merchants that they would settle their bills when they sold their wheat, says the Ellensburg, W. T., Localizer. In this valley business is done on a different principle. Pay day is promised when the producer sells his wool or his cattle. Wheat is a legal tender in some places, but the price is so ruinously low that it goes but a little way in liquidating bills.

A hand-lamp is the latest electrical invention. The electric power is stored in a little sliding draw at the base of the lamp, and by simply touching a button a beautiful light is developed or extinguished at will. It is cheap, safe, easily handled, and will no doubt soon become popular.

The "kid" fund of \$5000 collected in the Cour d'Alene mining region for the first baby born within the Territory, was awarded to the wife of a freight hand on the Northern Pacific, who walked twenty-five miles through snow from ten to fifteen feet deep that her child might first see the light in accordance with the terms of the prize and receive the money.

The Prineville, Or., News gives the following account of the water spout in that vicinity: The height of the wave that swept down the canyon is estimated all the way from six to nine feet. It rushed in an immense torrent over the bluff above Lower Mitchell, filled the street in front of Howard & Thompson's store with boulders weighing all the way from a pound to a ton, cut a deep gulch through the lively stable, carried three wagons out of the street, and washed sediment into Chamberlain & Todd's saloon a foot deep. It also carried away Fred Sargent's house and damaged all the ranches along Bridge creek, below Mitchell.

The Albany Democrat is authority for the statement that a very swinish freak has happened at Marion Station not often chronicled. A sow belonging to Mr. D. P. Crabtree, recently gave birth to a large litter of pigs. Three of them immediately deserted their mother in a disobedient manner and took up with a cow, which nursed them in a very motherly manner. One was accidentally killed, another was taken away, but the third continues to live with the cow, and is outstripping all of its unambitious brothers and sisters by getting uncommonly fat. A stranger freak rarely occurs.

Caldwell, Idaho, is in a fever of excitement over the discovery of some fabulously rich placer claims near there on Snake river. There have been parties out all spring quietly prospecting and locating claims on Snake river, which were known to contain paying quantities of flour gold, but not enough to create any excitement or activity. For several days the current of Snake river has been making a sweeping change and left the old channel bare for several miles. Two parties of men began to prospect the old channel, and found the sands to be immensely rich with gold. Several nuggets were found, and the washing went 50 to 75 cents to the pan. Several parties have outfitted for the new fields which are only sixteen miles from Caldwell. A stampede is expected.

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