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News Summary.

The oyster men on Shoalwater bay are busy this month, the demand for bivalves being large.

W. H. Frazer, living near Port Discovery, has discovered a fine deposit of bog iron ore on his farm.

Empty houses at Goldendale are being brought up by farmers and moved out to grace their ranches.

Rogue river valley and county is about to appear in pamphlet shape and be freely distributed. A good idea, if well executed.

The government has just established a signal station at Port Angeles, from which hereafter weather reports will be made. It is on the government's own line to Cape Flattery.

Times must be dense out in Modoc county Cal. The delinquent tax list occupies fifteen columns in the local paper at Alturas which was lucky enough to secure its publication.

The fall sown wheat in Kittitas valley has been well protected by the snow, which melts no faster than the earth can absorb it. This enhances the prospect of a full crop the coming year.

Mrs. Laura Wilson, on trial in San Francisco for selling white babies to Chinese, denies that she ever sold them, but acknowledges to having given away 100 in the last fourteen years.

Jacksonville people boast of spending \$25,000 in building improvements within the past year, the brick buildings in the burnt district and improvement in the flouring mills being the principal items.

A considerable amount of real estate has passed into the hands of immigrants in Linn county during the past few weeks. During the past week \$25,000 has been paid for land near Albany by immigrants.

Gov. Adams, of Nevada, happened to overhaul an old coat the other day and found \$3,800 in one of the pockets. He had forgotten all about the money. We've done the same thing a dozen times.—Astorian.

It is stated that the Northern Pacific will be completed to Ellensburg by April 1st and that connection will be made with Tacoma in October. The temporary road over the Cascades will be in the form of a Z, or similar to that used during the construction of the Bozeman tunnel.

Concerning the proposed new building for the state university, for which \$30,000 has been appropriated by the legislature, the Eugene Guard says: "The building will be a two-story brick structure, with basement, of very handsome design. The first floor will be used as an auditorium, while the second will be divided up into class rooms. Plans will be ordered immediately, and the contract will be let as soon as possible. The whole work will be under the supervision of the Board of Regents. The building was badly needed, and our people appreciate the action of the legislature in so promptly passing the measure."

After the legislature had been in session for thirty-eight days, its committee on elections was at last enabled to report on the Laughlin-Burch contested election case, recommending that Burch hold his seat. Inasmuch as Burch has held it so far, it would not have been much satisfaction to Laughlin if he had reported in his favor and given him a seat among the solons for the last two days. The testimony written out in long hand makes 800 folios, or 80,000 words, and covers 500 pages of legal cap. It is made up in three bound books. There were about 125 witnesses examined, and fifteen days taken up in the examination. It will cost the state about \$2200.—Oregonian.

Salem is troubled just now with a great deal of sickness of the malarial type. Why is this? It is the fault of bad drainage, and nothing else. Which is better, to pay from \$10,000 to \$20,000 annually in doctor's bills, or to pay a less amount in draining the streets, and thereby prevent disease? The latter, of course. The medicine taken after one becomes sick is not so effective as prevention. No one could expect anything but sickness with the streets full of stinky, stagnant water; and when spring opens, and the rains cease, it will be a thousand times worse. The healthiest cities are those where cleanliness and drainage is well attended to.—Tribune.

The new county established east of the John Day river is named after Col. Gilliam, who accidentally shot and killed himself in that region in the year 1843, at the close of the Cayuse war. Gilliam county contains about 46 townships of fine agricultural and grazing land. The land is mostly the bunch grass table land, of easy cultivation, and produces from 35 to 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. The principal trading points are Alkali and Fossil, but other towns are springing up rapidly, such as Condon, Clam-Olex, Eight Mile, and Rock point. Adjoining Gilliam county on the east side of Morrow county, carved mainly out of Umatilla, with Heppner as the principal town and county seat. This county is named after Captain Jack Morrow, a member of the Legislature from Umatilla. The principal settlement in both these counties has been made within the last three years, exceeding anything of the kind known in the history of the state.—Statesman.

The depression in the wool trade is driving some of the Coos and Curry county flock-masters out of the business.

Wheat shippers offer to advance 20 cents on a bushel on next season's crop, to Walla Walla farmers, which was not offered last year.

Citizens of Ashland tender a splendid building and grounds there to the State, to be kept and used as a normal school. Worth \$10,000.

Reports from all parts of Coos and Curry county agree that this has been an extraordinarily good weather for live stock in that section of Oregon. While they have had an unusual amount of rain, there has not been sufficient frost to check the growth of grass.

Major Jones of the United States Engineer Corps, will soon leave Portland with a force of men to survey Priest's Rapids on the Columbia river, an appropriation of \$6,000 having been made for that purpose. The Priest's rapids are on the Columbia river about 200 miles above The Dalles, and extend a distance of 11 miles.

General work on the locks and canal at the Cascades has been resumed for some time. During the continuance of the heavy snow storms and very cold weather operations were almost entirely suspended. About 160 men are now employed at the government works there, and the force is being slowly increased.

The Second Adventists are at it again. They are bound to wind up the world some time. The prophets live at Los Angeles, California, this time, and place the date at September 30, 1885. The announcement is made through the columns of a paper called the Los Angeles Trumpet Call, and the editor was but lately discharged from the Stockton Insane Asylum. The Adventists are at least a persevering set in the matter of prophecy.

Mr. J. H. Stine, formerly editor of the West Side, which flourished for some time at Independence, Oregon, proposes to establish himself with a weekly newspaper at Grants Pass, devoted to the interests of that section of the state. A bill has just been passed by the legislature which fixes the boundary line between Josephine and Jackson counties, by taking four townships—about sixteen miles of the Rogue river valley—from the latter, and adding to the former. A second bill provides that the inhabitants of the entire county of Josephine thus created, shall have the right to vote at the next June election for the county seat. There is little doubt but that Grant's Pass will receive a majority of the votes. Mr. Stine will be the pioneer publisher of Josephine county, as it has as yet, never had a newspaper within its boundaries. He says he has received substantial encouragement from the people of that section, and believes his new venture will accrue to his own profit, as well as to that of the country he will represent.

Protection for Newspaper Carriers. Portland carriers held a meeting recently for the purpose of forming some plan to protect themselves against dishonest subscribers. It is said that persons in that city who subscribe for a paper, and whenever the collector come around will keep putting him off, telling him to "call again." The collector does "call again" several times, but never gets his money, and finally has to stop leaving the paper, having lost the price of it during the entire time it has been left. The newspaper then subscribes for another paper, and gets it free for two or three months more from another carrier, and so on for six or eight months, and even a year in some cases. The carriers hereafter will have one common "black list," which will have upon it the names of all the above class of swindlers, and when a man fails to pay one carrier he will never get another paper from any of them without paying in advance.

The Senate. All doubt as to the senate for the next four years is removed. The election of Evans from New York and Teller from Colorado insures the republicans a clear majority, whether the legislature from Illinois respects the will of the people or not. There are already chosen or to hold over 41 republican senators out of 76, and the democrats without Illinois can get only 34; with the senator from that state they would have only 35. But it is hoped by republicans throughout the country that the splendid services of General Logan will not be ungratefully repaid by defeat. The people of Illinois gave a clear majority for the republican cause, and a plurality of over 25,000. To defeat a republican candidate for senator, either electing a democrat or depriving the state of half its representation, would be a wanton defiance of the popular will. Included in the list of 41 republican senators are General Mahone and Riddleberger, who joined with their associates in formally adopting the republican name prior to the national convention, who sought admission to that body as republicans, and were recognized and admitted by the convention, and who heartily supported the republican national candidates. If without them the republicans had not a majority, it is possible that the bourbon democrats would have been willing to sacrifice almost anything to secure the co-operation of the Virginia senators, though there is no reason to suppose that any overtures to them would have succeeded. But with 39 members, a clear majority of the senate, besides the two senators from Virginia, the republicans know that their opponents have nothing to gain by offering terms to Mahone and Riddleberger, and the savage abuse of those senators by democratic organs will therefore continue. The confirmation of Cleveland's appointments and the power to defeat mischievous legislation will rest with the republicans of the senate for two years from March 4, and after that time they have reason to hope they will be supported by a republican majority in the house.—N. Y. Tribune.

Temperance Department.

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Education vs. Alcohol.

Every one can see the outward effects of alcohol upon human beings. We know that those using it to excess usually have bloated faces, bleared eyes, red noses and many other disfiguring marks left by the habit. These are too well known to need enumerating. And it will seem as though these effects were bad enough to make all wish to put down the habit. If one could become intoxicated an indefinite number of times and still recover and be no worse off mentally, morally or physically, we think the visible effects ought to be enough to deter all from the use of alcoholic drinks. But these are only outward results from inward effects. There are many no doubt that are ignorant of the laws which govern the organization of the human system that they think they can take poison in their systems as often as they like if they do not kill themselves outright, and may recover from the effects of it and be well and strong, and live as long as if they had never taken it. But educated people who have studied the physiological effects of poison upon the human body know that everything that injures the system injures the health; that it interferes with the person's usefulness and certainly shortens life. The youth of the past generation and of today have been altogether too ignorant as to the actual effects of alcohol on the body from a physiological point, we firmly believe that many people would never have acquired the habit had they been taught in their youth all these facts.

The temperance people now ask that their children and the coming generations may be enlightened on this subject, and taught to understand their own systems and the effects of abusing them by the use of stimulants and narcotics, even as they are taught to other important branches of knowledge; to the end that they may learn self government in order that they may be qualified to administer the affairs of the nation. Herbert Spencer says: "Knowledge which subserves self-preservation by preventing the loss of health is of primary importance." We do not say such a knowledge would by any means wholly remedy the evil, but that the right knowledge impressed in the right way would effect much, we infer that as vigorous health and its accompanying high spirits are larger elements of happiness than any other things whatever, the teaching how to maintain them is a teaching that yields in moment to none whatever, and therefore we assert that such a course of physiology as is useful in the comprehension of its general truth, and their bearings on daily conduct is an all essential part of a rational education.

We heartily endorse this with reference to scientific temperance instructions and to this end have asked that our legislature place upon our statute books a law requiring that in all schools supported by public money, instructions be given in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system in order that the children of Oregon may have equal advantages with those of Vermont, New Hampshire, Michigan, New York and Rhode Island. Wherein laws have been enacted making such instructions obligatory. We sincerely hope to see such laws in full force all over our state and that right speedily.

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