

News Summary.

Indians are stealing horses in Grant county.

Eugene has 114 more males than females.

The annual roundup in Eastern Oregon is now general.

Diphtheria in a malignant form has made its appearance in Helix.

Sturgeon are more numerous in the Umpqua river than ever before.

H. Hoffman, of Dallas, has a cow that gives fifty-one pounds of milk per day.

Roseburg boasts of the largest brass band in the State. It has twenty-five members.

Pigeons are doing considerable damage to grain fields on Coos river and Catching sough.

A jail and Court House is to be built at Canyon City, Grant county, to cost \$10,730.

The Grant county News says there is from 20,000 to 30,000 mutton sheep for sale in that county.

The fishermen are on strike at Astoria. They appointed a committee to confer with cannerymen about their differences.

Sheep shearing in Eastern Oregon is pretty near over. Very little Western Oregon wool has been sent to Portland yet.

The trial of Martin and William Mackey, father and son, charged with killing Michael Purcell, is now in progress at Jacksonville.

Oregon's large prune ranches promise to pay well, now that railroads have fixed the freight rate to Chicago at \$1 50 per 100 pound.

The Pioneer and Historical Society of Oregon met at Astoria last Monday. The society will hereafter attend the funerals of its members.

Mrs. Amanda McDaniel has been indicted by the Grand Jury of Jackson county for complicity in the murder of her husband, Lewis.

M. A. Teller, Robert Olford and G. Turpin, a trio of thieves, who recently escaped from the Roseburg county jail, have been recaptured.

A Chinese mining company on Clark's creek, Baker county, one day last week cleaned up \$1800, the process of about one month's run.

The Jury law which Senators Prim put through the late Legislature is said by lawyers to be invalid. The Supreme Court will soon pass upon it.

Henry Stove, of Pendleton, finished shearing a band of weathers a few days ago, numbering something over 1800 head from which he got 19,165 pounds of wool.

A Nehalem correspondent states that people are still going into the Rock creek country, and that an effort will soon be made to develop some of the claims.

O. Lindstrom, a Swede, aged 40, killed himself in the Astoria cemetery Friday with a pistol. No cause is assigned. Twenty-seven dollars were found in his pockets.

The section boss on the O. R. & N. at LaGrande, was shot a night or two ago in the dark by a Chinaman whom he had discharged. The shot took effect in the leg and is not dangerous.

The Astoria fishermen ask the cannerymen to reduce the number of boats on the river one-half, and to pledge themselves not to purchase or can any salmon caught in fish traps. If these concessions are made the fishermen are to accept the reduced price offered.

Tuesday afternoon at the Rye valley placer mine, a Chinaman who was working on bedrock which was somewhat insecure, struck his pick rather forcibly into the rock, causing it to give way, precipitating the Chinaman some distance, and killing him instantly.

C. W. Hilton, of Pine creek, near the main John Day river, the sheep king of Gilliam county, employs a force of night as well as day herders during the lambing season. The ewes are left on the range and never driven to the corrals, and lanterns are put up to keep off coyotes. In this way almost every lamb is saved.

One of Oregon's leading woolen manufacturing establishments have extended the business to Montana, and opened up a branch house for the sale of woolen cloths and blankets. This is a move in the right direction, and no doubt will prove profitable, for it is admitted by the Eastern manufacturers that Oregon blankets are finer than any produced in the East, and command as high prices.

Mrs. Stillmacher, who lives with her family a few miles east of Albany, is missing from her home since Thursday of last week. She took her money purse, but left in an old dress. A search is being made for her.

Hepner Gazette: It is reported on good authority that all the buyers in the country have purchased as many cattle as they desire, and that one single county in Eastern Oregon will more than furnish the beef for the home market, Western Oregon, Puget Sound and Victoria. If this is the case, cattlemen who are pinched for coin and have held for boom prices, are liable to be out of luck.

Ellensburg Gazette: It is said that Jackson county will soon receive a thorough prospecting for quartz this summer. A boom has been started in that direction, and if the prospectors will extend their operations into Curry county some rich developments may be expected. Curry is as rich in minerals as any county in the State, but has never been half way prospected.

Albany Democrat: One Harry Boyle, of this city, who was bound over last winter on a charge of larceny, attempted to skip out last week from his bondsmen, and started with a wagon and team, in company with a loose female character from this city, for California. On his arrival at Cottage Grove, in Lane county, he was met by one of his bondsmen, J. B. Comley who escorted the young chap back to Albany, where he is in duress of law.

An exchange says that W. O. Thayer returned recently from Tillamook county with samples of silver ore taken from the new mines lately opened. The poorest specimens assay about \$10 to the ton. Mr. Thayer says that there is great excitement over the discovery of the mines, and the old Tillamook road is lined with prospectors going in. Two tons of ore are to be received in Portland in a day or two to be put through a process, and if it yields as is expected a crusher will be sent into the mines at once and operations commenced in earnest. Mr. Thayer says that old miners are satisfied that there is wealth in the mines.

The Hault bill fixing the rate for carrying passengers at four cents per mile has gone into effect. In order to comply strictly with the law and give passengers their proper change, it will be necessary to use cent pieces. Now the country is not overstocked with this kind of coin, and this railroad company will have to supply the aching void. John J. Byrne, of the O. R. & N. Company, will buy all the surplus coppers that can be got together in Chicago, while the O. & C. Company have about \$30 on hand, but have ordered more, as the present supply is considered insufficient. This move will probably bring the much despised coin into general circulation in this state.

Temperance Department

Out of 955 samples of French wine recently analyzed, but 95 were found genuine, the remainder being more or less adulterated with unwholesome drugs.

The vigorous work of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Excise League is having marked effect, the successful prosecution of liquor dealers for violation of the excise laws, has caused large numbers of saloon keepers to surrender their licenses rather than stand prosecution.

Maine has passed a law preventing persons from soliciting trade for liquors in the state. Drunkards will be imprisoned from five to thirty days for first offense, and from ten to ninety days for second offense. The legislature has passed a law prohibiting the newspapers from advertising liquors.

In Alabama, any person is liable to a fine of \$250 to \$1000 and imprisonment for one year, for concealing liquor in a prohibition county, with intent to sell the same or give it away. Also to knowingly permit any one to conceal it on one's premises, renders a person liable to imprisonment.

The sale of liquor annuls a man's lease, leaving him without a remedy, and persons frequenting a place where liquor is concealed are punished by fine and imprisonment, and for all convictions in liquor cases the prosecuting attorney gets double fees.

And so the work goes on in Rhode Island, California, Texas and our own state have adopted bills submitting constitutional prohibition to the people. Georgia has enacted prohibition in 101 of its 138 counties, and Alabama has adopted it for one-half of its state, Tennessee has 8, and Maryland 9 counties under prohibition. New Jersey is moving both for prohibition and scientific temperance instruction in its schools, bill of each having already passed one branch of their present legislature, a bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco in all its forms to minors under 16 has also passed and is a law now in that state.

Arkansas, Oregon Nebraska and Pennsylvania, have passed laws favoring scientific temperance instruction in their schools. Even New York worst afflicted of all the States with foreign influence, and Kentucky the home of old Bourbon itself, are both rousing themselves in their strength against this terrible foe of God and humanity, and are seriously contemplating its utter extermination by the powerful arm of the law.

Across the Atlantic, Germany is beginning to see the terrors of her situation, bound as she is in the cords of a living death by beer and rum.

In Switzerland there is a loud call for governmental action to suppress the traffic. In Belgium, Norway and Great Britain, staid old England, prohibition is fast coming to the front. Indeed in every civilized country in the world it is being earnestly and intelligently discussed. It is agitated in every circle of pure, patriotic, christian thought, and the conviction is everywhere gaining ground that the demon's reign must be totally broken by the strong arm of law.

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