

News Summary.

Lexington wants to be the county seat of Morrow.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is completed to the Columbia river.

Assessor Harold reports Portland's population to be about 29,000, exclusive of Chinese.

Citizens of Heppner have raided an opium den and a house of ill fame in that town and ordered the inmates to leave.

Large numbers of salmon are being speared in Albany and Santiam ditch. A new kind of fish is also caught there.

The steamer Occident, of the O. R. & N. Co., is tied up at Salem by the Sheriff for \$2,300 taxes assessed against the Narrow Guage road.

Oregon City has twenty-five bachelors between the age of thirty and seventy-five, with several outlying precincts to hear from.

A barn on Newton White's farm, near Albany, was burned a few days ago and with it a wagon and threshing machine. Origin of the fire a mystery.

Yakima's citizens are flurried over an order from the Northern Pacific's headquarters, cutting down construction expenses from \$40,000 to \$8,000 a month.

Silas Haight, a pioneer of '45, died at his home near Albany on the 12th inst. an advanced age. He moved to Linn county in 1847, where he has resided ever since.

Many sheep have died in Eastern Oregon during the past few days. They had been sheared and "dipped," and when cold rain came on thousands were chilled to death.

The settlers in Clark county are crowding over into the unsurveyed tracts in the foothills and the mountains, and are calling for surveys by the United States authorities.

The fishermen at Astoria have made a demand for 70 cents a fish, to commence after the 23rd. The canneries offer 50 cents. The consequence will be probably to close up the canneries.

At Luelling's nursery men are employed to pick part of the green fruit from the trees, so that they will not break down as it matures. In many other places trees are equally over-loaded.

A Piute Indian is cultivating sixty acres of land in Pleasant Valley, Nevada, this season. He has several acres of wheat and barley, besides potatoes, cabbage and other vegetables. He receives no assistance from the government and manages the ranch himself, using Indian labor exclusively.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer says: "The question is no longer a mooted one that even if the Cascade locks are constructed boats cannot reach the foot of the canal during certain stages of water. The trip of the Cascades last Saturday demonstrated the fact that an ordinary steamboat can enter the canal from the west side at any season."

Eugene City Register: Lane county contains more openings and valuable unimproved lands for immigrants than any other county of western Oregon. The immigrants calling at the rooms of the state board last week represented over \$50,000, and yet Lane county didn't get one of them. The reason is simple and plain; other counties are represented there and far better advertised.

Hon. Spencer F. Baird, United States Fish Commissioner, is collecting a car load of shad to be sent out here. It was expected to start the car on May 1st, but considerable difficulty has been experienced in securing the needed amount of fish, and the car will hardly be loaded before another week or so. The shad will be turned loose in the Willamette at Salem which is said to be a good locality for their propagation. Parties wishing to can secure a bucketful, providing they own a suitable pond.

The Ohio State Journal of May 15 says: "It is now apparent that the wheat crop of Ohio, as a whole, will fall 50 per cent. short of that of 1884." A like report comes from nearly all the wheat producing States east of the Rocky Mountains, and from California. It is certain, therefore, that the wheat crop of the United States this year will be a small one compared with that of last. This affords a prospect for better prices for the Pacific Northwest, whose crop will be larger than ever before.—Oregonian.

Liquor sellers in Pacific county evade the efforts of the people there to close up saloons, by putting bars on boats and anchoring off shore in Baker's bay, where they sell in defiance of law.

The latest discovered use for the roller rink is at Pittsburg, where Robert Haverstick and Conrad Metz skated a race for the affections of a young lady, Metz winning by a quarter of a lap in five minutes.

Salmon berries are ripe and very plentiful in the woods. They resemble the raspberry, but are much larger. Wild strawberries are so plentiful and cheap that they are no longer gathered for the market. Wild raspberries and blackberries are also very plentiful and will ripen a month earlier this season.

A Spokane exchange says: "From Thomas Burnett, who, with others, has done considerable sheep-shearing in this and Adams counties this spring, we learn that never were the fleeces so heavy as this year. Common sheep shear from seven to nine pounds each and the wool is of an excellent quality.

It is said that the executors of the estate of Wendell Phillips have found it in a very hopeless condition; that the bulk of it consists of a mass of stocks of the wild-cat variety, having a face value of nearly \$1,000,000, but being practically worth little or nothing. Beyond this, report says there is only about \$8,000 worth of property.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Salem for a company with a capital of \$20,000, for the purpose of navigating the Willamette river as far as Eugene, and its tributaries. S. G. Reed's name appears among the incorporators.

Spokane Review: An immense number of cattle are passing through the city daily bound for Montana. The stock comes from Eastern Washington and Oregon, and is all in good condition. Walker Bean has the contract for feeding the animals at this station. The contract calls for 15,000 head.

It is stated that the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company will shortly ship the 4,000 tons of old rails owned by it, to the San Francisco mills to be rerolled. It is further reported that the newly rolled rails will be shipped to Colfax, W. T., and used to complete the Colfax-Moscow branch.

C. D. McFarlin and H. McFarlin, brothers, lately from Stockton, Cal., have purchased fifty-five acres of swamp land on North Slough, Coos bay, from George Beal, and have entered forty acres of government land adjoining, on which they propose to raise cranberries.

Astoria Herald, 21st inst.: The fishermen's strike came to formal termination last evening, when at a meeting they decided to go to work at the old prices, after resolving to get together in the future and form a union or compact for the promotion and protection of their interests in the seasons to come. To-day the river is dotted with boats, and, as the run of fish is lively, no doubt business at the canneries will come on with a rush and with redoubled vigor now that all hands have had a good rest.

Hillsboro Independent: The Tillamook party returned last Monday, and while their reports about the new discoveries out there are encouraging, they found that there had been considerable exaggeration of the mines. For instance, the ledge that the Hillsboro investigators took interest in was found to be almost worthless. It is suspected that the large assays that have been made were got from rock that did not come from Tillamook leads. They have lots of very rich rock in Portland from Idaho, Montana and Nevada, which are capital for "salting" mines and swindling green-horns.

The streets of Astoria are being macadamized with the ballast of ships which lighter or take in cargo there, and here is how the Astorian puts it: From the coral strands of India, and from the far off islands of the soft south sea, come in the holds of vessels the foundation of many of Astoria's streets. South American pebbles and Australian dornicks; chunks of Eocene formation from the Feejees, and relics of Paleozoic period from Hong Kong, are alike in the conglomerate mass that underlies our thoroughfares. When Oregon's future geologists analyze the component parts of the strata they shall here find, it will puzzle them worse to reconcile the geological formation than the biblical miracles puzzle Bob Ingersoll.

The salary of the President of the United States is never applied for by the President, but is made out in the form of a voucher at the end of each month and signed by the treasurer of the United States in regular order with hundreds of other vouchers. The private secretary is always given the money, but the Department requires the receipt to be signed by the President personally. The monthly voucher is \$4,166.66, but for March Mr. Cleveland drew \$3,888.87 and Mr. Arthur \$277.89.

The cattle shipments to the Montana ranges from Oregon and Washington this season will amount to 30,000 to 40,000 head. The shipping of live stock will cease to be much of a business as the shipment of slaughtered meat in refrigerators will be much cheaper and better. The beef slaughtered from the range here and shipped can be placed in the east markets in a much better condition. The shrinkage on live shipments is nearly one-fourth on a large steer, and as a consequence the meat loses its fine flavor imparted by the bunchgrass and is in every way less palatable.

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