

News Summary.

Lane county pioneers held a reunion at Eugene City, June 4.

The Oregon City firemen have sent East for new caps, belts, and helmets, to be had before the Fourth.

Lafayette is going to celebrate the 4th of July. One of the attractive features is to be a barbecue dinner.

A hundred barrel a day roller flouring mill, run by steam, is the latest addition to the numerous industries of Tacoma.

Yakima is the present terminus of a 2000 mile stretch of the N. P. R. R. This is the longest line of road in the United States.

Previous to 1872 in most places in Oregon the two bit piece was the smallest change made. Now the limit, a one cent piece, has been reached.

Walla Walla farmers report the prospects of an unusually large wheat crop as becoming brighter every day. The grain has taken a new lease of life and is heading out nicely.

Thirty immigrants direct from Fannin county, Texas, arrived at Eugene City last Saturday. They are well pleased with the appearance of the country, and have come to stay.

Two Minneapolis gentlemen, representing \$1,500,000 are expected to visit Oregon City this week to inspect the falls of the Willamette with reference to its utilization as a water power.

Sea lions are reported thicker and more audacious than ever at the mouth of the Columbia. They were out in force playing around, seizing salmon and throwing them out of the water.

The hop vines of the Yakima valley have made a wonderful growth since the rains. Some of them being fourteen feet high. At least half of which has been attained during the past week.

A trap stole a horse in Lake county recently while the owner was lying dead drunk. The Sheriff was started in pursuit, and as one went south and the other north, it may be a long time before they meet face to face.

The sensational story about an intended uprising of the whites against Indian Chief Joseph and his band on their return to the old Nez Perce reservation, appears to have been a scheme to get a garrison back at Fort Lapwai.

Ben. Holladay, Jr., threatens to make a present of his water front real estate, at Oregon City, to persons who will put manufacturing establishments on them. He says, to screw a sewing machine fast to the rocks and call that a factory, won't answer his requirements.

Alkali Enterprise: Nearly all our sheepmen lost more or less of their flocks from the effects of the late rains and cold spell coming just after shearing, causing the sheep to chill to death. As near as we are able to learn such loss will run from twenty to one hundred in each band.

Newberg letter: Two accidents with fire-arms the past week in our little burg. Riley Smith went to pick up his gun in a hurry to shoot a crow; the gun went off, taking the end of his thumb and crippling two fingers. Beuben Frank got a bullet through his hand while handling a revolver.

A Piute Indian named Plush, who is Chief of a little band of redskins camped on Deadman creek, near Lakeview was on a glorious old drunk Saturday. During his jamboree he beat one of his squaws almost to death, cut an Indian child up considerably with a butcher knife, and drove all his faithful henchmen to the mountains for safety. A posse from town captured the crazy brute and lodged him in jail till he sobered up.

Grant's Pass Courier: On the first of this month H. B. Miller & Co. sold to Geo. Ainslee & Co., Portland, 120,000 feet of sugar pine lumber, and from other sources have received orders for four more carloads of the same kind of lumber, making a revenue to this county of about \$35,000. This ought to be evidence that this variety of lumber can be manufactured here to good advantage in competition with California. With a sash and door factory here almost every foot of this valuable timber could be worked into large profit. The theory heretofore advanced by Mr. Miller that the sugar pine of this country would develop into one of our best paying industries, is becoming more practical every day. The manufactory talked of is one of the positive things of the near future.

The citizens of Grant's Pass have subscribed \$2000 toward the erection of new public buildings in case the county seat is located at that place.

The editor of a Washington Territory paper was recently robbed of \$3.15 the hard earned saving of four years. Universal sympathy is expressed for him by his brother journalists.

The Supreme Court has decided that the new jury law is unconstitutional, hence all juries will have to be drawn under the old law, which provides for thirty, instead of thirty-six according to the new law.

The Cove correspondent of the La Grande Gazette says: Some spots in the grain fields near here are said to be perfectly yellow with unhatched grasshopper eggs. On the ridge the young hoppers have here and there eaten the ground bare, though it is supposed not to damage the grain which soon grows again more vigorous than ever.

An Ellensburg correspondent says: "Our town is crowded with discharged laborers. The orders for suspension of work on the Cascade division have cast a gloom over the burg. This will tend to put a stop to all improvements and building until something more definite is learned in regard to constructing the road to this place."

Victoria Times: A discovery of gold bearing quartz is reported near the falls on Goldstream, which was brought to light by a cutting on the Island railway. The attention of Mr. Hunter, chief engineer of the works, was called to the quartz, and upon examination it was found to contain gold in large quantities, one quartz specimen being rich in the metal.

Ashland Tiding: A number of the maple trees in town are infested with an insect which is said to be the red scale bug, a tree pest which has caused much trouble in some portions of California and in other states. Orchard men should investigate the matter, and if there be any way to prevent the pest from gaining foothold here, see that no time is lost in making the effort.

Salem Statesman: Rev. Jesse Harritt, who lives at a point over the river about two miles from Salem, showed us a pear tree in his yard that is full six feet in circumference about the body, and is forty-seven feet high. Last year it bore fifty-two bushels of pears, which is more than it ever bore before. The amount of fruit that it yields corresponds to its growth. The tree is thirty-three years old, is in a healthy condition and bids fair to live four or five hundred years longer.

John L. Sullivan, the brutal pugilist, has entered a counter suit to his wife's suit for divorce, alleging cruel and abusive treatment and habits of intoxication. It will be a pity to separate so congenial a couple as this twin proclaims themselves to be, though the idea of any one, still less a woman, mistreating Sullivan will probably be scouted by the judge who will be called upon to decide the marital differences of these anxious applicants for divorce.—Ex.

Peter Goyette of High valley, Union county, has a curiosity, or a monstrosity, whichever it may be called. It is a lamb now five weeks old, in perfect health, having five legs, the odd number projecting from its side, but about an inch shorter than the regulation legs. The tail also grows from the hip, some three inches from the location of the ordinary protuberance, while on the right shoulder is a growth, now about four inches in length, which Mr. Goyette designates as a "wing." The animal in every respect acts, eats and plays as if a lamb of ordinary birth, and is certainly the result of an extraordinary freak of nature.

The first through train over the Canadian Pacific railway from Montreal to Winnipeg, bearing troops designed for operation against Poundmaker and his band of Indians is ominous of the effect of railroads in settling the Indian question. But it is more significant as an industrial victory, the results of which will last long after that question is settled. This great railway has now been completed to the base of the Rocky mountains, and at last accounts the gap between that point and the Pacific ocean was being closed as rapidly as possible, considering the grave engineering difficulties encountered. They will soon be overcome, and another vast railway line—the longest by far of any—will span the continent.—Oregonian.

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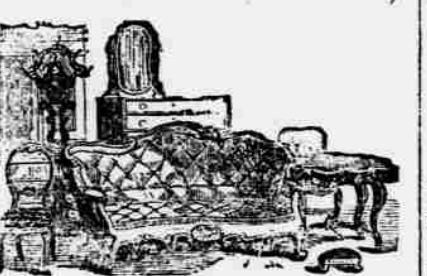
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