

News Summary.

Caterpillars are raising sad havoc in the orchards near Gervais.

Nearly \$1000 has been raised in Walla Walla for the celebration of the 4th of July.

A car containing young shad is en route to Portland, and the fish will be distributed through the streams of Oregon and Washington.

Eastern Oregon and Washington are expected to produce 450,000 tons of wheat this year, of which 350,000 tons will be for export.

Fishermen have great sport catching salmon at the Willamette Falls with hook and line. Fish weighing from 20 to 30 pounds are frequently taken.

Mr. Thomas Graham, a miner of Granite Creek, while working in his claim last week, picked up a nugget weighing four and one half pounds, valued at \$900.

The "Yank" ledge in Douglas county bids fair to rival the Comstock lode. The dazzling prospect turned a San Francisco gold-mining expert crazy, and he died a few days ago.

According to the census of 1885, Linn produces more butter than any county in the state. Marion comes next followed by Multnomah, Lane, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Umatilla, Douglas, Union and then Polk.

Eugene Guard: About forty Chinamen left Eugene last Wednesday, for Blue river where they go to mine during the coming summer. We understand that another drove will leave here some time next week for the same destination.

The Statesman says the Salem Flouring Mills company have decided to adopt the roller mills process. They will discard all their old machinery, and have let a contract to a Minnesota man to put in the machinery, at a cost of about \$40,000, the work to be completed by September 20.

It has often been remarked that the cherry season this year is somewhat earlier than usual. A strange coincidence is that many of the trees that have already yielded a large crop are budding anew, and are even white with blossoms, and bid fair to bear a larger second crop this season than the first.

Judge Washburne returned from Lake county yesterday morning. He brought several curiosities among which was the skull of a mountain sheep with an enormous pair of horns which we imagine to be as large as those, the blowing of which brought down the walls of Jericho.—Eugene Register.

Matney, Lawrence and Cooper, who were charged with inflicting bodily injury upon Coffey, near Independence on Sunday, May 24, had a preliminary examination before justice O'Donald of Salem, on Monday June 1st, and were held in bonds for their appearance before the grand jury; Matney in the sum of \$1000 and Lawrence and Cooper in the sum of \$750 each.

The Omaha Bee says foreign cattlemen in Nebraska are successfully fooling the government. They have fenced in 40,000 acres of public land in Custer county and driven off settlers by violence, and now that their title is questioned in the courts they have succeeded in staving off trial long enough to permit the army of cowboys and others whom they have hired, to file claims on the lands under the homestead, pre-emption and timber-culture acts.

The prospects are brilliant for a successful State Fair this year. Portland merchants have taken renewed interest in the exhibition, and will send a large amount of goods to the fair. Exhibitors are assured of their premiums, and are not afraid to venture. The appropriation made by the last Legislature has greatly added to restore confidence in the institution. A Portland merchant said yesterday that he thought the coming fair would be the most successful ever held.—News.

The projectors of the Portland and Huntington railroad are working quietly, but as yet no important developments have been made. Plenty of capital is assured the enterprise, both local and Eastern. All arrangements have been about perfected, and it is not at all improbable that work will begin on the road before the close of the present year. As far as can now be learned large machine and repair shops are to be located at both Portland and Huntington. The road will be standard gauge.

Rich specimens of copper ore has been found within a few miles of Salem. It is probable that a company of western capitalists will invest money in the enterprise of working the ore.

By the fire at Oak Grove, Polk Co., A. G. Roberts lost one thresher, two seeders, one hay rake, one binder, a span of horses valued at \$300 or \$400, ten tons of hay and about 400 bushels of wheat.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable mining season a considerable quantity of gold dust has been taken out of the Rogue river. C. C. Beckman of Jacksonville has bought and shipped several thousand dollars' worth.

Salem had another fire on Wednesday evening, June 3rd. A large wooden building adjoining the postoffice, just opposite the Chemeketa hotel was burned. The building was owned by Ed. Hirsch, state treasurer, and his loss is \$1000.

Roseburg Plaindealer: A load of the finest coal that ever came into this town was brought down from the East Umpqua river, about twenty-two miles from town, where Dr. J. F. W. Saubert has discovered an extensive coal ledge. The quality too is of the very best.

Jacksonville Times: Grasshoppers are doing considerable damage to growing crops on the other side of Bear creek, so we are informed by John Hockenjos. This is the first instance that Jackson county has been attacked with a pest of this kind.

Marshfield News: Henry Schroeder is buying large quantities of myrtle and maple wood on the Coquille, which will be forwarded to Chicago, where arrangements have been made for its disposal. He is paying from \$7 to \$10 per acre for the privilege of cutting the timber.

Roseburg Review: Reports from all portions of the county are indicative of an abundant yield of grain. We have talked with a great many farmers and have not heard one word of disparagement of the yield of spring-sown. Fall sown crops will not give as good yield, as the rains came too late to do any permanent good.

The rains have been succeeded throughout the entire northwest by the most delightful "growing" weather. Our crop of cereals was long ago assured and now that of fruit and vegetables is as certain. Oregon and Washington alone keep up the average in the great wheat crop aggregate, California falling below on account of the long spring drouth.

Salem Statesman: Yesterday, while the two sons of Mr. Frank Murray in Gervais, were hunting rats, the elder brother seeing the other one's foot in the grass, mistook it for a rat and shot at it. The distance being only about ten feet, he filled the foot completely with shot. Dr. Cuthorn of that city was immediately summoned and extracted what lead he could from the afflicted member.

The last official report of the Union Pacific directors said of the Utah and Northern: "Remarkable as the statement appears, it is yet true that two stations at its extreme northern end—Butte and Anaconda, twenty eight miles distant from each other, and about 1400 miles distant from Omaha—collect and receive annually an amount of earnings nearly equal to one tenth of the gross earnings of the entire Union Pacific system, so rich is the surrounding country in mineral wealth."

A Camas valley correspondent of the Roseburg Plaindealer says: The gold fever has developed into an epidemic among our valley folks. The scene of excitement is Twelve-mile creek. Claims have been taken up from the forks of it and Boulder creek for a distance of a mile or more up the creek. James Huddleston and Mr. Martindale are working their claim with vigor. They are at present running a ditch of half a mile in length. They have had good prospects and are sanguine of success.

McMinnville Reporter: A Mr. Wilson came over from Tilamook one day the latter part of the week and brought with him several specimens of the quartz-bearing rock not only from the mines on the Trask but also from Petche's on this side of the mountains. Several specimens were left at this office by him, and those acquainted with silver rock are invited to call and examine. Mr. Wilson says that much rock has been taken in from other sections and that "salting" has been engaged in to considerable extent, to the detriment of the true-condition of the mines.

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