

News Summary.

Immense numbers of squirrels are destroying crops in portions of Union county this season.

An exchange says a silver dollar is too big, a gold dollar too small, a paper dollar too thin, and all too scarce.

The wool crop this year is said to be extremely prolific. Sheepmen along Snake river report ten pounds a head as an average yield, which is very good indeed, but the price of wool is not so flattering.

The Walla Walla Journal reports that two of the three commissioners have determined upon Walla Walla as the most desirable point for the location of the territorial penitentiary.

Farmers in Walla Walla valley have already begun harvesting barley, and are unanimous in declaring a very large yield.

An important gold quartz discovery was made last week near Pine valley, Union county, the vein being three feet thick and traceable nearly 500 feet.

Hop raisers are confident of a large yield this year, but are not so confident as to price. Many who are engaged in the business are of the opinion that the price paid this fall will not cover the cost of picking and drying.

Information has been received that Mr. Will McConnell, formerly of Linn county, was kicked by a colt and killed at Mayville, Gilliam county, on the 27th of May.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat says of the crop prospects in the South: "The reports from all four of our leading crops, cotton, sugar, rice and corn continue excellent, and more than excellent, and are in remarkable contrast with last year in condition, promise and prices."

Naquian Post: All work on the jetty has ceased, the employees paid off and most of them gone outside.

A Salem paper says: The session law have just been completed and are now in the binder's hands.

A gentleman who has recently traveled all over Polk county says that crops are looking especially well along the Dallas Monmouth road and between Perrydale and White's Station.

Walla Walla Statesman: It is estimated that there is now growing in Walla Walla county 90,000 acres of wheat; in Columbia county, 60,000; in Garfield and Assotin counties, 60,000; and in Whitman and Nez Perce counties, 60,000 more, and in Umatilla county 90,000.

Whatcom Reveille: Mr. D. E. Rice of Nooksack, dug new potatoes on May 30th that measured five inches in circumference.

The Cheyenne Sun of the 11th says "James Q. Shirley, of Union, Oregon has sold 2,000 head of fine mixed cattle to Dater & Co., of this city.

Competent judges estimate that there is at least 300,000 acres of land in Douglas county subject to entry.

A Boston man claiming to be a scientist, says if the earth is not bored full of holes it will burst.

The cheese factory at Cove, Oregon, uses the milk of 120 cows, and will increase the number to over 300 during the season.

E. Boreman brought to the banking house of J. W. Virtue last Wednesday a \$3000 clean up from his placer claims, situated eight miles east of Baker city and near the Virtue mine.

It now seems to be settled that the O. R. & N. lines are to be leased to the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific.

Ashland Tidings: Some little excitement is reported over new placer diggings now being worked on Cottonwood creek, above Shattuck's place on the other side of the Siskiyou.

The San Francisco Bulletin complains that the Chinese are pouring into California in almost as great numbers as ever, notwithstanding the restrictive legislation.

The Trimble brothers, of Rogue River were again arrested for violation of the law for protection of fish.

A contract has been let to the Pacific Bridge Company, of San Francisco, for the construction of a bridge across Rogue river for the accommodation of the San's valley people.

A gentleman living about six miles from Dayton, missed a couple of his cows some time ago, and a diligent search and notices in the county paper failed to bring them to light.

Mrs. Hill and Mrs. De Souzer, mother and daughter, were drowned in the Umpqua, Douglas county, Wednesday of last week.

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