

News Summary.

There are now 404 patients in the state insane asylum.

The quarterly report shows 283 convicts in the penitentiary; there is one woman in this number and eight men who are unable from old age or disease to work.

A colony of 170 families will reach Portland from Nebraska and Indiana early next month, and will be located at some suitable point in the Willamette valley.

Jackson county offers the following bounties for scalps: panther or cougar, \$5; grizzly bear, \$5; brown bear \$5; wild cat or catamount, \$1; mountain wolf, \$5; coyote, \$4.

The tide of immigration still continues setting towards the west. Although the stream is small, it is steady, and every day brings more or less permanent settlers to our doors.

Mr. W. M. Townsend, lately appointed receiver of public moneys at the United States land office at Lakeview, have sold the Lafayette "Register" to Messrs. C. R. Fenton, A. B. Westfield and W. I. Westerfield.

It now appears a settled fact that there is shortly to be a lively opposition between San Francisco and Portland. After the 1st of next month the steamer Wilmington will make regular trips, carrying passengers and freight at reduced rates.

During the three months ending July 1st, there were 41 failures, liabilities, 143,000, in Oregon, and for six months ending, July 1, there were 85 failures, liabilities, \$450,000. For the corresponding six months of 1884 there were 102 failures, liabilities, \$627,500.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: Parties are in town negotiating for the construction of an auxiliary steam vessel to carry lumber from the Columbia river, the capacity to be about 500,000 feet of lumber. It is stated that the machinery and boilers formerly in the auxiliary steamer George S. Homer are to be used in the new craft.

Washington Territory bids fair to become an important stock raising country. Stockmen are moving in very fast, and in September a gentleman from Great Britain will invest \$60,000 in that Territory in the cattle business. He writes that he intends to locate in the Kootenai country, and commence business with 5,000 head of cattle.

In estimating the salmon pack of the season the "Astorian" says: "The July salmon run, which started in pretty heavy the first week of the month, has fallen off, and it looks now as though the prophecies of a short pack would come true; there are not lacking those who assert that the aggregate will be 200,000 cases below that of last year. The outside estimate is 475,000 cases, and it is said that this is putting it 30,000 cases too high."

Last week wheat cutting commenced on the Blalock ranch in Eastern Oregon. The ranch contains 2,200 acres in wheat which according to the first days work, will yield 40 bushels to the acre or 88,000 bushels. It is believed however, that one piece of 400 acres will average 60 bushels to the acre. The grain is plump, large, of bright color and without smut. Eight headers and two big threshers are at work.

Much prospecting is being done in the region of Blue river, in this county. Three men have discovered a well defined quartz ledge that promises to be fairly rich. It is thought that it will assay in the neighborhood of \$30 per ton. A quantity of the ore has been sent to Portland to be assayed. About thirty Chinamen are at work in placer diggings in the same region, and it is thought they are making considerable money.—[Eugene Guard.]

Game is plentiful on Coos bay, says the Marshfield "News." Numbers of deer have been killed within the past week, and parties from the mountains report elk as being more numerous than for years. Bear can be found close to town, and a number have been seen by berrying parties lately. A party who lives on the sawdust says that while picking berries at an old logging camp last week he suddenly came face to face with a bear and two cubs, he turned to avoid them, and almost ran into three more bears. He concluded he didn't want any more berries that day, and started for home, his pace being much accelerated by the presence of a large panther which chased him half way to his house.

The Snoqualime hop association have 200 acres planted in hops, and 150 in oats and barley.

The territorial penitentiary committee have selected Walla Walla as the place for the new prison building.

Contract has been let for the new chamber of commerce building in Tacoma. It is to cost about \$20,000.

It is currently reported by farmers of several localities in Marion county that some of the late crops are somewhat damaged by the rust.

The census of Asotin county, W. T. shows a total population of 1,513, of which number 858 are males and 655 females, and 364 are of voting age.

In Willamina, Polk county, where croppings of float of cinnabar have been discovered, it is said that the float shows a richer appearance than any yet discovered on this coast.

The heavy steel rails on the road between Centerville and Pendleton has been replaced by the light steel rails formerly on the narrow gauge to Wallula from Walla Walla.

Mr. D. Woods, living near Albany, shot at a squirrel last Saturday and succeeded in hitting his wife, the ball entering the fleshy part of one of her lips. The wound is a painful, but not dangerous one.

Croppings or float of cinnabar have been discovered near Willamina, over the line in Yamhill county. It is said that the float shows a richer appearance than any yet discovered on the coast. Experts are now at work trying to locate the ledge.

Of the Iowa excursionists, 60 of the journals represented were Republican, 17 Democratic, 14 independent, 4 greenback, 4 agricultural, 2 local, 1 anti-monopoly, 1 society, 1 college, 1 temperance and one educational.

Isaac Pincus the Tacoma hop buyer has just made a trip about the Sound, says the Seattle "Chronicle," where he purchased a quantity of hops and examined the crops for the coming season. He reports that the yield will exceed that of last year. He also reports that there are at least 2000 bales of last year's crop unsold.

A Yamhill county exchange says: "Harvesting is in full blast in all parts of the valley and the demand for farm hands exceeds the supply. There is no reason for any able-bodied man being idle. Farmers in different portions of the state are writing to the bureau of immigration office for hands, and these orders are being filled as fast as they arrive."

The Moses reservation has been thrown open to settlement. It is situated in Stevens county, W. T., with British Columbia as the northern boundary. The reservation contains 4,675 1/2 square miles, or 2,992,240 acres, or one-tenth the size of Pennsylvania. The land is very fertile and is said to be rich in minerals. As yet it is unsurveyed.

The people of Tacoma are called upon to vote a special school tax of eight mills on the dollar, to pay off the indebtedness of the district, estimated at \$18,000. In the city are reported 1048 children of school age. Last year 826 attended school, and next year the directors suppose 300 more children will demand seats. The expenditure of the past year aggregated \$11,959 82.

While Matthias Sutherland was sleeping in his tent, eleven miles from Eagle Pass Landing, last Sunday about midnight, a tree that had been burned at the roots fell across him, causing instant death. Deceased was a young man 28 years of age, and had been employed along the railway work for years. His home was in Dorchester, near London, Ontario.

A gentleman, who travels as much if not more than any other man who lives in Portland, returned recently from an extended trip through Oregon and Washington territory, and reports the grain fields looking the finest he ever saw them here or anywhere. Between Lewiston and Dayton, in the Walla Walla and Palouse countries the crop is immense both in yield and acreage.

Speaking of the wheat prospects the Chicago Inter-ocean says: "There seems to be great difficulty in getting reliable facts regarding the wheat crop. The facts are that State officials and others interested are slow to acknowledge that there is any serious failure out of fear that it will prevent immigration and interfere with the growth and values of the State. It would be a good deal better for all parties if the exact truth is stated."

The Cost of Wheat.

Here is the Boston idea of the thing, from the "Herald."

The western farmers ought to know what it costs them per bushel to grow wheat and get it to market. But many of them don't know, and therefore turn with interest to the report made by the agent of the farmers' alliance of England, who was sent to this country to study the question. He did it in the thorough English fashion and reports that in Minnesota and Dakota the total cost of wheat raising varies from forty to fifty cents per bushel, according to the skill and facilities of the farmer. The average normal charge for transportation is fifteen cents per bushel to Chicago, and a sum from Chicago to New York, to which is added ten cents for commissions all the way through. His conclusion is that wheat at \$1 in New York represents a profit to the northwestern farmers. But as, according to his own figures, the profit is only about fifteen cents a bushel on an average, the farmers will not get rich rapidly at current prices. Dollar wheat in Chicago is about the lowest figures in which the farmers can be asked to be contented.

To Resuscitate The Drowning.

The drowning season is now at its height and in connection therewith is the necessity of a general understanding of the means of resuscitating, says an exchange. In Paris the records show that about four of every five persons drowned are resuscitated; but it is doubtful if the average is anywhere near as great in any city in the United States. Accompanying the instructions for resuscitation adopted by the United States Life Saving service, with the approval of the American Medical Association, is the suggestion: "Do not be impatient of results. Any time within two hours you may be on the very threshold of success without there being any sign of it. There are instances on record where breathing has been restored after having ceased for an hour or more."

Every person should know what to do in a case of drowning. It is important to avoid delay, and the very moment the body is taken from the water it should be stripped to the waist and the clothing having been made into a roll to raise the pit of the stomach above the level of the mouth, all fluids should be forced out by pressure with the hands, one on back just below the shoulder blades and the other opposite. Artificial breathing is produced by placing the roll of clothing under the body turned upon its back and then grasping the chest on either side of the pit of the stomach and gradually pressing forward and upward until the whole strength is used; and then suddenly letting go, the operation to be repeated with the regularity of natural breathing. The whole process, outlined rather than adequately described, is so simple that a child may perform it if sufficiently strong, and no person should permit himself to be ignorant of it.

The country editor is a man who reads newspapers, writes on almost any subject, sets type, makes up mail, runs errands, saws wood, works in the garden, is blamed for thousands of things he never thought of, works hard all day, helps people into office who forget all about it afterwards, and very frequently gets cheated out of half his earnings. He puffs and does more to build up the town than any one else, and the miser and forger are benefited; yet they will not take his paper, will borrow it, and read it and cuss the editor.—[Ex.]

Railway work in B. C. is being pushed rapidly from the east. It is estimated that there are fully ten thousand men in the Rockies and Selkirks. In places the work goes on continuously, the men working eight hour shifts, as they do in the mines, the electric light being used at night. The whole of the line from Griffin lake east is now under contract and in the hands of eastern men. Last week 500 men were brought from the other side of the Columbia. The contractors will bring in 250 men a week until the line is covered.

At the Portland savings bank can be seen the \$20 piece found in the stomach of a cow slaughtered at McMinnville, which has been the subject of considerable newspaper comment. It was sent down by the McMinnville bank to be sold, and it is found to be worth \$16.75. It bears date of 1870, but of course it is impossible to say how long it has taken the animal which swallowed it to digest \$3 25 off it. The milling is all worn off and the edge is smooth and rounded. The head of Liberty is worn away but little more than the flat space around it, and the design on the obverse is also quite distinct.

ONECO Three Year Old Record 2:41. Son of Altamont (2:27), and Belle Price. Will be kept the season of 1885 on the farm of J. W. McKnight, at Lawson Station on the narrow gauge railroad, Linn Co., Or. Will be allowed to serve a limited number of mares at \$50, payable when the mare is removed from the farm, with the privilege of returning barren mares in 1886 free of charge.

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