

News Summary.

Stoves from the Oregon penitentiary will be no longer admitted into British Columbia, the Canadian customs laws forbidding the importation of any convict-made goods.

A German has engaged eight Bella Coola Indians at \$20 a month to go with him for exhibition in a Berlin museum. They left Tuesday for New York. He has collected several cases of Indian curiosities.

The Columbia pilots urge the necessity of dredging and sluicing the bars between Portland and Astoria, now that the Summer freshet is receding. The channel is being filled with sediment, and the work should be done promptly.

We are informed that a worm similar to the cut worm has been working on the green corn. Mr. Lander's patch, from which he expected to derive quite a revenue, is nearly destroyed and it is probable that nearly all the corn in the county is affected by it.—West Side.

State Treasurer Hirsch has apportioned to the different counties the interest arising from the common school fund. It is \$59,046 75, and there are 78,759 school children in the state. Multnomah, the most populous county, has 11,419 children of school age, and receives the largest sum \$8564.25. Curry county is at the other extreme, having but 467 children and receiving \$350.55.

The steamer A. A. McCully, which has been on the ways in South Portland for the past three weeks, was relaunched last week. The ropes were cut promptly at that time, and the steamer glided into the water without a jar. The McCully has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and the machinery repaired, at a cost of \$2,500. A new steam capstan has also been placed in the bow. The steamer will be placed on the Upper Willamette route and will be commanded by Captain S. V. Short.

The Whatcom Reveille says: "Captain Roeder brought reports from Coupeville last Friday of a very rich find on the Ruby creek, near the Twin Sister peaks, in Whatcom county. The Robinson claim, upon which the strike was made, was worked in 1878-9, and prospecting has been done on the upper Skagit and surrounding territory ever since with varying success until the recent find. According to report the three men at work on the Robinson claim took out \$7000 in dust in two days on the Robinson placer claim. The Ruby creek country may be reached via Skagit river or overland by trail from Fort Hope, B. C."

Speaking of the business outlook in Southern Oregon, the Jacksonville Sentinel says: "while there has been no perceptible impetus to trade in the last month, the business outlook is decidedly more favorable. The crop prospects which looked doubtful in the beginning of the season, is now so favorable that an average yield of grain is fully assured, and the late rains have made a good yield of corn a certainty. The general business depression that has prevailed everywhere, has affected our country to some extent, but not as it has in other localities where they depended altogether on their export and import trade. Our mines when we have water, yield handsomely, and no season has ever been so dry but that the revenue from this source has met the moderate demands of the trade."

A Marion county exchange says: "The wheat crop is not likely to turn out as large a yield as was expected by the majority of farmers. In some localities the yield will be over average, while in other parts of the county—even where the grain looked to be above the average—it falls short. The late warm weather has ripened grain much faster than it has ever been known to ripen in this country before, and it has perhaps had a tendency to shrivel the grain, as it has roasted or blighted some of the fruit—apples, plums, etc. We have heard of several instances where the wheat before it was cut looked as though it would turn out thirty or forty bushels to the acre, has yielded far less. For instance, Mr. John Savage, on Salem prairie, had a piece, which before it was cut, looked as though it would go from thirty to forty bushels per acre, but only yielded twenty bushels per acre after being cut and threshed. Mr. Macy, another Salem prairie farmer realized thirty bushels to the acre. We still believe that there will be near an average crop of wheat in Marion county."

W. S. Ladd, the Portland banker, has sunk an artesian well to the depth of over 1300 feet, on his farm back of East Portland, without finding water. He will go still deeper.

Big shad caught at our doors continue to show up. One was showed yesterday that weighed 3 3/4 pounds, comparing favorably in size, and in flavor, too with the famous Delaware shad.—Astorian.

The export surplus of grain and flour of the present year is as yet an unknown quantity, but it will not fall short of three hundred thousand tons. Report from eastern Oregon insist that the figures will be much higher, but we have learned by experience of seasons past to distrust extravagant estimates.

The bicycle race between F. T. Merrill of Portland and Fred. S. Rollinson of San Francisco at Alameda on the 18th ult, was won by the former. It was a race of twenty miles. Merrill being given half-a-mile the start, which he not only maintained but increased, and won the race in 1 hour, 13 minutes and 52 seconds.

A land surveyor from Harney valley reports affairs in that section as being in a prosperous condition, with splendid prospects for the future. Many stockmen from California are removing their herds to the valley, and a new town, called Burns, has been established. It contains a population of about 100 already, mostly cattle dealers and stockmen. Lux & Miller, a California firm, have brought and distributed on the range some 40,000 head, and others have nearly that number there.

The New York Sun has the following to say of the clams shipped from Puget Sound a short time since: Some years ago the soft clam of the Eastern coast was introduced into the Bay of San Francisco, where it thrived and has now increased exceedingly. The Pacific Coast has returned the compliment by sending its little round clams, which are much like our "little necks," to be planted in the Atlantic. The United States Fish Commission agents started in their car from Puget Sound with 5,000 packed in wet sand, and after much difficulty succeeded in saving about 300, which are planted in the beach at Wood's Hole, Massachusetts.

Recent discoveries indicate large deposits of oil in the coal regions of Washington territory, near Tacoma, and a company was formed a few days ago known as the Tacoma Oil company, with ample capital and machinery to demonstrate whether or not the surface indications mean that the oil exists in paying quantities. A bottle of the crude petroleum taken from water on the surface, now to be seen at the Esmond hotel, indicates a very superior quality of oil, being equal to the best crude petroleum ever found in the famous Pennsylvania oil regions. It is to be hoped the "find" will prove a success.—Oregonian.

The burial place of General Grant will be on the site of the old St. Clare homestead, now known as Clearmont House. The building stands on a high plateau, at the upper end of the Riverside Park. The building was the homestead of the St. Clair family, and when the grounds about it were acquired by the city and the old building which has stood for more than 120 years on the present site, was remodelled and transformed into a house for refreshments, under control of the Park department. The tomb and monument to General Grant will be directly on the site of this building, which must be demolished or removed. It is not improbable that the name of the park will be changed from Riverside to Grant.

Some time during the coming week an election will be held on the Lummi Indian reservation for the purpose of selecting a younger and more progressive chief to take the place of the one now in power. The two prominent candidates for honors are Jefferson and Ambrose, one of whom will undoubtedly be chosen. The Catholic priest will act as judge of election, and the Indians will abide by the result. Mr. Jefferson and some of his friends were in town Monday and gave us some information in regard to their affairs. Jefferson is a bright young man, rather good looking. Ambrose, his opponent, is one of the best scholars in Whatcom county, thoroughly conversant with Latin and scientific branches.—Whatcom Reveille.

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