

News Summary.

A new quartz mill is to be erected near Jacksonville Or.

The yield of gold in Jackson County exceeds \$100,000 annually.

The Teachers' Institute of Washington Territory, convened at Vancouver last Monday.

An attempt is being made to have the Lakeview land office moved to Harney valley.

The iron works at Oswego will soon shut down until better times will justify them running.

Mr. F. E. Smith of the Tacoma Coal company says that they have discovered genuine petroleum in the neighborhood of Tacoma.

Professor C. W. Roby and Mr. Noltner are in the East endeavoring to obtain the appointment as Post Master of the Portland Post Office.

H. E. Battin of Portland shipped a carload of pears and plums to St. Paul via the Northern Pacific Railroad. The shipments promises to increase as the season advances.

There are now 75 coal miners employed at Newport, says the Coast Mail. The yield of the mine last month averaged 200 tons per day during the days they worked.

The Columbia river pilots left Astoria on the tug Hermina recently, to survey the different bars and channels between Astoria and Portland. They will also make soundings for anchorage for ships.

Last week the body of a man was found in the Columbia river a considerable distance below the Cascades. It is supposed to be one of the unfortunate drowned on Saturday at the Cascades.

The brick work of the first story of the new State University building has been completed and the work on the second story has already commenced, says the Guard. The work is being done in first class style.

James Murphy, formerly of Scott Bar, Cal., was found dead in the woods not far from Fort Klamath. He had been missing for some time and it was thought that he had left the country. When found however it was discovered that he had accidentally fallen a tree upon himself by which he met his death.

Statesman: Dr. J. J. Brown, of Brownsboro, Jackson county, was thrown from his road cart and killed on Sunday last while on his way home from a professional visit at Gold Hill. His horse had taken fright and the cart was overturned, throwing the doctor violently against a heavy plank and fracturing his skull.

The heaviest yield of grain of which this journal has been informed during this season, says the Statesman, was from twelve acres on the farm of Matthias Habberly, formerly the T. W. Davenport donation claim in the Waldo Hills. From the twelve acres six hundred and twelve bushels of wheat were threshed, an average of fifty one bushels per acre.

Merrill Fish a typo on the Albany Democrat one week ago last Saturday while out near the Calipooya bridge with two other boys by accident a .22 Caliber revolver was discharged the ball lodging under the skin near the bottom part of Merrills left thigh. The ball on its way just grazed an artery. The ball was extracted and on the following Tuesday young Fish was at his case.

The body of a petrified giant has been found by two farmers who were sinking a well ten miles from Victoria, B. C. Its appearance closely resembles that of a human being, so says one of our exchanges. The head has the appearance of having been scalped. The material is as hard as flint and the arms and legs are broken short off. The veins and ribs are plainly traced. A party has gone out for the legs, arms and hands, which lie in the hole. The man when alive must have been about twelve feet high.

James Snyder and wife and daughter aged 5 years; Wm. Heffner and George Hansen, were drowned in the Columbia river week ago last Saturday. Snyder was a laborer; Hansen was a carpenter in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co.; Heffner was formerly a saloon-keeper in Portland, having previously resided in Roseburg, where he leaves a wife and two children. They were trying to cross the river to reach the east bound train for The Dalles, where they were going to attend Robinson's circus. The bodies had not been recovered at last accounts.

Very rich gold quartz has been discovered on the Petch farm near North Yamhill by a man named John Ross, says the West Side. A company has been formed and have leased the farm ninety-nine years. The formation of the ground is volcanic and an extinct crater is to be seen there. On Sunday last a very rich vein was discovered and the ledge has been traced for miles over the place. It is thought the mine will prove a bonanza. Some of the ore is so rich as to be almost pure galena.

The Coloma is the only sailing vessel in the harbor at present, says the Portland News. This is the first time in fifteen years that the list has been down so low. Tonnage off the way, however, is increasing rapidly and now numbers about forty vessels, of about 40,000 tons. Not a few of these vessels are from the west coast and Australia, and several are expected along in a short time. The date of the sailing of many vessels for this port is not known and they may drop in unexpectedly. The Moltke is now 169 days out from Liverpool, the Olive S. Southard 123 days from New York, the Grisedale 117 days from Liverpool, the Abeona 102 days from Burntstland, and the British Army 29 days from San Pedro. The entire tonnage, however, is insufficient to move the wheat surplus, which is now estimated at 450,000 tons and unless more vessels come here, considerable of the grain crop will be shipped from here to San Francisco.

News has come to the Ochoco (Prineville) Review, of the discovery of a quartz ledge on Hay creek, about two miles above the Rimrock stock farm, by a man named Epperson. Several years ago Mr. Epperson while shearing sheep for Van Houton Bros., picked a piece of quartz from this ledge, and took it to Portland where he had it assayed. It showed both gold and silver, and he was induced to return and make further investigations. On his return he took out 100 pounds of rock and sent it to Crain & Son, assayers, of East Portland, who found in the highest grade ore \$1,000 to the ton, while the lowest assay showed \$20 and \$16 silver to the ton. The result of the test was so flattering that Mr. Crain immediately came up and has located considerable ground on the new discovery. The ledge is about two feet wide, and can be traced for several miles, on the surface. Ground is being located everywhere in the vicinity of the new mine, and Hay creek is assuming the appearance of Virginia city in early days.

The ores brought in by Mr. J. B. Huntington, says the Omaha Herald from the new gold fields on the Oregon Short Line, were thoroughly tested at the smelting works in that city last week. The samples consisted of 3000 pounds of rock taken from claims belonging to Mr. Huntington, and were in the form of white quartz, "blue" stone, black sulphurets mixed with iron pyrites. The main object in sending the ore to Omaha was to determine the mode of treatment required to extract the metals in the most economical manner, and decide whether it would pay to sack and ship the rock in bulk to Omaha. The result was astonishing even to the managers of the smelting works who have been handling rich ores for years. The poorest samples yielded 32 ounces of gold and 17 ounces of silver to the ton, a value of \$610, while some pieces were so rich that it would require but one ton of rock a year to make the owner happy. The yield of \$610 was not obtained by assaying small samples, but by the regular mill process. About 640 pounds of this "low grade" rock was handled in one lot, the product being bought by Mr. Barton for \$200. Most of the ore proved to be of the free milling variety, and even the most obstinate required but little roasting. When refractory quartz, yielding but \$20 a ton, is worked at a profit in many places, the value of the Huntington rock is apparent. Even the "tailings" from the new fields in the Pine creek district are richer than the best pickings in many first-class mines. Some white quartz, which Mr. Barton thought worthless, and in which not a trace of gold could be seen, yielded at the rate of \$80 to a ton. This quartz was knocked off from some of the poor samples, and tested merely to determine whether it contained any gold or not.

Hon. H. W. Corbitt has purchased a tract of land on the Columbia river opposite Kalama, which he is beautifying for a summer residence.

Temperance Department.

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The Press.

The Press, it has been truly said "is the Argus of the World, the Ear-gallery of the Globe, the reporter of the universe" Its myriad eyes flashing from the ten thousand centers, reach hundreds and thousands of homes. No corner of civilization escapes its searching glance. No hidden thing evades its scrutiny. And as it sees, it listens, and as it listens it tells, so all the world can discuss at the breakfast table to-day, what the rest of the world did yesterday. The telegraph, the cable, the telephone, the pen, the type, are its trained servants, and the ubiquitous news boy its herald. The educating power of the universal press is immeasurable. It is the realization of this power that makes us ask "what is the relation of the W. C. T. U. to the Press;" what duty do we owe it? and what does it owe us? For it is an undeniable truth that the press of the country is the index of its civilization; the lever of mortality. How shall we as temperance workers write upon it the truths we believe, and through them move humanity to higher grades of thought, clearer conception of duty, and greater loyalty to God? As more and more the home is recognized to be the central power of the world, temperance which means knowledge, purity, Godlikeness, is revealed as a primal law. How shall this law be so inwrought into human heart and brain as to renew the creation defiled by ignorance, sin, and selfishness. The years are continually casting new moulds for human life, and the press, is ever keeping pace with the demands of the age. The plan of our Press Department of the W. C. T. U. is both aggressive and progressive. It asks that the press shall help in the dissemination of temperance truth, not for the sake of organization, and for the sake of humanity. It does not come into the sanctum where the Editor is indeed a King, as a suppliant for favor, nor as one demanding recognition, but simply as an integer of the worlds growth, that has a claim upon the public for representation. It comes with truths that have a direct influence upon the safety of present and future generations, as seen by the watchful eyes of the natural keepers of the home. It asks that these be given place as well as things of less importance, and our requests have been answered so cheerfully so kindly by the editors of to-day, that now over 1000 newspapers weekly, have columns of temperance truths, temperance news in them. In our own State we find so many local weeklies, ready and willing to help us in this way, and we feel very glad of this, then local papers reach our homes, their influence is past computation. Our local papers are not appreciated as they should be, one often hears severe criticism upon our own papers. They are dull or do not have the best most interesting items of news in them & c. well if they are dull perhaps it is because the town is dull, the Editor can't help that, one word to the good people, to the temperance people, to all who desire first-class papers in their city just say so in dollars as well as words, this would be but simple justice for we all can but see the helplessness of an editor. Our local papers should be found in every home. What a responsibility we find resting upon the Editor, on the Author, when we think that the Press even distances the pulpit in its control over men; the paper and the pamphlet go where the Pastor and Preacher cannot find their way. A home without books or papers is like a garden without flowers, like a forest without birds or sunshine, like a house without furniture. Out of bookless homes go many of the criminals, paupers, and chronic invalids, because in a home well stocked with good reading, the inmates have little leisure, no idle time for Satan to fill with mischief. A bookless parlor is a howling wilderness. Parents, see that your children have papers and books to read at home, select them carefully. Fathers when you read your Oregonian and your county papers, at your business house do not forget to carry them home that "wife" and children may read them too.

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