

News Summary.

Lane county has 4103 persons of school age; 574 of them in Eugene.

The field of grain throughout Baker county comes up to the expectations of the farmers.

It is announced that the last spike of the Canadian Pacific will be driven early in October.

Hon. F. X. Mathieu, of Butteville, Marian Co., threshed and hauled to the warehouse in one day and a half last week, 3,000 bushels of wheat.

Bears are committing depredations on flocks of sheep in Grant county. One day last week 250 lambs were killed by them in the band of John Luce, in Bear valley.

The cost of running the city of Portland under its charter, for the fiscal year up to the 31st of December last, was at the rate of \$856 per day, leaving out Sundays and holidays.—Welcome.

The Baker City Tribune says that the advance agent of Cushing's circus is in the cooler at Boise, and the circus itself has gone to pieces in Ketchum, being attached for some \$5,000 due San Francisco parties.

The Duluth grain elevators will soon have capacity for storing 13,000 bushels. The shipping facilities of the place are also being greatly increased. This is done with a view to handling a large portion of the grain raised in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Baker City Sage Brush: Eastern cattle buyers are arriving in our county nearly every day, and the only thing to be regretted is, that there is not enough cattle here to supply their wants. The demand for beef cattle especially is greater than for many years, and in this section the surplus of this class of cattle is limited.

Repairs to the locks at Oregon City are about completed. Thirty carpenters have been at work, and the new gates are finished and hung in position. The contractor was allowed two weeks from August 15 to finish the job. An extra set of gates has been made for cases of emergency.

The fruit crop promises abundantly, and much dried fruit will find its way to market this year. The price will rule low and sales low. Much fruit is sold green and being shipped away Eastward. The time will come when all of our fruit, or at least a portion of it, will find a ready sale at our door-way.

Capt. Littlefield was at Port Orford a few days ago for the purpose of letting out contracts for getting out timbers to be used in building a seawall at Cape Blanco, on the south side, to prevent the sea from washing that portion of the cape away. Work will commence in a few days. There will be a half million dollars expended there, so a Gold Beach Gazette correspondent is informed.

The estimated cost of securing light-draught navigation on the Willamette to Eugene, 184 miles, is \$80,000 including \$12,000 a year for maintenance. The snag boat is now the only means of keeping it up. \$69,330 have been expended, only \$22,000 being for construction. Another boat is proposed in place of the Corvallis, which is nearly worn out, yet during the year it removed 1332 snags. A new boat will cost \$28,000.—[Democrat.

The cases of six dairymen recently arrested for violation of the dairy law, came up for trial in Portland recently. They all waived examination and gave bonds to appear before the Grand Jury. It was hoped that the defendants would sign an agreement to cease using the brewery malt and conform with the law, but they seem determined to fight the matter, backed by the brewers. It is claimed that there is a flaw in the new law, and the dairymen will test its constitutionality.

Last week three very sad and fatal accidents are reported at Fossil, Gillman county, Oregon. through accident and culpable carelessness three little children met sudden and untimely deaths. One child, a boy about three years old, belonging to Mr. White, got hold of a can of concentrated lye, swallowed some of the contents and before the doctor could attend him he died. Within one hour thereafter the Rev. Mr. Young, by some oversight, gave to two of his children an overdose of medicine, and both the children, one three and a half years and the other sixteen months old, died within half an hour. The medicine contained a great portion of laudanum, and Mr. Young was not aware of it. All three children were buried at the same time.

Officers of the various temperance societies of this State have issued a recommendation for the appropriate observation of centennial temperance week, which comes the third week in September.

About twenty-five miles from Baker City, the discovery has been made of a running coal oil spring, by A. A. Miller, who has been for some time prospecting the mountains in search of precious metals.

The government has begun suit against P. R. Sinnott, agent of the Grand Ronde Indian reservation, in this State, to recover several thousand dollars, claimed to have been illegally paid out by him.

A gentleman who is extensively engaged in the grain trade, informs a News reporter: that the wheat crop from Portland to Eugene is twenty-five per cent short. Between Eugene and Ashland it is fifty per cent less than last year.

The quartz mines in Southern Oregon are now looking up. J. W. Walsh, a former Washington Territory newspaper man, and H. F. Bragdon, a merchant of Ashland, are developing ledges on Wagner Creek, and expect to get down to profitable work in a short time.

It is rumored that the Oregon and California Company, through an agent, is securing the right of way in Linn county side of the North Santiam toward Minto Pass. It would appear from this that the Oregon and California is about to connect itself with the Oregon Short Line.

Times are extremely dull in Canada, according to the Toronto Globe, which says: "From Montreal to the sea there is not a city, town or village in which real estate would bring as good prices to-day as it would have brought in 1874-8. There is scarcely one in which building operations have not come almost to a standstill. In none of the provinces would a farm sell as well to-day as it would have sold ten years ago."

The new mines on Blue River district in Lane county are proving to be good. Mr. Gilbert, one of the original discoverers, has just returned from San Francisco, having a correct assay from the government assay office. The assay proves this quartz to contain \$27.60 gold and \$1.10 silver to the ton. These croppings are from two to five feet deep. Mr. Gilbert says it is much richer as they dig down deeper. Several parties are going up in a few days from this county.

Standard: For the last sixty days the land department of the Northern Pacific has been making at the rate of thirty deeds a day, and their return from New York, executed by the president of the company, just begun. Yesterday a batch of five hundred were received and are now ready for delivery to the purchasers. They are all clean-cut warantee deeds, excepting where the line passes through the land purchased. In such a case a reservation is made for the right of way.

The delivery of wheat to the mills in Salem continues very large. At the S. F. M. Co's mill the average receipts are from five to seven thousand bushels per day. Sales are very free at 61 cents. The market is in a very peculiar condition just now. The "bears" have control of the market, and it will probably so remain for some time. For this reason there is nothing to be seen in the near future of the market to warrant a prophecy as to its rise or fall.—Statesman.

News: Hog cholera has again made its appearance in many portions of Illinois, and fears are entertained of its becoming general in the great pork packing States. This being the case, would it not be well for the Oregon farmers to turn their attention to pork raising and Portland capitalists to pork-packing? The hogs of this country have always been entirely free from disease and can be raised on wheat and barley almost as cheap as corn fed hogs are in the East.

Telegram: It would seem from reports from the east and middle west that winter is likely to tread upon the heels or summer in those localities. A few days ago a blighting frost fell upon a larger part of Minnesota and yesterday a snowstorm prevailed in the western part of Pennsylvania, Oregonians must content themselves with plain fog in the mornings and smoky atmosphere in the afternoons for awhile yet, without being jealous of the favors that winter is bestowing upon other sections.

SWAMP LAND.

The Salem Statesman is authority for the following: How many acres of "swamp land" do you suppose is held by one man in this state? How many? guess. Not many persons would guess a million acres. But they would have to multiply this by thirteen to get at nearly the amount. "Hen" Owens of Eugene City is now holding over 13,000 acres of "swamp land," and he has sold upwards of 600,000 acres, on which he has paid at least twenty per cent of the purchase price. On the other 13,000,000 acre farm he has paid not a cent, nor is the state or the government deriving a cent of revenue from this land. On one filing he "took up" 1,336,000 acres, which land extends, in townships, from six miles east of Lebanon, southeasterly, entirely through the state. These figures are commended to the joint investigation, and a refutation of their truthfulness challenged.

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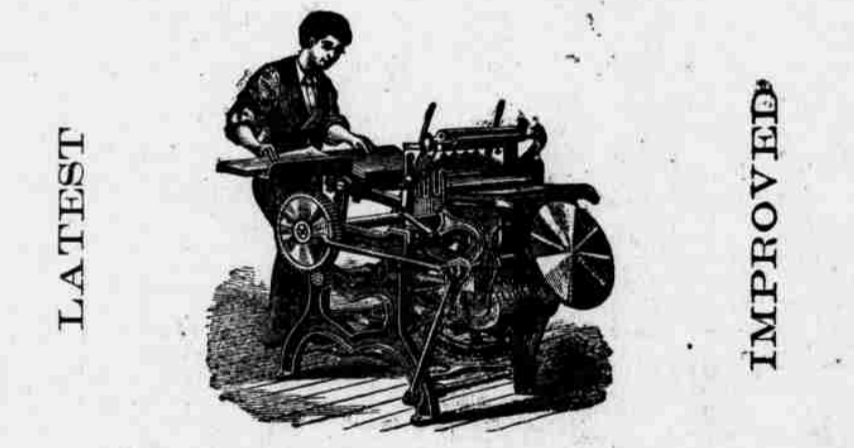
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