

News Summary.

The Palouse country will export 1,500,000 bushels of wheat this season. John Stenger committed suicide near Pendleton the other day, by shooting himself in the head.

Monroe county has 187,636 sheep, 5,194 horses, 74 mules, 3,949 cattle, and 1,592 hogs. The population of the county is 2,704.

The ninth annual re-union of the Pioneer Association of Southern Oregon will be held in Ashland next Thursday, September 10th.

Stockmen of Klickitat, Kittitas and Yakima counties, W. T., met in North Yakima Tuesday last and organized a protective association.

Robert Childers in Polk county was thrown from a horse power while moving it last week and the power ran over him breaking his back. He died in about three hours.

S. B. Pettingill, Jas. K. Kelley and C. B. Bellinger, of Portland, Oregon, have recently incorporated the Standard Publishing Company who now publish the Standard.

The Franklin Building and Loan Association, of Portland, recently loaned 2,500 dollars in two amounts Wednesday evening, receiving fifty two and fifty-three months interest in advance.

A fire at Centerville, on Wednesday morning, destroyed two blacksmith shops, a dwelling and agricultural office. It is supposed that the fire originated from a forge in one of the shops. Loss about \$2,000.

Mr. McClure aged 70 and wife, Ben and Charles Lyons and their wives went hunting up the McKenzie last week and returned home last Wednesday, Sept. 2. They killed nine deer and one bear.

The first car of wheat ever shipped from the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific Railroad was loaded and sent out from North Yakima last Wednesday to the Northern Pacific Elevator Company, Fargo, Dakota.

The government snag boat is at work building a wing dam on each side of the river at Matheny's bar below Salem. The water on Lone Tree, Bennett's and Matheny's bars, respectively, is now eighteen inches deep.

The Lighthouse tender, Shubrick, having completed repairs left recently with Captain George C. Davis on board. She will do buoyage work on the Columbia river and establish a number of additional stake lights.

L. D. Brown, one of the proprietors of the St. Charles Hotel of Portland, is building a quartz mill at Jacksonville. It will have a capacity to reduce five six tons of rock daily. The mill will be ready for operation in about five weeks.

Three car loads of chrome ore have been shipped by G. W. Riddle to Portland, says the News, and from there it will probably be shipped to England for reduction process. It was taken out of the hill near the nickle mines close to the town of Riddle.

It is understood that an agent of the projectors of a nail factory is in Portland, says the News, negotiating for the purchase of the works of the Oregon Iron and Steel Company at Oswego, eight miles south of Portland. At that point they can own and mine their own raw materials with but little cost.

A prominent Portland mining man who is now in the Pine Creek mines, writes to a friend as follows: says the News. A shaft forty feet deep has been sunk in the Union mine. The ledge is found to be much wider than was at first supposed, and the ore of a better quality. The Whitman mine has been bonded for \$40,000. The ledge is wide and rich. There seems to be no end to the mineral wealth of the mines, and new discoveries, some very rich, are being made daily. A new mill will shortly be erected at Cornucopia.

On Tuesday, of last week, a barn on A. E. Parker's place, near Parker Station, was burned to the ground with its contents. The barn was occupied by G. W. Belter, who lost 800 bushels of grain, ten tons of hay, two sets of harness, a saddle, and all his agricultural implements with the exception of a self-binder and wagon which he succeeded in getting out. His little boy had found some matches in the barn, that are supposed to have been left by a tramp, and tried them to see if they were good, with the result stated.

A Well twelve hundred feet. Work is proceeding steadily on W. S. Ladd's artesian well, back of East Portland, says our Exchange. It is now down about 1200 feet and is in a stratum of red sand. It will be remembered that at the depth of 750 feet the top of a tree was struck. After boring 400 feet the butt of the tree was struck and a piece of soft rock brought up, the face of which is hollowed to correspond to the shape of a tree, and bears the marks of the bark. On some of the stones brought up are the imprint of fern leaves. A little above a stratum of cobble stones was passed through. The soft rock in which the stump of the tree was found, is much like the beach at Yaquina, in which the rock oysters are found. Mr. Ladd says the tree must have been 400 feet in height, and crooked, so that after the drill passed the top it did not touch the tree again till it struck the butt. The geologist will be able from a study of the different strata passed through in boring this well to write a history of the Willamette valley away back to long ago, or further.

Fifty-eight Wrecks. The annual report of the Life Saving Service at San Francisco shows that during the past year fifty-eight vessels were wrecked on the Pacific coast, valued at \$1,491,100, with cargoes worth \$832,900. The loss to the ships was \$494,910, and to the cargoes \$287,650. A total of thirty-four of these vessels were insured for \$794,640, and their cargoes insured for \$98,000, or a total insurance of \$892,640. Of the total number of wrecks thirty-three stranded, twenty-three collided, two damaged machinery, two took fire, one struck a wharf and foundered, two were caused by calms, currents or tides, ten by fog, ten by gales and ten by heavy seas, three by mistakes of masters, two by damage to machinery and five by other accidents.

The Albany express, due in portland at 10 a. m. last Saturday, did not arrive until 4:35 p. m. The delay was caused by the burning of 1,000 cords of wood piled on both sides of the track, about twelve miles below Salem. About 400 ties and ten rails were warped by the heat and had to be replaced. The loss amounted to about \$2,500.

A fire occurred recently near Ira Powers furniture factory at Portland. The watchman at the factory attempted to turn the hose on the fire but found that the incendiary had cut the hose. The factory was entirely consumed at a loss of thirty-five or forty thousand dollars. Three valuable work horses and a pony was also burned and the remainder of the entire block.

The new mines on Blue River district in Lane county are proving to be good. Mr. Gilbert one of the original discoverers, returned from San Francisco, having a correct assay from the government assay office. The assay proves this quartz to contain \$27.90 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.

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