

News Summary.

There were fifty-two deaths in the city during September. The assessed valuation of property in Tacoma is \$2,241,263. The store of O. M. Annis at Alderton was robbed of \$100 Sunday night. The grain yield in Klamath county this season is estimated at 50,000 bushels. Forest Grove is the place selected for holding the next annual conference of the M. E. church. Clackamas county took the first premium on grasses and second premium on cereals at the state fair. Whitman college, at Walla Walla, has 131 students, including eleven lady boarders at the ladies' boarding hall. Cases of diphtheria are reported at different places in Southern Oregon; also in the Willamette Valley. It is reported that Samuel Dowson and wife have diphtheria; also the family of Mr. Rice on Clark's Branch. The Capitol Mills company have begun construction of a new dam across Mill creek, at the foot of High street. The people of Lakeview are anxious for a daily mail between their town and the railroad at Ashland and are endeavoring to get it. Invitations are out to attend the marriage of Charles L. Mosher and Miss Hattie Lount at Phoenix, Arizona, Monday evening, October 12th. The contract to complete the Siuslaw road was recently let by the Commissioner of the county of Lane county, to John Brown for \$2,000. Two stages going to Marshfield from Empire City last week, after dark, went over the grade in the heavy timber back of Centerville. Six car loads of hops from the Puyallup Valley passed through Portland recently for the East. Three car loads go through to England. A. A. Clarke, of Salem, is making arrangements to ship several car loads of dried prunes and plums to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Chicago. Judge Denny who was formerly in Oregon has been appointed adviser at court for Corea, says the Shanghai Mail, at a salary of \$1000 a month. Wm. Williams about 66 years of age who came to this coast in 1849, recently walked over a bank of Rogue river thirty-five feet high, which resulted in his death. Chinamen are picking and sacking potatoes near Buena Vista, Polk county, for two cents per bushel. Some 10,000 bushels were raised in that section this year. The narrow gauge railroad connects with the Portland and Lebanon express so that a party leaving Portland can continue on and reach Brownsville the same evening. David Holmes, who was so mangled at McMinnville Thursday by a runaway team, has recovered consciousness and is able to sit up in bed without the aid of props. Linkville and vicinity are receiving about double the amount of freight they received last year, which shows that the Klamath lake basin is rapidly filling up with settlers. Work continues on the long prospecting tunnel at the Big Yank Ledge in Josephine county. The quality of the rock taken out is reported as improving as the tunnel progresses. It has just begun to be realized that the rivers and streams in Oregon are alive with crawfish, and that these insects which wear their sections on the outside are delicious eating. The contracts for furnishing the Oregon state insane asylum with boots and shoes during the next year was let to Krause and Klein, and John G. Wright secured the grocery contract. Railroad surveyors are busy at work on the Siskiyou mountain making surveys, one party being at work in the canyon near Cole's, where it was supposed the Oregon company was to build. A Celestial at Halsey, whose name is immaterial, was robbed recently of the large sum of \$550, hard earned money. Other Chinamen were said to be the thieves. On Thursday of last week, J. H. Albert, cashier of Ladd & Bush's bank since March 1889, resigned, to go into the new Capital National Bank of Salem, of which it is understood he will be cashier. The Jacksonville Sentinel says: "A horse disease is prevalent in the valley. Granville Naylor is the heaviest loser so far having up to this time lost stock valued at \$1,500, including his Stigari stallion. The Central School building at Albany is fast nearing completion. The interior work is finished, and ready for graining. The black benches are being made, and in a week or two the seats will be placed in position. The Redding 'Independent' of last week reported that some two hundred white men were at Delta waiting for employment on the railroad, but were not likely to find work, as the company is employing only Chinese. A school teacher recently sued the Shedd School District in Linn county for three months' wages at \$75 per month for time which he had not taught. It being the time after which he was discharged. He recovered \$250. Some days ago Fred Cleaver attempted to cross the Yamhill river at a deep ford near Amity, and got into swimming water. Mr. Cleaver succeeded in cutting his horses loose from the wagon, enabling them to make to the shore, leaving himself, wife and babe in the wagon with the water running over the bed of the wagon; by calling for help, the neighbors went to their relief, all got out safe.

Mr. Geo. M. Cooper, one of the early settlers of Lane county, died at his residence in Eugene City, Friday afternoon, Sept. 25, 1885. His death was caused by a cancer in the face which had greatly afflicted him for years. The wheat arrivals at Portland last week were a total of 10,582 tons, a daily average of 250 tons from the valley, and 1261 tons from Walla Walla. The total shipment made to San Francisco during the month of September amounted to 12,533 tons. Mrs. Vanduyt of Coburg, was badly hurt last week by the falling of a shed, which was being used temporarily as an eating house, on the north side of the pavilion in which the Lane county fair was being held. Mrs. Vanduyt is an elderly lady and was quite severely hurt. On Tuesday night a Chinese dive at Halsey, says the Disseminator, was attacked by some of the irate citizens of that place with rocks, and the Mongolians, five in number, were driven out of the town. The quarters of the Chinese under the employ of the railroad was not molested. Mrs. Bart and Mrs. Lane were last week walking along Sutton creek, about twelve miles from Baker City, they came across a half-grown black bear, which they chased up a tree. Mr. J. C. Washburn and his son happened along soon after, and the bear after some resistance was captured, brought to the residence of Mr. Bart, and tied to a post. Two wagon loads of Wolffoot apples were sold at Prinesville for \$1.50 per bushel recently. According to the census report the products of Crook county in 1884 were as follows: Wheat, 52,034 bushels; oats, 62,308; barley and rye, 59,487; corn, 25; hay, 11,630 tons; butter and cheese, 24,850; potatoes, 19,955; apples, 814; prunes, 10; lumber, 1,430,000. If the apples now going to waste in every orchard in Oregon were converted into cider and the cider into vinegar, at least \$100,000 would be saved, says the News. This may seem a small matter to the farmers of this State, but it is worthy of consideration. Wm. Fall and family, of Wisconsin, arrived in Dallas, says the Itemizer, this week. Mr. Fall moved back east last fall, dissatisfied with Oregon climate; but on arriving east got a good dose of ice and snow and once more seeks our agreeable climate. George Turpin near Canyonville, stood on a limb of a tree about twelve feet from the ground, and chopped off the main body which fell and the top struck the ground and sprung back, struck him on the leg about three inches above the ankle breaking both bones. Dr. Goucher and Mr. Noyer, of Molalla, returned from Portland, where they had been having some of the gold quarried from their mine on the Santiam assayed. The assay of gold was \$50 to the ton, but the assay was not made of the lead with which the rock abounds. The new pilot boat being built at Astoria is to be sixty-four tons register, and will be the fastest sailor on the coast. She will cost \$10,000, the amount appropriated at the late session of the legislature, and will be christened 'Governor Moody.' She is to be used on the Columbia bar. The Northern Pacific has established a special rate of \$1.75 per hundred on apples in boxes on lots of one hundred boxes or more to a shipment from Portland to points in Montana between Missoula and Bozeman, inclusive, also to Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge reached via Garrison. The board of trustees of the Oregon state insane asylum have renewed the contract with the territory of Idaho for the care of that territory's insane. There are now about twenty patients in the asylum here from Idaho and they will remain until the completion of the asylum at Boise City. New quartz ledges are being discovered almost every day in Southern Oregon, says the "Grant's Pass Argus." Arnett Brus, have found a gold bearing quartz ledge, extensive in width and length with gold plainly visible to the naked eye. G. W. Gibbs has discovered a gold and silver quartz ledge four feet in width, on Jump-Off-Joe, near Lucky Queen. Arthur Wilson, of Jackson county, has discovered a bituminous coal mine on his farm near M. Ford. The vein being over four feet wide is almost inexhaustible. It resembles in every particular the coal of Toledo, Ohio. He proposes to develop the mine at once and is confident that it can be worked to advantage and profit. A band of horse thieves, numbering some forty men, with their families, have established their headquarters in the Teton basin, M. T. They have a regular settlement, raising crops, etc., and seldom have less than 300 or 400 head of stock on hand, most of which is stolen property. S. H. Venator, a prominent citizen of Modoc county, Cal., died at his home in Alturas, September 20th, from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid given him by mistake. He was sick with measles and some medicine was left by his physician. His nurse, a Mr. Edwards, put in a teaspoonful of carbolic acid in one dose, which ended the patient's life in less than a half an hour. Last week some eight citizens of Sherburne passed through town enroute for the new mines at the head of Blue river, near the Three Sisters, Cascade range. Claims will be thorough, assayed and if found to pay will be worked. An old miner made a rough assay of one claim, Key West, and found \$108 in silver and gold. A well is being drilled at the residence of Mr. Friedlander, of Roseburg, the drill is now eighty-six feet in solid rock. There are very good indications of water, but not a good flow as yet. Nearly every well in Roseburg is dry, and citizens are alarmed about the future water supply. They are in hopes it will rain soon. The grass is dry and stock will certainly die of starvation if grass does not spring up soon.

A gentleman just returned from Josephine county, in southern Oregon, brought back \$430 worth of gold taken from a placer claim which he discovered this summer, says an exchange. Scarcity of water necessitated the transportation of the dirt some distance to a stream, where three tons of dirt yielded that amount of gold. Rumors have it that preparations are being made to hold in the near future an open mass meeting in Portland of all citizens, who openly or otherwise deem it expedient to take active measures tending toward necessary action on the Chinese question. It is to be hoped that moderation in speech and council will guide the deliberations of the meeting. The Oregon City Woolen Mills employ one hundred and eighty persons; fifty of which are the heads of families, and fifty more families derive a partial support from the same source. The monthly pay roll is over six thousand dollars, over three-fourths of which is paid to white labor. It will thus be seen that the mill keeps one hundred families at Oregon City. Why cannot factories of different kinds be put in operation at Corvallis. The Indian training school at Chemawa, Marion Co., was the scene of a conflagration last Wednesday afternoon. The new superintendent was there and the caretaker on parade, when the cry of "fire" called them to a burn and hay shed which were found to be in flames. The shed containing several tons of hay was totally destroyed as well as a stable and a building adjoining it. There were two horses in the stable and one of them narrowly escaped being burned to death, receiving several fire wounds. The cause of the fire is unknown but it was supposed to be incendiary. An organization of Indian war veterans was formed during the week of the state fair at Salem with the following officers: T. B. Wait of Salem, grand commander; Col. John Kelsey of Bend, senior vice-grand commander; Col. B. F. Shaw of Vancouver, W. T., junior vice-grand commander; grand marshal, W. J. Garrison, Yamhill; state adjutant, W. J. Norton; chaplain, Dr. T. V. Embree; paymaster, John Minto; surgeon, Dr. Martin; captain of the guard, Jacob Rinearson. Steps will be taken immediately to establish subordinate camps all over the Pacific northwest. At Bally creek, near Ontario, Oregon, the other night a man named Jackson and his hired man were murdered by some unknown person, who split their heads open with an ax. Mrs. Jackson was also cut in the head with an ax, and when she arose from her bed the murderer shot her. Her wounds are not considered serious and she may recover. The hired man and Jackson's son, aged 7, were sleeping in a hay stack about fifty feet from the house. The stack was fired but the boy crawled out and escaped. The man's body was burned to a crisp. The other children asleep in the house were not molested. Somebody ought to be hung. The Hillsboro Independent makes the following remarks which contain much truth: "The game law was made in the interest of the red and gun club, and it is of benefit to no one else. It prevents men from providing meat for their families' present need on the frontier. It increases the number of wild animals that prey on the farmer's stock yearly increasing game. It causes the yearly incursion into the country, at the end of the close season, of villainous pot hunters who range over the farms in harvest time, on Sundays and every day, banging at everything they see, killing or crippling stock, setting fire to ripe grain, trampling down grass and grain, and endangering human life as well as property. The game law is an infringement on the rights of the poor man and the boys, in favor of the high-toned hunters of the red and gun club, and the reckless, Godless, bangwhanging pot hunters." Last week while the station agent and truckmen at Eugene City were unloading a car of freight on the platform at the northeast corner of the freight depot two 25lb tin cans of powder which had been placed about three feet from the southeast corner of the building were exploded, supposed to have been caused by a heavy bar of iron which Oren Moore threw down striking one of the cans. Mr. Moore was from four to five feet from the cans at the time; his clothing was badly torn, his hair, beard and eyebrows burned to a crisp and his body burned and bruised seriously. He is suffering great pain but it is hoped that he is not dangerously injured. Mr. Joseph Eaton, who was within a few feet, was also considerably burned. Mr. Edward Farrington and Mr. Jesse Gross were also rather violently shaken up but not seriously injured. The Fish Ladder. The Oregon City Enterprise on this subject says: Tuesday morning Governor Moody, accompanied by R. D. Cole, member of the legislature from Columbia county, and others, came from Portland on the steamer Latona and proceeded to officially inspect the fish ladder across the river that was completed a few days ago. Mr. Wallace Baldwin, of Corvallis, was appointed a commissioner by the legislature to superintend the construction of this ladder, or stairway, after studying the matter it was his judgment that the best place to build it was in a "natural" channel near the rocks near the west side of the river, which off-sets to his mind, peculiar facilities for the work. The stream in this channel had a rapid descent for a short distance and then passed through a long pool worn in the rock, and again entered a deep worn gorge. Out of this it fell a distance of about 12 feet into a sort of bay emptying into the main river. The first thing to be done was to shut the water out of the channel. Then the portions above and below the slack water pool were cut to a uniform width of ten feet and the bottom cut into steps a foot in height and ten feet long. At the edge of

each of these steps is a stop eighteen inches square of stone, bolted firmly with iron to the solid rock beneath. The length of these stops is eighteen inches less than the width of the step. Thus is formed a pool on each step, eighteen inches in depth, with an outlet of the same width. The stops are so arranged that these outlets or pass-ways for the ascending fish are alternately on the right and left sides of the ladder. The flow of water is regulated by a bulkhead of planks at the head of the ladder, placed between substantial stone piers. On the capstone of these piers is cut the following inscription: "Erected 1885, by the State of Oregon; Z. F. Moody, governor, Wallace Baldwin, commissioner; Will T. Webber, engineer; San Francisco Bridge Co., builder. A bulkhead or drift-fender about 100 feet in length runs out from the shore above the gate piers, to protect them from driftwood in times of flood. The ladder has an ascent of one foot in twelve. The cut in the rock at the lower end is about twenty-five feet in depth. The work is apparently substantial and was accepted by the state. As to its success, that must be left for time to demonstrate. There are some who think salmon will not go up it, but a number of trout and hundreds of small fish were seen in it Tuesday, and I strange to relate, while the visitors were standing looking down on the foot of the ladder a salmon of about thirty in length entered the lower step. Of course Commissioner Baldwin was charged with having hired the fish to do this, but the ease with which the trick was done showed that salmon will have no trouble in ascending the ladder. To be sure in getting up the first section of 385 feet, the fish has to raise himself something over thirty feet, but at the end he finds a long pool where he can rest and wipe the perspiration from his noble brow before elevating himself the other nine feet. From the strength and agility displayed by salmon in trying to ascend falls there can be no doubt that they could turn hand-springs from the bottom to the top of the ladder without stopping to take breath. It is possible that a ladder built at the main fall would have passed more fish to the upper river, but with the amount appropriated by the legislature, \$10,750, a ladder at this point was altogether out of the question. Mr. Baldwin has done the best he could with the means at his command and has every faith in the success of work. Some legislation will probably be necessary to prevent the fish being disturbed while ascending the ladder, and it will require some attention to keep it clear of stones or gravel which may be washed in, in time of freshet. Temperance Notes. The National W. C. T. U. holds their yearly convention at Philadelphia, commencing Oct. 30th. Oct. 8th is set apart as a day of prayer, and will be observed by the Union of Corvallis. A district convention is called at McMinnville, October 7th, and 8th, the district comprises Butte, Yamhill, Polk, and Tillamook counties. The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of this city was held at the Evangelical church October 1st. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year. President, Mrs. Addie Baldwin; Vice Presidents one from each church as follows: 1st, Mrs. Blackwell, Evangelical; 2nd, Mrs. Hilman, N. Methodist; 3rd, Mrs. B. W. Wilson, Congregation; 4th, Mrs. T. Cauthorn, South Methodist; 5th, Mrs. Moore, Presbyterian; Treasurer, Mrs. Moore; Rec. Sec. Mr. Hilman; Asst. and Cor. Sec., Mrs. Graham; Supts. of departments remain nearly the same as last year, also the standing committee's. Over 3000 pages of temperance literature has been circulated by the union the past year. From the Corresponding Secretary of Mississippi W. C. T. U. comes this ringing note: "Prohibition has made miraculous strides in Mississippi. You have no idea of the magnitude of our work and the blessing that has attended every effort. We have reason to thank God." FOUND That the best and cheapest place in Corvallis to buy all kinds of HARDWARE Cutlery, Tools, Iron, Nails, Pumps, Rubber hose, Iron and Lead Pipe, Rope, Barb Wire, STOVES, RANGES, Granite ware, Stamped ware, Tin ware, Japanned ware and House Furnishing goods; or to get all kinds of job work in the line of sheet metals or plumbing done is at the Hardware and Stove store of SIGN OF THE PADLOCK J. D. CLARK. For Sale! A Good Business Location, With a number one Store House 24x70 ft., with house attached suitable for a small family. Situated in the center of the City of Philomath. And a good shipping point ON THE O. P. R. R. For further particulars enquire of N. W. ALLEN, Philomath, Oregon.

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