

State and Territorial.

The miners in Josephine county are generally prepared for a good run during the next rainy season, and most of them are anxious for the wet weather to begin.

One of the bright signs of the times says the Spokane Falls Review is to see so many men marching to their daily labor, and with dinner pails. It is an honorable badge and gives the city the appearance of possessing a steady, industrious working class.

The dwelling house of John McGee, on the Santiam above Sweet Home, was informed was burned recently. He was away from home at the time, and his wife and three children barely had time to escape with just what clothing they had on.

Wheat, hops and wool, the great staples of Oregon, continue quiet in the markets of the world. A rise in the price of one of them would let loose thousands of dollars in this state, while a boom in the three would make wealthy men of hundreds of our armers.

The laborers for the work on the Pataha branch are now on the ground ready for operations. About one hundred white laborers, and four hundred and fifty Chinamen, with camp equipment and working tools, passed through Walla Walla the other day on the way to Starbuck from the Moscow branch.

Last Monday the grand jury returned a true bill in the case of Mrs. Amada McDaniel, charged with being an accessory in the murder of her husband near Jacksonville, Oregon, nearly a year ago. The trial will probably take place immediately. Mrs. McDaniel is said to display much nervousness and apprehension since the indictment.

Tacoma News: Information, unobtainable, teaches us that the Chinese employed by the Tacoma Mill company will go with the balance of the pigtails in this city. The superintendent has fallen into line with the people in this matter. There are forty-six Mongolians employed in the mill, and their women will be supplied by white men on or before November 1st.

At the special session of the county court of Linn, held Tuesday evening, an order was issued by the court that the following tax be levied for the year 1885: For school tax, four mills; for support of insane asylum one mill; for payment of Indian war debt, one-half mill; for state university, one-tenth mill; state and county pro rata, nine and four-tenths mills.

There is fatality among the hogs in Pierce county, W. T. this fall never before known to exist. Farmers have already lost a large number, and the disease seems not to be understood. The symptoms are drooping of the eyes, swelling of the limbs, refusal to take food, followed by death. In some cases the ears appear to be affected, as if by rot. No name is given for the disease nor cause assigned why it should prevail.

The Baker county courthouse at Baker City, was burned a few days ago, together with a portion of the county records. The county jail at that place was burned a few weeks ago. It looks as if taxpayers would have to begin anew in that county in the matter of the construction of county buildings, as fire has pretty effectually wiped out their accumulation in that line.

Mr. Felix Barger, of Harrisburg, who has just returned from the Blue river mines, states that there is great activity as well as expectation among miners in that region. A small quartz mill is already at work, and a large one will probably be taken in next spring. Several quartz ledges and placer mines are being worked. As Mr. Barger was returning from the mines he met several teams with blacksmith and mining tools going in. If these mines pan out as well as preparations indicate, there will be lively times in that region before very long.

This year's fruit trade with the east has developed the fact that our orchards are too much diversified for profit, says an exchange. Shippers send east in carload lots, and want all of one kind of fruit. They find it hard to secure enough of one variety for a full carload, and have to go so far and wide picking up many small lots to fill one order. The orchard planting of the future must be large plantings of one kind. It will be profitable hereafter to set out only the choicest varieties, and many trees of each. Bartlett and Winter Nellis pears take the lead, and the best of the long keeping apples, such as Newtowns, Baldwins, Bellflowers, Greenings, Northern Spys, etc., will be found the most profitable.

In the garden of the hospital for the insane at Steilacoom there were grown pumpkin vines the season that averaged one thousand pounds of pumpkin to the hill. Sample pumpkins weighed 80, 76 and 64 pounds. The enthusiastic gardener says they would have grown twenty-five per cent. larger had he not plucked them when green to prevent the possibility of Jack Frost taking the flavor out of the future pies that these monstrous growths promised a such abundance. From the foregoing exhibit it is plain that Oregon will not be able to put up a corner on pumpkin pies this year, although the exhibits in the squash line at the Mechanics' pavilion foreshadow a golden opportunity for one.

From the Stevens County (W. T.) Miner it is learned that a rich strike was made last week in the Rustler claim, Colville district. This mine was recently bonded for the small sum of \$500, on a contract to sink fifty feet on the claim. Good indications were in sight for several days, but on the 17th a blast revealed the black metal at a depth of only thirteen feet. The widest excitement spread through all the camps on the hillside. This strike, it is believed, establishes the permanency of the Old Dominion, besides making a mine out of the Rustler, as the shaft was being sunk in the exact course in which it was presumed the vein of the former extended through the mountain.

A 400-pound bear, the murderer of thirteen hogs during the past month, was killed on the Mill creek road, eleven miles east of Walla Walla, a few days ago.

A barn on the farm of the late Senator Nesmith, at Derry, Polk Co., burned down one night last week, and forty tons of hay were consumed. The damage amounted to about \$2500, with no insurance.

The assessment roll for Union county foots up about \$2,250,000. The indebtedness of the county up to July 1 is reported as being \$77,000. The tax levy for this year will be 25 mills on the dollar.

The Tacoma Ledger is authority for the statement that "Tacoma does not want to be the capital of Washington territory." It will be as refreshing as surprising to Seattle to learn that there is one thing, at least, that the Terminal city "does not want."

Work will be continued on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific during the coming winter. The road is complete for a distance of ninety-three miles from the Columbia river. No further contracts have been made for construction on the western side of the Cascade mountains.

An experienced gardener says that a sure sign to find out if plants in pots require watering is to rap on the side of the pot near the middle with the finger knuckles; if it gives forth a hollow ring the plant needs water, but if there is a dull sound there is still moisture enough to sustain the plant.

A burglar who attempted to enter a house in Sacramento was caught fast in a window, and the woman armed herself with a potato masher, drew up a chair, and sat there and tapped his head for half an hour before calling the police. She said she had always just asked to pound a man all she wanted to.

Over at Seattle the women have all agreed to do their own washing and thus forward the anti-Chinese movement. Now there's style about that. Whenever the ladies takehold in earnest the cause they favor is assured of success. If the women of Seattle don't get tired, men don't expect too much in the way of polished linen, the Seattle Chinese laundries will have to go out of business.

A Salem Statesman reporter was shown some pure "silver" Tuesday by the Smith brothers who are interested in the newly discovered ledges near Mt. Jefferson. There were three or four nuggets of good size, and they were all taken from a piece of ore not larger than a hen's egg, from the Lillie ledge, on the little north fork of the Santiam. An official assay has been made of the ore from the ledge, which shows the ore to be worth \$900 per ton in silver, small amount of gold.

For many years past lower water was never known to prevail along the Willamette, Snake and Columbia rivers. Along the upper Willamette the water is so low that a skiff would almost strand in passing some of the shoalest places. The upper Columbia is also down below the last peg, while the Snake at and above Riparia is nine inches below the mean low water mark. Until the fall rains swell the volume of water, navigation will be maintained only with great difficulty.

Governor Squire, of Washington Territory, has sent the Secretary of the Interior a report on the anti-Chinese agitation. After stating the facts about the recent meetings and the intimidation of some Chinese, he says there have been no riots or outbreaks, and he believes none will occur. He hopes to maintain order without troops, and says a strong organization of the best citizens of Seattle has been formed for the purpose. However, should troops be needed, they can be had from Vancouver Barracks on a few hours' notice.

W. W. Baker, Dairy Commissioner of Oregon says there is only five cases of oleomargarine in the State to his knowledge. He says that for six months preceding the enactment of the law regulating this product, from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars' worth of oleomargarine has been imported into this State and put on the market as butter. Mr. Baker says that the existing law can be improved in the way of brewery slops and in regard to quality of butter, and he will endeavor to have the legislature make the amendments.

Murray Sun of the 20th: "D. W. Small, of Walla Walla, W. T., has been awarded a contract for furnishing the Bedrock Pool with 4,000,000 feet of lumber, with 8,000,000 feet to follow. Much of the contract is sublet to owners of mills now here, and Mr. Small will bring in several of his own mills from the railroad and place them in the magnificent forests on the west side of the North Fork and then haul the lumber up to the flume, distant about two miles. Mr. Small is known along the Northern Pacific railroad as one of the largest lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest."

Work is progressing steadily on the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river. The jetty begins at the wharf of Fort Stevens and extends across Clatsop spit. Two rows of piling are driven first, and the aperture filled in with mattresses made of trees. Rock from Cathlamet is filled on top to hold down the mattresses. When complete it is supposed that this will give more force to the ebbing tide, which in due course of time will wash away the entire north of Clatsop spit. The working force has been materially reduced and it is the purpose of Capt. Powell to suspend operations for the season on the 1st of November.

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