

State and Territorial.

The grain yield in Klamath county this season is estimated at 50,000 bushels.

Washington county has sold its poor farm for \$5200, and will buy a cheaper one.

An eagle with wings measuring seven feet from tip to tip is owned by one of the Portland fire companies.

Portland is the only town in Oregon and Washington territory that has the special postal delivery system.

The O. R. & N. Co. will rebuild its bridges between The Dalles and Walla Walla with stone and iron.

The Brownsville Woolen Mills company took first premium on fustic blankets and cloths at the Mechanic's fair.

A reward in the Queen of the Pacific salvage case was paid into the U. S. District Court last week. Including costs and interests, it amounts to \$70,517.

The Children's Home netted about \$1000 from the benefit given by the Mechanics, Fair. The cash receipts were about \$1000, and the fruit men donated their exhibits.

It is estimated that the chinamen who have left Oregon and Washington for their home since the anti-Chinese excitement began have taken over a quarter of a million of solid coin with them.

Cattle men of Klamath county complain that they receive from \$5 to \$10 per head less for their beef cattle this year than last. This will make a difference of many thousands of dollars in the income of the whole county.

A petition to the legislature is being circulated praying for the enactment of a law making it compulsory for the railroad company to fence its track in Baker county. The petition is being signed by every taxpayer to whom it is presented.

The West Side says that Polk county farmers as a rule are confident of an advance and are determined to get all they can. Those who have held their wheat so far are sanding their hands and taking a new grip for a still further advance.

Another rich find has been made in the Colville district. The new mine is on the Columbia, three miles above the Six-mile bar. The ledge contains masses of galena and chlorides resembling the Old Dominion ore. The mine has been bonded by an Arizona capitalist and miner.

The Port Townsend Argus says: It is proposed by Chaplain Stubbs, of Portland, that Henry Ward Beecher, the little son of collector Beecher and grandson of the eminent Brooklyn divine, shall hoist the Seaman's Bethel flag for the first time in history at Port Townsend. The incident will be noteworthy.

The Baker City courthouse burned down recently. It was built in 1869, at a cost of \$10,000. A stone vault built in 1872, saved the county not less than \$50,000. The Rev. says: "The town is full of dead beats, who would do any piece of work like that for \$5, and it is only a forerunner of something more serious if our citizens do not take measures to protect themselves."

Dallas Item: We were shown a lick-o-cane this week which has a history. It is about an inch in diameter, and has a shoot grown from one end which twines along its entire length. It was cut the day after the battle of Fort Donaldson by James Crystal, son of Mrs. Crystal of this place, and sent to his father, then in Iowa, who, when he crossed the plains to Oregon in 1864, brought the cane with him. It is kept as a relic.

A Southern Oregon exchange says: Geo. H. Chick is preparing to put up a quartz-crushing machine in Medford, the object being to attract thither for test the quartz from various ledges in the county now being prospected. The site chosen for the mill is near the railroad track, a short distance south of the depot. A number of citizens of Medford "put up" for the enterprise.

Wm. Reid of Portland and Col. Ge. P. Bisell of London, England, came up to Silverton on the narrow gauge Thursday, and took private conveyance to Sa'em through the Waldo Hills. From Mr. Reid it was learned that the line of the Willamette valley railway (narrow gauge) has been permanently located from Portland to Dundee, and that work will begin on the same as soon as practicable.

A great mining boom is expected in the Northwest in the spring of 1886. There are several regions to develop, and all are assured of a great rush. Coeur d'Alene expects to enjoy a boom that will exceed all others. The region is being developed by Eastern capitalists. Pine Creek will also come in for a boom. This section is undoubtedly very rich, and abounds in mineral wealth. Mining men say it is the richest camp on the coast at present. The Colville country is one of great promise and will be heard from. A cabinet of Pine Creek ore samples, collected by Gen. T. R. Tannatt, will soon be on exhibition in the State Immigration Board rooms, where it will attract the attention of all new comers, both capitalists and immigrants.

A party of Albany hunters were out on Crabtree creek last week, hunting deer, when the hounds started a bear, which they soon treed. Mr. Smith shot it twice with a shotgun, and it fell, but only severely wounded, and made a lively fight with the dogs. During the melee one of the hunters was attempting to get a good shot without injuring the dogs, when the bear turned upon him. In attempting to away he tripped, and Bruin was soon upon him. Mr. Smith ran to his rescue, and when he arrived found man, bear and dogs all in one confused heap. He soon gave the bear a fatal shot. The unlucky hunter who was caught was badly bit on the arm and back, but escaped luckily, for had it not been for the faithful dogs he would undoubtedly have been killed.

The Dakotas people are bound that statehood shall not be thrust on them unawares. They have the capital ready, and the new state constitution, and have just nominated a full ticket of state officers.

One of the exports of Oregon and Northern California is chiton wood, or rather the bark of the same. It is shipped all over the world. Dealers pay \$170 a ton for the bark. It is used as a remedy for constipation.

There are men in San Francisco who shudder with apprehension whenever public improvement is spoken of. They fear that their property will enhance in value, and they will therefore be called upon to pay more tax.

The Yreka, California, papers are urging their exchanges to advise all to keep away from that part of the country if they want work of any kind. The resumption of work on the railroad has attracted four times as many as can be accommodated.

Second-growth cherries, apples and pears have been reported all over the country this season, and now a florist announces that some of his annuals are blooming a second time. They are changing to semi-yearlies to keep up with this fast age.

A government engineer points out that in nine of our seaboard cities alone property valued at \$3,322,000,000 is exposed to destruction in case of war, because of our lack of sea coast defenses adequate to cope with the navies of the fighting powers.

Mongolian pheasants have been noticed in the vicinity of Sheridan lately. Hunters will please remember that a fine of \$50 is the penalty for killing one of these birds. True sportsmen will not kill them and others ought to be complained of when caught.

There is some talk of building the narrow gauge railroad from Coburg to Eugene and then extend it to the head of tide on Siuslaw bay. It would open up quite an extensive country to settlement and afford a direct outlet for the grain and other products of the county.

A Yakima cattle baron is preparing to ship six hundred head of beef cattle to Montana. The value of the shipment will be twenty-four thousand dollars, and it will take thirty-five cars to move it. This is steam interlining in the domain of the cowboy and wrestling his occupation from him.

Says the Seattle Chronicle: At Suohomish the other day a meeting was held to discuss the Chinese question. After some indifferent talk it was decided to appoint a committee to request the Chinese to leave; but after every man in the audience had been appointed and declined to serve, the meeting adjourned without further action.

S. A. Clarke's mission eastward has proved partially unsuccessful. He found no difficulty in disposing of Oregon fruits to good advantage, but parties in Oregon whom he was representing failed to fulfill their part of the contract, thus occasioning delay and perhaps preventions, the sale of a large amount of fruit at advantageous rates.

Mr. Jacob Underhill, of Portland has received the very gratifying intelligence that his claim of \$8000 against Uncle Samuel for war insurance paid upon merchandise had been allowed, together with 5 per cent. interest. This claim was based on the Geneva award in the Alabama case. The principal and interest amount to something over \$16,000.

Mr. Geo. Wells, of Buena Vista, weighed a colt a few days ago which was but five months old and weighed 679 lbs. Ben Tharp raised eleven potatoes that weighed one bushel. Mr. Whitman raised 16 squashes that weighed a ton. Mr. John McCarty raised 20 acres of wheat that made nine hundred and fifty bushels, with several grangers to hear from.

And now comes the greatest wonder of the year. Chinese striking in the cigar factories. A San Francisco dispatch says: Sixty Chinese cigar-makers in the factory of Koenberger, Falk & Meyer, Pine street, struck work because the firm refused to discharge their white workmen. It is learned that the Chinese Union ordered the strike. This dictation by the Chinese that "white men must go," has created no small sensation.

Christians in China have been recently, it seems, undergoing treatment similar to that recently experienced by some pagans in the United States. The persecutions complained of our robbery, destruction of chapels, bludgeoning and boycotting natives who have professed Christianity. The account reads like it might have come from Wyoming or western Washington with the persecutors and persecuted placed in reverse order.

It appears to us that there ought to be a farmer's detective organization in this valley. No doubt exists but that the Middleton mills were robbed before they were burned, under very suspicious circumstances. The barn was located on the Robinson place, near Carlton, and had in it 16 tons of hay, 144 bushel of oats, and 102 bushels of barley. The ruins left no trace of the grain whatever, leading to the suspicion that the barn was robbed and set on fire. Loss, about \$500. The house on that place was unoccupied.—McMinnville Reporter.

Fred Schwatka is planning another Arctic expedition. He is reported as saying that he is convinced no vessel will ever reach the pole, and that he will not attempt to get there by that means. He proposes to get as far north with a ship as practicable, and then travel over the ice on sleds. He will depend entirely on the natives to drive the dogs, as he believes they are better fitted for the work than white men. He says the natives travel more rapidly and of course have better knowledge of the land. He expects to be ready to start with the opening of spring and is fully confident that he is going to get there this time. It is also stated that Engineer McVilvie is planning another expedition.

Blackleg. A Prineville, Crook county, exchange says: This fatal malarial has broken out in some of the cattle herds of this county and already several head of calves have died of it. Though the disease has not yet become epidemic, fears are entertained that it will spread and create heavy losses in the calf crop. Cattle men are somewhat uneasy and are using every precaution possible to confine the disease to certain narrow limits. With what success they will meet remains to be seen. There are certain remedies for the disorder, but it is quite difficult to apply any of them, because the affected, or liable to be affected, are scattered over an extensive range of country; and treatment is seldom of any avail anyway, owing to the rapid fatality of the disease. Prevention is better than an attempt to cure. Unaffected cattle should be driven to a high, dry range, where the feed is short and not very rich; they should have clear, pure water to drink and in no case should they be allowed to fatten. Diseased animals should be separated from the healthy; carcasses should be buried six feet deep, and, if convenient, their graves should be fenced. If any die in or about the barnyard, the place should be thoroughly disinfected. Cold nights and warm days feel the disease, especially is this the case in a still atmosphere. Low, damp, rich pasture should be avoided, as the soil in such places contains a great amount of organic matter, and the animals are apt to feed excessively on the rich succulent grasses.

Engineers are at work locating the railroad from Colfax to Farmington, and it is expected the road will be built this fall.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation company have just completed two first-class snow sheds at Canyon, one which is 900 feet long and the other 500. A third shed is being erected at the same point. The grade has been widened and the track moved out from the embankments where the snow was liable to drift.

The long-pending Queen of the Pacific salvage case was wound up recently by the payment into the registry of the United States district court of the full amount of the award, which, including costs and interest, was \$736,736 84. The value of the cargo was \$224,000. The proportion of the award to be paid by the ship, or claimants, is \$19,463.19, less the \$1254 paid to J. H. D. Gray September 17, 1883, or \$48,209.19. For this amount a check was drawn yesterday by Mr. C. H. Prescott and handed over to the clerk of the court. The amount of the award to be paid by the cargo saved is \$21,633.83, which is already in court, having been paid in advance at the time of taking the goods from the ship.—Oregonian.

Parties in the employ of the Central Pacific Railroad Co. have been in the Willow Springs and Blackwell regions recently on tours of observation, says the Jacksonville Times. A gentleman, in conversation with one of them, was informed that the Central Pacific folks considered the road south of Roseburg very poorly constructed and altogether too crooked for advantageous traffic. They did not care a fig for any of the many towns in the valley and would have a road to suit their own ends, no matter whom it injured or benefitted. This had always been their policy, and there was no probability of changing it now.

Wheat is moving from Snake river points more rapidly this year than ever before. From the talk in the early season about a line of boats to Ainsworth, the O. R. & N. has, no doubt, concluded that the people along Snake river are not altogether helpless, in transportation matters. The O. R. & N. is building at Riparia a scow, which, it is expected will be completed in about two weeks, and will have a carrying capacity of about 200 tons. It will be used between Riparia and Almota, and possibly higher up in times of high water. The boats now running in Snake river carry from 130 to 200 tons, but their work is so systematized that they made about double the trips they ever did before.

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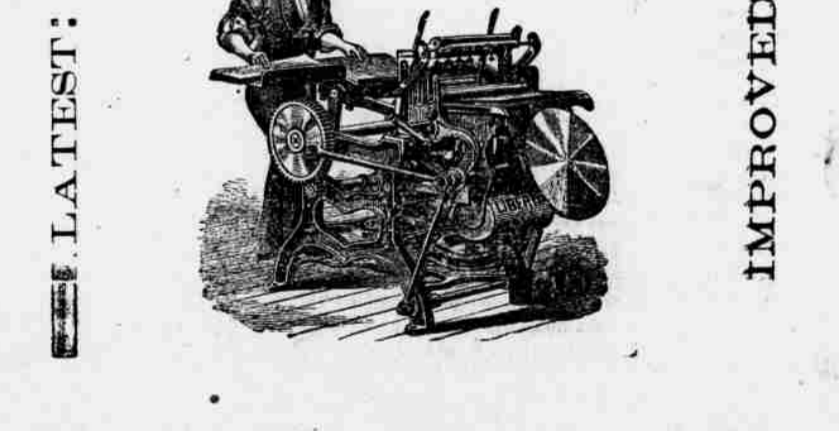
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