

### State and Territorial.

A plow factory is talked of at Eugene City.

Bart. Coffey, of Salem, has been appointed Indian agent at the Umatilla Indian agency.

1,500 Chinamen are working on the extension of the O. & C. railroad in California.

Three miners were instantly killed near Seattle last Friday night by the falling of a large tree across their cabin.

There are now 295 prisoners in the State Penitentiary, the largest number that has ever been confined within the walls at one time.

The directors of the Mechanics' fair association have finished figuring up the results of the last fair and find the net proceeds to be about \$1200.

Indians on Snake river, Oregon, have found granite rock upon which is the imprint of deer and bear feet, and in one instance a distinct human foot print.

The farmers living in the vicinity of Knox butte, Linn county, have organized themselves against the depredation of coyotes, which have been doing much damage to flocks of sheep.

E. J. Dawne, the newly appointed Judge of Alaska is reported to have gotten away with \$25,000 from Salom money loaners. The skinning class of cent. per cent residents of Salom have been the losers in great part.—Farmer.

While our legislature found time to act upon a bill to stop prize-fighting, why did it not pass a law refusing to license quacks? Prize-fighters but bruise; quacks both rob and kill.—Sunday Welcome.

Surveyors are now in the field making a location of the new extension of the Northern Pacific railroad company's line from Spokane Falls to Palouse City. This work is being pushed with all possible haste.

San Luis Obispo is in California, not in Oregon, although it was treated to an inch of rain per hour for eleven hours one day last week. Yet Californians have the nerve to speak of Oregon as the "rainy state."

The fare from Roseburg to San Francisco via Corvallis is \$19.72 cents via Portland \$27.95 and via Ashland \$32. Go via Corvallis then and save 20 hours of time, the Columbia bar, or 115 miles of staging.—Review.

A monster wild beast of some species unknown to Oregon, an apparition cross between the Hyena and the California lion, was killed in the vicinity of Hillsboro last week. It has been committing serious depredations upon farmers flocks.

Corn in Linn county, from seed imported from Arabia, by Jack Miller at Shedd, grows to prodigious size, ears measuring eighteen inches and stalks twelve feet. It is a valuable variety for this climate. Those who are skeptical as to corn growing capabilities of Oregon should see this.

Mr. D. H. Stearns, an enterprising ruterler, has assumed his old position of manager of the Evening Telegram. He still retains his interest in the La Camas colony enterprise, which under his management has assumed such healthy proportions that it will be able to get along in the future without his fostering care.

The total net fees and emoluments of the County Clerk of Multnomah county for the first half of the current year were \$3638.85. Those of the Sheriff were \$6512.01. This shows a decided falling off as compared with the same time in the previous year, though even at this rate of remuneration those worthy county officials are in no danger of being poverty-stricken while in office.

Montana, by reason of glut in the Chicago market, is compelled to carry over 30,000 head of fat and marketable cattle this fall. The real cause of this surplus is said to have been the order of the President compelling the Southwestern cattle men to get off the Indian range, and after feeding a short time in the corn fields of Kansas, they rushed their cattle to a depressed market.

Many stories are being told of a second crop of fruits and vegetables this season, but one given to us by Mr. Crowder recently is as good as any that we have heard. One of his neighbors wanted some beans for seed, and he went into the garden and picked the dry beans for seed, a full mess of green string beans and blossoms, all from the same vines. That is about as good as any country in the world can do.—Herald-Discussor.

Oregon young cattle find a market away across the line into the British possessions, north of Fort Benton. This land has never been grazed except by buffalo and is in a great part meadows where the grass is as high as a cow's back. The climate is not so mild as in Oregon, and calves cannot be raised to advantage there, but it is a great grazing country and vast numbers of cattle will be bought in Oregon and fattened there.

The state board of immigration has found three places where a 40,000 acres tract of land can be secured in answer to the inquiry of the minister in California who wishes the land for a large colony. One place is in the Sinaloa country near Eugene and another is out near the Waldo hills, west of Salem. The land at both of these points is within the grant of the Oregon & California railroad. The third place is in Union county and the land belongs to the government.

The Odd Fellows hall near what is known as the Vaughn settlement, about two miles below Coburg, burned at midnight last Saturday entailing a loss on building and lodge fixtures of about \$1,800. A regular session of the lodge was held that evening and about midnight Thos. Vaughn awoke and was startled by a bright light and discovered that the hall in which he has recently presided was in flames. The cause is attributed to a defective fuse, from which fire was no doubt communicated to the upper part of the building. Insurance on building, \$660; paraphernalia, \$200.—Eugene Register.

There are 29,247 more males in Oregon than females. There are 113,149 males and 83,902 females.

A creamery or cheese factory is in contemplation near Hillsboro. Mr. Craig, who has had experience in the East, will take charge of it, if enough milk can be secured.

Grant county has revised its scalp bounty list, and now offers the following rates: Panther or cougar, \$5; bear, \$2; wildcat or catamount, \$1; black-tail rabbit, 3 cents; wolf or coyote, \$1.

The item recently published which stated that Mr. Hallett, of Washington county, had 180,000 bushels of oats in his granary was a mistake. It had just one cipher too many. It should have read 18,000 bushels.

Umatilla county vigilantes ran three suspected horse thieves out of Adams, Oregon, last week. A concentrated effort is being made throughout the country to rid that portion of Oregon of horse and cattle thieves.

An exchange says: At the little town of Boston, in Yamhill county, near Sheridan's, in a warehouse 40,000 bushels of wheat have been destroyed by weevil. Parties who own the wheat have been undecided what to do with it, whether to burn it or throw it into the river.

The agent at Tongue Station, on the narrow gauge railroad in Linn county, says he has cleaned about 80,000 bushels of wheat this season. The cleaners at Tongue clean for three warehouses on the road, and still people say that the narrow gauge don't do any business.

Hillsboro Independent: J. W. Gibson informs us that he raised 250 bushels of potatoes from three-quarters of an acre of land on the Hyer Jack place this year. The ground has been in cultivation for thirty years, and the variety of potatoes raised was the garnet Chili.

Senator Stanford of California has given \$20,000,000 to endow a university in which young men and women are to be taught the practical duties of business life, and the old worn out curriculums are to be neglected. This is the largest sum ever given by one man to any object of public character.

Farmers report that grain is growing finely, some say that it is even growing too rank to mature well. There is still some complaint of mice, but not as much as there was several weeks ago. One of our farmer friends reports observing several large fields of wheat that has presumably been destroyed by an insect of some kind.—West Side.

The narrow gauge railroad company has had the survey made from Dundee to Portland, a distance of 28 miles. In order to reach Portland from the former point it becomes necessary to tunnel through what is known as Elk rock, some 5 1/2 miles south of Portland. The distance to be tunneled is 180 feet, and the company purpose putting it through this winter.—Itemizer.

This is what the Umatilla Times says: Umatilla county raises the most and best fruit, vegetables and grain of any county in the State of Oregon. Let the farmers understand their advantage and govern themselves accordingly. Plant fruit trees first, last and always. Raise vegetables for milk cows, sheep and hogs in winter. These products take the place of a great amount of hay, and far more satisfactory results.

Confidence men are working extensive Oregon with a new dodge, says an exchange. Sometimes it is a protest against high taxes, sometimes one thing and sometimes another, that the farmer is naturally interested in and his signature obtained, that signature afterwards being found at the bottom of a promissory note. In all probabilities these swindlers will be in this county before long and our farmers will do well to sign nothing for persons they do not know.

Last Friday night the usual quiet of Roseburg was disturbed by the intelligence that Mrs. Martha Moore was dying. It seems that her husband, Flute Moore, had recently purchased some poison, which his wife took by mistake at about 7 o'clock on the evening mentioned. She soon went into spasms and a fit bit off the end of her tongue. Before medical aid could be summoned she was so far gone that the medicine had but little effect, and she died at about 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

The Baker City Tribune in speaking of the Pine creek mines, says: "Parties just in from the Pine valley mines report a rich development of the Forest Queen, which is said to excel anything hitherto discovered in that rich region; in fact, they report the free gold nearly as numerous as the rock. They also report that an effort is being made to dissolve the bond on the mine, with a fair prospect of success. If but one-fourth of the representations of this mine be true, whoever becomes the owner of the mine will have more money than he will have any use for."

An extensive discovery of bituminous coal of fine quality was recently made near Fossil, in Gilliam county, by Richard J. Watson, of that neighborhood, which promises to remedy Gilliam county's one defect in her resources—that of abundant and cheap fuel. The new mine is about twelve miles from Fossil and the ledge has been traced over four miles. The veins are clear and well defined and from their dip and general character there is no question but that coal abounds there in unlimited quantities.

Considerable quantities of potatoes and onions have been shipped to Ashland and other Southern Oregon points from the Willamette valley within the past month. There was an immense crop of potatoes raised this year in the Willamette, and they have been sold as low as 20 cents per bushel in Portland, at which price some of the farmers there claim it will pay better to raise potatoes than wheat. The low rate of 30 cents per hundred between Portland and Ashland enabled dealers here to have the vegetables delivered here at a lower price than the farmers of this valley were asking.—Tidings.

The bell for the fog signal at Point Conception, W. T., weighs 31,000 pounds, and has a clapper weighing 104 pounds.

Leather men say that the present method of branding cattle, together with the size of brands employed, causes a loss in the hides of about \$2,000,000 per annum.

The number of land contests at Heppner is daily on the increase, which shows that the bunchgrass hills are getting more valuable. People must make all reasonable effort to comply with the law, or else take chances on losing their claims.

A flurry of excitement comes from Port Discovery. Rich copper-bearing rock has been discovered in clearing away for a chute for some logs, in front of Richard Delanty's camp on this side of the bay. We have seen specimens of the rock, in which flakes of pure native copper, like tin foil, can be taken from the seams. It is proposed to have an assay made at once. The body of the rock is dark and heavy, and it is thought by good judges to contain silver as well as copper. The land where it was found belongs to William Delanty and J. E. Pugh, of Port Discovery.—Port Townsend Argus.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer: Sheriff James B. Crossen took a trip to Grass valley during the week and speaks in glowing terms of that section of country. He says that it is the best soil that he has seen in this county, and is very productive. The crops last season were very large, and bright anticipations are entertained for next year. This section lies beyond Wasco about twenty miles, and comprehends a large lot of beautiful, level, arable land. The difficulties experienced heretofore have been wood and water, but recently good wells have been dug and a large number of forest trees have been planted. The projected bridge across the Deschutes and the new roads are anxiously looked for by the residents of that section. During the last few years a large number of industrious families have moved into Grass valley and made homes. The little towns of Moro, Erskineville and Milbra are the trading points and do a brisk business. Building is going on quite lively, and several new houses are being erected.

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