

State and Territorial.

Several horses have been stolen in Klamath county lately. As yet none of the thieves have been caught.

Yamhill county has organized a local board of immigration, with J. C. Cooper as agent. It will work in conjunction with the state board.

James Hamilton will experiment in flax raising on the Chayne place on Rogue river during the coming season. He will try seeding one acre the first year.

George Kowit, the printer, who lived at Medford for a year past, died in the insane asylum last week. He suffered from lead poisoning in the first place.

Over 2,500 immigrants arrived in Portland during November. The total arrivals of immigrants in that city since January 1, 1885, have been nearly 27,000.

A cougar measuring eight feet and five inches and weighing 200 pounds, was killed a few days ago by Joseph Dewey and others at H. Martin's place in the Cow creek valley.

The Statesman gives the political status of the men who were sentenced to work on the streets of Salem during the past nine months. 184 were democrats, 25 republicans and 7 greenbackers.

Alaska has 500,000 square miles of trees, all fit for lumber. The forests of that territory would keep the world in planks and timber for the next 500. Alaska is the greatest lumber region in the world.

A whale was washed ashore at Nestucca bay last Wednesday during the severe storm 150 feet long and 14 feet across the tall fin. Parties are cutting it up and rendering out the oil. This is a bonanza for the citizens of Nestucca.

Our Scio correspondent writes us that a fatal disease has made its appearance among horses in that vicinity. Peter Bilyeu having lost three valuable head and David Myers one. It was thought at first to be leach on the brain, but a post mortem examination explodes that idea. All of the organs are said to be in an entire state of health and the disease puzzles every one.—Daily Herald.

Mrs. M. H. McDonald, of Lebanon, who with her husband were among the early settlers of Linn county, died suddenly at her home recently of neuralgia of the heart. She was 58 years old and had been in the best of health, and died after an illness of but a few hours. She was the mother of Mrs. James Crawford, Mr. Mattie Moist James McDonald, of Albany, besides several other children, the most of whom reside in Linn county.

Ed Dove informs us that he has sold his this year's crop of hops amounting to 18,000 pounds to a New York house at an average of seven and a half cents per pound. Although the hops cost him nine or ten cents, he thinks it payed him well for the trouble of picking them. He still has about ninety bales of last year's crop on hand for which little or nothing is offered. Mr. Dove is confident that prices will be better next year and will cultivate his yard.—West Side.

The following libel is traveling over the country without a responder and seems to meet with ravenous satisfaction in some parts: "An exchange says: At the little town of Boston, in Yamhill county, near Sheridan, 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." There is no such place as Boston, no such wheat, nor no parties any where on the west side so undecided.—Reporter.

This is one of the busiest times in the year in the land departments of the railroads. Inquiry at the Portland office of the Oregon & California railroad reveals the fact that every mail brings applications for rail road lands some where along their lines. The sales this year will surpass even those made last season. The favorite countries seem to be Lane and Clackamas, and this is attributed to the fact that those countries were for a long time but sparsely settled. It is, of course, a matter of great pleasure to the employes of the road to know that the country adjacent to their line is being settled, for every new man is another patron for their employes.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed traveled afoot from Aurora to Oregon City, on Sunday, because they were unable to pay railroad fare. They have just left behind them the coolie-cursed soil of California. They say that in the southern part of the state laboring works, with few exceptions, done by Chinamen. In the regions of Los Angeles, the grape and hop pickers, the table waiters, the field hands, the cooks and the dairy hands are all coolies. Thousands of poor whites that have flocked into southern California from the eastern states are unable to earn a living because the coolies underbid them in the labor market.—Oregon City Courier.

The inexhaustible resources in Douglas and Coos counties of coal, lumber, gold mines, grass, and, with proper attention, vegetables, fruits, dairy products and other industries, make an argument to capitalists to come and build a railroad, which is unanswerable, says the Roseburg Plaindealer. It would be of incalculable benefit to all concerned to build a line from Roseburg to Coos Bay and Port Orford. A route has been already surveyed and found to be practicable, and a road could be constructed at a very reasonable cost, in comparison with many roads built in the West. This would open up in all this vast territory in Southern Oregon a means of transportation which would be remunerative and expeditious. Benton county is now enjoying the value of a competitive road to the amount of six cents per bushel more for wheat than is given by any other route. Then let us have a railroad from the coast to Roseburg.

W. A. Bradshaw, who lives near Brownsville, met with quite a serious accident one day last week. He was felling a tree and in some way he received a blow on the back of his head which cut both his arteries, and he came very near bleeding to death.

Skagit News: Of the \$22,000 recommended to be appropriated for the four principal rivers of Washington, Skagit will get \$5500—about enough to buy wood for the snag-beat for three months—not counting the original recommendation is not cut down as it is likely to be by the secretary of war.

A smoke house and granary belonging to Geo. Turrell, living near Harrisburg, filled with bacon, wheat and oats, was burned to the ground on Wednesday of last week, destroying 2000 pounds of bacon and 300 bushels of grain. It probably originated from the fire used in smoking meat.

Very flattering prospects are reported from the Southern Oregon mines, by the Jacksonville Times. There appears to be an abundance of water, and much work is being done in all the places. A new quartz mill and reduction works are to be constructed at Jacksonville or Medford soon.

W. M. Powers and sons, of Shield, have just finished digging a 45-acre field of potatoes, a portion of which have found their way into market in Albany, at 25 cents per bushel. They still have about 1800 bushels, awaiting an advance in price, the prospect of which at present is not very promising.

California stands third in the list of petroleum-producing states, leading West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. Pennsylvania is first and New York next. The oil production is confined to the southern end of California, and last year the product was 100,000 barrels—that of Los Angeles county amounting to more in value than the orange crop.

Newt Yocum and a young man by the name of Briggs, son of ex-county surveyor of Douglas county, were in a saloon in Canyonville, on the 27th, playing cards, when a dispute arose, and both made for their revolvers. Briggs got his first, and fired, striking Yocum in the neck, the ball lodging there. Briggs was arraigned, and discharged on the ground of self-defense. Yocum will recover.

We hear no more of the extension of the Oregon Pacific via Albany to eastern Oregon. If they want a real live part of the country, not already supplied with railroads, let them come up the west side of the river via Eugene and go by the McKenzie route across the Cascades. It is 25 per cent the best pass on the whole chain, besides the good country almost all along the line.—Eugene Register.

Walter Barger, aged 15 years, son of W. P. Barger, who lives in Willamette precinct, last Wednesday morning left his home to go to school about a half mile distant, taking a shot gun with him, thinking that on the way he might kill a goose. He did not put in an appearance at school during the day, and up to Thursday night had not been heard from, although the neighbors in that section have been scouring the country in search of him. It is feared he has accidentally shot himself.—Eugene Guard.

A Chinese sheepherder on the north fork of the John Day river, had a singular encounter with a bear the other day. Bruin was hungry and visited the corral for a fresh supply of mutton. John did not believe in such pilfering and attempted to slay his visitor with an ax. The latter had too much Sullivan like science for the Mongolian and knocked him out with an upper cut. Not being fond of Chinese meat he left John for dead and carried off a sheep.

Yakima Signal: During the past six months there have been shipped out from North Yakima over the Northern Pacific, four carloads of wheat; two of barley; 200 cars, containing over 500 head of cattle, five cars of hops, which is only a quarter of the amount ready for shipment; six cars of horses, and three cars of wool. Besides these the shipments of this county include 5000 head of cattle from Topnash station and 3000 from Kennewick. Considerable grain has also been shipped from the latter point and Prosser. The total value of the shipment is over \$460,000.

Ladd's artesian well is almost a gigantic failure, says a Portland exchange. On Monday last the drill struck a vast strata of quicksand which raised itself up in the well over forty feet. The contractor thought he had struck the long desired water and that it was coming to the surface. He set his pump to work and was sorely disappointed in finding that only quicksand came to the surface. As the sand is in such immense quantities it will be hardly possible to continue the work with any assurance of success. In fact the contractor is very much cast down, as he has taken the job in such a way that he loses money unless a flow of water is had, and he says he will give it up after this week unless the quicksand shows some signs of diminishing. The depth attained is now a little over 1400 feet and about \$14,000 have been spent, including the cost of the boring machinery.

The second shipment of through freight to this city from San Francisco via the Oregon Pacific was received by S. E. Young yesterday on O. R. & N. steamer, "Bonanza," and from the freight charged by the different lines there appear a few facts that need ventilation. The lot of freight referred to consists of 148 boxes of soap, upon which the freight by ocean steamer, and rail over the O. P. was \$8.03. Upon the same 148 boxes the freight from Corvallis to Albany, a distance of twelve miles, by the O. R. & N. boat, was the modest sum of \$5.25. This is an outrage which might be prevented if the agents of the O. P. at Corvallis were thoughtful for the interest of their patrons in selecting the boats for shipment on the river, and which must be prevented if the legitimate traffic of the road, which is now beginning to be built up, is sustained.—Albany Herald.

Temperance Department.

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Flower Mission.

Among the many interesting reports of work done by the unions of other states, a Wisconsin union sends us a very pleasant account of one of their prison flower mission days. They have the assistance of both the chaplain and warden of the prison, also of clergymen of the different churches of the city, so they do not lack for interesting material for their mission service. She writes that the prisoners were, as least at the close of the exercises, eager for the flowers all see. The chaplain who is obliged to examine the letters of the convicts, says no one could fail to see that the work had been well received and had done much good. One boy writes to his mother very thankfully of this remembrance by the W. C. T. U., and says liquor has been the cause of most of his trouble. A number of personal friends doubted the wisdom of having a flower mission for such a low and vicious class, and we came near giving it up, but we are glad now that we did not. Tears were a tribute from many, and one whom nothing has moved since her incarceration and who "is in for life," broke down completely with the flowers in her hand. Blessed mission! We had many good wishes and we hope they were realized in giving men hopes and better resolves to at least some. The following paper was written by a prisoner and published in our local paper: "Last Sunday was indeed a pleasant day for the four hundred and odd prisoners at the prison, and one which will probably serve as a day to reckon from in the future. The ladies of the W. C. T. U. through their representative, Mrs. E. Hillyer, field what they term a flower service. The exercises consisted of a brief address by Warden Carter; singing by Mrs. D. P. Doty and the prison choir and a choir of little girls; an address by Mrs. Hillyer, setting forth the object of this service in a manner that enlisted the most earnest attention from her audience, and a comparison of prison worship now and a century ago by Chaplain Kutchin. The singing of Rock of Ages as a solo by Mrs. Doty was rendered in her exceedingly pleasant manner, and her beautiful voice seeming to carry the "boys" as in trance, and when she sang "Scatter Seeds of Kindness" every convict was willing and anxious to pronounce her the loveliest little lady in the land."

At the close of the service each prisoner was presented with a bouquet of flowers attached to which was a card bearing a scriptural motto, and altogether it was a flowery day at the prison. Chaplain Kutchin's happy manner in comparing the first prison religious service—when the prisoners were drawn up facing a cannon—and the present, when the cannon had been banished for flowers, met the loudest approval of any feature of the entertainment. There were many remarks among the "boys" upon the service, and one and all were thankful to the ladies for their trouble and very grateful to the ladies of the W. C. T. U."

Such is the testimony of one convict from Wisconsin. This is one, and we are continually having such pleasing messages sent us. Not only are the prison cells made brighter, and the convicts led to purer, cleaner thoughts, but we have many cases where these little messengers have turned some sin sick soul to Christ. Our flower mission department aims to carry to the sick and suffering everywhere, in hospital and poor house, and to the bed side of the sick in private homes. Often they are accompanied with a choice delicacy, something tempting to the sick—a cup of broth, a glass of jelly, etc. Many a sick room is cheered and brightened by a short visit from some lady from the flower mission department of the W. C. T. U.

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