

State and Territorial.

A Linkville exchange says: A number of parties in Langell valley are catching geese by soaking wheat in alcohol. The geese eat the wheat, get drunk, and are easily captured.

We have received some potatoes of the second crop this year, grown on the place of Frank Powers, Jr., near Springfield. They are about as large as hen's eggs and the tops are as green as in early spring.—Journal.

A blizzard struck the East last week, interrupting trains and snowing them under. Here in the Pacific Northwest it is chilly, but vegetation continues to grow and wear the appearance of May instead of December.

Counterfeiting money of the realm seems to be quite an industry, when it is said that over \$300,000 worth of spurious money has been captured during the present year by the secret service detectives of the government.

We hear it rumored that Mr. Hatch, of transportation fame, intends entering complaint to the Secretary of War against the O. & C. R. R. on account of the Harrisburg bridge impeding free navigation of the upper Willamette river.—Engene Guard.

There is every reason to believe that there are veins of coal in Linn county of great value. In fact we are informed that near Brownsville a vein has been reached lately 15 feet thick and 164 feet wide. Years ago the same report was made. It is a matter worthy of investigation by minded men.—Democrat.

Few persons realize how great a quantity of rain falls sometimes during a rain storm which does not appear excessive. An inch of rain on an acre of land is equivalent to 101 tons of water. So that a farm of 160 acres receives during a rainfall of an inch not less than 16,160 tons of water.

Umatilla county paper: Some person or persons went into Mr. Sherwood's timber culture, about four miles west of Echo, last week and stole 4,000 to 5,000 young trees that had been planted last spring. They left the land and Mr. Sherwood went to work setting out more trees.

M. C. Calloway, who lives near Tangent, has seen seven generations of people, and he is probably not over 60 years of age himself. He has seen his great-grandfather, his grandfather, his father, his sisters and brothers, his sisters daughter, his sister's daughter's son, and the daughter of the sister's daughter's son.—Democrat.

Six and a half tons of hide and tallow were piled upon the O. R. & N. Co.'s dock yesterday for shipment over the O. P. to San Francisco. They were shipped by rail from Ashland, the freight to Albany being \$20 per ton. From Albany to San Francisco will be but \$1.50 per ton, which explains why so much freight is beginning to go that way.—Albany Herald.

The Central Pacific surveyors completed the survey of the line from the Siskiyou tunnel to the end of the Oregon & California track south of Ashland last week, and moved their camp back to Rufus Cole's station. They will operate on the California part of the route for the rest of the winter. Tunnel No. 8 is complete and the tools and paraphernalia removed to tunnel No. 9. The grading force is constantly at work.

From S. W. Alderson, of Coles valley we learn that an old man by the name of Grenier living on the Siuslaw is the oldest resident in Oregon, having been here 65 years. He is a Frenchman, and belonged to the Hudson Bay Company. As a trapper he has always been an expert. His age is 85 years, and he is somewhat feeble. Mr. Alderson further reports that on his trip to the Siuslaw he saw fine ripe strawberries, grass green and high, and stock doing well.—Review.

A prominent grain dealer has informed a Standard reporter that for the past 90 days there have been 50,000 bushels of wheat brought to that city, on an average, every day. This means about \$25,000 worth each day, and it is generally sold during a working time of ten hours. The same rate will probably be kept up for another 90 days. Some idea of the wheat trade at that port may be had from the above.

Harry Roberts, of Tampoio, Yakima county, W. T., says the Vancouver Independent, who has the unenviable reputation of being a wife beater, was taken from his residence by a dozen women a few nights ago and tied to a fence and deservedly flogged. Roberts' repeated abuse of his wife had aroused considerable indignation, and the women of the place and vicinity determined to teach him some humanity in true Delaware style. Each woman took the lash in her own hand and laid it on his bare back until exhausted. When the ordeal was gone through with Roberts was warned never again to ill-treat his wife, on penalty of a repetition of the flogging, which he solemnly promised never to do again and went his way meekly, leaving the county.

A gentleman informs us, says the Polk County Itemizer, that while in conversation with Hon. H. Hurley, of Lafayette, last week, that that gentleman informed him that in a letter from Mr. Reid, in regard to the narrow gauge railroad, he gave every assurance of its extension to Portland in the near future; that the work on the tunnel near Oswego would be begun about the 1st of February and that as soon as spring opened work would commence all along the line and be pushed through with all possible dispatch. Besides this, the Yamhill Reporter, in speaking of the road, says: "It is now a settled fact that the narrow gauge railroad will be completed into Portland next year, twenty-four miles. The track will run through Oswego, near which point a tunnel several hundred feet in length will be made. This will connect the two arms of the road with Portland; the one from Coburg to Dundee, thirty-one miles. A railroad bridge will be built across the Willamette to connect Ray's landing with this side."

Temperance Department.

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The World Moves on.

Another proof of this fact is the pressing invitation which came to Miss Willard from its President, John H. Campbell, to address the Catholic Total Abstinence Society, in Philadelphia the Sunday following the N. W. C. T. U. Convention. In his invitation he says: It is not a mere local meeting, it is a convention of the strongest and most influential union connected with the U. T. A. U. It will be a new departure in many respects and I am anxious that our members, our representative men and women, should hear the views of your organization so that they may compare them with those of their own." The union of which Mr. Campbell is president enrolls 11,000 members.

In the report of the For. Sec. of the N. W. C. T. U. we find the following as to the department of legislature: "In the department of legislature no success has been phenomenal considering the terrible 'set back' the cause is said to have received. Three states, Oregon, Tennessee and Rhode Island, this year voted to submit to the people a prohibitory constitutional amendment. New Hampshire passed the following: An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Cigarettes, or tobacco in any of its forms. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in general court convened: Section 1. No person shall knowingly sell any cigarettes or tobacco in any of its forms, to any minor under sixteen years of age: Sec. 2. If any person shall violate the provisions of this Act, he shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars for each and every such offense—such penalty or fine to go to the county treasurer for the county wherein the violation of this Act occurs.

A similar law was passed by the legislature of Nebraska through the influence of the W. C. T. U. Last year New Jersey passed a law which covers nearly the same ground. New Hampshire also at the last session of the legislature enacted a law against the sale of pernicious literature.

The work of this department is the fact that nineteen states have upon their statute books laws relating to scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, thirteen having been gained this year. Not all these are in every respect what the W. C. T. U. desires, but all and any serve as an entering wedge and a foundation for future effort. The very fact of the enactment of any law regarding the teaching of temperance is a straw showing which way the wind of public sentiment is blowing. Another good thought we call from the same report, "Temperance is, in some of those institutions, (speaking of some of the higher institutions of learning) made a test of character and general good deportment, and in some it is taught in its scientific aspect; but so far as my observation goes our young men who graduate at these institutions, while coming out with very decided views regarding free trade or protection, know absolutely nothing regarding the relation of the liquor traffic to either. I consider this a weak point in our education. If there are two great questions before American people to-day, one is the tariff question and the other is the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The first has always been the stock in trade of the two great parties when there was no other issue of importance between them. To my mind, the tariff question is so intimately connected with temperance question that they are inseparable. The waste of the liquor traffic is a part of the great problem of tariff. The basis of all trade is in the fact that A has an article B wants and B has an article which A wants, but at the same time does this not contemplate the fact that both those articles must be to themselves, a recognized value? The shoes which A has he is willing to give for the potatoes which B has and vice versa, but does it not logically follow that each article in the transaction has a value of its own? How is this when applied to the transaction which is carried on over the bars of our thousands of liquor saloons? And right at this point should not our boys be instructed? I have this far failed to find a treatise on political economy which touches this point. We teach our boys in the public schools the nature and effect of alcohol on the human system, but between the term when public school appear at the ballot box to express their will and act for the best interest of the community, they have been in worse than a heathen darkness as regards the question of the day and its relation to commercial interests, except perhaps so far as they have been able to reason that because the individual is affected, the loss is proportionally greater, but as to the great national waste and to all business interests, and to the tariff, he is in blissful ignorance, and is likely to remain so. I would like to see the W. C. T. U. set on foot a movement to supply this missing link. It will be done by somebody because it must be done. You and I, dear sisters, have not forgotten the many lectures delivered to us in days gone by on the necessity of being well prepared for the duties which were sure to come to us as housekeepers. We were told over and over again that

"We can live without music, and live without books, But civilized men cannot live without cooks"

And so we anxiously and untiringly wrestled with the problem of housekeeping in all its details. And yet, although every one knows that every young man cannot and does not desire to shrink the duty of voting, and while he is "up in the classics" and can solve the most intricate problem in Euclid, he does not know enough of the great questions of the day to cast his ballot directly affecting them with any degree of intelligence."

The local option law has already had the effect to close up the saloons in Lafayette. Henry closed his saloon about two weeks ago, and I. N. Hembree closed his last Wednesday, his license having expired on that day.—Register.

All the weather prophets—the spider, the goose bone, the squirrel, the muskrat, the beaver, and the "oldest inhabitant"—unite in predicting an open winter. If this prove true in the east, the people of Oregon need look for no winter at all.—News.

The silver mill and copper smelting companies of Butte, Montana, held a conference with a freight representation of the Union Pacific Company last week, in which the question of reduction in salt freight rates, but no agreement was reached, and the threats of the former to shut their works down on the 1st of January will probably be carried out. By this movement Lilly two thousand miners will be thrown out of employment. This means distress in the largest mining camp in the United States. Other interests depending on mining will suffer almost much.

The beneficial effects of the government improvements at Coos bay, the month of the Coquille river, and at Yaquina Bay, are becoming more and more apparent by the Telegram. The purpose, which is to cause the channels to deepen, is being gradually accomplished, as late soundings show. Heavy tides and storms prevailed all along the entire North Pacific coast during the 23rd and 24th of November, which did some damage to light stations and to the shipping. But it appears these disturbances have produced a good effect in deepening the channels. Capt. C. F. Powell, of the United States engineers' office, has received reports within the last few days which indicate an excellent depth of water at Coos bay, Yaquina bay, and at the mouth of the Coquille river. At Coos bay a forty-two feet is reported at high tide in the bar; at the Coquille twelve feet, and at Yaquina Bay eighteen feet. The government works at these points have been gradually operating so as to cause the tides and action of the sea to deepen the channels, and the recent unusually high tides have, it would seem, materially accelerated this desirable work.

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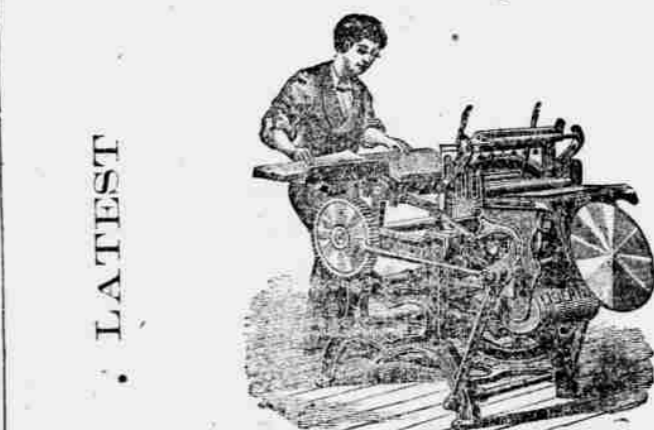
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