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about what to raise and how to  
raise it. It contains information  
to be had from no other  
source. Free to all.  
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Mich.

Johnny Spangler was in Albany  
Tuesday night and assisted Mc-  
Lyman's orchestra, of Salem,  
which provided the music for the  
grand military ball given in that  
city on the date mentioned.  
The safe in "The Leo" was  
robbed on Wednesday night.  
About \$100 in hard cash disap-  
peared.  
Wallis Nash went to San Fran-  
cisco the first of the week on busi-  
ness.

**FREIGHT VIA PORTLAND.**

The first of the week the steam-  
er Elwood brought to this city  
about ten tons of freight consigned  
to Yaquina business men. The  
goods came from San Francisco  
via Portland, and was shipped to  
their destination over the Oregon  
Pacific. These facts are sad com-  
mentary on the affairs of the Ore-  
gon Pacific, and it is hoped that  
the present management will soon  
have a vessel on the San Fran-  
cisco-Yaquina route. The con-  
venience of this transportation  
line was never more highly ap-  
preciated than since its benefits  
have been removed, and we are  
treated to a dose of the old-time  
rate via Portland. The rate to  
Corvallis on freight arriving from  
San Francisco is fully double  
what it was on the Yaquina route.

**THAT WIRE FENCE.**

A. Hathaway, a property owner  
of Job's addition, is circulating a  
petition to be presented at the  
next meeting of the city council,  
praying for the opening of certain  
streets in his vicinity. Mr. H.  
presents the matter about as fol-  
lows: It is claimed that Mr. Wil-  
kins sold to Mrs. Murray a strip of  
land embracing a number of frac-  
tional blocks along the line be-  
tween Job's and Wilkins' additions.  
Mrs. Murray has placed a wire  
fence around the tract, enclosing  
the imaginary streets between the  
fractional blocks and cutting off  
free intercourse between the two  
additions. The trouble has arisen  
out of the fact that the land here  
the streets might, could, would, or  
should be, was not dedicated to  
the city.

The first copy of the Drain  
Herald made its appearance on  
our table the first of the week,  
bearing at the head of its columns  
the names of O. Anson Byrd as  
editor, Julian Byrd local editor  
and W. T. VanSoy, subscription  
agent. The paper is well filled  
with local and miscellaneous news  
matter, but contains but few ad-  
vertisements of the business men  
of that city which looks bad for  
the future of the venture. The  
Byrds are no "Jays" and if the  
good people of Drain will give  
them proper support, regrets will  
not follow.

Ed. Dunn is with us again "in-  
terviewing our business men in  
the interest of a Portland whole-  
sale house." This is the story the  
papers tell but some suspect that  
his interviews here are not of a  
business nature and that they are  
obtained in the interest of the  
young man himself.

Uncle Billy Henkle, we are  
sorry to state, is in very poor  
health. He was attacked some  
time since with la grippe and it  
left him with a severe cough. He  
is confined to his home, but is able  
to be about the greater portion of  
the time.

A boom of 60,000 feet of logs  
broke loose from the Friendly mill  
Tuesday morning but lodged about  
two miles this side of Albany.  
They are a portion of the logs  
bargained for by Lawrence Bros.,  
mill men of Newberg, and the raft  
will be delivered to that firm.

**COMMITTED SUICIDE.**

Eugene Campbell, aged 33  
years, brother of the proprietors of  
the Eugene Guard and for years a  
composer in that office, had been  
missing since Wednesday morning  
of last week. He had been  
making preparations for a much  
needed rest and arrangements  
were completed whereby he was  
to leave for San Francisco on a  
two months' visit. His habits had  
been to commence work at his case  
about 9 o'clock each forenoon. On  
the morning in question he went  
to the office shortly after that  
hour and began work but in a few  
minutes he resumed his hat and  
coat and walked out of the office  
without stating his intentions.  
Nothing peculiar was anticipated  
until shortly before 10 o'clock,  
when, as he did not return, this  
strange turn in the face of his  
closely regular habits, surprised  
his brothers and inquiry as to his  
whereabouts began and a careful  
search failed to find any trace of  
him. Saturday morning news came  
from thirty-five miles up the Mid-  
dle Fork river that a man was  
found dying there, his cloths soak-  
ing wet and a bloody knife with  
a broken blade lying near by. He  
died before relieved. The body  
proved to be that of the missing  
man and the remains were inter-  
red at Eugene on Tuesday. In-  
vestigations of the coroner showed  
that death was the result of ex-  
posure and of an incision made in  
the wrist by himself.

**LEFT US.**

Geo. F. Eglin and family left  
for Ashland on Monday, taking  
with him his entire household ef-  
fects. The primary inducement  
for this change was the expectation  
of benefiting his wife's health  
which has been poor for some  
time. While we entertain the be-  
lief that Mr. Eglin will return to  
Corvallis in time we bespeak for  
the family a warm welcome into  
the business and social circles of  
their new home, feeling assured  
that their presence will lend vigor  
to both. Mr. E. grew to manhood  
in this city, and while he is a  
young man his energy has been a  
strong factor in the later advance-  
ment and commercial develop-  
ment of the city and county. He  
has rendered material aid in all  
the important enterprises which  
have been inaugurated here in the  
past few years, and the more  
progressive element of Corvallis  
last year elected him as a council-  
man from the middle ward. He  
is a member of Barnum lodge, I.  
O. O. F., of this city, and withal,  
has a legion of friends here who  
wish that his departure will not  
prove disappointing in any particu-  
lar.

**HE IS AN EX-CONVICT.**

Lionel Stagge, the bank exam-  
iner and receiver of the Oregon  
national bank of Portland, ap-  
pointed by Controller Eckels turns  
out to be an ex-convict of the Ore-  
gon penitentiary, and the disclo-  
sure has kicked up a great sensa-  
tion in the metropolis. Stagge  
was convicted and sentenced to  
the penitentiary under the name  
of A. L. Waterhouse for a year for  
passing fraudulent checks.

Upon his release from the pen-  
itentiary he sought and procured  
employment in Portland under  
an assumed name. He proved  
himself a man of financial ability,  
and rose rapidly in the esteem of  
the commercial world. To make  
the romance complete he married  
a worthy young lady of Eugene,  
who it is said clings to him the  
closer since his position became  
known to her and the world. He  
has tendered his resignation as  
receiver of the Oregon national  
bank, but it is understood that his  
bondsmen will not desert him  
should Controller Eckels choose to  
retain him.

**SNAG-PULLING.**

Lieutenant Taylor, United  
States engineers, has ordered the  
snagboat Corvallis to Eugene to  
clear the snags out of the river  
between Corvallis and that point.  
She has been operating between  
Corvallis and Harrisburg. This is  
a very favorable time for cleaning  
the river, as many snags have been  
brought down by the late flood,  
and the snagboat will work down  
the river as the water falls and  
clean them all out.—Oregonian.

M. M. Davis, receiver for the  
Niagara Mill Co., this week sold  
to Millard F. Beach the company's  
lumber yard in this city. The sale  
includes lumber sheds, side track  
and about \$250,000 feet of lumber.

**THE GAME OF FOOT-BALL.**

**The Belief in Its Physical Dan-  
gers not Sustained by Facts  
and Scientific Research.**

On tomorrow afternoon those of  
Corvallis who choose to attend  
may expect to witness a good  
game of foot-ball. All have read  
more or less of the game, and the  
class of comments which meets the  
eye of those having little interest  
in the sport has probably been de-  
rogatory of the amusement. A  
scientific exposition of the game  
as played by college teams does  
not support the impressions formed  
by those who possess a superficial  
knowledge of it or who have given  
the subject small consideration.  
Those who see for the first time,  
or possibly for many times, the  
desperate struggles which the  
"wedge" and similar plays involves  
in a strong game; who hear the  
suppressed exclamation of the  
man who goes down beneath a  
mob of burly fellows who appear  
intent on crushing the life out of  
the smaller player who has pos-  
sessed of the ball, are apt to de-  
cide the game barbarous. Then,  
when the participants all arise ex-  
cept one man and there is a hur-  
rying for the medicine grip, the un-  
initiated will surely vote the  
game a bad thing. In a recent  
number of the North American  
Review there appears an article  
under the heading "Intercollegiate  
Football," furnished by authori-  
ties from Yale and from the Uni-  
versity of Pennsylvania. The gen-  
tlemen say:

"The great institutions which  
this matter most concerns and  
are its representatives at the bar  
of public opinion are Princeton,  
Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania.  
About this time last year the ques-  
tion of the occurrence of fatal or  
permanently disabling injury to  
any football player at these four  
institutions for the previous decade  
was submitted by one of the writ-  
ers to the special authority on the  
subject in each faculty. The re-  
plies, still in his possession, were  
sent after careful investigation  
and established conclusively the  
fact that no instance of any per-  
manent injury to a player had oc-  
curred in all the long series of con-  
tests waged during these ten years  
on the football field. We ask that  
until contradictory and well sus-  
tained evidence be brought for-  
ward this statement be accepted  
on the authority of Dr. Sargent, of  
Cambridge; Dr. Seaver, of New  
Haven; Dr. Macdonald, of Prince-  
ton, and Dr. White, of Philadel-  
phia."

Aside from the physical dan-  
gers of the game which are urged  
against it there is no serious ob-  
jection to it; and the above show-  
ing would seem to meet this ob-  
jection conclusively. It at least  
shows that there is less physical  
danger attending football than at-  
taches to baseball, shooting,  
cycling, rowing and other such  
sports. As for physical develop-  
ment more may be said in favor  
of football than any other sport.  
None of them is to be compared  
with football in the direction of  
bringing all muscles into play.  
"And, moreover," says the above  
authority, "in none of them ex-  
cept rowing is the preliminary  
straining so valuable in strength-  
ening the great involuntary mus-  
cles, those of the heart and dia-  
phragm, observed with anything  
like equal strictness."

Almost all persons not familiar  
with football entertain a preju-  
dice against it and are not dis-  
posed to encourage the sport by  
their attendance, but, notwith-  
standing the vigor of the play  
when once witnessed there is an  
attraction in the game which is ir-  
resistible. We would therefore  
urge that our people give the boys  
a good attendance tomorrow after-  
noon. They have undergone se-  
vere training to do credit to the  
institution which is our pride, and  
there is every probability that they  
will leave the field with the  
honor of the day.

The J. & L. Co. of this city con-  
temporarily presenting a society  
drama at the opera house in the  
near future. Should the boys un-  
dertake it they will undoubtedly  
have the success they invariably  
meet with in all their undertak-  
ings. They will be able to enlist  
the assistance of any of our local  
talent.

M. S. Woodcock has been suf-  
fering from a severe attack of  
pneumonia the past week, and has  
required the close attention of a  
physician.

**LITTLE RUMORS.**

It is a rumor of the streets that  
the democrats will have a walk-  
over during both the coming May  
and June elections. This may be  
the case providing the proper se-  
lection of candidates is made.  
For the various positions to be  
"doled out" by the electors of  
the city and county several of  
"the faithful" are in training and  
the spirit of rivalry is growing to  
quite interesting proportions.  
That the contest for nominations  
will wax warm there is no doubt,  
as we have it from good authority  
that there are already several  
slates (college-size) in readiness  
to be presented for consideration  
of the conventions. One of the  
leading democrats whose identity  
we will conceal and designate as  
"Jim Crow," told us that for the  
office of clerk of the court there  
would be three or more aspirants,  
each of whom had a good (demo-  
cratic) following, and that there  
were two or more whose willing-  
ness to assume the responsibility  
of county judge was quite pro-  
nounced. "Jim Crow" is a gen-  
tleman whose long experience in  
local politics has equipped him  
with full knowledge of affairs in  
general, and his statements are  
more than likely about correct.  
He said that under the conditions  
prescribed by the last legislature  
there was not much in the office  
of sheriff to inspire a desire to  
mount the ladder of fame, a la  
Cleveland style, yet several tried  
and true were willing to make the  
sacrifice for the sake of the  
county and good of civilization,  
notwithstanding the present sher-  
iff's determination not to enter the  
nominating race. In his review  
of the whole situation "Jim Crow"  
plainly intimated that the peace  
quiet of the democratic family was  
not as desired and that factional  
followings were common.

**NEW TIME CARD.**

Receiver Clark has taken a very  
important step in the direction of  
cutting down the expenses of the  
Oregon Pacific railroad, namely,  
the reduction of train service.  
After January 1st the company  
will run a mixed daily train  
(freight and passenger combined)  
from Yaquina through to Hal-  
stead, and one westward from Hal-  
stead, passing at Albany. Travel-  
ers are usually averse to mixed  
trains, but under the circumstances  
they cannot reasonably find fault  
with the management as it is quite  
as important that employees be  
paid as it is that the public be  
furnished strictly first-class ac-  
commodations.

Train No. 1, eastbound, will  
leave Yaquina at 5:25 a. m.; ar-  
rives at Corvallis 11:10, Albany,  
12:15; leaves Albany for Halstead,  
1:15. Train No. 2, westbound,  
leaves Halstead at 7:00 a. m., ar-  
rives at Albany 10:40; leaves Al-  
bany 12:35; arrives at Corvallis at  
1:20, Yaquina 7:20.

**A CORRECTION.**

In a communication from Mill  
City, published in last week's GAZ-  
ETTE, regarding claims against the  
O. P., an error occurs which we  
take this opportunity of correcting.  
The correspondent says: "Fay &  
Gest have been the accredited at-  
torneys for the road for about  
eight months last past, and for  
their services they charged the  
modest sum of \$48,705, or \$10,000  
more for attorneys' fees for eight  
months than all other expenses  
combined for thirty months." This  
claim was not presented for ser-  
vices rendered the receiver or the  
company. The claim is against  
the bondholders' committee of the  
O. P., composed of James A. Blair,  
Joseph Wharton and Alexander  
Brown. The correction is made  
in justice to the management of  
the road under Mr. Hadley's re-  
ceivership.

J. W. Langley and wife left  
Corvallis on Monday last for their  
former home, Dow City, Iowa.  
Other members of the family,  
Misses Ethel and Bessie and Mas-  
ter Jay, preceded their parents  
two weeks ago. The young folks  
are missed from the society which  
they enlivened with their pres-  
ence, and the departure of Mr.  
and Mrs. Langley is much regret-  
ted by a host of friends and the  
business community. Mr. L. was  
quite well satisfied to remain in  
Oregon but the mother became  
anxious to join her grown-up  
children whom she had left be-  
hind, and who had decided not to  
come to this state as was intended  
when the parents left the east.

**THE STATE TAX LEVY.**

**It Includes No Appropriation  
for the Jute Mill, Penitenti-  
ary or Fishway.**

The state tax levy for 1894  
will be 4-3-10 mills.  
The state board of tax levy,  
consisting of the governor, sec-  
retary of state and state treasurer  
met yesterday and made the levy  
of state taxes for the current year  
upon the equalized assessment  
for 1893.  
The total amount of expenses  
for the year 1894 as estimated by  
the board was \$736,230.61, and  
after deducting the surplus in the  
state treasury (saved out of the  
levy of 1893) amounting to \$13,-  
448.32, it was found that the  
total amount of revenues to be  
raised the fiscal year ending Dec.  
31, 1894, for state purposes was  
\$722,782.29, which was apportioned  
among the several counties of  
the state according to the  
amount of total taxable property  
in each. The board ascertained  
also that the resulting rate of  
taxation upon each dollar of as-  
sessment within the state sub-  
ject to taxation was four and  
three-tenths (4-3-10) mills, and  
the levy was accordingly made  
for that sum. The total taxable  
property of Benton after deduct-  
ing exemptions is \$3,400,431,  
and the apportionment of her  
state taxes is \$14,621.85.  
The levy was computed from  
a detailed statement of the ex-  
penses to which the state will be  
subjected for the year 1894, and  
of the items of deficiencies, pay-  
ment of which has been author-  
ized by law, and also the running  
expenses of the state, (which in-  
cludes the salaries of the state  
officers, clerks, janitors, etc.,  
teachers and current expenses  
of the deaf-mute, blind and  
the reform schools, insane as-  
ylum, penitentiary, printing,  
etc.) and the following specific  
appropriations:

- Blind school improvement,  
\$6,000.
- School record books and  
blanks, \$3,760.
- Buildings state fair grounds,  
\$3,000.
- Portland industrial fair, \$500.
- Books for state library, \$2,500.
- Support home at Portland,  
\$2,500.
- Support orphans' home Salem,  
\$2,500.
- Support orphans' home Al-  
bany, \$2,500.
- Support refuge home Portland,  
2,500.
- Aid baby home Portland, \$2,-  
000.
- Aid Magdalen home Portland,  
\$2,000.
- Aid St. Mary's home, \$1,000.
- Electric wiring buildings in-  
sane asylum, \$3,750.
- Furnishing and finishing new  
infirmary, additional buildings,  
equipping shops, machinery and  
tools, extending fire protection  
system, improvements, altera-  
tions and repairs at and about  
the insane asylum, \$16,300.
- Construction of cottages and  
congregate dining hall and fur-  
nishing therefor, for heating and  
sewerage systems and water sup-  
ply therefor; for construction and  
alteration of outbuildings; for  
farm and industrial implements  
and machinery at the asylum  
cottage farm, \$20,850.
- Fencing asylum lands, \$650.
- Purchase cottage farm, \$3,000.
- A drain from capitol grounds,  
\$1,800.
- Repairs state capitol, \$3,000.
- Roof and painting capitol,  
\$3,500.
- Purchase of wood, etc., \$2,700.
- Cleaning out Mill creek and  
constructing levee from reform  
school land to penitentiary,  
\$2,500.
- Fencing water ditch, etc.,  
penitentiary, \$2,075.
- Oregon state weather bureau,  
\$500.
- Boys' and girls' aid society of  
Portland, \$1,250.
- Patton Home, Portland,  
\$1,000.
- Dormitory University of Ore-  
gon, \$15,000.
- Additional school buildings,  
work shops, dormitories, laun-  
dries and machinery, bakery, en-  
gine rooms, for full equipment  
and furnishing thereof, and for  
water supply, sewerage and other

improvements at the state reform  
school, \$39,000.  
Support soldiers' home, \$12,-  
000.  
Support soldiers' home, defi-  
ciency in levy of '93, \$1,015.65.  
Oregon national guard \$30,-  
000.  
State university, \$30,000.  
Uniforming and equipping  
Oregon national guard, \$20,000.  
State agricultural college, \$13,-  
000.  
State normal school, Weston,  
\$12,000.  
Purchase of land, erection,  
furnishing and equipment of  
buildings, for apparatus, heating,  
and water supply, sewerage and  
other improvements for the Ore-  
gon school for deaf mutes, \$12,-  
500.  
State normal school at Mon-  
mouth, \$9,300.  
Cancellation of electric light  
contract of 1886, and for expenses  
under new contract, \$10,000.

No additional levies were made  
for the new wing and improve-  
ments at the penitentiary, nor  
for the jute mill, the fishway at  
Oregon City, nor for the Eastern  
Oregon insane asylum, for the  
reason that the sums levied last  
year for these purposes are all  
that can profitably be expended  
before wet weather in the fall will  
interfere with building opera-  
tions. In this view of the case  
the state officers thought it would  
be unjust during the present  
financial stringency to make  
levies for improvements that  
would only lie idle in the treasury  
for possibly a year. The board  
expects to go forward with all  
state institutions as fast as the  
payment of taxes will justify.

**FIRE ALARM.**

The double-quick pedestrian  
exercise indulged by the foot-  
ball eleven (or fifteen) early every  
morning during the past few  
days resulted in some good, not-  
withstanding the numerous  
"kicks" recently registered by  
the sleep-lovers whose slumbers  
are disturbed by the heavy tread  
upon the asphalt (?) pavements.  
Monday morning at 5 o'clock as  
they came down Madison street  
upon their regular run they dis-  
covered a heavy flame of fire is-  
suing from the residence of B. T.  
Taylor. They gave the alarm,  
passed on to the engine house,  
manned a hose cart and had it at  
the scene of the fire before any  
number of citizens had emerged  
from their homes. The fire proved  
to be a burning flue, but the  
presence of the fire company was  
necessary to prevent the roof of  
the building taking fire from the  
volume of sparks which issued.

Officer McLagan arrested one  
Charles Witham for drunk and  
disorderly conduct yesterday  
afternoon. He had been put to  
bed in the Occidental hotel and  
arrived at the conclusion that he  
owned the place, whereupon he  
proceeded to smash things up to  
his own liking, breaking out the  
windows and "doing" the door.  
Landlord Schmidt objected and  
called on the above officer, who  
escorted the gentleman to the  
city bastle where he enjoyed the  
society of the inmates thereof.

All the money necessary to ac-  
commodate visitors desirous of  
backing the Multnomahs to vic-  
tory is in readiness and will be  
wagered by our local sports. It  
is rumored that in Portland bets  
are being made that Corvallis  
will not make a "touch-down."  
Doubtless there will be numerous  
surprises in store before the game  
is over, for our boys propose to  
win.

Inspection of the O. P. bridge  
at Albany a short time ago by the  
railroad commission, dispelled  
some of the timidity always af-  
fecting travelers during high stages  
of water. Exchanges which  
argue the uselessness of the board  
will please make a note of this.

Arthur Moore and Fred Tyler  
are wintering the Rose de Rui  
dramatic troupe in Drain, South-  
ern Oregon. We notice by the  
Drain Herald that they were  
booked for an appearance there on  
the 13th.

To the credit of the H. & L.  
boys it is said that every member  
of the company, except one, re-  
sponded to roll call Tuesday  
morning after the fire, and that the  
absent member was not in town.