

CITY AND COUNTY

BRIEF MENTION.

Roads getting dusty. Go to Goldsmith's for groceries. Goldsmith keeps the best cigars. Job work a speciality at the GUARD office.

We learn that a lodge of I O O F, will shortly be organized at Springfield. The building adjoining this office on the south has been moved to the alley.

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Mr. S. H. Friendly will pay the highest cash market price for wheat. Give him a call before selling your grain elsewhere. The person who took Charley Croner, Jr.'s money, last Monday, had better return the same and save trouble. He is suspected.

Some one feloniously stole a bucket of plums intended for this office from Father Perkins the other day. Three of them weighed a pound. Chas. Lauer brought to this office one day this week a curiosity in the shape of a plum tree limb, bearing fruit and blossoming at the same time.

Frank Rankin, the photographer, will move into his new quarters about the 1st of August, where he will still turn out the best of work in his line. Elder S. Monroe Hubbard will preach at Christian Church, next Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday School at 10 A. M. All are invited to attend.

A peripatetic prestidigitator pitched his tent in town Monday, but failing to get an audience sufficient to pay for his license failed to perform. The Mendocino Quintette Club, concert Thursday evening was a decided success. The instrumental music was fine, while the singing of Miss Marie Nellini was encored.

Real Estate Transactions for July.

CW Washburne to W C Hensbee, 1616 acres; consideration, \$11,000. T W Harris to J H Hall, 40 acres; con, \$1500. W P and H E Gardner to I W Miller, 160 acres; con, \$725.

KILLED BY A HORSE.—Our Monroe correspondent has kindly furnished us with a private letter to Alex Lamb of that place from Leppner, giving the sad news that James Ferguson, who was born and raised in Lane county four miles south of Monroe, and the son of the early pioneer, John B Ferguson, and for the last few years, a resident near Heppner, while trying to hitch a span of horses to a hack on the 17th inst., one of the horses, a large 1300 pounder, becoming fractious, kicked Mr Ferguson with both feet, one foot striking him on the right groin, about even with the navel, and the other stroke was about three or four inches to the right.

GENERAL BROWN'S CONDITION.—Mart V Brown, former proprietor of this paper, is now at Lower Soda Springs, and is gradually wasting away with consumption. His left lung is now entirely useless, and an abscess is forming on the right lung, and when it breaks he will probably pass away. His time is very short for this world, and he is fully aware of his condition, but does not seem to dread the final end. His wife is nearly worn out with weary watching, but feels very thankful to those kind friends who have given her assistance in this her hour of need.—Albany Democrat. Later—Gen. Brown died at the Lower Soda Springs Wednesday. He was buried at Albany by the Masons Thursday.

RAIN IN HARVEST.—Rain during harvest is no new thing in the Willamette Valley as every old Oregonian can bear testimony. August 1851 was a wet month and much of the grain either rotted standing in the field or after it had been put in shock. In 1854 the same occurred, also in 1857. In 1870 a great deal of wheat was destroyed all through the valley. The rain of last week caused considerable damage to hay and grain in this vicinity. A great deal of hay was still in the fields when the rain came. We hear of some fall sown grain being knocked down.

DIED.—Wm Gale, better known to our citizens as "Uncle Billy" Gale, died at the residence of his son-in-law, J N Hooker-Smith, in Eden precinct, Jackson county, Monday, July 25th. The deceased was for many years, a resident of this city, where he raised his family. His sons, Henry and Thomas, both promising young men, besides two daughters and his wife preceded him to the grave. Although eccentric and visionary, he had a wide circle of friends, and was generally respected. He died of old age and general debility.

SURPRISE PARTY.—A correspondent at Junction, under date Aug let, writes as follows: A most pleasant surprise party was given last Friday evening at the residence of L Solomon, as a token of regard to Miss Simon, who is visiting her sister, Mrs Solomon. The refreshments were of the choicest and no effort was spared to make the evening one of pleasure long to be remembered by the participants. At a late hour the party broke up pronounced by all one of the most pleasant.

TO BE CONSTRUCTED TO PORTLAND.—Mr Wm Reid, manager of the narrow gauge railroad, has received a telegraphic dispatch from Mr Villard to proceed without delay in securing the right of way for the road from Portland to Junction City. This would seem to indicate that this company contemplate building the road into Portland.—Standard.

TORN DOWN.—The buildings formerly occupied by Johnson's restaurant and Bausch's shoe shop were torn down this week to make room for Abram's Bros new brick. Work on the brick will be commenced as soon as the brick are burnt.

FINE WHEAT.—We have been shown some fine wheat raised by Geo Beisaw, consisting of three varieties, the Black African, Fishpole, and Ten head. Fifteen heads of the Fishpole variety weighed one pound.

Hops.

The Eugene correspondent of the Oregonian, an experienced hop man, writes to that journal as follows. The hop vines in this county are now in blossom and some of the earlier varieties are in the burr and promise a fair yield. In this county, however, there has since last year been a decrease in acreage of our hop yards, consequently there will not be as many bales as that of last year. Growers will know that this will not affect the market price, as we do not raise enough to make any impression as far as quantity is concerned. The reports of last year showed that Oregon hops as a whole were the best picked and cured on the coast, and if our growers will only adhere to the rule of doing good work they will have no trouble in realizing paying prices for their hops. Sometimes we hear growers complaining that "so and so" did not pick as clean and cure as good hops as themselves and yet realized as much in the market. This we know has often occurred, but one thing must be remembered, if bad picking and careless work in drying and baling followed for a year or two our growers will soon lose their reputation as hop growers and will realize but little for their labor. Let good picking and careful drying and baling be the rule among Oregon growers.

Death of Bishop Haven.

SALEM, Aug 2.—Rev. Erastus Otis Haven, D D, L L D, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died here to-day at 2 o'clock P M, of uramic poisoning, at the residence of Rev J N Dennison, aged 60 years. His wife and son were present. He made his will on Saturday and requested to be buried in Lee Mission Cemetery near this city. He was elected bishop last year. Nearly four weeks ago, he left California to attend conferences in this state. He was not well at the time, but came to Salem, where he attended the commencement exercises of Willamette University, and was immediately afterwards confined to his bed, with what was thought to be intermittent fever. The case was not considered dangerous until Saturday last, at which time Dr W H Watkins, of Portland, was telegraphed for. The patient was found to be in a precarious condition, and presented symptoms of congestive chill, with nausea and vomiting, which prevented the use of customary remedies. After the administration of stimulants hypodermically, the bishop rallied, and it was hoped, would soon recover. A sudden relapse this morning carried him off.—Oregonian.

Bilked Again. The people of Eugene are ever ready to be imposed upon by nearly every traveling humbug that puts in an appearance. The last was Wednesday night, when a good house assembled at Lane's Hall to be thoroughly bilked by a company of darkeys styling themselves Kentucky Jubilee Singers. They numbered thirteen, but it has never before been our lot to witness a so utterly miserable performance by a crowd that put on so much style. With the exception of a few jubilee songs our amateurs could do far better. The burnt-cork artist is far superior to the genuine article. There is one consolation, however, that is they never inflict their presence upon a town but one night. The lower valley press should ventilate these Africans, and save their people from getting bilked.

WORK AT THE BAY.—The Government work at Yaquina Bay under the management of Engineer Polhemus, is now under headway in earnest. The proposed plan of sinking cribs on the bar and then filling them with stone to keep them in place has been abandoned. We are informed that this crib system was not the one proposed by Mr Polhemus, as it was his opinion that the cribs could not be successfully fastened, and his first attempt fully verified his former prediction and the plan suggested by him, that of constructing a tranway and building the jetties from the shore out, has been adopted in detail, and the work will be continued in this way in future. The crib that was attempted to be sunk, is now being used as one of the shore abutments for the present plan of work. From Mr Price, from the head office in Portland, we learn that the plans are now fully matured and will be carried out without delay or hindrance. By this plan the work can be prosecuted in all kinds of weather even though the bar be ever so rough.—Gazette.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—A young man by the name of Thompson, on Tuesday, drove his team of four horses into the mill race to water; he imprudently stepped out on the tongue to let the check reins down, when one of the leaders became frightened and kicked him on the back of the head, rendering him for a short time senseless. The team then ran away breaking the tongue and some other gear of the wagon. The young man soon recovered from the kick, but got a good ducking.

INCENDIARY.—A fire was discovered, Thursday night about 11 o'clock, in a barn near the brewery. Fortunately it gained no headway before the discovery or we should have a disastrous conflagration to record. The fire was plainly the work of an incendiary, as an old sock was found afterwards near by saturated with that oil, and the small pervaded the building. The city council should offer a reward for the arrest of any one attempting incendiary work.

COLLECTING GRAINS AND GRASSES.—Mr D Prettyman, of Salem, paid us a visit Tuesday: He is traveling through the valley securing specimens of grain and grasses for the railroad company, and for exhibition at the next Mechanics Fair at Portland. Mr. Prettyman has collected some fine specimens showing what Oregon can do. Samples forwarded at this office by any person, will be forwarded below to those making the collection, free of cost.

Stop a Moment and Read This. Look at this list of goods just received at the Farmers and Mechanics Clothing Store. Saques Suit from \$10 to \$17. Scotch saque or frock suits from \$12 50 to \$17. Saque or frock diagonal suits from \$13 50 to \$25. Broadcloth coats and vests, diagonal, Prince Albert coats and vests. Just the thing for Holiday presents. Several new lines of overcoats, reversibles and ulsters, all grades and prices, from \$7 50 to \$20. Derby shirt, neckties and the finest line of neckwear in the city. New hats and caps, wool scarfs and gloves. 10 different styles of underwear, all grades and prices. The best stock of silk and linen handkerchiefs, hosiery, &c., for the holidays, in the city. Latest style of hats \$1 to \$3 50. Caps from \$1 to \$1 25. Boys hats and caps. The best line of pants patterns and suits in the city. Cashmere, Diagonal, Scotch and American cloths. Suits made to order from 30 up. Pants made to order from \$3 50 up! Dark gray Oregon cashmere pants, \$5. All wool pants \$4 75, \$5, \$5 50, \$6. Fanta \$1 75, \$2 50, \$2 50. Overall 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1, \$1 25. Diagonal pants from \$5 to \$8. The only Gents Furnishing goods store in Eugene City. Clothing cut for anybody. All goods marked in plain figures, and strictly one cash price for all. Call and examine our goods before buying elsewhere. FARMERS & MECHANICS STORE, R. J. GRAHAM, Manager.

Personal.

R J Graham, went to Portland this week. Mr A Wachenheimer of Junction was in town Thursday. Mrs Hannahett was visiting friends in Portland this week. Mr. L G Adair and wife have gone on a trip up the Columbia. Sheriff Shulley and James Warnick have gone to Kition's springs. Miss Alice Simon, of Portland, is visiting relatives and friends in this city. J G Gray, W H Abrams and Geo Cooper have returned from Kition's spring. Hon J M Thompson and family have gone to Kition's springs to rusticate for a short time. Ed Dorris, Geo Croser, Wm Moore and Geo Gill returned, Tuesday, from Yaquina Bay. They report having a pleasant time. Mr Curran Olsura of Cottage Grove has been engaged in Olsura & Co's drug store, during Frank Olsura's absence this week. Frank Olsura returned Monday for Walla Walla. The play entitled "Fun on the Bristol," which was produced at Portland a short time since is not running now. Some say that Mr. Olsura's visit to Walla Walla has some connection with that popular comedy.

A Fraud. W O Thraikill, a dentist of Sacramento, Cal, thus ventilates Dr J C Babler, formerly of this city, by circulating the following card of warning: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Some time ago a man (?) calling himself J C Babler appeared and stated that he was a dentist (?) and that he had an office in Eugene City, but had left there for a while on account of sickness of himself and family (wife and three children); that he was destitute (having no money and only one pair of forceps), and that he thought if I would only let him have a little money and a few dental goods, that he would be able to make a little something in this mild climate and would settle up soon and go back home to work—had several hundred dollars due up there. I let him have money and dental goods to the amount of \$30 05 during the time he was around here (about three months); but he got off on the road as far as Winnemucca, Nevada and lit out for parts unknown. He did not return to Oregon; but may have gone to Idaho or Montana; possibly gone East. Any information concerning the above gentleman (?) will be gladly received, as he will be immediately arrested on a charge of "false pretenses" and brought back to these parts. Selling Off Cheap. G Bettman is selling goods at a less price than ever before to clear out the old stock, and save trouble moving them back. The repairs on his old store will be completed in about two weeks, when he will be glad to see all his old friends and customers. Call and examine his goods, and see the low prices for yourself.

PROLIFIC.—Mr James Ebert left at this office, one day this week, a clump of wheat grown from one seed containing 200 stalks. Each head of wheat, it is calculated, produces 40 grains; if the heads of these stalks had not been lost by rust they would have produced 8000 fold. Mr Ebert is of the opinion that the late sown grain will be considerably damaged by rust.

ANTI-MONOPOLY LEAGUE.—The Anti-Monopoly League organized last Saturday by electing the following officers: President, Roscoe Knox; Vice President, R B Cochran; Secretary, J W Jackson; Corresponding Secretary, A W Stowell. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

ANKLE CRUSHER.—A Mr McClare, a teamster in the employ of the Springfield Mill Co, had the misfortune Tuesday to have one of his ankles badly crushed by being caught between two sawlogs. Dr Shelton was called and rendered the necessary surgical attention.

MA BRIDE.—At Walla Walla, Aug 30, by Rev Boyd of the Presbyterian Church, officiating, Mr F W Osburn of Eugene City, and Miss Addie Bristol of Halsey. Mr Osburn and bride will be home Monday.

POISONOUS BREAD. An Alarming Array of Facts Not to be Lightly Read, but Carefully Considered. Consult Your Family Doctor. The frightful and dangerous adulteration practiced by baking powder manufacturers is exciting an increased and wide spread alarm among consumers. The evil has attained greater dimensions than the most extreme alarmists could have imagined. In a city like New York, a government chemist, at an investigation of the board of health, makes an analytical examination, and discloses the fact that the very large proportion of powders sold there are made of alum. The action of alum on the human stomach is precisely the same as on the mouth; it draws and puckers it all up and produces all sorts of unpleasant and dangerous disorders. In Germany, England and France, anyone found manufacturing or selling alum powder is subject to a heavy fine and imprisonment. But in the state of California may be found hundreds of brands made of this poisonous chemical. Pure baking powder should be made of grape cream tartar, which costs from thirty to forty-five cents per pound. Many irresponsible and reckless manufacturers make this important domestic article from alum which costs but three cents per pound. The Royal baking powder company, of New York, a wealthy and honorable corporation, the largest consumers of grape cream tartar in the world, in their efforts to introduce their goods in the market, were confronted by an army of alum powder, who were sapping and undermining the health of the community. If the average citizen was told that his coffee, posted attack of dyspepsia, constipation, heartburn, etc., arose from using impure and poisonous baking powder, he would probably pass it as an idle sensational assertion, yet such is a fact. Did any one of our lady readers, in her purchase of domestic supplies, ever notice that her grocer had always a brand of powders put under his own name? If she had an analysis from a competent chemist, it would tell her that in nearly every case she was being offered poison in the most dangerous and subtle form; not poison that quickly kills—for the dose is not large enough—but poison that will slowly and surely undermine the health of her little ones. The question arises, why do grocers have their powders put up under their own name, instead of having some well known, pure and reliable brand of powder? It is simply because their profit is larger. Their powder is made of alum at one-eighth the cost of a cream tartar powder, and they are enabled to sell it at a profit with an honest article like the Royal Baking powder and make an enormous profit. Nearly all the powders sold by the grocery men of this town under their own names are made by prominent manufacturers here, and are composed of alum, and the only safe guard a housewife has is to buy an honest cream tartar powder, made by some responsible manufacturer. A series of researches on the part of PROFESSOR HANKS, Our leading local assayer, shows that out of different private corner grocery brands, selected at random, EVERY ONE contained alum or other impurities, and eight were short weight, some of them 35 per cent. The names of these powders are not here given for it is scarcely believed that the grocers were aware of what they were buying and having put up in their own names, but the samples and reports are in the hands of Mr Hanks. We ask every reader to lay down this paper and consider whether the painful saving arising from the purchase of a cheap baking powder compensates for the loss of health incurred. After the repeated warnings of science, any mother who continues to make use of these poisonous compounds, does so with a fearful penalty hanging over her head. DO ASK YOUR DOCTOR. If alum baking powders are dangerous, and be guided by his advice. Dr Mott, the government chemist says: FIFTEEN GRAINS HAVE KILLED AN INFANT. New York, April 17, 1879. In view of the fact that alum is so powerful a poison that less than fifteen grains has been known to kill an infant—and considering that food is really the staff of life—not only the food of the infant, but also the food of the mother, and the infant—it is my opinion, after careful and thorough investigation, that every precaution that science and law can combine against its use should be universally adopted. HENRY A. MOTT, JR., Ph. D., E. M. Member American Chemical Society, Member Berlin Chemical Society, Member New York Academy of Sciences, Member American Association for Advancement of Science, etc. OPINION OF THE STATE ASSAYER OF MASS. State Assayer's Office and Laboratory } No. 4, State Street, Boston, Mar. 22, 1879. In my judgment the substitution of alum for cream of tartar in baking powder renders such powders injurious to health if used in food. When baking powders containing alum are cooked with flour, alum salts are found, which I believe to be quite as deleterious as uncombined alum itself. S. DANA HAYES, State Assayer, Massachusetts. Professor of Chemistry, Yale college, says: THE MANUFACTURE OUGHT TO BE PROHIBITED. March 21, 1879. Alum and soluble alumina salts are well known to be poison, which in small doses derange the digestive organs and in large quantities destroy life. I regard their introduction into baking powder as most dangerous to the public health. I am decidedly of the opinion that the manufacture and sale of such baking powders ought to be interdicted, with heavy penalties. S. W. JOHNSON, Professor of Theoretical and Agricultural Chemistry, Yale college. Director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, Conn. Prof. Barker, University of Pennsylvania, says: PHILADELPHIA, March 28th, 1879. Because of the stringent and irritating action which alum and other soluble salts of alumina may exert upon the tissues with which they are brought in contact, I am clearly of the opinion that the use of the substances in articles of food should be strongly condemned. If the use by bakers of small quantities of alum to improve the appearance of their bread be regarded as highly culpable, how much more severely should we reprobate the use of more or less amounts of this substance needed in a baking powder? Nor is the case altered materially by the fact that in the use of the soda of the baking powder decomposes the alum. All of its constituents remain in the bread, and the alum is itself reproduced to all intents and purposes when the bread is dissolved by the gas given when the process of digestion. I regard the use of alum baking powders, therefore, as highly injurious to the health of the community, and believe that their sale should be forbidden by law. GEO. F. BARKER. The opinions of eminent authorities who have united in deploring this evil might be multiplied indefinitely, but the foregoing are probably the most standard authorities in the United States, and their opinions are but a repetition of what others would say. In the east where this object is exciting great attention, Dr Halls Journal of Health says, in a recent issue: Before committing ourselves, however, we made tests of a sufficient number of baking powders to satisfy ourselves that the substitution of alum for cream of tartar in their composition has not been over estimated, while a careful examination of the Royal Baking powder confirms our belief that Dr. Mott, government chemist, when he singled out and commended this for its wholesomeness, did it wholly in the interest of the public. We do not hesitate to say that the Royal Baking Powder people deserve the gratitude of the community whom they are endeavoring to protect. Will not some prominent manufacturer of pure candies follow their example and expose the secrets of a business that is doing untold mischief to little children? Below is given a list of a few "reputable" powders containing alum. PRIVATE SOCIETY BRANDS. Are not given. COMMON USE OF ALUM. De Mott reports as follows: Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request I hereby embody the results of the analysis of baking powders procured during the past three months, in all of which alum was used as an ingredient. Bennelly & Co's..... Contains alum (Premium yeast powder, San Francisco.) Champagne..... Contains alum (J S Taylor & Co, San Francisco.) Patagonia..... Contains alum (Smith, Hanway & Co, Baltimore, Md.) Gillet's..... Contains alum (Gillett, McCullough and Co, Chicago.) King..... Contains alum (Holmes, Christian and Co, St Louis.) Andrew's Royal..... Contains alum (C E Andrews and Co, Milwaukee.) Queen..... Contains alum (Bennett and Slean, New Haven, Conn.) Vienna..... Contains alum (Church and Co, New York City.) Anzelen..... Contains alum (Crosby, Wolworth and Co, Syracuse, N.Y.) Anzelen..... Contains alum (Eskine and Eskild, Louisville, Ky.) Twin Sisters..... Contains alum (Union Chemical Works, Chicago.) Imperial..... Contains alum (Sprague, Warner & Grisford, Chicago.) Economical..... Contains alum (Spencer Brothers and Co, Chicago.) Excelsior..... Contains alum (L E Taylor, Chicago.) Chartres..... Contains alum (Thompson and Taylor, Chicago.) Giant..... Contains alum (W F McLaughlin, Chicago.) Queen..... Contains alum (Star Chemical Works, Chicago.) Sibley, Dudley and Co's..... Contains alum (Chicago.) Lakeside..... Contains alum (C O Ferris, Chicago.) French..... Contains alum (Thompson, and Taylor, Chicago.) Invincible..... Contains alum (Snayder Brothers & Co, Cincinnati.) White Lily..... Contains alum (Jewett, Sherman & Co, Milwaukee.) Monarch..... Contains alum (Bicker, Crombie & Co, Milwaukee, Wis.) One Spoon..... Contains alum (Taylor Manufacturing Co, St Louis.) Honest..... Contains alum (Schuch & Wechsels, St Paul, Minn.) Grant's..... Contains alum (J C Grant, Philadelphia.) Peerless..... Contains alum (Marden's, Rochester, N. Y.) Zeilwe's Superlative..... Contains alum (New York) Rising Sun..... Contains alum (C O Steuts & Co, Chicago.) Yours very truly, HENRY A. MOTT, JR., Ph. D., E. M. New York, January 5, 1879. This alum abuse is not the only evil consumers have to contend with, but it is certainly the worst, and in a later issue the result of the researches of Prof. Ansel, before the Science Association will be given, and will show an alarming result.—San Francisco Bulletin.

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