

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

Grafting Figs. Many of those who have planted fig trees have been disappointed when the fruit appeared by having them...

Reports in the western states are very favorable. One cattleman in Wasco county, Oregon, lost 4,500 head of cattle.

The loss of stock in Crook county, Oregon, is estimated at 10 per cent. It is estimated that 30,000 sheep died in Morrow county, Oregon, this winter.

In Kentucky last year nearly 5,000,000 bushels more of corn was raised than in 1885. Minnesota is shipping wheat to Europe via the Mississippi river and New Orleans.

At a recent exhibition in England, prize prizes were given for walking horses, the speed attained was over five miles an hour. If swine are to be kept on the farm, the best profits will be found in the best breeds that run into matured age the first year.

It is said that since the general introduction of alfalfa in Colorado the raising of bees has become a very profitable business, that plant furnishing an abundance of forage for the bees.

A Boston commission house handled two tons of cabbages so skillfully that the shipper had 95 cents left after all charges were paid. If he finds another lot his own head will go along with it.

The Montana Wool Grower estimates that there will be nearly a million sheep sheared in that Territory this year, producing at least 8,000,000 pounds of wool—a million pounds more than the product in 1886.

Don't put off trimming the vines too late in the season, or it cannot be done at all. If the sap begins to flow, the cutting of the vines will cause them to "bleed," and the consequence will be no fruit. Trim when the weather is cold.

A French correspondent of a London paper states that Hampshire down lambs of his raising at nine months old dressed thirty-seven pounds to the quarter. A yearling wether eighteen months old weighed, when dressed, 256 pounds.

A hoe for use in a garden requires much care as a scythe that is used for cutting grass. It should be sharp enough to cut off the roots of all kinds of weeds and should have so good a polish that it can be moved through the soil without much exhibition of strength.

A leading commission house in Milwaukee has received overtures from a representative of the German Government for 200,000 bushels of oats for immediate shipment, and it was learned that inquiries have been made in other markets for large quantities of oats, corn and wheat for German consumption. Straws show which way the wind blows.

A resident of San Francisco is the owner of a hen which has developed a curious freak. She lays nothing but eggs of large size, measuring 7 1/2 inches by 6 1/2, and thereabouts, and each egg contains two yolks fully as large as found in ordinary sized eggs. These double-yolked eggs are laid daily, the enterprising hen not skipping each alternate day, as might be supposed. A breed of hens which would possess this peculiarity always would be a valuable acquisition.

The beekeepers of Colorado recently held a State convention at Denver, in which many valuable points were brought out concerning this industry. Among other things it seems that the most successful apianians of Colorado are women, and the convention was largely composed of them. There

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form

Baker city will soon have a 1,000 pound fire bell. Brownsville has fixed the liquor license at \$1,000.

Near Echo, recently, the house of Mr. Abbott was destroyed by fire. The railroad transfer building at Huntington was destroyed by fire.

Corvallis proposes to unite its two school districts and erect a new school house. In 1886 Grant's Pass had 185 school children; in 1887 the number has been increased to 306.

Ira Johnson, of Coos City, had his hand badly lacerated by premature discharge of his gun. At The Dalles, Chas. Metzdorf was shot by a man named Cotheringham. The wound is not considered fatal.

Si. Bennett poisoned himself by taking strychnine, with suicidal intent, at Heppner. He is recovering. Blasts on the railroad on the south side of Siskiyou can be plainly heard at Linkville, a distance of over forty miles.

The instruments for the asylum band, for which Mrs. Dr. J. C. Hawthorne gave \$250, have been received at the asylum. A. Sorenson, a new-comer from Dakota, was declared insane and sent to the asylum from Portland. He has a wife and seven children.

The citizens of Linkville are signing a petition to have the accumulation of paper mail at Ashland, brought over the mountain as freight. There is \$15,000 left of the last year's appropriation for the Coquille river, and the entire \$33,000 for Coos bay, none of the latter having been expended.

Thos. Byers attempted to cross the Umatilla river near Echo, and fell off a distance of 17 feet, his head striking a rock, and, strange to say, he was not killed. Thomas Johnson, who has a mill at Cle-elum, has just closed a contract to saw 15,000,000 feet of lumber for the snowsheds on the Cascade division of the Northern Pacific.

A disease resembling epizootic is prevalent among the horses at Weston. None are yet reported as having died from the effects of the disease, but a great many are very sick. Centerville has organized a Board of Trade, with offices as follows: President, C. W. Hollis; vice-president, A. B. Robley; secretary, W. F. Butcher; treasurer, John Edington.

The residence of D. A. Malone, between Eight and Fifteen Mile creek, Wasco county, was burned, leaving the family destitute. A subscription was taken up among the neighbors and a liberal sum donated. The following named persons have been appointed attorneys of the swamp land board: Morrow county, George W. Wright; Multnomah county, B. Killip; Umatilla county, Thomas Fitzgerald; Douglas county, John Hamilton; Klamath county, J. W. Hamaker.

Capt. Minnie Hill is the name of the first lady to receive a master and pilot's license on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Hill is 22 years of age, and is the wife of ex-Purser Hill of the steamer Kellogg. She is captain of a steamer bearing her name on the Columbia river and is an expert pilot.

The annual meeting of the Wool Growers' Association was held at Heppner. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, N. A. Kelly; vice-president, J. L. Ayers; treasurer, Frank Gilliam; secretary, T. E. Fell; executive board, J. L. Fuller, S. R. Reeves, Alex. Thompson, Wm. Penland, Wm. Morrow and Jas. Jones.

Tunnel City, on the Cascade line, has been re-christened Martin by the railroad people, and the station at the east end of the tunnel will be known by that name. The name was derived from Martin creek, which runs near by.

The board of United States inspectors of hulls and boilers found that Captain Smith, of the steamer New York, was to blame for the accident to the vessel which caused its loss and the life of a passenger. The captain's license was suspended for six months. It is claimed that the captain did not use proper caution in making his landing under the existing circumstances.

A longshoreman named Geo. Wilson was standing on the guard of the steam launch Mikado, at Portland, engaged in casting off some lines which ran from the ship Glenfarg, when he lost his balance, fell overboard, and was drowned.

Hugh Lisle, aged about six years, son of S. I. Lisle, a farmer living about two miles from Echo, was dragged to death by a horse. The little boy, who was large for his age and very active, was leading the horse by a halter rope near the house on his father's farm, and just before passing through a gate leading to a large coral wrapped the rope around his body. About the time he reached the gate or was passing through he stumbled and fell, which frightened the animal so that he ran, dragging the unfortunate child under his feet, across the yard and once around a large barn, and several hundred yards across a pasture, where an elder brother stopped the horse and released the child from the fatal noose, but too late. The boy's head had come in violent contact with a log or some hard object, and the back of the skull was completely crushed in, causing instant death.

ALONG THE COAST.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Spokane county, W. T., is to have a new \$6,000 court house. The Blackhawk stables at Spokane Falls, W. T., burned down recently.

Wardner, Idaho, has 80 saloons, 12 stores, 2 hotels and a dozen lodging houses. Fifty buildings are under construction at Spokane Falls, W. T., at the present time.

Five coons were killed by a hunter in one hollow tree in Lincoln valley, Sonoma county, Cal. The body of Wm. Lapsley, an old sheep herder, was found dead in Mill creek, Or., by boys who were fishing.

The Indian agent has notified the stockmen on Camas prairie, Idaho, to remove their herds from the reservation. A German named Michael Herber at Big Pine, Cal., committed suicide by shooting himself. Cause unknown.

It is believed that the deep snow and cold weather of the past winter killed all the prairie chickens in Montana. An eagle measuring six feet from tip to tip of the wings was killed by a boy recently in Bennet valley, Sonoma county, Cal.

A resident of Woodland, Cal., ate five dozen average-sized oranges in thirty-five minutes on a wager one day recently. Fourteen wagon loads of Muscat grape cuttings arrived in Phoenix, A. T., recently. A California vineyardist will set them out in the locality mentioned.

Among the many institutions of recent development likely to locate in Spokane, W. T., is the large planning mill of J. R. Addison, now located at Walla Walla. Willie, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bowles of Petaluma, Cal., while playing with some companions fell into Petaluma creek and was drowned.

The Montana legislature appropriated about \$15,000 of the Territorial funds to different uses. The largest single appropriation was \$3,000 to the Historical society. Jas. C. Coleman, for many years employed in the railroad machine shops at Sacramento, Cal., was found on his ranch near Ophir with a bullet hole in his head.

Thirteen divorce cases are to be tried at the May term of court at Spokane, W. T., and an acre and a half of bachelors are standing around waiting for the women to secure their freedom. Joseph D. Kirby of Madison county the assistant clerk in the council of the legislative session just closed, was found dead in bed in a room of the Cosmopolitan hotel at Helena, Montana.

Edward Flatley dropped dead at his residence on Clementina street, in San Francisco. He had been in apparently robust health and it is supposed that heart disease caused his death. C. Burt Foster a member of the legislative council at Prescott, A. T., has been appointed Territorial Treasurer, by the Governor, vice Marion resigned. This makes four of the legislative council appointed to Territorial office by Governor Zulick.

W. D. Robbins, of Moscow, W. T., who recently purchased the stage line between Spokane Falls and Farmington, met with an unpleasant experience on his first trip. The stable at which he put up was destroyed by fire, and with it his new \$300 coach, Mr. Robbins barely escaping with his team and harness.

Four boys at Randolph, Rich county, Utah, went out fishing recently, and found an old double-barreled shotgun in a deserted cabin. The boys began snapping caps on the gun. Finally Alexander Livingston took the weapon to the door and put on a cap and it went off just as Frank Pearce came in range. The little fellow, who is 12 years old, received the charge in the right side and expired almost immediately. The coroner's jury found a verdict of accidental death.

Articles of incorporation will be filed of the Tacoma Railway, Dock and Navigation company. The purposes of the corporation are announced to be the building of wharves, docks, warehouses and elevators in Commencement bay; to build a railroad from Tacoma to Vancouver, in Clark county, W. T., and from said city of Tacoma to such other points as may be deemed advisable; to build and run steamboats on Puget sound and waters tributary thereto; to reclaim, build upon and improve the tide flat lands in Commencement bay now in possession of said company, and to sell and lease the same. The principal place of business is to be in Tacoma.

Levi Mullen, a bright, intelligent boy aged 10 years, son of Nat Mullen, of Union valley, Plumas county, Cal., was instantly killed at the Thomas claim, on Poorman's creek, by the explosion of a quicksilver tank that had been loaded with powder for the purpose of planting in the claim to protect the sluices from robbers. The unfortunate boy was stopping with W. H. Knowles, who is in charge during the winter. The tank was in an adjoining room to the kitchen, where Mr. Knowles was cooking dinner. The boy got a hammer and was pounding on the tank, when he struck the cap that had been fixed for exploding it. The explosion tore away the whole front part of the body, from the chest downward.

HUMOROUS.

Teacher—"If your father gives you five apples and your brother gives you three, how many have you?" Johnnie—"I guess, enough for one day."—Toledo Blade.

A new book is called "Humor in Animals." There must be some very "brilliant humorists" among animals, or there wouldn't be so many "laughing hyenas." This joke is not new.—Norristown Herald.

Student—"I have been thinking upon the subject of the alarming prevalence of divorce, and I almost believe I have discovered the cause." Professor (delightedly)—"Yes, yes; what is it?" Student—"Marriage."—Chicago Tribune.

A colored man went into a Galveston newspaper office and wanted to subscribe to the paper. "How long do you want it?" asked the clerk. "Jes as long as it is, boss; if it don't fit the shelves, I kin 'ar a piece off myself."—N. Y. Graphic.

A dry-goods clerk took his girl out for ice-cream the other night, and in a moment of absent-mindedness, thinking that he was waiting upon a customer, said cordially: "Anything else?" She took lemonade and cake.—Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat.

Mr. Newrich (doubtfully)—"Jane, dear, what is this they say in the papers about us? Parvenue? What does it mean?" Mrs. Newrich (composedly)—"Some compliment to our standing in sassiety, dear; I don't know many of those Italianish phrases."—Pittsburgh Post.

A composition of one of the boys in a West Side school was as follows: "Girls is the only folks what has her own way every time and allus does what they is a mind to and don't care nothing about nobody else and father says the less I know about them the better off I am."—Chicago Telegram.

"Have you got the ring?" inquired the minister of the young man when they got to that part of the ceremony. "Gosh, if I haven't forgotten it! Tell you, parson, don't know what we're going to do unless you use my hitching strap. It's out in the buggy. Guess you can tie us with that, can't you?"—Exchange.

A Vermont woman, who attempted suicide by drowning, found the water so cold that she changed her mind and went home damp and shivering. Women should know that it is very dangerous to attempt suicide by drowning when the water is cold. They might contract a fatal case of pneumonia.—Norristown Herald.

"What is the population of the world, papa?" asked six-year-old Edith, who was making up sums for herself on a new slate. "You must not interrupt me now, Edith," said her father, who was waiting at the same table. "Go to Miss Smith," referring to her governess. Her father was not so busy, however, but that he heard and was amused by her saying in a low tone soon after: "I know how I can find out myself. I'll look in the back of the geography for the United States and for Europe, and then I can add Aunt Mary's and Aunt Jessie's baby, and that will give it to me exactly."—Harper's Bazar.

"I regret to state," said a college student, reporting to his literary society the condition of its library room, "that one of the back shutters has been busted off, and that the burst of Lewis Cass has lost an ear." He wondered why the society laughed at its own loss.

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