

OREGON NEWS.

Anything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The new church at Lafayette is proving quite rapidly. Diphtheria is prevalent in some of the Douglas county. Mrs. Taylor, living on Cedar creek, kicked to death by a horse. The Chemewa Indian school has been closed for the summer season. Butchers inform a Dalles paper that the hills are in splendid condition. Twelve sheep belonging to Wm. ... were killed by lightning in the ... Yamhill county, has some new buildings in course of construction. The foundry of D. L. Remington, at ... was destroyed by fire. Loss ... insured for \$1,500. A large band of elk was seen lately ... west fork of Coos river, by ... in that vicinity. J. Clopton's store, at Brownsboro, ... was destroyed by fire, ... with its entire contents. Brazil killed a mammoth panther ... on Coos river. The brute ... nine feet and one inch. G. Davis, near Bellevue, killed a ... in his wheat field recently. ... animal was robbing hens' nests. A prairie chicken was killed near ... and when it was prepared for ... a string of glass beads was found ... its craw. Contract has been let for construction of the Despain block in Pendleton. It will be of brick, and cost ... \$18,000. Isaac E. Rice, of Beaver slough, ... county, has been arrested ... held in \$500 bonds for sending ... letters through the mail. The residence and out-houses of E. ... who resides on the Umpqua ... about twenty miles from Oak ... was entirely destroyed by fire. M. Blakely, a farmer near Ad ... Umatilla county, had twenty-five ... of wheat destroyed by fire, ... was caused by sparks from a ... engine. The wool season is nearly over in ... county, says a Dalles paper. ... men have marketed the clip, and ... factor of trade will be dormant ... another year. During the past twelve months some ... like 16,000 tons oats, 90 tons bar ... 110 tons potatoes and 130 tons ... left the Willamette valley for ... Francisco by way of Yaquina bay. The contract for surveying the ... and Ronde Indian Reservation and ... to the Indians, has been let ... the government to J. D. Fenton, of ... finville, and H. S. Maloney, of ... idian. Marcus Steward, indicted for steal ... horses in Malheur county, plead ... to the crime, and Judge Ison ... cenced him to three years in the ... tentiary. Steward is the first man ... the penitentiary from Malheur ... ty. Roseburg Review: The lowest bid ... carrying the mail from and to the ... and postoffice at this place per ... was \$330. The department did ... accept, and sends word that only ... will be allowed for this purpose. ... remains to be seen what will be ... in the matter. Licenses have been granted to the ... wing persons: Stephen A. Miller, ... ria; James McWilliams, North ... yonville; Thomas F. Campbell, ... mouth; Alfred Wilson, Sheridan; ... b Croff, The Dalles; Isaac H. ... mer, Portland; J. W. Mack, Prairie ... ; Nicholas Wright, Applegate; ... mas Wright, Willow Springs. During the year ending June 30, ... as shown by records at the As ... Custom House, there arrived ... vessels coastwise, of 288,382 ag ... gate tonnage, 6 American vessels of ... 8 tons, and 45 foreign vessels of ... 02 tons; a total of 243 vessels of ... 252 tons. During the same time ... cleared 184 vessels coastwise of ... 10 tons, 10 American vessels of ... 88 tons, 55 foreign vessels, of 67 ... tons; a total number of 248 ves ... of 346,841 tons. During the year ... exports were \$1,357,281; the im ... \$231,438; the duties collected in ... Astoria Custom House aggregated ... 264 75; miscellaneous receipts, ... \$6 31, making the total receipts ... 051 06, a substantial increase of ... \$29,000 over the receipts for the ... ending June 30, 1886. A large lot of Oregon sheep are now ... in the Horse Heaven country, ... T., and 30,000 are to be driven ... later on. The settlers are talk ... of organizing to rid themselves of ... nuisance. The residence of R. H. McDonald, ... Tulare, Cal., was burned. His ... ghter, Mrs. Thomas Finley, lost ... infant in the flames, and both she ... Mrs. McDonald were seriously ... naps fatally burned. Officers are looking up a case at Los ... ces that may prove very sensa ... tion. The wife of a man named ... kman gave birth to a baby that ... ed to be half negro. Hackman ... ed from the house, and it is claimed ... child was killed by the nurse. She ... it was accidentally dropped to the ... it, which caused its death. A tearing down a chimney attached ... house on the farm of Mrs. Kelly, in ... rado county, Cal., a strong box ... aining \$28,000 in gold coin was ... vered. The farm was an inheri ... from Mrs. Kelly's mother, who ... reported, during her lifetime, ... ed a large amount of money, but ... whose death little coin was found.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

The Nevada State prison has 119 inmates. Arizona produced 16,000,000 pounds of copper last year. It is stated that there are 80,000 Germans in California. Grasshoppers are working the ranches on the Malad, Idaho. A salmon weighing fifty pounds was caught in the Straits of Carquinez. Kittitas county, W. T., has organized an Agricultural Fair Association. The name of Palouse Junction, W. T., has been changed and is now Conners. Mrs. S. N. Page committed suicide at San Bernardino, Cal., while temporarily insane. Harry Pierce had his leg cut off in a threshing machine at San Bernardino, Cal., and died. Horse thieves have been making trouble at Dayton, W. T., and along the Snake river. The gold belt in Cour d'Alene district, Idaho, is said to cover an area of 150 square miles. George Hill, a ten-year-old boy living at Bellevue, was drowned in Wood river while fishing. It cost \$20,000 to repair the Mullan tunnel, on the Northern Pacific, after the recent cave in. William Schmidt, a convict, attempted to kill Warden John McComb, at Folsom, Cal. Manager Potter has decided to remove the Union Pacific Railroad shops from Eagle Rock to Pocastello. The Southern Pacific has twenty ships laden with steel track rail on the way to San Francisco from England. John Robinson's circus was wrecked at Virginia City, Nev. A number of animals were killed and others escaped. Oscar, seventeen-year-old son of G. E. Mills, of Sturgeon, Cal., was drowned while bathing in the San Joaquin near Hill's ferry. William Rowe, a carpenter working on the hotel Del Monte, at San Francisco, Cal., fell a distance of fifty feet and was killed. A gentleman living near town has a natural curiosity in the way of a cow that suckles five calves, says a Walla Walla exchange. An Indian named Benjamin, at Deep creek, Spokane county, W. T., committed suicide by shooting himself with a Winchester. Mrs. H. G. Brainard committed suicide at her home in Pleasant valley, Owyhee county, Idaho, by shooting herself in the head. A competitive examination will take place in Walla Walla on September 1, 1887, for appointment to the West Point Military Academy. Wm. Miles, a Cornish miner and an old employe of the Parrot mine at Butte, Montana, met his death by a falling rock in that mine. Peter Kirk, the English iron manufacturer, who is soon to build works at Seattle, has just purchased 640 acres of coal land on Green river. A fourteen-year-old son of A. D. Brown was thrown from a load of potatoes at Visalia, Cal. His neck was broken, causing instant death. A new government building is to be erected in Sacramento. A draft for \$30,000 has been received from the government to pay for the site. Warren E. Fowler, a brakeman, was killed at Truckee, Cal. It is thought he was knocked off a car. The train ran over him, killing him instantly. A boat in which William Yockile and his wife and child were crossing the Similkameen river, in British Columbia, was overturned and all three were drowned. Alfred Linnter, a Russian, aged twenty-five years, was killed at McIntyre's logging camp at Nasel, Pacific county, W. T. A falling limb split his head open, and he died almost instantly. A Reno (Nev.) paper says that an old man named Bollinger arrived in that city accompanied by a little boy and girl, who had walked all the way from Corinth, Miss. They were a little over three months on the road and were bound for Haywards, Cal., where the man had a wealthy sister. The old man said that he had spent \$16 for food on the trip. Twenty prominent citizens went out to Lynch the Mormon Elders who have been proselyting in Berkeley county, Georgia, where missionaries have had wonderful success. When the lynchers appeared one missionary asked as a final request before his death to be allowed to preach a sermon. He began, and as he proceeded the masks dropped, and when he had finished the lynching party were thoroughly converted to Mormonism. By the new freight schedule of the Northern Pacific Railroad, shippers of wheat from Eastern Oregon are obliged to pay fifty cents more per ton to Seattle than to Tacoma. In order to meet this discrimination and enable the shippers to lay down their wheat as cheaply at Seattle as at Tacoma, the citizens of Seattle are raising a fund to cover the excess railroad charge, with the conviction that if the two cities are placed on an equality the bulk of this year's crop will be handled at Seattle. The Post-Intelligencer started the subscription with \$1,000, and ex-Gov. Watson C. Squire and A. A. Denny contribute \$2,500 each.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

John Taylor, President of the Mormon church at Salt Lake, is dead. Five men were drowned by the capsizing of their boat off Staten Island, N. J. Harriet Beecher Stowe's house at Andover, Mass., was burned. Loss, \$30,000. The ship Firth of Olna has been lost in a cyclone in Java waters. Her entire crew, numbering twenty-eight, perished. John Neave deliberately murdered his father, Joseph Neave, at Falmouth, Ky., in a dispute over a division of crops. Two men were killed and one badly injured by premature explosion of a blast at the granite quarries, near Albuquerque, N. M. Two freight trains collided at Knob Lick, Mo. The engineer, fireman and brakeman of one of the trains were killed. Cause: mistake in orders. The barge Theodore Percy was wrecked on Lake Michigan during a heavy gale. Capt. McCormick, of Saginaw, a crew of four and two young men from Saginaw, were drowned. Two laborers, Joseph Gahack and Harry Doyle, were instantly killed by the premature explosion of a blast on the Colorado Midland Railroad. The men were blown lifeless, their eyes protruding from their sockets, and their bodies being horribly mutilated. A washout occurred on the Erie road near Cochection, carrying away the track just as a train loaded with cheese was passing. The engine and several cars passed over in safety, but twenty-one cars of cheese went down the bank and were totally wrecked. The coke strike just ended in Pennsylvania was one of the greatest and most stubbornly contested battles ever fought between capital and labor. The money lost by the strikers and mine owners will reach several millions. About 11,000 men participated in the strike. At Oil City, Pa., John McNerny, a laborer, aged 50 years, killed his wife with an ax and mortally shot his son James, aged 21. When the police arrived he shot Officer George James in the groin, and he will die. Officer Warden then shot McNerny in the back, from the effects of which he will die. The boiler of the Houston Lumber Company's saw and planing mill, at Houston, Texas, exploded, wrecking the whole building and killing A. G. Wells, general manager of the company, and Andrew Henry, engineer. Frank Wilson, a laborer, is dying. One man and two boys are reported missing. The express ran into a freight train standing on a siding at York, Ind., killing the engineer and fireman of the express, and seriously injuring the engineer of the freight train. The accident was caused by an attempt to wreck the train, as the switch was known to have been in good order half an hour before it was found broken. Henry Peletier, the pilot from Liverpool who was taken to San Francisco against his will in the ship Occidental, has returned home with \$3,000 awarded him as damages by the Federal courts. An interesting fact in connection with this case is that on the return trip of the Occidental the captain got into trouble with one of his crew and was killed in mid-Atlantic. Close upon the heels of the earthquake at Bavispe, Mexico, come details of a still greater calamity at Bacanic, a town twenty miles from Bavispe. It had before the catastrophe 1,200 inhabitants. When Bavispe was destroyed Bacanic was badly shaken, and since then the town has been visited by a succession of shocks that reduced it to ruins. Most of the people escaped, as they fled to the country terror-stricken on the first disturbance. Palmer & Rey, proprietors of the largest and most complete type foundry on the Pacific coast, burned out at San Francisco. Loss estimated between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This fire throws some ninety hands out of employment until the firm can get their building into a proper condition, and readjust their stock. Palmer & Rey say the fire will not effect their Los Angeles or Portland, Or., branches, as both carry a complete stock independent of San Francisco. They expect to be in shape to handle their large trade inside of two or three weeks. The report of the Director of the Mint will be about the most interesting and instructive document to be issued from the government printing office this year. It shows that the total production of gold of the United States last year was \$34,869,000, an increase of \$3,068,000 over that of the previous year, so that instead of exhausting our mines, as some experts predicted would be the case soon, we are actually increasing our production of precious metals. California, the pioneer, not content with having come to the front as a grower of grain and fruit, still leads all States in her yield of gold, being credited last year with \$19,720,000. Colorado furnishes \$4,450,000; Montana, \$4,425,000; Nevada, \$3,090,000; Dakota, \$2,700,000; Idaho, \$1,800,000, and Arizona \$1,110,000. Alaska produced \$446,000 last year, against \$300,000 in 1885, so that if she keeps adding to her gold product at this rate she will soon have paid for herself. Georgia, New Mexico, the Carolinas, Oregon, Utah and Washington aggregated \$11,229,500.

AGRICULTURAL.

Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

How to Raise Alfalfa. A correspondent of a California paper gives the following as his experience in the cultivation of alfalfa: Alfalfa as a fodder plant is coming more and more into general use and favor, both for horses and cows, and, in fact, all kinds of stock, hogs not excepted. I am inclined to think that there is no fodder plant that will continue in full bearing equal to the above, if properly handled. Seven years ago this coming March I sowed about three-fourths of an acre, and for years this block has furnished feed for a span of horses and a cow entirely, excepting a few pumpkins, and I have sold considerable hay. For the past three years my horse has had no grain whatever. As for my cows, I find that they do far better, both in regard to milk and butter, on alfalfa alone, than cows do in the States with a good supply of milk feed. This plant keeps green the year round, for we seldom have frost in this country to kill the young growth. My experience leads me to advise those who desire planting alfalfa to plow very deep (subsoiling is far better) and pulverize thoroughly; sow thirty pounds of seed, not less, to the acre and brush it in lightly. By this plan you gain three points: First, you get a good stand, which can be obtained only at the first seeding. Second, the stools will be much finer, and third, you will get a greater amount of hay. Unless you can irrigate, I would advise sowing in the fall after the first rain. I have sowed in November. We usually cut four times the first year after seeding; after that from six to eight times during the year. It is usually cut when fairly in blossom. If it begins to lodge it may be cut sooner. The earliest I ever commenced harvesting was the 20th of March, and finished the 5th of January, cutting eight crops that year. As for the yield that depends very materially on the care given. The average is from one-half to two tons per acre at a cutting. Five crops of hay and one of seed are often grown in one season. When the gophers are troublesome I advise, after a newly seeded track is settled, to throw out a ditch twelve or fourteen inches wide and sixteen or eighteen inches deep; then sink an old leaky oil can down in the bottom of the ditch so that the top of the can will be flush with the bottom of the ditch. By this device you can keep the gophers out entirely. In case you can irrigate, this ditch will carry a head of water (100 inches), and by striking a tapoon across you can flood your whole ground. I have used this kind of ditch for several years with marked success. My mode of treatment with alfalfa is this: After this has been sown three or four years I apply a sharp harrow, well weighed down, say 200 pounds, and give it a thorough application both ways, and then an application with a heavy bush, which causes the stools to start very vigorously and also levels the surface of the ground. To secure the greatest amount of feed it is desirable to cut it instead of pasturing it. Never allow stock to tramp over and pack the ground. Some object to alfalfa, saying that stock fed upon it are liable to bloat. So will stock fed upon Eastern clover. I here give a remedy that has never been known to fail in a single instance: Get an ounce of colobynth, drop six drops on a teaspoonful of pulverized sugar for horse or cow, place it well back on the tongue, and if not relieved repeat the dose in twenty minutes. With this remedy at hand there is no need of losing any stock from bloat. Butter on the Farm. There are many ways by which the butter produced on the farm might be improved in quality and quantity, and the proceeds increased from 20 to 50 per cent. Thus a farmer who takes to town only \$5 worth of butter a week gets \$260 a year; if he can add 25 per cent to that he gets \$390, and the extra \$130 would buy a good many things wanted in the household and on the farm; and yet by a little further effort he can make the amount fully double the original \$260 and have \$520 without additional cost of money or labor. A part of what would conduce to this end is stated by a correspondent thus: "Since 1870 I have weighed all my milk night and morning. My best cow gives 8,000 to 9,000 lbs of milk per year. I have three or four that do that. I have ten that give 7,000 lbs. Cows that give less than 5,000 lbs I sell. A cow yielding 5,000 lbs of milk a year will, at 22 1/2 lbs of milk to one pound of butter, yield 222 2/3 lbs of butter; but at 16 lbs of milk to one pound of butter it will be 312 1/2 lbs of butter, a difference of about 90 1/2 lbs of butter in favor of proper feeding, which 90 1/2 lbs multiplied by the price per pound the farmer receives, say 30 cents, equals \$27 10 which the farmer loses each year. Farmers lose by low feeding. High feeding gives greater results." This weighing of the milk, testing the cows, and knowing to a dollar what one is doing is a great help to the dairy farmer, and for that matter to every farmer. It enables him to get rid of the poor milkers and to replace them with good ones; and the latter cost no more to keep or to handle than the former. Then he can improve his produce by breeding to a bull of a good milking strain, and thus add additional quarts to each head daily. Again, he can study what feed is best calculated to increase the flow of milk.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Butter— Fancy roll, # lb. 20 Oregon, do 16 Inferior grade 12 @ 13 Pickled 27 @ 30 California roll 21 @ 22 do pickled 18 @ 20 Cheese— Eastern, full cream 15 @ 20 Oregon, do 14 @ 16 California 14 @ 14 Eggs— Fresh 12 @ 13 Dried 4 @ 5 Apples, green, sds and bxs 7 @ 8 do California 5 @ 6 Apricots, new crop 18 @ 22 Peaches, unpeeled, new 12 @ 14 Pears, machine dried 10 @ 11 Pitted cherries 40 @ 45 Pitted plums, Oregon 11 @ 12 Figs, Cal., in bgs and bxs 7 @ 8 Cal. Prunes, French 8 @ 10 Oregon prunes 10 @ 12 Flour— Portland Pat. Roller, # bbl 5 00 Salem do 4 75 White Lily # bbl 4 75 Country brand 4 25 @ 4 30 Superfine 3 00 Grain— Wheat, Valley, # 100 lbs 1 25 @ 1 30 do Walla Walla 1 10 @ 1 12 Barley, whole, # cal 1 10 do ground, # ton 20 00 @ 25 00 Oats, choice milling # bush 45 @ 50 do feed, good to choice, old 1 00 @ 1 10 Rye, # 100 lbs 1 00 @ 1 10 Feed— Bran, # ton 22 00 @ 23 00 Shorts, # ton 24 00 @ 25 00 Hay, # ton, baled 18 00 @ 20 00 Chop, # ton 28 00 @ 30 00 Oil cake meal # ton 30 00 @ 32 50 Fresh Fruits— Apples, Oregon, # box 1 25 Cherries, Oregon, # dem 1 00 Lemons, California, # bx 4 00 @ 5 00 Limes, # 100 1 50 Riverside oranges, # box 4 00 Los Angeles, do do 3 00 @ 3 50 Peaches, # box 1 00 @ 1 30 Hides— Dry, over 16 lbs, # lb 13 @ 14 Wet salted, over 5 lbs 6 @ 7 Murrain hides one-third off. Pelts 10 @ 1 00 Vegetables— Cabbage, # lb 2 @ 3 Carrots, # sack 1 00 Cauliflower, # doz 1 25 @ 1 50 Onions 1 25 Potatoes, new, # bush 80 @ 1 00 Wool— East Oregon, Spring clip 14 @ 15 Val Oregon, do 20 @ 22

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

The statue of Dr. Wells, who first used ether as an anesthetic, is to be placed on a fine new pedestal of granite at Hartford, Conn. The house in which Michael Angelo lived in Florence is still standing, with a few of the great artist's household goods preserved in the several apartments. Justice Field, of the Supreme bench, although eligible by reason of his seventy years to go on the retired list, is as strong mentally and physically as the youngest of his associates. The Prince of Wales has purchased the stirrups used by Archer in his last race. A gentleman offered two hundred and fifty dollars for the revolver with which the jockey killed himself. Susan Coolidge is one of the few who have become rich from literary work. Long ago she built a handsome house in Newport from the profits of her stories. She is notably fond of children and parrots. Detroit Free Press. "Grammar," "Cast-Iron," and "Logic" are some odd nicknames given in a mining region where the whole body of workers seem to have been composed of a few families and to possess only a few different surnames. Of the 73,928 criminals arrested in New York city during the year 1886, 33,000 were natives of this country, 20,000 of Ireland, 8,000 of Germany, Italy, Poland and Hungary, and the rest of other European countries. Chicago Times. One of the incidents of the recent election in New Jersey was the voting of a Chinaman. He went to the polls with his naturalization papers neatly framed in a little box with a glass cover. A policeman escorted him to the place where the tickets were handed in. The Chinaman seemed proud and happy. When asked to write her autobiography, George Elliot once said: "The only thing I should care to dwell on would be the absolute despair I suffered from, of ever being able to achieve anything. No one could ever have felt greater despair; and a knowledge of this might be a help to some struggler." A New Lisbon (O.) girl, while disrobing recently, was pulling off her stocking with considerable exertion, as her foot was damp. It came off unexpectedly, and her hand was released with such sudden force that it struck her under the chin and caused her to nearly bite her tongue in two. Chicago Herald. Mrs. Kate Upson Clarke is a woman author and journalist who is as proud of her kitchen as her library. In her Brooklyn menage, with the help of one servant, she has been known to spread a course lunch for a party of guests, which kept them some four hours and a half at the table, and which, the salads excepted, were of domestic manufacture. Mrs. Mulhooly (to drug store clerk) — That porous plaster that yez sold me for me old man was nigh killin' him. He couldn't get the teeth av him, 'troot it at all till I tried it, an' thin it was n't much tinder an' he's far from well in spite av it.—Tid Bits. Ice-water enemata are used with success in the Birmingham General Hospital in cases of collapse often seen during diarrhoea in young children. It is claimed that one injection, two or three ounces, is very soon followed by sleep, and that, by the astringent effect on the congested vessels of the intestines, the diarrhoea is diminished. It is further claimed that no depression or other bad effect has resulted.—Boston Globe.