

EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

DISCOVERIES, inventions and compounds patented each year in the United States and never amounting to anything, cost \$3,000,000.

HELENA is to have the largest reduction works in the Northwest. The capacity of the new works will be 500 tons a day, and will cost \$500,000.

REPORTS say that there are over 100,000 persons out of employment in the city of New York, many of whom are menaced by starvation.

INSURANCE companies lost \$1,500,000 by fires in Montreal last year, which is twice or three times as much as they received for premiums.

In the twenty-three years from 1859 to 1882, the quantity of wool produced in this country increased nearly five fold, from 60,000,000 to 290,000,000 pounds.

A new gun has recently been invented in Switzerland. It has four rifles to every foot, thereby insuring greater accuracy and precision of aim than has ever before been attained.

New York has made a clear profit out of her salt reservation of nearly \$700,000 since 1846, when toll was placed at 1 cent per bushel, and the fields have yielded since they were opened in 1797 over 331,000,000 bushels.

THE Secretary of the Interior has sent to the Senate a statement in regard to the amount of land each of the States has received from the United States for school purposes.

THE wheat crop of the United States for 1887 was 450,000,000 bushels. The home requirements for food, seed and manufactures was 345,000,000.

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Forty years ago there were not north of the Arkansas river 250,000 American citizens in all the vast area between the Missouri and the Pacific Ocean.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

Farmers in Tule lake vicinity have commenced plowing. Senator Mitchell has made application for the establishment of free mail delivery in East Portland.

The third term of the State Normal School has opened at Monmouth with nearly 200 pupils. The Stirling mining company have bought Saltmarsh Bros' placer claim near Jacksonville.

It is said that during the late cold weather the Umpqua river was frozen over for the first time in its known history. The military telegraph line is working all right now along its whole length.

Three passenger depots are to be erected on the line of the Portland & Willamette Valley Railway, one at South Portland, one at Fulton and the other at the White House.

It is stated on good authority that there are 71,000 acres of taxable property in Josephine county, and aside from this some 10,000 acres especially adapted to fruit, and which will come under the plow before a great while.

The furniture factory of George H. Albers, situated near the river bank, at Bellwood, caught fire and burned to the ground.

The postoffice department is preparing to establish two postoffices on a new mail service between Lakeview and Burns, one at Warner valley with D. E. Jones as postmaster, and one at Rockford, in Grant county, with J. R. Howes as postmaster.

The deer, during the cold spell, came down off the hills on the low lands around Scappoose bay in considerable numbers and the cougars followed.

A party of explorers on the Harney lakes discovered an island three miles in length that is apparently the home and breeding place of all the various water fowl.

An accident happened south of Mt. Tabor, and near the Gilbert place, which resulted in the shocking death of a little 6-year old girl of John Lindberg. Some men were engaged in burning brush and old timber, and the little girl was crossing the patch of ground where they were at work.

In accordance with a petition of 240 residents of Harney Valley, Governor Penney has indited the following letter to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, D. C.:

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A correspondent writing from Dry Lake, Modoc County, Cal., to an exchange, thus describes some of the wonders of that section of country:

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COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Nineteen horses were frozen to death in Pine Valley, Nev. Centralia, W. T., is to have a board of immigration.

Spokane Falls pays about \$400 per month for city printing. The proposition to establish a county jail at Montesano, W. T. failed by seven votes.

Michael Brady, aged 57 years, was struck by a train at Vallejo, Cal., and crushed into an unrecognizable mass.

Charles Patterson, a switchman, was thrown from a moving car and almost instantly killed, at San Diego, Cal.

V. B. Burke, a restaurant proprietor, was shot and instantly killed at his restaurant at San Francisco, by J. G. Crawford, a railroad engineer.

Mr. Toney states that his peach trees are killed, every one of them, and will have to be converted into fire wood, says a Walla Walla paper.

Jas. McEwan, an apprentice on the British ship Ayrshire, fell from a staking on the vessel into the bay, at San Francisco, and was drowned.

Arthur Hall, a signal man on the S. P. R. R., was killed at the railroad yard near the depot, at San Francisco. No blame is attached to the engineer.

Charles Wehrley, aged 35, a tanner, suicided at Napa, Cal. He put a pistol in his mouth and blew out his brains. The cause was temporary insanity.

J. W. Nillage, California fish commissioner, committed suicide. Testimony at the inquest showed that he had collected money and failed to turn it into the treasury.

Thomas C. Ross, a school teacher recently from Oregon, has been committed to the Stockton insane asylum because he says he hears the angels singing.

S. P. Rieley fell from a derrick a distance of seventy-five feet at Rowland's oil wells at Puente, Cal., striking on his head. He died half an hour later.

A German laborer named Holm, while employed with other workmen in tearing down an old house at San Francisco, was killed by the falling debris.

Wm. Sexton was shot and killed at Elk Creek, near Willows, Cal., by David Pierson. Sexton was plowing land claimed by Pierson, and on a refusal to quit, was fired upon with the above result.

Jacques Dull, a two-year old child, fell into a tub of hot water, at Santa Ana, Cal. His back was almost completely cooked, and the little fellow suffered untold agonies, until he died, two days later.

J. S. Brackett, while in a somnambulist condition, fell from his bedroom window at Petaluma, Cal., and was fatally injured. He was 70 years old and leaves large landed estates in California and Mexico.

Francisco Schwartz, while walking alongside an empty lime kiln, near Santa Cruz, Cal., slipped and fell a distance of twenty-five feet. His head struck a rock breaking his skull, and killing him instantly.

While two men were digging at the Almaden mine, near San Jose, Cal., to place some timbers in position, they struck an old blast. One of the men, named Guitierrez, was instantly killed, and the other so shockingly mangled that he will die.

A fatal shooting affray occurred near Spokane Falls, in which three men—W. B. Mills, Andrew and Henry Clarke—were killed. The trouble was the result of an attempt of the Clarke brothers to jump Mills' land claim.

Albert Scow, a stevedore, 33 years old, was accidentally struck by a sling of shingles on the steamer City of Chester, at San Francisco, and thrown down into the hold, a distance of thirty feet. He died in an hour from the injuries received from the fall.

Julian Ledon, a native of California, 22 years of age, was found hanged at his ranch at Pea ridge, Mariposa county, Cal. The fact that his hands were tied behind him, and that the horse he is known to have ridden during the day had been turned loose, seemed to indicate that murder had been committed.

A fearful collision occurred on the Central Pacific railroad at Gold Run, Cal. A west bound passenger train striking an east bound freight, demolished four locomotives, crushing a fireman named Walker to death, and the engineers Hoodley and O'Mears, were slightly injured. The mail, baggage and express cars and a number of freight cars were badly wrecked.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

LOSS OF THE ABERCORN. MONTESANO, W. T.—Following particulars of the wreck of the British ship Abercorn have been obtained from the three survivors:

They were out 125 days from Glasgow, with 2,000 tons of steel rails consigned to the O. R. & N. Co. They took Pilot Johnson on board, as previously reported, and stood out to sea. The wreck occurred at half-past six Monday morning, by the vessel running on a sand beach.

Two hours previous to striking Johnson sent a man into the cross-trees to keep a lookout for lights at the mouth of the Columbia river, supposing they were near that locality. At the time, they were steering a southeast course and carrying a light sail.

The vessel struck seven miles north of Gray's harbor, near Damon's point. Immediately after striking all hands went into the after cabin, as the sea was breaking badly forward, and while they were there the foremast and mainmast broke, and the deck split.

About 1:30 p. m. a heavy sea broke into the cabin. The old sailor, who was first out of the cabin, could not tell how many were drowned at that time, but is satisfied some must have been. Those who survived ascended the rigging of the mizzenmast, and the old man saw Pilot Johnson as he came out of the cabin, which was filled with water.

He then saw a wave strike him, upon which he tried to grasp the bar of the companion-way, but missed it, when a second wave struck Johnson and carried him into the ocean. The old man watched him for some time in the water, and says he swam nobly, but as he was looking back at the vessel and swimming parallel with the coast, he did not appear to be making for the shore.

The boy who was saved is an orphan and was one of the five boys from the training ship, all of whom were making their first voyage. He will be 17 next April, but like the others his name is unknown.

Shortly after the boy reached shore a body was seen floating but a short distance from the shore, but it sank immediately after being sighted, and although the Indians and McIntire and A. O. Damon rushed into the waves up to their necks, it was impossible to recover the body, which was supposed to be that of the captain.

Sixteen bodies are reported found, including those of Pilot Johnson and the captain, the former having been recognized by a note book found in his pocket. All the bodies were found from sixteen to nineteen miles up the coast.

On arriving at Hoquiam bay the men were most hospitably entertained and everything done for their comfort. Too much praise cannot be given to the Indians for the manner in which they risked their lives to save the drowning men, and the care they took of the survivors.

Advices from Shanghai say that nearly 2,000,000 persons are entirely destitute through the Hoang Ho floods. Two men were killed by the explosion of the Standard Explosive Co.'s mixing house near Tom's River, N. J.

At Paris, a woman was pushed off a bridge into the Seine and drowned. Arrests were made, and the fact developed that the murder was committed for a wager of a cup of coffee. One man has been sentenced to penal servitude for twenty years, and another has received a life sentence.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

Senator Dolph reported favorably to the Senate, from the Committee on Commerce, his bill to prevent obstructions to navigable streams, which will prohibit the dumping of garbage and refuse, and anything, into any of the streams of the country which would tend to obstruct navigation.

A bill was introduced by Stewart to amend the mining laws of the United States by providing that no person shall acquire more than one mining claim on the same vein, or relocate a claim which he has previously located.

The Secretary of War, in response to a Senate resolution, has sent to the Senate a voluminous report made by Capt. C. Powell and Maj. Wagoner, respecting the salmon fisheries on the Columbia river, and how such fisheries interfere with and obstruct the navigation and commerce of that waterway.

The Secretary of War concurs in the reports of the engineer officers that it is in the interest of commerce and navigation that the general government should have supervision of and make proper regulations for the management of appliances in use for the capture of salmon on the Columbia and its tributaries.

Capt. Powell reports that there are a dozen fish wheels below the uncompleted improvements at the Cascades that do not now interfere with navigation, but that when the improvements are completed they will tend to shoal the waters of the river.

Salmon seines used near Astoria do not interfere either with navigation or tend to cause the formation of bars, but in the fishing season gill nets set across the stream often interfere with the passage of steamers and sailing vessels.

It is suggested that the prevention of gill net fishing on the bar of the Columbia would result in a large saving of life, as between twenty and sixty fishermen are drowned on this bar every season.

HOUSE.

The House passed the bill to discontinue the coinage of three-cent pieces. Representative Hermann secured the insertion into the new land bill, being proposed by the house committee on public lands, of the main features of his land bill, which allows a second homestead entry to those who fail to consummate their original entry through any cause except abandonment of their entry or through sale to others.

Hermann introduced a bill for the disposal or sale of mineral land on Indian reservations; and also that the timber on such reservations may be used for mining purposes when compensation has been made.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Butter, Eggs, Dried Fruits, Flour, and various oils and seeds.

SHILOH'S BATTLE FIELD.

A Visit to the Scenes of the Civil War's Most Sanguinary Conflict.

The battle-field of Shiloh, in Tennessee, lies twenty miles northeast of Corinth, Miss. The Tennessee river, flowing north, is on the east of the ground over which the battle was fought; Snake creek, with its affluent, Owl creek, forms the northern, and Lick creek the southern, limit of the battle-field proper.

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To-day, after twenty-five years have rolled away, we looked down into this Valley of the Shadow of Death—where sleep for all time "the unreturning brave." Billowed with the foliage of waving forests, golden and bloody red with the dyes of autumn, and glorified by the sunlight of a perfect autumn day, it stretched far away, and seemingly swept on to where, bathed in a purple haze, distant hills lifted their heads beyond the shining river, quiet and peaceful now, as if that dreadful and deadly drama had never been enacted there.

Many changes have taken place since the battle. Every piece of the old church has been carried away by relic-hunters, and a new one has been built where it stood. The pastor of the original church was one Wolf, by name. History is silent as to whether he was the kind of a Wolf one would wish to keep from his door; but evidently this particular Wolf was kept from his own door—if he was the least bit afraid of "villainous saltpetre"—for a while, at least.

The Spring where thousands who are now gone beyond the All-quiet River once quenched their thirst is as dry as powder-kug; the Duncan Field is abandoned; the Peach Orchard is a thing of the past; the old Sunken Road is entirely disused, and the "red brush" that grew so thickly at the Hornet's Nest, and was mowed down by the deadly shower of missiles from each side, has again overgrown the ground. The wood where General Johnson was wounded has been cut bare of timber, and the spot where he died is now marked by a small cedar-tree, growing in the midst of a cotton field.

The National Cemetery is beautifully situated on a high bluff overlooking the river. At the front gate—occupying the place of honor—is the grave of Henry Burke, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh," celebrated in song and story; and all around him lie his comrades who fell on that dark and bloody ground—heroes all. In all, 3,506 interments were made in the cemetery, of which 2,801 were those of "unknown" dead.

Whether they fought under the Stars and Stripes, or under the Tri-color, every soldier who stood by his flag through that desperate battle, or who died at his post, was a hero; and those who fell deserve a monument commemorative of their heroism and undaunted courage.—Rawlins Young, in Frank Leslie's Weekly.

Beef drippings should be used for frying instead of butter.