

Rain and sunshine. Merchants report trade living up a little. The United States grand jury is in session at Portland. Strawberries still in the market. Pretty late in the season. The commissioners' court adjourned at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The ice works shipped a carload of ice to Roseburg this afternoon. Ey-Mayor A. L. Reuter died at his home in Jacksonville yesterday. Strawberries have been selling in Portland as low as 1 cent per box. The State University has an advertisement in today's issue. Read it. Sterling Hill, formerly of Eugene, is deputy owner of Multnomah county. The warship Monterey has arrived at Astoria. She will leave for Portland July 12. We are informed that the rain last night was not general throughout the county. Chas. Kennedy, the veteran Oregon Pacific conductor, has been employed to run the Coos Bay passenger. Considerable hay is reported out and in the fields. It would take considerable rainy weather to damage it much. Frank Goodman has again purchased the delivery business. Lester Ogden and Steve Moore are driving for him. Mr. Nivena, manager of the famous White Swan mine, deposited \$5000 in bullion at the Baker City National bank, the result of a test day's run, or \$500 per day. Portland Daily Dispatch: Mr. Charles W. Johnson returned this morning from Washington City with his commission as special agent of the treasury department. The fish ladder at Oregon City is awaiting a visit to the coast from U. S. Fish Commissioner McDonald, whose opinion will be had in the matter, before any steps are taken. The state stove works is in operation to about one-half of its full capacity. The dull times affects that industry as it does all others, the demand for stoves having fallen off. Golden West Baking Powder is advertised in the LEAD now. It is absolutely pure and is manufactured in Oregon. Give it a trial and you will use no other powder for baking. Primeview Review: Roscoe Knox, of Newsum creek, was orator at the alliance celebration at Haystack. Those who heard his oration said it was a first class populist campaign speech. Postmaster-General Biassel reverses the ruling of his predecessor and admits to the mails as second-class matter Mr. George P. Rowell's "Printer's Ink," after a very hot controversy. Darrell, a trapezist who gives out-of-door performances, fell at Tacoma, landing on his hands and breaking both wrists, so that it is doubtful if they will ever again be of much use to him. Portland Dispatch: Steve Green of Oregon City was in the city yesterday. He leaves for the mines up on the McKenzie forty miles above Eugene tomorrow. He says the mines are panning out well in gold. Some person has stolen a fine horse from Attorney G. A. Dorris' farm above Springfield. If the thief is caught George and Lark Bilyeu, the loser of a gold watch recently, will probably be retained for the defense. George M. Stroud, jr., the clever young attorney, son of Governor Stroud, the old-time conductor, was married to Miss Ida, daughter of Judge Tolman, of Ashland, last week. The couple will make Portland their home. Salem Independent: Gee, the Chinaman employed by G. Steiner, has learned the art of riding a bicycle, and now challenges his white brothers for a race. He is the first Chinaman in Salem who has learned to ride a wheel. The Northern Pacific offers to extend its road to Aberdeen if that city will at once advance \$30,000. In return for this the company will rebate 50 per cent of the freight on goods shipped to and from Aberdeen until it is repaid. Salem Independent: It is suggested that when Roseburg succeeds in moving the capital to Portland, that Salem secure the state house for a city hall. The dome would be very handy for the chief of police who, armed with a spyglass could spot idle curs. Saturday evening's Pendleton E. O. says: Captain Humphrey's limb was dressed today by his physicians and is healing nicely. The captain's friends intend to make him a present of a new cork foot, which shows that all desire to remember him. Grant's Pass Courier: Twenty-one ounces of gold in one nugget was brought in by A. H. Piattier from the Althouse last week. The chunk was found by Dick Crosby in the old Alex Anderson placer, on Sucker creek. Seventeen times twenty-one amounts to \$357. The Agricultural college building at Corvallis is going ahead, the coat to be cut according to the cloth. That means \$3000 buildings in place of \$10,000 or \$12,000, but for the loss of about \$5,000 by the bank failure of Hamilton, Job & Co. if that bank pays 50 cents on the dollar. Albany Democrat: A man just from the Sacramento valley says they are only having about half crops this summer, and the prospect is somewhat gloomy. The Willamette valley will have the advantage of splendid crops, and we are bound to experience a good fall and winter. During the last week Jesse Steiner, of Jefferson, lost a dozen head of extra Jersey dairy cows. Some old white lead cans which had been lying about for several years were thrown out where the cows had access to them, and it is believed they were poisoned from licking the paint. While lead is fatal to live stock, Mr. Steiner's loss will aggregate nearly \$1000. Hillsboro Independent: Mr. T. R. Perkins of this county, has in his possession a section from the stem of the Oregon grape (Berberis Aquifolium) which is remarkable for its size, it being nine inches in diameter. The plant is classed among the shrubs, indeed it is a tree shrub, but the specimen found by Mr. Perkins has grown to the dignity of a tree. The flower of the Berberis Aquifolium is what has been selected for the state flower.

PERSONAL. Daily Post July 11. J. R. Beaman is visiting in Eugene. Major G. O. Yoran went to Salem last night. Mayor S. H. Friendly went to Portland today. Max Friendly of Corvallis visited in Eugene last night. W. T. Post of Corvallis is visiting friends in Eugene. H. B. Kincaid, editor of the Journal, is visiting in Portland. C. J. Howard is holding a case at the Register office as type. Miss Dora Scott is in from the McKenzie visiting city friends. Sheriff Noland returned home from Portland on last night's train. Mrs. W. W. Moore and son have gone to Linn county on a visit. Prosecuting Attorney Condon is at Corvallis attending circuit court. Mrs. Phoebe Kinsey and daughter Miss Maggie, are visiting in Salem. Carey F. Martin has returned from a short visit with relatives at Florence. Mrs. L. B. Rowland left this afternoon for a few days visit at Pleasant Hill. A. Hunt and wife and Mrs. Judge Fisk arrived in Boston last Sunday morning. P. Bausch and wife will leave for the state's fair and the East next Sunday morning. Mr. Burley and Misses Wanless and Bertha Clough of Salem are visiting at the residence of F. J. Catterlin. Miss Mary Wilson, who has been visiting at the residence of E. E. Boyd went to Crosswell to visit friends a few days before returning home to Drain. Dr. A. Sharples went to Salem this morning to attend the meeting of the State Horticultural society. He will deliver an address before it on "Fungus Growth." S. R. Green and party of miners arrived from Oregon City on the local this afternoon and will leave in the morning for the Blue River mines with S. C. Smith. Misses Flo Catterlin, Katie Patterson, Della Brumley, and Messrs. E. K. Henderson, Glenn Stevens and Archer Rice are picnicking on the banks of the McKenzie today. G. M. Stroud, of Portland, known by many of our citizens, is in town, having arrived on this afternoon's local. He was an old time conductor on the railroad. Frank Taylor closed a very successful term of school in the Santa Clara district last Friday and is now clerking in E. H. Ingham's grocery store during that gentleman's absence at Chicago. Mrs. Phillips and children, accompanied by James Berry, a printer, came up from Portland on this afternoon's local and will visit several weeks at the residence of Chas. Quinn in the western part of the county. Lee Seary, who has been spending several days visiting with old friends in Eugene, returned home to Walla Walla, Washington, on this morning's local. He occupies the position of salesman in a general merchandise store there. WILL FOLLOW BRIGGS. Presbyterian Minister Secedes from the General Assembly. IRVINGTON, N. Y., July 10.—The action of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Washington, in condemning the doctrines held by Professor A. C. Briggs, has led to another secession from the ranks of the church. The position assumed by the highest court of Presbyterianism is such that the Rev. Dr. John Penman, of this place, has decided that he can no longer remain in his pulpit. He has resigned his pastorate, and declares his inability to sustain longer and subscribe to the "system of doctrine" of his church. Pastor Penman was one of the commissioners to the general assembly which tried and condemned Dr. Briggs. He voted with the minority in favor of Dr. Briggs. In a letter to his congregation giving his reasons for this action on his part, Dr. Penman says: "I had hoped, up to the last general assembly, that the Presbyterian church would declare itself in favor of progress in doctrine and liberty of investigation, but that hope is now shattered. I hold that the Bible contains the word of God. I yield to none in my reverence and my love for it. I believe that the Bible is the fountain of divine love which is able to make men wise unto salvation, and bring them into touch with him who is the light and the life of men."

Wanted for Murder. Klamath Falls, Or., July 10.—There was a race over the mountains last night on the Ashland-Klamath Falls road between Tom Shattuck, sheriff of Josephine and a brace of constables from the same locality. There is \$500 reward offered for the capture of the murderer of Antonio Joseph, who was assassinated on William creek in Josephine county two weeks ago. Sheriff Gowen has under arrest Charles Slagle charged with arson committed here on June 4, and there is strong evidence that he did the killing. Slagle was held in \$5000 bonds to appear before the grand jury for the local crime, and the Josephine officers cannot gain possession of the prisoner. G. W. Meelek was also arrested here today on suspicion of being implicated in the murder. Vice President Coming. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., July 10.—Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson will start on a tour tomorrow morning. They go first to Chicago, thence to Salt Lake city and thence to San Francisco. After a brief stay there they will go to Portland. They will return early in August. A few days later they will go to Washington to attend the special session. Oregon City school district has sold \$90000 worth of 20-year bonds bearing 6 per cent interest, at par.

Burned Like Hats in a Trap. CHICAGO, July 10.—Fire broke out in the cold storage warehouse just south of the Sixty-fourth street gate of the world's fair. The fire started at the top of the cupola, which rises fully 200 feet from the ground. Through this cupola the chimney passed. The cupola was made of wood, surrounded with pillars and columns. Near the top is a landing. The fire broke out 30 feet above this. As soon as the firemen arrived, 35 or 40 of them climbed up the ladders to the landing and were preparing to throw streams of water on the burning portion, when the fire which had eaten its way inside to a point below where the firemen stood broke out with volcanic fury on all sides. An exclamation of horror broke from the lips of 20,000 people gathered around the building to see the fire. Five men saved themselves by sliding down the ropes. Before the others could follow the fire burned away the ropes. Those who remained were huddled together on the north side of the cupola. It was beyond the reach of any ladders, and the crowd stood horror-stricken, helpless to aid. The flames leaped higher and higher until the men were almost concealed from view. At this moment one fireman sprang far out and was dashed to pieces on the roof 60 feet below. Another and another, crazed by the awful heat, followed his example and met the same fate. When five had jumped the upper part of the cupola gave away, and the remaining firemen were swallowed up in the mass of burning timbers. Meantime every effort was being made to extinguish the fire, most of which was above the reach of streams. The entire building will be destroyed. It cost \$250,000, and was stored with wines, meats and fruits. The loss will be \$500,000. It was built by the Hercules Iron Works, manufacturers of refrigerating machinery. It is reported that three women and several clerks in the office on the fourth floor were crushed by the falling cupola. A strong wind is blowing from the north. If it remains in that direction the fire will probably be confined to the building in which it started. If it should veer to the west it would sweep directly into the administration building. The flames have not eaten their way into the lower part of the building. The cupola has fallen, carrying the third floor down to the second. Several small hotels on Stoney Island avenue, just outside of the grounds, caught fire and are now burning. Two Columbian guards on the cupola slid down the rope, badly burned. All the firemen who slid down were badly burned and some of them have broken bones from falling after reaching the end of the rope.

The Extra Session. WASHINGTON, July 10.—The absence of the president and half of his cabinet from Washington has had the effect of making things extremely dull here. The few public men of any consequence, who are now present, confine themselves almost exclusively to a discussion of the extra session and the work to be performed when congress convenes. The friends of silver are stubborn and full of fight. They declare that the Sherman act cannot be repealed unless some measure is offered to them providing for silver in the currency of the country. The single-standard men are emboldened by the suspension of silver coinage in India and declare that the Sherman act must be repealed unconditionally and silver demonetized. Many intelligent men still here believe that the silver men will be strong enough in both branches of congress to prevent the entire demonetization of silver—in fact, to prevent the repeal of the Sherman law, unless a satisfactory compromise is reached. The compromise most frequently suggested is the re-enactment of the old Bland act providing for the coinage of two millions a month. Whether this will be satisfactory to Mr. Bland and the extreme silver men cannot be ascertained. As a matter of fact, however, even the strongest advocates of silver now believe that it is a forlorn hope to expect free coinage. A number of senators and representatives who are on record as being in favor of free coinage and whose constituents favor free coinage will be apt to vote for the repeal of the Sherman act unconditionally and then square themselves with their constituents by passing a free coinage bill, knowing that it will encounter a presidential veto. It is hinted that the president approves of this plan; that is, that they should vote to repeal the Sherman act, then pass a free coinage bill, which he will promptly veto. The fight will undoubtedly be over the adoption of the rules. An effort will be made to provide for cloture in the rules on demand of the committee on rules and the setting of a time certain for taking a vote on the main proposition. This, of course, will prevent filibustering and would force a vote at the proper time. The silver men will undoubtedly oppose anything like a gag rule.

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Phenomenal Downpour in Lyon County Kansas. TOPEKA, Kan., July 10.—Superintendent Jennings of the weather bureau, who was dispatched to the scene of the late Santa Fe wreck in Lyon county by the government, returned today with a story that seems almost incredible. A water spout washed out a bridge on the Santa Fe and in three hours time over ten inches of rain fell. A corn field in the flooded district was ten feet under water, and the debris from the swollen stream, was lodged 15 feet up in the trees. The people living in the vicinity of the storm were greatly frightened, and there is hardly a house that was not flooded by the water. The strangest thing about the storm is that no one can account for it. There was no low barometer on the day preceding, and Superintendent Jennings is at a loss to find any cause for the phenomenal fall of rain. The storm covered a distance of 25 miles long and about 5 miles wide.

Monterey Arrives at Astoria. ASTORIA, July 10.—The warship Monterey steamed into the harbor this morning at 7:45 o'clock from Seattle. Nearly the whole town turned out to see the visitor. The Monterey will participate in the celebration at Gearhart Park, and will remain there two days. According to present calculations the warship will arrive in Portland about Thursday morning. The vessel's trip to the north was a continued ordeal, but the steamer left many sore and disappointed hearts behind at those ports where she was expected but had no time to stop.

PERSONAL GOSSIP. Miss Eva (nee of Orlando, Fla., recently killed an alligator with two shots at 200 yards. Miss Jennie Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, plays the violin with great skill. Senator Cockrell of Missouri used the Musical desk in the senate chamber that was used by Jefferson Davis. Allie, Elithu and Elbid Frank three brothers who live at Castle Hill, Me., are said to average 7 feet in height. Mme. de Lesseps, wife of "Le Grand Francois," can write equally well in French and English. She wrote a novel several years ago and published it anonymously. Governor Turney of Tennessee, when told of the rumor that he was dead, said he had heard the report and quietly added, "I knew it was a lie as soon as I heard it."

Mrs. Burgess, wife of a member of the Newfoundland assembly, accompanied her husband to the session at St. John's, walking 200 miles over ice and snow on snowshoes. Nineteen senators use but five letters each in spelling their names. The list begins with Allen and ends with White. Nine of the names are of two syllables and 10 of but one syllable each. Samuel Longbough of Empire, Nev., has in his possession a valuable relic. It is a watch bearing the name of "Joseph Davis, London, 1821," and its great value lies in the fact that the earliest record of a pocket timepiece is 1494 and is Swiss. The late Colonel Dave Armstrong of St. Louis was a guest at the great dinner with which the Planter's House was opened 50 years ago, and he was the last guest to leave the hotel when it was abandoned last year. For nearly half a century he occupied room No. 208.

STAGE GLINTS. Sadie Martinot will star next season in a new play. Clara Coleman will soon make another starring venture. "Killarney" will be the only play used by Katie Emmet next season. Midge Lessing will be the prima donna soprano of Frederic Solomon's coming opera tour. "A Modern Heroine" is the attractive title of a new play which will soon go on tour. There is absolutely no truth in the report that Mrs. Joan Drew will be starred by Charles Frohman. Cosima Wagner, the widow of the great composer, was once the wife of Von Bulow, the famous pianist. She eloped with Wagner. Eleonora Duse, the great Italian actress, was more warmly received in Boston than in any other American city which she visited. A. C. Wheeler (Nym Crinkle) has "up-to-date" one of Tom Taylor's plays in which George Edgar and Josephine Langdon will star. Richard Mansfield's new yacht will be completed shortly. The great actor is thinking of making a trip around the world on board his magnificent craft. Dorothy Dene, the English beauty and actress, will be the Helena in the elaborate revival of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Daly's theater, New York, in August. She will spend May and June in England.

RAILROAD TIES. H. F. Hawley, for 11 years assistant superintendent of the Chicago and Alton, has resigned. J. T. Wann, auditor of the Nypanso, resigned to become cashier of a national bank in Cleveland. It is believed that it will cost the railroads entering Chicago \$200,000,000 to raise their tracks in conformity with the new law. The Pennsylvania has an engine house foreman at Wilkesburg named Thomas Ridley, who, if he survives until 194, will have been in railroad service continuously for 50 years. At a cost of \$400,000 a union station will be erected at Portland, Or. It will be built of brick, with stone trimmings. It will be 516 feet long, three stories high and will have a handsome clock tower. The Chicago and South Side Rapid Transit company is arranging to put in a complete system of interlocking switches for the Jackson park line. Towers will be erected at the terminals, yards and at points where express trains will overtake locals.

NOVELTIES. Cups of silver gilt have borders of colored enamel. Small square butter dishes are of enamel mosaics. The increase in the use of enamel is steady. Jeweled paper knives of silver gilt have handles of enamel. New candleholders have not a single standard, but branching supports gather and combine in a square base. New cigar sets are three cups of graduated sizes attached in line. The larger is for cigars, the second for cigarettes, the third for matches. Pencil racks are new. These are oxidized serpents with their tails twisted and heads bent so as to form the racks. The pencil or pen does not lie straight, but at a fascinating and casual angle.—Jewelry Circular.

Chilian War Steamer. The Captain Pratt, the last of the three iron clads ordered in Tonkin by President Balmaceda for Chili, was finished a few weeks ago and has just been armed and is shortly to start for Chili. The total cost is about \$200,000. It is 1,000 tons, 18 1/2 feet long by 20 yards wide, has 20 feet of water and is of 11,000 horsepower, has 12 guns and 30 hotchkiss guns and 5 gatling mitrailleurs, a 15-inch telescope and an anti-airplane netting. The crew numbers 450 men.

Hopelessly Dependent. The masters in some colonies of ants in which slaves are kept have become so hopelessly dependent on their slaves that they not only will not work food, but are incapable of feeding themselves and will starve with food before them unless a slave is present to place it in their jaws.—Nature House.

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A Simple Method of Cooking Terrapin. The terrapin cooking which enabled Beignore to win the contest over Philadelphia at Meadowbrook, Pa., was in a plain and simple style, with no dressing or accompaniments which would detract from the delicate and dainty flavor of the terrapin. The cooking was done under a broiler. The cooking was done under a broiler. The cooking was done under a broiler.

Estimated Attendance at the World's Fair. The average daily attendance at the centennial was 22,338; the largest attendance was 274,919, the smallest 12,730. The daily average at Paris was 130,000, the largest single day's admissions 400,000. While the circumstances and conditions surrounding the Columbian exposition differ materially from those of either the centennial or Paris exhibition the discrepancy is not enough to effect a very clear conclusion from the figures given. The unavoidable inference drawn from every international fair is this: The attendance is very largely drawn from the population within a limited radius from the site of the exposition. Thus, for instance, the statistics of the Paris exhibition show that on days when the attendance averaged 250,000 at least 150,000 came from Paris and its environs. Allowing for the difference in national habits which makes the American regard a trip from a San Francisco to Chicago with greater readiness than the Frenchman does a journey to Berlin; allowing also for the unlimited stimulus to travel given by the excursion system planned by the railroads of this country for the coming event, taking every possible factor into account, it seems hardly possible that more than an average of 300,000 nonresidents will be in Chicago during the exposition.—Director General Davis in North American Review.

Mid Her Money in an Ash Barrel. The curious places in which women conceal their valuables was never better illustrated than by a story which came to light yesterday. A ragpicker found an ordinary tin box in an ash barrel in front of 107 Poplar street and was forthwith offered \$2 for it by the driver of an ash cart. The offer was accepted, and when the driver opened the box after he got home he found in it a lot of jewelry and \$98.12 in money. A woman living in the Poplar street house wanted to go out on Monday, and no one being at home put her box of valuables in the barrel, throwing a scuffle of ashes in afterward. Some one returning took the barrel and placed it on the sidewalk, where subsequently more ashes were thrown in. The woman returning noticed the barrel on the pavement, but the fact of the placing of the box had entirely slipped her memory until the collection of the ashes had been made, when she became well nigh frantic and started out on a hunt. She learned that the ragpicker had been seen in the neighborhood, and after considerable difficulty located him, only to find that he had sold the box. With the aid of Superintendent Delaney she was enabled to find the driver. He handed her the box and received \$50.—Philadelphia Record.

The First Iron Plaster. Charles W. Copeland, Esq., of New York city is one of the oldest constructing engineers now living, and notwithstanding his advanced age, 77 years, is hale and hearty. Mr. Copeland called upon us recently and gave us many instances of the difficulties our fathers had to encounter when there were no machine tools to speak of and mentioned that the first iron planer which came to this country was sent out from England upon speculation and remained in the warehouse two years before it was sold. It was bought by the West Point foundry, Cold Spring, N. Y., and Mr. Copeland is of the opinion that it is still in existence. If this is correct, it would be a most interesting exhibit at the World's Columbian exposition.—Engineer.

Standing Dead in a Hollow Tree. Joseph Weir of the Delaware Bend district was missed from his home several months ago. Weir was married, and the supposition was that he had gone to Denver to join a brother. Thursday evening, while Frank Snow was hunting for cattle in Red river bottom, he discovered the remains of Weir standing in an upright position in a hollow tree. His gun was standing at his side.—Texas Cur. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Turkish Girl For Sale in Indiana. A gang of Turks, 30 in number, are camping in the center of a large woods near Rempton. Their outfit consists of several horses, dogs, one monkey and five bears. They chiefly live by logging from the neighbors. Among them is a girl, 17 years old, whom they are offering to sell. The price asked is \$250.—Columbian Journal.

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