

Another Pioneer Gone.

Thomas Williams, an aged pioneer of Lane county, died at his home in Lost Valley precinct, Thursday afternoon, October 18th, at 3:30 o'clock, from exhaustion peculiar to an advanced age.

Mr. Williams was born in Pennsylvania, October 10, 1803, therefore at the time of his death had a few days to his credit over the 91 year mark.

The funeral will take place in the Pleasant Hill cemetery tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 20, at 12 o'clock.

Justice Court.

The examination of Sidney Horu yesterday afternoon resulted in his being held to answer before the grand jury, with bonds fixed at \$500, which he furnished.

Hughes, the man arrested by marshal Eastland yesterday for threatening to take the life of his wife, was taken before Justice Wheeler this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and the case terminated just like many similar cases do.

Messrs. S. S. and Jos. Stephens were arrested at their home in Noti valley yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Eakin on a charge of removing some property from the Elmira saw mill, belonging to R. V. Howard.

A Correction.

Yesterday's GUARD states that the cost to the county for bringing F. B. Weyer from California and bringing about his marriage with Miss Canaday would be about \$150, and spoke of the kindness of the Lane county officials in assisting Mr. Weyer to this extent.

The total cost to Lane county of this proceeding is \$14.40. All the remainder of the expenses, less than \$90, is paid from the state treasury.

It may also be stated that it was not through the kindness of Lane county officials that Mr. Weyer was brought back to Oregon, but upon the order of Governor Penney after the circumstances had been fully set forth to him.

[The GUARD stated plainly that the costs would have to be paid by the county and state, which is correct.—Ed.]

BORN.—To the wife of J. H. Krausse, at Salem, this morning, a boy.

MR. DEKUM'S ILLNESS. It is Not Expected That He Will Recover.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 19.—The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Frank Dekum will learn with deep regret of the serious illness of that old pioneer citizen of Portland, the proprietor of the Dekum building, a leading capitalist of the city, and for some years prominently connected with the Commercial National and Portland Savings banks.

A CHINAMAN'S STATEMENT.

Which Reflected Somewhat on C. F. Lockwood.

PORTLAND, Oct. 19.—The case of A. M. Alexander against Moy Ling, for the recovery of \$500 on a promissory note given by the latter to C. F. Lockwood two years ago, tried before Judge Hurley, resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The attorneys today filed a motion for a judgment, notwithstanding the verdict, which motion will be argued Monday.

The following jurors were excused for the term: E. H. Ingman, F. W. Osburn, G. C. Widmer, T. J. McCullough and J. J. Eaton.

Balliffs appointed: George Gross, grand jury; W. W. Scott and G. C. Fleeman, for the court.

The following grand jury was drawn: O. F. Knox, G. F. Catef, J. C. Brattain, J. B. England, M. Wallis, I. H. Veach and Sam Norman.

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2. J. M. Waters vs E. D. Johnson; to recover money. Continued.

3. In reassignment of Boyd Bros; assignment. Final report filed.

4. Trustees of First M. E. Church of Gladland, Oregon, vs E. H. Davids; to recover money. Continued.

5. E. J. McClanahan vs Geo. H. Wallis et al; foreclosure. Sale confirmed.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

Cases Disposed Of—Grand Jury—Balliffs, etc.

Monday, October 22. Circuit court convened in this city in regular term this morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the court house.

Officer present—Judge Fullerton, Prosecuting Attorney Brown, Sheriff Johnson and Clerk Jennings.

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8. S. O. Garrison vs A. Doty; equity. Settled and dismissed.

9. A. G. Hovey vs T. M. Grubbs et al; confirmation. Sale confirmed.

10. S. N. Buttrich vs Hand and M. Bundy; to recover money. Continued.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Marshal McClure, of Junction City, is in Eugene.

Chas. Kohu, of Portland, is in Eugene on a business trip.

Two sons of France are exhibiting a couple of bears on the streets today. Collections reported small.

A 11-month-old child of George A. Drury died at Coburg this morning of bowel complaint. The burial will occur tomorrow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery near that place.

Still a little misty. Circuit court in session.

Yesterday was a rainy day. Hog buyers are still around in plentiful numbers.

All the churches had good congregations yesterday.

The Haverly minstrels are stranded in Portland.

See Friendly's new advertisement in today's issue. It will pay you to read it.

Wild geese and ducks are reported quite plentiful on the prairie west of Eugene.

The young man with his sisters gold ring which he wishes to pawn for \$2.50 or less for a meal, is coming up the valley. Look out for him.

Perry Beal, a well known placer miner, was shot by a highway robber a few miles from Butte, Mont., Thursday and will probably die. Beal and his wife were en route from the mines in German gulch, and had a bag in the wagon containing \$2500 in gold dust.

The highwayman emptied a load of shot into Beal's body. Mrs. Beal whipped up the horses and escaped with the gold. A posse is in pursuit of the robber.

The Dramatic News of Corvallis contains the following: Bert Van Cleave, the tragedian (?) was last heard of in Salem. His new company failed to materialize. J. B. Walker, who left Corvallis early in August to join Ward and James' well known troupe of tragedians, is now with the company at Baltimore. He is not in the cast, but as an under study comes on the stage occasionally as "senator," "soldier," etc. The company leaves in a few days for Washington, D. C.

Miss Dalry Ogden returned to Salem this morning.

Judge J. C. Fullerton arrived on this morning's local, to attend court.

H. N. Cockerline went to Portland yesterday to remain a day or two.

Mrs. Campbell, who lives in the southeastern portion of town, is dangerously ill.

Mr. R. Peplot, who lives on the McKenzie river, was brought here for treatment by a physician. He is dangerously ill with dropsy.

W. T. York, one of the proprietors of Medford Mail, arrived here yesterday morning and left on today's stage to visit his homestead near Florence.

Saturday's Portland Sun: Miss Ruby Montgomery, of this city, left yesterday evening for a short visit with relatives near Eugene. Miss Montgomery is well known in Portland and her many friends wish her a pleasant trip.

The traveling agents from tailor shops elsewhere are permitted to solicit orders here without being subjected to a cent of license, which is a hardship to our resident tailors and dealers in men's clothing. Cannot the city council suggest a remedy for this imposition.

Rebuilding Grant.

The Moro Observer has the following: There are about 400 men, besides numerous teams, employed in rebuilding at Grant, from the milling and discharging works to Rufus, all along the line. Some substantial business houses, and many neat residences, are nearing completion at Murray's, in what is known as the Orchard, among them a store of suitable proportions for Mr. J. W. Smith, into which he will move his stock next month.

The new passenger station, freight house and W. U. T. office, will be ready for Mr. Quarles this week. "Nil Desperandum" is Mr. Walker's motto, and he is just finishing the foundation for the new distillery, and will be ready to resume work by the first of December, on a better basis than ever.

A PROFITABLE INDUSTRY.—Mr. Norris Humphrey informs us that, at present prices, he can realize \$3,500 from fruit dried from the raising on his 25 acre orchard, six miles north of Eugene. The trees are six years old, and have been thoroughly and intelligently cultivated. His entire cost for drying, picking and cultivating will probably amount to between \$1,000 and \$1,200, leaving the balance as profit. The fruit business is certainly a profitable one, when properly attended to. Nearly any farmer can care for a ten acre orchard and never miss the time when he is so occupied.

WILL START A PAPER.—The Fossil Journal in its last issue contains the following item of interest: Rocky Mountain Smith, the aged printer who has been at work in this office for several weeks, departed on Tuesday's stage having invited him to go over and start a paper with a view to agitating the question of a new county. The paper will come out about November 1st, and will be known as the Mitchell Herald.

BUILT 50 CHURCHES.—Brownsville Times: J. B. Alley, who is superintending the construction of the new Christian church in this place, is undoubtedly entitled to the distinction of having overseen the work of more churches than any other man in Oregon. This is the fiftieth one for him, forty being built in Nebraska, four in Oregon, and the balance being distributed among different states.

Justice Court.—Business is quiet before that tribunal today. The case of the state vs S. S. and Jos. Stephens has not been heard yet, and it is likely that no preliminary examination will be held as the grand jury is in session and that body can examine into the matter.

MARRIED.—Oct. 20, 1894, by A. E. Wheeler J. P. at his office in Eugene Oregon, Mr. Ira Gray and Miss Lizzie Kumm all of Lane county.

A PLAIN DEMAND.

The demand for the abolishment of the state railroad commission is almost universal throughout the state, says the Welcome.

Not that the men who comprise it are objectionable; they are very pleasant gentlemen; but the rest of the people think it is a little too much to pay out some \$10,000 year just to furnish our gentlemen a job of doing nothing except riding around the state in palace cars and being wined and dined by the railroad officials.

Whether the legislature will accede to this loud and plain demand is doubtful. The numerous candidates for railroad commissioner are more or less useful at the capital as pawns in whatever games the bosses have to play.

Each has some friend and some "influence," and thereby many a neat little job can be worked through. Only three can succeed at last, but their election is always postponed till the last of the session, and more than thirty are fighting for the place, and ready to do anything required of them to secure it.

In fact the lobbying and log rolling and dirty little schemes and combinations and conspiracies against the people of the state, that the election of the commissioner affords, is worse than throwing away the \$10,000 a year.

Eugene needs a fire alarm system. Will she get it?

Circuit court is in session. It will likely be an inexpensive treat to the taxpayers.

Although the youthful khedive of Egypt does not smoke and is strictly obedient to the Koran's injunction not to use strong drink, he finds various ways of amusing himself. One is in his yachts, of which he has four, the largest being about as large as an ocean liner. Under his rule woman's position is fast improving in Egypt and harem life is disappearing. By the Mohometan law an Egyptian is permitted to have four wives, but at present it is considered bad form for a man to have more than one helipate.

Jacksonville Times: In a conversation with the editor of the Times Superintendent Newbury pronounced himself as opposed to a change of school books as a whole. While he thinks that a few changes could be made for the good of those attending the public schools, he considers that the books now in use are good enough for practical purposes, especially in the financial depression now prevailing. Mr. N. represents the sentiment of a large majority of the school patrons, and will vote accordingly when the time comes to decide this question.

The California newspapers have a great deal to say about the substitution of fruit for wheat as the crop of that state. This change has been going on steadily for a number of years, until now, the state, although splendidly adapted to the production of wheat, both in soil and climate, the wheat crop has greatly diminished, and California is no longer one of the great wheat states. The change has been attended by many good results. The production of wheat, while it was unprofitable to the farmer, gave employment to but little labor. Machinery does all the work. The great fields of wheat therefore excluded rural population, and while the cities were growing there was no increase in the population of the country. Fruit growing has worked a revolution. It gives profitable employment to great numbers of people. The land has grown more fertile and more valuable and a new and most profitable industry has been started. The beautiful fruit of the Pacific coast has not a rival and needs no tariff bill to protect it from foreign competition. The canning industry is also growing, and fruit which cannot be marketed in its natural state is canned or dried.

Corvallis Times: The secretary of state has advertised for and will shortly purchase with state funds, twelve dozen pocket knives. Queer as it may seem, these knives are neither for the paupers of any of the various counties, nor for the indigent inmates of any of the orphan homes of the state, but are to be supplied gratis to the members and clerks of the coming legislative session. In just what way a new pocket knife is to help a legislator on in the business of law-making is not known; but it is known that it will be neither more ludicrous nor more silly if, instead of a knife, each member should at state expense be furnished with a monkey, or a bull dog wearing a brass collar.

Ex-Vice President Morton will not have the satisfaction of riding behind his liveried contract English coachman. The court ordered his deportation.

Ask for U. of O. Se cigars.

The free silver republicans in the legislature are liable to cause Senator Dolph considerable trouble before the last of January.

The Senator has a solemn realization of the situation, and is trying to be as sociable as his nature will permit.

Chicago is the healthiest big city in the world, claims Commissioner Reynolds in his report covering the world's fair year. The death rate upon a basis of a population of 1,600,000 was only 15.9, the lowest of any large city in the world with the possible exception of Berlin.

According to a Chicago editor, Levi P. Morton has a separate wig for every day in the month, by the consecutive use of which he is able to make people believe that the hair on his head is his own and that it grows.

At the end of the month he lays aside a long-haired wig for a close trimmed one.

Horrible, horrible! And it happened too in Ohio, McKinley's own state. A negro committed a brutal outrage on a white woman and in the attempt to lynch him by an excited populace three persons were killed and over a score wounded.

If this had happened in a Southern state it would have furnished an excellent illustration of the barbarism of their people. But in Ohio, never.

The indications now are that Senator Hill will practically have the united support of the democratic party in the gubernatorial contest in New York. Independent democrats, who have heretofore bitterly opposed Hill, are not only supporting him but publicly expressing their influence in his behalf. It will be a pretty contest. The chances of Hill's election are daily growing brighter.

The authorities of Lane county have a kind nature. They brought a young man all the way from California to marry a girl, maybe not of his choice, but certainly of her choice. Her condition would not admit of delay, so flowers, bridal veil, and all the gewgaws which some deem indispensable at the matrimonial altar were dispensed with, and the justice tied the knot while they were clad in plain every day clothes.

River navigation on Ysmhill river brought the railroad to terms. The McMinnville Telephone-Register says that the Southern Pacific of its own accord has decreased the freight rate from that city to Portland to 74 cents per 100 pounds. The little steamer Toledo has been of more benefit to the community than the railroad commission. One decreased the freight rate, the other increased it. Let the commission be abolished, and a maximum freight and passenger rate be passed by the legislature.

Jules Carle, of Juneau, Alaska, is one of the few men who can tell how it feels to be buried alive from experience. He was living at the time in New Westminster, B. C. One morning he had gone into a restaurant and ordered his breakfast, when all of a sudden he fell dead. At least, that is what the doctors said of him, though he was conscious of what was passing on around him all the time. He was laid out for burial, and his friends kept the usual vigil over him, he was put in a coffin and borne to the cemetery, all the time realizing the terrible fate that was about to overtake him, but unable by word or sign to do anything to prevent it. He was lowered into the grave, but happily, as the first clod rattled on his coffin, he began to feel the blood pulsating at his heart, and his powers returned to him. He found he could move his hands and began to hammer on the coffin.

The present rain will fit the ground for the plow. Low land and that plowed last fall heretofore was too dry and hard to plow.

Jacksonville Times: It is stated that a bill will be introduced in the next legislature providing for the publication of our school books by the state.

In view of the fact that a considerable sum of money is spent annually in Oregon for text books, some of the legislators, with the best interests of the people at heart, may favor the passage of such a law. They should take the experience of other states into consideration, which has proven quite dear. California tried the experiment of publishing her own school books, and now regrets the foolish adventure, because, during the first five years the plan was in operation, it cost the people of that state \$674,760.40, and, besides this vast sum, her school patrons paid \$105,200.17 more for the inferior state books than they would had they gone into the open market and purchased the same number of corresponding books offered by private publishing firms. The Corvallis Times therefore asks the pertinent question: "Can Oregon, with only one-fourth of the school population of California, afford to try the experiment?"