

By all means Lane county should hold a county fair. Citizens of Eugene it depends upon you whether such will be the case. Help the undertaking by every means.

Five hundred and sixty-eight bills have been introduced into the legislature. It is a very fortunate thing that only a small portion can pass. Think of the disaster and misery that is saved by this fact.

The Oregonian alludes to the anti-Dolph republicans as "refusing to act with the party." But isn't it a little doubtful just now which faction is "the party," or where the party is at?

About \$1,000,000 in money, clothes, fuel and food have been contributed to the relief of the Nebraska sufferers, and \$50,000 appropriated by the state, and still many persons are suffering from extreme destitution, and some even starving.

With the swearing-in of the republican senators from the states lately unrepresented, the senate has ceased to be democratic, but it will not be republican by a long way. The balance of power will be held by the populists. As the United States senate now stands it comprises 43 democrats, 39 republicans and 5 populists.

The Dalles Chronicle says: A dispatch from Scranton, Penn., yesterday announces the death of Judge Handley of that city. He was the brother of Major Handley late of this city, and was very wealthy. Several years ago he made a will, leaving all his property to Eddie Handley, his nephew, but the latter dying soon after, the will was, of course, no effect. He leaves no relatives unless in the sixth or seventh degree, and it is quite probable that the dividing of his estate, valued at \$8,000,000 will cause considerable litigation.

The "pay roll" of the Nez Perce Indians, whose reservation will soon be opened up in Idaho, contains about 2,000 names. In a few weeks the government checks will be ready for distribution. Each individual Indian receives \$300, so it will be seen that large families will be able to handle \$2,500 to \$3,000. The recent reports of prospective serious disturbances seem to be devoid of truth and it is openly charged the rumors have been set in operation by cattlemen who have heretofore enjoyed a monopoly of the rich grazing lands, which are now to be thrown open to settlement under the homestead law. The opening of the Nez Perce reservation should induce a genuine boom in that section of Idaho.

Statesman: "The homestead exemption bill as it passed the senate is modeled after the Illinois law on the same subject and allows a homestead exemption from execution to the amount of \$1,000 together with minor exemptions, and the exemption is valid until such time as the youngest heir shall have attained majority. The law is a good one—a much needed measure and should speedily become a law, as the present homestead exemption law is thought to be void by reason of a clerical error of the 1893 session which enacted it. By reason of this error an amendment which passed both houses in 1893 does not appear in the law as it went to and was signed by the governor. The states of the union, with a possible three exceptions, all have homestead exemption laws. The only dissenting votes on its passage yesterday were those of Price, Raley and Simon."

The Moores horticultural bill which passed the house creates a board of six members, one from each of five districts as follows: 1st—Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook. 2d—Marion, Polk, Benton, Lincoln, Linn and Lane. 3d—Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Lake. 4th—Wasco, Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam and Crook. 5th—Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Harney and Grant. To hold office for four years. They shall have a secretary at not more than \$1200 a year. The board is clothed with the necessary powers of regulating, inspecting, quarantining, disinfecting, etc., necessary to protect the fruit against the introduction and spreading of diseases and pests among fruit trees. The members are to be appointed by a board consisting of the governor, secretary and treasurer of the state. They have power to appoint quarantine guardians in each district when necessary and to pay them \$2 per day. For the support of the board and prosecution of its work the coming two years, \$9,000 is appropriated. It is considered by most fruit men a very good measure. It is practically the same as the Raley senate bill.

A copy of the following letter was mailed from the state executive department to each of Oregon's delegates in congress. It is Governor Lord's approval of the joint memorial of the Oregon legislature relative to the payment of certain money to the Indian war veterans by the national government. The letter bears the date of February 9th, the signature of his excellency William Lord, and is as follows: "I herewith transmit a copy of H. J. M. No. 6, of the legislature of Oregon, to congress. This memorial has my earnest approval. It plainly states established facts. The sum of \$6,011,459 was found by a commission of the United States to be rightly owing by the government to the citizens of the Pacific Northwest for services rendered and property furnished or destroyed in the Indian war of 1855 and 1856. It was scaled down arbitrarily almost one-half in 1860 by the third auditor of the treasury, and there is justly due the citizens of Oregon and Washington the sum of \$3,206,648. Delay in payment is indefensible. I should be gratified to have Oregon's delegation in congress give this memorial careful attention at an early day and earnestly support such measure as it indicates."

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The Willamette Valley.—The North Western Bulletin is a splendidly gotten up monthly journal, of St. Paul, Minn., and is sent out by the railroad company of the name mentioned. In its special fruit edition it has the following pleasant writup of this valley. The Willamette, or Willamet, is the river of western Oregon. It is navigable from Portland, 95 miles to Corvallis, and in high water to Eugene 130 miles. Falls, 42 feet high, at Oregon City, are passed by a system of locks. It drains a valley of 7,900 square miles, or nearly 6,000,000 acres in extent. This valley is the best settled section of the Pacific Northwest. From northern to southern limit it is a succession of orchards whose blossoms perfume the air as early as March. The valley is also noted for wheat and hops. In addition to cereals it grows nearly everything raised in any part of the United States, except tropical fruits. On the west rise the Coast range of mountains, on the east the Cascades, making it a scenic locality. The prairies are interspersed with streams bordered with timber, and lead up into the heavy forests of the mountains. Portland, unsurpassed in scenic beauty and pre-eminence in its wealth, is 12 miles from the mouth of the Willamette, but reached by the largest ocean steamers.

A Happy Prisoner.—Roseburg Review: The attorneys for Sam Brown, convicted of the murder of Alfred Kincaid, filed their formal notice of appeal to the supreme court Saturday. Their grounds of appeal includes thirty-seven exceptions. They except to one grand jurymen; to the ruling of the court in the examination of most of the trial jurymen who were finally accepted, and to the testimony of several witnesses, notably that of R. P. Dear, T. L. Kimball, W. C. Underwood, and several grand jurors. Judge Fullerton has granted a stay of execution until such a time as the appeal shall have been decided. Brown was to have been hanged on the 15th inst. and didn't seem to dread it in the least. He whistles and sings "like a lark," as one of the sheriff's force remarked the other day, and has apparently lost every feeling of fear. He advised the sheriff recently not to go to the expense of building a scaffold from which to swing him off. "I'll rope around my neck and put it over the limb of that tree," he remarked, "and I will jump out of the jail window and the job will be done," and Sheriff Cathcart thinks that Brown wouldn't hesitate a moment to launch himself into eternity in that way.

WRIST FRACTURED.—During the noon recess at the Central school today two little girls, Iva Wickes and Lelia Mummey, were sitting on the front steps. Iva was sitting on Lelia's lap and leaning forward caused Lelia to lose her balance and both fell to the walk some four or five steps only, resulting in the fracture of one or both of the bones of the forearm of Lelia Mummey near the wrist. The accident was not the result of any improper conduct on the part of any one but was one of those casualties which seem to come along with the course of human events. Dr. Kuykendall was summoned immediately to reduce the fracture.

STATE ORATORICAL DELEGATES.—The university classes have selected delegates to the state oratorical contest, which is to be held at Forest Grove, Feb. 22. Miss Julia Venzie will represent the university in the contest. The delegates are: Senior class, Frank Mathews and Miss Iva McClung; junior class, Charles McCune and Miss Jennie Beattie; sophomore class, E. P. Shattuck and Miss Edith Venzie; freshman class, B. B. Richards and Miss Sybil Thurston.

MARRIED SIXTY YEARS.—An unusual celebration was held at La Grande recently when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, aged 83 and 81 respectively, commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. They have eight children, thirty-six grand children and fifteen great grand children. Fourteen guests were present, their ages aggregating 1,072 years. General John H. Stevens, aged 89, was the veteran of all.

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Albany Democrat: 95 young men and women, and some of whom, though are not so very young either, and some of whom are younger than they should be, are being examined at the court house, for teachers certificates. The Calhoun opera company arrived here this afternoon and will appear in the "Black Hussar" at Parker's opera house tonight. An extra coach was on the train for their accommodation. "Among the Breakers" will be given at the Springfield opera house tonight by amateur talent. Mrs. Geo. W. Yerington appears in the role of a leading lady. The Calhoun Opera Company came in on the afternoon train and are preparing for the evening performance. There has been a phenomenal sale of seats and it is going to be a grand success both socially and financially. Come early and avoid the rush. Some young fellows who have no business to own a revolver, were examining one in the process of trade Sunday, at Seaside, when it was discharged, and the bullet entered the leg of Mr. Craft, just below the knee. Craft took possession of the weapon. The bicyclists of Klamath Falls seem to have caught on to the Lakewar feat of riding on the snow, as the Star reports that it is all the rage now. The Lakewar boys continue to spin along the smooth track, and take great delight in making sleighs turn out into the deep snow. An Albany councilman talked rather loudly on the street a few days ago about the senatorial deadlock, and said that if he was a member of the legislature a senator would be elected, or he would know the reason why. That night he attended a council meeting, and when it adjourned, there was a deadlock on the election of a night watchman. A new swindle is being practiced on farmers in Northwest Ohio. A Collins special under date of Tuesday, says: "A gang of swindlers and sharks are securing big money from the citizens and farmers. Probably one of the best swindling games ever brought to light is the 'grapevine game.' The swindler buys a quantity of cheap grapevine root, then purchases the large California grapes at the grocery. He represents the roots to bear these kind of grapes. The roots are sold for \$1 each. The swindlers have made between \$50 and \$60 a day."

THE FULL LIMIT. Steeves, the Portland Murderer, Sentenced Today. Special to the DAILY GUARD. PORTLAND, Feb. 16, 4 p. m.—Xenophon N. Steeves, convicted of the murder of Geo. W. Sayres recently, in the manslaughter degree, has just been sentenced by Judge Stephens, to fifteen years in the penitentiary, and to pay a fine of one thousand dollars. He is out on bail, awaiting the supreme court on appeal. THEIR OLD RUNS.—A GUARD reporter has been informed by one of the railroad engineers that the Southern Pacific has decided to their demands and that the old run to Junction City will soon be inaugurated, although the matter has not yet been made public. The company has acted wisely in this matter as the new runs were much too long.

BARNEY BALL.—Another game of basket ball between the ladies' teams of the sophomores and freshmen classes of the university was played this morning, resulting in a victory for the freshman team by a score of 10 to 9. Hand ball is being played at the gymnasium this afternoon.

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