

THE UMPQUA RIVER.—The Plaindealer states that Capt. Boone, formerly pilot on Snake River for the Oregon Steam Navigation Company, has been employed to bring the steamer "Enterprise" to Roseburg, whenever the stage of water will admit of it.

RAILROAD NEAR RED BLUFF.—From the Red Bluff Sentinel we learn that the cars on the California end of the O. & C. R. R. will have crossed the Reed's Creek bridge and run into that town the forepart of this week.

MCCORMICK'S ALMANAC FOR 1872.—We have received, from the publisher, S. J. McCormick, of Portland, a copy of "McCormick's Almanac for the year 1872," which, besides being an almanac, contains statistical information relative to the growth, population and resources of the State of Oregon and Washington and Idaho Territories.

JACKSONVILLE, the county seat of Jackson county, is the largest and most flourishing town in Southern Oregon. It is located on the borders of a beautiful plain, ten miles south of Rogue river.

LITERARY.

THE NEW YORK OBSERVER.—This excellent and valuable paper enters upon its fiftieth year on the 1st of January next. Its career has been one of the most successful in the history of American journalism.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL.—The November number of this excellent monthly Magazine contains its usual amount of highly interesting and entertaining reading matter, which should be read by every live member of our community.

DEMOREST'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—This excellent magazine for December, like a staunch friend, is again at our side, with its overflowing measure of good things for Christmas, and abundant promises of even better for the future.

THE WELL-DENNIS MURDER CASE.

Letter from Giles Wells.

ASHLAND, Ogn., Nov. 20th, 1871.

ED. TIMES: The people having been wrongly informed, through the columns of both the newspapers published in this county, in reference to the facts and circumstances connected with the shooting of James Dennis, alias Lawson, by my son, Joseph Wells, I propose, through the medium of the press, to endeavor to correct some of the erroneous impressions and unjust prejudices that have been created.

Respectfully, yours, etc., GILES WELLS.

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL B. HAMILTON.

In June last, James Dennis, A. D. Burton and myself were engaged in making rails in what is known as "The Canyon" or "Hunting Ground." Dennis was working for Joseph Wells, and Burton and I for Minus Walker. We all messed together in the same cabin. Dennis talked much of himself, and gave us a part of the history of his previous life.

I was fully convinced that Dennis was a man that could be hired to commit murder, or that he could be induced to commit that crime at the instigation of another, and there are other persons of the same opinion. Furthermore, I became satisfied, from his conduct and other circumstances, that he was concerned in a plot, with another party, to assassinate Burton. Of this, Burton was also convinced; and on two occasions, previous to our leaving the camp, not feeling safe to remain in the camp with Dennis over night, he went off to the house of Alex. Hamilton, about a mile distant, and spent the night.

into the settlements before we finished our job.

I also regard it as unfortunate that Murphy employed Dennis to work for him, believing, as I do, if he had not done so, the fatal collision which took place between Joseph Wells and Dennis would not have occurred.

I was not present at the shooting, and know nothing, of my own knowledge, about it; but I am fully satisfied, from the conduct and threats of Dennis, that he would have killed one or more of the Wells' boys, if he had not been killed or disabled himself. Of this I am as fully convinced as I am of my own existence.

SAMUEL B. HAMILTON.

We certify that we are well acquainted with Samuel B. Hamilton, whose signature is appended to the foregoing statement, and that we believe him to be a man of truth and veracity.

J. P. WALKER, FREEMAN YANDELL, JACOB WAGNER, THOS. SMITH, R. B. HARGADINE, B. F. MEYER, DAVID REDPATH, P. DUNN, C. K. KLEUM, G. W. FORDYCE.

PACIFIC COAST ITEMS.

The Railroad Company is making improvements at Salem.

The railroad surveyors have reached Oakland, Douglas county.

Chinamen and negroes have been fighting in Eugene City. Let 'em fight.

The upper Willamette river is lower now than it has been for several years.

Squashes are raised in the Boise country weighing from ninety to one hundred pounds.

Snow fell to the depth of two inches in the valley of Baker county, Oregon, a week ago.

Sheriff Palmer, of Corvallis, shot and killed a fine deer in the central portion of that town.

Fifty new buildings have been erected in Eugene City during the last four or five months.

A nugget of pure gold worth \$100 was picked up not long ago in French Gulch, Baker county, Ogn.

There is no excitement at Salt Lake, and saints and sinners chat together on the situation like old friends.

Two potatoes, weighing respectively 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 pounds, were presented to the editor of the Red Bluff Democrat.

One Kieran has in his possession, at East Portland, a sun dial made in Ireland in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

A terrible sand storm recently took place in Southern California, in which from 30,000 to 40,000 sheep perished.

The three counties, Linn, Lane and Multnomah have 41 divorce cases on their docket, for adjudication by the Court.

The tides at Olympia, W. T., have been unusually high, inundating several streets which have heretofore been above reach.

W. R. Cannon, of Albany, has secured the contract for carrying the mail between that place and Corvallis for three years.

The Yaquina Stage Line has been sold to Mr. Joseph Woods, of Mary's river. He will run a weekly coach during the winter.

Report says the western terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad is to be at Stellacoom. The Kalama paper denies the report.

The Yreka Journal is pleased to state that two old residents of Siskiyou county have returned from the East with a bride apiece.

The surplus of wheat in Oregon, this season, is estimated at 75,000 tons, nearly all of which will find its way to Europe. Bully for Oregon!

At Los Angeles, California, a large number of persons have been arrested for participating in the murder and robbery of the Chinese at the late riot.

Governor Safford, of Arizona, has written a letter denouncing Colyer's peace policy with the Indians, and approving the course of Gen. Crook.

Washington Territory owes a debt of \$250,000, which she anxious to pay off by a lottery. Many States and Territories are following California's example.

J. W. Virtue, of Baker, is one of the Commissioners for Oregon to the Centennial Celebration of Independence at Philadelphia. Hon. A. J. Datur is the other.

It is reported that the citizens of Red Bluff, California, are organizing a Vigilance Committee to rid that town of the roughs and gamblers with which it is infested.

A man in Victoria, who had the earliest news of the loss of the Arctic whaling fleet, bought up all the oil in the market, some forty thousand gallons, and made a good thing.

The Journal says the total amount of taxable property in Siskiyou county, for this year, both real and personal, foots up \$2,221,455, being an increase of more than \$1,500 over last year.

Nine years ago a man crossed the Yamhill river at Dayton, and having no money to pay his ferrage, said he would pay next time he crossed. Last week he crossed again and kept his word.

Business at Red Bluff is said to be quite brisk, owing to the near approach of the railroad to that place. Business seems to get livelier in Jacksonville also, the nearer the railroad approaches it.

The Garfield and anti-Garfield factions in Washington Territory are going for each other. The Olympia Tribune attacks, and the Vancouver Register defends. Garfield is Delegate to Congress from that Territory.

The Kalama Beacon has been fully adopted as the organ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and is now furnished with an office free of rent, and is patronized extensively otherwise. The paper has a good thing.

OREGON NURSERY RHYMES.

BY MR. KLEUM.

There was a young maid at Belpassi, Who loved a young man quite brassy. They were married one day, But he ran away The very next night from Belpassi.

There was an old fool at Lancaster Who calls the railroad a disaster. "Junction" gobbled his town, And he was done brown For owning real estate in Lancaster.

There was an old maid at Canemah, Her voice was a regular screamer. It broke in on your dream Like a whistle of steam. If you staid over night at Canemah.

There is a young damsel in Salem, Whose parents reside at Chehalen; Her bonnet appears To hang on her ears— A fashion unknown at Chehalen.

There was a young man in Corvallis, Whose manners and dress were quite gallus. Now, thanks to Judge Thayer, He has State Prison fare For stealing a watch at Corvallis.

The Oregon City Enterprise has a new head. The old brains, we believe, are still used.

The West Side Railroad will be completed to Hillsboro, Washington county, this fall, and by August or September, 1872, to Corvallis. New material has lately been received, and the track has already been laid 10 miles.

The recaptured prisoners in Nevada, who killed one or two guards in making their escape from the State Prison some time ago, are now being tried for murder and beyond doubt will be convicted. As several of them only had short terms in the prison, they will now doubtless begin to ask whether the adventure of making their escape was a profitable one. Less than a dozen of the escapes are at large.

The rapid Rifleman running filly, "Nell Flaherty," one of the fastest nags on the Coast, was purchased the fore part of this week, by Wm. Woodward, of Napa, for the large sum of \$5,000, and he has matched her against the Norfolk colt, "Tom Atchinson," for \$2,500 a side, mile heats, three in five, at Agricultural Park, Sacramento, Cal., one week from next Monday. This will be an interesting, close and very fast race, as the two are about the fastest horses on the Coast. "Nell" is half sister to "Jim Glenn" of this town.

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Corner California and Fourth Sts.

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with single or double teams, for hire on reasonable terms; also, GOOD SADDLE HORSES & MULES.

Animals bought and sold, and horses brot to saddle or harness. KEUBEL & WILSON.

May 7th, 1870.

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MERCHANDISE,

Consisting of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Groceries, Provisions, Hardware and Queensware, Liquors, &c.,

AT PRICES, FOR CASH, CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST.

Call and see, and judge for yourselves. M. MENSOR. 428 1/2 Jacksonville, Oct. 21st, 1871.

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CALIFORNIA STREET, (Opposite U. S. Hotel.) JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

ALWAYS on hand the best stock of patent and double; Revolvers of the latest patents; Pocket Pistols, neat, small and powerful; Derringers, the latest and best. Also the best Powder and Powder Flasks; all sort of Shot and Pouches; Caps, Wads, and everything in the Sportman's line. The above goods are all of the best quality, and will be sold cheaper than the cheapest. All orders promptly filled. Repairing done promptly and in good style.

JOHN MILLER, 36 Jacksonville, Sept. 9th, 1871.

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THE undersigned offers a good two-horse farm wagon, capable of sustaining from 3,000 to 3,500 lbs., for sale. Would take grain in exchange. LOUIS HORSNE.

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Cook Stoves, Different Styles.

FAY FORKS and RAKES, GRASS SCYTHES and SNATHS, WOODEN and STEEL BARLEY FORKS, GRAPE VINE CRADLES, MANURE FORKS, GRAIN SCOOPS, TRACE and HALTER CHAINS, CHOPPING and BROAD AXES, HATCHETS and HAMMERS, BENCH SCREWS, WAGON BOXES, PATENT CROSS CUT and BUCK SAWS, HAND-SAWS, SHELF HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c. NAILS OF ALL SIZES, PAINTS, OILS and VARNISH, WINDOW GLASS and PUTTY, TUBS and BASKETS, CLOTHES WRINGERS, TRAYS and BOWLS.

Giant Powder,

Fuse and Caps, Rifle & blasting Powder.

ASSORTED IRON AND STEEL, SUBMERGED & DOUGLAS PUMPS, CAST-IRON WASH KETTLES, BAKE OVENS, SKILLETS AND TEA-KETTLES, BRASS & ENAMELED KETTLES, FRY-PANS, &c.

NEW YORK COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER AND HORSE RAKES.

ALWAYS ON HAND A FULL ASSORTMENT OF TINWARE.

HOFFMAN & KLIPPEL, Jacksonville, June 10th, 1871. j17-tf.

"EXCELSIOR" LIVERY STABLE.

On Oregon street, Jacksonville.

J. W. Manning, Prop'r.

Having just received from San Francisco a new stock of HARNESS, BUGGIES & CARRIAGES

I am now prepared to furnish my patrons, and the public generally, with

FINE TURNOUTS as can be had on the Pacific Coast. Saddle horses hired to go to any part of the country. Animals BOUGHT & SOLD.

Horses broke to work single or double. Horses worked, and the best care bestowed upon them while in my charge. MY TERMS ARE REASONABLE. A liberal share of public patronage is solicited. J. W. MANNING. Jacksonville, Ogn., February 11th, 1871.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, (sitting in Probate, November 9th, 1871.) In the matter of the estate of Thos. Croston, deceased.

William Kahler and James P. Tuff, executors of said estate, having filed in said Court their final account for settlement, and also praying for an order for setting the time of hearing the same; therefore notice is hereby given that said final account will be heard and determined in said Court on Thursday, the 7th day of December, 1871, at which time and place all persons having any objections to said final account and settlement, must then and there make the same.

By order of Hon. L. J. C. Duncan, Judge of said Court. [434] SILAS J. DAY, Clerk.

GREAT AUTUMN TONIC

Hegeman's Cordial Elixir of Calisaya Bark.

A pleasant cordial which strengthens and improves the digestion, an excellent preventive of fevers, fever and ague, &c., and a great renovator and tonic for invalids and debilitated persons. Hegeman & Co., New York, sole manufacturers. Sold by druggists. 25tf

PAY UP!

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned, there by note or account, are notified that the best thing they can do is to pay up, as we are compelled to have money, and it must come from those who owe us, and that soon. ORTH & GINNINA. Jacksonville, August 19th, 1871. 30tf



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GASOLINE OIL AND LAMPS

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W. L. COWAN, Druggist. August 27th, 1870.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court, for the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, (Sitting in Probate, November 9th, 1871.) In the matter of the Estate of Joshua H. Sterne, deceased.

SILAS J. DAY, administrator "de bonis non" of said estate, having filed in said Court his final account for settlement, and also praying for an order for setting the time for hearing the same, notice is hereby given that said final account will be heard and determined in said Court on Thursday, the 7th day of December, 1871, at which time and place all persons having any objections to said final account must then and there make the same. By order of L. J. C. Duncan, Judge of said Court. 454 Attest: SILAS J. DAY, Clerk.