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GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Wheat is \$1 42 per bushel in Salem. Flour is quoted at \$9 per barrel at Portland.

A Douglas county elk is running with farm cattle, and is very tame. Theodore Tilton is coming to this State on a lecturing tour, it is said.

The National Grange reports 188 granges in Oregon, with a membership of 8,544. Assays recently made of Capital mine ore, of Santiam fame, ran as high as \$105 50 per ton.

Ex-Governor Noyes, of Ohio, will succeed Minister Washburne in Paris. The party desiring to avail himself thereof must appear with his witnesses before the Judge of a court of record of the county and State, or district and Territory, in which the land is situated, and there make the final proof required by law.

Harvey Kanoff, charged with the killing of Scott Osborn near Eugene City some time ago, was acquitted last week. In the race between Rarus and Goldsmith Maid at Los Angeles on the 28th, the latter was an easy winner. Best time, 2:19.

The patent on the feed motion of sewing machines expires next month, and then you can buy them much cheaper than now. Hume & Co.'s cannery, on Rogue river, pay 20 cents each for salmon. About 350 a day was the average catch of last month.

The next Annual State Teachers' Institute will be held in the Senate Chamber, in the State Capitol, commencing August 21, 1877. Several persons have gone from Empire City to Siuslaw with a view of establishing a salmon fishery, if they find the outlook favorable.

"Ohio runs this country," sadly admits the New York Herald; and it is true that she fixes her glittering Buckeye on all the best offices. Col. H. C. Paige, so long the traveling agent for Wells, Fargo & Co., has resigned his position and taken up his residence in Baker county.

Packard and Chamberlain say they will let the Northern Republicans have the exclusive glory of counting in a Republican President next time. The O. S. S. Co. it is said, expect, from their present information, an average of 1,200 immigrants per month over their route during the Summer season.

The persons arrested for the murder of Scott, near Strawberry Valley, Siskiyou county, Cal., have all been held to answer before the Grand Jury without bail. At Alsea, Benton county, the Indians have been having a great feast of rancid blubber. A whale ninety feet long came ashore. They cut him up and gorged liberally.

The Corvallis Gazette insists on a railroad to Yaquina, and wants to know what doubting Thomas can question the ability of Benton county to pay \$200,000 for it in twenty years. Friedlander has made a final settlement. The Banks of California and Nevada accept the security they hold, and unsecured creditors take 25 per cent. each and give a full release.

There are at present 228 patients in the Insane Asylum at East Portland. The number is, we are happy to say, gradually diminishing under the excellent care of the proprietor. The famous old trotting horse "Honest Ace," who trotted against "Flora Temple" at Kalamazoo, in 1859, and also passed through here a few years ago, died at Victoria recently.

Archbishop Blanchet, of Oregon, is now in his eighty-second year. He is the oldest of all the American prelates, and has resided west of the Rocky Mountains for nearly forty years. Hayes has rewarded another of his friends. Alfred E. Lee, who wrote his Know-nothing letter and took upon himself its responsibility, has been appointed Const. at Frankfort, a lucrative position.

C. P. Crandall, who one time became notorious for the sale of his vote in the Oregon Legislature, has been appointed Territorial Secretary of Idaho—and yet Hayes is in favor of putting none but honest men in office! We see by the dispatches that Max Strakosch has engaged Clara Louise Kellogg for a season of 50 representations in New Orleans and on the Pacific Coast. For this contract the Prima Donna receives \$30,000 in gold.

The familiar face of Montgomery Queen is beginning to ornament the columns of the Southern California papers. He has added to his menagerie a live rhinoceros, and now monopolizes the whole circus business on the Pacific Coast. Set him down for a monument! Write his name in enduring brass! Send him down to posterity as the rarest man Oregon ever knew! He lives in Grant county, and recently paid the Mountaineer \$24, which he owed for eight years' subscription.

Von Moltke, in the German Parliament, urged the increase of the army supplies. He states that France is on a stronger footing than Germany and he views that country's preparation with distrust; besides he believes that the whole of Europe is in a dangerous situation.

IMPORTANT CIRCULAR TO SETTLERS.

The following highly important circular to homestead settlers in Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Douglas and Benton counties has been received at the Roseburg Land Office:

To Registers and Receivers of U. S. Land Offices—GENTLEMEN: I have to call your attention to the act of Congress approved March 3, 1877, entitled "An act to amend section twenty two hundred and ninety-one of the revised statutes, in relation to proof required in homestead entries."

The act provides a method of making the final proof in homestead entries, dispensing with the necessity that the party shall attend at the district land office, as required in official regulations given on page 5, subdivision 17, circular of May 18, 1876.

The party desiring to avail himself thereof must appear with his witnesses before the Judge of a court of record of the county and State, or district and Territory, in which the land is situated, and there make the final proof required by law, according to prescribed forms, which proof is required to be transmitted by the judge, or clerk of the court, to you, together with the fee and charges allowed by law.

The judge being absent in any case, the proof may be made before the clerk of the proper court. The fact of the absence of the judge must be certified in the papers by the clerk acting in his place. If the land in any case is situated in an unorganized county, the statute provides that the party may proceed to make proof in the manner indicated in any adjacent county in the State or Territory. The fact that the county in which the land lies is unorganized, and that the county in which the proof is made is adjacent thereto, must be certified by the officer.

In any case where the final proof shall be transmitted to you, as contemplated in this act, and the full amount of money due shall be paid, you will carefully examine the proof, and if no objection appears, proceed to issue the receipt and certificate in the case, and make proper returns to this office as a basis of a patent or complete title for the homestead, pursuant to existing laws. If any objection appears you will promptly notify the party and advise him of his rights in the matter.

Your attention is further directed to an act approved the same day, entitled "An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws." Under this statute a party desiring to change his claim under a pre-emption filing to that of a homestead entry should be required, on making the change, to appear at the proper land office, with his witnesses, and show full compliance with the pre-emption law to date of such change as has heretofore been required in transmutation cases, proof of such compliance to be forwarded with the entry papers to this office. When the party applies to make final proof he must show continued residence and cultivation as required by the homestead law.

In case an adverse claim has attached to the land, due notice, in accordance with the rules of practice, must be given all parties in interest of the time and place of submitting proof in support of the application to make such change. The adverse claimants will be entitled to the privilege of cross questioning the applicant's witnesses and of offering counter proof.

Very respectfully, J. A. WILLIAMSON, Com'r. A ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER.—A young lady, living not a thousand miles from Jackson creek, recently discovered her young brother out behind the wood-shed, gallantly puffing away at a dried mountain balm cigarette. "There, young man!" she exclaimed, "the cigarette quickly disappeared behind the boy's back; 'I'll tell father on you, see if I don't!" "Yes, you tell 'em!" retorted the young reprobate, suddenly recovering himself; "you tell 'em, will you! and then see how soon that feller of yours will skip. I'll tell father how you and him were sittin' on the parlor sofa, an' 'im huggin' you like thunder. You jes go an' tell—that's all I ask." The young lady discreetly withdrew, and the eloquent statesman finished his smoke in watchful silence.

GLANDERS.—The Salem Mercury learns that the disease known as glanders is prevailing to a limited extent amongst the horses in this State. That editor says the disease is highly contagious and said to be always fatal, and that farcy is only another stage of the same disease, and that it sometimes proves fatal in one week and seldom runs longer than six weeks, and that it is liable to be transmitted to man himself. If these things be so, farmers and stock men should keep a close watch on their horses.

CURIOSITY SHOP.—Hawks can fly at the rate of 150 miles an hour. Ducks can fly at the rate of 90 miles an hour.

The crow can fly at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The sparrow can fly at the rate of 92 miles an hour. The falcon can fly at the rate of 73 miles an hour.

Frogs live from 12 to 15 years—if not eaten. 120,000 little mouths or pores are found upon one square inch of a lilac leaf. Sound moves at the rate of 12 1/2 miles a minute.

3,000 stars only are visible to the naked eye. Countless millions are revealed by the telescope. Some are so remote that their light, traveling at the rate of 200,000 miles a second, cannot arrive at our little planet in less than 14,000 years.

The different species of birds are estimated at 6,000. The different species of fishes will probably reach 10,000. The different species of reptiles will probably reach 2,000.

There are 250,000 species of living animals. The wings of some animals are so thin that 60,000 placed upon the other would not form a heap of more than a quarter of an inch in height.

25,000 eggs of a silk-worm weigh one quarter of an ounce. The worm lives from 45 to 53 days. It increases in weight in 30 days 8,000 fold, and during the last 25 days of its life eats nothing. Glass windows were first used for lights in 1180.

Chimneys were first put to houses in 1236. Tallow candles for lights in 1260. Spectacles invented by an Italian in 1248. Woolen cloth made in England in 1341.

Art of printing from movable type in 1440. THERE are many persons who do not know how to stop a newspaper. They are more awkward about it than a boy stealing his first kiss. The way to do it with satisfaction to both parties is to address the publisher by letter, if you do not live near enough to call at his office. It is no way to notify the postmaster, or some one else. Three postmasters in four will fail to notify the office of publication. They look upon it as your business more than theirs. The right way is as genteel and pleasant as the other is suspicious and shabby. If you are for a few weeks or month over the time, tender the amount due. It is a little thing, but it will be a great satisfaction to your conscience, as every one is presumed to have one of some kind. Stop your paper like a man, and your own self-respect and the esteem of the publisher is maintained. Then you can look him in the eye or take him by the hand, and he will feel proud to think you were once one of his most gentlemanly patrons, and wish you would subscribe again.

SALT LAKE, May 3d.—Mormons throughout the Territory are secretly arming, equipping and drilling with a view to resist the arrest of Brigham Young should the present grand jury, which is composed of Gentiles, find an indictment against him. The Mormon co-operative store, which is controlled by Brigham himself, is receiving and shipping to various settlements of ammunition and breach-loading rifles. Reports concerning these facts are coming in from all quarters, and the feeling of uneasiness among Gentiles is manifesting itself. The matter has been placed before Gov. Emory, but he is a Mormon of the S. B. Ax-tell type, spending about half his time with Mormon apostles and can see no trouble brewing. Gentiles realize that he commands the situation, but have no confidence in his integrity and therefore they watch the secret arming of Mormons with much solicitude.

A JUDGE'S POWER.—Judge Deady held in a case last Saturday, at Portland, that he had a right to instruct the jury that the manner of a certain witness showed him to be anxious to evade the truth. And further that he has a right to argue the whole case to the jury, if he chooses, with the same latitude that a lawyer has; and that this has been affirmed to be the law by the United States Supreme Court in the last few years. He says, however, that he seldom exercises this extraordinary power.

THE young ladies of Calapooia got smart a few days ago, and agreed not to countenance any young man who smoked, chewed, drank or played cards; and now the young men propose to abstain from going with any young lady who has store teeth, wears a pin-back and allows her mother to do the washing.

TELEGRAPH IMPROVEMENT.—From the Portland Telegram we take this:

The W. U. Telegraph Company have made arrangements for the complete reconstruction of their line between Portland and Sacramento. It is also their intention to construct an entire new line between those two cities. Already two lines are running between Portland and Roseburg, one of which is used entirely for railroad business. Beyond Roseburg and thence through to Reading, a distance of three hundred miles, there is but one line. During the winter season, owing to the prevalence of severe storms, the line is prostrated from time to time, and the work of repairing is at times attended with great difficulty and exposure. One line has been found entirely inadequate for the purpose. Private commercial dispatches take the precedence, and the press dispatches are often delayed. By the construction of the new line the company will be able to receive dispatches on one line and transmit on the other, thus facilitating business to a great degree. The work will be under the charge of Mr. John Crouch, who will employ a force of twelve men to complete the work, commencing at the car shops and proceeding south, constructing and repairing as they progress. New poles will be put in wherever it is found necessary, and the wires which are now attached to the poles by "brackets" will hereafter be attached to arms placed across the top of the poles. The work will be commenced at once and pushed as rapidly as possible forward to completion.

WASHINGTON, May 4th.—The Cabinet was in session nearly three hours to-day, and it was decided to postpone the extra session of Congress until the 15th of October next. This change of the original programme was made upon careful consideration of the general interests of the country with almost a unanimity of desire, on the part of the business community, as well as of members of Congress themselves as far as they could be consulted, that there should be no session of Congress this Summer; and, upon much inquiry into all the circumstances of the case, it was found that without any immediate appropriation of money the army would be clothed and supplied with all its necessities, and that until the 15th of October that only one regular pay day has to be passed. It was also considered that if Congress meets in October it may remain in continued session and finish its business before next Summer, so as to avoid the inconvenience of the hot season next year as well as this, and the proclamation calling an extra session on October 15th is to be issued without delay.

THE BRIDAL CHAMBER.—He was tall and awkward, and she was short and bashful, but both were a nervous aspect of exceeding great joy. They entered a hotel in Chicago, and after he had registered his name "and lady," he said to the clerk: "See here, mister, me and my wife have just been spliced, and I'm going to show Annie Chicago, if it takes a mule a day. Now give me one of them rooms like the Temple of Solomon, you know?"

The clerk called a hall boy and said: "Show this gentleman to the bridal chamber." At this the tall rustic became instantly excited. "Not by a darned sight! Ye shiny-haired, biled-a-shirt, ed, dollar-brest-pinned, grinning monkey, you can't play that on me! If I am from the country you don't catch me and my wife sleeping in your old harness room!"

And they left the hotel. A CORRESPONDENT of the Chicago Tribune gives the following as a sure cure for fever and ague: "Take equal parts of turpentine and laudanum; shake thoroughly; apply to the spine with a sponge or cloth, beginning at the hair, and passing down the whole length. Use twice a day, and just before the chill comes on. Do not rub it in, or it will be apt to take the skin off. I have never known this remedy to fail. It cured seven of our own family after suffering from this disease for a number of years. This was twenty years ago, and we have never, any of us, had a shake since. It will also cure dumb-ague and congestive chills."

THE first choice of a seat at Mr. Edwin Booth's first performance in San Francisco was sold, it is recorded, for \$100. His first appearance on the stage was made before an audience of small boys and girls in Baltimore, who were admitted to the juvenile theatre for an enormous fee of two cents.

SOME people like oysters on a half-shell, others quail on toast, but as for us, we prefer eagles on twenty-dollar gold pieces.