

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1886

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AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

The Washington correspondent of the Oregonian says that Oregon swamp lands are now receiving the attention of the interior department. In round numbers there are 97,000 acres that the department has certified to the State, but has not issued a patent thereon. This tract is a part of the selection made by the government, and the special agent appointed several years ago by the government to act in conjunction with the State agent, it being alleged that bribery Agent falsely certified as swamp much land that was not so in reality, the government has just dispatched Special Agent Shackelford to investigate the charges. Acting on Shackelford's report, on the 10th inst., the secretary of the interior ordered the commissioner of the general land office to suspend action on all those lands until the subject could be fully investigated by him. This investigation is now in progress and the basis of the agent's report is a certain written agreement. The persons here interested in these lands state that the agreement in question was between the Oregon and State land claimants, whereby he should receive \$42,000 for effecting the sale to eastern capitalists of tracts of land claimed by H. C. Owen; that this was a legitimate transaction and was not entered into for the purpose of inducing the agent to make false certification. They hold the lands so certified as swamp. While in Oregon Shackelford secured either the original or a copy of the agreement. This is guarded here by the department as though a gold mine. The agreement contains certain conditions, but mysteriously intimates that the agreement contains more than others will admit. Commissioner Sparks was asked to give the status of the case, but he declined to say anything more than that it is undergoing careful examination. The report of the general land office shows the amount of land patented to the State is only 30,300 acres, while the land claimed by the State, 348,000, of which only 97,000 has been certified to Oregon by the government, but is yet unexpended.

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KLAMATH COUNTY ITEMS.

Charley Parrish of Linkville is quite ill, we are sorry to learn.  
This winter weather is more agreeable than is usually the case.  
Both the balls at Linkville on Christmas were well attended and duly enjoyed.  
C. S. Sergeant has been appointed assessor of the estate of J. P. Roberts, an insolvent debtor.  
H. G. McLaughlin, Linkville's popular merchant tailor, talks of leaving, we are sorry to learn.  
Christmas passed off finely in this section and the balance of the holidays has not been broken.  
Stages are now running on winter time and are not as regular as they have been, owing to the bad roads.  
The new backroads for the Western Stage Co. have arrived from Yreka, Cal., and are now running between Linkville and Ashland.  
We hear that parties of English capitalists are buying timber and land in the Klamath lake basin, to which section they intend building a branch railroad in connection with the Oregon Short Line, and eventually extending it to Yreka via Linkville and Klamath river, and northern California are likely to have several railroads within a few years more, all of which will connect with San Francisco through this county.  
Deputy U. S. Marshal Charles Erush has been ordered to make a certification of the Cascades to a point where Nevada, California and Oregon join. He does not know anywhere, not even on the summit of the Cascades, but plenty of mud. The mud is green, and is full of cattle looking like Mr. Frush had the hay he went after, and attacked it with a mad and light receipt. The mud is about 600 tons of it, and being out of the swamp land of course it is worthless. The mud is worth about \$6 per ton.—Oregonian, Dec. 28th.

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RAILROAD ITEMS.

The best and cheapest mining blanks for sale at the Times office.  
Much placer mining is going on in Josephine county at the present time.  
Long McQuinn of Forest creek has no full supply of water, but has done some work already.  
A correspondent says that the miners in the vicinity of Woodville have an abundance of water and are busy.  
Frank Baker of Willow Springs has enough water to finish cleaning up some ground left over from last season.  
A fresh supply of the American Mining Code, standard authority on the subject, has just been received at the Times office.  
The Sterling Mining Co. has been operating one pipe for several days past and will soon have enough water to start the other.  
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