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NEWS ITEMS.

One hundred and sixty guns received in Grant county have been distributed among the citizens.

The citizens of Portland have contributed over \$1,800 for the relief of the distressed in Eastern Oregon.

Rarus trotted a third trial at Toledo on the 20th making the mile in 2:16, being the fastest ever made on a half mile track.

The attempt to divide Alaska territory on the 100th meridian will fail. All sections of the territory are opposed to the division.

The exact cost of the construction of the Paris exhibition buildings and grounds is now estimated at 45,800,000 francs, or \$9,060,000.

A few years ago it excited no suspicion to see a bank president go into a railroad ticket office. But now—how sadly times have changed!

A London dispatch reports the heat very great in Europe. In Paris, in some parts of the Exposition buildings, the temperature is unbearable.

A lot of Chinese were shipped from San Francisco by the last trip of the Alaska, for Peru, under contract to work three years at \$16 per month, on a sugar plantation.

The man who goes to a strawberry festival and discovers the loss of his \$5 bill just after treating seventeen handsome girls to the delicacies of the occasion has some slight idea of how it feels to be run over by a wagon-load of hay.

The Grant county Times thinks the Malheur reservation will be thrown open to settlement as soon as the present Indian war is over. The reservation abounds in fine fertile valleys, and for a stock range, is the best in Eastern Oregon.

Soldiers of camp followers (which it is not known) conducted themselves worse than the Binnocks while Howard was on the John Day, by entering dwelling houses and stealing clothing, bedding and sundry other articles belonging to the settlers.

The contract for carrying the mail between Port Townsend and Victoria has been let by the Canadian postal authorities to Mr. L. M. Starr at an annual rate of compensation greater than was ever given before. The service will be performed at least twice a week.

A Walla Walla paper says: "Men who continually shoot off their mouths about what they would do if they were Gen. Howard seldom ever shoot off a gun in defense of their country, unless out of meat, in which case they might shoot a hog in the ear."

Some days ago, Nannie, aged fourteen, daughter of Capt. St. Smith of Umatilla county, was accidentally shot by Frank Layton, a volunteer, who was handling a gun to which he was not accustomed. The ball shattered the ankle. She was taken to Walla Walla where the limb was amputated. Her condition is critical.

The Stockton Independent says: "Every little while we read of some one who has struck a rusty nail in his foot or some other part of his person, and lockjaw has resulted therefrom. All such wounds can be healed without any fatal consequences. The remedy is simple. It is only to smoke such a wound, or any wound or bruise that is inflamed, with burning wool or wool-n cloth. Twenty minutes in the smoke of wool will take the pain out of the worst case of inflammation arising from any wound we ever saw."

On the Fourth of July a law revivifying the whipping post went into effect in Virginia, and hereafter petty criminals will be treated with cat-o'-nine tails. The salute was enacted as an attempt at retrenchment, the jails of the Commonwealth having become crowded with offenders, who, to procure a few weeks board without work, commit minor crimes; and on the assumption that nobody will rob a hen-roost solely to enjoy a thrashing, the law is expected to reduce crime and expense at the same time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bessie Turner has been eclipsed by a Kansas woman who claims to have been carried four miles and married to a man she hates, while in her sleep.

The evidence is nearly all submitted in the Fitzjohn Potter trial, and the impression prevails that he will be acquitted and restored to his rank in the regular army.

Something very unusual is announced by exchanges, and that is that in the Willamette valley late sown grain is drying up for want of rain. Some fields have been out for hay, and others have been plowed up in readiness for planting the fall. The same thing is true in the Walla Walla region, where the crops are being literally burnt up by the intense heat and lack of rain.

Mr. Edison has made a contract with the Western Union Telegraph company by which all his electrical and magnetic inventions become the property of the company. These include his telephone which the company considers the most useful telephone invention. The company hopes to establish telephone communications with a less 4,000 towns, too small to support the expense of a telegraph operator.

The Argonaut lays out the next political programme. It was arranged at Sacramento, last winter, that Irwin shall be nominated for Governor, and Frank McCoppin for Lieutenant. At the same time the R-publicans made a slate with George Evans, of San Joaquin, for Governor. A non-partisan movement is on foot, to nominate John F. Swift for Governor, and W. J. of San Bernardino, for Lieutenant.

It is reported by telegraph that Emperor William is nearly helpless but his physicians entertain hopes of his recovery. His slow recovery is attributed to the loss of blood and the shock to his system. The attending physicians ought to know the Emperor's real condition, but the above report of extreme feebleness must be accepted as irrefragable with earlier reports of his almost complete recovery. It is evident that he was more severely injured than at first reported.

The Sairo tunnel tapped the Comstock Lode on the night of the 8th inst, and the event caused great rejoicing in Virginia City. The work was commenced on the 10th of October, 1869, and has cost about \$1,000,000. The tunnel is 20,170 feet in length, and is expected to drain the mines of the Comstock to the depth of 2,000 feet; to furnish ventilation, and to serve as a tramway for bringing out low-grade ores. The connection was made in the shaft of the Savage Mine.

There is great need of improving the entrance to Coos bay. It is believed that one or two hundred thousand dollars judiciously expended in building a jetty at or near Rocky Point, on the inside of the entrance, will direct and keep the channel to the seaward along the great natural breakwater protecting the entrance to the bay on the south side, thus insuring a straight channel and constant deep water. No part of Oregon has greater natural resources than the section which would be tributary to Coos Bay, if the harbor were improved.

THE OAK GROVE CANARD.—The Dallas Inland Empire says: Twenty five strapping stalwart young fellows under command of Capt. N. B. Humphrey, of Albany, arrived here last Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock, having marched acrossed the Cascade mountains. The passenger train having left for Celilo before their arrival, they went out on the freight train at 9 o'clock and took their departure for Celilo at an early hour on Tuesday morning. They came by Oak Grove and pronounce the whole story of the said upon the place a hoax from beginning to end. It was started by a drover who had 170 head of cattle to sell at Portland, and who wanted to raise the price of beef by circulating the story that all the cattle in Tygh valley had been driven off by the Indians. We can imagine no more despicable action.

Feminine Brevities.

When Emerson recklessly wrote, "Every natural action is graceful," had he ever seen an angry woman throw a stone at a cow?

Can love die? inquires Mary E Neely in a recently published poem. It cannot, though it gets dreadfully adjourned occasionally.

A Parisian elegante has as many bonnets as she has dresses; also as many boots, shoes, gloves, stockings and even parasols to correspond.

An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he lost his divinity. Alas, cried he, I flattered her until she got too proud to speak to me.

When asked how the ladies were dressed at a fashionable party the other evening, a modest youth replied: About as much as an oyster on the half shell.

How nicely the corn pops, said a young man who was sitting with his sweet-heart before the fire. Yes, she responded, demurely, its got over being green.

Nearly every woman who has attained intellectual eminence was a tomboy in her childhood and did not wear corsets. Charlotte Cushman was that sort of a little girl.

Edisons very, very, very latest invention is the tasimeter, to measure pressure. Every young lady should wear one about her waist as evidence in a suit for breach of promise.

Nilson cannot be induced to sing while she is taking a vacation. She says she has to observe so many precautions against taking cold when she sings that she cannot enjoy herself.

The man who never saw two women in Shaker bonnets trying to catch other has never experienced the rejuvenating power of laugh that could throw him down and kick him in the ribs.

At Miss Platts wedding at the White House no lace was worn on the brides dress; her wedding gown, men or bridesmaids, and there was no wine, but lemonade, tea, coffee and ice-water.

A little girl was reproved for playing out doors with boys and informed that being seven years old, she was too big for that now. But, with all imaginable innocence, she replied. Why, the bigger we grow the better we like 'em.

Whipping Posts in Virginia. The new criminal code of Virginia becomes operative on the first day of July. Under its provisions at least one whipping-post must be established in each city and county within the State. When that is done imprisonment for petty larceny will be abolished, except for second offenses, or when the judgment of the Court, the condition of a female offender may render stripes inadvisable. Public opinion is greatly divided in the State on the matter, and nothing but the poverty of the old Commonwealth led to the change. Her prisons are crowded with petty thieves, and their maintenance is a great drain on the limited income of the State. The right of appeal from a judgment of a Justice to a jury was given when the whipping-post was selected as a means of punishment. Its re-establishment is expected to lead to a reduction of both expenses and thievery. Upon the workings of the new Virginia statute will depend the spreading of the system to other Southern States.

In Michigan the political organization that goes by the name of the Democratic party declares that gold and silver is the money of the constitution, and all paper currency should be convertible into such coin at the will of the holder. It is a good doctrine for any party. But on the same day upon which it was uttered in Michigan the party in Missouri which goes by the same name resolved. We demand the immediate and unconditional repeal of the resumption act. Legal tender notes, commonly called greenbacks, should be tender in payment of all debts, public and private. Who is the statesman to reconcile the positions as a presidential candidate.

Dr. Hitzel of Leipzig has patented a fabric claimed to be penetrable to water and gas, which he calls gasbuck, or gas-cloth. It is made by placing a large, smooth piece of so-called gutta-percha paper between two pieces of some not too coarse and dense material—such as addressed shirting—and then passing the arrangement between heated rollers. The outer pieces of shirting combine intimately with the enclosed gutta-percha to form a material which is impervious by gas and water. It may be made still denser and more resistant by being coated on both sides with copal lac. The substance is conveniently flexible, and, it is said, will remain proof against variable influence of weather and external temperature. It can be applied to all those purposes for which water-proof material is used, and it is well adapted to form gas-tight membranes for regulators of pressure of compressed gas, bags or sacks for dry gasometers, as also dry gas reservoirs.

The Stockton Independent, in an article on A Change in Our Indian Policy Needed, has the following sensible remarks. We think that the management of Indian affairs should be wholly entrusted to the military department. The system of keeping accounts in the army is so rigidly strict that an officer could not possibly pursue the thieving system practiced by many of the present agents with impunity. In cases of difficulties with the Indians the military arm of the government is brought into play to effect settlements and restore peace, and it would seem to be better that the whole thing should be entrusted to the military in the first place. Had the business devolving upon the agencies been all along conducted by honorable soldiers instead of thieving civilians, we would have had fewer Indian depredations and a stronger feeling of security among settlers in the frontier.

A PRETTY FRAUD.—When a woman turns swindler, she often shows a talent which few men possess. She has a degree of tact, delicacy, finesse, and downright boldness, which we rarely find in the other sex. Recently a woman claiming to be a Polish countess first-class adventurers are frequently Poles, and said to be pretty, well-educated and exceedingly shrewd, has been swindling jewelers on the European Continent. After getting diamonds, necklaces, bracelets and ear-rings, of the rarest and richest pattern on credit, she would suddenly decamp. The jewelry she would dispose of to various persons, pretending that abrupt change of fortune had compelled her to part with it which she did with great pain, as it had long been in her family. She had astonishing success in many of the leading capitals, having defrauded it is said, different firms of \$06,000 to 1,000,000 francs (\$160,000 to \$200,000). She has been arrested within two or three weeks in Vienna, and is in prison there. She is so handsome, plausible, and winning in manner—she does not appear to be over 25—and is so very astute that it is thought she may yet escape justice. Most of the men she has swindled had been wholly or partially in love with her. Love-making, indeed, she has made a branch of her dishonest art.

It is has been the popular belief that Ireland sent more immigrants than any other country in Europe. Superintendent Jackson, of New York, says this is a mistake. In his compilation of the statistics of immigration of the last thirty years, he makes it appear that Germany and Ireland has each furnished over two millions to our population, but that Germany is ahead about one hundred thousand souls. These figures relate to New York alone, but it is well known that the great bulk of the immigration is received at that port.