

LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER.

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Here and There.

Interesting Bits of News Taken from all sources.

Little Elgin is making up a carload of provisions for the Nebraska sufferers.

So far, as has been reported to the Farmer this season the crop of dried prunes for the Northwest will be 3,600,000 pounds.

A couple of carloads of negroes have been imported from the South to work the coal mines of Coos Bay.—Oregon Independent.

A Nehalem boy swallowed a revolver cartridge the other day and now his mother don't dare whip him for fear he'll go off.—Ex.

One of the bills before the next legislature will be to prohibit the sale of cigarettes entirely. They are the ruin of the youth of the country, and is the coffin nail that gives the downward start.

The latest sensation at Astoria is a sliding mountain, which appears to be traveling toward the bay. Four or five houses have been moved a distance of from two to five feet, and in one instance a dwelling was toppled over so that the slightest jar will send it tumbling down.

The Lakeview Examiner gives an account of rabbit drives in that section, which resulted in the slaughter of 3500 jack rabbits. The rodents had become so troublesome in destroying crops and gardens, that they formed a combination to surround a large extent of country and drive them into a corral, where they were killed.

There are 1,800 Indians on the Nez Perce reservation, who will soon receive from Uncle Sam \$330 in part payment for his share of land in the reserve. These lands will be sold to actual settlers at \$3.75 an acre on time. This will reimburse the government for the payment to the Indians.—Oregon Independent.

R. R. Banker disappeared from Portland last July, and his family said he had fallen from a raft of logs near Pennoyer's mill into the Willamette river and was drowned. A. L. Miller, and his son Harry testified under oath that they were fishing with Banker at the time of his drowning, and in consequence of this testimony Mrs. Banker was paid \$2,000 life insurance carried by Banker in the A. O. U. W. Banker was later traced to Iowa and arrested and will be returned to Portland. The Hunters, accused of perjury, were also taken into custody, and the chances are that Mrs. Banker, now in Iowa, will likewise be a defendant. The Bankers and the Hunters will doubtless go to Salem for a generous sojourn.—Junction City Times.

The handiwork of probably the youngest fire fiend in the state came near destroying the Occidental Hotel last Friday afternoon about three o'clock. Dense volumes of smoke were seen issuing from three rooms on the second floor of the building and an alarm was turned in, to which the department responded promptly. The flames were quickly extinguished, not however until the furniture and bedding in the three rooms had been ruined. It seems that Charley Smith, the three-year-old grand-son of Mr. Schmidt the proprietor of the hotel, had lighted a candle and applied the blaze to the bedding in each room, "just for fun." The loss was adjusted Monday. The furniture upon which a damage of \$134 had been sustained, was insured in the Aetna, Royal and Westchester insurance companies. The building was covered by policies in the L. L. & G. and Phoenix, which companies sustained a loss of only \$23.35.—Corvallis Gazette.

A young blood of Condon tore up \$60 in bills and threw them in the stove the other day, just to show he didn't care for money.

From November 1, to December 8, 1894, the exodus from this country of passengers by steamer was 25,544, and the arrivals during November by steamer were 12,886.

Though pardoned and sent from the State penitentiary about 1 o'clock the matter was done so quietly that the evening papers did not get the item for that day. Superintendent Downing went with Saunders until he saw him put feet on Washington at Kalama.—Albany Democrat.

Another of those unloaded guns was discharged last Monday on the Umatilla reservation about two miles from Adams, wounding Narcisse Lacouse, a half-breed. The weapon was an old disused gun, the trigger of which was pulled several times with no response. Finally the gun went off hitting Lacouse and causing a flesh wound. The bullet was removed, and the accident was found to occasion no serious results.

Smith Brothers' livery barn, burned at Newberg last week, will be rebuilt at once. The loss, \$2000, falls heavily on the owners, who are unable to stand it. Help will be extended by the citizens. Within fourteen hours from the time the fire was discovered, a load of lumber was on the ground for the new barn, which will be 40x80 feet, the same size as the main part of the old one. Nearly \$250 in cash or lumber has been subscribed, besides liberal donations in feed and supplies, and work enough to build the barn.

The need for quick and cheap communication up and down the Oregon coast was never better demonstrated than at present. With a large output of wool in Curry county, and the shipping the past season of from forty to fifty tons of wool, there is a scarcity of wool at the Bandon woolen mills, and Bandon is now importing wool from San Francisco by schooner, to enable the mill to run. Owing to the lack of communication along the coast, Southwestern Oregon cannot supply the wool market of Bandon, which is but a few miles distant. Thus Curry county ships its wool product to San Francisco, and Bandon then imports it from San Francisco, instead of from Oregon ports direct.

Mrs. Geo. Wallace, of this city, received a letter last week from her sister, Miss Kittridge, who resides at Silver Lake, stating that she and her father were at the Christmas tree services on the night of the terrible holocaust; that after the programme had been completed, and the work of distributing the presents had begun, a lamp exploded in the store room and the entire building was soon in flames, and the floor fell with its unfortunate victim. Mr. Kittridge jumped out of the window and saved himself, and Miss Kittridge escaped with her hat scorched. The press dispatches still assert that the lamp exploded in the hall, but this is likely improbable.—Times.

The following from the Dalles Times Mountaineer shows what wonderful birds the Celestials are for spreading out: The Mongolian pheasant and California and Oregon quail which were let loose on Fifteen Mile creek two years ago have multiplied wonderfully, and they can be seen almost any hour in the day. They have not been molested since they were turned loose, and sporting men of Dufur have not disturbed them in their haunts. In a few years Fifteen Mile creek will be a paradise for game, and nimrods will have plenty of sport in the vicinity. Some of those interested in game, among them Johnson Brothers and C. P. Balch, at Dufur will send to Iowa for some Bob White quails this winter, and let them mingle with the former denizens of the woods and glens around Fifteen Mile creek. The sportsmen in that neighborhood have imported dogs and other means for royal hunts in the future, and they are good shots.

The Heppner Record has retired from business, printing its last paper last week. It makes no complaint, but turns up its little toes cheerfully, and manfully. It says that "Onward and Upward" was the motto, and that it has gone onward ever since it started, and now it goes "upward."

A peculiarity of the blind is that there is seldom one of them who smokes. Soldiers and sailors accustomed to smoking and who have lost their sight in action, continue to smoke for a short while, but soon give up the habit. They say it affords them no pleasure when they cannot see the smoke.

After a rest during the holidays, the carriage factory at Corvallis started up again. Mr. DeBurgh states that the new material for manufacture of wagons, has been delayed on the road and has not yet arrived. When the material arrives additional force will be put to work and Oregon can boast of home manufactured wagons.

It is authoritatively reported by Dunn & Bradstreet's record that 80 per cent of the business men that fail, try to do business without advertising. The report of the above firm, unquestionably the most reliable in this country, should serve as a guide to the beginner in commercial pursuits and a warning to the unsuccessful at present engaged in business.—Ex.

Lizzie J. Anderson arrived at Lakeview with her witnesses from Bowden, Or., last Saturday, to prove up on her land in that section. Bowden is about two hundred miles east of Lakeview, in the extreme southeast corner of the state, and as they have to travel in a roundabout way, they traveled over four hundred miles and were more than a week on the road.

W. S. Hastings was running his horse-power wood saw at Walla Walla last Monday, with the assistance of two men, and to all intents and purposes the saw was in good condition when the men began work. After working a while the saw, like grandfathers clock, stopped short, never to go again. The men began to investigate and found that the fly wheel had suddenly disappeared. It had bursted, and that, too, without making any noise. So silently did it fly away that the stopping of the saw was the only indication that anything was wrong. One piece flew a quarter of a mile away.—Milton Eagle.

The reports that the Indians are showing signs of renewing the ghost dance that were interrupted by the troops in 1891 may be doubted. The main inspiration of the ghost-dancing craze was the Messiah to appear according to contract will prevent most of the tribesmen from being deluded a second time into a rebellion on the same promise. The Indians who have a grievance would start on a raid at once if they thought they could escape punishment. But those who are suffering from neglect are small in number and they have had convincing proof that the government has the force to put down any uprising in summary fashion. The chance for an Indian war need worry nobody.

William Fletcher, father of Frank Fletcher, has shown a tenacity of purpose in befriending his son which is remarkable. In 1892, when his son was arrested for the murder of Petri, William Fletcher, although somewhat in debt, was prosperous. He immediately pledged his name and property and raised money to secure counsel for defense, and his friends assert that the trials cost him \$5,000. He did not stop when his son had been convicted, but paid the expenses for defending Peter Gaskell in both trials, and to the last was hopeful of success. The boys went to Salem, Frank for life on a charge of murder in the second degree, and Peter ten years for assault with a dangerous weapon. Mr. Fletcher still kept at work. He finally secured a pardon from Governor Pennoyer and both boys came home. Now, in spite of his son's record, Mr. Fletcher still stands by him.

Two boys were arrested at Oregon City the other day, for malicious snowballing. One was charged with putting a brick in his snowball and assaulting a chinaman with it, but, by a slip in making out the complaint, the offense was alleged to have been committed in 1894, and the jury acquitted the youngster. On the other boy, sentence was suspended during good behavior.

The regular holiday boom edition racket is again being worked in several towns of the state by the newspapers. These papers will be sent East to be read and laughed at by those people, who will readily recognize the boom articles as "paid matter." Preparation of a community or state is always beneficial, but boom editions are out of date.—North Yamhill Record.

Stock Inspector Miller, of Lone Rock, informs the Condon Globe that the number of sheep in Gilliam county is 138,183; number of bands 68. There is less disease among sheep in the county than for years, there being only one band affected with scab, and the sheep of this have been carefully dipped and are almost cured. Mr. Miller says sheepmen generally are in better spirits this year than last.

There is a city called Portland "down East," in the state of Maine, and there is another Portland "out West," in Oregon. The latter city is the largest in points of population, according to the census of 1890, by about eleven thousand, but the "down East" Portland is the oldest, and the number of its inhabitants is enumerated as 36,608.—N. Y. Paper Trade.

After being out fourteen hours the jury in the Steeve murder trial at Portland, brought in a verdict at 1:30 last Saturday of manslaughter for complicity in the murder of G. W. Sayres. The case will be appealed to the supreme court. Eight of the jury were at first in favor of a verdict of murder in the first degree but finally compromised on manslaughter.—Albany Herald.

A particularly sad incident in connection with the Silver Lake tragedy was the case of John Small a well known stockraiser of Lake county. Mr Small had just started east with a band of horses and had reached Burns, Harney county, when he heard that his son was one of the victims of the fire. He started to return immediately, and in nineteen hours covered a distance of two hundred miles on horseback. He arrived just in time to see the bones of his son laid to rest in the common grave with the other victims.—Sun.

By earnest work the relief committee of the La Grande Commercial League has secured a contribution of 20,000 pounds of provision from the citizens here for the Nebraska sufferers. Monday, there will be forwarded from La Grande, six carloads of supplies, being two cars of flour, two of wheat, one of choice vegetables, and one of lumber. The towns of Island City, Elgin and Summerville put in two cars of contribution. The six cars will be labeled with painted signs to show Oregon's queen valley has an abundance and more to spare for the needy.

A bank teller of Vienna recently died from the effect of moistening his fingers with saliva at the lips when counting money. At the first revision of vaults it fell to his lot to count a large number of small bills and, although repeatedly warned, continued mechanically to touch his lips when his fingers became too dry. That evening he felt a smarting pain in his lip, but did not attend to it until a swelling had set in the next day. He then consulted a surgeon, who insisted on an operating on the tumor, that had in the meantime assumed alarming proportions, as indispensable. A consultation of eminent specialists declared his condition critical, but decided upon the operation as a possible chance. In spite of the operation the patient died three days after the blood poisoning.

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