

NEIGHBORING TOWNS

PROGRESS AND DOINGS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Magazine of Interesting and Spicy News From All the Cities and Towns on the Coast—Thrill and Industry in Every Quarter—Oregon.

Eastern Oregon hills will rejoice in fine crop of bunchgrass this year, owing to abundant moisture.

Bids are being received by the sisters of Joseph's academy, Pendleton, for an addition to the school, which will cost some \$7,000.

Klamath county owes in warrants and interest \$73,737.41. The resources, including unpaid taxes since 1892, as assessed, are \$18,540.20.

The annual convention of Benton county's Sunday school association convenes at Corvallis, May 5 and 6. Mrs. J. M. Joss is president.

A human skeleton was unearthed in an alluvial lick on the middle fork of the John Day river last week. It is supposed to be that of an Indian.

The state university is rejoiced over the fact that four of the Multnomah county nominees for representatives are graduates from that institution.

The Dalles citizens are considering the feasibility of putting in an electric power plant system and of purchasing by subscription a chemical engine.

Sheep-shearing in the southern part of Wasco county has begun in real earnest, and in a short time the wool crop of 1895 will begin arriving in The Dalles.

Placer mining has been commenced in all over Eastern Oregon. This promises to be a very prosperous season for this industry, owing to the abundance of peopple water.

The Fossil Journal says divorces are more numerous than marriages in Gilliam county. Five divorces were granted at the session of circuit court in one week.

The 9-year-old son of Mr. Roberts, of Grant's Pass, fell thirty feet from a tree top and struck his head on a rotten log. The boy was unconscious twelve hours, but will recover.

A large amount of wheat is being received daily at the warehouses in The Dalles. It is part of last year's crop that was held by the farmers who were not satisfied with prices last fall.

Trains running through Pendleton have been swarming lately with hobs and large numbers have been stopping off there. The railroad yards contain good-sized populations each night.

A. S. Bassett died at the home of his son, near Halsey, in Linn county, at the age of 72. Mr. Bassett was a pioneer of 1851, coming to Oregon from New York state. He left a widow and several children.

Robert Harris, a promising young Indian, is at the Chemawa Indian school from Alaska. He says many Indian children in the territory are anxious to come to the school, and he will probably be able to make arrangements for their doing so.

A family named Smith, who had been living in a tent below John Day, lost their little boy last week under distressing circumstances. The little fellow had eaten a wild parsnip which he found in that vicinity, and only lived a few hours thereafter.

The late rains have swollen Coos river to a higher mark than for years past. The low places in the bottom lands have been covered to a depth of several feet, but very little damage is reported. If the rain keeps on though it is feared it will cause a destructive flood.

W. R. Cunningham and A. S. Rine, of Fremont, Neb., have been for the past week engaged in buying a band of something over 6,000 2 and 3-year-old wethers in Grant county, to be driven to Nebraska and fed next winter on corn grown on Mr. Rine's 1280-acre farm, to prepare them for the Chicago market next spring. The prices paid were from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per head.

Since January 17 last, the treasurer of Benton county has received from the sheriff in taxes, including the sum received from the distribution of the Oregon Pacific sale fund, the sum of \$56,846.95. Of this sum a lump of city and county warrants turned in by Sheriff Osburn, and which had been turned in on taxes on the 1895 roll, aggregated \$13,000.30. Of this amount \$776.64 was in city warrants.

The Corvallis Times says that the jig "up with the old steamer Three Sisters. During the late high water she was towed out on the river bank below Corvallis, and she is to be dismantled. Her hull had become so decayed and leaky that the company decided that her day of usefulness was over. The work of taking out her machinery and other useful parts will be commenced in a few days. The Sisters was built by the O. D. Co. in the year 1887.

Little Banna Knox, so badly burned recently in Gilliam county that skin-grafting had to be resorted to, is doing well and the skin has begun to grow and spread. The skin used is being peeled off of the editor of the Fossil Journal, for the reason, that paper

says, "the doctor decided that it must come off of some one having a healthy skin, and a clean heart and a right spirit within him, and he being the only person in town possessed of all these requisites. If the little girl don't make a mighty smart woman when she grows up, we'll miss our guess."

Washington.

The first number of the Cheney Free Press has been issued.

The town of Ritzville is advertising for bids for funding bonds, in the sum of \$5,700 on May 19, 1895.

William Swafford pleaded guilty of burglary before Judge Denney, in Snohomish, and was given one year in the penitentiary.

A burglar succeeded in making off with \$380, taken from the house of Charles Gustavars, a flour and feed dealer of Auburn.

The board of state land commissioners is now prepared to take up the matter of appraising the oyster lands in Mason and Thurston counties.

Alexander Smith, an old settler of the Homestead neighborhood, near Waterville, was kicked in the breast by a horse and killed, April 10.

It is claimed that over 1,000 head of cattle have been bought by Montana stockmen from Big Bend farmers, for shipment from Davenport this spring.

It is proposed to build a small steamer to ply up and down the Cowlitz river daily to bring the milk to a creamery, to be established at Castle Rock.

The names of Bender and Barnes, two stations on the line of the Northern Pacific, below Prosser, have been changed respectively to Gibbon and Chandler.

A salmon trout weighing eight pounds and six ounces was caught in the Walla Walla river by William Oswald, with a No. 15 fly hook, says the Union.

The Shelton sawmill, in Mason county, is getting out ties for the railway extension, to be made this season by the Shelton Southwestern & Peninsular road.

The section known as the Grouse Creek county is becoming settled up pretty rapidly by people anxious to engage in the stock industry, says the Astorian Sentinel.

The Waitsburg fire department has ordered a racing cart for the tournament of the Eastern Oregon and Washington Firemen's Association, to be held in Pendleton. It is ball-bearing and cushion-tired.

A serious accident occurred at J. D. Hays' logging camp at Belfast, Whatcom county, on the Great Northern railroad, in which a man whose name was Whitney was killed.

Judge Pritchard, of the superior court of Pierce county, holds that a chattel mortgage in Washington is a mere lien upon the chattels, and does not affect the ownership of the goods mortgaged.

Adjutant-General Boutelle has revoked the appointment of Captain C. W. Billings, of Company G, N. G. W., of Tacoma, owing to his failure to file an acceptable bond. Lieutenant Stewart was made captain.

On March 1 the city of Tacoma had outstanding general fund warrants amounting to \$896,113.27. Funding bonds to the amount of \$350,000, added to this, left the city in debt \$32,378.32 over the legal limit.

A new sawmill to cost \$50,000 is soon to be erected on the water front in Tacoma by a company, at the head of which is H. M. Lillis. Work on the mill is to be commenced in thirty days. The capacity of the mill will be 30,000 feet of lumber per day.

Secretary Robinson, of the horticultural society, requests that the school clerks of the districts adjacent to Lake Chelan, while taking the census of their respective districts, also take down the total number of trees that have been planted, by whom, number bearing, etc.

Idaho.

The Golden Winnie, near Murray, has one of the most complete milling plants in the state. It has given splendid satisfaction from the first day.

The Daddy mine has laid off one shift in order that development work may proceed. This will only last a few days, when a full force will again be employed. The company is making arrangements to add a battery of five stamps to the mill.

The miners of Florence district in mass meeting assembled decided unanimously upon the location of a new town to be situated a quarter of a mile south of the old town of Florence on Summit Flat, says the Grangeville Free Press. The new town is to be called "New Florence."

John Kent, who left Clark county about two years ago for Johannesburg, South Africa, writes to his brother, Amundus Kent, that he was quite seriously hurt by an explosion which occurred at that place February 17, when sixty tons of dynamite on a tourist car exploded, killing about 400 people. Mr. Kent was standing about 300 feet from the scene of the explosion.

Shoshone county has added \$100,000,000 to the mineral wealth of the world in the thirty-five years of its

history, and great as that sum is it will be more than equalled in the next ten years, while the succeeding decade will produce wealth beyond the powers of men's mind to comprehend.

The cattle men between Cheney and Cow creek, two weeks ago, formed a protective association and waited on the owners of sheep who were herding on the strip, and requested them to move their flocks below a certain line. The sheepmen have declared that they will not be driven off the range, and they are also organizing and will resist with arms any attempt to put them off.

Montana.

The Etta Mining Company composed of Portland men, and under the management of Arthur Wilson is operating some valuable claims near Radersburg. Part of the work laid out for immediate construction is a 700-foot tunnel running from Keating gulch which will tap the main shaft the 200-foot level.

Considerable excitement was caused in Great Falls over the arrival of a Scadinavian known as Illing Elwing, with nearly \$2,500 worth of gold dust and nuggets. The man zealously guarded the exact location where it came from, but said that he and his partner had washed the gold out in two weeks' time.

But one of the bodies of the six unfortunate men who met their doom in the Hope mine at Basin has been recovered, that of John Buckley. The other bodies will not be recovered for some time as a new shaft will be sunk and the mine drained of water. A thorough examination has been made of every part of the mine above the 200, and it is now definitely certain that the men are on the 300-foot level.

Report says that the rich streak of shipping ore in the breast of the adit tunnel of the Trade Dollar mine is now about twenty inches in width, besides nearly three feet of milling ore. These recent developments in the mine will be of incalculable benefit to this whole district, as it shows great value and permanency of the Florida mountain ledges. The mine is making its regular shipments of concentrates and bullion.

STATUE OF GRANT.

Unveiled at Brooklyn, With Impressive Ceremonies.

Brooklyn, April 28.—The Union League equestrian statue of Ulysses S. Grant was unveiled this afternoon. The bronze statue, which is the work of W. Ordway Partridge, is colossal, measuring from the hoof of the horse, where it rests on the granite pedestal to the top of the hat, fifteen feet and eight inches. The pedestal is sixteen feet high, and the entire height of the statue is thirty-one feet eight inches.

The dedication today was made the occasion of a splendid military pageant, 10,000 soldiers of the United States army, the National Guard of New York and sailors and marines from the navy-yard being in line. The Grand Army of the Republic was largely represented. When the procession reached the clubhouse, Governor Morton and staff, who were in waiting, were loudly cheered. After the bands had played the "Coronation March" and other American national airs, General Stewart Woodford, president of the Union League Club, presented the statue to Mayor Frederick W. Wurster as the representative of Brooklyn. As General Woodford stepped to the platform Ulysses S. Grant, a grandson of the general, pulled a string and the statue was exposed amidst cheering from 20,000 throats. General Horace Porter delivered the oration.

Peaceful Settlement.

London, April 29.—First Lord of the Treasury A. J. Balfour, replying to Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the liberal leader, said in the house of commons today that the arrangements for consideration of the arbitration respecting Venezuela and other questions are the matters that Great Britain and the United States had in view during the recent negotiations. Balfour added that the last communication from the United States arrived on Friday and was now under consideration. Balfour said the government would deal with both the general question of arbitration and also with a special question connected with Venezuela, and it was confidently hoped that by patience and tact on both sides a peaceful solution of the matter will be attained.

The War in Cuba.

Havana, April 29.—In the engagement fought between Colonel Nario at Mount Jucare, in the Cardenas district of the province of Matanzas, and the insurgents under Dimas, Martinez Regino and Alfonso, among the insurgents killed were Lieutenants Jose and Pablo Regino, a brother of Martinez Regino.

Maceo has ordered all the small hands of insurgents in Pinar del Rio to be disarmed in order that their equipment may be used to strengthen the main body.

Persistent rumors are in circulation that Antonio Maceo intends to leave the province of Pinar del Rio and it is said he is being closely watched by the Spanish officials.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

ROUTINE WORK OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION.

Substance of the Bills and Resolutions Introduced in the Senate and House—Condensed Record of the Doings of the National Lawmakers—Senate.

Washington, April 24.—The senate today disposed of the sectarian school question by adopting a compromise framed by Senator Cockrell, of Missouri. The Indian bill, as it came from the house, provided that "no money herien appropriated shall be paid for education in sectarian schools." This provision is struck out by the Cockrell amendment, as adopted, and it is declared to be the settled policy of the government to make no appropriations for sectarian schools after July 1, 1898, thus giving two years for the abandonment of sectarian schools, instead of an immediate abandonment. The amendment was adopted by the decisive vote of 38 to 24. The Indian bill was not completed when the senate adjourned. During the day a bill was passed providing for government regulation of excursion fleets attending regattas; also a resolution calling for information as to the arrest of Bishop Diaz in Cuba.

Washington, April 25.—Several minor bills were passed at the opening of the senate today. Prior to taking up the Indian appropriation bill Call asked for an agreement by which the senate would take up his resolution directing the president to dispatch a naval force to Cuba for the protection of American interests, but on appeals not to interrupt the Indian bill he withdrew, stating that he would call up his resolution later. The Indian bill was then taken up, the question being on Platt's amendment extending the services of the Dawes committee, with a view to the making of a roll of the Cherokee and kindred nations. The committee is given directions toward terminating the tribal relations of the Indians and dividing their lands in severalty. The debate was protracted. The Indian appropriation bill, as thus amended, was then passed. At 6 o'clock the senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

Washington, April 27.—The movement for international arbitration was referred to in the prayer of Rev. Hugh Johnson, in the senate today: "Let the armies be disbanded; let the world be at peace," he invoked. The sundry civil bill was taken up. At 2 o'clock the bond resolution was laid before the senate, and Peffer, its author, proposed modifications to meet the criticisms in the recent speech of Hill. A Venezuela debate came up when the item of the sundry civil bill was reached, authorizing the Venezuela commission to pay rent for its quarters out of the \$10,000 appropriated for its expenses. Gorman suggested that legislation was in order. In great haste and a great emergency, congress had appropriated \$100,000, at the suggestion of the president, for the purpose, as was supposed, of preventing a war. But now it appeared that the legislation was not effective in getting quarters for the commission.

House.

Washington, April 24.—The Fifth Alabama district was not represented in the house last night. Cobb had been unseated, but the seating of his contestant went over until today, when the report was adopted, 144 to 55, and Goodwin was sworn in. On motion of Cockrell, a bill was passed to organize the territory heretofore known as Greer county, Texas (decided by the supreme court to be a part of Oklahoma), as Greer county, Oklahoma. By an amendment adopted, the present county officers were confirmed in their tenure until the election in November next. Pickler, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, then called up his general pension bill. Pickler took the floor and made an extended speech in support of the measure. At the conclusion of his remarks the house, at 4:40 p. m., adjourned.

Washington, April 25.—The house today, on motion of Talbert, unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the secretary of state for all information relative to the arrest and imprisonment in Cuba of Rev. Diaz. Consideration of the Pickler general pension bill was resumed, and McClellan spoke in opposition to the measure as intended to be a republican sop to the senators, and a reflection on the administration and pension laws by the present executive officers. The best the majority could do for the old soldier, he said, was to bring in this bill, which is reported to put upon the pension rolls the names of bounty jumpers and men who had deserted from the ranks of the Confederacy.

Washington, April 27.—This was private-bill day. By unanimous consent bills were passed empowering the city of Tucson, A. T., to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the construction of a water and sewer system, and to authorize the return, free of duty, of articles exported for exhibition purposes. Jones presented a report on the contested election case of Cornett

vs. Swanson, of the fifth Virginia district, in favor of the Democratic sitting member. The pension bills favorably acted upon Friday night were passed. Among them was one to pension the widow of the late Brigadier-General Ferdinand Vanderveer, at the rate of \$50 per month. The house then proceeded with the debate on the pension bill, and adjourned at 5:30.

MINISTER WILLIS RETURNS

Denies That He Is Persona Non Grata With the Hawaiian Government.

San Francisco, April 27.—Albert S. Willis, minister from this country to the Hawaiian islands, arrived from Honolulu today. He says that he is in ill health, and with his family will go to his old home in Louisville to spend his three months' leave of absence. He denies absolutely the stories that he is persona non grata with the Hawaiian people or government, and says that he was not summoned to Washington upon complaint of the Hawaiian government, and that no reproach has been given by Secretary Olney for any act of his in Honolulu. Willis declares that he has received nothing but kindness from the Hawaiians, and declares positively that he will return to his post at Honolulu at the expiration of his furlough.

"The report that I slighted the Hawaiians on Washington's birthday," said Mr. Willis, "is absolutely untrue. I entertained no one at dinner on that day, but President Dole, of his own volition, sent the government band to my home to play during the evening. So far as my failure to observe the Hawaiian republic anniversary on January 17, is concerned, that is a matter which I will discuss only with the state department. My position in declining to participate in the celebration was the result of my careful consideration of the orders under which I am instructed to represent the United States at Hawaii. I was beyond the reach of telegraph wire, and I must often act without any special consultation with the secretary of state."

FARALLONE DAMAGED.

Well-Known Coaster Strikes an Unmarked Rock.

San Francisco, April 27.—The steam schooner Farallone from San Francisco for Yaquina bay and other points along the northern coast, ran on a submerged rock when one day out. At Eureka the ship was examined and it was discovered that her forepost had been torn off and the keel of the vessel badly damaged for a distance of forty feet. It is expected the vessel will be taken off the drydock, and will arrive in San Francisco on or about May 3.

The rock upon which the Farallone so nearly met destruction, is described by Captain Roberts as being about 7½ miles south of Point Gorda, and 1½ miles out to sea. When the tide is nearly at its height the rock is covered by about nine feet of water.

One of the most dangerous features of the matter is that the captain declares the rock is not down on the charts, and is indeed a grave danger to navigation. Point Gorda is one of the most dangerous points on the coast, and is the spot where the steamer Humboldt was recently wrecked. The ill-fated Bawmore also ran on to a rock at that point about two years ago, but fortunately escaped.

Another Veto.

Washington, April 28.—The president today sent to the house a message vetoing the bill granting a pension of \$50 to Francis E. Hoover. The president says he does not understand that it is claimed in any quarter that the present helplessness of this soldier is at all attributable to his army services. The president says:

"To grant him a pension of \$50 a month without the least suggestion that his pitiable disability is related to his army service, and in view of the fact that he is now receiving the highest pension allowed by a general law enacted to expressly meet such cases, it seems to me, would result in an unfair discrimination as against many thousand worthy soldiers similarly situated."

Mrs. Bryan Testified.

Cincinnati, April 27.—Interest in the trial at Newport, Ky., for the murder of Pearl Bryan grows more intense daily. Eleven witnesses were examined today. The policy of the prosecution is to present the case in the order of time as nearly as possible. The defense has, by cross-examination, indicated that its line will be to create doubt as to whether the girl was murdered in Ohio or Kentucky. Of the nine witnesses examined in the afternoon, the testimony of Mrs. Bryan, the mother of Pearl, was full of pathos. When asked how she was able to identify the headless girl sent to Greencastle, as her own Pearl, she answered with thrilling effect:

"It is difficult for a mother to be deceived about recognizing her own child."

The owners of the Peacock and other properties in the Seven Devils country are letting contracts for the hauling of 1,600 tons of copper ore to the nearest railroad point.

—A well hen, if not too fat, is full of life. Sick hens mope.