

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

The importance of physical culture seems to be engaging the attention of thinking people throughout the country more than ever before.

Comparatively few American women enjoy the elasticity of spirits which a healthy system gives.

DESERT LAND ENTERIES.

It is stated in a Washington dispatch dated Nov. 12, that the Commissioner of the General Land office has issued an order to the Pacific Coast Land office revoking the order of the 2nd, which prohibited further reception of applications for entries of desert land under the act of last March.

The ministers of the several denominations will hold union services at the Academy, on Thanksgiving day.

DAVIS' DIVORCE BILL.

The following appears in late dispatches from Washington: The Senate Judiciary Committee have unanimously agreed to report favorably on Davis' bill transferring jurisdiction in divorce cases, from the probate courts in Utah, to the U. S. district court for that Territory.

ON THE WING.

YREKA, Nov. 13th, 1877.

ED. TIDINGS:—I can't do it justice and shan't try. It is simply terrible—that mud on the mountain.

The teams doubled up the mountain, and so did I. I arrived at the top of the mountain just one hour and thirty minutes ahead of the wagons.

The stage put in its appearance at 11 o'clock, I mounted it and rode down all the hills, only walking up hill.

It was a blacksmith from Fort Jones, by name of Lague—a Canadian Frenchman—who had either inherited or acquired an excessive taste for the ardent and thereby impoverished not only his treasury, but also his physical and mental machinery.

Sequel—He died in the street on his way back to the hospital and was found this morning after daylight.

As yet I have had no time to do Yreka, but as I shall be here some two days longer, I will collect a few items for my next.

There has been but little rain here yet. It is said that the roads from here to Redding are excellent.

J. M. S.

Steps are now being taken to extend the wagon road from Nick Wright's, on Big Applegate, to the mouth of Elliot creek, a distance of eight miles.

On the 19th inst. a large number of workmen, among them ten or twelve employes engaged in digging the ditch which is to carry the waters of the Silver Fork of Elliot and Squaw creeks to the mining property of Klippel, Hanns & Co., commenced grading down the sides of Mule Hill, near Wright's.

OUR SALEM LETTER.

SALEM, Ogn., Nov. 15th, 1877.

EDITOR TIDINGS:—Your Salem correspondent has been negligent in the performance of his duty, for some time past, and the only apology he has to offer, is a dearth of news.

We have had very little pleasant weather since Oct. 1st, and during that time, have had some of the heaviest rains ever known to the average Web-footers.

The streets of our Capitol City are in as bad condition, as they have been for years, and it is said that the roads, in some parts of the country, are almost impassable, owing to the farmers hauling their heavily loaded wheat wagons to market.

One of the most pleasant affairs of the season, with us, was the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Al Crossman to Miss Linnie McCully, both residents of this city, and both exceedingly popular with their young associates.

Several ladies of our city, imbued with a missionary spirit, have organized a Chinese School, which numbers about twenty five members.

A petition is being circulated and signed quite generally, by some of our most influential citizens, to have W. R. Duubar, G. W. C. T., grant a dispensation for a new Temperance lodge, to be called "The Dashaways."

The members of the Chemeketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., have decided to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the institution of their lodge, and of the order on the northwest coast, next month the 6th inst.

Our genial and large-hearted friend, Seth R. Hamner, has been making, within the last three months, several surveying expeditions up in the Cascade Mountains, for different mining companies.

The Willamette University, began on the second term of the year, last Monday morning, with an increased list of students. One new feature in the school this year, is the introduction of military tactics.

STATE NEWS.

(Condensed from State Echoes)

Ralph C. Geer raised 3,000 bushels of potatoes on his farm near Silverton this year.

Judge James Walton has formed a class in elocution at the Willamette University.

Work has been resumed at the Lucky Queen mine.

Wheat is quoted at Salem at one dollar and eight cents per bushel.

There are two hundred students at the State University six of whom will graduate this year.

First Lieut. Frazer A. Bontelle has been ordered to join his company—D 1st Cavalry—at the Presidio San Francisco.

The Bee says that during the October term of the State Circuit Court there was paid for Juror's and witness fees in State cases, 2,145 dollars and 20 cents.

On the 12th inst., the house of Mr. Stillson of Benton county was burned to the ground with all its contents.

Some 3,000 people cross and recross daily, between East and West Portland, on the Stark Street ferry.

Mr. Moore of Hillsboro fell a distance of 12 or 15 feet and broke two of his ribs.

Jacob Wagonblast 10 miles east of Vancouver, raised 330 bushels of oats from three acres of ground.

It is reported that there is trouble brewing in the Santiam Academy because a Chinese student is attending.

The Independent says, Prof. J. M. Tiernan, present superintendent of the Lucky Queen mine, has been in the employ of the Government for the last 12 years, and is a practical miner and thorough metallurgist and asserts there will be no trouble experienced in reducing the sulphurets found in the ore of the Lucky Queen.

GENERAL NEWS.

(Condensed from Oregonian and Call Dispatches.)

New York, Nov. 12.—The Times Washington special says: CSI Ingersoll has arrived and is the choice of the Illinois delegation for Minister to Germany.

Galveston, Nov. 12.—A News special report reaches Ft. Clark that Lieut. Bullis with a small party of scouts, crossed the Rio Grande near the mouth of Pecos river, was attacked by a party of 500 Indians and compelled to retreat.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Both was appointed chairman of the committee on privileges and elections.

The House, by six majority, adopted the amendment limiting the army to 20,000 men. The army bill has passed the House without division.

San Francisco, Nov. 12.—Dispatches received from various points in the State, north and south, indicate a general rain throughout the State; in some places sufficient for the general wants of the farmers.

New York, Nov. 13.—Henry Hausman, of 19 Christy street, to-night shot his three children and himself. The intemperance of his wife is attributed as the cause.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The Ways and Means Committee authorizes the Chairman to report concurrent resolution providing for final adjournment of Congress the 22d at 8 o'clock.

Constantinople, Nov. 12.—Ref Pasha telegraphs the following: Russian supports from Galrova enroute to Schipka pass being obliged to pass within our range recently lost 500 killed. Our losses were trifling, but include Lesman Pasha, commandant of the artillery, killed.

London, Nov. 13.—Osman Pasha's losses are estimated at two or three hundred men daily, from the concentrated fire of Russian artillery. Osman is constructing fresh fortifications which seems to point to his holding out as long as possible rather than to attempt a sortie.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The House has passed the naval deficiency bill.

Philadelphia, Nov. 13.—The agent of the Russian Government is endeavoring to make a contract for an iron bridge across the Danube to be 2,100 feet long, to have a single span, and to cost \$3,000,000.

Omaha Nov. 14.—Two N. P. recruits Charles and John, arrived in Omaha this morning in charge of a military guard, who left with them last evening for Ft. Leavenworth, where they will be imprisoned.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The Senate has made the following confirmation: Roswell C. Mason, Surveyor General for Montana Territory; Tipton Lindsey, Receiver of public moneys at Visalia, Cal; Jas. H. Evans, Register of the Land office, at Lakeview, Oregon.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The fire originated, according to an eye witness of its incipientcy, near the stove, and probably from it to the north elevator. The building was owned by the Singer Manufacturing Co., and cost, when built some five years ago, three quarters of a million dollars and is worth now at least half a million.

New York, Nov. 15.—The case of the people vs. Wm. M. Tweed, to recover nine hundred and thirty-three thousand and six hundred and sixty-four dollars paid by the city on fraudulent bills through a conspiracy with Watson has been decided. Judgment against the defendant was entered by confession in the supreme court to day.

The House committee on foreign affairs has agreed to recommend the passage of a bill providing for American representation at the Paris Exposition, with an appropriation of about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Washington, Nov. 15.—In the Senate, to-day, Mitchell introduced a bill to establish a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria, Oregon; referred to committee on rail roads.

London, Nov. 14.—A special dated Starankaleh, Tuesday, says a sharp cannonade continues against Kars. An assault is imminent. Erzeroum has refused to surrender.

About 300 Russian Mennonites left Berlin on the 4th inst. for the United States.

Harrisburg, Nov. 15.—The official vote of Pennsylvania shows Stretter Rep., for Supreme Judge, received 244,480; Trunkney, Dem., 251,000; Bradley, Greenback, 51,582; Winton, Prohibition, 2,899. Trunkney's plurality, 7,520. Other officers' votes were in about the same proportion.

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