

WANTED—A TELEGRAPH LINE.

The Modoc Independent states that a gentleman named Allen writes from Millville, Shasta Co., Cal., to a gentleman at Alturas, that he will be up in the spring for the purpose of canvassing the route through to Camp Bidwell to ascertain what assistance will be offered in the way of subscription, for the construction of a telegraph line.

SENATOR MITCHELL'S BILLS.

In the U. S. Senate, on January 22, Senator Mitchell introduced the following: A bill providing for an appropriation of \$3,000 for the survey of Alsea River and Harbor and for buying the same; a bill making an appropriation of \$50,000 for the improvement of the military road from Scottsburg, via Calapooia bridge and Canyonville to Camp Stewart, Oregon; a bill making an appropriation of \$131,000 to re-emburse the State of Oregon, for moneys expended during the Modoc War, and a bill to make an appropriation for the survey of the waters of the Pacific Ocean at Cape Folweather, with a view of determining the practicability and cost of constructing a harbor of refuge at that point.

GEN. FRANK WHEATON.

We have lately received a interesting letter from Brevet Maj. Gen. Frank Wheaton, now stationed at Fort Lapwai, and commanding, we believe, the District of the Clearwater. While commander of the District of the Lakes in southeastern Oregon, the General won many friends by his high character, sound judgment and gentlemanly deportment, who will always take a deep interest in his welfare.

THE ELLENSBURG ROAD.

The following is the full text of Senator Mitchell's bill, providing for an appropriation to construct a road from Ellensburg to Jacksonville: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be used by the Secretary of War in the construction of a military-wagon road from Ellensburg, at the mouth of Rogue River, in the State of Oregon, via the mouth of Illinois River, through Josephine and Jackson Counties, by the most practicable route to Jacksonville, Oregon, to connect there with the military road from Scottsburg to Camp Stewart, at Klamath.

THAT FAMOUS OLD POEM ON MAN'S MORTALITY.

Our readers will doubtless remember the several versions of an old poem on Man's Mortality, which have appeared from time to time in the Tidings. First G. H. Marshall gave us a half stanza from memory, not knowing when or from whence it first impressed itself upon his mind; then H. W. Clayton repeated a whole stanza which he learned from the old Calif. States spelling book and declaimed more than a half century ago, in a little old-fashioned school house in Perry Co., Ohio; then Mrs. W. C. Myer passed upon our table a well preserved copy of the primitive old speller itself containing the stanza recited by Mr. Clayton; next, Naomi Mills contributed 24 lines, of which the spelling book stanza constituted a part, claiming Samuel Westell, an English poet who died about 1630, as the author; then an erudite "Bute Kriker" furnished us twice as many lines, entitled "Six Vita—Such is Life," including the 24 of Westell almost word for word, stating that they were written in April 1846 by Bishop King. Now we can go farther. The Pittsburg Chronicle says: "There is reason to think that the poem was written by one of those private Christian bards, in the reign of King Diarmid, about the year 554, and was sung or chanted at the last grand national assembly of kings, chieftains and bards ever held in the famous hall of Tara." Having at last succeeded in tracing the history of this remarkable poem so far back into the records of the long past that we do not think there is the least possibility of finding an earlier origin, we present our readers with the translation of the learned Bishop O'Donnovan from the original Irish manuscript, which is said yet to remain in Trinity College, Dublin:

MAN'S MORTALITY. Like as the diamond rose you see, Or like a blossom on a tree, Or like the daisy flower in May, Or like the morning dew on the day, Or like the sun, or like the shade, Or like the pearl which Jonas had; Even such is man, whose thread is spun, Drawn out and out, and so he dies. The rose withers, the blossom blazes it, The dew fades the morning dawns it, The sun sets, the shadow dies, The gourd consumes, the man—he dies. Like to the grass that's newly sprung, Or like a tale that's new begun, Or like the bird that's here to-day, Or like the peacock in his May, Or like an hour, or like a span, Or like the singing of a swan; Even such is man, who lives by breath, Is here, now there, in life and death. The grass withers, the tale is unrolled, The bird is down, the dew is ascended, The hour is short, the span not long, The swan's near death, man's life is done. Like to an arrow in the bow, Or in a glass which runs a row, Or like the shuttle in a weaver's hand, Or like the writing on the sand, Or like a thought, or like a dream, Or like the quail of the stream; Even such is man, who lives by breath, Is here, now there, in life and death. The bubble's on, the loom's on, The sun's on, the wind's on, The thought's on, the dream's on, The wax's on, the life's on. Like to an arrow in the bow, Or like the swift course of water and flow, Or like the tide, which flows and ebbs, Or like the eagle's feather, which webs, Or like a race, or like a goal, Or like the setting of a star; Even such is man, whose brittle state, Is always subject unto fate. The arrow's on, the drol soon spent, The time on time, the web soon rent, The race soon run, the goal soon won, The loom soon done, man's life soon done. Like the lightning from the sky, Or like a post that quick doth fly, Or like a quiver in a sag, Or like a journey three days long, Or like snow when summer's come, Or like the pear, or like the plum; Even such is man, who lives by sorrow, Lives but this day, and dies tomorrow. The lightning's past, the post's not gone, The song is short, the journey long, The pear doth rot, the plum doth fall, The snow dissolves, and so must all.

PIONEER.

Jennie Creek is a stream rising in the Cascade chain, between Rogue River valley and the Klamath basin, and flowing down through immense forests, green meadows and occasionally deep cañons, first in a westerly and then in a southerly direction to the Klamath River near the State line. Its entire length is perhaps forty miles and the basin which it drains is an extensive forest land, sandwiched in between the Cascades on the east and the Siskiyou ridge on the north and west. Among the forests are numerous glades, some of them affording considerable meadow grass, and all suited to summer grazing. Some of these glades have been used, for several years past, as summer range for sheep. Wild beasts are numerous, however, and the closest attention is necessary to prevent the wolves, bears and panthers from living at the expense of sheep owners. Mr. Perves, the pioneer settler of the Jennie Creek highlands, lives near the point where the Linkville stage line crosses the creek, and the new saw mill of Perves & Stearns is also located in the near vicinity. This point is about 24 miles from Ashland and probably twelve miles north of the Klamath river, and seems to possess advantages calculated to make it the principal business point in the highlands. The citizens have asked for the establishment of a post-office, at this point to be called "Pioneer," a name doubly appropriate on account of its being on the route, located with no little difficulty through the Siskiyou and Cascade mountains by the exploring party of fifteen pioneers in 1846, and because it is the place where the first permanent settlement

was made in the Jennie Creek basin. John Lucy resides on Gorral creek, about two miles west of Pioneer on the stage road; and perhaps three miles from his place in a southwesterly direction is the new saw mill of Hammond, Willits & Co., now near completion. This mill is located on Keene Creek, a tributary of Jennie Creek rising in the Siskiyou forest, and is in the midst of as fine forests of pine, fir and cedar as can be found in our forest state. A few miles south of Pioneer is the Fall creek settlement, near the Jennie creek canyon, where stock-raising and farming have been made a success and where there is said to be room for a few more settlers. We understand that a good practicable road leads from this settlement to Pioneer and that, the Fall creekers are anxiously awaiting the establishment of the office. Eight miles east of Pioneer, Wm. G. Parker, one of the fifteen road hunters of 1846, keeps a public house and stage station, and three miles farther east, at the Cold Springs, is Charley Adams' Forest House; not now "running" but to be opened for the accommodation of travelers in the spring. Few places in our mountains afford finer opportunities for sporting than the Jennie Creek country, and it is fast getting to be a grand summer resort for hunters, fishers and rusticators. Near Mr. Perves' place are several soda or chalybeate springs, which will doubtless some day, attract considerable attention. Considering its lumbering, pastoral and sporting advantages, and the healthfulness of its climate, the Jennie Creek country will undoubtedly contain quite a little population, before many years, and be extensively visited by pleasure seekers during the summer months.

STATE NEWS.

A little two-year-old child of Mr. Pettengill, living near Corvallis, Washington county, was drowned by falling into an unused cellar on Sunday last.—Starman. Gov. Chadwick has appointed S. G. Skidmore and Levy White as an honorary committee to represent the state of Oregon at the Paris exposition. The Standard says Jerry Despain of Umatilla, recently purchased 700 head of cattle in Umatilla county, for which he paid \$7,600. Mrs. Ada Hudson daughter of the old pioneer, Gen. A. L. Lovejoy, died at her home in Oregon city on the 11th inst. Office of the Democratic Club at Albany: President Gen. M. V. Brown; Vice President, Hon. S. D. Haley; Secretary, S. D. Hewitt; Assistant Secretary, L. N. Liggett; Treasurer, L. B. Lyon. The Standard says John Monte, one of the well known Modoc brothers, died at Albany on Sunday the 10th inst. He was a prominent and much respected citizen. He came to Oregon in 1850. John Schumpf, had his right leg broken at the ankle by a bank caving on him while at work on Farmer's flat on Wednesday last. Dr. Aiken is in attendance.—JACKSONVILLE TIMES. Mr. Press, Comptroller of Lane county, who has been searching for his brother, after three weeks absence, found him in a demoralized condition wandering about the country. For some time he has imagined that some one was trying to rob him of his property.—STANDARD. Last week Elijah Baker of Josephine County washing to cross Dog creek fell a tree across the stream and while crossing on it another tree fell and killed him. He was an old resident of that county and highly respected. The TELEGRAM states that, on Sunday the 3rd inst. Thomas Walker an employee of Hutchins Bros. of North Polson had his bones of the left leg broken by his horse falling with him, while he was driving cattle. A fire occurred on Sunday night last at Steelhook, Washington Territory, destroying the Post office and several business houses. Loss about \$12,000. Supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. A few days ago, Mr. Baker of Le Grand, left his home alone for a couple of hours and on returning found that \$600 gold, which he had set in his cloak, had been stolen. There is no clue to the thief. FROM GRAVE CREEK.—Daniel Crossmiller arrived from Grave creek this week and will return immediately. He says work on the ditch is progressing satisfactorily, and that several persons having faith in the success of the enterprise are working for stock at par value (\$1 a share) the company boarding them.—TIMES. GENERAL NEWS. Hartford, Conn. Feb. 11.—Hop. Gideon Wells, ex-secretary of the navy, died this evening from the effects of carbuncle, which had confined him to his house for about two weeks. New York, Feb. 12.—The Senate committee on territories considered to day the bill to establish the territory of Lincoln and to provide for a temporary government therefor. Judge Corlett of Wyoming argued against the measure. London, Feb. 11.—In consequence of an urgent order received at Chatham dock-yard from the admiralty to-day, the whole force numbering 4,000 men, will begin working extra hours. THE PAUL WALL GAZETTE says: It was known in all the embassies in London this morning that the Porte had refused to allow the British fleet to approach Constantinople.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The rain has been very heavy here, all day, with brief intermissions, and still continues with strong south winds. Reports from the interior report heavy and general rains. The storm has been especially heavy in the mountains and foot hills, where both snow and rain have fallen. Deadwood, D. T. Feb. 12.—Sunday, a party of fifteen or twenty Indians surprised the Hay party in the foot hills, about twelve miles east of here, and captured the oxen belonging to the outfit. The men escaped. New York, Feb. 12.—The World's Washington special says a private letter received by a gentleman from Monterey forebodes another revolution in Mexico at an early day. Washington, Feb. 14.—A bill was introduced by Senator Grover, by request, authorizing the survey of a water route from the Atlantic to the Pacific via Upper Missouri and Columbia rivers. Vienna, Feb. 14.—Forpodes have actually been shipped from Oressa for the Russian, presumably for use in the Bosphorus.

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