

AWARD OF MAIL CONTRACTS.

On March 1st the postal department awarded the contracts for carrying the mail in the Pacific States and Territories, during the term of four years, commencing on the first of next July.

To John M. Peck, Reading to Atlas \$5,988; Trinidad to Crescent City, \$988; Happy Camp to Waldo, \$588, and Black Bear to Yakombill, \$168.

Excitement in Russia.

The Times St. Petersburg special says the excitement against England is constantly increasing, till it has reached fever heat.

CHEWAUCAN AND SUMMER LAKE.

Ed. TIDINGS:—I am pleased to see that yourself and readers take such a deep interest in our sister county—Lake. And well may such an interest be taken; for, are not our interests identical with those of the people of the Lake country?

On the 6th day of January last, in company with Mr. Fisk of Lake View, I set out to visit Chewaucan, which lies north of said town about twenty-five miles.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Gen. Duplessis died to day from injuries received from a fall from his horse.

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At the lower or northern extremity of the valley, at the crossing of the Chewaucan river, I found a blacksmith shop, just built by Mr. Graham. I was forcibly impressed with the idea that this point, surrounded as it is by such rich valleys as the Chewaucan, Crooked Creek, Summer Lake and Silver Lake, is destined as the natural centre of trade for all this country.

The Great desert which lies immediately north of this county, reaching from Harney Lake on the east to the Deschutes on the west and from the Chewaucan to Crooked river on the north, affords a vast winter range for stock, almost unexcelled in the whole world.

GENERAL NEWS.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—Thomas C. Anderson was sentenced this morning, in consequence of the recommendation of the jury to the mercy of the court, to the lowest term under the law—two years at hard labor in the State penitentiary and costs.

New York, Feb. 25.—R. W. Taylor, first Controller of the Treasury, was stricken with paralysis this morning, while at his desk, and died at his home two hours afterward.

London, Feb. 25.—A correspondent at Rome telegraphs that the feeling is growing here that the new pope is not so liberal as was thought. It seems certain that Cardinal Pecci and Leo XIII do not hold the same views.

Nashville, Feb. 25.—U. S. Deputy Collector Davis has returned from breaking up fifteen illicit distilleries in De Kalb, White and Putnam counties, and arresting 14 men.

New York, Feb. 25.—Tomasen d Harris, who negotiated the first treaty with Japan and was the first minister to that country, died yesterday, aged 75.

The house committee on Pacific railroads directed a favorable report on the bill to extend for ten years the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 27.—Bertha Van Hilborn completed a hundred miles walk in 28 hours to-night with six minutes and a half to spare.

Evansville, Ind. Feb. 27.—Comodoro D. Curtis a farmer 50 years old was shot through the heart and killed near Mr. Ver non, Indiana, yesterday, by his step-son, aged 13. Curtis was trying to murder his wife, in a drunken spree, and the boy got a gun and shot him.

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STATE NEWS.

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The Bebrook Democrat says: At the mine on White & H. flama on Burnt river, about thirty miles from Baker city one day last week they made a run of twenty tons of rock from which was realized the sum of \$250, being \$12 50, per ton.

W. H. N. Styles, who was charged with perjury before the Governor Investigating commission, will be tried on the 19th of March in the U. S. District court, says the OREGONIAN.

Mrs. Toehane, aged 57 years, died at Jefferson on the 21st. She was the mother of thirteen children, all but one living.

The STANDARDS says a family of six children, living on Birch creek, Umatilla Co., were all suddenly taken with diphtheria, and all died and were buried the same day.

A lady fainting on the train the other day and thirteen flocks of wild-geese promptly placed at her disposal. In this connection it may be incidentally mentioned that there were just fifteen men in the car.

The Mercury states that Gen. J. W. Neimich, of Polk county, expects to sow seven hundred acres of wheat this spring. He has had several of his running during the winter and about six hundred acres are now ready for the seed.

The State JOURNAL says: Last Monday evening Mr. Frank Coleman went out behind his barn, and the night being dark, he stumbled on a chunk of wood, fell down and broke two of his ribs.

William Shaffer, of Lion Co., has been bound over to await the action of the Grand jury on the charge of stealing 54 sacks of wheat.

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Notice.

ALL PERSONS OWING THE Wagner, Anderson & Farmer's Mill Company

Are hereby requested to call and settle with either cash or note, by February First, 1878.

LET US

Settle UP!

This is the season of the year ALL should settle up and compare accounts: So please call for your bills and let us settle up, and if there are any mistakes in the accounts, rectify them.

WITH many thanks to our customers for their past generous patronage, with sincere desire for a continuance of the same, we wish one and all health and prosperity and

ATTENTION!!

500 pounds of ONION SETS wanted at the Ashland Store, by the undersigned.

J. M. McCALL & Co.

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In Prices of SEWING MACHINES! AN \$60 SINGER FOR \$50!

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Table listing sewing machines and their prices, including Singer and other brands.

FOR SALE! 920 ACRES OF LAND!! Located in Jackson county Oregon, 12 miles north-east of Jacksonville.

550 Acres good low land—500 Acres under fence. Two good live-logs—Meal-house, Barn, Sheds and other out-buildings.

PRICE: \$8 00 PER ACRE. This is a No. 1 Farm with good sheep range, and very cheap.

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78 ACRES

ASHLAND LIVERY SALE AND FEED STABLES!

POPULAR STABLES

SADDLE HORSES BUGGIES AND CARRIAGES.

HORSES BOARDED

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LINKVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, OREGON. Are now receiving from San Francisco an extensive stock of goods of great variety exactly suited to the trade of the

LAKE COUNTRY

Beef Cattle, Hides and Wool taken in exchange for goods.

Do not forget the Old Pioneer Store of the Lake Country.

J. M. McCall, Morris Bown.

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Main Street, Ashland, WOULD Announce to the people of Jackson and Lake counties that they have commenced receiving their new Fall stock, and that every day will witness additions to the largest stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Ever brought to this market. They desire to say to every reader of this paper that if

Standard Goods, Sold at the lowest market price,

Will do it, they propose to do the largest business this Fall and Winter ever done by them in the last five years,

And that they can positively make it to the advantage of every one to call upon them in Ashland and test the truth of their assertions.

They will spare no pains to maintain, more fully than ever the reputation of their house as the

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Southern and South-Eastern Oregon

ASHLAND WOOLEN GOODS,

Casimeres, Flannels, Twerds, Doeskins, Blankets Stocking Yarn and Made-up Clothing.

The highest market price paid for

WHEAT—OATS—BARLEY—BACON—AND—LARD.

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A Large and Fresh stock of Dry Goods at the PIONEER STORE.

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