

NOTES AND NEWS.

The secretary of the interior has authorized the surveyor general of Oregon to employ Deputy Surveyor J. H. Neil to survey lands around Lake Malheur.

The first quarter of the new state administration is nearing its close and no pardons have been granted. Gov. Lord is not making a very good record as a pardon governor.

A gang of five or six sharpers were arrested at San Francisco a few days ago who had a complete outfit for issuing Chinese residence certificates by the wholesale, and had the prospects of doing a profitable business.

An armistice between Japan and China has been declared by the emperor of Japan pending the conclusion of peace negotiations now in progress. Li Hung Chang, the Chinese statesman who was shot last week while in Japan on a peace mission, is reported recovering.

Will A. Pears, the well known traveling agent for Chamberlain's medicines sends us the East Province Herald published at Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa. It is a large eight page daily paper and full of advertisements. He is advertising the Chamberlain remedies in that distant country.

Hot weather is reported from some of the middle eastern states and in the Mississippi valley. A temperature of from 75 to 85 degrees was reported from Indiana and other points Friday, the most unusual weather recorded since the establishment of the government weather service in 1870. On top of this the dispatches of the following day tell of very severe snowstorms and blizzards in Nebraska, Colorado and other states across the Rockies.

The story of the mistreatment of their prisoners by the Hawaiian republican government could be easier believed if it were told by somebody other than Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras. Joaquin can write poetry as poetry goes but the rest of his life is not so successful, if the stories of people who have known him and his career intimately are to be believed. Joaquin ought to be the last fellow in the world to tell tales of maltreatment and heartlessness upon other people.

All necessary steps for putting into effect the recent legislation raising all pensions below \$300 to that amount have been taken to the pension bureau. Low-rate pensioners, whose names are borne on the rolls of the Buffalo, Chicago, Concord, Des Moines, Milwaukee and Pittsburg agencies, will receive the \$300 rating April 4, and all like pensions in other jurisdictions will be advanced at the next payment in their district. The change will add about \$1,500,000 to the pension expenditures, and the cases of about 40,000 pensioners will be affected.

Savannah, March 27.—A special from Thomsville says: Governor McKinley has about recovered from a slight attack of the grip, which caused him to spend several days more in Thomsville than he originally intended, and he will leave tomorrow for St. Augustine. When shown a paper which quoted him as saying that if the republican party declared for free silver he would not accept the nomination for president, the governor shrugged his shoulders and said smilingly: "Why, that is absurd." He neither denied or confirmed the statement and declined to be interviewed on the subject.

Joaquin and Hawaii.

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, arrived from Honolulu last week, where he has been for several months preparing a history of Hawaii for an Eastern publishing house.

The poet left Honolulu suddenly with no other baggage than a copy of his poems. His intended departure was kept secret as he says he was afraid officials of the government would put him in prison. Miller is very bitter against the men in control in Hawaii. He denounces the treatment accorded political prisoners as barbarous in the extreme, and says that men are dying in prison for want of air and proper food. He predicts that a filibuster expedition will be organized to go to Honolulu and rescue the political prisoners. When asked if he was done with Hawaii, the poet said: "I have not begun. I am going to wait and see who goes down there to liberate those men. Possibly they may be set at liberty when their captors get badly scared, for they are awful cowards. But if they do not liberate them, the very last and lowest of political prisoners, and then return the lands appropriated for the natives and the queen under the name of crown lands, and send the Japanese men no strings at the Japanese court. I think I shall only have to state the case and promise political rights to the oppressed 20,000 contract slaves of Japan down there to get an irrefragable.

"There are hundreds of good men down there kept in the vilest prisons by men who betrayed a woman and robbed her, and there is plenty of gold and a kingdom waiting for whoever will liberate those good men. The soldiers down there will not fight for Dole. They won't fight to keep their men in prison. It is not human. In fact they are all falling out. I doubt if Dole has any friends at all who are not under pay as civil or military officers, or in some way selfishly interested in his oligarchy. There has been nothing nearly so monstrous since the reign of terror."

Impure Water.

One foul germ conveyed into the body by impure water, tainted food, or polluted air, may generate a pestilential swarm. The germs which are responsible for typhoid and malarial fevers will not find lodgment in the system, if the stomach, liver and bowels are kept in a condition of health by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Be sure to ask for Ayer's. It is the best.

American Publications.

Philadelphia Ledger. It is interesting to note the enormous increase the business of publishing newspapers and periodicals has undergone in this country during the last 25 years. It is without parallel anywhere in the world. Statistics show that in 1870 there were 2784 publications; now there are 20,000, "varying from daily to quarterly." Of this total 1855 are dailies, and 14,077 weeklies. In 1890 the aggregate capital represented by these publications was about \$105,000,000; to produce them, 106,095 persons were employed; the wages paid amounting to \$70,000,000 per annum, while the material used cost \$40,000,000.

Must Keep Out of Temptation.

Fort Howard, Wis., March 28.—The St. Paul Railroad company has summarily dismissed eleven engineers and thirty firemen from its division running into this city because the men frequent saloons when off duty. This is in accordance with the recent determination of the company to discontinue the practice.

Sick headache, constipation and indigestion are quickly cured by De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. E. A. Sherwin.

The Commissioners Hold Over.

Attorney General Idlesman filed his opinion with Governor Lord on Friday in regard to the status of the various commissioners provided for by the statutes but which the last legislature failed to elect, viz: three railroad commissioners, three pilot commissioners, one fish and game warden and one dairy commissioner. The attorney general, after a careful research of authorities upon the subject, decides that there are no vacancies but that the old commissioners hold over, consequently there is no chance for governor to appoint or to leave the positions unfilled.

Arbor Day.

In a few days Superintendent of Public Instruction Irwin will issue an Arbor day circular which will be sent to every school in the state from the largest to the most seclusive country school. It is a matter locked upon by every scholar with the most interest. Following is the circular.

The law provides that the second Friday in April shall be known and observed as Arbor Day.

The purpose of this law is to inculcate into the minds and hearts of the children a love for adorning school grounds with trees, shrubbery, flowers, etc.

It is very desirable that the law shall be observed in all the public schools throughout the state. It is not given as merely a substitute for the culture of taste and tree planting, but it is the mandate of the law. The design of improving school grounds is a noble one. The places of education should be made pleasant places. Shade trees and flowers assist in the mental and moral culture of the children. Let no one associated with school work think it is something that may or may not be done according to one's pleasure. It may not be practicable in all places to attempt tree planting, because there are localities where school houses are situated so arid that trees will not grow, and yet the desire for such may be acknowledged.

Siletz Indian Reserve.

Washington, March 28.—Secretary Smith today gave to the president drafts of two proclamations opening to settlement the lands ceded by the Yankton Sioux Indians in South Dakota, and by the Ainsu and other Indians on the Siletz reservation in Oregon. The president is expected to act immediately on these and issue formal proclamations within a few days. The proclamation provides that the lands shall be subject to entry within thirty days of publication. Land officials do not expect a rush for the lands such as rushed to the Oklahoma opening and will adopt measures to secure equal treatment for all settlers.

An agreement with the Siletz Indians provides for the cession of all their unallotted lands in the Siletz territory covering 178,000 acres. The compensation paid by the government was \$100,000.

Oregon Beef at Omaha.

The South Omaha Daily Stockman contained last week a record of sale in South Omaha stockyards of a bunch of Utah cattle. They were from the shipments from Echo of Jesse Moore, Lloyd & Taylor and Nye & Dillon, which were sold mostly to Portland parties. The sale record showed: One steer, 1060 pounds, \$3 per 100; 49 steers, 1221 pounds each, \$4 10; 24 steers, 1260 pounds, \$4 35; 164 steers, 1267 pounds, \$4 35; 109 steers, 1208 pounds, \$4 20. These steers sold at Echo for \$3 per hundred, and when weighed for the buyer averaged 1340 pounds. It will be noticed that the weight was reduced during transit 33 pounds in the 164 lot, and from that to 92 pounds in the 109 lot. The weight of the Oregon cattle was above the average of all cattle offered on the day they were sold, and the price paid was on the average several points above what was recorded in the sales of other lots of cattle on the same day.

A Pendleton cattle-buyer asserts to the East Oregonian that wheat-fed cattle in Eastern Washington are bringing as good figures as any, and in some cases fancy prices, even when sold beside the corn-fed steers of Kansas and Nebraska. Grass fed cattle will soon be moving out and shipments will be made continuously until late in the fall. Cattlemen will work for bright sunshine to cause rapid growth of grass.

For a nice shave try Eggers & Storey, Ashland hotel block.

Oregon History.

Mr. F. J. Whitney, general passenger agent of the Great Northern railway, has addressed circular letters to the various county school superintendents of Oregon inviting their co-operation in bringing a subject of more than ordinary interest, viz: the study of local history, to the attention of the school children. Mr. Whitney offers various valuable prizes for the best written essays, descriptive and historical papers, on Oregon, and invites teachers and students to correspond with him at St. Paul for further particulars. He says: There is a tendency among Americans to depreciate their own country, and yet it is the best country on earth. European distances are but a step to ours. It has been said that the Thames would scarcely make a gurgle for the month of the Mississippi or of the Columbia. Within our borders are four forests, grain and herds with which to fill the storehouses and feed the hungry of every land. Somewhere in our country the fragrance of the rose is ever inhaled. Our mountains have summits that pierce the thin air of eternal winter; whose sides are clothed with forests of redwood, with gold and silver and copper and every kind of metal useful in manufactures and art. Our rivers move in majesty through fertile plains, and on their selfsame banks are found arctic pine and tropic palm, between which grow staple products not equalled in any other country. We are the best fed and the best clothed people on earth. In no other country is there such universal diffusion of intelligence and morality. No where else is there such freedom of thought and action. Let us believe in our land above all lands. Let us travel over and study its resources, beauty and variety before we spend money and time in foreign lands. Let us labor to fill it with more prosperity, intelligence and happiness, and see that liberty, justice and honor reign supreme.

A journalist is a man who talks about being on a newspaper, but is not. A newspaper man is one who is on a newspaper and makes no fuss about it. A farmer is a man who works the soil, and an agriculturist is a man who works the farmer, while a promoter is a man who works everybody.

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HERE AND THERE.

The S. P. D. & L. Co.'s mill at Merlin, burned recently, is being rebuilt already.

Provolt is the name of a new postoffice established at the junction of Williams and Applegate.

Eggers & Storey have secured the agency of the Portland Steam Laundry. Best work at lower prices than other laundries. Try it.

Gold Hill's first election for municipal officers occurs today. The judges of election are Dan Richards, W. S. Fitzgerald and J. W. Marksberry.

Hall's Hair Renewer cures dandruff and scalp affections; also all cases of baldness where the glands which feed the roots of the hair are not closed up.

The moral reform wave has struck Portland and is having some effect in stopping gambling and in suppressing houses of ill repute even in the wicked metropolis.

A speculator is in Fossil, in Eastern Oregon, for the purpose of buying 10,000 head of cattle for shipment to Montana. He is paying \$10 for yearling steers, \$15 for two, \$20 for three, and \$14 to \$15 for cows.

Many people, with the notion that nature ought to take care of herself, allow a cough to plague them for weeks and months. Whereas, if nature were assisted with a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, the cure might be effected in a very few days.

State Superintendent Irwin has just decided a question of considerable importance. It is that a person receiving a third grade certificate and being unable to secure a school, shall be granted another upon passing examination at the proper time.

It surprised many visitors to the Chicago World's Fair to find that of all the blood-purifiers Ayer's Sarsaparilla was the only one on exhibition. The reason is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla is a standard remedy, and not a patent medicine, or secret nostrum.

Few station licenses have been issued by the county clerk of Jackson county yet. Owners of stations should remember that there is a heavy penalty attached to violation of the law governing these licenses which provides that a failure to comply therewith is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days.

Anent the extraordinary rush of men to Alaska allured by mining prospects Capt. McAlliff of the steamer Chilcat says after a run to that northern country: "It is very unwise for men without means to rush to Alaska. Juneau is already overcrowded with idle men. At some residences an average of ten a day are asking for food. The season does not open until May, and even then they will not have means for more than 250 men at the mines."

Washington Dispatch: Congressman Hermann has secured a pension for John Barney, of Medford, to date from December 1892, at \$12 per month. Mr. Hermann has also secured the enactment into laws of his bills for increase of pension to David H. Sexton, of Josephine county, for service in the Oregon Indian war of 1855, and of pension to John H. Pratt, of Jackson county, for services in the late war. The first was for \$12 and the other for \$10 per month from May 11, 1894.

E. O. Men who wheel in Pendleton will soon be taking a back seat. A local bicycle agent has placed an order for a tandem and on these the gentlemen ride behind, while the lady sits in front and holds the handle bars. Buggy riding will be superseded by tandem wheeling, and the young gentleman will write: "Sweet Marie, will you go tandeming this afternoon with me?" Whereat will quick reply: "You may go tandeming with I."

"We take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy because it is praised by all who try it," says J. W. Cox & Son, druggists, Marshfield, Oregon. No one afflicted with a throat or lung trouble can use this remedy without praising it. It always gives prompt relief. It is especially valuable for colds as it relieves the lungs, makes breathing easier and aids expectation. A cold will never result in pneumonia when this remedy is taken and reasonable care is exercised. For sale by E. A. Sherwin.

Governor Lord has called a convention of mayors and representatives of commercial bodies to be held at Salem on April 22d for the purpose of considering the matter of the presentation of a token to the new battleship "Oregon"

Ladies, inspect that new line of Broadhead dress goods just received at Vanpel, Norris & Drake's.

The Brown Shoe Co.'s shoes are the best made for the money. Go to The Fair.

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SHERWIN, The Druggist. In addition to increasing Prescription work, will handle for his customers a full line of Spraying Material, Sulphur, Bluestone, Paris Green, London Purple. Two tons of the stuff now in stock and more on the way. Low Prices are guaranteed on all ingredients that aid in the protection of our fruit industry. Cash Paid for Prime Yellow Beeswax. E. A. Sherwin.

At the Soldiers' Home. The new board of trustees of the Oregon Soldiers' Home met in this city Tuesday morning, says the Roseburg Review, an elected C. B. Ormsby president, and Wm. Galloway, vice president. C. Graham was made secretary pro tem. Auditing committee, Ormsby, Robertson, and Galloway; executive, Ormsby, Alley and Robertson. The board spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home making a kind of a general inspection, going over the books, accounts, etc., and getting onto the everyday life and work there. Their idea is to thoroughly inspect everything and reorganize matters, wherever they consider a change advisable. Regarding salaries, the board have made the following changes in the line of retrenchment: Commandant \$750 old \$1000; Matron 300 650; Adjutant 300 600; Surgeon 400 500; Landress 240 240; Cook 480 600; Waiter 120 144; Teamster 100 300; Farmer 300 300; Farmer and teamster (consolidated) 300 350; Extra help 350 400; Secretary 100 400. The net saving according to the new schedule will be over \$1400 a year.

Moore's Revealed Remedy. Woman's Friend. So successful and delightful have been the effects of "Moore's Revealed Remedy" upon the delicate ailments of womankind that this wonderful remedy has been called "Woman's Friend."

MORRIS HOWELL. Is conducting the Shoemaking business next to the Ashland House alone again and is prepared to do everything in the line of BOOT AND SHOE MAKING, REPAIRING, ETC., ETC. In first class style and at prices in keeping with the times. GIVE HIM A CALL. 3-28

Fin de Siecle Finery! We are never behind. Our stock of Spring Goods is most all ready for inspection at our store. It was purchased in the east at lower prices than we ever obtained before and of course our customers will divide the profits with us as usual. We would call the attention of the ladies to a few lines of Goods—just a few, and then we know they will come around and see the rest: Outing Flannels, 5c per yard. Velvets. In Velvets we have all the late and most fashionable shades—right up to date. Belgrave Organdies, 20c yd. Laces and Trimmings. Nice assortment just received. Printed Dimities, 15c yd. Rayure de Soie, Mouseline De L'Inde. Then, too, we have a fine line of silks: SILKS: Figured Pongee, Fancy Silks for Waists, Figured India Silks at 25c yd. Swivel Silks. Worsted Dress Goods. We have them in fancy and plain, comprising the nicest assortment ever seen in Southern Oregon. VAUPEL, NORRIS & DRAKE, Ashland, Oregon. N. B.—We buy no job lots.

READ AND BE CONVINCED. These Prices and you will forget your debts. We sell you Goods cheaper than you can steal them and not get caught. Try us once. Shrunton's Brass Pins, 2 papers for 5c. Best quality Hooks and Eyes, 4 doz. for 5c. Milward's Sewing Needles, 3 papers for 10c. Good quality Cotton Crash, 5c a yard. Extra quality Linen Crash, 3 yards for 25c. Corticilla Spool Silk, 5c per spool. Marchat's Linen Thread, 5c per spool. Dicken's Lead Pencils, rubber tip, 10c per doz. Feather Dusters, extra quality, 25c. 60-inch tape measures, 25c per doz. 60-inch Tape Measures, satin doubled stitched, 10c each. Ladies' Fine Cloth Top Shoes, only a few left, sizes 2 1/2 and 3 1/2, reduced to 75c a pair. Ladies' Black Hose, good quality, 3 pair for 25c. Infants' and Children's Shoes from 35c up. Matches, 2 bunches for 5c. Mens' Black Satin Shirts, 25c. Mens' Extra Heavy Overalls, 50c. Mens' Suspenders, good quality, from 15c up. Mens' Heavy Seamless Sox, 5c a pair. Ladies' Fine Lace Handkerchiefs, 10c up. Mens' Fedora Hats, latest shapes, \$1 up. Lamp Chimneys, to close, 10c. Mens' Woolen Underwear, to close, 50c. Lamp Burners, to close, 5c. Mens' Red Flannel Underwear, 75c, \$1. The Finest Assortment of Hats and Gents' Furnishing Goods in Southern Oregon. GIVE US A TRIAL. All Goods Satisfactory or Money Refunded. MYER & GREGORY, MYER BLOCK. ASHLAND, OR.

DON'T BE A SHEEP! (Unless you are the bell one) Which means LEAD, and not FOLLOW. IF you would make money, BUY when other people are SELLING—SELL when other people are BUYING. 3 Choice Improved Lots in the Railroad addition at a bargain. 1 large Lot and small house, convenient to center of town, for \$250. 520 Acres Foot Hill Land at \$4 per acre. G. F. BILLINGS, Real Estate and Insurance.

A chance for All! Don't miss our BARGAINS FOR MARCH. Mens' Good Working Shoes, 75c per pair. Mens' Fine Shoes (odd lots) worth \$4, for \$2.50 a pair. Cottonade Pants for \$1 a pair. Fine line Mens' 90c Cottonade Pants all reduced to 50c per pair during month of February. Bargains unequalled in Mens' and Boys' Suits.

O. H. BLOUNT'S CASH STORE. KINNEY & PROVOST, Hardware, Stoves, Ranges. MINING SUPPLIES, Farmers' Implements and Tools. ASHLAND, OREGON. The Ashland Hotel J. H. McBRIDE, Proprietor. Has been completely renovated and refitted throughout, and is now open for the accommodation of the traveling public. SUBSTANTIAL BRICK BUILDING. CENTRALLY LOCATED. FREE BUS MEETS ALL TRAINS.