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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY.**—This day was celebrated at Portland in grand style. George K. Shiel of this city was orator.

**DIED.**—Two convicts at the penitentiary died last week—one, a man named Sheppard, and an Indian—both from Union county. Their disease was consumption.

**CONVICTED.**—Watts, who killed a man some time ago on San Juan Island, has been tried at Port Townsend and convicted of murder in the first degree.

**ROAD TO TILLAMOOK.**—A company has been formed at Portland for the purpose of building a wagon road to Tillamook. A. C. Gibbs, J. W. Fryer, and Peter Scholl are the incorporators.

**NOT DEAD.**—Mr. Wm. Hamilton, of Lane county, reported last week as having died from wounds received by having a log roll over him, is alive and in a fair way of recovering.

**RETAKEN.**—Two of the prisoners who escaped from the Lane county jail a week or two since have been recaptured. Their names are Rand and Wells. Jackson is still at large.

**THE HOLLY SYSTEM.**—T. T. Flagler, President of the Holly Water Works, Manufacturing Company, is now in Portland for the purpose of explaining to the citizens the peculiar advantages of the Holly system.

**HON. J. S. SMITH.**—This gentleman, we learn, who recently went to California for the benefit of his health, is very low, with no hopes of recovery. His disease is consumption.

**TEMPERANCE.**—William Harman, State Deputy, G. W. C. T. of the Order of Good Templars, also State Lecturer, is now making a tour of Marion county, delivering temperance lectures and organizing Lodges.

**CATTLE IN YAQUINA.**—The total loss will not exceed 150 head the past winter, although the weather was very cold. To the above is to be added an estimated loss of 150 head of Indian horses. The heavy snows give promise of an abundant grass crop. So says the Walla Walla Statesman.

**ABANDONED CHILD.**—About six o'clock yesterday morning a male child was found on the steps of a residence in Portland. The child was placed in a new basket, well-dressed, had a good supply of clothing, and had every appearance of being the offspring of wealthy parents.

**POLK COUNTY.**—The Republican says farmers are busy plowing, and sowing their spring crops—eager to avail themselves of the advantages offered by the favorable weather. Wolves are getting quite plentiful near Dallas, and a society has been formed for the purpose of cleaning them out.

**SUPPOSED TO HAVE PERISHED.**—A young lad named Riley Smith, strayed away from his home in Whitman county, W. T., on the 16th of February, and has not been heard from since. He was accompanied by a dog, who returned three days after minus his collar. It is feared the young man has perished.

**INDIAN KILLED.**—Last week an Indian known by the name of Johnson was killed near Astoria by a white man named Condit. The latter was endeavoring to prevent the Indian from beating a woman, when the Indian attacked Condit savagely, who in self-defense dealt him a blow that brought him to the ground with a mortal wound.

**FOUND DEAD.**—The Vancouver Register, March 16th, says: John McGee, a former resident of this county, was found dead near Sandy one day last week, with a gunshot wound in his body, and his throat cut. It is believed that he accidentally inflicted the gunshot wound himself, and not being able to help himself, or within the reach of help, cut his own throat to end his sufferings. He was strongly addicted to drinking during the latter years of his life.

**INSANE ASYLUM.**—Dr. Ellis furnishes the following report of the Insane Asylum for the quarter ending Feb. 29th:

Number males in Asylum Dec. 1, 1871; 115; females, 44; total, 159. Males admitted during the quarter, 17; Males discharged during the quarter, 5; females ditto; 5; total 10. Died during the quarter, Henry Gilkington, George Whitehouse and Polly Holmes. Remaining at the end of the quarter—males, 125; females, 40; total 165.

**FATALITY AMONG CATTLE.**—The Walla Walla Statesman says that Mr. Byrne, a stock raiser on Mud Creek, in that valley, has lost about a thousand dollars' worth of cattle lately, by an unknown disease. On opening the carcasses, the kidneys were uniformly found black and unhealthy looking, but whether that was a cause of the death, he could not determine.

**MYSTERIOUS MURDER.**—The Herald has information of a murder that was committed near the Columbia river about thirty miles from Portland. The dead body of a man named Stephen Rogers was found in the woods; his clothing was torn in several places, and saturated with blood, and numerous welts and bruises were found to have been inflicted upon the back part of the head with some blunt instrument, the brain was oozing out of the back part of the skull. An old musket loaded with small shot, was found lying near the property of the deceased. It is supposed that the deceased was murdered while out on a hunting expedition. There were no appearances of a struggle anywhere near by.

**OREGON CITY.**—From the Enterprise of the 16th, we learn the following:

Last Monday morning, as Mr. Griff Jones was walking the gang-plank from the steamer Alice to the wharf, the plank slipped, throwing him over the basin a distance of about 15 feet, injuring him severely, if not fatally. He struck very hard as he fell on the back of his head and back. He was taken to Salem where his family resides.

The warehouse in this place is almost entirely empty at present. We do not remember the time when its floor presented such a barren appearance.

The Albany took the place of the Shoo Fly last Wednesday, and the latter boat was laid up. The Alice and Albany are now doing the work on the upper river.

Forty additional hands were added to the working force on the locks last Wednesday.

**TURNED UP.**—Some months since a farmer in this county named Scott Gardner suddenly disappeared and as he was known to have considerable money with him, there was some suspicion of foul play. This week his wife received a letter from him, whereby it appears that he went to Iowa with the probable intention of never returning. He left his family consisting of wife and eight children in an entirely destitute condition. He succeeded in mortgaging his homestead before he left. The helpless condition of the family appeals strongly to the generosity of our citizens. —Vancouver Register.

**SCHOOL MONEY.**—W. S. Moore, County Treasurer, states that Marion county has the following moneys to be applied to common school purposes: from county fund the sum \$7,547.40, from the State Irredeemable fund \$2,527.08, coin, and \$2,554.89, currency, making over \$12,000.

**WASCO COUNTY.**—We copy the following from the Mountaineer of March 16th:

We saw several gentlemen from the John Day river country who have settled near where the north fork empties into the main stream. They report the grass as far in advance of any in this section and the weather much warmer and milder.

On Wednesday evening a number of our citizens presented Rev. Thomas Condon with a purse of \$350. It was partly intended to aid him in continuing his geological researches in the interior during the coming summer.

The Columbia river continues very high for this season of the year. Since our last issue it has been at least thirty feet above low water mark. It is now gradually falling again.

**YAMHILL COUNTY.**—The McMinnville West Side, March 15, says:

Contrary to all expectation, the winter has done no damage to growing wheat of any consequence. Some oats were killed by the alternate thawing and freezing in January, and made young wheat look pretty black for a day or two; but it all recovered with the exception of what little was in wet streaks of land, such as underdrained swales. Fall wheat now looks as well as we remember to have ever seen it at this time of the year.

We hear the most encouraging reports of the movement to endow the Baptist College at this place, and the Board intends to erect a \$10,000 building on the grounds as soon as possible.

The patent granting 160 acres of the Lafayette town site to Yamhill county has been received.

**LINN COUNTY.**—The county court has advertised for proposals to repair the jail.

There are 4,326 children in Linn county between the ages of four and twenty.

The taxable property of Albany amounts to \$735,500.

Capt. John D. Love, a well known citizen of Harrisburg, died at that place on the 7th of March, after a long and painful illness.

**YAQUINA.**—The Corvallis Gazette learns that the schooner Elnorah was beached at Yaquina Bay on the 13th inst. She was struck by a strong head wind just as she went to sea, being blown back, and drifted upon the beach high and dry.

George Mercer has surveyed a twenty-acre reservation for the light-house on Cape Foulweather point. Work on the light house will be commenced in a short time.

**HOMESTEAD SETTLERS.**—We learn from the Vancouver Register that the Land Office at that place has received instructions from Washington that hereafter in all cases of commutations of homestead entries, Agricultural College scrip may be taken in payment. Heretofore such scrip was only available in entries under the preemption law.

**PROHIBITION.**—The Olympia papers say that the recent movement of Good Templars in Olympia to prevent the total issuance of licenses to keep a saloon has resulted in augmenting the number of saloons in that place, who pay nothing whatever.

**WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.**—The third term of the present school year closed this week, and examinations of the different classes were held, which we learn gave great satisfaction. A vacation of one week will be given before the next term begins.

**FOR FRISCO.**—Mr. C. P. Terrell of the firm of Terrell & Gillingham, will leave for San Francisco on the next steamer to purchase his spring and summer goods.

**PERFECTLY HAPPY.**—Rev. J. L. Parish is the perfectly happy father of a little girl baby, and wants the fact in the papers. Better late than never.

## DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

**BANGOR, March 17.**—It is snowing, attended with a very severe gale. On the European and North America Railroad the snow drifted fearfully, some drifts being twelve feet deep. Some trains were delayed 48 hours.

A dispatch from St. Johns says another storm is impending. Nothing like the storm of the past two weeks has been experienced for years.

**PHILADELPHIA, March 17.**—The election of State Senator in the 5th District, on the 15th, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephens, resulted in the return of Waddell, Republican, by 500 majority.

**WASHINGTON, March 17.**—No official information has yet been communicated as to the spirit with which the letter of Secretary Fish to Earl Granville has been received. Gentlemen in high official position, however, think that conflicting views of the Governments have been reconciled.

**LOWELL, March 19.**—The entire business portion of this town was burned last night. Loss heavy; insurance light. Both hotels and the printing office were destroyed, and the jail and other houses damaged. Fifteen houses were burned, besides a number of stables and out houses. There was insurance on four houses. It is impossible to estimate the loss at present, but it will be about \$150,000.

**NEW YORK, March 19.**—A Times' Washington correspondent says: "On unquestionable authority I am able to inform you that a change—and an important one—has come over the spirit of the Administration, on the subject of the question with Spain, growing out of the Cuban war for independence. The immediate cause of this change is not learned, but in well informed circles it is supposed to be the receipt of some important dispatches from Madrid. Whatever may be the immediate causes, of the fact can I assure you that the relations between this Government and that of Spain are at this moment of the most critical nature; such, in fact, as to warrant the suspicion that an open rupture may supervene any day. Gen. Sickles will not return to Madrid, nor will any one replace him just now. The mistake in which Secretary Fish fell with regard to the personality of the newly appointed Spanish Minister to this Government, has served to embitter the spirit between the two Cabinets."

**SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.**—Thirteen Cotswold sheep, full bloods, purchased here for \$1,400 were shipped for Oregon by the steamer Orillanne this morning.

**LOS ANGELES, March 20.**—Arrivals from Arizona report passing two hundred miners on the way to the Wallapai district. There are now 1,200 miners in this district. Lumber is \$140 per thousand; Flour \$15 per 100 pounds; bacon 40 cents.

General Crook, since starting for Tonopah, has enlisted and armed 100 Wallapai Indians, to go after the Apaches.

## EUROPEAN.

**LONDON, March 17.**—The London Observer states that at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday the American reply to Lord Granville's note was received and discussed. It produced a favorable impression, and was regarded as furnishing an opening for further arbitration on the basis of argument provided by the Treaty of Washington.

**DUBLIN, March 17.**—St. Patrick's anniversary was observed throughout Ireland. No disturbances reported. At Drogheda there was a great open air celebration, at which speeches were made unholding home rule and denouncing the Government for refusing to pardon Fenian prisoners.

**LONDON, March 18.**—In the House of Commons to-night, Mr. Gladstone, answering Mr. Disraeli's inquiries, stated that the reply of the American Government to Lord Granville's note, concerning the Alabama claims, was received by Her Majesty's Government on the 14th inst. He was gratified to be able to state that it was couched in courteous and friendly terms. (Cheers.) In the opinion of the Government an answer is required which the Government of the United States appears to invite. This answer will be delivered

to the American Minister in London before Thursday of the present week. It would be inconsistent with public business to lay the correspondence before Parliament at present, particularly as the Congress of the United States has declined to ask it of the President. The tenor of our communication, while it shows that we are anxious to carry the treaty into execution, I trust, will not misconstrue the feeling statesmanship which the nature of the case and which the honor of this country demand. The statement of the Premier was received at the close with loud cheers.

**LONDON, March 19.**—In the House of Lords, this evening, Baron Redesdale said that he had no wish to embarrass the Government, but he thought an expression of opinion on the part of the House would be useful. He therefore gave notice that he would introduce a resolution declaring that it is to the common interest of all nations to decide whether, when belligerents have become reconciled and become nations, they can demand as such nations, from neutral States, indemnity for damages done by belligerents. Lord Ridesdale added that if these resolutions were carried he should move an address to the Crown, praying that an International Congress be called by Great Britain for the settlement of this question. Earl D. gave notice that he should ask Government what course it intended to pursue with regard to the Treaty of Washington.

In the House of Commons Disraeli gave notice that he should bring to the consideration of the House the state of relations with the United States.

Horseman reminded the House that he had already notified the Government of his intention to question it, and he begged for a reply. He would ask if Gladstone was prepared to give Parliament assurances that in case negotiations were entered into with the American Government, no proposals would be finally accepted till they had received the sanction of Parliament.

Gladstone said he was sorry he was unable to answer the question to night. He had no opportunity to give the subject the consideration it demanded, or even to consult with his colleagues. Horseman intimated that he should report upon the question to-morrow.

**POLITICAL.**—The Republican State Convention met at Portland on Wednesday, and nominated a ticket as follows: For Congress, Hon. Jos. G. Wilson, of Wasco county; for Presidential Electors, A. B. Meacham, W. D. Hare, and James F. Gazley. For Prosecuting Attorneys, the following named were nominated: 2d district, F. A. Chenoweth, of Benton; 3d, N. B. Humphrey, of Linn; 4th, George H. Durham, of Multnomah; 5th, J. C. Hyde, of Grant. Delegates to the Republican National Convention were chosen as follows: B. F. Dowell, Hiram Smith, Thomas Charman, M. Petterson, G. Holman, J. P. Booth. They were instructed for Grant and Colfax.

The following named were elected a State Central Committee, to serve the next two years: J. A. Brunner, Baker county; B. W. Wilson, Benton; D. Thompson, Clackamas; R. R. Spelden, Clatsop; D. I. Watson, Coos; M. Riley, Curry; L. L. Ladd, Columbia; E. W. Stearns, Douglas; J. W. Church, Grant; C. W. Savage, Jackson; A. L. Watts, Josephine; D. W. Ballard, Linn; W. W. Bristow, Lane; N. B. Knight, Marion; C. W. Parish, Multnomah; B. T. Tyson, Polk; Wm. Stillwell, Tillamook; Geo. Osgood, Umatilla; M. Baker, Union; R. W. Crandall, Wasco; A. R. Burbank, Yamhill. C. W. Parish of Multnomah was designated as Chairman of the Committee.

Let another's passions be a lecture to thy reason.