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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. Ernest, while returning from Salem to Bethel last Thursday, with some grave stones in his hack, was caught, and in driving over a bad place in the road, tipped his vehicle over. One of the stones fell upon his leg, badly crushing the bone between the ankle and knee.

**SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.**—A dispatch from Canyonville, Douglas county, April 2d, says: The school house in Cow Creek District, seven miles west of here, was entirely consumed by fire last night. Loss, \$1,000. It is supposed without doubt to have been the work of an incendiary.

**APPOINTED.**—Thomas M. Gale has been appointed Revenue Assessor in Division No. 2, District of Oregon, composed of the counties of Marion, Polk, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Curry.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—On Saturday afternoon last, Frank Wilson, a brakeman on the cars, met with an accident at Albany which may cause him the loss of a foot. The car wheel ran diagonally across, and completely crushing his foot. On Sunday morning he was brought to his home in this city.

**MISSION CLAIM.**—A dispatch has been received at Vancouver stating that Secretary of the Interior had decided against the Catholic mission land claim at that place. The matter has been pending in Washington for years.

**CAPTURED.**—Ladru, alias Smith, one of the prisoners who escaped from the Linn county jail some weeks ago, was captured at Portland, on Wednesday last, and taken back to Albany.

**DEAD.**—A. H. Francis, a colored citizen of Victoria, and formerly a well known merchant in Portland, died suddenly at the former place on the 27th of March.

**ICE.**—Marshall Blinn is erecting ice houses at Seattle and Olympia. The ice is to come from Truckee river, Nevada, three hundred miles by rail and eight hundred by sea.

**MANUFACTORY.**—Ben. Holladay, jr., and J. D. Biles are about to erect a manufactory of wooden ware at Oregon City. The machinery for the same has already arrived.

**BRIDGE AT PORTLAND.**—Col. W. W. Chapman has sent a dispatch to the effect that money had been secured at the East to build the railroad and wagon bridge across the Willamette river at Portland.

**I. O. O. F.**—Grand Master E. L. Bristol, I. O. O. F., has issued a dispensation to all lodges subordinate to the jurisdiction of Oregon, empowering them to appear in the regalia and emblems of the Order on the 26th of April, 1872, and otherwise appropriately celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the Order.

**CONVOCATION.**—Bishop Morris of the Episcopal Church has called a Missionary Convocation at Eugene City on the 4th, 6th and 7th days of April.

**REWARD.**—Mrs. Louisa Hanson publishes an advertisement in a Portland paper offering a one cent postage stamp as a reward for her husband, Charles Hanson, to whom she was married a month since. He has cruelly deserted her, after inducing her to sell her property.

**DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.**—Anderson Cox, a resident of Walla Walla, and for many years a citizen

of Oregon, died a few days ago, very suddenly, of bilious colic, whilst on his way home from the Palouse country. Mr. Cox once figured prominently in the politics of this state, and once represented Linn county in the Legislature. He was about sixty years of age.

**EUGENE CITY.**—On Monday, at the annual election, the following city officers were elected. Recorder, T. J. Holt; Treasurer, Mark Stevens; Marshall, Robert Patterson; Councilmen, G. Humphrey, E. L. Bristow and J. Gray. The election was entirely free of political partisanship.

**PRESENTATION.**—Wilbur Cornell, foreman of the *Herald* office, has been presented by the compositors employed on that paper with a handsome gold watch chain, as an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the donors.

**OBITUARY.**—Elder W. L. Mascher died at his residence, near Silverton, on the 22d of March last, at the age of thirty-five years. He leaves a widow and seven children.

George Ritchey died at the residence of H. Lindsay, in Monmouth, Oregon, on the 28th of March, 1872, aged ninety years, two months, and six days.

**SHOOTING AFFRAY.**—The *Herald* learns the particulars of a row down the Columbia a few days since, in which a man named Ladner was shot by one Collins. The difficulty had its origin over a game of cards, Collins accused Ladner of cheating him. To this the latter replied in terms in no way complimentary to Collins, who, by this time had become very excited, and drawing a revolver, fired, the ball taking effect in Ladner's breast, about an inch below the right nipple, inflicting a dangerous wound. When the informant left the wounded man was not expected to live. Collins was at large, supposed to be concealed in the woods.

**GEOLOGY.**—Rev. Thomas Condon recently delivered two lectures in Portland—one for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association, on "The Relations of Geology to the Christian Religion." The second was for his own benefit, and the subject was, "The Fossil Horse; his place in geological history." The receipts of both lectures were quite liberal, and at the close of the last a subscription for his benefit was taken up, which amounted to near five hundred dollars. This contribution was to enable Mr. Condon to continue his geological researches.

**BAKER COUNTY.**—Curly, who was arrested in Portland, charged with horse stealing in Baker county, has been lodged in jail at Baker City, to await his trial.

Green grass in the foot-hills is four to ten inches high. No animals died in Powder River valley the past winter for want of food. Butter is 50 cents a pound, and eggs 30 to 35 cents a dozen.

The above we take from the *Democrat* of March 27th.

**FOUND.**—The *Standard* says the body of a man, supposed to be that of Richard McCann, was found in the Bay near Tumwater, W. T., a short time since. The examination of the body by the coroner's jury was not sufficient to determine certainly its identity.

**A COMPLIMENT.**—The *Corvallis Gazette* says: "William Davidson, a well known real estate dealer in Portland, Oregon, ranks as one of the most efficient workers in our State in disseminating information relative to our resources, climate, etc. His letters and concise and truthful documents are printed in different languages and scattered broadcast in Europe, as well as in the United States and British provinces. We are in receipt of a handsome pamphlet, bearing his office stamp, containing valuable information relative to the history, route, resources, etc., of the North Pacific Railroad."

## DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

**HARTFORD, April 2.**—The Connecticut election created but little excitement last evening. Special dispatches say that probably Jewell's majority over both opponents is 200 or 300, and 2,000 over Hubbard. The vote is 5,000 less than last year. The Reformers ran far below their reputed strength, but the Temperance ticket ran well.

The *World* says the Liberal Republicans did not give much support to the Democrats, and that they seemed unwilling to break with the Grant wing until after the Cincinnati Convention.

The revised table at the office of the *Courant*, with returns from every town, give Jewell, 46,386; Hubbard, 44,446; Gillette, 1,526; Harris, 384. Jewell's plurality, 1,940; majority over all, 300.

The Senate stands 15 Republicans, 6 Democrats; the House stands 131 Republicans, 110 Democrats—Republican majority over joint ballot, 30. Last year it was 24.

**NEW YORK, April 2.**—Professor Morse died this evening at half-past seven.

**WASHINGTON, April 2.**—At a Cabinet meeting to-day all the members were present. The letter of Earl Granville, in reply to Secretary Fish, was read, occupying near all the two hours' session. The particulars of the letter cannot be ascertained. The members decline to converse on the subject. It is known, however, from a reliable source, that Granville's letter is in the character of the argument against the claim of the United States for indirect damages are firm yet friendly in tone, and expresses the hope that both nations will come to an understanding which will eventually carry out the Treaty of Washington according to what the British Government believes to be its true intent and meaning. The Secretary of State will not reply to Granville for some time, as time is required for the consideration of the points and arguments in this unusually diplomatic letter.

**"BACK-LOG STUDIES."**—In this unique series of papers, now appearing in *Scribner's Monthly*, Mr. Warner, author of "My Summer in a Garden," is doing his best work. Here we have, in pleasant fiction of a talking group in front of an old-fashioned country back-log, a philosophic suggestion, sarcasm that smiles, not sneers, bright bits of description, social outlooks,—and, enlivening all, a fresh, "crisp, yet juicy" and delicious humor. **BACK-LOG STUDIES** have been quickly appreciated by the press. The *New York Times* says that these sketches, "for light, airy, but genuine delineations of character, have rarely been surpassed by any writer of the present day." The *Boston Transcript* says that "for delicacy of touch, quaint sentiment, and quiet humor, **BACK-LOG STUDIES** are the best of things in their way." The *Astorian* thinks that **BACK-LOG STUDIES** No. III, "renews and increases the evidence given in his previous performances that we have in him a humorist of real merit." Writing of one of these papers, the *N. Y. Mail* says it is the "best thing in its way any American or English magazine has had for many a day;" and the *Boston Commercial Bulletin* says: "**BACK-LOG STUDIES** constitute a decided hit in magazine literature." Another of these delightful papers will appear in the April number of *Scribner's Monthly*, which will be for sale by all booksellers and News-dealers. \$4.00 a year, 35cts. a number. **SCRIBNER & Co.,** 654 Broadway, New York.

**WEATHER RECORD.**—Mr. Pearee, of Eola, furnishes us the following facts from his weather record for last month: Rainfall, 3.87 inches; 9 clear and 7 cloudy days; mean temperature, for month, 47°; highest, 54°, on the 3d; lowest, 41°, on the 15th.

During March, 1871, we had 23 rainy days, with 7.51 inches water; 1 snowy, 2 clear, and five cloudy days; mean temperature for month, 41°; highest, 51°, on 31st; lowest, 37°, on 17th and 18th.

## Rogue River Valley Correspondence.

**ED. FARMER:** It is a conceded fact that Southern Oregon with its fertile soil, rich mineral resources, and salubrious climate, stands unrivaled on the Pacific Coast in these particulars. The soil is unequalled, save in the heart of the Willamette valley. Though the mines are not as rich as they have been in by-gone days, they will, nevertheless, prove rich for many years to come, especially when they shall have been thoroughly developed. In the bosom of our mines countless millions lie, and yet we have not the facilities of extracting these precious metals from their spacious beds. We need some thorough, go-ahead and enterprising men who have sufficient capital to open the portal to industry and enterprise. Water can be carried through our mines by means of ditches, and with comparatively small capital, and this requisite accomplished, a rich boon awaits the capitalist, the miner, and the community at large. Thousands of acres of grazing, considerable arable, and a vast quantity of timber land, lie open as commons, and unclaimed save by "Uncle Sam," which speaks enough for stockmen, lumbering facilities, and those in quest of homes. The climate is not as hot as in California, nor cold as it is in Northern Oregon, which renders it congenial and enticing in that respect.

The means of transportation has hitherto been, and is now deficient, which barrier has not invoked in our community the requisite amount of industry; but the proximity of the R. R. has dispelled that anterior dormant spirit, and in its stead felicity, and energy, is fast being engrossed in the hearts of our citizens.

Though many of the valleys in this part of the State are not very spacious, the verdant hills, the many crystal streams, and abundance of timber, composed principally of sugar and yellow pine, fir, cedar, black and white oak, ash, laurel, and mountain mahogany, with divers other immunities too numerous to mention, render our valleys enticing. The thoughts of the iron horse have ameliorated those vague phantoms to which many of our people have been in want, and their hearts imbued with serenity.

We have had more rain this winter than usual, in consequence of which have not until the last two weeks put in much grain, but with the rapidity that it is now being handled crops will soon be growing. **JACKSON.**

**OMINOUS INCORPORATION.**—The Oregon Real Estate Company has been incorporated in Portland, with Ben. Holladay, W. L. Halsey, and George Weidner as Incorporators. Capital stock \$1,000,000—shares \$100 each.

The enterprise, pursuit and occupation of the corporation is to "purchase, improve, sell, convey, lease and mortgage" all kinds of real estate lying within the limits of this State; also to improve such land, and laying off by surveys or otherwise, any portions into lots and blocks, alleys or public parks, and to erect warehouses, mills, factories, machine shops, docks or elevators, make any improvements, and to do a general real estate business.

**DROWNED.**—On Wednesday afternoon last, a boy named Eaton, about ten years old, while fishing in the river near Portland, fell into the water, and was drowned.

**SCHOOL MATTERS.**—The voters of School District No. 24 (Salem), held the annual election on Monday last for one Director and Clerk. Paul Crandall was elected Director, and C. P. Stratton was re-elected Clerk. The Board now stands, R. Mallory, R. H. Dearborn, and Paul Crandall. A resolution was adopted levying a tax of three and a half mills, to be used for carrying on free schools in the district for the ensuing year.

From the *Statesman* we copy the following summary of the Clerk's report:

Receipts during the year—Coin, \$7,024 01; currency, \$621 07; total, \$7,655 08.

Expenditures during the year, \$4,952 11; balance on hand—coin, \$2,071 90; currency, \$631 07; total, \$2,702 97. Amount due and to fall due teachers at the end of the present quarter, \$1,300 00. Balance to remain, \$1,402 97. Delinquent taxes for the year, \$358 62.

Total number of children in district over four and under twenty years, 1,066.

The daily average attendance has been as follows: North Salem, 46.58; East Salem, 84.64; Central, 112.32; South Salem, 61.66; Colored school, 9.81; total, 315.04.

**WOOL.**—The *San Francisco Commercial Herald*, March 22d, says; The market has not yet fairly opened, although a few bales of the spring clip have arrived, said to have been purchased in the interior at a price equal to 50c delivered here. Small lots of choice pulled, washed, have been sold at 60c, touching as high as 70c@75c. The *New York Economist*, of March 8th, says: "The stock of all kinds of domestic and foreign Wools is very small and is becoming less every day; native fleeces particularly are extremely scarce, and prices are again firmer, so that choice Michigan and Ohio cannot be bought now below 85c and 90c, which is about equal to \$1 40 and \$1 50 per pound for scoured, and at these extraordinary prices the wants of manufacturers cannot be supplied, because stocks are almost wholly exhausted. The question consequently arises, What are the manufacturers to do? Stop their mills. No: we have agitated the question about the stoppage of the woolen mills with dubious hopes, and an effort has been made in Boston to carry our suggestions into practical effect, but it has failed because for various causes it has been found impracticable. Sales for the week include 10,000 lbs fall clip at 40c; 20,000 lbs do 35c@41c." A letter just received from the lower coast, dated at San Luis Obispo, mentions the purchase of several Wool clips at 85c, 85c@40c, all more or less burry. The fall clip from the same sheep sold here last fall at 19c. It is said that 50c has been paid in the Sacramento Valley for Wool on the sheep's back.

**WAGON ROAD.**—The Washington correspondent of the *Eugene Journal*, writing under date of March 6th, says: "On Monday Mr. Corbett introduced a bill to grant the right of way only for a wagon road and narrow-gauge railroad from the head of Wapato lake, in Tualatin valley, to the navigable waters of Tillamook bay, in Oregon. It proposes to grant the necessary materials from the public lands for constructing the road, and the right of way two hundred feet wide."