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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

OLD SOLDIER DEAD.—Mr. Hugh Thompson, late of Polk county, died at Salem this week, at the age of 82 years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An Italian named Jean Bellomo died suddenly at Portland last Saturday night. He was about forty years old, and was the owner of a cattle ranch near the Dalles.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.—A short time since, a young lad, the son of Alex. Vincent, of Dungeness, W. T., while out duck shooting, accidentally shot himself, and died in a few minutes.

ENLARGED.—The Vancouver Register has been enlarged, and now appears as a twenty-four column paper. Glad to note this evidence of prosperity.

BURGLARS.—Portland is now infested with burglars, and scarcely a night passes that one or more houses are not entered, and depredations committed inside.

ARRESTS.—The total number of arrests in Portland for the last quarter, by the police, foots up 398.

EUGENE CITY.—A petition is being circulated at this place, asking Gov. Grover to pardon James McCorld. Saloons are being repaired, and churches becoming dilapidated. So says the Journal.

DEATH FROM APOPLEXY.—On Sunday afternoon last, Albert Matzky, a resident of Oregon City, while walking along the basin at that place, was seized with an apoplectic fit, and fell into the water. He was rescued immediately, but gave a gasp or two and expired. His death was no doubt attributable to apoplexy. The deceased had resided for some time past at Oregon City, and was known as a good citizen.

UMATILLA COUNTY.—The Democratic convention of Umatilla has nominated the following ticket: For Representatives, George A. LaDow and James Morrison; County Judge, H. Y. Yokum; Sheriff, A. W. Nye; County Clerk, E. M. Crockett; Treasurer, William H. Marshall; Assessor, William Mitchell; School Superintendent, John Ingle; County Surveyor, O. F. Clark; Coroner, Dr. Morris; County Commissioners, H. C. Myers and ——— Stablefield.

GRAND PICNIC.—A movement is on foot to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the institution of the Order of Odd Fellowship in the United States, by a grand mass picnic at Aurora, on the O. & C. Railroad. The anniversary occurs on the 26th of April, and it is proposed to have the members of all the Lodges in the valley and elsewhere meet at the point above named, and celebrate the day.

ARRESTED.—U. S. Marshal Young has gone to San Francisco, and arrested M. S. Hart, on a warrant from the U. S. Court. Hart was a railroad contractor, and left Oregon some time since without paying his men. He will probably arrive on the next steamer, in custody of the Marshal.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY.—The Democrats have made the following nominations for office: Joint Representative, Dr. G. B. Davidson; County Clerk, W. T. Newcomb; Sheriff, G. D. Edwards; County Treasurer, W. Johnson; County Assessor, C. W. Smith; County Surveyor, E. J. Spralling; School Superintendent, J. J. Humphreys.

GRANT COUNTY.—In this county the Democrats have made the following nominations: For Representatives, William Clark and G. J. Hazeltine; Sheriff, T. Howard; Clerk, James Robinson; Commissioners, Frank Wallace and Thomas Smith; Treasurer, Joseph Messenger; Assessor, Ab. Henderson; Coroner, Frank Rice.

I. O. O. F.—Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Salem, has elected the following named as delegates to the Grand Lodge: Thomas H. Reynolds, F. G. Schwatka, C. S. Woodworth and J. G. Wright.

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The Grand Lodge this year will meet at Salem on the third Tuesday in May.

EASTERN OREGON.—The Baker City Democrat, April 3d, contains the following items of news in that section: We notice that the indications are in favor of an early mining season. The weather for several days past, has been gradually getting all things in condition, and the miners are actively preparing themselves for what they hope will prove a season of unusual prosperity among the placers. In some localities the miners are at work already. One day last week a gold nugget worth \$150 was found by some heathen Chinese on the claim of Shields & Norris, in Thorn Gulch, Eagle Creek District. Miners are now working what is known as 'Maiden's Gulch' for a distance, up and down it, of eight miles, and all are reported doing well—better than the most sanguine expected. J. Holstine a few days ago sold six claims on Moultrie Gulch, Eagle Creek District, to one Fisher for \$50, and two days after Fisher sold the same claims for \$1,600.

KLAMATH ITEMS.—The Jacksonville Sentinel, April 6, learns the following from Klamath:

The Modocs have been exceedingly troublesome for some time past: so much so, that the settlers on Lost River came up to Link River for protection last fall, and have been afraid to return. Recently they have become more than usually troublesome, killing cattle and being very impudent to the whites. Some time since energetic representations were addressed to headquarters, and upon the reception of the same, Col. Otis, of Camp Warner, received orders to attend to the matter, and arrived at Link River a few days ago, in command of forty mounted men. These will soon be followed by seventy more. Col. Otis gave the Modocs ten days to return to their reservation, and the Klamaths, who were fishing in Link River, three days. The Klamaths immediately obeyed, but the Modocs left for the mouth of Lost River, where they held a war dance the night before Mr. Angle left. It is thought by some that they will join the Pitt River Indians, and go on the war-path. On the other hand, it is thought by others that they will eventually return to the reservation. There is one company of cavalry and one of infantry at Fort Klamath, which, together with Col. Otis' command, will very likely make it warm for Mr. Lo, should he attempt any violence. We learn that it is the intention of Col. Otis to encamp in the vicinity of Lost River the coming summer, for the protection of the settlers.

DROWNED.—The Enterprise, April 6th, has the following: Two children of Mr. William Welch, living on Mill Creek, about sixteen miles from Oregon City, were drowned in the mill race near his residence, last Sunday. We have not been able to learn the full particulars. It appears that the two were walking along the bank, one about three years of age and the other five, when the younger one fell in, and dragging the other in after him. Another child saw them, and ran to give the alarm, but before assistance arrived they were both drowned.

THE GAME FOWL.

ED. FARMER.—Some time since I promised you an occasional article on poultry. And now, as to variety, buy the best. Here there is a wide difference of opinion. I will not quarrel about the opinion of others, but in short give the distinctive qualities of some, and I prefer to take the Games first, as I consider that in many respects they stand at the head of the best classes of domestic fowls. I do not introduce the Games in order to beget in the young, middle-aged, or old, a desire to engage in cock-fighting, for I think this practice should be looked upon as having belonged to the dark ages with bull-fighting and gladiatorial practices, which are never to be revived in Christendom or tolerated in refined society. It is the excellent quality of the Game we are after, which makes him attractive and most beneficial to man. At the present time more attention is paid to breeding to a feather than to the game properties. The Game is profitable as a stock fowl. The only objection to it is its extreme pugnacity. Many suppose that the young cannot be reared in consequence of this; yet I am of opinion that this is not as objectionable as many suppose. It is a fact in the farm-yard and among all fowls there are one or more that seek and have control, and in case of the Games almost all of the young have their trial to know who has the pre-eminence, and when this is found the question is generally settled, for I believe a Game knows when he is whipped, as well as any other, and though now and then there is a new trial of strength, I think the Game but little more combative than the most of fowls. The hens of the Game are good layers and the best of mothers; their eggs, though not as large as some others, are deliciously flavored. The flesh of these fowls is extremely delicate, and it is doubtful whether it is excelled by that of any other fowl. If we seek a larger fowl, cross the Game with any, and you seem to have a superior bird. Take, for instance, the Dorking, the Brahma, or any of the Cochins, Hamburgs, Houdans, infuse into them the blood of the Game, and you seem to awaken in them new life and vigor, and an improvement of the flesh—more desirable for the table, and better for the general comforts of life. As sitters, Games have no superiors. Quiet on their eggs, regular in their hours of coming off and returning to their charge, and confident from their fearless disposition of repressing the incursions of any intruder, they rarely fall to bring off good broods.—Hatching accomplished, their merits appear in a still more conspicuous light. Ever on the guard, ready at the approach of man, or fowl, or beast, they are for combat to defend their brood; and woe to the offender! The cock carries himself very gracefully; his port and bearing proclaim his fiery spirit, his undoubted courage, which endure even to his last breath, and though felled by his victorious rival, he will answer the insulting crow of his antagonist until the vital spark is extinct. Who ever saw the inspiring and elastic step of the Game cock in the farm-yard that

did not feel infused into himself new life and a new resolve of fortitude to combat with the ups and downs of life? and, Mr. Editor, is it not for the want of some of the Game's fire that so many fall by despondency and prove a disappointment to their friends and themselves? The Game possesses so much vitality and vigor of constitution that it transmits its qualities with wonderful certainty. A cock running with any other variety of fowls will produce stock strongly resembling Games, and half or more of them will be finely marked, and possess the carriage and many of the excellent qualities of their noble sire. The pullets of this production will outstrip their mothers, and beat them in their laying qualities, and in fact produce offspring far superior to the former stock—in fact, making one of the best crosses known for family use. All the Games are good.

MORE ANON.

DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Attorney General Barlow instituted in Superior Court a suit against Jay Gould and Fred Lane to compel them to account for the management of the Erie Railway and restore the money they gave corruptly, and summons in the suit has been made on Gould, Lane, General John A. Dix and Field.

A prisoner before Judge James' Court in Williamsburg this morning was found to have the small pox. The Judge and all the officers of the court seemed to think there was no evidence in the case to justify holding the prisoner for any great length of time and left the court room at a brisk gait and the prisoner walked away.

The jewelry store of Ullman & Eckert was robbed of \$25,000 worth of watches and jewelry last night.

Prince Nahe Sima, of the Japanese Embassy, accompanied by his suite, left to-day for Europe.

Nineteen additional cases of small pox were reported yesterday.

Mrs. Rosa Gilmore was to-day given a verdict of \$5,000 for the loss of her husband by the Westfield disaster.

Thomas Flint told the health officer to-day that he had been driven from Auburn, New York, because he was attending a small pox patient there.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—Samuel Jackson, President of the University of Pennsylvania, died at his residence this morning, aged 85 years. He has filled the Professorship for 28 years.

PROVIDENCE, April 5.—Full returns from the State election show a majority of 1176 for Padelford, Republican candidate for Governor, and 140 majority for Cutler, Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor. The remainder of the Republican State ticket has about 2100 majority.

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—A prominent Illinois politician, now in this city, states that Senator Trumbull has recently written a letter to his brother-in-law, Dr. Jayne, of Springfield, Illinois, in which he fully commits himself to the liberal movement, and expresses the opinion that the nominee of the Cincinnati Convention will be the next President.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Foreign advices state that Prussia is fortifying Metz with enormous cannon of steel, of Krupp's manufacture, of the same caliber as those used at Fort Valerian during the war. They are also enlarging Strasbourg so that instead of 90,000 troops it can contain 200,000. They are making a canal parallel with the Rhine, and an enormous basin for ships, running from Mauntern and the North sea.

The Senate concurred in the House bill granting the right of way to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad Company for a railroad from Salt Lake to Portland, Oregon.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The following resolutions were passed by the National Telegraph Morse Association this afternoon:

WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has placed their hall at the disposal of the Assembly for the purpose of holding a memorial meeting in honor of Samuel F. B. Morse on Tuesday, April 16th, and prominent members of both houses of Congress have consented to address this meet-

ing; and whereas, the telegraph wires have been freely placed at the disposal of this Association, for the evening; therefore be it

Resolved, That the municipal authorities of cities and towns in the United States are hereby invited to hold meetings of a public character in their several localities on the same evening, in order that the meetings may be in telegraphic communication, and thus simultaneous expression be given to the national grief on the occasion of this irreparable loss.

SALT LAKE, April 6.—Tom Fitch was elected 2d U. S. Senator by the Utah Legislature.

The Annual Conference of the Mormon church commences this morning. A great crowd of speakers gloried in the progress of the Kingdom, and said the Mormon church could not be divided by the combined efforts of all existing power.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—A meeting of citizens was held this afternoon, and arrangements agreed upon for the formation of a Committee of Safety, to consist of one hundred leading citizens, to look after the city's interest in the matter of railroad monopolies.

NEW YORK, April 6.—A dispatch from Albany announces the death of Hon. Erastus Corning.

The Coroner held an inquest on the body of Dr. Woodhull, who was recognized as the husband of Victoria C. Woodhull, and returned a verdict that an overdose of morphine accelerated an attack of pneumonia, producing death.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Sumner has announced his intention of supporting Grant if he shall be nominated by the Philadelphia Convention.

CINCINNATI, April 8.—The Ohio river is now higher than it has been for years. The waters of the Licking, which have also risen, swept down into the Ohio, carrying twenty loaded coal barges from Pittsburgh and fifteen from other points. The streams are running over their banks and carrying everything before them. The telegraph wires are down in every direction, but the report is that the storm is general over the South and Southwest.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—On motion of Dawes the Speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three to cooperate with the committee of Arrangements for the memorial services in honor of Professor Morse.

It is understood that the French Charge D'Affaires, M. Belonia, has been recalled at the request of our Government, in consequence of his addressing a sharp note to Mr. Fish on a matter growing out of the French arms investigation.

It is understood that the Ways and Means Committee favor abolishing all bonded warehouses, except those for export.

The President is recovering from his recent indisposition.

Mrs. Grant held her first reception since Lent this evening. It was very largely attended.

VISALIA, April 10.—Earthquakes still continue. Several sharp shocks were felt this morning. At 7 o'clock this evening quite a sharp shock of extraordinary length occurred. The general direction was north to south. The continuance of our shakes excite much anxiety for Owens river valley, where it is believed they are severe.

STOCKTON, April 10.—A light shock of earthquake was felt to-night at ten minutes after nine.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—In the Senate to-day, the House message, returning the Senate Tariff bill, was on motion of the chairman, referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Frelaghuyzen, by request, introduced a bill giving the American and East India Telegraph Company the right to have and maintain lines of telegraph cables between American and Asiatic coasts.

The Indian Appropriation bill was passed.

In the House the Post Office Committee reported a bill abolishing the franking privilege from and after July 1, 1873. After some debate was recommitted, virtually killing it.

BOSTON, April 10.—Edwin Forrest passed the crisis of the disease which threatened his fatal termination. He is now rapidly recovering.