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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

GOLD DISCOVERY.—The Albany Register of the 3d inst., says: "A day or two since Mr. J. L. Cowan, of Lebanon, while in this city, exhibited specimens of gold taken from new gold discoveries on the headwaters of the Santiam. These diggings are some forty miles from Lebanon, and are termed 'bank diggings,' and are very deep. It is said that parties making the discovery have kept the matter as quiet as possible, while they put in the time in developing and testing their worth. They claim to have averaged \$4 to \$5 per day with a rocker, and that the dirt gets better as they approach bedrock. We hope that this favorable report may prove even less than the reality, and that the new diggings may prove extensive and paying."

JACKSON COUNTY.—We copy the following from the *Scout*, May 4th: Wm. Chitwood, a young man about seventeen years of age, who was residing in Sams Valley, was accidentally shot, on Saturday last, and died next night from the effects of the wound. Some person was trying to drive the cylinder off of his revolver, when one barrel was discharged, and the young Chitwood became another victim of the careless use of firearms.

A man by the name of G. W. Johnson, on his way from Jacksonville to Williamsburg last Sunday, fell from his wagon, struck the back of his head, fractured the base of his skull and one of the vertebrae of the spinal cord, and died in about thirty-six hours.

From reliable persons just in from the Link river country, we learn that the reports of Indian troubles there are without foundation. The Indians are friendly and peaceable; and there has not been, nor is there, any cause of alarm.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—At a meeting of the Washington County Agricultural Society, held at Hillsboro last Saturday, G. W. Scoggin, James Imbrie, Jerome Porter, Robert Imbrie, Samuel Stott, Ulysses Jackson, Benj. Stewart, Leonidas Patterson and G. M. Raymond were elected as a Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The following named were elected officers: President, G. W. Scoggin; Secretary, L. Patterson; Treasurer, James Imbrie. The citizens of Hillsboro propose to raise funds to procure a town library. A concert was given by the friends of the M. E. Sabbath School for that purpose last Sunday and a considerable amount raised.

POLK COUNTY.—The Dallas Republican says: "The surveyors are at work running a line through Polk county, for the Oregon Central Railroad. We understand they cross the Rieral near Hon. J. W. Nesmith's. The line is permanently located to the crossing of the Yamhill, one and a half miles above Lafayette. South of that point the lines now being run are temporary."

The Polk County Republican Convention nominated the following ticket last Saturday: State Senator, Richard Christal; Representatives, A. Stephens, John Allen and Jesse Stump; Clerk, Cal. Cooper; Sheriff, Isaac Tatum; Treasurer, B. F. Nichols. Isaac Henshaw, who mysteriously disappeared some time since, was found in the mountains, where he had been seven days without food or shelter. His feet were very badly frozen, and it is thought both of them will have to be amputated.

SOLD OUT.—The *Oregonian* says: "It is stated on what purports to be authentic information, that the

Northern Pacific Railroad Company have bought out the Oregon Steam Navigation Company. It is now quite probable that the numerous rumors to that effect which have filled of late the public ear and agitated the public mind, are founded on truth."

OREGON CITY.—The municipal election on last Monday resulted as follows: Mayor, A. Neltner; Recorder, L. Diller; Assessor and Collector, H. L. Kelly; Treasurer C. O. T. Williams; Marshal, S. D. Richardson; City Attorney, A. F. Forbes. All Democrats except the Treasurer. Councilmen—W. L. White, Julius Logus, S. W. Moss, James Athey, R. Caulfield, A. J. Apperson and J. D. Miller—the last two Republicans.

Jacob Engle, who killed Jesse V. Boone, has been convicted of murder in the second degree; also M. McCormick, who killed a half breed named Tom Montgomery. Both were sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

LOWER COLUMBIA.—The *Kalama Beacon* says: "Abernethy's saw mills burned down in January last, are rebuilt, and will be ready for operation in the course of a month. This will greatly facilitate the work of improvement in this vicinity, and as the present demand is greater than the supply. The Company's mill, in this place is constantly employed in sawing lumber for the car shop and other railroad works, so that the public has to depend mainly upon the St. Helens, Ranier and Westport mills, which must soon fail to supply the increasing demand."

SCHOOLS IN DOUGLAS.—The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools of Douglas county, shows the following: Number of districts reported, 46; legal voters, 1,427; persons under 4 and over 20, 2,670; males, 1,448; females, 1,222; average attendance, 959; male teachers 31; female teachers, 19; amount paid teachers from county fund, \$5,830 74; paid by subscription, \$1,749 52; incidental expenses, \$735 75.

SUICIDE.—A dispatch from Albany, May 7th, says: A man named Sydney Hueston, living near Harrisburg, in this county, committed suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. He had complained of being unwell, and on the morning of the tragedy asked his wife if he would have time to look after his sheep before breakfast. Being answered in the affirmative, he started for the pasture, and not returning for some time his wife went in quest of him. She did not succeed in finding him, and a force of neighbors being sent for he was finally found in the pasture with his throat cut and life nearly extinct. He leaves a wife and a small family of children. His father and several brothers reside in the county. He was a well-to-do farmer, and one of the earliest settlers.

YAMHILL COUNTY.—The Republicans have nominated the following county ticket: For State Senator, J. W. Cowles; Representatives, A. R. Burbank and T. R. Harrison; Clerk, R. H. Lamson; Sheriff, R. P. Bird; Treasurer, J. M. Kelly; County Commissioners, Wm. Dawson and J. M. Hulery; School Supt. H. H. Hewitt; Coroner, Dr. Johnson; Assessor, Isaac Davis; Surveyor, Charles Handley.

CLATSOP.—The following is the Republican county ticket: Joint Representative, S. Corwin, of Tillamook; Representative, John West; Clerk, R. R. Spedden; Sheriff, H. W. Twilight; Treasurer, D. Ingalls; Assessor, W. Chance; S. Smith and C. McGuire, Commissioners, School Supt. Rev. W. A. Tenney.

ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE.—The *Mercury* learns that three or four of the convicts at the penitentiary have been preparing for an escape by cutting a hole through the floor of the old building in which they are confined. A discovery on the part of the officers stopped further movements.

DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, May 6.—The entire interior of Niblo's Theater has been destroyed by fire. Loss supposed to be not less than \$200,000. The Metropolitan Hotel was only slightly damaged. The fire originated in the dome and is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Greeley has not been in the city today. It is reported he will remain at his home at Chappaqua till the nomination is formally accepted, to avoid making injudicious remarks liable to be called out by the congratulations of his friends.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The Senate has confirmed Thomas B. Shannon, Collector of San Francisco.

TALLAHASSEE, May 4.—Governor Reed is acquitted of the charges against him, and he has possession of the Executive office, acting as Governor to-day and presiding over the Senate.

NASHVILLE, May 4.—Yesterday one hundred and fifty sheep, valued at fifteen thousand dollars, were shipped from here to San Francisco, being part of the flock sold by B. F. Cockerell, of this county, to California men.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Weather is very warm. Accounts from all parts of the west are extremely favorable to farmers. A large breadth of lands are planted with corn, wheat and fruit, and prospects generally are good.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The *Herald* states that Granville's response to the American proposition that the British Government would propose to establish the International principles covering claims of neutrals for consequential damages. The proposition of Granville is that the United States Government withdraw their claims for consequential damages from Great Britain, still maintaining their outside provisions of the Treaty; that in future wars whenever one nation is belligerent and the other neutral, it shall not be held responsible for indirect or consequential damages or claims arising in a similar manner and under similar circumstances with the claims to which the Treaty at Washington refers. This was a surprise to the President, who finding that diplomacy had failed, called in the members of the Congressional Foreign Committee, to whom he stated his anxiety to save the Treaty, but not at the sacrifice of any principle, and having failed to obtain such proposal from England as was expected, he was in favor of withdrawing Schenck's instructions, leaving the whole matter as at first before the Geneva Tribunal. Republican members of the House Committee stated that they thought the question of consequential damages should never have been inserted in the case, but it was there, and the honor of the nation was thus involved. The Committee was willing to do anything consistent with its position to strengthen the President.

The President said it was not for him to say what should be the final attitude of the country. While recognizing the authority conferred upon him, he was anxious that the immediate representatives of the people should know the true condition of affairs, and he relied on the Committee to stand by him in case it became necessary to abandon the Treaty.

In the course of his remarks as to the extraordinary measure of calling in the Committee, Secretary Fish said they had not been called on for advice, but support.

Ambler of Ohio responded by saying that, if the support expected was just, the Democratic members of the Committee should also be enrolled, and he (Ambler) would not peril the interests of the Republican party by advocating a policy inimical to the success of the same.

Willard agreed with Ambler, and positively declared that this mistake of the Administration could not be fastened on the Republican party by any measure of expediency.

This terminated the interview. After their withdrawal the President and Secretary Fish decided that Granville's proposition was unacceptable, and that we cannot recede from our case as presented at Geneva, and a dispatch was telegraphed to Schenck to that effect.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—It is reported that the President has decided to

remove the Assistant Secretary of State, on the ground of inability to keep diplomatic secrets. It is alleged that quite recently several important State secrets were published through Hale.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 7.—The State Labor Reform Convention met here to-day and adopted a platform, substantially the same as the Columbus platform. They nominated Schell for Governor and Judge James Thompson, of the Supreme Court, for Lieutenant Governor.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Russell Sturgis, a prominent New York merchant, died to-day.

The rumored retrial of Mayor Hall is discredited.

The small pox has increased; thirty-three new cases reported to-day.

Ben Wood stated at a meeting to-night that Greeley told him he would remain in the field no matter who was nominated at Philadelphia, but his withdrawal is positive should the Democratic National Convention make an independent nomination.

In the Methodist General Conference, the report of the minority of the Book Concern Committee presented and read after some opposition.

The reading occupied three hours. Lanahan reiterates all the charges, accusing the Committee of trying to smother graver accusations presented to them, and says that the Committee endeavored to induce him not to report his discoveries to the General Conference, which he refused, and found himself treated as a criminal instead of a prosecutor.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The arrival of immigrants in New York since January 1st exceed by 20,000 those of last year.

If a Judge can be obtained to preside over the Court of Oyer and Terminer, it is the intention of the District Attorney to bring the trial of Stokes to a final issue during the term. Meantime the prisoner is afflicted over the desertion of his counsel, Graham and Gerry, and is completely at sea in regard to the selection of their successors.

Buchanan Read, poet and painter, is lying dangerously ill of pneumonia, at the Astor House.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.—A reception was given to the National Medical Convention last night, by the Academy of Sciences. Five hundred and eighty-three members of the Convention were registered as present thus far.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The House Committee while on the tariff bill, after a lengthy discussion, struck out of the bill duties on tea and coffee.

POLITICAL.—A meeting was held in Cincinnati last week, by a lot of men from different States, styling themselves "Liberal Republicans." They nominated Horace Greeley, of New York, for President, and Gov. Brown, of Missouri, for Vice President. The dispatches state that Oregon was represented by "General" Jasper W. Johnson, who cast six votes. The "General" has heretofore acted with both political parties, but the constituency in this State that he represented at Cincinnati is very small, indeed.

DEATH OF DARK BRAHMA HEN, AND THE CAUSE.—*Ed. Farmer:* I have lost one of my fine Dark Brahma hens, and the cause of her death was so uncommon that I desire to notice it. Said hen occasionally laid a large double-yolked egg, and on Saturday last she laid an uncommonly large double-yolked egg—much larger than any egg laid by one of my turkeys this year. Yesterday she sat on the nest most of the day, and last night she died. On examining, I found in her ovary three full-sized eggs, with shell on each of them—the only case of the kind I ever knew. J. L. PARRISH. Salem, May 6, 1872.

FINE SHEEP.—Mr. R. C. Geer has purchased some fine sheep in Washington county, to add to his already large flock near Silverton. The new purchases are the best Mr. Geer could find in Washington county for sale, and consist of one Cotswold buck lamb, from James Imbrie; one graded buck, from Mr. Simmons; and one Leicester-hire, and four Cotswold ewes, from different flocks. Mr. Geer thinks the mode he has adopted in getting fine stock is far preferable, in point of economy, to going to the Eastern States for it.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—We are indebted to Edwin W. Buswell, Boston, Treasurer and Secretary, for a copy of the Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for 1871.

We have received a copy of the fifth annual report of the St. Paul (Minn.) Chamber of Commerce for 1871, which is an interesting review of the business and of the future prospects of St. Paul. We are indebted for this report to the Secretary who prepared it, Mr. Ossian E. Dodge, whom many of our readers will recollect with pleasure, in connection with his visit to Oregon some years ago.

ARIZONA.—A letter from D. D. Garrison, late of this county, but now serving in the U. S. Cavalry in Arizona, gives us some interesting information concerning that country. He says: "This is one of the poorest farming countries we have ever been in since I entered the U. S. service. There is nothing but stings of the worst class and thorns on almost every tree, and even on the grass. There is little of the Rioito valley that is worth a sixpence. In Tucson the capital of the Territory, there are not two hundred white people—only the military officers and troops. You would be surprised to see what they call a farm here. They have to irrigate all the land in this section to raise a grain, and all the farming is carried on by Mexicans. This is no place for a white man. Enclosed I send you a sample of what a soldier has to encounter here whenever he goes, on foot or mounted. We call them the "Spanish bayonets." I have some of them in my boots. There will soon be twenty men discharged from our troop, all of whom will go to the Willamette valley to find them good homes for the remainder of their lives."

"LITTLE CORPORAL."—The May number of this valuable magazine for juveniles, has come punctually to hand, and filled as usual with the most interesting reading. It has recently been enlarged, and to our mind greatly improved, both in appearance and in the contents. The *Little Corporal* is edited by Emily Huntington Miller, and is published at \$1.50 per year—six copies for \$7.50.

WEATHER REPORT.—Thos. Pearce, of Eola, Polk county, sends us a weather report for April, from which we make the following summary: Clear days, 4, cloudy, 16; frost on six days; light snow on 9th and 12th; mean temperature for month, 45°; highest, 57°, on 24th and 30th; lowest, 37°, on 5th and 10th. Rainfall in inches, 1.08.

PORTLAND BRIDGE.—The papers state that a party is engaged in examining the Willamette river, at Portland, to find the most favorable location for the proposed bridge across the river at that place.