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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SEVERE ACCIDENT.—Mr. A. Olinger, who lives about five miles south of Salem, was severely injured on Monday of this week. He was engaged in loading his wagon with a large saw log, and had almost got it to its place on the wagon, when the log slipped and fell, knocking Mr. Olinger down, and crushing his left side. It is feared his injuries are such as to render recovery impossible.

DROWNED.—A man named Thompson, a deck hand on the steamer Senator, while engaged at work, lost his balance and fell overboard, last Friday, at Oregon City.

DEAD.—Dr. Henry Saffarans, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Clackamas county, died at Oregon City last week.

UNION COUNTY.—The publication of the *Mountain Sentinel* has been revised at La Grande, by M. P. Bull, late of Portland, and from it we obtain the following items:

An effort is being made to form an agricultural society in Union county, and a committee has the subject in charge.

The people of La Grande are making preparations for having an extensive celebration on the Fourth of July.

A Masonic Lodge, called Grande Ronde Valley, U. D., has lately been organized at Union. The following are the officers: John Dobbins, W. M.; Samuel Hanna, S. W.; Wm. Hutchison, J. W.

BURGLARY.—Rev. L. T. Woodward's house, in East Salem, was broken into again, on Saturday evening last, and about eight dollars in money taken. The family were absent at the time.

WASCO COUNTY.—The *Mountaineer* May 25th, says that unless rain falls soon the grain crops there will be very light this season.

The Columbia river rose ten feet at the Dalles last week. A great flood is anticipated this year.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.—The *Plainsdealer* says: The late cool dry weather has had a bad effect on the growing grain. That sown in the fall does not show a good color, while the spring crop, which was sown late on account of the rains, suffers still more severely. We have had slight showers in the past two days, but unless there is a drenching shower within the next week the grain will not yield much more than half a crop.

ACCIDENT AT THE FALLS.—On last Friday, a man named John Long met with a severe accident while engaged in blasting rocks at the works of the Canal and Locks Company. He had just completed tamping the blast with fine particles of stone, adjusted the fuse and ignited one end. Before he could fairly get from over the drill hole the fire was transmitted through about nine feet of fuse, and the blast went off. Long was blown about six feet from the ground, and fell backward among some sharp pointed stones. His head was severely cut with a sharp corner, and his back and shoulders badly bruised. The entire contents of the blast was blown into his face, which is badly burned, and lacerated to a frightful extent by the fragments of rock. It is feared that his sight has been totally destroyed. His recovery is doubtful. He is about 30 years of age, and has no family.

THE COLUMBIA.—The *Home*, published at Vancouver, says: "The Columbia is slowly rising. From reports

from the upper country we may reasonably expect very high water next month. Farmers along the river bottoms are preparing for it."

LECTURE.—Colonel B. B. Taylor, editor of the *Herald*, has received and accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address before the literary societies of Willamette University, on June 25th.

DENIAL.—The *Oregonian* denies the statement that there are any preparations being made in that city for the celebration of the fourth of July.

HELD TO BAIL.—William and Levi Conner have been held to bail in the sum of \$1,000, to await the action of the grand jury, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon William Holcomb last week, in Jackson precinct, Polk county.

SMALL POX.—The *Jacksonville Sentinel*, May 25th, says that two families have reached Ashland, Jackson county, directly from the Eastern States, and that two persons among them have the small pox.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident happened to the wife of Mr. Oliver, living on the Meadows in Umatilla county, one day last week. Mr. Oliver was away from home and left a horse picketed near the house. In the evening his wife took the horse to the well for the purpose of watering it, and it is supposed the horse became frightened, and entangling her in the rope, ran the distance of three-fourths of a mile, tearing off all her clothes and breaking her arms and neck. When found by a neighbor the next morning, she could not be identified, until upon going to the house, where her three little children were found asleep on the bed with their clothes on, having been alone all night.

KILLED.—The *Mercury* learns that Mr. Harvey Meacham, brother of Hon. A. B. Meacham, was killed on the 27th of May, by a falling tree, at Lee's Encampment, in the Blue Mountains.

FOR SANTIAM.—Two companies leave Salem next week, for the Santiam Lead Mines. They go up there to commence operations in the mines, and will probably remain in the mountains until October and November.

ROBBERY.—The *Jacksonville Times* says that Jesse Smith and C. C. Goodwin, of Applegate, were robbed of 84 ounces of gold dust last week. They were stopped on the highway by a couple of road agents. Two men named Olmstead and Bixby have been arrested on suspicion.

BREVITIES.—The Clearwater is running rapidly, with the hills yet covered with snow.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Walla Walla has seldom looked more favorable.

John Dayton, of Marion county, has been pronounced insane, and will be taken to the Asylum.

Recent advices from the Siletz Reservation report only four cases of small pox, and they are not dangerous.

Ralph Geer, of Marion county, has two cows of the short-horn stock, which yield half a barrel of milk daily. He has refused \$200 for either one.

The citizens of Dayton and vicinity have taken the initiatory steps for constructing a free bridge at that place.

The sheep-raisers of Eastern Oregon expect a better wool clip this season than they have ever known before.

Forty immigrants have arrived this spring from Coles county, Illinois, and settled on the Chehalls, in Lewis county, W. T.

Ralph Geer, Esq., of Marion county, claims to have the first Bartlett pear tree ever brought into Marion county, and says it has brought him more than \$150.

A man named Dean has been convicted at Walla Walla of selling liquor to Indians, and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

DOMESTIC NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, May 24.—A *Herald* letter from Khartoum states that Sir Samuel Baker, in a passage from Khartoum to Gondar, lost half his command, eight hundred men, having a five days' fight near Gondar, with Baro savages who proved treacherous.

The National Workmen's Convention, held to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, met here yesterday and organized by the election of Col. Gibbons, of New York, for permanent chairman.

Several resolutions were then adopted favoring a reduction of the national debt; the unconditional settlement of the Alabama claims; the enforcement of the eight hour law; a low rate of interest, and national encouragement to ship building.

The New York delegation recommended that President Grant be renominated. The Missouri delegation recommended Horace Greeley. The ballot resulted as follows: Grant, 204; Greeley 5. The nomination of Grant was then made unanimous. Henry Wilson was nominated for Vice President. Thirty States were represented by 210 delegates.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Senate at 10 o'clock this evening, after a continuous executive session of nine hours, by the requisite two-thirds vote advised the President to negotiate an additional article to the Treaty of Washington on the basis recently proposed by the British Government, though in form somewhat different from it, but not altered in principle; the amendment being designed to secure a reciprocity of obligations on the part of both Governments without detriment to either, and without placing the United States in the attitude of receding from their position in compliance of the requirement of the British Government.

General Sheridan informs the War Department that there are about 2,500 hostile Indians collected near Fort Belkold, who declared their intention of opposing the progress of the work on the railroad this summer. They have already torn up the stakes of the surveying party in the Powder river country. Setting Bull, Black Moon, and other well known chiefs are among the leaders of these Indians. They are well armed and equipped.

The Sioux Indian delegation, headed by Red Cloud, had an interview with Secretary Delano to-day, and the usual "talks" ensued with the Indians. They wanted guns, ammunition, horses and other facilities for receiving supplies. The Secretary promised some horses and more ammunition if the agents advise it, and some guns for the chiefs.

ST. LOUIS, May 28.—A terrible tornado devastated portions of southwestern Missouri on Saturday night. Houses, barns, fences and orchards were destroyed. In the vicinity of Versailles three persons were killed and fourteen injured, nine of them it is said fatally.

NEW YORK, May 28.—A reporter of the *New Foundland* firm of Harvey & Co., confirms the Boston dispatch in reference to the exaggerated reports of the new seal fleet disaster, and says the report is false in respect to all but three vessels. He has advices of the safe return of most of the fleet.

Twenty thousand immigrants landed at Castle Garden last week—the largest number on record.

The woman suffrage convention that was recently held in New York city nominated Victoria Woodhull for President and Frederick Douglass for Vice President. In case of the election of this ticket next November a serious constitutional impediment would prevent Woodhull's induction into office. The Constitution prescribes that no person shall be eligible to the office of President who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years—and according to Mrs. Woodhull's own statement she will not reach that age until September, 1873. Fred Douglass consequently would have to be sworn into office on the fourth of March.

The California Grain Crop.

We copy the following from the *San Francisco Rural Press* of May 25th:

In the early part of the season the prospects of a heavy crop of grain in most of the State were unusually good. Estimates were made by heavy grain dealers who were supposed to be well posted and whose judgment upon such matters were considered the best, placing the yield much greater than ever before. The tendency of such estimates has been to produce a general impression among all classes that grain would be very plenty, and very cheap, and that a very large quantity of bags would be required to handle the same. As the season has advanced, proof has been accumulating to prove beyond a doubt that we are not going to realize so large a crop as was anticipated.

The winter was a peculiar one. The rainy season set in quite late, and though much more land had been summer fallowed and sown dry than in any previous year, still at the time the rains commenced, not half the grain was sown that the farmers intended to put in.

When once it commenced to rain it did not cease until the ground generally was so thoroughly soaked that all cultivation had to cease and very little more grain was sown till late in February. So that our approaching harvest is made up of very early and very late sown grain. It is generally conceded that in consequence of a want of a usual quantity of the late rains and of the prevalence of the north winds, the latter must prove very light, indeed much of it will be cut for hay, and a considerable will not be cut at all. Now what are the facts in regard to the early sown grain? We are satisfied that the yield of this has been greatly overestimated.

A trip through Yolo, Solano, San Joaquin and Alameda counties lately, and inquiries of reliable and good judges from Sonoma, Yuba, and Butte counties, have forced this unwelcome conclusion upon us. We have seen very few fields of the best grain that are not very spotted. In fact our early sown grain in nearly all portions of the State has suffered severely from the uninterrupted wet weather during the winter. The grain in the low places is generally drowned out, and grass and weeds have taken its place. Careless and superficial observers have not noticed these facts, and if the grain dealers have, they have not made the facts public. It may not be to their interest to do so. Having produced a general impression that the crop would be very large, and grain very cheap, it may be to their interest to keep up this impression until they shall have disposed of the sacks which they have possessed themselves of at large prices, and secured the grain which the farmers put into them at low prices. We feel called upon to caution the producers against being deceived by others or deceiving themselves in the premises.

UTAH.—The Secretary of War has recommended an appropriation of \$120,000 for the erection of a five company military post near Beaver City, Southern Utah, 200 miles from Salt Lake City. Witnesses who were present at the Mountain Meadow massacre, in which over one hundred and twenty innocent men, women and children were slaughtered in the most barbarous manner, feel that their lives would be rendered insecure should they testify to the facts; but they say whenever the Government of the United States will guarantee them protection they will freely testify to all the facts. Associate Justice Hawley says that he is fully satisfied, from his experience in that district for the last three years as the judicial officer of the Court, that their feeling of insecurity is well founded, and that it will require a military force established in that district, say at the city of Beaver, of at least five companies. This recommendation is endorsed by Governor Woods and General Ord.

THE WOOL MARKET.—The *San Francisco Rural Press*, May 25th, says, in regard to wool: "As we predicted, one, two, and three weeks ago, there has been no advance in the price of wools; nor can we see any special reason why there should be any for some time to come. It is now very clear that the apparent scarcity that seemed to prevail earlier in the season, causing a spasmodic rise in wools, was not wholly real; for the rise that did occur had the effect to bring out large quantities that had remained in first hands, and which till then were unknown to wool merchants. This unexpected supply, with large increased receipts from foreign countries, had the effect to materially quiet the fears of manufacturers as regards an ample stock of material, and at present all seem inclined to wait, rather than purchase largely at present prices. Common wools are now worth about thirty-five cents; very choice lots might possibly find buyers at from thirty-eight to forty cents."

UMPUQUA VALLEY.—From William Wadhams, Esq., and Marsh Millard, Esq., the former of Liveridge, Wadhams & Co., and the latter of Corbett, Falling & Co., who have just returned from an extended business tour through Umpqua valley, we learn that the valley is settling up, business is good, crops promising and everything betokening a prosperous year. The stocks of goods carried by several of the merchants in this valley are large, reaching in two or three instances as high as \$50,000 each, even now, with not all their spring purchases yet received. So difficult has been navigation on the Umpqua river this season that goods purchased in San Francisco in the month of March had not been received up to last week. Several large wool-growers in the valley had not disposed of their clip, waiting in some instances for higher prices. From other sources we learn that more grist mills will start up this year, and that building in all parts of the valley is being vigorously prosecuted to supply the urgent need of immigrants who are flocking in.—*Herald.*

MRS. DUNLAW.—The New York correspondent of the *Prairie Farmer* writes as follows of the appearance of this lady at the woman suffrage convention lately in session:

"A little breeze of interest was added to the meeting of to-day, by the appearance of Mrs. Dunlaway, editor of the *New Northwest*, published in Oregon. She had arrived only two hours previous to coming on the stage and making her introductory speech, which, after a journey of twelve days and nights, formed a striking illustration of womanly endurance. She said she had left her home on three hours' notice, threw down her pen, kissed her husband and babies, packed her knapsack, and started. She spoke with decided earnestness, and seemed unshaken."

RAFE.—Quite a quantity of rain fell during Wednesday night and Thursday. It was badly needed to develop spring wheat and other late sown crops.

THANKS.—To J. P. Converse, Esq., Woburn, Mass., for a pamphlet copy of the *Transactions of the Middlesex Agricultural Society for 1871.*

McAllister, who killed a man at Walla Walla last fall, has been convicted of murder in the second degree. His attorneys are making an effort to secure a new trial.