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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

**LINN COUNTY.**—The *Democrat* says that one of the farmers of that county has a field of oats, thirty acres of which will yield not less than from seventy-five to eighty bushels to the acre.

Judge Haley, of Peoria, a few days ago sheared a young Cotswold which he purchased from Mr. Tolten and the fleece weighed 22 pounds! This is even better than the estimate of Mr. Tolten himself. Judge H. is highly pleased with his purchase.

During the last year it has cost our county \$1,529 47 for keeping paupers and poor persons.

The indebtedness of Linn county, over and above cash on hand June 30, is \$13,542—being a reduction \$6,457 89 from the indebtedness of the county on June 30, 1871.

**CONTEST.**—Hiram Cochran, Senatorial candidate in Clackamas county at the late election, has served notice on John Myers, the successful candidate, that he will contest his right to a seat in the next State Senate.

**DULL.**—The *Guard* complains of Eugene being dull since the trains of the O. & C. R. R. have commenced running to Oakland.

**HE "BUCKS."**—The editor of the *Eugene Guard* fleth not muchly the Greeley ticket. He says that he has "eaten dirt at the bidding of conventions long enough."

The other Democratic papers of the State, so far as we have heard, hoist the Greeley and Brown ticket.

**PROSPEROUS.**—On the 6th day of July, 1870, our county [Lane] was indebted in the sum of \$8,847 51. On the same date in 1871, its indebtedness was \$4,280 81, and at the commencement of the present fiscal year, July 1, 1872, there was in the Treasury over and above the total indebtedness the sum of \$2,687 88.—*Guard*.

**THE WEST SIDE ROAD.**—Mr. S. C. Shelley and others who have been engaged in a contract to furnish ties for the O. C. Railroad, returned home this week. They inform us that they were notified the company would need no more ties this year, and as they only have enough to lay twenty miles of track, the presumption is that we will have another year to wait before the road reaches the river. Twenty miles, however, will reach the heart of the grain country in North Yamhill, and will be a great benefit to that part of the country, though not much to this.—*West Side*.

**SNAKE BITE.**—Mr. Crow informed us of a new cure for snake bites which, he says, is infallible. It is simply to immerse the part bitten as soon as possible in water as hot as can be borne. It dissolves the poison at once. This is certainly a better mode of treatment than whisky, which is now commonly used in such cases.—*Plainsdealer*.

**CORVALLIS COLLEGE.**—Prof. B. L. Arnold, of Andrew College, Tenn., has accepted the Presidency of Corvallis College. He is expected to arrive about the 10th of August.

**DROWNED.**—A few days ago the body of a drowned man was found in the Clackamas river about two miles above the Welch farm. The *Oregonian* of Tuesday gives the following particulars: It appears that James Grimm, for such was the name of the deceased, had been in bathing on Thursday last, and being subject to heart disease, it is supposed he was

attacked while in the water and drowned before he could reach the shore. On Friday he was missed by his friends and search being made, his clothing was discovered on the bank. The river was searched, and the body recovered early on Saturday morning, some distance down the stream. The Coroner was notified, and an inquest held over the remains. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts. The deceased was unmarried and aged about thirty years.

**MAIL STAGE ROBBED.**—We copy from the *Herald* the following particulars of the robbery of the mail stage on the road between the Dalles and Canon City. The stage which contained three men, two ladies and a child, was toiling along the road from Antelope valley up the canon, about half-past six in the evening. Mr. K. got out to pick some flowers, and was just getting in again when he noticed a masked man getting up from behind a bush on the roadside ahead of the stage. He had a double barrel shot gun which he leveled at the driver, Ad. Edgar's head, and ordered him to pull up. Mr. K. looked behind for other highwaymen, but not seeing any, turned, when he noticed two other masked men with cocked Henry rifles, who ordered the passengers to throw up their hands. They then demanded the mail bags, which were given them when they ordered the driver (calling him by name) to drive on. He complied with the order—the robbers keeping their rifles pointed at the stage as long as it remained in sight. The alarm was given when the stage reached Mr. Ward's some six miles from the place of robbery, but though immediate pursuit was given no clue could be got. The passengers were not molested. They describe two of the men as being stout and about five feet eight inches high, and the third about six feet. They were roughly dressed and seemed to be well acquainted with the passengers calling them by name. They did not demand or take anything except the mails, which contained, it is supposed, nearly \$10,000 in gold dust and exchanges in transitu.

**TERRIBLE FALL.**—The *Oregonian* learns that a workman named John Bushnel, employed on the light house now being built at Cape Foulweather, met with a terrible fall on last Saturday morning about ten o'clock. He was crossing on the tramway which leads from the main cliff to the light house, when his foot slipped and he fell on the rocks below, a distance of sixty feet. As he was falling he gave one cry, which brought the other workmen to the rescue. Bushnell was picked up badly mangled, but still alive. He was removed to Elk City and at last accounts was not dead, but no hopes were entertained for his recovery.

**FIRE IN THE WOODS.**—The *Olympia Tribune*, of the 12th, says: Large fires are raging on both shores of the mainland near Tacoma, on Vashon and Maury Islands, and further down the Sound. The smoke is already becoming oppressive, and to steamboat men alarming. In case there should be no cessation of the present dry, warm weather until September or October, as usual and expected, the country for hundreds of miles north and south of us will be, without doubt, very soon completely enveloped in smoke.

**SERVED THEM RIGHT.**—On Sunday last three boys in Portland assaulted a Chinaman without the slightest provocation, and cut off his ear. Complaint was made to the authorities, and the young rascals were brought up before Judge Denny, who, on hearing the testimony, sentenced each of the boys to twenty-three days' confinement in jail. They were each about fifteen years of age, and their names were Joe Petty, Jos. Gosey, and Ed. Sherman.

**BELLINGHAM BAY.**—The coal mine is not yet in operation, the water in the mines still preventing work.

**NARROW ESCAPE.**—The *Oregonian* learns that the family of Dillard Holman came very near being drowned in the Columbia river on last Sunday. With other parties they were crossing from the mouth of Lewis river when a heavy squall came up on the Columbia, and being in small boats it was with the utmost difficulty they succeeded in reaching the shore. The whole party, filling two skiffs, were most thoroughly drenched by the water and frightened by the great danger. A son of Mr. Holman, quite young, the only person who was in one of the boats to row it, was so exhausted when he reached the shore that he could not stand upon his feet.

**THE CAUSE OF THE ROW.**—Deputy United States Marshal arrived last evening from Yaquina Bay with the following five men in charge, viz: Capt. Lee of the schooner *Eleanora*; Chas. Ludson, one of the crew; Tom Boyle, boarding-house keeper; Wm. Butterfield and John Howard. They are accused of having given whisky to the Indians at the Yaquina Bay Reservation on the night of the Fourth of July, which resulted in the affray leading to the death of the chief Toootum Jack, by Tom Boyle. Eleven Indians were brought up as witnesses. We have been informed that the Indians have been very troublesome of late, and that whisky is the sole cause of it.—*Herald*.

**JACKSON COUNTY.**—We copy the following from the *Times*, July 13th: The county jail is entirely empty. John Blattner's house, on Rich Gulch, was burned to the ground last Saturday, and everything therein consumed, while he was at work on his claim.

James Barkley, a discharged soldier, was arrested last week by a special Deputy U. S. Marshal, Chas. W. Savage, for selling liquor to soldiers. Barkley was taken to Portland.

Wm. Krischner, a few days since, fell in an apoplectic fit, and died immediately afterwards.

A son of F. W. Souger, of Ashland, had a horse run away with him, which he was holding, and suffered the fracture of a leg in consequence.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY.**—From the *Plainsdealer* we gather the following Douglas county items: "William Bonebroke fell from a house while assisting A. J. Bellieu, and broke his collar bone. On the 7th inst., a daughter of John Strader was severely hurt by being run over by a cow. A lad named Richard Raper, aged twelve years, son of R. A. Raper, was thrown from a horse and severely injured."

**MUST REPAIR DAMAGES.**—At the late term of the County Court of Lane county, the clerk was instructed to notify the Secretary of the O. & C. R. R. Co. that unless the county roads damaged by said railroad was repaired by the September term, 1872, of this court, the District Attorney would be instructed to institute a suit for damages against said company.

**NARROW ESCAPE.**—A small boy, a son of Mrs. Streibig, of Portland, fell, head first, in a well thirty two feet deep, the other day. A woman with a small cord, raised him half way up when the boy dropped. He was subsequently drawn out, none the worse for wear, except a few scratches on one of his arms.

**SALMON FISHERIES.**—The Salmon fisheries are estimated to be worth at least \$1,000,000, and the *Mountaineer* is in favor of reopening the treaty by which the whites got possession of them, and paying the Indians something like a fair price for them.

**DROWNED.**—Timothy Dillon was accidentally drowned from the steamer *Comet*, in White river, W. T., on the 31st inst.

**MONTANA.**—The grain crop this year in Montana will be the largest and best that has ever been produced in the Territory.

**IDAHO.**—An Idaho paper publishes the following in regard to the crops: Assessor King informs us that he thinks not more than half the usual crop of grain will be raised on Camas Prairie, east, the present season, owing to the dry weather. The farmers are calling loudly for rain—rain!

A correspondent writing from Idaho says that this Territory is certainly the home of the beavers, and I believe in all the world besides there are not so many beavers as there are in Idaho. Every stream seems to swarm with them, and they may be seen frequently in the waters. The statement, often made, that they never show themselves, is all a mistake.

**BOLD ROBBERY.**—The *Oregonian* has intelligence of a bold robbery perpetrated on the highway near Lafayette, Yamhill county, last Friday afternoon, by two men who reside close to town. No names are given, but the man who was robbed is a carpenter engaged in building a bridge over the Yamhill river. He was knocked down, and robbed of \$100, in broad daylight, and almost in sight of fourteen men who were at work on the bridge. The perpetrators were apprehended, had an examination, and held to await the action of the grand jury.

**FIRE.**—The *La Grande Sentinel* gives the following account of a fire at Oro Dell, Union county: "On Thursday morning, the 11th, at 2:30 o'clock, the citizens of the quiet town of Oro Dell, were startled by the cry of fire, which destroyed property valued at about \$2,000, as follows: Blacksmith shop and tools, the property of W. J. Snodgrass, \$300; two wagons belonging to L. Keithley, \$500; one wagon belonging to Robs, \$75; and a building used as a granary and stable belonging to Benj. R. Henderson, valued at \$100; two mares and a colt belonging to Myers at Summerville, \$320; and a mowing machine belonging to Leasy, \$200."

**FOR THE MOUNTAINS.**—Several parties have left Salem for the mountains, within the last week. Generally they go in search of pleasure, but one or two parties purpose to seek for gold in the neighborhood of Mount Jefferson.

**RESIGNED.**—Mrs. Berry, who has most acceptably filled the position of Teacher of Music in Willamette University during the past seven years, has resigned the place, and will be succeeded by Miss Gertrude E. Moores, a graduate of the University.

**TACOMA, July 16.**—A shooting affray occurred at Samish this morning. A man named Patrick Mahoy attempted to ravish the wife of William Benson. Benson caught him in the act and shot him. Mahoy died at noon. Benson is under arrest.

**SUDDEN DEATH.**—James Morris burst a blood vessel and dropped dead in Salem last Saturday. He was a native of Ireland, aged about twenty-eight years, and had been in Oregon since January.

**DROWNED.**—A young colored boy named Alfred Glasgow, about twelve years of age, was drowned in Couch's Lake, Portland, on last Tuesday afternoon, whilst in bathing.

**ARRIVED.**—Gen. Joseph Hooker arrived at Portland on the last steamer. His old comrades in arms residing in the city heartily welcomed him.

**FIRE ENGINE.**—Corvallis is to have a new fire engine, the necessary amount having been raised to purchase one.

**FIRES.**—Extensive fires are raging in the timber near Tacoma on Puget Sound.

**SMALL POX.**—Three cases of small pox in the Phillips family at Eugene, are reported. One death has occurred.

**SUICIDE.**—Mrs. J. W. Moody, of Canyon City, committed suicide, on the 8th inst., by taking poison.

## EUROPEAN.

**LONDON, July 13.**—Storms throughout England yesterday were very destructive. In the middle and southern counties and many other places, the growing crops were prostrated and destroyed. Several people were killed by lightning.

**LONDON, July 14.**—The Observer anticipates that by the awards to be made by the Geneva Tribunal, England will be obliged to pay heavy sums for direct damages, although it believes the total amount will fall several millions below the American estimate.

**LONDON, July 15.**—The storms and floods were particularly disastrous in Cheshire and Lancashire, where a large amount of property was destroyed and several lives lost.

**PARIS, July 15.**—Thiers entertained General Sherman and party at dinner yesterday. The foreign Ministers, President Thiers, and several officers of the French army, were among the guests.

**GENEVA, July 15.**—The Board of Arbitration met, and a large quantity of printed matter was submitted and exchanged by agents of Great Britain and the United States. The Court adjourned after a session of less than 30 minutes. No reason is anticipated for a further delay in the proceedings.

**LONDON, July 16.**—Miss Kellogg achieved a great success. Travels on Saturday was recalled five times. London journals unanimously concede that she is perfect. She has received congratulations from the Prince and Princess of Wales.

**LONDON, July 17.**—The *Times* in commenting on the Stokes trial says that at the bottom of this what we call miscarriage of justice, is that indifference which Americans feel for violent crimes in which both murderer and victim are rowdies.

**ST. HELEN'S HALL, PORTLAND.**—We have received a neatly printed catalogue of this school for girls, from which we learn that there were during the last school year 103 pupils in attendance, a fact which shows the growing popularity of the institution. The Faculty consists of Right Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector, Miss Mary B. Rodney, Principal, with a full corps of assistant teachers in all the departments.

**THE LAST BUFFALO.**—The *La-Grande Sentinel* says the last buffalo seen in Eastern Oregon was killed in Powder river valley twenty-six years ago, by Joseph, a chief of the Nez Perce tribe of Indians.

In the case of E. P. Henderson who is contesting the election as Treasurer in Lane county, Judge Thayer has decided that the votes of railroad employes could not be rejected when they had a *bona fide* residence.

A white man near Auburn, name unknown, found two Indians quarrelling last Thursday, and interfered, when one of the Indians drew a knife, whereupon the white man shot him with a revolver, giving him a mortal wound.

**WHEAT BAGS.**—Read the advertisement of McCracken & Co., who have them for sale.

**CALLED.**—A. J. Dufur, Esq., favored us with a call on Saturday last.

**WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.**—In a letter to the *FARMER*, a valued friend says: "I hope you will continue to keep before the people, and especially the members of the Legislature, their imperative duty as it regards public improvements. Your leader of June 29th is worth a whole year's subscription alone."

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