

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

STAGE ACCIDENT.—The Statesman of Saturday contains the following: Mr. John Gilbert who arrived overland yesterday afternoon, from San Francisco, has furnished us with the particulars of an incident of Stage travel more dangerous than agreeable. Friday night, as they were rolling along, with every appearance of safety, at the foot of Myrtle Creek Hill, a few miles south of Roseburg, the stage gave a sudden lurch and over it went, and passengers, mail, baggage, etc., were decidedly mixed up. There were ten passengers aboard besides the driver, three of the former being ladies. The driver, a man named Simpson, received injuries from which it is very doubtful if he ever recovers. His shoulder was badly broken, and his left side severely crushed, and it is now feared that he has sustained internal injuries of a serious nature. The passengers on the inside of the coach escaped with less serious results, but passengers were pretty thoroughly waked up. Mr. Gilbert was among the number who escaped. Other conveyances were furnished and the parties proceeded in spite of the accident. Mr. Gilbert came through from San Francisco in three days and six hours.

PALOUSE MINES.—The Idaho Signal learns that the mines are paying from six to ten dollars per day with a rocker; that they are now constructing a ditch, which will carry 150 inches of water, so as to supply several claims at the lower end of the gulch, which will enable them to work with sluices so soon as completed, when they will have good reason for the character of the diggings they are now working with rockers, to expect a yield of from \$20 to \$50 per day to the hand. They also have in contemplation a much larger ditch to bring water in near the head of the gulch which will cover a great portion of the mines.

BOOK DEPOSITORY.—The Oregonian says: The recent General Conference of the M. E. Church, provided by law for the establishment of a Book Depository at Portland, Oregon. The Discipline of the church was changed so as to conform to the facts in the case. As no time was fixed upon for commencing this Depository, the Agents at New York, to whom the General Conference committed the execution of its purposes, have, after looking the ground all over, concluded not to establish the Depository immediately. It will no doubt be established in the course of the next year.

SCURGE.—A prisoner in the jail at Silver City, Idaho, committed suicide on the night of the 4th inst. His name was Charles O'Donnell alias Thomas McNamara. He had been indicted for manslaughter and imprisoned but afterward was released on bail, when he immediately acted so as to excite the fears of his bondsmen, and they had him re-arrested and put into jail, and the next afternoon he blew his brains out with a pistol which he had smuggled into the prison. He was an Irishman about 25 years of age.

ACCIDENTS.—At Pumphrey's last Saturday, a workman on the Cowitz bridge, named Thos. Cully, had his hand crushed by a heavy timber; and next morning (Sunday) as Nie, Walsh was passing under some part of the bridge, a wooden maul fell from the framework, a distance of twenty-five feet, and happened to strike him a glancing blow on the head, literally scalped him, peeling the scalp in a hanging flap over his ear. They were both attended by Dr. Donlevy, and are getting along favorably.

HEAVY RAIN-STORM.—The Idaho Signal says: "According to the Boise Statesman, the farmers of that section have suffered heavy losses of grain from the late rain-storm which visited that country. It lasted five days, and it is estimated that one-half of the unthreshed grain was exposed to it in the field. No such rain says the Statesman, was ever known or anticipated in that country. There is more stock there now than any previous year, and in case of a hard winter there will be no surplus grain."

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—Says the Oregonian: Last Thursday a boy named Thomas Connolly, residing in East Portland, was standing on the depot platform waiting for the train to arrive from Salem. He had a pistol in his pocket which he kept handling all the time. The trigger suddenly slipped and the weapon was discharged, the ball entering the thigh, producing an ugly wound. He was taken to a drug store, where his wounds were dressed, and from thence home.

THE FAIR.—The Times says: From all we can learn the coming Jackson County Fair will be very largely attended, and an extensive exhibition of the various industries and products of the county will be exhibited. We are credibly informed that there will be several of our Douglas county friends in attendance. No pains will be spared by the Managers to make it a grand success.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.—At a regular meeting of the Officers and Teachers of the M. E. S. S. held at the church last Sunday afternoon, the following resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to permit our beloved sister, Mrs. Pluma Cross, to pass from this earth to the "better land," and while we are shocked at the manner and suddenness of her departure, we are forcibly reminded of the all important fact that "in the midst of life we are in death," and bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Sister Cross we deeply realize that we have lost a faithful teacher, the Church of Christ a worthy exemplar and suffering humanity one of its truest friends.

RESOLVED, That we do hereby tender to Brother Cross and his afflicted family our loving Christian sympathies, and prayerfully commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

L. CHICKENBROTHER, Sup't SHANNON MYERS, Sec'y.

A London dispatch says that Dawson, the geographer and traveler, who has returned from Zanzibar, reports having been in communication with Dr. Livingstone.

EASTERN OREGON.

The fact has been established this season, beyond a doubt, that Eastern Oregon, with its soil and climate, is well adapted to the raising of wheat, rye, barley, oats and Indian corn; apples, pears, peaches, plums, and grapes, as well as the "nutritious bunch grass," every body has heard of.

Mr. W. T. Smith, who lives in Dry Gulch, three or four miles the other side of Fifteen Mile Creek, raised this season four hundred and fifty bushels of plump, white wheat from a field of nine acres, and without irrigation. This is nearly forty-nine bushels to the acre. The ground was plowed about nine inches deep and the grain sown in the fore part of April. This is little the best yield that has come to our notice, yet, nearly all of our farmers report excellent crops. This we think is sufficient evidence to any practical farmer, that wheat can be grown on our dry lands if the ground is plowed deep and the grain properly put in.

The section of country that can raise Indian corn successfully, is admitted by all practical men, the country to raise all kinds of fruits. Certain portions of Wasco county seem to be particularly adapted to raising this grain. Hood River is one, and all along the various creeks and rivers putting into the Columbia river are others. All of these localities will raise fruit of all kinds—indigenous to the temperate zone—equal if not superior to that of any raised in the United States. This fact has been established in the city of Portland, where our fruit has come in competition with that received from California.—Mountain-ecr.

Grading Long Wools.

The greatest fault that is to be found with the flocks of long-wool sheep, as now bred, is almost entire absence of uniformity of quality in their wool. This matter has hitherto escaped the attention of breeders in their desire to breed rather for symmetry, quality or meat and earliness of maturity. But in the hands of judicious breeders there is no reason why a higher standard of quality in the fleeces, and more uniform staple throughout the flock, cannot be obtained, without at the same time sacrificing the already high mutton quality.

In the first place the flock should be examined every fall, and all the lambs of that year that show wool of an inferior staple and quality to the average that it is desired to attain, should be graded out and sold. Next, in order to keep continuously fining the wool, rams of higher quality of breed but having wool finer and of better staple than the average of the breed, should be obtained and used. By steady perseverance in this course (which was the one pursued in Saxony that resulted in obtaining the finest wool now grown) we may in time obtain Cotswold, Leicester or Lincoln with fleeces of wool far exceeding in fineness those now bred, and but little behind the fine wools for dress goods of a higher quality.—Cor. National Live Stock Journal.

THE DISTRICT FAIR.—The Columbia District Agricultural Society held their Third Annual Fair this week at the Fair Grounds. The exhibition was not as large as last year, yet what we saw was quite creditable as to quality. Mr. Horace Rice exhibited thirty-nine varieties of apples, all properly named. Mrs. Watson exhibited a large variety of corn, squashes, and other articles. Mr. Schierman exhibited specimens of grape, apples, pears, peaches and plums. Mrs. Benson exhibited a number of jars of preserved fruit of various kinds. The Misses Mosler exhibited several beautiful quilts. There was a large number of horses and a few head of bulls and cows.—Mountain-ecr.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.—From Mr. Myer, just from the Unipqua country, we learn that it has been decided to continue the construction of the O. & C. R. R. to a point five miles south of Roseburg, instead of stopping, as was the original intention, at the present point of completion, for the winter. Work will be pushed ahead vigorously in order to complete the extension before the fall rains set in.—Sentinel.

A young lady has successfully passed the requisite examination and been admitted a member of the Freshman class of the Maine State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Fast Walking Horses.

The best gait a horse has is the fast walk. A slow walking horse is an abomination. Who has patience with such a horse? If you ride him or drive him, he exhausts your patience. If he is used to plow, or harrow, or go on the road, he mopes along at a snail's pace. He does only about half the work of the rapid walker. If time is money, you make money, because you save time, by having a horse that walks fast.

Breeders should pay attention to this matter. In selecting a stallion to breed from, by all means select one that can walk fast. A slow walking stallion will be likely to get slow walking colts; while the stallion that has a long, rapid, spirited stride, will be likely to beget colts with a similar action.

Then there is a great deal in breeding to a horse with spirit and ambition. Those cold-blooded horses will beget cold-blooded colts. The nearer you can approach the thoroughbred, even for obtaining a fast walker, the better. There is game there, and spirit and endurance, and stamina, and style. There are the neat bony heads and prominent eyes, the small ears, the capacious nostrils, the large lungs and chests, the well-developed muscles, the bones as dense as ivory.

Even for walkers, then, get the nearest to thoroughbred possible, and the same for trotters, and of course the same for runners. You have then horses fit for any company, and for any purpose—to haul the plow, or buggy, or carriage, or to carry you upon their backs. Breed large, fine nares, to thorough-bred horses, and you will get colts that you will not be ashamed to have your friends see.

The "Horse of All Work."

The "horse of all work" should not be less than 15½ hands in height, nor less than 1,100 pounds in weight, quick, lively ears, broad between the eyes, round barrel, short loins, well up in the shoulders, deep chested, square quarters, flat legs, short between the knee and pastern, hind legs well under him, speed equal to eight miles an hour on the road, and at least three miles at the plow, with sufficient blood to insure spirit, style and endurance. As in this class it is evident the mature animals are intended for breeding, they should be sound; and as the young animals must be judged on their own merits, as their promise for future usefulness, they also must be sound or else they cannot complete.

The "horse of all work" is intended to be capable of being trained for the saddle, for harness, and to be able to go on the road or in draught, as he may chance to be broken. It may be that the "horse of all work" shall after a few years' training, make a useful, spirited, handsome family roadster, or he may be brought up to be a good draught horse, true to pull any load that may be put behind him. Much depends on the use he is put to. Hence the judges will note that he is not to be judged by the speed he may make for single mile. Hence, also, it will be noted that he may be thoroughbred or he may not, and for the same reason he must have size, action and spirit, as well as constitution, if he is worthy of a premium as a breeding animal.—Regulations of Michigan Agricultural Society.

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