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## GENERAL NEWS.

Tacoma is to have a Congregational Church. The new brick building at Olympia progresses.

The Fakir de Bordeaux is astonishing Tacoma.

Temperance prayer meetings are in order at Olympia.

The Tacoma Tribune has commenced its tenth volume.

The Tacoma Brass Band has received additional instruments.

The Olympia crusaders are preparing for an attack on gin mills.

Lead, almost pure, has been found near the Pen d'Orielle lake.

Tacoma is going to have a Lodge of the Champions of the Red Cross.

A Tacoma minister preached a sermon last Sunday for the benefit of hoodlums.

Michael Hartigan, convicted at Vancouver of the murder of J. C. A. Vohwinkel, has been sentenced by Judge Greene to be hanged on the 10th of June next.

A Mrs. Smith, of Walla Walla, was arrested a few days since on a charge of bigamy. She capped the climax by saying that she had never been married to Mr. S.; she only lived with him occasionally.

On the first of May eight hundred men will be employed in building a railroad through from Bingham, Utah, to Dry Canyon. The projectors of the new enterprise mean business.

Colorado, which was settled ten years later than Utah, now has 130,000 inhabitants, several flourishing cities, thirty newspapers, a fine school system second to none in the country, and six hundred miles of completed railway.

Gulch mining is starting up quite lively in Montana.

Julius Strauss, of Bozeman, Montana, slumbers in jail. He stole \$300.

Vancouver boys and girls engage in the innocent amusement of playing marbles.

A wood-chopper named John Rock was killed by the Indians near Fort Shaw, Montana, on the 25th ult.

The first brick residence on the Sound, if not in Washington Territory, is in course of construction at Olympia.

The little son of Colonel F. C. Deimling, of Virginia City, had his leg broken a few days since by a log rolling on it.

The Tumwater people commenced the grading of the Olympia-Tenino Railroad through their town last Saturday.

The Vancouver Register says: We have received a large dose of Spring poem, and our digestion is somewhat impaired.

The argument for the defence made by John F. Caples, in the Hartigan murder trial, on Wednesday last, at Vancouver, was an able effort.

The Vancouver Register gives in detail the trial of Michael Hartigan, charged with murder. It is at the head of the Washington Territory newspaper world.

A man named Doroughty, living on the Kuntulup, W. T., cut his foot very badly lately, and probably would have died had not the Indians found him in time.

The Washington Company, at Shealwater Bay, an organization of thirty oystermen, has broken down the opposition of the old companies who combined against them.

Mrs. McFarland, wife of ex-Sheriff McFarland, of Chehalis county, on the north head of Gray's Harbor, accidentally shot herself through the arm a few days ago, while moving a gun from one part of the room to another.

It is rumored that a strong petition will be forwarded to the Governor of Washington Territory, in the event of a failure to obtain a new trial, asking that the sentence of Michael Hartigan be commuted to the Penitentiary for life, instead of the death penalty.

A "variety supper" is the latest at Walla Walla.

The water works is what troubles Walla Walla folks.

The bridge across the Palous at Colfax has been finished.

Mr. John Campbell, of Skagit Valley, has discovered quite a fine tract of open country on the right bank of the river, ten miles above the jam. One or two settlers have already located there for the purpose of raising hops on an extensive scale.

At a meeting of the Second Adventists at Walla Walla have been commenced at their tent, and have already awakened considerable interest.

The printed statutes of the last session are now coming into the Secretary's office at Olympia from the hands of the binder. They make a volume of 783 pages.

The telegraph lines between Sound points are being changed.

Tacoma is being enlarged for the ninety-sixth time—more or less.

The Walla Walla jail is more than crowded. Fourteen birds.

Sound papers are growling over what they know about Missouri.

The Islands of the North Pacific are attracting considerable attention.

A company of six men left Walla Walla a few days since, bound for Stuckeen.

A blooming woman in bloomer costume has put in an appearance at Walla Walla.

A Grange has been organized at Walla Walla. Olympia records her regular fire alarm. No damage.

Walla Walla chinamen have a cemetery of their own.

Tumwater presents a business like appearance.

The Odd Fellows of Idaho will celebrate on the 27th.

Tacoma's Nimrod killed a doe and two fawns at one shot.

A party of Lewiston miners have started on prospecting tour.

The chemical apparatus for the Silver City School has arrived.

A working force of sixty men are engaged on the Olympia railroad.

Owhee people want to know what clapboards are. Ask your children.

The shipping of Tacoma has been increased by the arrival of a pile-driver.

The Tacoma hall, given for the benefit of the public schools, netted fifty dollars.

I. H. Whittlesey, of Tacoma, has been appointed a Notary Public by Gov. Ferry.

At Olympia on the 23d inst. the mercury stood at 80° in the shade and 124° in the sun.

A concert for the benefit of the poor was given at Silver City a few evening since, which netted \$132.25.

Tub Ayeurs, the embezzling Deputy Assessor of Boise county, is reported to be in Los Angeles, California.

The rosolia, or scarlatina, or scarlet fever, of whatever the epidemic may in reality be, is still raging in Silver City.

It is reported that the wrecked schooner Elida, as she lies bottom up between Victoria and Esquimalt harbors, has been sold for \$100 to Messrs. Starr and Stalsmidt.

Deputy United States Marshal George Gilmore has received orders from headquarters to seize all wood and timber cut this winter on what is known as the Knott land claim.

The roof of a Silver City tin-shop caught fire a few days since, and if it had not been discovered in time, or extinguished before it had gained uncontrollable headway, that town would have now been a heap of ashes. Very strange conclusion.

Sixty months labor, valued at \$2,400; 4,978 acres of land and 186 town lots, valued at \$45,000; \$2,250 worth of material and \$5,000 cash, have been subscribed to the Olympia and Tenino Railroad.

Mrs. May Eastman and Miss Maggie and Eva Ostrander were the first to wheel dirt on the Olympia and Tenino Railroad grade.

The crops on the lower Chehalis, W. T., are said to look exceedingly well, promising a bountiful harvest. The area of grain sown is much larger than any previous year.

The Seattle Dispatch says that since the Anderson was hauled off the Fort Wrangle and Victoria route, the other lines have raised the fare; but the miners, being opposed to extension, have induced Mr. Chas. Millard, of Victoria, to put the double cylinder steamer Isabel on the route, in the place of the Anderson. Capt. Morrison will have charge in the pilot-house, assisted by Smith, for Herly on the Sitka route.

The Transcript learns from Shoal Water Bay that the Washington Company, an organization of thirty oystermen, has broken down the opposition of the old companies, who combined against them. The Washington Company has now a foothold in the San Francisco market, and the price of oysters has advanced. There are about thirty more owners of oyster-beds who talk of forming themselves into a company.

Walla Walla wants a brass band. They should have one.

The Indians at the Umatilla Agency are prospecting finely.

Tacoma is going to have another hard-time hall. For the brass band's benefit this time.

Mr. Potts, a new comer at Dayton, fell from the roof of his new building and was seriously injured.

The streets and gutters of Walla Walla are to be cleaned in order to make the frogs more comfortable.

Olympia and Sound people are still awaiting the arrival of the steamer Labor to take the route regularly.

The Walla Walla Union says: Since a vacancy has occurred in our Post Office it is astonishing to see how many Nabsys we have in our midst, who are willing to forego personal preferences and their time to the service of the Government and the accommodation of the public, by running the Post office.

Indian ponies are plenty and cheap at Walla Walla.

Wheat is selling at Helena, Montana, for \$2.90 per cental.

Flour has advanced in the Bozeman market to \$2.50 per 100 lbs wholesale.

The Helena Herald has let the contract for a two-story, 30,000 fire-proof building to be erected on Broadway immediately.

The First National Bank of Bozeman has had an increase of \$15,000 in its circulation, which makes its total circulation \$25,000.

A man who was pardoned out of the penitentiary in Washington Territory last week, spent his first night after his release, in jail for drunkenness.

Lewis, Bull & Co., owners of the famous Legal-Tender Silver Mine in Montana, have negotiated in the East for concentrating machinery, which will be shipped and placed in operation at Glancy the present season.

Walla Walla firemen are quarreling about Chief Engineer.

Tiger Engine Co., No. 2, at Walla Walla, grew indignant because the Common Council declared its intention to abolish the office of Chief engineer. They met and passed resolutions to adjourn, disband, dissolve, toll their bell, drape the engine in mourning and quit forever.

The Helena Herald says that Mr. Vaughn has struck the three feet of ore in the Little Jennie Mine, the average value of which, by actual assay, is twenty-eight hundred dollars per ton, of 2,000 lbs. At this rate Mr. Vaughn is likely to abridge the period he has set down in his memorandum book at which to accept the title of millionaire.

Gov. Ferry paid an official visit to the Territorial asylum at Steelcook last Tuesday.

Southern Oregon has been stirred to its lowest depths lately with candidates for office.

Cove, in Union county, has a Union Temperance Society just organized, with 32 members.

## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW ORLEANS, April 28.—The Captain of the steamer Iberia reports that families are abandoning the plantation and moving to the highlands. Where five thousand hogsheads of sugar was anticipated only seed is hoped for now. The water is over the Morgan railroad for twenty-five miles. Three men were drowned in attempting to cross Pearl river yesterday.

MONROE, La., April 28.—The river has fallen 1½ inches in twenty-four hours. The steamer Gary Owen reports the water as falling all the way down.

LITTLE ROCK, April 28.—Baxter, upon receiving advice from the President that his first requisition for troops to assist in suppressing the insurrection did not arrive, repeated the same to-day.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The House Committee on Judiciary to-day authorized the following named bill to be reported: A bill repealing the special act requiring California to elect her Representatives for the Forty-fourth Congress during the present year. This postpones the Congressional election in that State till August, 1875.

ATCHEN, April 28.—In the battle of the 11th instant, eight thousand natives made a general attack on the Dutch positions at Kraton, but were repulsed with great slaughter, after eight hours' fighting. All the Dutch forces, except a garrison of 2,500 now in Kraton, will return to Java to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—A fire occurred on Clay street near Sansome at 10 o'clock last night in the American tea store, Wolf & Fletcher's market and Eastman's printing house, damage probably \$10,000, mostly covered by insurance.

## THE MIXED TICKET IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

The Democratic Convention of Douglas county met last Saturday and resolved that "half a loaf being better than no bread," they would be satisfied to divide offices of that county with Republicans. Then the Convention proceeded to make its half of the nominations as follows: For Representative, J. F. Rice; James H. Bean, James Richards; County Judge, Major Brown; County Clerk, J. D. Van Buren; School Superintendent, Quincy A. Grubb; County Commissioner, G. J. Callahan; Coroner, Dr. Venable. Then the Democrats sent a committee to invite their hereditary foes, the Republicans, to bury the tomahawk and come into companionship with them to divide the spoils in Joint Convention, which was accepted.

In the meantime the Republicans had also concluded to divide the loaf, and had partitioned out their share as follows: For State Senator, Mr. Brown; Representative, Mr. Woodruff; Sheriff, E. Livingstone; Treasurer, J. B. Noble; County Commissioner, J. A. Plegate; Assessor, L. Buell; Surveyor, Peter Applegate.

Then the untrifled Democrats and the harmonious Republicans met in Joint Convention and had a love feast, where the lion and the lamb laid down together and the common motto was: "Let us have peace." Speeches were made and hands were shaken where fists had been shaken before, and the Union of the old parties of Douglas county was complete.

Of course we like it, for we have preached freedom from political bondage, and union, and emancipation, and brotherly love, and all those things, and to see the Kilkenny cat fight of politics end in peace and harmony shows that our teachings are not thrown away.

A "Dead Beats' Directory" has been printed anonymously in Chicago. It is intended for the use of boarding house keepers, grocers, butchers, &c., and contains the names of a thousand men who habitually neglect paying their bills. The list includes lawyers, actors, ministers, aldermen and officials, and is to be revised monthly.

## A NOTE WRITTEN AT SEA.

The following note written off Cape St. Lucas by Mr. W. F. West of this county (who is on his way East via Panama,) speaks for itself. It seems to us that the leading real estate men of this State should take steps to secure for Oregon some of this immense emigration, that are seeking homes upon our shores. We would suggest to Jones & Patterson of this city, who are perhaps the largest dealers in real estate in the State, that they take the matter in hand, and confer with others engaged in like business. A good active agent in San Francisco, well supplied with maps, statistics etc., could turn many in this direction, that now seek homes elsewhere.

CAPE ST. LUCAS, April 18, 1874.

MR. EDITOR: I wish to say now, what I failed to say before leaving San Francisco. Emigrants are pouring into that city from the Eastern States, at the rate of fifty to a hundred per day, in search of land and homes, but they are persistently and constantly turned from the North to the South, by land jobbers and speculators, who have control of all the valuable tracts of land extending to the Mexican line, all along the coast. When I was here ten years ago land that was offered for ten dollars per acre, could be purchased now for 25. In fact, only a few of these companies. The arbitrary prices of these monopolies receive the just execration of all good citizens. If we had a good agent at San Francisco to represent Oregon and her interests; our state, the present season might receive a large per centage of the thousands crowding in there. \* \* \* Yours as ever, Wm. F. West.

FIRST CIRCUS IN SALEM.—Twenty years ago next fall the first circus company that ever performed in Salem, pitched their canvases where now is the corner of Liberty and State streets. And although a score of years has passed, and loads of gravel has been put in, and thousands of vehicles of all description have passed over it, most of the original ring is plainly to be seen. We can readily understand how the remains of ancient earth-works, withstand the ravages of time by this simple illustration. Speaking of this circus it was organized in Portland by Joe Wetherell, and Joe McKibben two saddlers by trade. Wetherell was known on the bills as the "lion leaper of the world" while McKibben was the funny man. The horses were intelligent and highly educated "cayuses" from Southern Oregon. The funds furnished to get up this colossal hippodrome came from a wealthy widow that Joe McKibben had married but a short time before the inauguration of the enterprise. The company after performing here, started for Silverton but before getting there "busted up."

FACTS ABOUT IMMIGRATION.—Mr. A. Myers who came up on the last steamer, conversed with many of the passengers and informs us that while a portion of them were on their way for Stuckeen, or intending to settle in Washington Territory, the majority of them were coming out to meet friends who are old settlers in Oregon, and therefore will find a welcome awaiting them and understand beforehand what to expect. The greater portion of the immigration goes to Linn and Lane counties to settle there. There were in all about 400 passengers on the Stephens, mostly from the far western States, with a sprinkling from Virginia and Ohio. They bring with them considerable means, sufficient generally to purchase homes, and one man has gathered up twenty-nine relations from different sections to come and make their common home in the Willamette Valley.

The old Union Hotel building is to be torn down, and an elegant residence, and tastefully arranged grounds, to be substituted in its place. "A consummation devoutly to be wished for."

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Mr. Wm. C. Griswold's baggage came up on the steamer and was received here to-day. Mr. G. comes overland and is expected to arrive the last of the week.

Richard J. Savagood about eighteen, son of Mr. William Savagood, has taken forty acres on the Chitwood farm just below the city, to cultivate on shares—a good example for boys looking around about the streets to emulate.

People in search of Government land, or good stock ranches in the foot-hills east of the city, can get much valuable information by calling on Mr. Delaney corner of State and High street.

Two interments in Odd Fellows cemetery during the month of April, one male, one female, both brought in from the country.

Four arrests as follows, made during April by Marshal J. A. Baker. For larceny 1, assault and battery 1. Assault with a dangerous weapon 1. Drunk and disorderly 1.

Not a single death has occurred in the city during this month. Where is another city of 5,000 people that can say the same.

DEATH OF THE BENICIA BOY'S SISTER.—A special Berlin letter of March 10th, published in the London News of the 21st ult., contains the following announcement: Miss D. Heenan the sister of the well-known American boxer, died some days ago in Berlin, literally of suffocation. She was undoubtedly one of the most corpulent women in the world, and had been for some time exhibiting her not uncommon features and her all too solid mass of flesh to the admiring Berlin public, together with a selection from the silver cups and other presents received by her from enthusiastic citizens and crowned heads during the course of her travels, when, almost without any previous warning, the poor lady's career was cut short in the way I have mentioned. There is an extraordinary demand just now in Berlin for phenomena of this class, and the enterprising person who had engaged the professional services of Miss Heenan showed himself at once true to time and up to the mark as a caterer for the reigning taste, for the very day following his bereavement, he was provided with another mountain of breathing flesh in the place of the colossal German.

How about the old horse? What is to be done with him? Or, what is to be done with a horse that is growing old? These are hard questions for a humane and moderately circumstanced farmer to answer. There can be nothing wrong in disposing of a horse 10 years old, having considerable work in him; but how old and feeble should he be before it would seem wrong to get rid of him? If one has an old horse and he cannot well be kept, the best way is to find some humane farmer who will take him for what he is worth and agree to keep him so long as he lives. But, if possible, he should be kept on the place, and be fed and cared for, in part for the good he has done; and he will be useful for the women and children to drive, because his ways are understood—and he really has valid claims to a living from the farm. A humane man will be certain to have a calm and reflective mind, and such a mind will devise ways for keeping a horse or worn out animal which a cold and cruel mind would not think of, so that nothing would be lost.

ARATED WATERS.—Considerable of water should be on their guard in British Medical Journal of Saturday there is a letter from "An eminent Fellow of the Royal Society," on the result of the examination of some artificial aerated waters—soda and seltzer waters—sold in "siphon bottles." This examination disclosed in all cases dangerous contamination with a poisonous metal. There was quite enough lead in all the waters examined to undermine health. And the British Medical Journal remarks on this discovery: "When we examined the ordinary aerated mineral waters of commerce, some time since, we found that they were of the most various composition, and that they only occasionally corresponded with what was implied in their name. A great many of them, too, were made with well-water which was anything but pure, and some of them were dangerously impure."

SOOTHING SYRUP.—One of our exchanges gives the composition of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup as follows: It has been shown that an ounce of the syrup contains one grain of morphia. If then, Mrs. Winslow's instructions be followed, the dose for an infant three months old contains an equivalent of ten drops of laudanum, and this Mrs. Winslow recommends to be repeated every two hours. The injury that may be done by the ignorant use of such a nostrum is hardly to be estimated; and yet a calculation has been made that not less than 15,000,000 ounces of the syrup are annually sold in the United States; in other words, that the children of this country are dosed every year with as many million grains of morphia.

Among the "Boston notions" that are pretty sure to be generally adopted throughout the country, is the latest one of selling eggs, not by the dozen, but by weight. According to the new law adopted in Massachusetts, twelve eggs no longer constitute a lawful dozen, but as many as it shall take to weigh one pound and a half. Light good rich eggs, laid by well-fed fowls, will weigh a pound; while it will take ten or twelve poor eggs laid by puny fowls to make that weight. The difference comes to be a trifle when prices range from 40 to 60 cents per dozen.

A BUREAU MERCHANT.—A wholesale grocer in New York city, who became rich in his business, says his rule always was, when he sold a bill of goods on credit, to immediately subscribe for the local paper of his debtor. So long as his customer advertised liberally and vigorously, he rested, but as soon as he began to contract his advertising space he took the fact as an evidence that there was trouble ahead, and he invariably went for his debt. Said he, "the man who feels too poor to do business." The withdrawing of an advertisement is an evidence of weakness that business men are not slow to observe and act upon.—N. Y. Times.

An Iowa school teacher has been dismissed for the offense of kissing a female assistant. Whereupon a local paper inquires, "What inducement there is for any person to exile himself to the country districts of Iowa, to direct the young idea in its reckless practice, if he is to be denied the ordinary luxuries of everyday life?"