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A NEW OREGON STEAMER.

We take from the Alta California of November 21, the following, in reference to the new steamship that is to be built immediately for the Pacific Coast Mail Company to run between San Francisco and Portland:

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, by their agents, Goodall, Perkins & Co., yesterday signed a contract with Wm. Cramp & Sons, the celebrated iron ship builders of Philadelphia, for the construction of a new steamship for their Oregon route.

With this brief sketch we hope our readers will be content, but we cannot close without a slight tribute to the contracting firm, Goodall, Perkins & Co. are so well known here as managers of the steamship lines, and their good treatment of the public extending back for a long series of years, makes it unnecessary to praise them much; suffice it to say that the firm has grown up with our young State, and that they are whole-souled Californians in every sense of the word.

A Liberal Offer. Captain Auld, master of the ship City of York, has kindly consented to carry, free of charge, all articles designed for exhibition at the Paris Exposition which may be donated by the citizens of Portland or elsewhere.

Over in Yamhill. The citizens in the vicinity of Amity and Sheridan, and along up the South side of the Yamhill river are wide awake in regard to the proposed narrow gauge railroad.

Wagon Maker Wanted. We are informed by a private letter that the thriving village of Turner, in this county, is easily in need of a wagon maker, one that can paint or finish up the work, when circumstances require it.

At Half Fare. Arrangements are completed with the O. & C. railroad and the O. S. N. company's boats on the Columbia river to carry members of the order at half fare who wish to attend the 25th anniversary of Chemeketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. Parties who expect to be present will pay full fare on coming and return free of charge by obtaining a certificate of the Secretary of the Lodge.

A Long Ride. Mrs. Hellenbrand rode on horseback on Monday last, in company with her son, Chas. W. Hellenbrand, from Grande Ronde to this city, a distance of 30 miles.

The new custom flour mill of O. F. Dennis, at the Agricultural works, had a fair test yesterday. A Mr. Greer, living in the vicinity of Brook's Station, brought 60 bushels of choice wheat to the mill, which was made into excellent flour that weighed 44 1/2 pounds to each bushel of wheat.

Shipping Lumber. The Capital Lumbering company received an order from Albany by Messrs F. G. Peifer & Bro., new comers in that burg, for 60,000 feet of lumber. They intend using it in building a hotel in that city.

The Two Dickinson's. "Buz," writing from Salem to the Oregonian, under date of the 21st, relates the following: "We have in our town two men by the name of Dickinson doing business on State street, one of them is a minister, and is proprietor of a seed store, the other has 'sample rooms,' a polite name for a drinking saloon.

Advance in Wheat. The Record of Friday, Nov. 23, says: Wheat took a step up this morning, as Mr. Herren advanced rates to \$1.10 per bushel, instead of \$1.08 1/2 which has been the price of late.

Literary Social Club. The above is the title of an organization that was effected in this city last Wednesday evening, at the residence of Elder S. C. Adams, the society is to be connected with the Christian Church, and the exercises are to consist of music, reading and singing.

Odd Fellows' Library. The following named new books have been received and placed in the Odd Fellows' Library: Hazlitt's works, five volumes; Whispering Pine, The Turning of the Tide, Winning his Spurs, Sophomors of Radcliff, Kellogg; Emerson's writings, 1st and 2d series, and Conduct of Life; Life and works of Franklin, two volumes; Hood's Poetical works, two volumes; Literary and Historical, Bancroft; Popular Lectures, H. Helenholtz; The Old Testament of New York, 2d and 3d series; Mysteries of Life, Death and Futurity; In the Camargin; Spain and the Spaniards; Western Martyrology; Goethe's Faust, Hayward; Ethical and Physiological Enquiries; Waterloo, a sequel to the conscript of 1813; The Chaplains and Clergy of the Revolution; The Old Merchants of New York City; The Champagne Country; Philosophy of Rhetoric.

A Night Scene. "By Jupiter! these are lovely nights. Nothing mars the serenity of the scene," exclaimed a Commercial street clerk one night last week, as he sat on the porch 'neath the silvery rays of the crescent moon, with his arm around the waist of his pretty Hill Venus. But when the old woman came to the conclusion that matters had better come to a crisis she opened the window above them and turned a pitcher of water on their devoted heads, and they thought they had encountered old Neptune. She simply remarked to them as they started for the gate: "Here, come back! you can't come over my daughter in that Milky Way. The gay and festive clerks retorted: "Unless off, and I'll be hanged if I come back till I get ready!" and his girl took his arm and they started off with a speed like a messenger Mercury, who is said to have had wings on his heels, and silence reigned once more. The old lady says she will Planet different next time.

More Recruits. Officer E. Schultz, of Wasco county, arrived here this morning, in charge of a couple of "birds" destined for the hotel-de-croix-bars. On the arrival of the train a cab was secured and they were taken to the prison, and immediately delivered up to the authorities. The names of these persons are: Peter McMannus, convicted of larceny, and sentenced for the term of two years, and Thomas Sheridan, for stealing a mule, and sentenced to one year.

A Joker Joked. A near-sighted and modest resident of this county, entered a dry goods store on Commercial street, the other day, and thinking to perpetrate a joke, stepped up to a dummy on which new patterns of skirts and mantles are displayed, as he thought, and old woman, how are you? The old woman at once turned around, and not only answered his question, but volunteered a great deal of information besides. That young man will never attempt to perpetrate another joke.

The Jury. The following are the list of jurymen that have been impaneled in the Sillies perjury case: J. H. Jones, Henry Miller, A. Bees, J. W. Wilson, E. M. Benton, Portland; William Hay, Thomas J. Todd, C. H. Adams, Washington county; Hamilton Kelly, R. H. Austin, East Portland; R. N. Warshaw, Clackamas county. Messrs. Mallory and Durham are for the prosecution, and Mr. Goodsell for the defense.

The Dashways. Hon. W. R. Dunbar, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the State, will organize Dashway Lodge and install the officers next Monday evening, November 26th, at Good Templar's Hall in this city. Those who have signed the petition as Charter members are invited to be present promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The officers and members of Capital Lodge are especially invited to be present as well as all members of the Order in good standing visiting in the city.—(Record, Nov. 24.)

Carried Away. A part of the new bridge which was building across the Luckimute, on the road from Monmouth to Albany, has been washed away. Crossings are now made by a skiff. The damage will be made good as soon as the water subsides.

Drowned Out. The Undies boating club were compelled to move their boat last evening from the old W. R. T. Co's dock to a more secure place, on account of the high water. She is now snugly housed in the old wharf that stands upon the bank back from the river.

OREGON BILL

Some Facts About a Noted Scout and Hunter.

We clip the following from an Eastern paper and give it for the benefit of those living in Oregon, who like ourself, never run across the subject of the romantic sketch "Oregon Bill."

"William Spence, alias Oregon Bill, is in many respects a remarkable man. In stature he is about five feet nine inches. His compressed lip and well set jaws indicate a determined will. His nose is well shaped; his eyes are gray, but full of animation, and his forehead is well shaped and high.

His birth place is Port Natal, South Africa, and he has hardly yet reached forty. His father having been killed in battle his widow, with her son William, the subject of this sketch, emigrated to England, where, through the influence of friends, he soon was placed at the Royal Naval School at Greenwich, where his progress was satisfactory; but he could not be contented. His daring and adventurous nature sought the sea, and to a man-of-war he went. He was at sea for years, and during the time distinguished himself for his bravery, in two engagements with pirates on the coast of Africa.

He participated with credit to himself in the last war with Russia, and was present at the fall of Balaclava. Becoming averse to being further on the sea he came to America and joined the Hudson Bay Fur Company. For this Company he traveled much among the Indians, gathering peltry. The year 1830 found him in Portland, Oregon, from there he went to St. Paul, Minn., where he remained one winter.

CONCERT AT THE UNIVERSITY. The rain descended last evening in perfect sheets of water and rendering it almost impossible for the strongest hearted pedestrian to venture out. Nevertheless it had been announced that Mrs. W. B. Allen's music class, assisted by the students of the University, would take place on that evening, and there was a marked improvement in the point of numbers who had assembled to witness the entertainment.

The recitation by Miss Addie Scriber was beautiful and rendered in a fine style. Miss Scriber understands the art of elocution almost to perfection. The solo and chorus by Lulu Smith, entitled "Robby's Wish" was a neat little piece, and was well sung. The dialogue entitled, "Wooling Under Difficulties," and the time as far back as 1842, was a pretty fair production, but was allowed to drag a little too much by some of the parties not having their parts sufficiently memorized, and the prompter not watching the business close enough; but taking everything into consideration, the piece was very fairly acted, and drew forth numerous applause during the run of the play.

The piano solo, by Miss Edith Donaldson just captured the audience and kept them spell-bound throughout the entire piece. For a pupil of her age, Miss Edith certainly has not an equal on the Coast. The solo by Miss Alice Pelton, entitled, "There's a Letter in the Candle," was a beauty, and Miss Pelton understands just how it should be rendered. The comic duette, by Miss Addie Scriber and Quincy Grubb, contained more truth than poetry and was well rendered and truly appreciated by the audience.

Room too Small. The Superintendent of the Baptist Chinese Mission School says that the school is filling up so fast that either another room will have to be secured or some of them will have to be turned away.

Rough on the Brother-in-Law.

A middle aged woman who resides over in Polk county, called at the postoffice window in this city, three or four times daily for the past week, to see if there was "anything for me." On the fourth day her anxiety became so great that she explained to the clerk that she was expecting money from her husband who was off on his annual business tour. Yesterday her heart was made to leap into her throat by receiving a postal card from him. She retired to one of the front windows and read aloud to herself: "DEAR WIFE.—I'd send you twenty dollars with this, but you see I'd have to pin it on, and some one might take it off and put a counterfeit one in its place, and when I got home you would be in jail!"

Indignant. It is reported that a Chinese meeting was held on State street to take into consideration the question of "cheap machine labor." The Cooper Little Giant grubbing machine was the immediate cause of rather a tumultuous meeting. Their pig-tails were carefully adjusted, and almond eyes assumed a near approach to roundness. The speakers argued that such machines would leave many of them without an occupation, one referring in an indignant manner to a recent advance in the cost of rice. The express office was closed and the meeting adjourned to a future date, at which time they concluded to express their indignation.

Another Swindle. A newly made Good Templar charged some of his brethren with having cheated his wife out of one thousand dollars. An explanation was demanded when he replied if they had let him alone a short time a certain Life Assurance Society would have been indebted to her in that sum and of course would have paid it. Now, the Lord only knows when she will get it, if ever. The brethren saw the point and were honest enough to express regrets.

Will make His Contract Good. Owing to the high stage of water, boats are unable at present to load on wheat at the Farmers' wharf. Mr. Herren, the agent, having obligated himself to place so many bushels of wheat in Portland at a certain time, he is determined to make the contract good on his part, even if he is shut out from his own wharf. He will hereafter, until the water subsides, load boats at Lippincott to comply with the contract. Nothing like business, you know.

Washington's Deaf Mutes. By act of the Legislature, the Governor of Washington Territory is authorized to contract with the State of Oregon for the tuition, board and lodging of such deaf mutes and blind children of the Territory as are unable to receive such care from their parents. The amount appropriated for the purpose is \$1,000, and the cost per person shall not exceed \$225.

Washed Away. One of the benches in the bridge on High street, over South Mill Creek, some time last evening was washed away and falling the center of the bridge down about four feet. Boards have been placed at each end of the bridge to prevent persons from driving on to it until the water subsides, when it will be repaired.

Rich Strike in Tellurium. Mr. J. N. Mancy, Superintendent of the Tellurium Silver Mine, in Douglas county, tells us that a rich vein of ore has been struck in that mine. It is rich in silver but has no copper in it. The workmen have tunneled into the vein about eight feet, and are not yet through it. There is much excitement at Canyonville, over the rich prospects.

Shut Down. Owing to the high water, Kinney's Flouring Mill has been compelled to shut down grinding during the greater part of the week. But then there is not a great sight lost in the operation, as it gives the millers a better chance to dress the burrs and get things in readiness by the time the water subsides, for a big run.

A New Scheme. Ex-Mayor J. G. Wright, has a new scheme on hand that will doubtless work to a charm for the holiday trade. He will have an immense amount of holiday goods done up in dollar packages, thus adding to his already large business a genuine DOLLAR STORE.

Wharf Raised. The swiftness of the current, together with the high wind that prevailed last Saturday evening, has caused the upper end of the wharf and dock of the W. T. & L. Company to raise out of its proper position about six inches, and the chances are that when the water recedes, that that portion of the dock and wharf will remain in its present condition and will again have to be repaired ere it can be considered safe.

Let the People Rejoice. For the bountiful harvest of 1877 has now placed in the hands of the people the golden corn, that they may flee to W. P. Johnson & Co. and secure such pictures as will please them and their friends, and be a blessing to generations to come. Remember the place, over Willis' Bookstore, State St., Salem, Or.

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