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CHEHALIS RIVER COUNTRY, W. T.

ED. FARMER: I see a great deal in your paper about the Palouse country, and think something from the Chehalis country would be of interest to your many readers.

ISAAC C. GARRARD, Oakville, Chehalis Co., W. T.

THE INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

The Secretary of the Interior, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, has sent to that body a report drawn up by Indian Inspector Watkins, recommending the consolidation of the Indians of Oregon and Washington Territories and the restoration to the public domain of all the vast area occupied by them.

The Yakima reservation is estimated to contain 600,000 acres, one half of which is excellent agricultural lands, and that all the Indians now on it are located on separate 40 acre farms, cultivating the soil, and entirely self-supporting.

FROM CORVALLIS TO ALBANY.

Although our neighboring city of Albany has done nobly in her subscriptions of money to the Yaquina Railroad fund, she might, in view of the present emergency, that but a short time is allowed to raise the remaining \$8,000, swell the amount a few thousand more.

COUNTY OF LINN, the road will hardly be completed to the latter place before steps will be taken to continue it to her limits. Nor can the property-holders and moneyed men of Salem be disinterested spectators while efforts are being made to raise the means to construct this road, so necessary to the welfare of the people of this section of State.

Set at Liberty.

Lin Sam, the Chinaman who was arrested few days since and held to answer on a charge of stealing boots, yesterday gave bail in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before the Grand Jury, Kuong Yek Loung and Kuong Lee being sureties.

From the Daily Record, Feb. 1

AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Two of our Citizens Fired at Last Evening, While Walking upon the North Salem Bridge, by an Unknown Person—He was Seen to Leave his Ambush and Flee.

Last evening about half-past eight o'clock the average citizen in the vicinity of the long bridge in North Salem was aroused from his reverie at the report of three pistol shots and the cry of

MURDER! MURDER!!

And on repairing to the place from whence the sounds emanated, discovered Mr. Herbert Draper on the bridge, who informed them that he, in company with Louis George, were taking a walk, and concluded to cross over on the new bridge, as neither of them had seen the structure since its completion; and when within about twenty feet of the north end, a man raised up from beneath the bridge, drew his revolver, and sang out, in a very hoarse voice,

YOU S—B—H—S HALT!

And immediately fired two shots, in rapid succession. As Draper whirled to run, his foot slipped, and his companion ran against him, knocking him flat upon the bridge, when the assassin fired another shot at them, which caused the prostrate man to believe that he was hit, and he sang out to George, who was making good use of his legs,

THAT HE WAS SHOT.

George came on up town, and obtained the police and a posse of men and returned to the bridge, expecting to find his companion either dead or in the last agonies of death. When they arrived at the bridge they found Draper, in company with several other men with lanterns, examining the tracks where the man stood when he did the shooting. Mr. Draper's wounds proved to be only imaginary, as he was not heart in the least, but was severely frightened. When the third shot was fired the man broke and ran.

Off in the direction of the old woolen mill. He was rather a tall man, and wore a white hat; beyond that they could not give any further description of the would-be assassin. Mr. Draper says that he cannot imagine what ever caused the man to do the shooting, as he had ample time to rob him, or even come on the bridge and fire another shot at him if he felt so disposed. It is rather a strange affair, and one that will probably never be fully solved, although our police will do all in their power to bring the matter to light.

WEATHER REPORT.

FOUR, Feb. 1, 1878. During Jan. 1878, there were 16 days on which rain fell, with an aggregate of 6.38 inches of water; 4 clear and 11 cloudy days other than those on which rain fell.

Mean temperature 49.74°. Highest daily mean temperature, 49° on the 9th, 18th and 29th. Lowest daily mean temperature, 21° on the 1st and 5th. Daily mean temperature at 2 o'clock p. m., 44.80°.

Highest thermometer, 53° at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 29th. Lowest thermometer, 17° at 7 a. m., on the 6th.

Frosts occurred on the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. A light sleet fell on the morning of the 7th which became rain about 10 a. m. Light hail on the 15th.

Prevailing winds were from the North 14 days, Southwest 11 days, South 6 days.

During Jan. 1877, there were 7 days on which rain fell and an aggregate of 3.28 inches of water; 8 clear and 16 cloudy days.

Mean temperature for the month 39.63°. Highest daily mean temperature, 54° on 9th and 30th. Lowest daily mean temperature 31° on the 20th.

The Fleet Footed Foster.

We clip the following from a California exchange: "The stallion Foster, and winner of the four mile race in February, 1877, has arrived in Kentucky, and will make the season near Lexington. Like the monarch after the sanguinary battle of Chevy Chase, when informed of the death of some of his bravest nobles and lamenting their loss, consoled himself that others of as much prowess were still left, so California, recognizing the merit of Foster, still can say, 'We have many good as he.'"

AN IMMENSE INHERITANCE.

The most colossal inheritance sued for in the courts is that of the Metzger family, in Holland. Lieutenant-General Metzger de Weibann died at The Hague, in 1867, leaving a fortune of \$28,000,000. The Holland Government took the estate to itself, on the alleged ground of want of heirs. General Metzger was of Alsace. Some of his distant relatives then laid claim to the property. The suit lasted 150 years, until 1794, when William III, of Orange, declared it outlawed by time, and confirmed the original seizure by the State. New proof having recently been discovered, the Metzger heirs have petitioned the French, Swiss, and American governments to assist them in securing the rights of branches of the same family living under their protection. With simple and compound interest, it is estimated that the estate in question equals in value the whole amount of coined gold in the world.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Yesterday, Mr. Emanuel Metzger, who resides in this county, near Marion Station, came to this city, and secured the services of Mr. Henry Jankosky, to open up a correspondence with the Holland Government in regard to the estate, as he believes himself to be a lineal descendant of Lieutenant-General Metzger de Weibann.

More Recruits.

Sheriff W. H. Twilight and Deputy Sheriff J. B. Turley, of Clatsop county, arrived here morning with three men, sentenced to the penitentiary from that county at the last term Court, and delivered them over to the authorities of that institution. Their names are, respectively, R. E. Herring, Hugh Mullen and S. Anderson. The two first are sentenced one year each, and the last to two years.

Cost of the Nez Perces War.

A dispatch informs us that the late Nez Perce war cost the government \$931,329. The cost of supplying the troops engaged in excess of supplying the same number in peace, was \$25,470. We supposed it had been more. Joseph still wants to come back to his beloved Wallawa. Perhaps he doesn't realize that he would live a great deal longer where he is.

More Bullion.

To-day Mr. Philip Grigsby, County Treasurer, of Linn county, finished paying into the State Treasury her quota of taxes from that county. He turned over to Hon. A. H. Brown, the sum of \$13,740 in silver and gold enough to swell the grand total to nearly \$19,000. Hurrah for Linn county.

Thought it Was a Burglar.

There is a young medical student in this city who is afraid of being robbed by burglars and foot-pads, and for whose benefit he carries a young Gatling gun. A few nights ago this embryo Esculapius being absent—spending the evening with—well, it wasn't his sister—and while he was gone some of his chums made up a dummy and placed it on the inside of the fence, near the gate, and secreted themselves close at hand, to await further developments.

The front door happened to have been left unlocked, just for his benefit; but on the evening in question it was locked, also for his benefit. Soon the pattering of his feet was heard upon the walk, as he whistled—he always was a great whistler—"We won't go home till morning," and just as he finished the last strain he entered the gate. His eyes fell upon the figure of a muffled man standing but a few feet from him. Visions of long bound and gagged fisted across his sunshiny face. With a desperate leap he bounded past the figure and landed "herehunk" up against the door, which he found to be locked, and his "retreat in good order" cut off in that direction, 'twas there that he thought of his little Gatling gun, and he immediately brought it into use and fired two shots at the figure and came near hitting one of the boys who was but a short distance away, enjoying the joke. Well, to make a long story short, he stood the soda water for the crowd, but vows that he will have one of their bodies for a subject before the Winter is over.

Chief Joseph and his Band.

According to an exchange, the Nez Perces, numbering 87 braves, 184 squaws, 78 boys and 69 girls, a total of 418 beings, which agrees with our correspondent's statement of their number of the captured, except the 80 warriors and 100 women and children that White Bird took across the line, are camped on the race course at Leavenworth, Kansas, having the run of the country near by. Rations are issued to them. They have dug a hole forty feet in diameter beside the Missouri river, where, having previously warned the water by casting heated stones into it, they bathe daily, no matter how cold the weather. Chief Joseph wants to be sent back to his old reservation and take his tribe with him.

Went Past.

Messrs. James Smith & Co., who for the past eight years have been engaged in running saw logs from different points up the river, yesterday came down with a very large raft of logs from the mouth of the Luckiamute, intended for the Capital Lumbering Company, but owing to the swiftness of the current in the river at present, they were unable to make the usual landing, and were borne on down the river. Mr. Smith will doubtless make a landing at the Lincoln saw mill, as the current puts it to the bank but a short distance above the mill, and thus he will save his logs.

Pacific Threshing Machine Company.

We understand that on or about the 10th of February the Pacific Threshing Machine Company will employ a large force of convicts from the State Prison, and put them to work on the manufacture of stoves. They expect to receive the patterns from the East by that time. We expect during the coming summer to see from 50 to 75 hands employed at this manufacturing establishment.

Raft Destroyed.

Yesterday morning Mr. Dick Wells started from Buena Vista, with a raft of twenty-three logs and attempted to land them at Independence, but in this they failed and passed on by; they had gone but a short distance, when the raft ran aground of a large snag and broke the raft all to pieces. Mr. Wells succeeded in reaching here last evening with two logs of the entire raft.

SOCIETY ELE TIONS.

The election of officers by the Alka Society, last evening, drew a full attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Robert A. Miller, President; George S. Hughes, Vice President; Robert Harrison, Secretary; Holly A. Cornell, Treasurer; Wm. Stump, Librarian; Hugh Harrison, Censor; Reuben Boise, Sergeant-at-arms. Under the above efficient corps of officers, the Alka Society is destined to materially enhance its reputation as a literary society.

The election held by the Athenaeum, Friday afternoon, resulted as follows: Mary Strong, Pres.; Addie Scriber, Vice Pres.; Nettie Skill, Sec.; Mary Starr, Treas.; Minnie Cunningham, Librarian; Minnie Shaw, Censor. The Athenaeum have every reason to congratulate themselves on the efficiency of their officers elect.

Sad Affliction.

For a few days past two children of the household of Mr. L. W. and Katie Maurey have been afflicted with that terrible scourge, diphtheria. Medical aid and the watchful nursing of parents and kind friends proved to be of no avail, and this morning about 7 o'clock, the eldest daughter, Maggie, aged about ten years, breathed her last and her spirit took its flight to Him who gave it. Her little Cora, aged about ten months, whom it was thought would survive the plague, but in this they were doomed to disappointment, and as the hand of time pointed to the hour of nine, it, too, closed its eyes in death, and her little spirit winged its way to the home beyond the skies. The doubly bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in this, the sad hour of their affliction. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the residence, on the corner of Front and Trade streets.

More Opium Smokers.

Officers Minto and Barker succeeded in making a raid upon a Chinese opium den last evening, and captured three Chinamen who were smoking the vile drug. All three of them were placed in the calaboose, but subsequently one of them got bail and was turned out. They made their appearance before Recorder Bowie this morning, and were fined \$5 and costs each.

In the Clerk's Office.

Through the politeness of our friend and efficient County Clerk, Mr. George A. Edes, we are enabled to place before our readers the amount of business transacted in that office for the month of January: Number of deeds recorded, 83; mortgages, 40; chattel mortgages, 15; marriage licenses issued, 8.

DIED.

COX—Near Junction City, January 29th, of typhoid pneumonia, Solomon Cox, aged about 50 years.

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 cheer them and their friends, and be a blessing to generations to come. Remember the corner Willis' Bookstore, State St., Salem.

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