

Wool Market.

Oakland, Or. July 28, 1878. Mr. Editor:—The bulk of the grain is harvested here; the berry is remarkably full and plump, but the yield will fall below last year. The wool market has been lively in Oakland the past month. I made sale yesterday at 24 cents. At least one-half the wool in this county is yet in the hands of farmers and held for 25 cents or more. Why should not Umpqua wool have a quotation of its own in the Portland market? They give us Eastern Oregon and valley wools alone. Now, there is as much difference between the wools of this valley and the Willamette, as between the Willamette and Eastern Oregon. This cuts off the trade of those who wish to sell and buy at Portland, for no farmer here is fool enough to ship his wool to the latter place. The wool growers of this county should organize to protect their interests. Among other reforms they should authorize the use of a brand on all wools grown and sold in this county. Large quantities of wool from Lake and Jackson counties are sold and shipped from Roseburg. Wool is said to have been sent from Wasco county to Oakland and sold at a profit. Oakland merchants last year bought large lots of wool at Eugene City at 3 cents less than they paid at home. Now who can say all this wool was not shipped as Umpqua wool? Last year you asked myself and others to show what constitutes the superiority of Douglas county wool. I do not feel able to write an intelligent answer, as I am not conversant with the phases of sheepology, but nevertheless the fact still remains the same. Estimate the wool clip of Douglas county this year at 700,000 lbs. H. Davis.

Immigrants Coming.

The Idaho Statesman of the 23d inst. says: "We had the pleasure of a call on Sunday from General J. D. S. W. Tilton, the leader of a large immigration, who are on their way to Oregon and Washington Territory. General Tilton is an old veteran and pioneer who has participated in all the Indian wars since the Black Hawk war. He is a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and has resided in various localities in the west. He says that his train consists of twenty-three wagons, and that it is followed by other trains of twenty, twenty-five, forty, and fifty-three wagons respectively. He says that 250 wagons drive into Laramie City five days after the arrival of his train at that point. What is known among the immigrants as the Umatilla train arrived here on Saturday. The General informs us that there is one train of twenty-two wagons on the road bound for Silver City. Most of the immigrants are from Iowa."

Healthy Locality.

Dr. H. Smith, for many years a practicing dentist in Salem, has been in ill health for years past, and a few weeks ago closed his office and moved with his family to Mehama in hopes to recruit his physical condition. He was in town last week looking better than for years past, really not to be known as the same man who left here thin in flesh and feeble in movement only a month or so ago. It is very gratifying to his friends to see him so much improved, and that improvement is a striking evidence of the beneficial effect of pure mountain air and spring water. Mehama gains continually in reputation as a health resort. Many of the people who have settled in that part of Marion county went there in feeble health and enjoy life better than ever before, owing to the recuperating influences of the climate.

In Pursuit of Natural History.

W. W. Martin and Prof. O. B. Johnson and a couple of young friends of theirs, are absent for a fortnight on an expedition to Yaquina beach, and we may expect that when the distinguished bug-sloggers returns the museum of Natural History at the State House, under his charge will have many additions. Prof. Johnson is quite an enthusiast in such matters, and is making every effort to secure a perfect collection of insects and birds peculiar to Oregon. A young lady with the expedition writes: "We stop every five miles to catch bugs," which indicates that the party is making thorough efforts to assist the Professor in his researches.

Valuable Horse Lost.

James D. Riggs, of Perrydale, Polk county, broke down the horse power of his thrasher on last Thursday morning, and came to Salem to get an extra wheel, not finding any he took the train for Portland. Returning in the evening he found one of his horses sick; however, he started home, and about one mile after crossing the river the horse laid down. Mr. Riggs started for help to drench him, but when he returned the poor animal was dead. His death was caused by feeding too freely of new grain. He was valued at \$125.

Accident.

Wednesday, while Mr. E. T. Miller was feeding a thrasher he met with a painful accident. The grain they were threshing was bound with wire, and Mat Glass was cutting the band with a hatchet. He accidentally struck Mr. Miller on the arm with the hatchet making a painful wound. One day last week Mr. M. caught one of his fingers in the Machinery mashing it so severely that he had to quit feeding and he had been at work but a short time when he met with the accident. Dallas Itemizer.

Dayton Narrow Gauge.

Grading on the narrow gauge railroad has been completed to Dallas, and the road bed is now ready for the ties and iron. Lumber is being drawn for the depot and work will be commenced thereon shortly. The track from Dayton out is being rapidly laid.

The Contrast.

The announcement of the number of deaths which are occurring East of the Rocky Mountains from excessive heat, seems strange to a resident of San Francisco, where the thermometer registers only sixty to sixty-eight degrees in the shade in the middle of the day at the present time. The climate of San Francisco is anomalous, for the trade winds of the Pacific Ocean during the Summer months modify the heat of the interior of the State, where the thermometer for several months during the day-time ranges from 80 to 100 degrees, and sometimes at goes even as high as 110 or 112, in the shade. The climate, however, in the interior of the State being dry, the inhabitants do not realize the intense heat, and as cool nights follow hot days, the people continue healthful and vigorous. In San Francisco the temperature of the climate varies but little, Summer or Winter. Scarcely in the Summer does the thermometer rise above seventy, or in the Winter does it fall below fifty or sixty degrees. Now and then, however, it goes slightly below the freezing point during the coldest nights; but vegetation is always green in our yards, and many flowering plants which are only cultivated in conservatories in the East, here flourish in the open air.—S. F. Call.

An Adroit Swindler.

A fashionably-dressed man went into Hunt & Roskell's large jewelry store in Bond street London, selected articles worth \$1,000, and tendered a thousand pound note in payment. Mr. Roskell ascertained that the note was a forgery. Just as he was about to summon assistance, a cab was drawn rapidly up and two men in police uniform hurriedly entered, saying that the man was an old offender of whom they were in search. Directing the porter to place the jewelry in the cab and come along as a witness, the men in uniform said that they would inform the firm when their attendance would be required to go to the charge. They drove off with their prisoner, leaving the jewelry behind in their possession of the proprietor of the store. Next day however, their prisoner, brutally beaten, returned with the information that the two supposed police officers were thieves in disguise.

Wages of Labor in Washington.

Advices from Washington state that there are labor troubles in that city. Sixty cents is the price paid for a day's work on a Government building, and information comes to us that the men are not permitted to work for such a price. From this item it will be understood that laborers have a hard time in Washington City, for there the price of food is even higher than on this coast. How men with families can contrive to live on such wages is more than we can understand, yet all through the Eastern cities the price is not much higher. On the Pacific coast people do not hesitate to pay Chinese servants larger prices than those given to white workmen on Government buildings in Washington. For twenty-six working days in a month, the laborer would get just \$15 00 (boarding himself) at sixty cents per day.

Homestead Land Entries.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has issued a circular announcing that hereafter interlocutory proof will be dispensed with in the cases of parties desiring to change their claim under a pre-emption filing to that of a homestead entry in lieu thereof. The form of homestead affidavits in such cases must be amended so as to set forth the facts of a previous pre-emption filing thereunder, and the intention of the party to claim the benefit of such time on his homestead entry, as provided for in the act of March 3, 1877. When the final homestead proof comes to be made the party must show a bona fide residence on the land, and full compliance with the legal requirements for the period prescribed in the homestead laws as amended.

The Harvest.

The cutting, threshing and storing the new crop in this county are progressing finely. A large portion of the fall wheat and oats is already cut and threshed, and much of the early spring grain will be cut during this week and next week. The bright, clear sunshine these times, and the cool pleasant weather are very favorable to ripen grain and secure it. The hay is all cut and well saved. The general hay crop is light. We notice much oats and wheat hay, and volunteer mixture, in market. Much straw should be baled and saved for winter use. The grain is well filled this year, and the yield is nearly or quite a fair average crop.

Contract awarded.

The Secretary of State Thursday afternoon, opened the sealed proposals for Stationery for the Legislative, Executive and State Department for the coming two years, as advertised. Mr. S. W. Rosenfield, of Portland, being the lowest bidder, the contract for furnishing the supplies required was awarded to him.

Heavy Subscription.

The commercial columns of an evening contemporary, says the San Francisco Call, states that the Nevada Bank of that city yesterday subscribed for \$1,050,000 of the four per cent United States loan, to be paid in standard dollars, the same being proceeds of silver recently sold and delivered at the San Francisco and Carson mints.

A late number of the Boston Herald says: Governor Rice has no apprehension of any trouble arising from the coming of Dennis Kearney, the California communist leader. The Governor believes in free speech and fair play; but in the event of rioting the Governor says: "Massachusetts will fire no blank cartridges."

"Pety" remarked on Arkansas preacher to his congregation the other day, "does not consist in noise. The Lord can see you give to the needy just as easily as he can hear you pray the roof off."

Cheap Illumination.

The price of gas has long been a cause of complaint among consumers in most of the cities throughout the United States, but generally without redress. Various inventions have been heralded, from time to time, which were to use up the gas companies by furnishing better light at less cost. These promises have all proved illusive, and the prospect of a long career of prosperity for the companies seemed promising enough, until a recent invention of a machine for the production of electric light, from which very important results are assured in the way of cheap illumination. There is a large establishment in New York engaged in the manufacture of these machines. One of them is about to be used to furnish light for the New York Times establishment. It will give a light equal to eight thousand candles, which is equivalent to nearly seven hundred gas burners, at a cost of less than \$1,000 for the apparatus and ten cents an hour for running it. The machine consists of two wheels, one within the other, with a tumbler of magnets in various positions; the revolving of the wheels produces a blaze of dazzling brilliancy. The operating power is steam, of three and a half horse power, and the only other expense is the combustion of the carbon points the renewal of which costs at the rate of two cents for an hour's light. The Times composing room will require only half the light that can be produced by its generator, and consequently not more than half the power will be required. The gas bills for this room average about \$300 per month, and it is evident that a great saving can thus be effected. The apparatus is also applied to separate electric lamps in private houses, which are lighted simply by turning a knob, and are said to furnish a very brilliant light at a cost about one-tenth of gas. The latter is a recent invention, the last patents having been taken out in June.

He Must Keep Away From Home.

During the hot summer months, a man's place during the day is in his office or upon the streets—he must keep away from home from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., this is the inexorable law of the female part of the family. It is a cruel, remorseless law, against which a man is prone at times to revolt. But if there is any one thing a woman enjoys on a roiling hot day, it is to divert herself by all her superfluous wearing apparel and parade around the house without laying herself liable to run across a man in the hall or on the stairway. It behooves the male portion of the household to be absent at such times if a man happens to steal home any hot afternoon for the purpose of taking a quiet snooze in the back parlor, he is warned of the condition of affairs by the hurried patter of feet and the simultaneous slamming of as many doors as there are women in the house. It is very aggravating to a man who has been skinning around in a blistering sun all day to have the women remark at the supper table that such delightful cool weather has never been experienced before.

Jury Disagree.

The U. S. District Court, before Judge M. P. Deady, has since Monday last, been occupied with the case brought by J. Quin Thornton, as complaining witness for the United States, against Kinney & Co., of the Salem Flouring Mills, for the alleged unlawful use of the word "Patent" on flour sacks. A telegraphic dispatch received to-day says the jury disagreed and were discharged. They stood three to one for acquittal. The case has excited considerable interest, and popular feeling is almost entirely with Kinney & Co., who used the word "patent" in their brand, as it is used by many Eastern mills who manufacture flour by the same patent process used by the Salem mills.

Grand Army of the Republic Organized.

Hon. W. S. Newbury, mustering officer, completed the organization of Post No. 1, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., Tuesday evening, July 30th, by installing the following officers: Post Commander, Almer W. Waters; Senior Vice Commander, A. E. Borthwick; Junior Vice Commander, D. H. Sterns; Post Adjutant, E. W. Ryan; Quartermaster, N. S. Pierce; Surgeon, Chris. P. Yates; Chaplain, J. H. Hucey; Officer of the day, G. C. Sears; Officer of the Guard, J. R. Coker; Sergeant Major, E. H. Schwab; Quartermaster, Thos. A. Jordan. The meetings of the Post will be on Tuesday evenings, and a name will be adopted at the next meeting.

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Pleaser's Journal.

We are informed that W. H. Bancroft & Co., of San Francisco, have engaged that veteran old pioneer, writer and first-class citizen, Hon. Jesse Applegate, to trip up early times of Oregon, inclusive of the trip across the plains in 1846. We may expect a rich treat in the forthcoming work on this northwest coast, which this enterprising company are preparing for the public eye. They have engaged a corps of the best writers on this coast to furnish them data for their book. It is to be regretted that but few of the journals kept by immigrants while crossing the plains from 1843 to 1855 are preserved. Much must be gathered from the memory of those concerned in these years of toil, hardships and dangers of crossing over the dreary barren country from Laramie to Powder river. We learn that our old friend uncle Davy Newsome kept an extended journal in crossing the plains in 1851, writing three times a day from Council Bluffs to Portland. This journal is in hand, and Bancroft & Co. have engaged uncle Davy to re-write it, and extend the data to the present time.

An Important Enterprise.

The Rising Star Company will ere long place 100,000 of its stock upon the market. These are non-assessable, and the proceeds of their sale will be utilized in the development of the mines of the company, to which use alone they can be applied. As other placer diggings are known to be rich, it is quite probable the stock will find a ready sale at a fair price.—Jacksonville Times.

The Dayton and Sheridan R. R.

The track has been laid about six miles—the work is being pushed forward rapidly. The engine is now used to carry iron and ties to the front and it is expected by the middle of August that the road will be completed, and the crops of that section of the country be moved to market thereon.

The Penitentiary.

At the State Prison these days, business seems very lively. Over a hundred of the convicts are hired to the different manufacturing companies there, and the proprietors all speak of these hands in terms of praise for their orderly behavior, industry, sobriety and fidelity.

Officers Installed.

The following persons were installed as officers of Santiam Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening, August 1st, by D. D. G. M. Nickerson, of Lebanon; N. G., S. T. Johnson; V. G., J. A. Thomas; Recording Secretary, T. G. Taylor; Treasurer, James Elliott.

A Raw Egg, beaten with a little sugar, is recommended for clearing the voice in singing. A swallow of cold water is very good.

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