

Young Shootist.

Joe Houle, Bob Harris, Frank Ross and Walter Knott, a brace of East Portland lads, were arrested yesterday for shooting within the limits of that city.

Fire at Salem.

On Saturday morning just before noon the residence of Frank E. Hodgkin, Assistant Secretary of State, took fire in the roof from a defective flue.

With a Knife.

E. Parry, a longshoreman, secured the arrest of John McQuillan this morning upon a charge of assaulting him with a knife.

Can Such Things Be?

A short time since, R. L. Stone, of this city, rented a one-story frame house which he owns in Tibbett's addition to East Portland to a party by the name of S. Simon.

A Rough and Tumble.

On the base ball grounds in East Portland yesterday afternoon a quarrel occurred between Charles Drenan and Wm. Nolan, arising out of the losing by the latter of a baseball.

The Hager Murder.

The Real Murderers Discovered—Three Men Implicated in the Affair—Louis Graichen One of Them.

We hear a rumor that comes in authentic shape to us, that the authorities are at last on track of the real murderers of Mrs. Hager, near Oregon City.

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Ashes.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Your correspondent J. B. M. is right about our need of economy in use of straw as manure for worn-out lands.

Last harvest I threshed on the poorest spot of land I had and when done hauling straw fired the remaining chaff.

Jottings from Linn County.

Editor Willamette Farmer: Everywhere the farmers are busy, and are pushing their farm operations with unprecedented vigor.

Home Mutual Insurance Company.

The advertisement of this well-known insurance company, will be found in our advertising column this week.

Literary Contest.

HALSEY, April 8, 1879. Editor Willamette Farmer: The Franklin Literary Society are gaining great notoriety from the fact that they carried off the honors at a debate in this place on Saturday evening last on the question, Resolved that a Literary Society would be of more benefit to Halsey than a Good Templars Lodge.

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Death of a Pioneer.

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State and Territorial.

Western Oregon.

S. F. Bennett is to have charge of the school at Bethel.

John McGrew is to erect a new store building at Perrydale.

The people of Lewiston, Polk county, are to have a big hunt the 1st of May.

A revival, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bowersox, is reported at Soap Creek, Polk county.

Over \$2,000 of the stock for the Minto Pass wagon road have been subscribed up to last Saturday night.

A team belonging to H. M. Clark, Salem, ran away and threw out his son aged 15, who was severely injured.

The Town Talk says C. M. Cartwright and family will leave Salem to take up their residence in Eastern Oregon.

James L. Folkes of Salem, was a member of Jeff Davis' regiment, the Mississippi Rifles, during the Mexican war.

H. Cornell, of Portland was lately married to Miss Emily Parmenter, of Dallas, formerly of Salem, a teacher at La Grande academy the past winter.

The Wild Horse Rangers—Capt. Robert Eastland's company—met last Saturday at the Elk Horn school house for inspection of arms and drill.

Dennis Maddler, living midway between Dixie and Bethel, was thrown from a horse a week or so ago, and sustained fracture of both bones of the wrist and dislocation of the elbow.

John Wilson, who was convicted of larceny and sentenced to the penitentiary from Umatilla county a short time since, has commenced an action against A. Waugh, T. Ayers and others, for \$29,000 damages for false imprisonment.

The Pendleton Independent learns that diphtheria exists at Upper Little Greasewood. Mr. A. R. Osburn has lost two children in as many days, and Mr. J. Gallagher one, a little boy. Others of Mr. Osburn's family are afflicted.

At a city election held at Eugene, the temperance men elected B. F. Dorris, President of the council; J. McChang, P. B. Dunn and John Church, councilmen; Horace Knox, recorder; J. E. Atterberry, marshal. The taxpayers succeeded in electing one man—J. S. Luckey, for treasurer.

W. F. Rayburn, ex-city Marshal of Corvallis is guilty of a number of crimes, viz. Seduction, attempted abortion, forgery, and the embezzlement of \$430 city money. After several unsuccessful attempts to break jail, he with the assistance of parties on the outside made his escape, Monday, April 7th, at 4 P. M.

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The stock holders of the Umpqua and Coos Bay railroad held a meeting, at which the following named gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year. S. S. Mann, G. Wingate, A. Nasburn, Asher Marks, B. Hermann, A. A. Fink and Aaron Rose.

On Thursday last, the miners in Tellurium tunnel reached a much improved grade of ore. The building for the quartz mill is nearly completed, but the managers are in favor of getting a larger mill than the one they have.

The quartz lode, partially prospected by Beekman, Fisher and Klippel, and located on the land of Oscar Gansard, has been purchased by Mr. H. P. Macnevin, of Virginia City, the Sentinel says. This lode is a continuation of the famous Gold Hill mine and lies on the north side of Rogue river.

East of the Mountains.

The Teachers' Institute for Umatilla County, is to be held at Weston.

The hills around Pendleton are green and Spring like; beautiful indeed.

Pendleton people are subscribing liberally to have a road made to Granite Creek.

Weller & Henry, of Baker City, butchered a steer lately, that dressed 1,108 pounds.

The Great Republic recently made the run from Portland to Astoria, 110 miles, in five and one fourth hours.

J. B. Luddy was arrested at Boise City as a deserter from the army. He was claiming to be a newspaper man.

In a quarrel at Walla Walla, E. Alexander, a soldier, was badly cut by a discharged soldier named O'Connell.

The mail carrier between Wallula and Yakima, has failed, and the mail has to be carried by the roundabout way of the Dalles.

Mrs. Josias W. Brown had one of the bones of her left wrist fractured by the upsetting of the stage, between Idaho and Boise City.

The Berry Bros. and Mr. Delory, who have bought about six hundred head of horses in Eastern Oregon, intend to start for America as soon as the roads are passable.

Capt. Eastman's company of State militia, now numbers sixty men, and the Pendleton East Oregonian says, they have regular drill days and are ready for any emergency.

On the first of the month the county Auditor, in Walla Walla, counted and receipted for 10,451 squirrels. The county paid two cents each for the scalps, and the auditor burned them.

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