

Pioneer Gene.

F. X. Mathieu, Sr., died at the residence of his son, Hon. F. X. Mathieu near Gervais, July 11, 1879, aged 85 years.

Minto Pass.

The Minto Pass trail is now opened a distance of 45 miles, says the Mercury, and the work is progressing finely.

Killed his Brother.

Last evening Sheriff Crossen, of Wasco county, arrived in this city having in charge a man named Harrison Huntley, convicted of killing his brother, and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the State penitentiary at Salem.

Thistles.

There is a city ordinance against allowing Canada thistles to grow and flourish within the bounds of this city but which is not enforced.

Trestle on Fire.

Yesterday the Albany express train passed over Lake La Bish trestle work, and some of the sparks falling between the timbers set the structure on fire.

The Chinese Must Go.

Grim death has made a decree that all the Chinese stricken by illness must go. During the present week four have already crossed to that celestial realm.

Pardoned.

His Excellency Gov. W. W. Thayer has pardoned John Harpole and Edward Belonge, who were convicted in the Circuit Court of Marion county, and on June 18th were sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the Oregon State penitentiary for the crime of robbery, near Gervais in that county.

The Missing Merchant.

Since the other item relating to the missing Halstead was put in type we have learned sufficient to conclude that he left for San Francisco on the steamer Elder. Himself and partner were in debt, and to adjust affairs with firms in this city he would be compelled to mortgage land owned by his wife.

Foul Play.

Mr. Halstead, the merchant from Turner Station, who visited this city some days ago for the purpose of purchasing goods, is still missing, and the strictest search and inquiry avails nothing.

The Griswold Case.

This long and tiresome case in which W. C. Griswold is so deeply interested, as it will decide whether he is rich or penniless, still occupies the time of the U. S. District Court and will continue to for a week to come.

Dental Society.

The Oregon State Dental Society met in annual session yesterday in the parlors of the St. Charles Hotel with Dr. G. W. Gray, of Albany, presiding.

Wheat Damaged.

From a gentleman who arrived in this city on the morning train informs us that the rains of last night did considerable damage to grain through the valley.

Route Changed.

The steamer A. A. McCully, which has been running between this city and Oregon City also on the Upper Willamette has changed her route to the Yamhill river.

Stricken Dumb.

We learn by a private letter received from Union, says the Standard, that August Baer, well known in this city, formerly a member of the Portland Turn Verein, while in conversation with a gentleman on the 2d inst., suddenly lost his powers of speech.

A Mistake.

Under the head "negotiations" the Standard of this morning says: "We learn that Hon. R. R. Thompson is negotiating for the purchase of the New Market Theatre block from Capt. Ankeny, and that it is about consummated.

Damaging Rain.

The heavy rain of yesterday evening, last night and to-day will do thousands of dollars worth of damage to the hay harvest of the valley. In many localities the grass has been cut and is stacked in the fields, and the soaking rain will in many instances almost entirely ruin it.

Steamboat Race.

Since the steamer Emma Hayward has been overhauled and repaired, her hands on board claimed that she could get away with the Wide West in a trial of speed just as easily as rolling off a log.

A Natural Curiosity.

The Salem Statesman exclaims: "A pup with but three legs can be seen at the residence of Mr. Prettyman. The canine is about two weeks old, and is apparently as healthy as any other dog."

Synod.

The Synod of the Pacific, composed of the different Presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church in Oregon, Washington Territory and California, will hold its next annual session at Halsey, Linn county, commencing August 7th.

The Railroad Fever.

Of late the narrow gauge fever has partially died out, but it has broken out afresh at Silverton, Marion county. On Saturday last the citizens of that place and Abiqua met and held a consultation.

Cannon Exploded.

The steamship State of California, while on her last trip to San Francisco, made an excursion to Santa Cruz, carrying over one thousand passengers.

Land Mark Gone.

Yesterday that gnarled old oak which has stood on the bank of the river above the ferry landing on the east side and has been a land mark since the days of Mt. Hood's infancy yielded to the elements, and toppled over into the river so that yesterday's gale swept it from view.

Immigration Society.

The people of Puget Sound are taking a great interest in the immigration movement and are taking proper steps to attract many who would otherwise select other localities. On last Thursday evening the Immigration Society at Port Townsend met and adopted a constitution.

The University Muddle.

The directors of the Willamette University have brought the wrath of the people upon their heads by constant quibbling resulting in the entire faculty of the institution resigning. From Prof. Condon, who arrived in this city last evening, we learn that Prof. Gatch has accepted a chair in the State University at Eugene City and has rented a house to be occupied by himself and family August 1st, and he advertises his Salem property.

Shafer Mining Company.

A joint stock company with the above name has filed articles of incorporation at Olympia, its object being to develop and work the gold mines in Yakima county, W. T. These mines are called the Peshaston mines, and are located about 130 miles east of Seattle.

State and Territorial.

East of the Mountains.

Crops around Walla Walla never looked better. The Eldorado mining ditch in Baker county is 130 miles long. Harvest hands will soon be wanted in Walla Walla valley.

Three-fourths of the vegetables used in Walla Walla are raised by Chinamen. The health officer of Walla Walla urges that the Chinese wash houses be removed outside the city limits.

A daily mail will be put on the route from The Dalles to Baker via Canyon City, commencing on the 14th inst.

The Boise City mines shipped \$30,000 worth of bullion last week.

The Boise City people had fine weather and a glorious time on the Fourth.

A Silver City man was fined \$77 for shooting off his revolver in a saloon. When a man attempts to violate the law, fine him on the spot.

Diphtheria prevails in the vicinity of Walla Walla.

Palouse City has three saw mills and a flour mill.

The town of Pomeroy is making good growth.

The Congregational Church at Colfax is almost finished.

W. A. Brayton, of Colfax, split his great toe by a mislick with an ax.

The mail between Palouse City and Lewiston is to be carried on buckboards.

The Palouse Gazette says Miss Twigg, who was accidentally shot, will recover.

Farmers of Umatilla county have got over their Indian scare and have been saving their hay.

Bowers is the name of a new town located on Union Flat, half way between Colfax and Lewiston.

The N. P. R. R. Co. have surveyors in the Spokane country looking out for their interests on that part of their route.

Chas. Goodenough's large store, Island City, Union county, was fired by an incendiary, but not destroyed.

The remains of Charles McLaughlin, who was killed by Indians last Summer, on Crawford's hill, Union county, have been brought in and duly buried.

A man named Gallager died suddenly at Pilot Rock, Umatilla county. Dr. Pruettt made a post mortem examination and the cause of his death is said to be intemperance.

A man named Tom Harris got a severe wound on the head from a blow with a needle gun, on Yellow Jacket, Umatilla county, during a fight. His wounds are severe and may prove fatal.

Dr. Baker got (or gets) \$5,000 from the Weston people for building his road through that place, and now they say they needn't have done it, because the road couldn't go any where else.

Flumville, on the South Fork of the Walla Walla river, is the terminus of Dr. Blalock's flumes that bring fencing wood and lumber eight miles from the saw mill in the mountains. Quite a village is located at that point.

The Columbia Chronicle says the horses of the Walla Walla and Dayton stage ran away, and in trying to cross Starr's bridge, three were crowded off, overturning the stage, but fortunately the inmates were not seriously injured.

Southern Oregon.

A gale of wind lifted a photographer's tent at Lakeview and knocked everything into it.

An army of crickets are moving in Lake county from Nevada. A band of hogs are waylaying them and what are not made into pork will be canned and sold for blackberries.

Considerable benzine was consumed at Jacksonville on the Fourth.

Puget Sound.

Kloochmen are selling blackberries at four bits a bushel in Olympia.

A large number of citizens of Seattle have petitioned Judge Orange Jacobs to run for Mayor.

The Experiment says: The steamer Zephyr took away a large quantity of oak lumber, to be used in the construction of the new steamer now building at Seattle. The great value of the oak timber which skirts the prairies of the upper Sound, is fast becoming realized by ship builders.

The Port Townsend Press says: Capt. Miles, commanding Fort Townsend, announces Lieut. Bailey, First Sergeant Davis, Pat Day and Pat King as the best four shots at the post, to be sent to Department Headquarters, pursuant to recent orders, to compete for the Department prize and places in the team that will compete at Presidio of San Francisco for places in the Creedmoor team and also for the Division prize.

Ascoria.

The revenue cutter Corwin has left for San Francisco for repairs.

Vancouver.

Fire cisterns are being constructed in Vancouver.

The waters of the Columbia river are fast receding.

The Independent reports potato blight on some of the lowlands.

Another brick building is to be put up at Vancouver.

Many gold hunters are in the mountains near the head of the East Fork of Lewis river.

depot, the railroad company will erect a house.

The new steam schooner, Katie and Annie, just completed at Onetta, was successfully launched last Monday and started on her trial trip to Newport to take an excursion party to Toledo.

Sheriff Dickey, of Albany, arrested Stephen Whitmore for assaulting one Taylor with a deadly weapon, on Rev. Stevens farm. It seems that they have been working together on the farm and did not agree very well, and at last they came to blows, Taylor getting the worst of it.

Gen. Brown, of the Democrat, says: On the Fourth we had a ride out over the Albany prairie as far as Sodaville, and were very glad to see such a grand prospect for a large grain crop. The Fall and early sown Spring grain could not possibly look any better, and the cool weather and showers we have had for the past two weeks is exactly what was needed by late sown grain. So far there are no signs of rust, and everything seems to indicate a very large crop of choice wheat.

The Facts.

In relation to the stabbing affair which took place at Pass Creek a few days ago, the following are the facts: During the absence of S. Farrell, the section boss, a man named Long insulted his wife. Upon his return, being informed of the insult offered his wife, the section boss proceeded to chastise Long, when the latter stabbed the boss, with the result already related.

The New Company.

A dispatch received from New York yesterday by one of the morning papers says it is officially announced that the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, recently formed from the Oregon Steam Navigation company, will immediately begin the extension of their narrow gauge line in the direction of Idaho. Other narrow gauge roads, tributary to the Columbia, will be built, including a line down the river to Portland. The company have already contracted with John Roach for another new steamer larger and faster than any along the Pacific coast.

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