

Recent Failures.

Among recent failures on the North Pacific Coast we find the names of the following firms: P. Van Fridagh, attached for \$7,600; M. J. Gleason, J. W. Cleaver, Eugene City; Mr. Haas, the Kentucky liquor store, and Oppenheimer Brothers, Victoria. Of all these none were advertisers of much note. This is a timely warning to business men.

Resigned.

Rev. P. S. Knight, pastor of the Congregational Church, of Salem, has tendered his resignation, but it has not been accepted. This gentleman has acceptably filled the pulpit of that church for the past twelve years and the congregation will be loth to part with him.

Working It Up.

Detectives are busily at work solving the mysteries surrounding the death of young Harris, whose body was found floating in the river at the Stark street ferry crossing. The further into the mazy they explore, the more evidence of foul play having caused his death comes to light.

A Prospecting Party.

On Sunday next a party of prospectors from Lewis county, under the guidance of F. M. Pearson, an old mountaineer, will start for the summit of Mt. St. Helens. They will open a good trail the entire distance and probably continue on to Mount Adams. During the journey they will prospect the region traveled over for minerals. When the trail is opened the ascent of Mt. St. Helens will be quite pleasant and easy, the summit being but 9,750 feet above the sea level. That country as far as prospected gives every indication of being gold-bearing and to hear of this party making a find need be of no great surprise.

Pickpocket Arrested.

Special detective Wilson arrested a well-known pickpocket last night, named Morse, says yesterday's Standard. He will be recalled as the man who sold toys on the street just before last Christmas. Wilson deserves considerable credit for working up the case, as he has been tracking the fellow for two weeks, finding him invariably in pickpocket's paradises—crowds. He is said to be the man who robbed Mrs. Haines and Mrs. Ladd on the 4th of July, and was caught on the East Portland ferry boat last night with his hand in a young lady's pocket. On reaching Portland, and seeing that Wilson had his eye on him, Morse started to run, and jumped into the water at the slip, but Wilson was too quick for him, and soon had the nippers on the fellow's wrists. Nothing but a lady's empty purse could be found on him. Morse is a pickpocket who always "works" alone, and is said to be one of the best in the country. He was indicted at San Francisco for this practice, but the grand jury failed to find a true bill.

Another Suicide.

A telegram received from Seattle yesterday says: A boy who was picking blackberries Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Lake Union discovered the body of a man in an advanced stage of decomposition lying in the brush near the county road. A revolver with two barrels emptied lying alongside the body and other circumstances went to show that decedent had committed suicide by shooting himself through the back of the head. From evidence taken before the coroner's jury, it appears that he was a native of Germany, by name Theodore Newman, aged about 50 years; that he came to this city about the middle of May from San Francisco, where he had been employed for several years as local editor of the San Francisco Demokrat. A trunk belonging to the deceased was found at the Occidental Hotel in this city, containing papers, etc. Four dollars and seventy cents in coin was found on his person. From the testimony of gentlemen who had conversed with him previous to his disappearance, it seems he had become discouraged and tired of life.

Oregon.

Last week a special train passed over the East Side road having S. French and L. M. Lennon, Washington City capitalists, Capt. Connor and Richard Koehler, vice president of the road, on board. The visitors were greatly pleased with the prosperous appearance of that portion of the valley traversed, and may invest some of their wealth in enterprises that will materially aid in developing our resources. Oregon has gone past the day necessary to beg capital or capitalists to invest in enterprises. She has reached that standpoint from whence these great needs are attracted by the real superiority of investments, brilliant future and golden returns. Oregon has gone from the old time contentment of stage lines to the more rapid strides of later days and improvements. The people in those early days were more contented, happier, and had better times than will ever come again. In those days the stage driver was looked upon as an oracle and everybody had the old fashioned octagon slugs and yellow beaver money to rattle in their buckskin trousers, or sling into the center on horse race or any sport such as Saturday was given up to all over the young and sparsely settled State. Times have changed and the old times of years ago are dropping out of line and starting on the more uncertain journey across the great plains to that realm beyond.

Closed Up.

To-day the millinery firm of P. Van Fridagh, on First street, was closed by creditors. While we regret that, after so many years' toil and attention to business, they are thus treated, we cannot but allude to the fact that they failed to advertise. This is but another illustration, and a disastrous one to the firm, that to attempt to do business successfully without advertising is traveling that well-worn trail to ruin. Advertise, and do it largely but judiciously, is the secret of success in business.

A Fatal Accident.

On Saturday last Mr. Charles Dupont, who runs a small soap factory on Water street, at the foot of Mill street, met with an accident which proved fatal. He was standing on a platform directly over a kettle of boiling lye, dipping it out, when he slipped and fell in. His cries soon brought aid and he was lifted out and carried home where Dr. Chapman waited on him. After suffering intense agony up to 6 o'clock last evening he died. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral will take place from the Catholic Church this afternoon.

Bug Hunting.

Mr. H. B. Morrison, an eminent naturalist, is making a tour of the Sound, says the Olympia Transcript, catching insects which are arranged in collections, boxed up and sent to Europe. These specimens are peculiar to this coast and bring remunerative prices in a foreign market.

Large Transfer.

It is evident that R. R. Thompson has faith in the future of the city where he gained his fortune, and is determined to invest a portion of it and grow wealthier on the increased value of real estate. He yesterday purchased the buildings and ground on the south half of the block bounded by Front, First, Ash and Vine streets, giving to him the ownership of the entire block. The price paid is reported to be \$90,000, which is a reasonable figure for such valuable property. The owner, Mr. Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, receives the amount in gold coin, and while he realizes a handsome figure, he has not received one cent more than it is really worth, as it will increase in value month by month, being one of the most valuable blocks in the city.

The Mechanics' Fair.

Last year a Mechanics' Fair Association was organized, officers elected or appointed, etc., and one man took charge and ran the affair to suit himself. It did not meet with the approbation of the men whose names gave the Fair patronage and solidity, so an association has been formed, which will be properly conducted and of permanency. The new organization has the confidence of the people and will become one of the great events of the year in this city. The capital stock is \$10,000, of which \$8,000 was subscribed within three hours after the books were opened. Market block has been leased and a fine building will be erected within a month and the Association will be more than one man power. The Mechanics' Fair is managed by a board of directors, as follows: F. C. Smith, Frank Dekum, Ira F. Powers, Peter Taylor and Chas. Hodge. They were elected by the stockholders for one year. The board of directors elected F. C. Smith President; Peter Taylor, Vice President; W. S. Ladd, Treasurer, and H. B. Nicholas, Secretary.

Beaverton Anti-Chinese Club.

BEAVERTON, Or., July 11, 1879. Editor Willamette Farmer: A called meeting was held at the school-house on Friday evening, July 11, for the purpose of forming an Anti-Chinese Club. J. H. Fisher was called to the chair, and R. B. Wilnot chosen secretary. Short speeches were made by a number of gentlemen, in which the Chinese question was pretty fully discussed, all seeming to agree in the opinion that the sentiment that "The Chinese must go" was correct in principle, and that it should be carried into practical effect. On motion a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of Thomas Tucker, W. O. Hocken and A. B. Clink, who reported the following, which, after some debate, were adopted. Whereas, The immigration of the Chinese to this State, and their employment as laborers to the exclusion of white labor threatens the present and future prosperity and happiness of our people; therefore, Resolved, That we will not support for office of trust or profit any man who employs them as day laborers, or rents or leases land to them. And further, that we will not employ Chinese labor ourselves, nor patronize any one in business who employs them. Resolved, That in our opinion some legislation is needed by our State and National Governments to restrict or at least limit the vast number of these heathens from coming among us, the direct tendency of which is to degrade labor and reduce the American workman to the Asiatic level. On motion, the secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the above resolutions to the WILLAMETTE FARMER and Hillsboro Independent for publication. The Club meets again in two weeks. R. B. WILNOT, Secretary. EVERY family should have a life-size picture of father and mother, and such can be obtained of Frank Abel. Anyone wishing to see some really good life-size work would do well to take a look at his porcelain and crayon work.

State and Territorial.

Willamette Valley.

The Courant says Cornelius needs a drug store. The business of the Salem post office is rapidly increasing. The Odd Fellows' cemetery, at Salem, is being much improved.

A party of tourists from the baked bean country are seeing the sights about Salem.

J. A. Elberts showed the State Journal man a couple of rye straws that measured 7 feet and 9 inches.

A long line of emigrant wagons passed through Eugene on Tuesday, bound for Yamhill. They came from California.

G. B. Dorris, of Eugene, went back to his office in the evening and found a fire started from a smoker's pipe that would soon have burned him up.

As several young boys were fooling with a pistol on Piety Hill, Salem, it was discharged, the ball entering the right arm of young Marshall, several inches below the elbow.

The jury failed to agree on the Rayburn case at Corvallis. He will have the pleasure of lying in jail another six months, or until another opportunity of escape offers itself.

Two women who hailed from Linn county, with gentlemen (?) escorts, gave Eugene a visit on the Fourth and conducted themselves in a disgraceful manner. All were in a state of beastly intoxication.

A somewhat remarkable phenomenon happened below Eugene about four miles on the Fourth of July. The snow and hail fell to the depth of two or three inches, and was almost as cold as a genuine winter snow storm.

A Sheridan correspondent says: Wheat crop immense. Fruit crop light. Hay crop about average, but many of the old meadows were plowed up. It is estimated that 150,000 bushels of wheat will be shipped from Sheridan this year.

G. W. Branson, of McMinnville, gives painful particulars of the way one of his neighbors whipped his little boy some time ago. The matter has been much talked of, but Mr. B. sustains his charges with statement of facts.

Mr. J. W. Kirkland, bridge commissioner, let the contract for building a bridge across Salt creek, Polk county, two miles west of Perrydale, to Mr. T. G. Davison, of Portland. The bridge is to be 580 feet long. The contract price was \$1,145.

The Eugene Guard says Miss Mary Spencer, daughter of Mr. S. H. Spencer, who lives about eight miles from here, while returning from the Junction celebration, had the misfortune to have her ankle dislocated by her saddle turning and precipitating her to the ground.

A Sheridan correspondent says: The Sheridan bridge is now undergoing repairs. It is very rotten, but can probably be made to last five or six years. The new bridge across Mill creek is completed. It is said to be the finest little bridge in Yamhill county. It is 142 feet in length.

Astoria.

The Astorian says four cases of son-stroke occurred in Astoria this week. Unless the weather changes there is no telling where this thing will end.

The stumpage on some timber land in this vicinity averages \$100 per acre. Think of that. The crop of stumps ought to increase.

The new trail from John Day settlement to Astoria passes through some splendid land. It is a route over which a wagon road can be readily made.

The violence of the storm on Friday was frightful in portions of the county, but we have not heard of any material injury resulting from it. On Clatsop plains it was a perfect typhoon.

The body of Chas. Hendrickson, drowned in the Columbia river on the 1st, was recovered, identified and given Christian burial in this city yesterday. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts of accidental death by drowning.

Mr. R. Jeff. Morrison, of Clatsop, called yesterday. He says that ditching and haying are at a standstill on the plains at present. There is a large amount of hay in the swath in this county. If it will clear up so far as to allow the hay to dry all at once, little damage will result, but should it dry partly and then get wet again the strength will be lost.

Southern Oregon.

Mrs. A. J. Dunaway has been lecturing in Jackson county. An intoxicated one-armed beggar is annoying the ladies of Roseburg. Ice half an inch thick formed at Fort Klamath on the night of the Fourth.

There were seven fights at Linkville on the Fourth, but no one was seriously hurt. An orange tree raised from the seed is over seven feet high and has oranges growing on it at Canyonville.

J. H. Upton, who used to live all around the Willamette valley and make newspapers, has brought a job office to Marshfield, Coos county.

The new proprietors of the stage line between Roseburg and Coos bay, have reduced the fare to 80 and take passengers through in one day.

Samuel Hayne, a coal miner at Newport, Coos Bay, had a rock fall on him, and his collar bone was broken and doing him other damage.

Rainfall in Jackson county has been: January, 1.40 inches; February, 1.07; March, 4.40; April, 1.08; May 3; June, .07. Total, 12.40 inches.

J. T. Layton, mining on Farris' gulch, made another clean-up a few days since, after a three week's run, which yielded 100 ounces of gold, or about \$1,650.

The gross value of all property in Curry county for the year 1878 amounted to \$346,351. The indebtedness same year, \$58,025, and the exemption, \$87,019.

Jas. Noah, a young man residing at the Meadows, had his leg broken at the thigh by his horse running against a tree with him while engaged in a trial of speed.

The Roseburg Star says there are still a large number of immigrants passing through our town every week, looking for homes in the land of perpetual rain, mostly all coming from poor dried-out California.

Mrs. Susan R. Wallace, a lady of 53 years, walked from the head of Grave creek over a rough and mountainous trail to the residence of S. J. Stecker, 17 miles distant, to celebrate the Fourth for the first time in her life, brate the Fourth for the first time in her life.

The Jacksonville Times says: The weather for 1879 has thus far been a phenomenal plenty. Not only have we had little, if any summer weather, but frosts are of almost as frequent occurrence as if it were early Spring.

The Coos Bay News learns that about two weeks ago Mr. Owen, who has been carrying the mail between Florence and Gardner, was driving some horses, when the horse he was riding threw him on the pommel of the saddle, causing injury from which he died on the 29th ult.

East of the Mountains.

Numerous petty larcenies have been committed late at Walla.

Yakima county has 400 stand of arms and is not so much afraid of Indians.

Louis Rieth left Umatilla county for

Montana a short time ago with his band of sheep, numbering about 12,000.

The East Oregonian learns that a well known sheep header named Gallagher was found dead after a drinking bout.

Judge A. J. Cain, who has been long identified with Walla Walla, lately died. Only for a habit of drink he could have remained among the foremost.

The Umatilla Indian scouts under Lieut. Farrow are to hunt the canyons between Salmon river and the Weiser valley for hostilities. It is a rough country.

The Boise Statesman has news from Queen river that R. E. Brown has struck a pay streak in his ledge 20 inches wide that went \$1,600 per ton in gold and 200 ounces in silver. The people in Atlanta are very much excited over this strike.

A letter from Mont Idaho to the Walla Walla Statesman says that Billy Rhett, a man of very poor reputation and well known in the upper country, is in jail for the seduction of his own daughter, and that he will probably spend the remainder of his life in the Boise penitentiary.

A correspondent writes that the steamer Annie Faxon, on her last trip down Snake river, Saturday evening, July 6th, caught under the wire rope of Central Ferry, tearing off the smokestack even with the deck, smashing in the pilot house to some extent, and doing some other damage.

A complaint made to the U. S. District Attorney, charging James Hickland with the crime of killing some Indian prisoners last Fall, who were on their way to Fort Boise from the Lemhi country with Col. Green's command. The prisoners consisted of one old blind buck and some squaws and papposes. Circumstances pointed to the probability that they had been killed, and this man Hickland was suspected of being the slayer.

The Walla Walla Watchman says: The races on the 4th, 5th and 6th were patronized and gave entire satisfaction to all who indulge in that festive sport. The race on the Fourth was especially very interesting. It was a mile and a half race, time 2:50. The chestnut colt, Winters, by Norfolk, owned by Barn & Hodges, came in first and was the victor of the day. Trade Dollar second. Winters was ridden by Geo. McGuire, the celebrated Oregon horse jockey, who, like the horse, is hard to beat.

Game is quite plenty in Grant county. A Ladies' Aid Society is to be built at Dayton.

A new water company is being organized at Walla Walla.

An immigrant train with 100 wagons is approaching Walla Walla.

Happy valley, Grant county, wants a dozen more families to settle there.

Sam Hill's' sluice boxes, near Marysville, were robbed one night last week.

The Canyon City News confidently looks for a railroad through John Day valley.

A Dayton boy named Ellwell was bucked off a cayuse the other day. Broken leg.

The Canyon City paper says Agent Rinehart doesn't care to have any Indians on the Malheur reservation. Oh, no; so long as the government keeps up the farce of paying him a big salary for heavy sitting around, what more should he want—except to get away from the front when there is one.

The editor of the Canyon City News tries to get off a weak fling at Col. Parker on account of his military title. Parker was duly commissioned and served the country gallantly. In case of another war, Frank Parker would be found in the thick of the fight, while the News man would fort up in a coyote hole down the gulch.

Forest Notes.

The dog show fell into the clutches of creditors at Tacoma. It did not draw and the manager attempted to leave without paying his bills. The creditors compelled him to give another show, and took the amount of their claims in trade.

The Corrier says: Thieving continues to a shameful extent in Olympia. Scarcely a night passes that some pantry or cellar is not robbed of articles of food—often in large quantities. The town authorities should offer a reward for the detection of the guilty parties.

The Olympia Transcript says: Captain Wyckoff and party, with the schooner Ernest, are at work near Steilacoom, Captain Lawson expects to do some inland surveying this Summer between the Sound and the Columbia river. Capt. Gilbert is stationed at Truckee, California.

Ward, the Alleged Defaulter.

A dispatch from Seattle says that W. T. Ward charged with absconding, was arrested there last evening upon the arrival of the Annie Stewart from Tacoma upon a telegram to Marshal Thornhill from the deputy sheriff of Polk county, Oregon. Ward was found asleep in his stateroom and appeared to be much surprised at his arrest. He was immediately lodged in jail to await a requisition from Oregon.

He makes a long statement in which he says that he left \$2,000 with his book-keeper and superintendent at Independence, to pay out to the men on Monday. I returned to Portland, intending to come through to Port Townsend, at which place I had an engagement to meet Sir John McDonald on the 10th inst., in reference to a contract on the Canadian Pacific Railroad. It was a matter of importance to me and I could not afford to break the appointment and would not have been gone more than two days. The Northwestern Construction Co. owes me, besides the \$5,600 stated a percentage amounting to \$10,000 more, which was not to be paid till the completion of the work. They had been trying to defraud me on the estimates which is the cause of all the trouble, causing delay and causing me to fail to meet appointments with my men. Ward had \$311 on his person when arrested.

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