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HOW TO REDEEM BRUSH LAND.

There is a large quantity of brush land and land covered with young timber that can be easily slashed and burned over along the foothills of the mountains of Oregon...

LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The Legislature has adjourned and gone home, but no intelligent idea of its work can be had until all the bills have been passed on by the Governor and returned to the Secretary of State.

ly to the State revenue. The fees of clerks and sheriffs in all large counties except Multnomah are commuted by fixed salaries, their fees to be strictly accounted for and to go into the county treasuries.

THE TONNAGE QUESTION.

Last week we summed up many important facts for the benefit of Oregon wheat growers and had the independence to show them what no other journal has shown, that tonnage will be abundant in a short time and that they cannot afford to be victimized by high freights at this time when breadstuffs are lower than ever known.

It is conceded by all parties that we may look for lower freights after awhile, so there is no difference on that point, except it may be as to how much lower we may expect them to drop.

While we are making this bold stand against high freights and furnishing the producers of Oregon and Washington with facts relating to tonnage of great importance, the leading newspapers of the State are quarreling over politics and their readers are in ignorance as to the true state of things that their prosperity depends on.

INFLUENCE OF JOURNALISM.

It is all bosh to claim that newspapers can carry public opinion with them and are dangerous or valuable simply because they have a wide circulation and a news monopoly.

A. D. REXSON, living near Leitchville, says the Palouse Gazette, sends us some red winter wheat, sowed last November and threshed in September.

COULDN'T RAISE CORN.

Several years ago Mr. R. R. Thompson got in conversation with a discouraged emigrant who was coming down the Columbia river from Umatilla, making bitter complaint of the country.

THE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

We happened to be at Salem the other evening when the ladies of the Woman's Suffrage Association and their friends celebrated the passage of the resolution to submit the question of the popular vote, and listened to animated speeches from Mrs. Laughary, of Yamhill, Mrs. Dunway, and others, and also from distinguished friends of the movement among the other sex.

AT MECHANICS' FAIR.

Mr. A. M. Smith, of Buena Vista, showed a deal of enterprise in the matter of pottery moulding at the Mechanics' Fair. A corner of the pavilion was devoted to a fine exhibit of his wares ready and complete for market.

A little engine run by coal gas attracted much attention, and looked as if it might be very useful when little power was desired.

The narrow Gauge Railroad. Work on the East side has been pushed with all possible speed but delay has been caused by the impossibility of getting bridges built, as lumber and timber could not be procured as wanted.

The Friend of Delicate Ladies.

Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure is the remedy that will cure the many diseases peculiar to women. Headaches, neuralgia, disordered nerves, weakness, mental shocks, and kindred ailments are effectually removed by its use.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 21st. In the Senate the following House bills passed: To regulate rate of interest. To amend charter of Portland.

FRIDAY, October 22nd. In the Senate following bills passed: To amend act to create Lake county. For protection of fish in Silver lake, Union County, and Wallowa river.

SATURDAY, October 23rd. In the Senate following bills passed: To organize school for deaf mutes. The customary resolutions of thanks to officers were passed, and Senate adjourned sine die.

It is estimated that the production of wool through the world has increased 400 per cent. in the past forty years. The total in 1837 is given at 320,000,000 pounds and that for 1878 at 1,586,000,000 pounds.

A profound sensation has been created in Russia by the second announcement of an Odessa newspaper, the Nesnik, that one of the local firms of merchants has purchased, in addition to previous purchases, 100,000 bushels of American wheat through a western American firm.

STATE NEWS.

Diphtheria, in malignant form, is doing terrible destruction at Goldendale. The Grant county News says carpenters are all very busy now in Canyon City.

The Colfax Tribune tells of potatoes raised by T. J. McFeron that weigh 8 1/2 pounds. Eugene Fairhurst, 10 years old, broke his arm while playing near the garrison buildings at The Dalles.

The Ashland Tidings learns that the Earl of Airlie visited the Yreka fair. Col. Geer, of Waldo Hills, sold a fine "Black Stranger" colt to H. S. Reid.

The mining of coal at Newport has almost ceased, because vessels are so scarce. A new steamer will probably be built on Coos bay to take the place of the Telfair.

The schooner Truckee in going out of Coquille river, went on the rocks, but it was thought she would get off. D. H. Mount, of Silverton, has finished his contract to furnish piling from Ray's Landing to Lebanon.

The Pendleton Tribune says the County Clerk of Umatilla county has in two years drawn over \$4,000 in scrip from the county. The Democratic Times says some miscreant burned John Cimborosky's cabin, on Cantrell gulch, and also his reservoir, during his absence East.

The soundings on Coos bay thus far show that the channel is decidedly improving; supposed to be due to the effect of the crib work in shaping the current. The Weston Leader says that on the farm of F. W. Johns, on Reed mountain, is a field of about 50 acres.

Judge Peck, of Camas prairie, who kept account, tells the Idaho Democrat that 180,000 head of cattle, 50,200 head of sheep and about 2,000 head of horses passed through there during the past season, for the Eastern markets.

David Newsome writes a letter to the Astorian and claims that he encouraged Wm. Reid to start his narrow gauge roads up the valley, and that he has drawn J. H. Gould's attention this way, and he intends to build up Astoria and Clatsop county. We shall look for property to rise down there!

Last Friday evening the store and residence of S. Friedman, at Buena Vista, was totally destroyed by fire. The store and goods was valued at \$14,000 and insured for \$7,000. Furniture a total loss. The fire occurred about 10 o'clock, and is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Boise Democrat says the number of emigrant wagons that have passed through Boise this season was quite large. Mr. Nicholson, toll-keeper of the bridge at this place, crossed about 175 wagons, and Mr. Lytell, who owns the bridge ten miles above town, crossed about the same number.

TERRITORIAL.

Thirty-two cents each is what the O. R. & N. Co. now pay for ties in Columbia county, W. T. A whale found on the west shore of Whidby's Island was twenty-five feet long and yielded over fifteen barrels of oil.

The people of the northern counties of Idaho held a meeting lately at Lewiston, and ask to be annexed to Washington.

Ed. Vandenberg, who lives in the Blue Mountains, raised 100 bushels of Peerless potatoes averaging two pounds each in weight. Prisoners in the Walla Walla jail attempted to get out the other night, but Sheriff Thompson discovered them in time to prevent escape, after they had filed the locks off the iron doors and dug a hole in the corner of the cell.

An exchange says: Mr. John Morehouse, of Umatilla county, reports that a man was stopped while traveling from Weston to Dry creek by three highwaymen, who robbed him of a \$110. Umatilla is now getting up quite a reputation.

At Eugene, the property of G. W. Parks, Esq., narrowly escaped destruction by fire. Mr. Rankin, who lives there, awoke and found that sparks had set fire to the carpet and the house was on fire, but finally succeeded in putting it out.

The fellows who tried to humbug the residents of this valley once by pretending to represent an Ohio nursery, and selling fancy trees and plants at outrageous prices, are said to be at work now in the Upper country.

While the President was at Port Blakely they took a saw log 150 feet long and 44 inches in diameter at the small end and sawed it into square timber for the him to take back as a memento.

The Seattle Coal Company is now working on a vein 15 feet thick, said to be superior in quality to all the rest. The Watchman says a Nez Perce Indian shot and killed at the Umatilla agency, a nephew of Howlish Wampo.

Since the transfer of the Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad the property in the south end of Seattle is in good demand, and the Intelligencer says a plat has been filed for a new addition to the town.

The Union says many horses have been missed from the vicinity of Walla Walla. Some bold thieves unhitched a horse from a team, and saddle horses have been untied and rode off from the streets of the town.

ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Immigration during September was 54,875. Insurgent Kurds have destroyed several Persian villages.

Gold shipments from Europe to America continue to be very heavy. The ceremony of churching the Queen of Spain is reported as a very imposing affair.

Republicans write from Tennessee and Kentucky, claiming great gains in those States. Agent Berry, of the Ute Reservation, is under arrest and in custody of an U. S. Marshal.

Standard dollars are in circulation with increasing volume, evidently becoming more popular. A short fight is reported between the Bantors (South Africa natives) and English troops, near Cape Town.

Money is so plentiful at Montreal that the banks won't pay interest on deposits as they can't find use for the money. Enos, W. P. C. candidate for Congress in San Francisco, has withdrawn in favor of Gen. Rosecrans, Democratic candidate.

The vote of Indiana for Governor stood, Porter (Republican) 230,291; Landers (Democrat) 222,740; Gragg (Greenback) 14,863. The Porte has again promised the speedy surrender of Dulcigno; the Sultan has ordered Rias Pasha to give up the place within five days.

The Signal Service Trans-continental Military telegraph from Bismarck, Dakota, to Dayton, Washington Territory, is now completed. W. T. McLean, Superintendent of the Rock Creek Mine, three miles from Auburn, Cal., was crushed by a quartz mill mortar weighing three tons.

It is reported that the Peruvian Government has accepted the mediation of the United States, as has also Chili, and peace in South America is looked forward to. M. De Lesseps assures the Panama authorities that soon the financial matters relating to the canal will be arranged and commencement of work will immediately follow.

Cavane, State Supervisor of Registration for Louisiana, has been arrested by United States Supervisor Pearson, for keeping the registration books open longer than required by law.