News Department.

GENERAL NEWS

All over Eastern Oregon the thermometer has been below zero lately.

Queen Victoria has written a book called "Life in the Highlands.

The Chinese bill drags along and

meets with a great deal of opposition. The bulls have the control of the New York stock market and stocks are on the

In the House 4,500 bills are introduced already. Only 200 have been acted on

the Northern

Gen. Grant is in poor health but not in any danger. He suffers pain but his recovery is certain.

Mr. Morrison's tariff bill is said to be a complete failure. They will try to fix it up so as to make it do.

and elected by the legislature of Kentucky to the U. S. Senate.

The United Workmen number 18,298. They have collected \$322,000 and paid out \$296,000 in death claims.

The Chinese are not allowed to buy public lands in British Columbia by recent act of their parliament. About eight inches of rain has recently

fallen in Callfornia and farmers there want dry weather. The floods on the Ohio are doing immense damage and the water is in some

places higher than ever before known. Walla Walla. Too many lies have been told. It is not believed \$5,000 have been taken out.

taken out. John A. Doyle, Sr., wants to know if

vicinity. The Sacramento chamber of comthat the land grant for the Oregon road

be not rescinded.

to the highest bidder. The Portland board of trade petitions Congress not to rescind the Northern Pa-cific grants, as they are needed as a basis of credit for building the roads.

Some flathead Indians taken to Wathington were blind from cataracts in the success. They have held examinations eye. An occulist removed them and they saw again, much to their immense over 3,000 persons and 500 have received

delight. In the southern territories over 30,000 by this report. square miles of territory are clouded by Mexican titles and Congress is trying to provide a way for determining the reality of Mexican titles.

Recent rains in California have made the pastures good and revived the hopes of farmers. Before all was dried up and stock was sold for a song because they had no grass to keep them on.

tion before the civil service board the common school candidates are far ahead a halter we don't exactly see.

how they can get it except at the end of never yet known a person who owned a variety of pure Plymonth Rocks to change of the college graduates-good for the

Senator Slater introduced a bill to pay A. Morrison, of Oregon, \$3,492 for property destroyed by Yakimas and Klicki-tats, out of any money coming to those The Kanawha and other streams in

On Loon Lake, Douglas county, John Kelly was shot and killed by J. F. Butterfield. Kelly was dangerous and quar- located his shoulder. relsome and tried to intimidate Butterfield who is a settler. Butterfield has the good will of all who know the facts.

The House committee on labor makes grants. Public sentiment favors their a favorable report for establishing a bureau of labor statistics to acquire information as to labor and ways to promote material, social, religious and intellectual prosperity of laboring men and women.

A man named Sanderson, and a partner, have been mining in Dry Gulch, near Quartsville, in the Santiam mines, since last May. They came out lately for supplies. They came from Colorado and say these are good enough diggings for them. They showed a whisky bottle full of gold.

The latest news from the Ohio river just arrived and will be put together. show that the flood was terrible and the situation indescribable. The suffering Columbia river will be closed so that is beyond anything known and many boats cannot run from Astoria to deaths are reported. Many are homeless and without food. The floods extend through West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and the north side.

The Standard publishes a letter from two men in the mines, who give their at one time Secretary of State, "requires names, denouncing the swindling games only a satisfactory condition of mird practiced to get men there. A man one man may be rich with \$100, while named McCoy, published a glowing account and they denounce him as a trader another in the possession of millions trying to get people to go there to specu-late off them. They say the stories told are nearly all lies and little is known of that the man who is best satisfied with the mines or of the richness of the diggings.

to the Oregon Improvement Company, following anecdote in trying to enter the Straits of Fuca in "While I was Gov Cape Flattery and crushed in her fore boats and made for shore. The first mate took the rest of the crew on the life raft, but looking back he saw the ship float and went to her, intending to make the Columbia river. The steamer Wellington came along and towed the Umatilla to Esquimalt where she sunk in 42 feet of water. Great anxiety is felt as to the fate of the other boats with the captain and others.

morning at my office by a rough specimen of a back-woodsman, who stalked in and commenced coversation by inquiring if this was Mr. Marcy, "I replied that was my name. "Bill Marcy!" said hea. I nodded assent. Used to live in Southport, didn't ye!" I answered in the affirmative, and began to feel a little curious to know who my visitor was, and what he was driving at.

"That's what I told 'em,' cried the

The Oregon Transcontinental company will lose two million dollars by the operation of the Oregon mortgage tax

Stockmen in British Columbia are much alarmed about the severe cold, fearful that their stock will die of star-

he could stand against Sullivan, the slugger, and so he did for a few seconds, but in seven seconds Sullivan had him the little red schoolhouse in old Southentirely "chawed up."

The weather has been very cold in There is a snow blockade on the Central line but no obstruction by snow on going away in disgust.

The Dalles is infested with tramp

omplete failure. They will try to fix it p so as to make it do.

Portland jail is filled with poor creatures who seek any kind of a lodging this cold weather. Walla Walla people always a smart lad at school, and I knew this cold weather. Walla Walla people established a soup kitchen and Portland "I thanked him for his good wishes" people will likely do something of the

> A proposal is made that instead of rescinding the land grants the companies sell the lands at \$1.25 an acre and have five years to do it in, and at the end of that time all unearned lands shall revert to the government.

The common council of Portland, has passed a resolution requesting members of Congress to favor the continuance of the land grants to the Northern Pacific road so as to enable that company to finish its lines.

and died there last Saturday. Mr. Smith was for several years landlord of the Chemeketa hotel, Salem. He was a sistance in starting glass works in that good man and much respected by all who knew him.

Northern saw mills are working on merce memorializes Congress and asks short time so as not to overdo the business. The demand for local uses on this coast is good but the foreign demand slacks at this season. Many new mills Judge Axtell, of Arizona, is accused have been erected on the Sound, the Coof every crime he can possibly commit
as judge. They say he sells his decisions agree to dimish production. Five cargoes for foreign ports left this coast in January.

> The civil service commission commenced work July 16, and makes a report to the president for the six months undervaluation of property. to January 16, that shows surprising appointments. It is claimed that the reform movement is greatly encouraged

C. W. Barzee, in Wasco county, says he has had eleven horses, two calves, seven hogs, and twenty chickens pois-It is said that in competitive examinathey cannot get their just deserts, but haps, by the little Leghorn. I have

> The very latest from the Ohio river is that homeless thousands cry for help. The dispatches contain columns of accounts from the inundated districts, and West Virginia are all at flood stage.

ferry boat, has broken his arm and dis-

The Walla Walla Board of Trade will pass resolutions concerning the continuance of the Northern Pacific railroad retaining the grant if they sell their lands to actual settlers at \$2 an acre.

Arrangements are making to have the steam collier Umatilla raised. The tug Goliah went down the coast and rescued Capt. Worth and crew, 35 in all.

The Chinese merchants of Portland have put forward a Chinese giant to meet Sullivan or forfeit \$1,000 bonds.

The material for the great iron steam ferry boat, across the Columbia, near Kalama, is being taken out of a ship

If the cold does not soon cease the

Bow Much Makes a Man Rich.

"To be rich," said William L. Marcy, only a satisfactory condition of mird that the man who is best satisfied with his possession is the richest." To illus-The steam collier Umatilla, belonging trate this idea Mr. Marcy related the

"While I was Governor of the State blinding snow storm, struck a reef near of New York I was called upon one part. The captain and second mate took morning at my office by a rough speci-

on his thigh with tremendous force "I told 'em you was the same Bill Marcy who used to live in Southport; but they wouldn't believe it, and I promised the next time I came to Albany to come and

see you, and find out for sartin. Why, you know me, don't you, Bill?'
"I didn't exactly like to ignore his As Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, refuses to pardon Dick Liddell, one of the Frank James' band, the United States cannot make a case and so it has been dismissed.

"I didn't calcopter but for the me of me I couldn't recollect having seen him before, and so I replied he had a familiar countenance, but that I was not able to call him by name, "My name is Jack Smith," answered the back woodsman, and we used to go

the back woodsman, and we used to go to school together thirty years ago, in port. Well, times have changed since then, and you have become a great man and got rich, I suppose.

"I shook my head and was going to contradict that impression, when he broke in:

"Oh, yes, you are; I know you are The Dalles is infested with transfer from the Northern Pacific railroad. They earn money and spend it all for troller for—for a long time, and the whiskey and when out of work turn whiskey and when out of work turn governor. You must have had a heap of money, and I am glad of it-glad to

that you would come to something.'
"I thanked him for his good wishe and opinion, but told him that political life did not pay so well as he imagined.
"I suppose,' said I, fortune has smiled

upon you since you left Southport?"
"Oh, yes,' said he, 'I hain't got nothing
to complain of; I must say I have got
along right smart; you see, shortly after you left Southport our whole family moved up into Vermont, and put right into the woods, and I reckon our family cut down more trees and cleared more land than any other in the whole State.

"And so you have made a good thing How much do you consider yourself worth? I asked, feeling a little curious to know what he considered a fortune as he seemed to be well satisfied with

"Well,' he replied, 'I don't know exactly how much I am worth, but I think (straightening himself up), if all my debts were paid. I should be worth \$300 clear cash!' He was rich, for he was satisfied."

According to the returns made by as essors the property of Oregon amounts to \$631 for each person. If property had been assessed at a fair valuation the average would be at least \$1,500 for each person. If that was done the world would not point to this State as almost bankrupt. We have lost considerably in a general way by this false system of

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