

News Department.

Our minister at St. Petersburg, Mr. Hunt, is said to be dying.

Navigation is resumed on Snake river from Riparia to Lewiston.

The severe cold killed the peach crop this winter in the Yakima region.

The O. R. & N. Co. is offered the money to build the Baker City Branch.

A favorable report has been made as to the bill providing government for Alaska.

In Klickitat county both grand and petit jurors are half men and half women.

Wheat in Wasco county all looks well and no harm seems to have been done by the winter.

A son of Sir Robert Peel is elected Speaker of the House of Commons, English Parliament.

Some people think Mt. Baker smokes and others do not think so. They say it is only vapor.

Mr. H. E. Hayes, State Lecturer P. of H., has organized a new grange at Rock Hill school house, Linn county.

Many Christians have been ordered murdered at Anam since New Years. It is traced to the Chinese Viceroy.

The thermometer in Southern Minnesota stood six degrees below zero and all roads were blocked with snow.

Portland people will have to set up soup kitchens to feed the hungry who have no cash to spend for victuals.

Henley, of California, complains that the House defers action on the Chinese bill that he seems to have in charge.

Owing to washouts between Rivitville and Patoune Junction no through trains from the East reached Portland for a week.

After all the fuss he has made to secure his seat in the House of Commons Bradlaugh has resigned from Parliament.

Allen & Martin, general merchandise, Albany, have failed; liabilities \$20,000, in Portland and San Francisco; assets, \$15,000.

Portland epicures have a chance to eat prairie chickens and jack rabbits, as lots of them are brought down the Columbia.

The different street car companies in Portland have made arrangements so that all car tickets are good on any road in the city.

Salmi Morse, author of the Passion Play, has been found dead in the Hudson. His friends think it was accident, not design.

Sheep men in Walla Walla county say their flocks do well and have met no loss from snow, and will not if it stays on two weeks longer.

At a meeting of N. P. directors they determined immediately to commence work on the Cascade branch and finish it this year.

Villard made his appearance down town for the first time. His health is impaired and he says he must go through bankruptcy.

Delegate Brents asks Congress for a charter to organize a company to build a railroad from Spokane Falls to Coeur d'Alene mines.

Prince Bismarck explains his return of the Lasker resolution in a fair sort of way and shows no affront was meant to the United States.

The recent terrible cyclone that spread over the Gulf States and the lakes is reported to have not only done great injury to property but many persons are killed by its means.

Trouble is feared between England and Russia in India, as only a narrow strip now divides the possessions of the two countries.

The German liberals in the Reichstag have sent to Speaker Carlisle a letter of thanks for the action taken by the House concerning Dr. Lasker.

All the word El Mahdi sends ahead of him is: "I am coming! Be ready!" and that seems to answer all the purpose. They got ready.

Walter Lyons, of Chehalis county, accidentally shot himself while out hunting, and died instantly.

A memorial bust of the American poet Longfellow, will be unveiled in Westminster Abbey on Saturday.

There is strong talk of the renomination of Tilden by the Democracy. The cry is for "the old ticket."

Lewis Cox, Albany, aged 60, who went on the Pioneer Excursion, took sick while gone, died on the 20th.

Work on the big hotel at Portland will stop soon and there is no saying when—if ever—it will be resumed.

At Rione prairie, near Spokane Falls, the Indians have had a deer drive lately. One day they slaughtered thirty.

The National Democratic Convention meets at Chicago on July 8th, to nominate a candidate for President.

The steamers Oregon and Walla Walla were bar bound last trip, could not cross the bar on account of foggy weather.

During two years many horses used on railroad work have died of a disease that resembles glanders, few recover.

The German press is very severe on minister Sargent but the American press sustain him and so does his government.

The cold spell in Jackson county has killed quite a number of blue jays and robins who usually winter there in safety.

In Jackson county the grand jury indicted J. W. McMahon for killing his father on Wagner creek, last summer. He is loose on \$500 bail and is wanted.

A steamer has reached Boston from Australia with the first cargo of wool that ever was imported to the United States from that country.

Further particulars state that flood losses in Southern California are very large. The Southern Pacific railroad is damaged half a million dollars.

A friend of Mr. Tilden's announces that he will stand if the Democracy will nominate him for the presidency, though he doesn't seek the nomination.

Hon. Warren Cranston, the famous dairy farmer of the Waldo Hills, had the misfortune to have his dairy building burn down recently; loss \$500.

The Lands Committee in the House reports in favor of forfeiting 40,000,000 acres granted to the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, leaving only 5,000,000 earned.

At Birmingham, Ala., a dentist, Roe, presented a bill to a lawyer, Henry Harrison, who disputed it, and Roe cut his throat with a pen-knife from ear to ear.

C. Temple Emmett, who was interested for a while with Ben Holladay in Oregon railway matters, died recently on the train, while returning from the East.

Colorado miners are flocking to the new mines and news from there carries no conviction that the extent and richness of the diggings will equal expectations.

A terrific dynamite explosion lately occurred at the Victoria railway station; some damage was done but no loss of life, but seven men had to be sent to the hospital.

D. J. Cooper, formerly of Marion county, has a home on Ten Mile Creek, near The Dalles, and it was burned the other day while the family was absent; loss \$1,500.

Dr. Marvin of the Congregational church, Portland, resigns his pastorate because a small portion of the church think his views are too lax, his theology too liberal.

The British government has tendered us the use of the steamer Alert, built expressly for the Arctic, to accompany the Greely expedition and will follow as a supply ship.

English and Egyptian forces under Baker Pasha and Gen. Gordon are preparing to take the offensive against El Medhi, who, at last accounts was marching towards Khartoum.

For the first time in some years there is export of gold from this country to Europe. It is claimed by bankers to be only temporary and is considered favorable for trade generally.

Mr. J. Kizer, on the McKinzie, had his barn burned, with five horses, two cows and calves and 12 hogs, two wagons and other machinery together with hay and grain; loss, \$2,000.

News from Upper Egypt shows El Mahdi to be advancing and the principal towns are all surrounded. The natives are prejudiced against English influence and many favor the rebels.

German newspapers are very severe against Minister Sargent in connection with current affairs between that country and this. New York journals defend Sargent warmly.

W. L. Hulsey, for whom the town was named in Linn county, who was here as a helper for Ben. Holladay in 1869-7, has recently died, leaving considerable property in Oregon, chiefly in Portland.

A mining village in Pennsylvania, near Uniontown, was the scene of a terrific explosion, in a coal mine, where nineteen persons were killed. Only one man escaped alive, who was in the shaft.

A whole family was the other day found in the dissecting room of the Ohio Medical College. They were murdered to get paid for their dead bodies by the doctors. Three colored men were arrested for the murder.

McKusick, who had charge of weighing the mails overland from California to Portland, has been removed for cause. Charges are made against him of unfairness in weighing the mails carried on the Oregon and California route.

Farmers at Walla Walla tried to hold a meeting but lawyers monopolized attention and did nearly all the talking. They recommended the forfeiture of lands east of Wallula. Snow has gone off and young wheat all looks well.

The last payment of \$30,000 in purchase of the Coos Bay wagon road grant has been made to Judge J. F. Watson at Portland by Capt. Besse of the Southern Oregon Improvement Company, so the transfer has been completed.

It is asserted that Germans who have become naturalized citizens of the United States, who return to Germany, are rigorously subjected to military duty there. The German government ignores Minister Sargent.

Gov. Stoneman will call an extra session of the California Legislature to consider the taxes due by the Central Pacific and unpaid for 1880-1 and 2, which amount to over a million dollars (\$1,074,000).

The next Pioneer's reunion will meet at Salem June 15. Hon. J. S. Smith is invited to deliver the annual address. F. O. McCown, Esq., the occasional address, and Joaquin Miller to prepare a poem for the occasion.

The obsequies of Lieutenant DeLong and his companions were celebrated at Brooklyn navy yard where the bodies were taken and escorted by several regiments of militia, some regular troops, marines and a large civic procession.

Many distinguished men, including naval officers, Gen. Hancock, Secretary of War Lincoln, Commanders Uphur and English. The procession crossed the bridge and marched up Broadway. The bodies were afterwards surrendered to friends of the deceased.

A train was lately wrecked on the Hanibal-St. Jo road when running thirty miles an hour; several cars thrown off the track and half a dozen people killed—all owing to a broken rail. Many were injured, some severely if not fatally.

Work will be recommenced on the standard gauge between Seattle and Black river, much to the satisfaction of Seattle people. They hope during March to see Seattle connected with the Northern Pacific main line to Portland and trains running through from Seattle to Portland.

Terrible storms have prevailed at the East and damage and loss of life has resulted seldom, if ever, known. Reports come from Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio. A terrific blizzard occurred in Minnesota, and it is believed that several stages are lost, that drivers and passengers perished in the fearful snow. At Louisville the worst gale ever known was raging. This storm covered the Southern, Middle and Northwestern States. Also, floods in Southern California caused great damage.

PROCLAMATION. STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SALEM, Feb. 12, 1884.

To All Whom it may Concern: Whereas, the following joint resolution was duly adopted by both houses of the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon at the sessions of 1880 and 1882, to-wit:

Be it resolved by the senate, the house concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Oregon be and is hereby proposed:

ARTICLE I. The elective franchise in this State shall not hereafter be prohibited to any citizen on account of sex.

Now, therefore, pursuant to said action of said legislative assembly, and in compliance with the provisions of senate joint resolution No. 9, adopted by said legislative assembly at the session of 1882, providing for the submission of said amendment to the people of the State.

Proclamation is hereby made that said proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Oregon will be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon for ratification or rejection, at the general election to be held therein on Monday, the 23 day of June, A. D., 1884.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the State of Oregon hereto attached, this 12th day of February, A. D., 1884.

Z. F. MOODY, Governor.

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SCHOOL MEETING. THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING FOR THE School District No. 94, (Salem), Marion county, will be held at Reed's Open House on Monday, March 24, 1884, at half past 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of hearing the Directors and clerk's reports and levying a tax for school purposes for the ensuing year. To insure further funds by levy or otherwise for the new school building, and to transmit any business which may come before the meeting, the following are invited to attend: G. P. LITCHFIELD, W. A. CUMBER, R. H. DEARBORN, Directors.

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