

News Department.

GENERAL NEWS.

Stock are dying in Western Texas for want of water and grass.

The third week in April the Northern Pacific earnings were \$344,000.

J. K. Mercer, who killed McDonald six years ago, has been pardoned.

Copious rains have visited all parts of the country East of the Cascades.

The Pioneer's reunion will be held this year at Salem Fair Grounds, June 17.

New York has passed a law to prohibit entirely the manufacture of oleomargarine.

Iowa sends a delegation in favor of Blaine to the Republican National Convention.

Encouraging news from the mines excite the people of Spokane and many are leaving for the diggings.

South of Snake river the wool clip will be unusually large and free from dirt and superior in quality.

Richards Muckle, of the Philadelphia Ledger, is talked of as the successor of Sargent at the Berlin mission.

New Orleans intends to have a World's Fair and wants to borrow \$1,000,000 of Congress to get matters started.

Congress has finally agreed to consider the Chinese bill and the Pacific Coast men have hopes of its passage.

In Louisiana the Democratic State ticket is elected and there are charges of gross frauds in connection therewith.

The O. & C. railroad will be opened through to Ashland next Monday, so the stage drive will be less than 150 miles.

Massachusetts delegates to Chicago favor Edmunds; Ohio delegates are for Sherman; Michigan delegates are rather for Blaine.

Good beef has been scarce in Portland but a lot of good cattle have lately come from White Bluff and also from other places so the supply is ample.

A steamship is to make regular trips twice a month, from Portland to Shoalwater Bay and Gray's Harbor, and also to Port Townsend and Seattle.

The Sharon divorce case keeps up its filthy course in San Francisco courts. It is one of the most disgusting matters that ever was made public.

The Southern States are sending delegates to the Republican National Convention at Chicago who favor the nomination of President Arthur.

The peach crop near Vancouver promises to be unusually good this year, so it does in other localities that we hear of in the Willamette valley.

Seattle is to have railroad connection with the Columbia by the 10th or middle of May. The gap between Black river and Puyallup will be immediately closed.

A signal observer is on Pike's Peak and fears are entertained that he will suffer for food. Efforts are making to relieve him but the snow is hundreds of feet deep.

Congress has passed and the President has signed a bill to pay F. G. Schwatka, of Salem, \$6,000 for his land claim at the mouth of the Columbia where Fort Stevens now stands.

England invites the powers of Europe to join in a conference concerning Egyptian matters. Italy is willing to co-operate with England and will furnish 20,000 men for an Eastern campaign.

John A. Walsh, whose testimony is considered essential to the trial of Wm. P. Kellogg, in one of the star route cases, has consented to give his evidence. He claims to be able to convict Kellogg.

Capt. Eads claims to have been successful in interesting English capital in building the ship railroad across the Tehuantepec and says he has no doubt it will be working within five years.

The New York Republican State Convention elected delegates for the State at large who were in favor of Edmunds. A union of Arthur and Edmunds men defeated the election of Blaine men.

Mexico is trying to buy Cuba and sends a messenger to Washington to learn if our government will not object. President Diaz is willing to buy the island if the Cubans will consent by a popular vote.

The California and Oregon Railroad has abandoned work on the California end. People say they are waiting to freeze out the Germans who own this end of the line and get control of the whole.

A terrible crime was prevented by the dynamite becoming wet, or there would have been an awful explosion at the great public event held in Germany. Two men who were arrested have confessed to the details of the plot.

The Central Pacific people own the railroad land grant from Victoria to Nanaimo, 3,000,000 acres, much of which is coal land and they are trying to take the duty off coal so they can bring Vancouver Island coal to compete with Puget Sound coal.

John Davenport, Wm. Reed and A. H. Hart were arrested at Albany for passing counterfeit money and after examination before Paul R. Deady, U. S. Commissioner, at Portland, were committed to jail. Davenport says he gave the others each a bogus dollar and they will probably be discharged.

The linnets are destroying cherries in California orchards the same as in our Oregon orchards and people there either shoot them or scare them off with pounding tin pans. In case these birds are numerous the fruit-grower can afford to take some pains to keep them off, by shooting or scaring them.

There are 100 pupils in the public schools of Heppner.

Immigrants, it is computed, now bring into Oregon \$500,000 per month.

It is asserted that cars will run to Baker City by the middle of August.

Wasco and Umatilla counties, also all the Upper country, never had such a fine prospect for crops.

A State commission in Kansas has authoritatively decided that the cattle disease prevalent in Kansas herds is not the foot and mouth disease.

Philadelphia has a silk exhibition that shows all phases of silk worm raising and manufacture of silk, even the hatching of silk worms goes on.

The state of things at the Isthmus is simply frightful as concerns sickness, more sickness and deaths are occurring than ever were known in the past.

Stockholders are trying to induce Endicott to resign the presidency of the Oregon and Transcontinental Company, but he stays there to protect his own interests, which are large.

A terrible cyclone swept Southern Ohio and destroyed much property. The town of Jamestown was two-thirds ruined. The storm was extensive and destructive.

Al Weir, aged 16, laid down in the bunch-grass in Umatilla and tied his horse to his wrist. He was found dead, dragged to death and his skull crushed. He recently came there from Oregon City.

The orange crop is short in California and oranges are high priced, besides which some people have bought up the crop on speculation. Half the oranges grown in California are consumed in Oregon and Washington, they say.

The Itemizer says 50,000 acres of land has gone untaxed in Polk county and demands honest assessment. The county surveyor has figured it up, taking six months to do it, and is notifying land owners of the discrepancy in their assessments.

Mention was made in a Seattle exchange that a disease had broken out among horses on Cedar river belonging to the Oregon Transcontinental Company, and that Dr. Hope, the veterinary surgeon, had been sent for. It is now learned that several horses died, and the doctor shot six more, since which time the disease has been checked.

Frank James is acquitted in Alabama, where he was tried for participating in the Mussel Shoals robbery. He was cheered by the crowd and treated like a hero. He was immediately arrested on charge of being in the Brownsville robbery, Missouri. After that farce is over Minnesota officers will arrest him for devilment done there. Another Missouri Sheriff was waiting for a chance to arrest him.

The Pacific Coast members have been before the House Committee on rivers and harbors and ask for appropriations as advised by engineers as follows: Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers, \$252,000; Upper Willamette and Columbia, \$500,000; Columbia and Snake rivers, \$56,000; Cascades canal, \$500,000; Coos bay, \$150,000; Yaquina bay, \$140,000; Coquille bay, \$50,000; Cowlitz river, \$6,000, and the Skagit, Chehalis and other rivers, small sums.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

Coos County.—For joint senator, A. Nasburg; representative, John H. Roberts of Myrtle Point; sheriff, W. R. Simpson; county clerk, Alex. Stauff; county commissioners, E. A. Anderson and C. E. Edwards; county school superintendent, Dr. J. T. McCormack; treasurer, Fred. Schetter; assessor, L. Harlocker; surveyor, W. P. Bovee; coroner, Dr. W. C. Angell.

Curry County.—For joint representative, Walter Sutton, for county judge, M. Riley; for county clerk, Will Gauntlett; for sheriff, Fred S. More; for treasurer, M. B. Gibson; for school superintendent, Charles Dewey; for assessor, Willis T. White; for surveyor, Rolla Canfield; for coroner, Alfred Miller.

Douglas County.—Senators, J. H. Schupe and John Emmitt; representatives, Henry Rogers, G. W. Riddle, C. B. Wilcox and William Manning; clerk, G. McKimball; sheriff, G. A. Taylor; treasurer, William Parrott; school superintendent, F. W. Benson; assessor, P. O. Applegate; commissioners, D. A. Levens and Charles McGee; surveyor, W. F. Briggs; coroner, S. S. Marsters.

Marion County.—Clerk, M. N. Chapman; sheriff, John W. Minto; representatives, A. N. Gilbert; W. A. Cusick, Dr. Flynn, Ai Coolidge, Lewis Bleakney; treasurer, August Geisey; assessor, A. H. Cornelius; coroner, Dr. Warriner; county commissioners, W. C. Hubbard and G. P. Terrell; school superintendent, G. A. Peebles.

Columbia County.—R. D. Cole for representative, N. C. Dale for county clerk, F. C. Wats for sheriff, Richard Cox county treasurer, J. N. Swager assessor, E. E. Quick school superintendent, Thomas S. Wilkes surveyor, Dr. J. Moser coroner.

Umatilla County.—Representatives, H. C. Gray and F. O. Vincent; sheriff, William Marting; clerk, J. P. Bushes; treasurer, N. Hendrix; county judge, N. J. Bean; assessor, William Stafford; school superintendent, left vacant; commissioners, J. Proebstel and J. H. Koozitz; surveyor, B. L. Burr; coroner, Dr. W. McKay;

Washington county, will nominate a county ticket May 21, and primaries be held May 17.

Multnomah County.—County commissioners, J. S. Newell and Frank DeKum; sheriff, Thos. A. Jordan; clerk, I. N. Sanders; treasurer, Wm. Showers; assessor, Geo. Harold; school superintendent, O. F. Paxton; surveyor, W. B.

Marve; coroner, Horatio Cooke; State Senators, Joseph Simon and J. C. Caron; representatives, Geo. L. Story, Ira Brown, Jr., John Kenworthy, L. Therkelsen, J. E. Mayo, H. S. Davenport, Wm. Brown.

Wasco County.—W. S. A. Johns, county judge; C. F. Backus and E. D. Gibson, county commissioners; E. N. Chandler, assessor; N. E. Cambell, surveyor; J. C. Nickelson, treasurer; W. H. Wilson, school superintendent; coroner, C. L. Phillips; Sheriff, —; clerk, —.

Clatsop County.—Captain J. H. D. Gray joint representative. County clerk, J. O. Spencer; sheriff, George P. Wheeler; treasurer, A. W. Berry; surveyor, G. Parker; assessor, J. F. Warren; school superintendent, H. Sloop; county commissioners, D. K. Warren and H. B. Parker.

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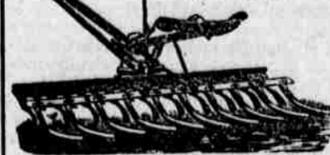
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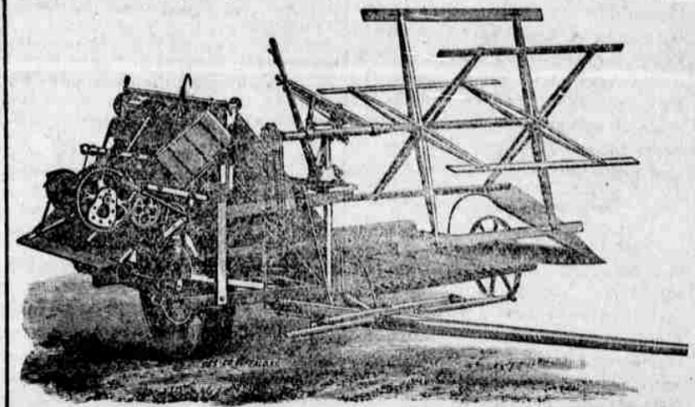


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