

News Department.

GENERAL NEWS

The tax levy in Marion county is 21 mills. Glanders trouble horses in Garfield county. The Indian School question is being revived in Salem again. A squash weighing 114 pounds is on exhibition at Walla Walla. Residents of Josephine county report considerable sickness in that section. Twelve men are employed on the government work at the mouth of the Coquille. The dwelling of J. D. Bennett, at Coquille City, was destroyed by fire on the 2d. The Hopper Gazette says that on Eight Mile a man has a colt which is spotted like a zebra. The Indians in Spokane county are getting restless over the lynching of one of their number. Railroad property in Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman and Lincoln counties is assessed at \$565,000. Alva Billings, aged 23, living near Amity, was thrown from his wagon one day last week and killed. At Pilot Rock a little son of Mrs. Wright had his skull fractured last week by a kick from a calf. General Nelson A. Miles recently purchased 19,000 acres of timber land in Clallam county, on the Straits of Fuca. Mr. Otto, timber inspector of the O. R. & N. Co., got his leg broken a few days ago, several miles beyond Baker City. John Perry, an old man living near Dayton, was brutally beaten by his two sons a few days ago for some trivial cause. J. O. Bozarth, Scott Bozarth and A. E. Johns, of Astoria, have incorporated a steel railway company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The potato crop in Clarke county is immense and the quality fine, but there is little or no sale for potatoes in large quantities this season. A new telegraph cable has just been successfully laid across Hood's Canal, and direct communication with Port Townsend restored again. The Baker City Reveille says the completion of the railroad to that city cannot make the place any duller than it is, even by killing the city entirely. Fifty Chinamen are at work near the Hot lake, making the track solid by supporting it with rock and filling up places where the roadbed had sunk down. There is a much larger acreage of potatoes on the bunch-grass hills this year than last, and the yield promises to be large, so there is no danger of a potato famine. A large number of white people, especially women, are leaving the hop fields in the Puyallup valley, saying the accommodations for living are not good enough for them. Mr. McKenzie, a miller from Walla Walla, has purchased the Cove, Oregon, flouring mill for \$80,000, and will fit it with new machinery at once, in order to be ready for this season's crop. A good many fields of wheat in the hills north and west of Walla Walla have not been cut. The low price of wheat and the high prices charged for harvesting are given as the reason. At Pomeroy wheat is sold for 35 cents per bushel. In Lewiston it has been sold for 28 and 30 cents per bushel, and all sale at that price. Millions of bushels have been produced this year in that locality. Recent cases of land jumping in the vicinity of Walla Walla have created a commotion among the settlers, and rumors of an organization to deal in a summary manner with the claim jumpers are heard. Mrs. Crew, wife of C. Crew, died at her home on Sixes River, Curry county. Deceased was born in the city of Cheshire, England, in the year 1820, and came to the United States, landing at Boston, in 1838. The fall meeting of the Baker County Agricultural Society commenced last Tuesday, with a limited attendance, because of the unpropitious weather. There was not an extra display of articles upon exhibition. There were about thirty horses in training to compete for the different prizes. Owing to the weather, the track was in such bad condition that the directors concluded to postpone the races. The Blalock farm, in Wasco county, has 1,600 acres of land in corn, which will compare favorably with any grown in the older States. It is only within the last two or three years that any attempts have been made to cultivate corn, the belief being general that the climate is not conducive to its growth. The experiments so far have been very successful, and in the future Wasco county will be largely given to the growth of this cereal. The following is the taxable property of Curry county: 73,882 acres of land, valued at \$246,553; town lots, \$17,920; improvements, \$35,218; merchandise and implements, \$63,607; money, notes and accounts, \$87,791; household furniture, carriages, watches, jewelry, etc., \$14,388; 668 horses and mules, \$26,381; 3,879 cattle, \$81,615; 23,259 sheep and goats, \$34,922; 1,421 swine, \$3,134. Gross value of property, \$608,429; indebtedness, \$107,156; exemptions, \$49,594; total deductions, \$156,860; assessable taxable valuation as equalized, \$432,121.

Chas. Hawkins is on trial at The Dalles for the murder of Ezra Jones. Kittitas Localizer: The frosts of last Friday and Saturday nights killed all the tender plants in and around town. The Klickitat county agricultural and mechanical fair commences on the last day of September and closes October 3. Nelson Bennett has strictly forbidden the sale of spirituous liquors of any kind on the 25 mile contract west of the Cascade mountains. At Spokane Falls a meeting was held to raise money to pay the indebtedness of the Methodist college at that place. The sum of \$3054 was raised. Father Wilbur gave \$1000 and Mrs. Wilbur \$100. A man answering the description of Frank Moore the man who killed Fairchilds near Watsburg last Thursday, was seen on the Milton road three miles below Walla Walla. From Jay Lynch, we learn that a German whose name he did not know, was caught in the cylinder of Hank Shaffer's threshing machine on Deadman last Friday, and his lower limbs literally torn to shreds. His injuries were such that he lived but a few hours. The coroner's jury at Spokane Falls decided that the unknown man found nearly dead near the railroad track east of that place was "George McCarty, that he was traveling from Portland, Or., to St. Louis, Mo., that his death was caused by wounds received by falling from a train on the Northern Pacific railroad. Whether accidental or otherwise we are unable to ascertain." The Oregon Transcontinental Company has submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Northern Pacific railroad the following names, and have requested that three be selected as directors to represent the Oregon Transcontinental Company in the Northern Pacific Board: Elijah Smith, N. E. Halliwell, Frank Work, James I. Higginson, John H. Hall and Charles F. Colby. It is expected that the Kalama transfer will be ready for operation about the 30th of the month. The transfer boat cost \$450,000. The builder's bill was \$160,000, and Smith Bros. & Watson received \$150,000 for setting her up at this city. The latter firm cleared \$80,000 on their contract, and it is presumed that the builders cleared near two-thirds of the amount paid them. To show the prodigious stride made in the manufacture of lumber on the Sound during the last few years, the following is produced to show the work of one mill: The Port Blakely Mill Company employs 450 men, chiefly in the logging camps, 200 head of work oxen and 20 mules. One of these camps put 40,000 feet of logs into the water daily. The company loaded 100 vessels in 1883 with cargoes aggregating 79,189,784 feet of lumber. Twenty-eight vessels were loaded during the first four months of the current year. There were shipped also 4,423 piles, 692 spars, 700,368,000 laths, 94,254 pickets and 200,700,000 shingles. The daily capacity of the mill is 275,000 feet. The largest day's work was 283,000 feet in a run of eleven and a half hours. The company owns two steamers and six sailing vessels, and have a large store with a stock of goods worth \$25,000.

Growing Pansies.

This is one of our most beautiful flowers, and though it is popular and to be found in most gardens, comparatively few people understand its proper cultivation with a view of obtaining the finest flowers. They will go into the grounds of the florist and express amazement at the great size and beauty of the pansies they see there, will forthwith purchase a supply for their own planting and will be charmed with them, and be determined to grow the same on their own premises, though their previous efforts have so signally failed. When asked how they had been growing them, they often reply, "Oh, I got some from a neighbor, who has large beds of them, but they are all so small." When told that they should sow the seed of the finest, of those obtained from the florist, as soon as the seed was matured, say some time in August, and that was the only way to have fine, large flowers, the idea was jumped at. And yet that is the way to get them. Every August the seed of the largest and most desirable should be sown and the old ones dug up and thrown away. And we should say that this was easy enough to do when it is once known. In the winter the plants should be lightly covered. There are now pansies advertised every year, but anyone growing them carefully and taking, as we say, the seed from the best every year, will be as likely as anybody to have large, new kinds, and will thus save the expense of purchasing them, which at most lasts only for a single blooming.

State Fair Restaurant.

We are promised a restaurant at the State Fair grounds this year that will be a credit to the association and just the place for visitors to get a tip-top meal. Mr. Bob Thompson of the Thompson House of this city has rented the large theatre building east of the Pavilion and will fit it up in a style of "oriental magnificence," so to speak, for his patrons. One thing dead sure Mr. Thompson will give those who patronize him plenty to eat and cooked in good home style. Mr. Thompson is making preparations for feeding a multitude and if the weather is good the "multitude" will be on hand.

THRESHING MACHINE CONTEST.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago we were called upon through the public press by our neighbors, Staver & Walker, to discontinue our relations with Mr. T. B. Wait, our agent at Salem, because he permitted a "New Massillon" thresher to complete a job of threshing for Martin Bros. on Salem prairie, where the J. I. Case Agitator utterly failed and was drawn out of the field. This notorious event, while it sold us a large number of machines in that immediate vicinity, was not brought to our notice until the trial was fairly under way and a complete victory assured. The part taken in this trial by our agent was strongly condemned by Staver & Walker, ostensibly because it was an unwarrantable interference on his part with a set of men who were unable to get satisfactory results out of the Case Agitator, being compelled to guarantee beforehand the damage incident to threshing with the Agitator, as was the case with Martin Bros., of Salem prairie, who had received \$150 damages from Staver & Walker. Considering the position taken by Staver & Walker at Salem, it would be difficult to imagine our surprise when we heard of Mr. Walker, of the firm of Staver & Walker, at La Fayette, Oregon, negotiating with our customers there for the return of our machine. This man of "resources" had so far woven the web of falsehood into the ears of our customers that we were called upon to go there and adjust the disturbances he caused. On our arrival at La Fayette Mr. Walker was on hand and divided our customers' time with us—he holding his interviews in alleys, back streets and barnyards—offering our customers inducements that they might be remunerated for condemning our machine. This class of competition, unfair and invisible in itself, we of course were not quite prepared to meet at the time, although this same machine, as well as every other machine sold by us this year, are doing first-class work. The preposterous statement that our machine at La Fayette and McMinnville did not do good work, is flatly contradicted and fully wiped out by the subjoined statement, signed by reliable farmers who either had this same machine thresh their grain, or saw it at work for others, in the identical neighborhood where it is said the work was not satisfactorily done. We might properly add here that this is practically the first year for the "New Massillon" in the Willamette valley, a fact which would of itself naturally imply the possibility of some difficulty in its work, but such is not the case. On the contrary, every machine sold by us is doing first-class work, just as they are built at the factory, without any building over in the field or without the aid for five or six days at each machine of an expert adjuster, something which might properly be said of the Agitator. We have a shrewd suspicion that when the statement that Staver & Walker never had a machine returned reaches some farmers in our mind's eye, its correctness will be seriously questioned. E. HUGHES, Manager for Russell & Co.

Interesting Letters from Farmers. McMinnville, Or., Sept. 13, 1884. Messrs. Russell & Co., Portland, Or. Dear Sirs—Having just had the "New Massillon" Thresher run by Townsend & Clay, through 2000 bushels of wheat and oats on my place near McMinnville. Will say it done as good work as I ever seen, or good as I could ask for, both in wheat and oats. H. F. TUCKER. McMinnville, Or., Sept. 8, 1884. Messrs. Russell & Co., Portland, Or. Dear Sirs—This is to certify that the "New Massillon" Thresher and Russell Engine, has threshed my grain, and can say it done the best job I ever done, considering the condition of the grain. It saved at least 100 bushels of oats more than other machines that have done my threshing heretofore. WILLIAM COLWELL. McMinnville, Or., Sept. 9, 1884. Russell & Co., Portland, Or. Dear Sirs—This is to certify that I had the "New Massillon" Thresher and Russell Engine thresh my grain this year and can say I never had a better job done. For fast threshing, good separating and cleaning I never saw its equal. ADAM F. SCOTT. McMinnville, Or., Sept. 10, 1884. Messrs. Russell & Co., Portland, Or. Dear Sirs—We, the undersigned, now running steam outfits witnessed the work done by the "New Massillon" Thresher on the farm of J. C. Scott, near McMinnville, and pronounce the work first-class in every respect. The grain was threshed and saved in good shape. JOHN W. BAKER, T. N. BAKER, R. W. MCCOLLONGH, E. J. UNDERWOOD. McMinnville, Or., Aug. 25, 1884. Messrs. Russell & Co., Portland, Or. Dear Sirs—We, the undersigned, witnessed the work done by the "New Massillon" Thresher and Russell Engine, on the Armstrong farm near Amity, Or., and pronounce the work first-class in every respect. Never saw better work done than was done in oats and wheat. GEORGE B. RATE, DUNCAN ROSS, M. BURKE, A. F. SAVAGE, H. TAPPEL, OLIVER CLAY, J. A. BUOY, W. J. HELYER, J. McDONALD, PAUL DULY, G. STRIFE.

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