

News Department.

State and Territory.

The Grants Pass Courier says: Southern Oregon grows a more superior article in the hop line, so says our pioneer hop grower, Mr. J. S. Densire. This gentleman has ten acres of hops on the Applegate, which were put in three years ago. Last year they did remarkably well, and this year Mr. D. estimates that he will have nearly 30,000 pounds of as good hops as every grown. As the best hops are at present worth 18 cents per pound it can be seen at a glance that those ten acres will pay a nice profit. Allowing a very liberal figure for expenses we could still count on \$200 profit per acre, which certainly is not a result to be despised. Mr. Densire grows the variety known as English cluster, and he expects they will be ready to gather by the 1st of September.

A lightning tooth extractor has been doing Southern Oregon, and the Jacksonville Times says he is a bilk and look out for him.

A Seattle dispatch of August 7, says: It is reported that gold has been discovered at Black River Junction, about ten miles from this city, by three men who claim to be old miners from California. There is considerable excitement here. A number of people visited the place to day, and thirty or forty claims were staked out and posted. The finders claim to have had rock assayed, and that it assays from \$16 to \$40 per ton and \$4 in silver. Color was found on Jorgensen's farm. Three adjoining farms are now overrun with prospectors. A party of miners will start a tunnel Monday morning. A placer mine was also discovered a day or two ago on Vashon island, and a claim has been filed with officials here and work commenced.

About thirty horses are now in training at the Colfax fair grounds. The contest in the races this fall promises to be exceedingly lively.

From the assessment roll of Garfield county it is learned that the total valuation of property and improvements is \$1,803,122; population, males 1919; females 1530; total 3449.

The Columbia river annual conference of the M. E. church convenes at Walla Walla on the 14th of September. Bishop Foster will preside over the deliberations of the conference.

At Spokane Falls Saturday evening Frank Tibbets was sandbagged on the street by two thugs, and robbed of watch and chain and \$38. The rascals were not caught at last accounts.

Mr. Ed Williams reports that on his Umatilla ranch 9000 bushels were thrashed from 270 acres under cultivation, the harvesters are now at work on 40 acres of barley.

The following sure and simple remedy for the bite of a rattlesnake is furnished by the Baker City Reveille: Take a vessel large enough to submerge the bitten part; place it in a strong solution of saltpetre—common saltpetre and water—then place the affected part in the solution, and in less than ten minutes the poison will entirely leave the wound. Experience has taught us this, and we can recommend it to any one of afflicted.

Ashland wants a new hotel this year, and before next season's fruit crop ripens she must have a cannery, says the Tidings.

Considerable movement is being made upon the track of the O. & C. railroad all along the line. There is no question but that the Southern Pacific company means business, says the Roseburg Review.

The smoke around the hills has become very dense says the Dalles Times-Mountaineer. Heavy fires are destroying some of most valuable timbers, and this annual destruction of our forest woods will eventually be a great loss to the Northwest.

Railroad work is said to be progressing favorably in Malheur canyon.

The denizens of the Willowa valley are now reveling in the luxury of red fish.

The Milton Eagle complains that a large amount of fruit is allowed to spoil around Milton.

E. P. McClure, county assessor, has completed his work and made his report to the county commissioners, says the Chehalis Nugget. The aggregate assessment of Lewis county for the year 1887 is \$1,195,352; the assessment for the year 1886 was \$1,155,999, which is a gain of \$49,353 the past year. The population, according to the census for the year 1887 in males, 2963; females, 2439; total, 5402. Persons married, 1806; single, 3596; total, 5402. According to the census of 1885 there were: Males, 2182; females, 2251; total, 5033.

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Telegraphic News.

The Kentucky Legislature will be largely Democratic.

Under date of August 1st, a New York dispatch says July was the hottest month yet reported. At 3 P. M. on twenty of its days the thermometer registered over 90, four other days, over 85, and every day over 80, the average being 88 1/2.

Gould's son denies that his father is going to start a bank in China, with a capital of \$20,000,000.

During the week ending August 6 the weather has been warmer than usual throughout the agricultural districts east of the Rocky mountains, but in the cotton regions and at stations on immediate Atlantic and Gulf coasts, about the nominal temperature has prevailed. In the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the southern portion of the lake region, Pennsylvania and New York, the daily average temperature was about 5 degrees above normal.

Drouth continues in states north of the Ohio valley, but there has been an increase of rain during the past week throughout the cotton and tobacco regions and in the interior of New York and Pennsylvania. There was also an excess during the week in the Missouri valley, and numerous showers occurred in Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota, and near Lake Superior. During the past four weeks the seasonal deficiency of rain falling in Illinois, Iowa and the southern portions of Wisconsin and Michigan has been increased. The drouth in this section has proved decidedly injurious to growing crops. Numerous showers have occurred in Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, northwest Missouri and northern Kansas, improving the condition of growing crops in those sections, but drouth continues in the corn states east of the Mississippi, resulting in serious injury to all growing crops.

The announcement is made that Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher will write a series of articles on dress, education, marriage, society, etc., for a newspaper syndicate. She is anxious to keep herself busy.

The board of directors of the produce exchange have authorized the withdrawal of original margins in the case of contracts involved in the Dresbach-Rosenfield compromise. As on each contract the buyer puts up \$2 per ton, and the seller the same amount, there will be withdrawn from the banks \$400,000, of which \$200,000 will go into the pockets of the sellers. No session of the call board has yet been ordered. The committee appointed to revise the rules are busy on that work.

Advices from Los Angeles state that Gen. Miles, in an interview regarding the alleged conviction and sentencing to death of the Apache renegades, said that as far as he knew they were still on San Carlos reservation, and had not yet been sentenced. He had not been asked for any additional troops, and had sent none to San Carlos. He had suggested that a regiment be sent to Arizona to replace the English infantry, which was ordered away last winter. This is the only probable change, as the Indians are under good control. All of the frequent recent reports of Indians having left their reservation have, on investigation, proved unfounded.

A California dispatch says: Grouse that come here from Oregon are more plentiful now, and the price has dropped to \$1 and \$1.50 per pair. They are five and six days old when they reach here, but they are salted with some kind of a spiced, peppery preparation that preserves them perfectly, and a good many say adds to their flavor. At present the only real game in the market is venison and Oregon grouse.

About Chickens, and Their Care.

Now that eggs are so cheap, it is a good idea to begin to "sit" some reliable motherly hens. For we who know the ways of poultry, know that there are shiftless hens as well as shiftless housekeepers, and unless Biddy has a good character, she had best not be trusted with that baker's dozen of fresh eggs, for if the eggs do not hatch, one not only loses twenty cents worth of eggs, but there are twenty-one days of time thrown away, in which there might have been produced a dozen or more of eggs by the sitting hen. Pullets that come early in the spring, will begin to lay before Christmas, when "eggs are eggs." Let me say here that we know of one person who this winter kept a dozen hens in a warm dry, and roomy place, who fed cooked food with plenty of pepper in it, and who was more than paid for this trouble by the quantity of eggs secured. Chickens have brought four dollars a dozen all this winter in Salem—at least that is what consumers have had to pay—with fifty cents apiece for dressed fowls in the meat markets. And six dollars a dozen, of which the producer does not get his share of profit. Nevertheless, to raise chickens is something a woman can do, with children's help. The eggs and chickens sold, gives a good sum for pin money. If it is reckoned up during the year. We know of man who laughed in derision when his wife said she did help make the property which they then owned, so they kept strict account of all the eggs and poultry and butter sold one year. It came to three hundred odd dollars. This wife had done the same every year for eighteen years, but as it went into family expenses, the husband

did not realize it. No account was kept of what was used in the family.

This same woman had a home on a traveled road, and had made herself so famous as a good housekeeper that men would go ten miles to stop one night at the place. This was in early days before railroads came, and when there was much travel. She told me that they often took in forty dollars a day, and yet when "her old man" sold the farm, she had to threaten a divorce suit to get a share of that property, which was really made by her. When they entered for the land, he had nothing, and the first stock was purchased with money she made keeping travelers.

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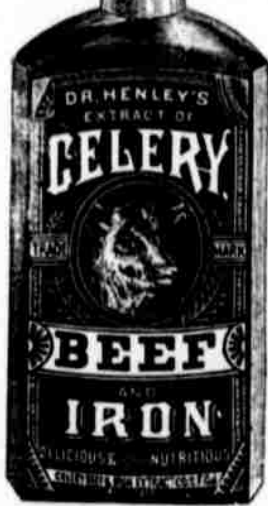
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