

Obstructing the Mails.

From the Hoppert Gazette. Ras, Larsen, familiarly known in this country as "Christ," has been causing the rail-riders some trouble again at his sand-bank, four miles this side of the Willows.

Judge Bird recently dissolved the injunction placed on him some time ago, the court holding that if the land had been a pre-emption the company could build over it, but as it was a homestead they had no right to do so.

On Wednesday of last week, "Christ" again appeared at his sand-bank and tore up the track. The train-men replaced it. This sort of business was kept up till Sunday, when he was arrested by the sheriff at Arlington and put in jail. He was released on bail shortly afterwards, and on last Sunday night, or early Monday morning, he pulled out three sections, or ninety feet. About this time a deputy United States marshal put in his appearance from Portland, with a warrant, charging him with obstructing the mails. He was taken below to answer to this charge before Judge Deady.

Mr. Larsen in endeavoring to get \$1500 for nothing, has put himself in a bad box. He was offered \$100 for his right-of-way, which cuts off three acres of unfenced sand. It does not hurt his ranch six-bits worth, if we are rightly informed. It is generally understood that Larsen has been receiving good advice in this matter. It is a mistake. He is depending on a pettifogger in Arlington, and allowing some of the roosters down there to make a tool of him. This town has many friends in Arlington; it also has enemies who would do any thing to damage Heppner. According to the Times he has been "getting his sweet revenge for the arbitrary manner in which the company treated him." It will perhaps sour on his stomach before he is through with the business.

State Political Practice.

From the Portland News.

The latest aspirant for the position of United States marshal is Hon. J. D. Lee, of Dallas, Polk county. Mr. Lee is strongly backed and will make a heavy pull for the position. Sheriff Hamilton, of Union county, has a big petition asking that he be appointed United States marshal. Portland has several aspiring youths who desire to fill Marshal Myers' shoes. The Pendleton Tribune says: "Baker City has four candidates for United States marshal for Oregon; but they have compromised. One has agreed to accept the marshalship of this State, the second of Utah, the third of Washington Territory, and the fourth will be satisfied with that of Arizona." President-elect Harrison need have no fear but what Oregon has plenty of "raw" material to make United States marshals out of.

There are just nine Democrats in the House and nine in the Senate, says the Benton Leader. Mr. Cauthorn, one of the Senate nine, suggests that there be organized two baseball clubs, a House nine, and a Senate nine, who will play ball during the session. They will have nothing else to do, as the Republicans will run the Legislature. It is also suggested that Governor Pennesser would make a good umpire and Treasurer Weib could do the scoring. It is really a valuable idea. Then if the Republicans would go and watch the game, the State would doubtless be saved a great infliction.

The following "growl" is taken from the Corvallis Times: As usual, the Portland members are working "teeth and toe-nails" to have everything their own way at the next session of the Legislature. They want President of the Senate, Speaker, and a majority of all important committees, and they will get them, too, unless the Representatives from the "cow counties" look after their own interests. If Portland is to continually control the Legislature it is useless for us to elect Representatives.

A Big Thing on Wheels.

From the Baker City Reveille.

Between sunrise and ten o'clock this morning no less than a dozen teams, from four to six horses, passed the Reveille office en route for Cracker creek district and the section in and about Canyon City. Each wagon, front and trail, was loaded with dry-goods, groceries or supplies usually called for in a mining camp, and the freight mentioned to-day is but little over the daily average for the past several months. Baker City is fast increasing her importance as a supply point. A visit to our depot any day in the week shows an immense quantity of stuff, mostly consigned to our merchants here for shipment to the various camps that surround us. It is small wonder that our merchants gleefully rub their hands together when they hear of a new camp springing up in this or that adjacent mining district. It means a demand for more goods, an increase in the number of teamsters, who are a source of revenue to any section, more money in the country, and a sort of whoop-ee-up state of affairs, generally. A few years ago you could count Baker City's tributaries on the fingers of one hand; to-day they extend from the headwaters of the John Day to where the snowy peaks of the Snake river mountains feed the streams of Pine and Eagle valleys. The good old freighting days are not over in this part of Eastern Oregon by a long shot.

The Hotel at Salem.

The Chemekete Hotel at Salem has lately come under the management of C. H. Monroe and J. R. N. Bell and has furnished and thoroughly changed from top to bottom, the kitchen having been entirely rebuilt and the lobby and rooms overhauled and put in first class order for the coming session of the legislature. The prices of accommodation will average from \$6 to \$15 per week according to room and location. The patronage of the public is solicited.

He Gave Her a Hint.

A popular clergyman not far from The Dalles was greatly bored by a lady, who admitted him without reserve. "Oh,

my dear Mr. X," said she one Sunday afternoon, "there isn't any harm in one loving one's pastor, is there?" "Certainly not, madame," replied the worthy cleric, "not the least in the world, so long as the feeling is not reciprocated." He must have been a sort of a Joseph, but how scarce such men are.

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