

Del Norte Record: Lawyers are asking for a few more Superior Courts in San Francisco. Is anybody else agitating the matter?

The power of Niagara falls now runs street cars in Buffalo, New York, 27 miles away. The largest electric plant in the world transmits the power and the possibilities in the way of power seems to be unlimited.

Four or five hop-buyers visited Salem from Portland one day last week, and in the jubilation of their self-importance disturbed a public assembly and got into several fights with citizens and officials. And now, because they were arrested and held for their unbecoming conduct they threaten, if punished and the laws enforced, that they will cease to do business in Salem, and patronize other localities instead. Enforce the laws, and let business men attend to business in a business-like way and not make hoodlums of themselves. This is no "wild and woolly" west now, but of civilization and law.

Late U. S. Senator James G. Fair, millionaire and otherwise great—including much married, or ought to have been—is having his biography published by Editor Sam Davis of the Carson (Nevada) Appeal. The contents of one chapter appear in today's Herald. Justice could not have been done to the case while the hero was living, on account of his wealth and the plentifulness of cheap courts and assassins, but is now forced out by the exposure of a secret correspondence that stabbed innocence and manhood in the dark. He is a specimen, just coming to be known, of many more of his ilk whose wealth is their fortress and protection against a quick succession of funerals.

Del Norte (Cal.) Record: "Revival of Trade"—The Illinois Steel Company has reduced wages, but to reassure the workmen gives notice that it is a "readjustment" and not a reduction; and then a leading officer of the concern, to make all hands feel better, says: "We don't care if the men like it or not." The owners of this concern like many others laid awake nights during the campaign fretting and worrying for fear that the workmen would not get sufficient protection. Now the campaign is over and protection is assured and to give the workmen a foretaste of the benefits of protection they "readjust." What's in a name? If you are getting \$2 today and your employer "readjusts" your wages so that hereafter you draw \$1.50 per day, you should look at it in the right light and not go around howling about reduction. A reduction is a decrease in wages, but a "readjustment" is a—readjustment.

State Board of Equalization in Session.

Salem, Dec. 1.—The state board of equalization consists of nine members, who sit for thirty days at \$10 each per day.

Seventeen counties had up to this morning forwarded their assessment rolls, fifteen being yet delinquent in that regard, as follows: Clatsop, Coos, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, Wallowa and Yamhill.

There was no dearth of candidates for clerk and pages. Last year the secretary and clerk were allowed \$10 each a day, and the boy page \$3. Some of the board favor cutting these rates in two.

Public school closed at this place last Friday and Mr. J. S. Hodgins commenced a term of private school on Monday morning with Mrs. Emma Henry as assistant.

The Bandon G. A. R. post is preparing for a masquerade ball on Christmas eve, December 24, at this place.

Rev. A. Marcellus, of Oakland, Oregon, died at his home in that city on Wednesday of last week of paralysis. Rev. Marcellus was well known here having visited our beach several times in quest of health and recreation.

It is said that President Cleveland is getting ready not to do anything in the Cuban matter.

UPPER - RIVER DEPARTMENT.

Myrtle Point and the Upper-Coquille and What is Going on There.

Good beef is scarce, owing to the late cold weather. J. A. Lehuber paid Bandon a business trip last week.

A great many duck hunters in the vicinity of Myrtle Point. The butchers of this place have crossed swords. Steak, 5c per pound. "Opposition is the life of trade."

R. W. Lundy and Mr. Sargeant have gone to the mines on an exploring and prospecting expedition. We await their return with great expectations.

Barklow Bros. deserve much credit for sending the mail over the roads on short notice and on double-quick time during such stormy weather.

Geo. Hall of Eckley came to town last Sunday from the mines on Johnson creek, where he reports things in a prosperous condition and says the mines are all running and doing a good business. Mr. Hall is one of the leading miners of that vicinity.

Necktie and apron social at the Methodist church next Thursday night. Everybody invited to attend. Free for all. But all will have an excellent opportunity to invest a small amount of cash on a novel plan. Proceeds to go to the M. E. Sunday-school.

The editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer, in speaking of Bob Hinman crossing Rogue River on a log while the deputy marshal had a revolver leveled on him, also hints of a prisoner's escape from the officers in Coos county in a similar manner. We would advise this editor to think the holes under the Roseburg jail and floating logs would be of no use—hereafter to jail-birds. The above incident of Bob Hinman's escape, as related by the Plaindealer, seems fishy, but however this illustrates the way renegades have been captured in that county heretofore—always under the cover of a revolver.

The Uruguayan revolution is said to be growing daily in importance.

The First National bank of Saganaw, Mich., has failed with large liabilities.

The South McAlister, I. T., bank closed its doors Saturday. Liabilities, \$37,000.

Dr. Jamieson, leader of the justly-fated Transvaal raid, is critically ill in London.

The King county, N. Y., officials have refused permission to allow the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight to take place on Coney Island.

Joseph Leary, of La Grande, Or., was killed under a load of wood he was driving home with Wednesday evening of last week.

Malheur and Harney county stockmen have sold 40,000 head of beef cattle this season, bringing in \$1,000,000, says the Vale Gazette.

S. T. Hobart, of Silverton, has shipped 430 hogs to Portland during the last two months. He was paid \$2.50 a hundredweight on foot.

Shoninger, Levy & Co., wholesale lace dealers, of Chicago, failed Friday; liabilities, \$75,000. Inability to make collections from honest-money creditors the cause.

The big Michigan Car Company's works at Detroit have shut down indefinitely, and 1500 men are out of employment. Before the election they promised to increase the force of employees to 4000 in the event of McKinley's success.

E. G. Murray recently killed a six-point elk on the west fork of Cow creek, in the southwestern part of Douglas county. He says the carcass weighed 1200 pounds. He used the meat to bait bear traps and says he caught three bears and expects to catch more.

Charles Russell, a young farmer of the Siuslaw, eloped last Thursday with Miss Emma Herring, who lived with her parents near Florence. They were married in Florence the next day. The father overtook them while they were on the Siuslaw stage bound for the bridegroom's home, and held up the stage with a Winchester rifle. The stage-driver, Tom Murphy, pleaded for the young couple long and eloquently, and finally persuaded the angry parent to let them go on their way rejoicing.

The Riddle Mite tells of an encounter between James Darnivan and Bob Hinman, the Douglas county jailbird, who is at large. The encounter occurred at the house of John Smith, at the head of Willis creek. Darnivan slipped into the house and covered Hinman with a revolver and ordered him to throw up his hands, which he did. Darnivan felt in his pocket for a cord to tie Hinman, when the latter pulled his "gun," which was knocked out of his hand by Smith. A hand-to-hand encounter followed, in which Darnivan lost his revolver, but finally managed to escape with a whole skin. Smith seemed to be friendly to Hinman.

J. M. Roberts held the lucky number which won that fine music box at B. C. Lehmanowsky's.

Rev. Buckner preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday to a large and appreciative audience.

John Johnson, of North Fork, was on our streets last week. Mr. Johnson is in very poor health, but feels as well as usual.

Mrs. F. G. Dixon had a neat fireplace built in her residence last week. She is preparing to spend the long winter evenings in a comfortable manner.

The Myrtle Point brass band treated the town to a serenade last Thursday evening, playing some of their latest pieces on the streets. That is right, boys; come out again, it drives away the blues.

Marshal J. C. Brown came very near shooting himself while out duck hunting one day last week. He was in the act of removing his gun from a boat when the hammer caught and rebounded on the primer, indenting it apparently sufficient to have discharged an ordinary cap. The load, if it had discharged, would have taken effect in the breast and probably have caused instant death.

There was quite an excitement on our streets last Saturday and many people rushed to the Hermann brick block, where it was supposed that a fire was smoldering, as smoke was seen coming from a third story window, but an investigation showed that the alarm had been caused by a breach made in a flue by dropping heavy iron rods down it to clean out the flue. These rods had knocked a hole in the ceiling that separates the flue proper from the hollow or dead air-space in the wall, through which smoke was issuing, thence along the cavity or air spaces to the window, hence the alarm. However the leak was soon repaired and quiet reigned in our little village once more.

There will be a masquerade ball at Empire City New Year's.

The fire company and brass band have consolidated and hereafter the band will be known as the Marshfield Fire Department band.

The demand for Coos bay coal in San Francisco is on the increase, and the O. C. & N. Co. will put on another steamer in connection with the Arctia.

Wm. Ross, of Pleasant Point, came over last week from Bandon, where he has been at work on the steamer Coquille River. He pronounces the boat one of the finest built crafts of her style on the coast and says she will be found admirably adapted for the Coquille trade.

Portland eggs are in the market and are sold for 40 cents per dozen. These eggs are probably shipped from the East to Portland, and, in some instances, by the time they arrive here the eggs are about as strong as the price.

A letter has been received by Dr. Horsfall, coroner, from Miss Lena Speck, requesting that the remains of Frank Speck be disinterred and forwarded in a zinc casket to Holy Cross cemetery, San Mateo county, Cal., for burial. Speck was one of the passengers drowned in the Arago disaster. His body was found in the surf, and was buried at Empire. He was born in San Francisco, was a tailor by trade, and was 33 years old.

Seattle (Wash.) Times: One of the evils of modern practice is the permission of large, extraordinary and most exorbitant fees to attorneys at law, who act for or become receivers of public or private properties.

Chief of the weather bureau at Portland, B. S. Pague, says a cold November does not necessarily indicate a severe winter, as is shown by the records in his office.

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LATE MILLIONAIRE JAMES G. FAIR CHARGED BY A NEVADA JOURNALIST WITH HIRING ASSASSINS

To Remove His Enemies—Became U. S. Senator and Associated With Respectable People Because He Had Wealth.

Carson (Nev.), November 28.—Sam Davis, the well-known writer and editor of the "Appeal," makes reply to the statements about him in the Caldwell letters of James G. Fair, and among other things charges that Fair hired an assassin to murder Fred Smith. In the "Appeal" which will appear tomorrow there will be included the following article touching upon this matter:

"The Examiner is publishing the letters which Senator Fair wrote Jerome Caldwell. In those letters he calls his foes some pet names, such as curs, dirty dogs and scabs. He pays his respects to the editor of the Appeal in these terms:

"The Appeal deems it but proper to tell the public why the Senator disliked the Appeal and thought its editor a dog. During the political campaign he sent \$1000 to the Appeal to purchase its silence. The Appeal was never silenced, and Fair accused the paper with receiving the money and continuing to assail him. An investigation revealed the fact that the man whom he had intrusted with the money and the mission had skipped to Oregon. So much for that. He then sent a second emissary to the Appeal who stated that if the Appeal continued to oppose his political ambitions Fair would start a paper in Carson, take all the press dispatches and run the Appeal out of town.

"The writer sent back word to Fair that any time he wanted a newspaper controversy he would welcome him to the limited field of Carson journalism, but promised him that we would publish a full history of the Fred Smith case and call on the grand jury of Storey county to indict him for the murder of Fred Smith. The message was returned to Fair and he concluded not to start the paper.

"In 1875 Fair hired a man named John Kesser to kill Fred Smith. Kesser was a prize fighter and Smith a very small man. He broke the frontal bones of Smith's skull in by a blow on the nose and Smith died of his injuries within the year.

"Kesser blackmailed Fair for years because of this. Fair finally sent him on a trip to Mazatlan on some pretense and he was thrown overboard in the night.

"Fair offered Prentiss \$1000 to kill Smith by clubbing him in the dark and pitching him down a shaft. Prentiss declined to commit such a cowardly murder and Kesser was hired.

"The Appeal has in its possession a copy of Kesser's statement that he was hired to do the job. The original document, in Kesser's own handwriting and signed by him, can be produced in forty-eight hours.

"The Appeal also has an affidavit corroborating Kesser's statement. The affidavit is by the late Bishop Patrick Monogue of Sacramento and acknowledged before a notary.

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