

Common Schools.

There is no one thing in which the public should be more interested than the subject of common schools; and yet, with few exceptions, we find but very little feeling exhibited in that direction.

We have been surprised that the teachers of our own county have been so backward in organizing for the interests of common schools. There are many advantages to be gained by it.

TAMMANY.

The Tammany ring are getting themselves into a difficulty from which it will be hard for them to extricate themselves.

"We now proceed to fulfil our promise to bring home to the Tammany King, and more particularly to Conolly and Mayor Hall a clear case of swindling."

No one realizes the responsibility of making such charges more than the Times; and perhaps no publishing company are better able to sustain a suit for libel.

HOMESTEAD LAWS.

The original Homestead Act of the 20th of May, 1862, gives to every citizen, and to all who may have declared their intention to become such, a right to a homestead on any surveyed Government land.

When the applicant is prevented by reason of bodily infirmity, distance, or other good cause from personal attendance at the District Land Office, the affidavit may be made before the Clerk of the County within which the applicant is an actual resident.

The amendatory Act of March 21st, 1864, relaxes the requirements of the personal attendance at the District Office of persons in the military or naval service, where the party's family or some member is residing on the land that it is desired to enter, and upon which a bona fide cultivation and improvement has been made.

His claim in that case will become effective from the date of filing, provided the required fee and commissions accompany the same; but immediately upon his discharge he must enter upon the land and make it his bona fide home, as required by the original Act of 20th of May, 1862.

EVERYTHING OUT OF PLACE.

It is a noticeable fact in the economy of nature that everything, or nearly everything, that is used by mankind has to be transported. One half of the human family are engaged in some branch of commerce. The timber is not where it is wanted; agricultural products have to be transported; the fruits of a country grow where they cannot be used, and have to be conveyed to where they can; cattle grow on the vast plains of North and South America where they are of no use, and have to be transported to where they are.

The royal family of Belgium is singularly unfortunate. The King is partially blind, and suffering at times dreadfully from photophobia. The Queen is afflicted with dropsy of the heart. The King's brother, the Count of Flanders, is stone deaf.

The big grape vine at Santa Barbara, California, is five feet two inches in circumference where the main trunk branches, and the arbor which it covers is sixty-nine by ninety-three.

We furnish the Republican and Democrat's Monthly for \$4 a year.

QUICK WORK.

The Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, on Sunday the 23d ult., performed one of the greatest feats yet recorded in railroad matters. The work of changing the gauge from six feet to four feet nine inches was completed the entire length of the route, 340 miles, between 8 o'clock a. m. and 11 o'clock that night.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

Railroads versus Olden Times.

The oldest statesmen of the West and South-west used to take horses from their homes when they started for Washington, and the journey, generally at the inclement season, consumed agonizing weeks. John Randolph rode from Roanoke, followed by the inevitable Juba. Jefferson came in on his favorite mare, clad after his own private fashion.

DEATH OF JOHN SLIDELL.

A dispatch announces the death of John Slidell at London. He had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight. He was a native of New York, having been born in the city of that name in 1793. He removed to New Orleans in early life, and embarked in the profession of the law.

The Placemaster of August fourth says: Last week brings the road nearer to us. The workmen are engaged in grading the road over the Smith hill, 6 miles north of Oakland.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—A man named Clark was found Monday evening near the Herrisburg Railroad bridge, with his skull broken and in a state of unconsciousness. He died shortly after being brought to the hotel.

CATTLE RECOVERED.—Mr. Joseph Teal, whose cattle were lately stampeded in the Silver's River region, reached the Dallas Tuesday evening, on his return to Portland. The cattle have all been recovered, but the horses were lost.

State Items.

[Gleanings from State Exchanges.] From the Roseburg Ensign of Aug. 5th we call this:

In Bohemia, Knott's quartz mill is up and in working order. Quite a number of men are in camp, and all sanguine about the richness of Bohemia.

Scarlet fever is prevalent in some portions of this county. In the Yoncolla valley a number of children and some adults have died. It is prevailing at Myrtle Creek.

The Eugene City Guard of August 5th gives this:

The Eugene City Flouring Mill is now running day and night, and is prepared to supply all demands for flour, feed, etc.

George Lyne is under bonds to answer the charge of the burglary of the Springfield Manufacturing Company's store on Monday night, breaking open the safe with a sledge hammer and stealing from it \$300.

From the Statesman of August 6th we glean the following:

T. H. Cann, of the State Land Office says a counterfeit currency, in bills of from \$2 to \$50, is occasionally received at that office.

About a year ago Mr. Geo. P. Holman lost a pocket memorandum book containing 12 two cent postage stamps, a lead pencil and several bills. Yesterday an Indian came into his office and handed him his book in the same condition it was when he lost it.

From the Jacksonville Times of Aug. 5th we glean this:

Messrs. Howard and Turner started with a party on Thursday for the purpose of surveying the Klamath Basin.

The Yreka papers report rain and hail south of Siskiyou on Saturday and Sunday.

We have been shown a specimen of quartz, at the Table Rock saloon, which is richer by far than any quartz seen in this country since the famous days of the Gold Hill and Fowler leads. The rock fairly shines with the precious metal.

The hail and rain storm of last Sunday spoiled some of the orchards for this year's crop, in Rogue River Valley.

Some unknown wretch threatens to burn the store of P. J. Rayan.

Small robberies of cash and clothes are noted.

The Rev. Father Blanchet was only 42 hours in returning to Jacksonville from Portland, by rail and stage.

The Owyhee Avalanche: It is a noted characteristic of the Owyhee mines that nothing is heard of their "petering out," on the contrary, the more they are developed, the more are their stability and richness substantiated.

W. M. Roberts, Chief Engineer of the N. P. R. R., was at Helena, Montana, a few days ago. He said that by the beginning of the year 1873 the road would be completed from Lake Superior to the border of Montana.

HEAVY FORCE.—About 900 men, besides many teams, carts, and wagons, are at work on Montgomery's contract on the Northern Pacific railroad, beyond Kalama.

DIRT CARTS.—The John L. Stephens brought up and landed at the O. & C. R. R. depot, a large number of one horse dirt carts to be sent to the front for use in grading.

Senator Corbett has gone to the Umatilla reservation to be present at the Council with the Indians, which is now in progress.

ANOTHER FERRY TROUBLE.—The Oregonian says: The tribulations of the ferryman at the foot of Stark street on this side and J street on the other have been many and grievous during the last year or two.

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SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED until noon of Monday, August 21st, at Engineer's Office in Kalama, Washington Territory, for doing the Grubbing and Clearing on

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Parties can bid for one or more subdivisions. Bids received by the acre or by the mile. Specifications can be seen, and further explanations given, at the Office of

THOS. B. MORRIS, ENGR' PAC. DIV. IN KALAMA.

On or after Wednesday, August 9th. By order of the President, J. GREGORY SMITH.

W. MILNOR ROBERTS, ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF. KALAMA, Washington Ter. Aug. 3d, 1871. 23-2w

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