The Times-Mountaineer

SATURDAY .....AUGUST 22, 1891.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The beach is well crowded with wood and lumber of all kinds.

Jo Kurk and wife, of San Francisco, are registered at the Umatilla House.

M. L. O. Lakin, of Fairfield, Ill., is in the city. He is the guest of Hon. W. H. Wilson, a former citizen of the same town.

The shower of rain which fell last night had a very beneficial effect upon the atmosphere, and to-day it is much more pleasant.

There were no items of interest at the clerk's or sheriff's office to-day, and the visit of the reporter of this paper was unproductive of any great results.

There were two loads of cattle shipped from the stockyards of R. E. Saltmarshe & Co. to-day. Their destination was Albina and they were in prime condition.

There was one hobo brought to the city jail last night for begging on the streets. He was fined this morning and will hereafter work for the city at cheap wages per diem.

Mr. Frank Epp, of Portland, arrived on the noon train to-day. He is a member of the firm of Werren & Epp, dealers in wines, liquors and cigars, and proprietors of the Uncle Sam Bottling Works, Water street, Portland Oregon.

A few days since the mining expert, Harnett, got lost while going from his cabin to another on Gold hill in the Deschutes River mining district. He was waiting for water in which to bathe and laid out over night and did not get back to the cabin from which he started until noon of the succeeding day.

Mr. Fred. Lemke returned this morning from the place where his family are encamped on Wind river. He says The Dalles people are enjoying themselves in their camp. The purest air is breathed, the clearest water drank and health is assured. They will remain for two or three weeks longer, and then return home.

This morning Mr. Fred Drews, who has about seventy chickens in his yard on the bluff near the Independent Academy, found about sixty dead. He does not know the cause, and would willingly allow any examination by an expert. If it is chicken cholera which has decimated his flock he would apply the usual remedy, and if any person has been vicious enough to put poison in his chicken coop he will prosecute them to the full extent of the law.

This is the way the generous and hospitable Astorians welcome the editorial association, as copied from the *Astorian*: "The editors of Oregon will be with us on the 28th, 29th and 30th. Astoria can stand a good many good things being said about her, and the newspaper men of Oregon will be made welcome. It will be a pleasant vacation for many hard-working men, to whom vacations don't often come, and it will be for our citizens to so arrange that their visit here will be an occasion of pleasure to all who come."

Friday morning at about 9 o'clock two prisoners escaped from the county jail at North Yakima by removing a sufficient number of bricks from the wall. They were confined on charges of petty larceny and selling liquor to the Indians respectively. The escape was discovered about one hour afterward. That their sense of humor had not been destroyed by long confinement was evinced by the following message to the sheriff found pinned to the wall: "Excuse haste and a bad pen, Clark and Slim." Jail breaks are becoming frequent there, the jail being in such a condition as to offer no impediment to escape.

The ice-caves which are seen near Trout lake are well worthy of investigation by scientists. They are on a level prairie and after being entered widen out into most capacious chambers, with the most beautiful stalactites forming the ceiling. Prof Condon, in one of his lectures in The Dalles, advocated the theory that these caves were former channels through which flowed molten lava from the active volcano of Mt. Adams, and the mountain becoming inactive these holes formed cavities through which passed cool breezes from the snow fields of Adams. As a matter of course these would congeal all the moisture in the neighborhood until the layer of ice became thick and solid.

From Thursday's Daily.

The weather is delightful.

Mr. D. M. Hastings, of Portland, came up last night.

Mr. G. W. Townsend, of Louisville, Ky., is stopping at the Umatilla House.

Mr. Allen Grant and Mr. P. Brogan, of Antelope, are in the city to-day.

Mr. O. P. Mason, editor of the *New Northwest*, of Portland, is in the city.

The street sprinkler still does its duty, and the thoroughfares are well moistened.

The farmers are happy. Crops are bountiful, and the price of wheat is ranging up ward.

Mr. A. Urquhart and family will leave in two or three days for a camping tour at the Meadows.

Mr. C. E. Wilson, who has been visiting friends at Dallas, Polk county, returned last evening.

Tourists visit the city almost daily, and these hail from nearly every state in the Union. By such means our capabilities become known all over the country.

Mr W. S. Myers showed us two peaches this morning which were as large and luscious as any we have seen this year. They were raised in his garden in this city.

Two hoboes were marched to the city jail last night. They are enjoying all the comforts possible in the lock-up, and appear perfectly happy under the circumstances.

Very few of our citizens who have been visiting summer resorts have returned. The atmosphere is still uncomfortably warm, and we cannot expect their return until next month.

Mr. McGinty informs us that it is impossible to get men to work on the reservoir. He has about six employed now and could give work to ten. The pipe is being laid as rapidly as possible.

Jack Jones tells the editor of the Walla Walla *Union Journal* that the wheat fields in the vicinity of Blue Mountain station, lying between Dry creek and Pine creek in Umatilla county, are averaging between 40 and 50 bushels an acre.

The board of immigration, for the car Oregon on Wheels, under the management of Mr. Ingalls, is receiving some fine specimens of fruits and grain from this vicinity. For fruits and vegetables The Dalles region has great natural advantages; in fact, it is unexcelled anywhere.

Prineville *Review:* Everything at the Deschutes brewery is now in shipshape order. The new brewer is making lots of beer, and of a first-class quality. As to the quality we are able to vouch, for the proprietor, Mr. Woods, donated to this office a sample keg, which is good enough to satisfy any connoisseur.

Baker *Reveille:* The discovery of gold on Soldier creek four miles west of Harney, consisting of quartz and placer bids fair to create a little fever, for it is now evident that there is gold to be found in paying quantities. Miners of experience say the placers will pay $10 or $12 per day and expenses to the man by sluicing.

Artesian water that has a daily flow of 250,000 gallons and rises 40 feet in the air was struck in the North Yakima country last week, at a depth of 400 feet. The people up there think they have solved the problem of irrigation for hundreds of thousands of acres of land, practically valueless without water for anything except pasture.

The Yamhill hop growers have determined to organize at once, in order to prevent the secret agents of the Puyallup yards from seducing their Indians. Great hardship was worked in Yakima last year by this course of the outside hop growers; besides, the Indians were loaded up with bad whiskey, and returned in a demoralized condition.

Thomas Coffman was killed and Charles McFadden seriously hurt on Thursday near Colfax. They were ranchers, and were returning home under the influence of liquor. Near home the brake broke, the team became unmanageable and the men were thrown under a wagon heavily loaded. McFadden's limbs and breast were crushed so badly that recovery is doubtful.

We received a box of apples this afternoon from the orchard of McDonald Bros. on Chenoweth creek that were the finest we have ever seen. Some of these apples weigh 2½ pounds and measure 16 inches in circumference. The Pacific coast can be challenged to furnish as fine fruit as these, and we doubt if any country can equal them.

Large portions of California previously used for grazing purposes, have been devoted to other uses during the p[resent] or three years, and the demand for beef from outside of the state is believed to be yearly increasing. The commercial centers growing up in Oregon and Washington will hereafter take all of the cattle from those states, thus cutting off a former source of California supply. Nevada has a few cattle, and the holdings of Utah and Idaho are greatly reduced in numbers.

Salem *Statesman:* The Oregon Pacific light draft steamer, the *Sisters*, failed to arrive up last night, the reason no doubt being that she stuck on the bar at Lincoln. And during all this time, while the Oregon Pacific is endeavoring to keep its boats running during the whole season between Salem and Portland, the government snagboat is laboring between Albany and Corvallis, where it is not practicable to carry on navigation during the summer months. It seems the *Corvallis* should be working now between Salem and Oregon City.

Baker City *Blade:* On Tuesday morning last, says a correspondent from near Milton, little Robbie Frazier, stepson of Mr. D. J. Phelps, narrowly escaped being kicked to death by a horse, and, as it was, met with a very painful accident. While playing in his stepfather's barn he approached too near the heels of one of the horses, which suddenly kicked Robbie on one side of the face, knocking him down and severely cutting and bruising the face. Several teeth were broken out and the inside of his mouth bruised and torn. It was a narrow escape, as a few inches higher would have been fatal.

It is a pity that, with so many able-bodied tramps daily begging for food from house to house, men cannot be found to work on the new reservoir. When the tramp nuisance develops to the extent of becoming an evil, and it is fast approaching that state of affairs, the American people will look for relief to legislation of some sort. It is a sad commentary upon the free institutions of learning and unequalled freedom of thought, speech and action pertaining to the United States, that there is a vast army of physically perfect men who shamelessly beg their bread, scorning work, and whose only ambition is to dodge policemen and "beat" trains. The woodpile as an arbiter should be more generally employed.

East Oregonian: Over a month ago a fellow who gave his name as George S. Smith and claimed to represent Sharpless, Cole & Co., of Philadelphia, visited Pendleton. He was a nice young man, of easy address and unlimited fund of talk, who had a florid complexion and wore a sandy mustache. Mr. Smith gave one lady milliner in this city the sole agency for his firm's ladies' furnishing goods, and another lady milliner the sole agency for the sale of Demorest's paper patterns, taking orders from each. He took no money in advance for the goods, but he did for the show cases, which he agreed to furnish, one young lady paying him $10 and the other $15, he agreeing by written contract to deliver the goods and show-cases within twenty days. They have not come. Smith, or whatever name he chooses to travel under, is a bilk of the first water. It has been learned by victims that there is no such firm as Sharpless, Cole & Co. in Philadelphia, although there is some party there who receives telegrams with this address, one having been sent from Pendleton which was not returned. He is bilking every lady possible in the country and should be exposed by the press. Pass him around.

From Friday's Daily.

Judge Bradshaw returned to-day from his summer vacation.

Mr. C. P. Balch and wife, of Dufur, are stopping at the Umatilla House.

Mr. Otto Birgfeld is visiting his brother, Prof. Birgfeld, in this city.

Mrs. Bronson and children returned last night from spending a few days at Hood River.

The apportionment for August has just been made by Supt. Shelley and amounts to $2.20 per scholar.

The *Regulator* will be ready to make her daily trips to and from the Upper Cascades the 1st of September.

Mr. R. R. Monroe, postal inspector, is in the city. He was called to The Dalles by the recent mail robbery near the Deschutes.

The State Board of Agriculture will accept our thanks for a complimentary ticket to the state fair, commencing September 14, 1891.

Miss M. J. Brookhouse, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs Skibbe, for several days, will return this evening to her home at Dufur.

The TIMES-MOUNTAINEER received a beautifully printed and illustrated prospectus of the Portland Industrial Exposition yesterday.

Moody is sending daily to the farmers in the country about a bale of wheat sacks. These will be returned in a few days well filled with grain.

Mrs. Chas. Hilton and daughter, Florence, accompanied by Miss Jeannette Williams, left on the boat this morning for a visit to Clatsop.

This is the proper season of the year to remove rubbish from alleys and other places, and these acts of cleanliness will insure the health of the city.

There were fourteen applicants for teachers' certificates at the public examination last week and seven passed. There were one first-grade, four second-grades and two third-grades.

Mr. H. Allchoff, Sr., passed through on the train last night en route to Tekoa, Wash., on business of the Union Pacific. On his return he will remain in the city for a few days in connection with company business.

Mr. J. T. Gibson, of Wapinitia, was married last evening by E. Schutz, Esq., to Miss Mary Gordon, in the parlors of the Eureka restaurant. Mr. Gibson has been a resident of the county for the past six years, and will receive the congratulations of a host of friends.

Guard: The finances of the university are in a flourishing condition. By the reports published the total receipts for last year amount to $27,996 12; total disbursements, $26,368 20—leaving a balance on hand June 30, 1891, of $2627 92. The report from the land fund shows a gain of $7814.94 during the year.

A charivari was given Mr. and Mrs. Gibson last night in the East End. The din of tin cans and cow bells made the neighborhood not very pleasant for person's desiring nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep. Mr. Gibson treated the boys in a royal manner, and the popping of champagne bottles continued for several hours.

There seems to be considerable competition in Marion county among three of its cities. It is evident Woodburn thinks she is in the lead from the following: Last year Gervais school district received $220 40; this year $213 15. Last year Silverton received $334 95; this year $432 10. Last year Woodburn received $337 85; this year $439 45. Silverton has increased $97.15, and Woodburn has increased $98.60.

The beach at the foot of Court street has been used for some time past as a dumping place for garbage. Usually the June freshet carries this away; but this season the water was not sufficiently high to remove this rubbish, and it has become a nuisance, endangering the health of the city. Our council should pass an ordinance forbidding the dumping of filth in this locality, and by this means would perhaps prevent the spread of contagion in the neighborhood.

Goldendale *Sentinel:* It is not improbable that before very long soapo one will try boring for an artesian well in some of the dry spots heretofore considered worthless, and that we shall see the now barren spots blossom forth in the verdure of spring We have got the land and plenty of it; but need water to make it teem forth its wealth in fruit and grain. Who will be the first?

Goldendale *Sentinel:* There is a bank of clay near the city which would make glad the heart of an earthenware burner. In conversation with Mr. Jos. Nesbitt, the *Sentinel* reporter learned that this clay tamped in the water ditch through rocky places, makes it as tight as cement and about as durable. What about some enterprising citizen starting an earthenware establishment? We are satisfied that such an enterprise would pay.

The matter of the Oregon Pacific's indebtedness to the employes was presented to the circuit court at Corvallis Tuesday, Judge M. L. Pipes presiding. Attorney General Chamberlain and Hon. J. K. Weatherford appeared for the employes. The order of the court was that the indebtedness be paid by August 31st, the receiver being authorized to negotiate his certificate for the purpose. Col. Hogg will either have to liquidate or show good cause for not doing so. It is to be hoped he does the former, and then keep it up monthly.

Mr. Thomas A. Sutherland, editor of the *Sunday Welcome*, was drowned in the Willamette river last evening, at the landing of the Stark street ferry-boat. He was en route to his home in Albina, and ran down the incline to jump on the boat. He could not [illegible], and as the boat pulled out [illegible] in the water and drowned before he [illegible] be rescued. Mr. Sutherland was a [illegible] of Harvard, and has for many [illegible] connected with the press of the [illegible] as a brilliant writer, and a man of the most generous impulses. His birthplace was California, in 1850, and he had the honor of being the first white child born in that state.

Telegram: Deputy Coroner Rieger was unsuccessful yesterday in his efforts to find the body of Otto Noyotny, supposed to have been drowned off the logs at Smith Bros. sawmill on Tuesday evening. The uncertainty as to the exact place at which the little fellow disappeared made the task more difficult. The water is but fifteen feet deep below where he was last seen, and had he fallen in at that point, there would have been no difficulty to locate him. Mr. Rieger thinks he must have gone to another part of the boom of logs and slipped off.

A citizen of Goldendale has invented a car-coupler and the *Sentinel* is very enthusiastic in its praise. The only trouble with car-couplers is that, so-far, it has been impossible to use them, for no matter how meritorous has been the invention, they could not be applied unless traffic was simultaneously suspended all over the United States long enough to change them. The reason is apparent. A freight car must accommodate itself to coupling to all roads in the United States, and to this end all must be uniform. That the coupling now in use is very primitive all will agree, but like Tommy's top, it got started that way, and cannot easily be remedied. The *Sentinel* need no longer suppose that inventive genius has stopped just short of the car-coupler, for nearly three thousand patents have been granted for this article of mechanism, but, unless traffic is suspended for a sufficient time to change all cars in use at once, or, like the passenger cars, each road operate its own and can consequently adopt what couplers they please, it will be found hard to supplant the old "man-killer," as the *Sentinel* so aptly terms it.

County Institute Programme.

The following is the daily programme of the normal county institute, which meets next Monday at 9 A. M., in the brick school house, and continues in session five days:

Opening exercises, singing, etc.

Arithmetic, mental and written combined, Prof. Ackerman.

Reading, Prof. Wetzell.

Recess.

Physiology, Prof. Ackerman.

Spelling and writing, alternate, Prof. Wetzell.

Intermission.

Language and grammar Prof. Ackerman.

History, Prof. Wetzell.

Recess.

Geography, Prof. Ackerman.

Theory and discussions.

Programme for evenings, 7:30 P. M., held in the Congregational church:

MONDAY.

Address of welcome. W. H. Wilson.

Response, Aaron Frazier.

Language lessons, Miss S. V. Cooper.

Writing in Primary Schools, Miss Melissa Hill.

How to Get Parents Interested in Schools, C. L. Gilbert.

TUESDAY.

Teaching that Is Outside of Books, Miss Mary Frazier.

Methods in History, W. C. Ingalls.

Graded Schools of Wasco, Perry A. Snyder.

Two Two Great Lessons, Aaron Frazier.

WEDNESDAY.

Laying the Foundation, Miss Gertrude Myers.

How to Interest the Little Ones, Miss Ada Wood.

The Sanitary [illegible] School-room, M. W. S[illegible]

Lecture, Anatomy and Physiology, with illustrations, Dr. W[illegible]inehart.

THURSDAY.

Phonetic Spelling and Diacritical Marks, R. S. Audrews.

Necessity of Mental Arithmetic Drill, P. P. Underwood.

Lecture, Figs or Thistles? Col. E. W. Nevius.

Select reading, Miss Jennie M. Long, of Portland.

FRIDAY.

Five minute speeches on Education, twenty leading citizens.

Closing address, Troy Shelley.

Select reading, Miss Jennie M. Long, of Portland.

The programme will be interspersed with music, furnished by the best talent in The Dalles, Hood River and Dufur. Everybody invited. Teachers of the county entertained free.

Committee on music—Mrs. Lulu D. Sampson and H. P. Ernst.

Committee on entertainment, Rev. E. P Roberts, Misses Tena Rintoul, Melissa Hill and Louise Rintoul.

"Oregon on Wheels."

The personal canvass of the fruit growers and farmers of this section by Mr. G. W. Ingalls for the "Oregon on Wheels" exhibit is completed. We are glad to learn from Mr. Ingalls that nearly every one visited has promised to contribute some specimens of products.

Andrew Urquhart, on Mill creek, brought in to-day a lot of fine egg plums, also the largest nectarines probably ever produced in Oregon. They will average seven inches in circumference. Mr. Urquhart also brought in some very fine specimens of petrified cottonwood and oak.

Mr. Wilson, of Mill creek, brought in a lot of superior Columbia and Bradshaw plums, and also Yellow Crawford and Minnesota peaches.

Mr. Carl Burchtorff contributes a half box of Queen of the West free-stone peaches, many of which were eleven ounces and measured eleven inches in circumference.

Mrs. W. E. Rinehart, of this city, contributed to-day the product of one hill of Early Rose potatoes, which was thirteen pounds and nine ounces. Some of them were ten inches long and nine inches in circumference.

"Ladies' Adjustible Shoe."

For reasons not yet explained, very few improvements have been made in the line of footwear, save in regard to shape and style. Attempts have been made to make boots and shoes more comfortable, yet not much was accomplished until "Ladies Adjustible Shoes" were invented and put upon the market. For over three years these self-adjustable shoes have been the delight of ladies in eastern states. Most of the merits of these popular shoes are apparent at sight. They are the only self adjustable shoes made—instantly conform to the shape of the foot, fit like a glove and wear like steel. They are a blessing to those with tender feet, are recommended by physicians wherever known, wear longer and are more stylish and neat. Not heavier than ordinary first-class shoes, they retain their original shape and do not spread or crack. Quality and merit considered, they cost less than any other make. They are sold direct by manufacturers, agents and assistants.

Mr. H. Stoneman, boot and shoe maker in this city, will take orders for the "Ladies Adjustable Shoes" and deliver them promptly. 21

Postoffice Robbed.

Baker Democrat.

Some time during Monday night the post office at Durkee, east of this city, on the U. P., was entered and robbed of several registered packages. The following dispatch was received by Deputy U. S. Marshal Moomaw from the postmaster at Durkee yesterday morning:

DURKEE, Oregon, Aug. 18, 1891.

To Dave Moomaw, U. S. Marshal, Baker City, Oregon:

U. S. mail registered letter No. 222 and package 218 from J. W. Hall, Baker City, Or., to Mrs. Ada Hall, Express, Or.; registered package 177, letter No. 210, from A. C. McClelland, La Grande, Or., to [illegible] R. Hindman, Express, Or., have been taken from this office by robbers. Hunt t[illegible]

BOLD STAGE ROBBERY.

A Familiar Event of Old Days Re-enacted.

MAIL SACKS THROWN OUT

The Canyon City Stage Robbed Near the Deschutes Bridge--Indians on the Trail and Dalles Officers Alive to the Emergency.

Wedesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, the stage which left this city early in the morning was held up about three miles east of the bridge across the Deschutes by a masked man, who leveled a Winchester rifle at the driver and demanded the mail sacks. The particulars, as far as can be learned, are as follows:

The stage left Mr. Sherar's house after dinner and was leisurely proceeding up the hill, and when near the spring, about two miles from the summit, a robber jumped out from an ambush, and, presenting a rifle, demanded the government mail. Of course the driver was somewhat alarmed and threw out the sacks, as demanded. After receiving these the fellow inquired who were those behind the stage, and was told they were teamsters. The robber was masked, having a portion of an oatmeal sack with eye-holes cut in it, through which he could see what to do. He told the driver to go on and not look behind at the peril of his life. Mr. Adams, as anyone else would have done under the circumstances, drove rapidly on to the next station. Before he arrived at Bakeoven he met parties from Antelope, and they examined the place where the robbery was committed and found two sacks cut open, but the other three were missing. They also found two masks, signifying that there was more than one man concerned in the affray. Undoubtedly there was only one shower himself of the mail [illegible] while the others [illegible] to lend his aid in case of an emergency.

As soon as information was given, two Indians, well armed, were started on the track of the mail robbers, and as they were on the trail it is very likely they will be overhauled. The authorities in this city have also taken energetic measures to capture the criminal or criminals.

It is very strange that adepts should waylay the outgoing stage, as there is very rarely any money, at this season of the year, transmitted through the mails. If it had been the incoming stage, there would have been checks and registered letters, to reimburse the robbers; but, as it was, there is very little loss to the government or individuals. This is the first time, for a long number of years, that any attempt has been made to rob a stage running from this city to interior towns, and such an event may not happen again in long years to come.

It is to be hoped that these villains will be captured and will receive the punishment provided in the statutes.

They Break Jail.

Baker City *Blade:* At about 8 o'clock last evening our city was thrown into great excitement, caused by the escape from the county jail of three prisoners. Travillion, the jailer, on going in to lock the prisoners in their cells, first discovered a large hole in the wall on the west end of the building near where the previous attempt was made. Three of the men were gone and the remaining prisoners could have also made their escape if they had so desired.

The sheriff was immediately notified and started in pursuit with his deputies and Constable Yantis. A diligent search is being made, and will no doubt result in the capture of at least part of the fugitives before the day is over.

The instruments used in making the escape consists of one case knife and two small wrenches, all of which are very small with which to cut through a good brick wall. It is thought by some that the prisoners were assisted by some one on the outside.

There is a report that Constable Yantis and Kinnison overhauled the men at Haines, but after firing two or three shots after them had to let them go.

Sheriff Coude and Deputy Kinnison started out again this afternoon, and will, if possible, bring with them on their return Sullivan, Cooper and Belmont, the fugitives.

This is the second attempt made within a few weeks, and it is to be regretted that it has proved so successful for the prisoners, who had yet some time to serve for the crime of burglary and gambling.

Ascent of Mt. Adams.

Drs. W. E. Rinehart and O. D. Doane and Sheriff Cates, Judge Thornbury, R. G. Closter, I. I. Burgett and his boy and dog started last Friday for a trip to Trout lake and the ice caves. They returned last night, having had a very pleasurable trip. Dr. Rinehart and young Stroller reached the summit of Mt. Adams, but the others would not make the ascent. The doctor describes it as inexpressibly grand from the summit, and the ascent very perilous. For several hundred feet he was forced to climb on hard snow at an angle of 45 degrees, cutting places for his hands and feet. When within 150 feet of the highest altitude his hands became numb as if frozen, and it seemed impossible for him to advance or retrace his steps. In this perdicament he stood for a few moments, when desperately he climbed farther upward. On his left hand there yawned a fissure, the depth of which could not be ascertained. A rock thrown down could be heard striking the sides until the sound dwindled to a faint echo. Progressing a little further the doctor was confronted by two chasms one on each side of him, and he was forced to retrace his steps amidst the greatest peril, in order to cross over a bridge which had formed over one of the crevasses. When he reached the summit he was overjoyed, and stood wrapped in amazement at the panorama of Oregon and Washington spread out before him. He says now that if he had to undertake the ascent again, knowing the dangers he had to meet and overcome, nothing could induce him to make the attempt. In making the descent a better route was followed, but by reason of a false step he sprained his knee, and he was forced to resort to medical agencies to permit him to regain the camp. On the summit he registered his name with many others; but advises persons to take a different route up the mountain from the one he followed.

Transcendental Genius.

We kindly acknowledge the receipt of the commission as one of the delegates to the arid lands convention, to be held in Salt Lake City September 15, 16 and 17, 1891. In this connection we take occasion to thank his excellency, Gov. Pennoyer, and the former appointee, Mr. George P. Morgan, who resigned and recommended our appointment. In the first place, we know little or nothing about the subject to be discussed, having never farmed ten feet of ground in our life, and shall therefore resign in favor of some one more competent. Perhaps Mr. Hugh Gourlay, our erudite and scholastic contemporary, whose great brain development is the wonder of modern times, would comprise in a compact form all the knowledge about irrigation necessary in the northwest. His transcendental genius would evolve some method for rendering arid lands fertile which would be eminently successful. It is not generally known that he supervised the latest edition of Gaillver's Travels from the London press, edited the edition of Shakespeare by Geo. Long Duyckinck, and was the author of a remarkable essay before the Agricultural Society of Dublin of How to Reclaim the Sahara Desert by Irrigation, and the Methods to Be Pursued to Grow Oranges and Bananas in Spitzbergen and Siberia. If these are facts they are not generally known; but the modern German school of materialistic philosophers, as well as the liberal school of American religious thinkers, may well tremble when such a Daniel has come to pronounce judgment, and his refutation of the sophistry of Robert Elsmere, as well as his knowledge of how to make barren places bloom and blossom like the rose, will be almost a miraculous revelation to mankind. By all means let the giant mind of the great Irishman go to Salt Lake, and do all he can for irrigation in the northwest.

The Portage Road.

A special meeting of the board of trade was called last evening in reference to the matter of the portage road. In the absence of other officers, Second Vice President Blakely presided.

Representatives of the newly-incorporated company were present, who indicated a desire that the citizens of The Dalles should secure at least right of way and terminal facilities. The fact was also made manifest that upon the action of The Dalles depended in a great measure the co-operation of Portland. After considerable discussion as to the best method of assisting and encouraging the enterprise, a committee was appointed to confer with the citizens of The Dalles and ascertain what they could and would do toward securing right of way, terminal facilities and subsidy for a portage between Dalles City and Biggs.

At this meeting $100 was appropriated for improving the Klickitat Valley wagon road, from the grade to the ferry.

A discussion was also indulged concerning the coming exhibit, "Oregon on Wheels." No action was taken other than the expressed intention of encouraging the enterprise in any way which might hereafter present itself.

Patents.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
The Dalles, August 18, 1891.

Patents for the following named persons are ready for delivery at this office:

CASH PATENTS.

Hugh Fraser,
Edward Merritt,
Lavina Lovelady,
Mary L Tone[illegible]
John O Pe[illegible]
W Hosea W[illegible]
John B We[illegible]
A Morgan Wa[illegible]
David H Grat[illegible]
Hazel Dean,
John H Putnam,
Thomas R Smith,
Thomas A Wright,
Henry J Lister,
Patrick J Quillin,
Ambrose Beard,
Hannah M Eads,
Mylon E Handya,
Edwin D Pool,
Joseph S Meyer,
Samuel E Rogers,
Julia A Parrish,
Charles S Emery,
John P Bushirk,
Caloway Hedgpeth,
Donald McRae,
John W Depuy,
Sylvester S Kirk,
[illegible]
Joseph B [illegible]
Kenneth McLennan,
John VanBuren,
Isaac N Hughes,
William R Fowler,
Monroe W Smead,
Columbus Friend,
Frank P Vaughn,
Mathias Lichtenthal,
Annie M Loder,
Robert J Palmer,
Eli C Offner,
Z L V Swearingen,
John M V Billysta,
Wm L Halley,
John Foster,
Benjamin Ironmonger,
Columbus L Ayres,
John A Wood,
Albert Masterson,
Charles Be berich,
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