The Times-Mountaineer

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ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. John Medler, of Wasco, is in the city.

Cool, frosty mornings, but February is rapidly passing.

Mrs. A. Williams is visiting relatives and friends in Portland.

Mr. R. H. Sibley, of this city, is visiting friends in Pendleton.

The big guns for Astoria passed through the city last night on a freight train.

The *D. S. Baker* is being thoroughly repaired, and will be in good shape for the spring trade.

We are informed that there will be no new cabins constructed on the *Regulator*. Some slight repairs are being made; but none of any importance.

The *Dalles City*, the opposition boat on the lower river, the Portland *Telegram* says, will be ready for the trade by the 4th of the present month.

The city recorder is very busy these days taking testimony in a referee suit, and it is almost impossible for a reporter to catch his ear long enough to inquire the news.

Mr. William Stewart and Mr. James Patton, from Payette, Idaho, have five carloads of cattle at the stockyards in this city They will be shipped to Portland this evening.

Friendship Lodge, No. 9, K. of P. conferred the third degree or Knight rank on four esquires last Monday evening. This lodge is in excellent financial condition, and is constantly increasing in membership.

The Knights of Pythias of this city are considering the project of erecting a hall in the spring. There is considerable money in the treasury, and the proposition is to form a joint stock company among the members.

Messrs. Condon & Condon have erected an addition to their law office, and now have very comfortable apartments. They have also placed in position a large Webb safe, with the latest burglar-proof lock on the inner vault.

The stockyards still continue crowded with business, and this morning a freight train left for Portland with twelve carloads of cattle. Eastern Oregon, with its bunchgrass pasturage, furnishes the best beef in the northwest.

The outlook for mining was never better than at this season of the year. There is an abundance of snow in the mountains, and the prospects are very flattering that eastern capital will be induced to invest in the development of our mineral wealth.

A sheep-herder, from the classic precincts of Jack-Knife, was arrested this morning for being drunk and disorderly. He kept up a very monotonous howling for some time, until the marshal approached him and induced him to keep quiet.

Mr. L. Tyrrell, a former resident of The Dalles but at present living near Huntington, is on our streets to-day, appearing as well as ever. Over a year ago a cotemporary published Mr. Tyrrel's obituary; but he isn't dead yet, and appears good for several years of active life.

W. W. *Statesman*: Deputy Sheriff McCauley, of Columbia county, brought J. A. Brundage to the penitentiary on Saturday afternoon, where he was sentenced to serve a term of two years and pay a fine of $100 for committing forgery in Dayton some few weeks ago.

Mr. A. Noltner, who has been in Washington City for some time, and during the visit took occasion to go before the Committee on Ways and Means and advocate the importance of the portage railroad from this city to Celilo, will be in The Dalles this evening, and will be happy to meet any and all interested in this great internal improvement.

A public meeting will be held at Tygh February 13th at 2 P. M., when Dufur and Kingsley will unite with Warnic, Wapinitia and Tygh in a grand effort to secure support from the county to build the grade up Tygh hill. The 2-mill tax added for road purposes make this effort very opportune, and we hope it will be successful in establishing a good grade up this hill, which has hitherto been almost impassable.

The editor of the Harney *Times* has the following to say concerning himself: "We are married. Miss Carrie Lenore Cawifield, daughter of D. A. Cawlfield of Enterprise consented to become Mrs. Editor, and share the gladness and sadness, the glory and defeat, the happiness and sorrow, the vicissitudes and complimentary tickets of a sanctum dweller. So on the 20th ult. about noon, as near as we can remember, we were married, with the assistance of Rev. T. V. B. Embree. Exchanges please be lenient.

The Stayton *Sun* relates that Wm. Giebler came near meeting with death in the burning of the Kirn malt house that was burned to the ground Tuesday morning. Mr. Giebler was sleeping upstairs and when he discovered the fire, about 3 A. M., had barely time to escape with his life. He was struck by a burning belt as he descended the stairway, burning his face rather severely. He lost his clothes and about $200 in money. This is said to have been one of the best equipped malt houses on the coast. There were about 4000 bushels of malt on hand. Total loss about $14,000; insurance, $1000

Harney *Times*: Gold dust is becoming a circulating currency in Harney City already. Some was taken in at the dance the other night, and other bills are being paid in the shining nuggets and grains. Bill Crawford took his rocker and got out a supply of dust to meet his holiday expenses with a few hours work in his claim at Gold Gulch. The price of claims is going up every day, and ground that could have been bought in the fall for a dollar a foot cannot be purchased now, except at fabulous prices. Some are even so sanguine as to expect Gold Gulch and Trout creek to equal the great Alder Gulch placer diggings in Montana.

We learn from an exchange that Prairie City, in Grant county, is to have a tannery. They have ascertained out there that it is cheaper to ship leather than raw hides. Prairie City is about as far from the railroad as Linkville, and the confidence of the people there in the success of their tannery is well based. By the terra japonica process, which is considerably cheaper and infinitely more rapid than the operation by bark, they turn out leather which is fifty per cent. lighter than raw hides, and can therefore be shipped at much less cost. The great advantages to the people are these: The tanner can afford to pay more for hides than the shipper of the raw material pays; there is a new industry in the town and much more money left at home.

A telegram from Helena, Montana, tells of a big organization that is hunting a gang of horse thieves operating between Washington and Pierre, South Dakota. Edward Deakin of that city, says that 500 animals have been run off from the ranges in that vicinity within the last few weeks, and it is known that many animals, stolen in Washington, have been driven east through Montana during the past year, notably fifteen head of fine horses belonging to Lafayette Wright, of Sprague, Washington, as they were afterwards identified at Valley City, Dakota. A fund of $20,000 is being raised, and with this the growers believe that they will be able to put a stop to horse stealing in the state. Agents will be kept at all the shipping points in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and every possible outlet guarded.

From Thursday's Daily.

Mr. J. W. Wallace, of Hood River, is in the city.

Circuit court convenes in this city next Monday.

Mr. S. L. Young is confined to his room by an attack of la grippe.

We learn that ice, four inches in thickness, has been put up at Dufur.

Mr. E. O. Magoon, formerly an engineer of the Union Pacific, is in the city.

Mr. T. H. Johnston, the leading merchant at Dufur, was on our streets yesterday.

Capt. Fred Halfpap, we are sorry to learn, is confined to his room by an attack of lumbago.

Miss May Foster and Miss Emma Fisher returned to Portland this morning after an extended visit with friends in this city.

Mr. A. J. Borie, assistant superintendent of the Pacific division, stationed at La Grande, was in the city yesterday.

In yesterday's issue of the *Sun* Mr. Geo. P. Morgan assumed editorial control and business manager of the paper, Mr. Morgan is a very racy writer, and we extend to him a cordial welcome to the ranks of the fraternity.

If this weather continues for a few days spring business will open in earnest, and the warehouses and shops at the East End will do a lively trade.

New buildings are constantly being constructed at the East End, and the structures are much better than those which occupied the site before the fire.

Portland and vicinity was shaken up by an earthquake last evening. The roar and rumble of this earth-disturber was not felt at The Dalles. We rest on a rock of ages.

Mr. R. E. Saltmarshe and Mr. Thomas Fargher have been in Nebraska for several days past for the purpose of purchasing hogs and cattle for this market. They understand the wants of this region.

The county court of Umatilla has fixed the rate of publishing the proceedings of the county court at one cent an inch. This is small pay for a good deal of work; but the privilege of being considered the "official" paper is considerable.

It is reported that there will be 200,000 acres of land in the Siletz reservation open for location after the Indians have been allotted their portion in severalty. Alloting Agent Mayhughes expects to have them all located early in the summer.

At a regular meeting of Jackson Engine Co. No. 1 held last evening the following officers were elected: F. W. L. Skibbe, president; Frank Roach, foreman; L. Payette, first assistant; Albert Klindt, second assistant; Ad. Keller, secretary, and F. Lemke, treasurer.

Capt. Ad. Keller, of A Co. of this city, has written some very readable articles on the O. N. G. for the *Northwestern Guardsman*, published at Portland. The captain has the true military spirit, and his articles breathe that fervor for this branch of the service that is truly commendable.

A Pendleton young man, in a moment of great generosity, gave a young widow a gold watch, but some time after, when his ardor had cooled, he demanded the return of the gift. The lady refused to give it up, but he managed to obtain possession of it, for which action she had him arrested for larceny and he was fined $25, besides being oblished to return the watch.

The Penipt whist club held a meeting at Miss Jeannette Williams' residence last evening. Quite a number of members were present, and the evening was spent very agreeably. The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Jennie Lown and the first gentleman's prize by Mr. Hermann Ernst. Booby prizes were won by Miss Gertrude Meyer and Mr. Harry Lonsdale.

If you know anything about the Institute held at Dufur last year, you will know that the coming one, to be held the 19th and 20th of this month, will be a success. If you have some good thoughts for the gathered assembly there do not wait for a personal invitation, but correspond at once with the superintendent or the local committee. Aaron Frazier, Chairman.

Salem *Journal*: Out of the knocking down of one Thos. Holland by Wm. R. Anderson in his saloon last fall, there grew a civil damage suit for $10,000. Now comes Anderson and goes Holland $2000 better, suing him for $12,000 for knocking Anderson down on State street shortly after. It will be a case for the lawyers to settle which knock-down shall be the more costly.

One of the queer results of the terrific storm which swept over the Sound country last month has just come to light. Some cattle which were ranging the woods near Port Crescent at that time were caught in a pen, not more than twenty-five feet square, made by fallen trees, and when found a month later were still alive, having managed to subsist on the grass that grew within the enclosure.

The referee suit, testimony in which has been taken before the recorder, for several days past, amounts to 151 pages by the type-writer. Title of the case is Bernard Warren vs. the Oregon Lumber Co., and is in relation to some water rights at Hood River. But just to think that Judge Bradshaw has to read all this before he can give a decision in the case. In such an emergency he should receive the sympathy of the entire community.

The firm of Byrne, Helm & Co. has changed to-day to Byrne, Floyd & Co., Mr. Wm. Floyd, well known to our citizens, having purchased the interest of Mr. E. W. Helm. This firm is doing the leading business of any drug establishment in this city, and the prescription clerk, a graduate of one of the leading pharmaceutical colleges in Ontario, is busy until late in the night filling orders. Everything kept on the shelves is warranted pure and guaranteed to give satisfaction.

From Friday's Daily.

Mr. J. M. Cummings, of the Wasco *News*, is in the city.

A Republican club of sixty-five members has been formed at Hood River.

Frosty mornings still continue, but during the day the pleasant sunshine make everything agreeable and enjoyable.

Fruit growers are very anxious for cold weather, believing that it would have the effect to kill the scale and other pests to the fruit crop.

In Sherman county the winter has been mild as it has in Wasco. Very little snow has fallen, but considerable rain, and everything favorable for an abundant harvest.

The old brands of liquor, McBrayer and Chicken Cock Whisky, at C. J. Stubling's sample rooms. He keeps nothing but the best liquors and cigars, imported and domestic.

Ice for summer use must be brought from other localities; but this will make little difference, as a sufficient supply of the congealed element can be procured from the interior.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias will soon be organized at Wasco in Sherman county. The necessary names have been affixed to the petition, and the lodge will be instituted at an early day.

The Republican county central committee is called to meet Feb. 13th, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the county court house, for the purpose of making arrangements for the approaching campaign.

The new Methodist church, which is now being finished will be the handsomest edifice in the city. It will be in the latest style of architecture, and the interior will be commodious in every particular.

Mr. Henry Kuck, in the East End, has a complete saddlery establishment, and all work is guaranteed to give satisfaction in every particular. He is a thorough business man, and will be found honest and accommodating in all matters.

Albany *Democrat*: Two brothers named Reton live in Jackson county, one six feet five, the other six feet six. A man from Wisconsin has made their life a howling wilderness by moving into their bailwick, for he is six feet nine inches tall. A young man who comes to Albany from Shedd wouldn't take a back seat for the first two.

Goldendale *Sentinel*: Quite a scheme is on foot to irrigate all of the Spring creek country by means of water pipes from Mill creek. The company has settled with the Baverstock Milling Co. for the water right, and will commence taking out the water ere long. James Stice is president of the company and W. H. Hale is secretary. This enterprise will cost several hundred dollars.

A few days ago, one of our citizens came into the city on horseback, tied the animal to a post, and imbibed and became intoxicated. The next morning he found the horse in the pound and was forced to pay $5 to recover his animal. Meeting the recorder he accosted him in a brusque style and told him that it was strange and past finding out that the faithful horse was fined $5 for being sober, and he being drunk was left to go "scot free."

The following appears in numerous exchanges and is worthy the consideration of Oregon people: Col. E. D. Baker, one of the first senators from Oregon, who fell early in the struggle for the Union while leading a desperate charge at Ball's Bluff, sleeps in a neglected and almost unmarked grave, in Lone Mountain cemetery, San Francisco. It is now proposed to remove the remains to Golden Gate Park and erect a suitable monument. Would it not be more appropriate to bring Col. Baker's remains to Oregon and erect a monument to him say, at our state capital?

Yakima *Herald*: Now Frank Parker, of the Walla Walla *Statesman*, has given his collection of minerals to the press association for the benefit of a home for aged and infirm journalists. Parker once gave this collection to Tacoma, and at another time to Spokane, but it never seems to leave his possession. His generosity in this respect is beginning to be looked upon as a good joke, and to be anticipated with the same regularity as to appearance as are those antiquities about the frog that skipped nimbly away after being liberated from the center of a solid rock where he had been imprisoned for a century, the gold mine found in a chicken's craw, and the foreign manufacturer paying the tariff tax.

Sentinel: Some three or four weeks ago a man passing by the name of Lackey sold a horse to some parties near Goldendale. A short time after report came from Condon, Oregon, of a horse having been stolen from there; the description of the thief and horse pointed to Lackey as the guilty party and identified the horse he sold as the one stolen. But Lackey had disappeared from this vicinity, and was next heard from in the vicinity of Bickleton, having stopped with Al Whittel on Harrison Ridge. Immediately upon receiving the information a party of four, Hugh Jackson, Jim Sigler, Charles Flower and John McCreedy, started out to capture him, finding him beyond what is known as the Little place they succeeded in capturing him and took him to Bickleton. The authorities having sent word to the sheriff of Gilliam county, they held the prisoner until his arrival. The sheriff identified the man and left with him for Condon, Oregon, to be arraigned for horse stealing.

It Makes A Difference Whose Ox Is Gored.

Hempill, the able free-trade editor of the *News and Courier*, Charleston, South Carolina, is feeling sore, because our American cotton manufacturers are buying so largely of Egyptian cotton, 40,000 bales having been shipped and sold here at 12 cents per pound, which is much cheaper than Carolina cotton, but full as good and competes with it. Mr. Hempill thinks it is a shame for our Americans to buy so largely of rice produced in China and the product of cheap labor. He says, that Yankees have a tariff against Canada grown corn, wool, barley and wheat, and he don't see why "we Rebs can't have a tariff against Chinese and Egyptians and the products of their cheap labor." There is no doubt that the development of the immense volume of natural resources of the south for ten years to come, will make them glad supporters of home interests.

Sudden Death.

From Friday's Daily.

Mr. John Belat, living on Government Flat near this city, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon. He complained of being sick about 4 o'clock, and died in three hours from heart failure. About five years ago he was married to Miss Elizabeth Phirman, and leaves a widow and a little girl about two years old, with whom the community heartily sympathize in their sad bereavement. Mr. Belat was a most excellent citizens, has lived in The Dalles for over ten years, and his sudden demise will be universally regretted. He will be buried under the auspices of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., of which order he was an honored member, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Letters Advertised.

The following is the list of letters remaining in The Dalles postoffice uncalled for Saturday, February 6, 1892. Persons calling for these letters will please give the date on which they were advertised.

Belmont, Pearl	Crabtree, Chas
Cummins, Dan	Donlan, Pat
Ellis, James	Goodwin, F D
Hall, Mrs	Hewitt, James
Jackson, H B	Hoyt, D
Mosby, Thos	McIntyre, J K
Penne, George (2)	Price, W J
Powell, W H	Rand, M
Rice, L	Toll Gate Keeper
Tuttle, Frank G	Williams, Mrs C

M. T. NOLAN, P. M.

Secretary J. M. Carroll, of the state board of equalization, has just completed an abstract showing the corporations in the state upon which it is proposed by the board to recommend that the legislature pass a law providing for the taxing of such corporations for state purposes only. Here are some of the figures: Congressional land grants—Railroad lands, acres, 890,702, value, $1,188,651; wagon road lands, acres, 943,079, value, $1,844,281. Railroad tracks, etc.—Railroad track, miles, 1,383.34, value, $643,023. Telegraph lines, value, $249,970. Insurance companies—Fire, and fire and marine—Gross value of premiums received: Oregon companies, $645,004 91; other companies, $965,919 01; total, $1,610,923.92. Total risks written in this state for the year 1890: Oregon companies, $17,128,935; other companies, $44,740,385.20; total, $61,869,320.20. Net premiums received, $411,532 81. Linn county—Railroad lands, 24,886 acres, value $49,772. Railroad track—92.93 miles, value $349,279; rolling stock, value $6,283. Telegraph lines—92.93 miles, value $18,556.

Oregonian: The many friends of Charles S. Miller, here and throughout the state, who sympathized with him in his long struggle in the courts to get possession of his mine and mill at Granite, will be pleased to know that he has his mill, which is of ten stamps, running in good shape and is turning out bullion to the benefit of himself and the district. Three silver bricks of 857 ounces each and of aggregate value of $3,193.44 were sent in from this mill to Baker City a few days since. This bullion was from twenty-five tons of ore from the Morris mine, the original discovery claim of the Greenhorn mountain section. It has always been claimed by miners who have prospected the Greenhorn district that it was bound to be one of the richest camps in the country when developed, and the output above mentioned goes to show that these predictions were correct, and during the coming summer it is probable a large amount of bullion will be sent out of this district.

The city of Omaha is about to begin suit against the Union Pacific company to recover property deeded to the corporation in 1863, which is now valued at $1,500,000. Part of the property in question lies along the river front, and the balance consists of lots in the wholesale business part of town. It is claimed that the railroad company has failed to live up to its agreements on which the property was donated, and that as a consequence the titles have reverted to the city. The plant of the American Water Works company occupies a part of the land in question with its big pumping station and settling basins. Many of the lots have been sold and are now occupied by wholesale business houses.

Coquille *Herald*: A mail pouch that was lost about this time last winter at Fetter's on the Coos bay and Roseburg mail route, the pack horse having fallen down the grade and drowned, was found last Saturday at the mouth of Rock creek, several miles from where it had been lost. On an examination of its contents there was little remaining that was legible. Most of the writing was obliterated from the letters. A check for $100 to Rev. Mr. McLean, from the east, was the best preserved document in the sack. The finding of the mail removes some suspicions that all was not right about its being "lost."

Statesman: On November 17, 1866, the Oregon Central Railroad Co. filed articles of incorporation at Salem, with Geo. A. Edes, county clerk. The incorporators were J. S. Smith, I. R. Moores and E. N. Cooke, and the amount of their capital stock was $500,000, divided into shares of $100 each. The object of the corporation was the construction and operation of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to some point on the 42d parallel of latitude on such line of route as the company might designate. Salem was to be the principal office of the company.

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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The Opposition Boat.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Feb. 3, '92.

Editor TIMES-MOUNTAINEER:

We hear the question on all sides "Why are the citizen's line of boats tied up?" Is it because of ice in the river? Or have they been tied up on account of losing money. We all know it is not on account of ice, hence it must be the latter, and if so we appeal to you to inform us wherein this line of boats is one mite better than that so called "soulless corporation"—the Union Pacific.

Last winter the Union Pacific tied up its boats because they were not paying expenses and in trying to protect their own interests. The people of The Dalles as well as those on the Washington side of the river censured them for it. The cry went up "we will build our own boats; we will run them for the benefit of the people, regardless of what it might cost, etc." This all sounded very well and we were happy to know that some of our neighbors (who had money) were willing to lose it to help their poorer neighbors out of a hole, as it were. It now looks very much as if the agitators of this scheme went into it for the purpose of making money and finding their steamboat ability was but "skin deep" they shut down 'lest they should "drop their little wad."

It is no more than right that a man or a corporation finding themselves losing money in a business adventure to get out of it soon as he can, and while we don't blame the stockholders of the citizen's line of boats for not running at a loss, we do blame them for *taking up the cudgel* against the Union Pacific for doing just what they themselves are now guilty of. The masses do not as a rule patronize steamboats or railroads unless they are compelled to. Therefore, if at certain seasons of the year the legitimate business of the country will not support a transportation company you cannot expect the people to support it, when they have nothing to support it with.

On the other hand the people cannot consistently ask a transportation company to run at a loss merely to accommodate a few who are unable or unwilling to put up a portion of the deficits.

Since our eyes have been opened to stern reality—and we well know there are none of us here for our health—we will hereafter patronize the company who does the best by us and gives us the most for our money. There is no doubt in our minds the Union Pacific are awake and fully realize the fact that by treating us fairly and squarely we will be only too glad to reciprocate, as we recognize in this company the same spirit of progressiveness as is noticeable in all other large corporations, against the lack of enterprise of a class who take every dollar in sight, but who are afraid to venture over a dollar of their own money against a thousand or more dollars of their poofer neighbors SUFFERER.

Wedding Bells.

From Thursday's Daily.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Lewis, in this city, yesterday afternoon, Miss Etta M. Lewis was united in marriage to Mr. Rolla G. Davenport, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, pastor of the Congregational church. The bride is a most estimable young lady, and will exemplify in the new relation of life those divine virtues which has made woman honored and loved in all ages and climes. She has lived at The Dalles for many years, and the benedictions of her friends will follow her in all the future walks of life. For many years Mr. Davenport has very acceptably filled the position of foreman of the TIMES-MOUNTAINEER office, and in the art and business connected therewith he has exhibited many excellent traits of character, and we extend to his partner in life our kindest congratulations on the choice she has made. There were present only a few friends aside from the relatives, and soon after the ceremony the bride and groom took the evening train for Portland. As a slight token of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Davenport were held by friends, the bride and groom were the recipients of many handsome presents. We extend to the happy pair our kindest wishes for all the happiness that life may afford, and hope there may not be a riffle on the almost boundless ocean on which they have embarked.

The "Gesang Verein" Ball.

From Thursday's Daily.

The second annual ball of the *Gesang Verein* of this city, last night at Wingate's hall, attracted a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen, and was very successful in every particular. From the first number of the programme to the last there was not a jar in the proceedings, and the music, furnished by Prof. Birgfeld's orchestra, was very excellent. The musical renditions by the *Verein*, "*Des Deutschen Vaterland*" and "*Wanderlust*," was a pleasing feature of the entertainment, and an agreeable interlude to the dances. That these countrymen of Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Mozart, Bach and Wagner, understand the art of music, goes without saying, and that those grand old German songs which breathe fervor and patriotism, appeal to the higher feelings of our citizens, is also true. Whenever a nation of musicians give forth its soul in song, there are certain to be appreciative listeners, and this is always true of every concert given by our German residents. The *Gesang Verein* has been in existence a little over two years, and, during that time, among this people, with whom harmony and melody are hereditary, very excellent vocalists have been developed. We hope, at no distant day, the *Verein* will favor the citizens of The Dalles with a concert, at which all will be privileged to listen to the strains of the songs of faterland.

Astorian: Emsley Houghton was in from Skipanon Tuesday. He and Billy Stoddard were down toward Arch rock last week and struck in toward the mountain where they found a man riving out shakes to build himself a house. He'd cut down a tolerable good looking tree, a spruce about six feet in diameter, but after felling it he found it was hollow about twenty-two feet above the butt. Looking into the cavity he saw it was chock full of bears—there wuz eight of 'em. The animals had holed up for the winter. The man at once split off some slabs, sawed off the hollow part, spiked the slabs over the hole and started the log down the steep mountain side toward his place, where it arrived all safe. While Houghton and Stoddard were there they could see the bears through the cracks where the man had nailed on the slabs. They are lying in a state of semi-torper.

From the *East Oregonian* we learn that Monday night, after the departure of the west bound train, two Union Pacific employes discovered the mutilated remains of a man below the west end of the depot, lying between the rails. His feet and one hand had been amputated, and he was otherwise bruised and mangled. No spark of life remained and death had evidently been instantaneous. It was discovered that the dead man's name was John Smith, and that he had been employed about a month on the Columbia Valley Land & Irrigation Company's canal. The force having been reduced, he came to Pendleton about two days ago from Echo, and was stopping at the Transfer House. Monday he expressed the intention of going to Pasco to work on the canal there, and bought a new suit of clothes at one of the stores. He was last seen leaving the hotel at train time by Clerk Moore. Smith did not appear to be intoxicated, but had bought a bottle of whisky, the shattered remnants of which were afterward found along the track. He had been seen by several parties in the afternoon and was then perfectly sober. Mr. Moore assisted him in putting on his overcoat, and Smith started. Just how he met his death can only be conjectured. It is supposed that he caught the train just as it was leaving, and in attempting to board fell in some manner under the wheels, which rejoiced in another victim of their cruel power. A gory spectacle is presented along the track where the accident occurred, the rails and ties being stained by blood and littered with pieces of bone. In a frog was found a glove containing the crushed hand and fingers of the dead man.

Real Estate Transactions.

Jan 29—Andrew Urquhart to Ida J Mann; 34.19-22 acres, sec 18, T 1 N, R 13 east; $500.

Feb 4—J E Bangs to Beatrice Wright; lot 23, block 1, Hood River park; $1.

Feb 4—J E Bangs to Isabella Collins; lot 25, block 1, Hood River park; $1.

Feb 1—Bruce L Carr to Z F Banks; lots 20, 21, 24 and 25, block 4, Hood River park; $1.

Feb 1—The same to George F Whitehouse; lot 28, block 4, Hood River park; $1.

Salem *Statesman*: Governor Pennoyer said to a reporter yesterday that the statement in the Washington dispatch of Feb. 1st to the Oregonian that he had written to Speaker Crisp and other Democrats in the house to defeat by all means any project for a boat railway scheme at the dalles of the Columbia, is absolutely without any foundation whatever. He said his whole offense, if any, was in urging the passage of an appropriation for a portage railroad, and in that matter he had the support of the legislature of Oregon, as that body at its last session had unanimously passed a concurrent resolution asking for such appropriation. As to his receiving no reply from the chief of engineers, he expressed no disappointment. That functionary in January, 1889, recommended a portage road and in December 1889 opposed it, and the discourteous refusal of a man possessed of such whiffling judgment to reply to his letter he said did not cause him any loss of sleep. The Governor believed that the dispatch was doubtless instigated by one or both of our senators and he was content to let the people of Oregon decide which scheme was most beneficial—the portage railroad costing $431,500, which could be built in one year, or the boat railway costing $2,860,356 which, if appropriations were made for it by the government as appropriations have been made for the cascade locks, would occupy more than twenty-four years in its construction.

The Olympia *Tribune* takes up the refrain of the oldest settler and says: "The Tacoma *News* asks, 'Who is the oldest living settler in Washington?' The Rev. Cushing Eells claims to have settled here in 1843. Daniel McCloud claims to have come in 1844. Are there any others as old as these? A published historical work gives a sketch of the late Marcel Bernier, who died at his home on Newaukum prairie, Lewis county, Dec. 27, 1889, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery, on the Cowlitz prairie. He was born of French parents in the employ of the Hudson Bay company, near Spokane Falls, November 19, 1819, settled on the Cowlitz prairie in 1841. In 1842 made a missionary tour among the Indians on Whitby Island, and erected a log church there. He returned to the Cowlitz prairie in 1844, took up a donation claim, married Celeste Bercier, and lived there until the day of his death, leaving several descendants and quite an estate. He is not only the oldest settler, but the first white child born in the limits of the state of Washington that we know of."

J. C. Meacham informs the Baker City *Democrat* that the company composed of wealthy Indianans intend operating the group of mines recently purchased and located in Sanger district on an extensive scale just as soon as the weather permits, the snow preventing any attempt to prosecute work at the present time. Mr. Meacham says that two of the seven mines owned by the company have been sufficiently developed to show their merit and fully justifying a mill. The present intention is to concentrate development on the Snow Storm and Eureka mines and as early as practicable a ten or twenty stamp mill will be erected, water power to be furnished by the Eagle Canal Company, the big ditch that has furnished water for the placer mines of Sparta and vicinity for the past twenty years.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Waiting for the Messiah.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Captain Huggins, side-de-camp to General Miles, returned today from a trip to the Indian territory. He says the Arapahoe, Cheyenne and Osage Indians still cling to the belief a messiah will appear some day to save them. They do not pretend to know the fixed date for their deliverance, but say God will destroy the white people and place the Indians back in the happy, independent state of their existence before the white people came. Captain Huggins witnessed the distribution of cattle for food for the Indians at the Cheyenne and Aarapahoe agencies. The cattle supplied by the contractor were so poor and thin that one of the chiefs objected to them. The officer who inspected cattle rejected them. An investigation showed all the poor, worthless cattle were given to the Indians, the fatter ones being shipped to market.

Death of a Pioneer.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 4.—John Stewart, said to be the oldest living white pioneer of the South, died last evening at his home in Old Town, aged 81 years. Stewart was one of the shipmates of Richard Henry Dana, and is frequently mentioned by that author in his "Two Years Before the Mast." Stewart came into San Diego harbor as pilot of the ship *Alert* in 1830, and has never left the city since, except on short whaling trips. He married a Spanish woman, and leaves six or seven children. For several years he has been an imbecile. Death was caused by old age.

Had Hearts of Stone.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 2.—Count Tolstoi says that the grain now in Russia will not last until spring, and that it will be necessary to import grain from America. Merchants are unwilling to inform the government of their stocks, as they wish to retain all they can for higher prices. This has caused some acts of severity on the part of the government authorities. In Kief a merchant who was shown to have deceived the authorities as to the amount he had in stock was publicly exposed in front of his own store, tied up by the thumbs to the lantern post. His stock was confiscated, and he was sentenced in addition to six months' imprisonment. Other mechants suspected of concealing grain for higher prices have been threatened with similar penalties.

Tourists.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Figs, as it acts most pleasantly and effectually on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c. and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Another one Killed.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 4.—The Turner and Parton factions have had another clash, and this time one of the Turner gang was killed. The man killed was George Sharp, a son of old Kirk Sharp, at whose house Turner and his gang had been making their headquarters. The encounter occurred on Sunday night, but no news was received here until yesterday. Silas Parton, a cousin to Manuel Parton who was killed, and who was with him at the time, brought the news here. The Partons, who had kept a close watch on Turner, thought they saw an opportunity to catch the outlaw when his men were away from the house, so four of the Parton crowd made a sudden swoop on the rendezvous. They caught Turner and Sharp asleep in the cabin, as they had anticipated, and made them prisoners. Turner, however, made an outcry, which brought to his rescue a number of his men, who were in a cabin a short distance away. The Partons, seeing they were outnumbered, fled. A number of shots were exchanged, and George Sharp was killed. No further steps have been taken to organize a posse of officers here to capture Berry Turner, since it has been learned that the seat of the trouble is in Tennessee and not in Kentucky.

Wrecked by the Mob.

VALPARAISO, Feb, 4.—The officers of *Demogracia* at Santiago, and *Opposicion* at Valparaiso, have been cleaned out. These two newspapers are regarded as unfriendly to the present government. The former was attacked by a mob, and short work was made of the office. In the case of the latter, it is claimed that some military officers who were passing the office were insulted from the windows, and then assaulted it with iron bars and pistol shots. They broke into the office, smashed the furniture, pied the type in the forms, and otherwise wrecked the office. Both papers, as well as *La Republic*, whose office was cleaned out Tuesday, issued small fly sheets yesterday, protesting against the action of the mobs as a violation of the liberty of the press. Captain Gorin, the late commander of the Imperial under Balmaceda, has arrived here from Peru. He was arrested and placed on board the gunboat *O'Higgins*. General Valasquez is still a prisoner on board the cruiser *Errasuarez*.

A Skipper's Freak.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 4.—A peculiar case, giving evidence of great ignorance or gross neglidence, was brought to the attention of Collector Wasson yesterday in a letter from Deputy Collector Berry, of Tacoma. The British ship, which was towed past here to that port night before last by the tug *Tyee*, was found upon investigation to have come from San Francisco without having cleared from that port. The only papers the captain had to show were a consular request for clearance and three store lists. Whether ignorance, accident or negligence be accepted as an excuse, the vessel will in all probability be seized or have a heavy fine imposed. The head office here has written Tacoma for more ezplicit information on the subject, and after this has been received Collector Wasson will decide on what action he will take.

Cutting Government Timber

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Feb. 4.—In the United States district court today the trial of J. H. Stone, accused of stealing government timber from public lands in Kootenai county, was commenced. Owing to the prominence of the accused the courtroom was crowned. Stone appeared in court accompanied by four attorneys. He seemed self possessed and very confident of acquittal. After some delay the jury to try the case was secured. In his opening statement, United States Attorney Fremont Wood said he expected to prove that Stone, during the years 1888, 1889 and 1890, cut and sold many millions feet of government timber, contrary to law. Simon Oppenheimer, president of the Spokane Mill Company, testified that Stone had contracted to furnish the company 30,000,000 feet of sawlogs, and that the logs were duly delivered. M. J. Haley, special timber agent, who worked a half dozen or more cases against Mr. Stone, was too ill to testify today. He will take the stand tomorrow.

Defamation of Character.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—A suit for $25,000 damages for defamation of character was entered today by Dr. J. E. Plouf against Thomas Harrison Dempsey, formerly one of the proprietors of the *Evening Times*. Plouf alleges that Dempsey told one Miss Carrie Shears that Plouf had questioned the virtue of herself and sister, and that Dempsey had induced her to attempt to cowhide him. He claims that this was done to injure him in his business. Dempsey denies having persuaded Miss Shears to attempt to cowhide Plouf and says he tried to dissuade her, but admits having told her he was informed that Plouf had slandered her. He also accuses Plouf of hiring a man to do him up, and says a man one evening sprang from the brush with that intention, but was scared off with a revolver. He says that Plouf is seeking to get even because last summer at his house on Lake Washington, he and his brother-in-law thrashed Plouf for insulting Mrs. Dempsey.

A Prohibition Paper

MONMOUTH, Or., Feb. 2.—A newspaper is to be started here probably this week. The material is all here, and a force of men are hard at work getting ready for the first number. It will be under the management of E. S. Barzee, president of the Water Works company, and will be the state organ of the prohibition party. Mr. Barzee will have charge of the local department. Mr. Lucas will be the editor and Professor T. F. Campbell will have the educational department.

Washington Improvements.

WASHINGTON, Feb, 4.—Senator Allen proposed to give some attention to the Columbia river at Vancouver. Of course the Oregonian delegation takes care of the Columbia river so far as it can, but the Washington senator thinks that his side of the river has not been given the attention that is desired. The trouble with the river at Vancouver, it is claimed, is that it is too shallow for quite a distance from the city, and that it should be dredged out and the anchorage for boats considerably improved. Senator Allen intends to introduce a bill for this purpose, and will probably offer it as an amendment to the river and harbor bill and urge the committee on commerce to make the necessary provisions, stating that a certain sum shall be set aside for the improvement of the Columbia river at Vancouver.

No Grounds for a Protest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Further information received at the state department shows that no good ground exists for a protest on account of the action of the Mexican authorities who searched the residence of the agent of the United States at Mier, the other day, for arms. It seems that Don Enrico Vizzaya, the official in question, is not a citizen of the United States and has not been at his post at Mier for several months. He has been living at Matamoras, and it was his house there, and not the official building at Mier, which was searched. He is, moreover, only a commercial agent and not a consul. No action is likely to be taken by this government in view of these facts.

Important to Indian War Veterans.

WASHINGTON, Jan.—Senator Mitchell has introduced an important bill granting to all soldiers who served in the Indian wars fourteen days and upwards 160 acres of land, the same as was granted to the soldiers who fought against the Indians previous to 1856. This will extend the grant to all Indian fighters.

The World's Columbian Exposition.

Send 50 cents to Bond & Co., 876 Rookery, Chicago, and you will receive postpaid, a four hundred page advance Guide to the Exposition, with elegant engravings of the grounds and buildings, portraits of its leading spirits, and a map of the city of Chicago; all of the rules governing the exposition and exhibitors, and all information which can be given out in advance of its opening. Also other engravings and printed information will be sent you as published. It will be a very valuable book and every person should secure a copy.

Go Take a Bath!

East Oregonian.

The *East Oregonian* is crying for taffy from its Portland namesake.—*The Dalles Chronicle.*

Heretofore you have accused us of being in need of soothing syrup.