

OREGON SCOUT.

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UNION. OREGON.

The United States consumes every day 25,000 acres of timber.

The public debt was decreased by \$15,387,320 during January.

Prus now requires five years' military service from every man between 21 and 30 years of age.

The British Parliament is composed of 670 members, of which 435 are from England, 103 from Ireland, 72 from Scotland and 30 from Wales.

The Panama railroad has discontinued the practice of throwing non-paying persons from its trains while running at full speed.

A tax of \$8 per head on all cattle slaughtered in the Panama district is now in force, and beef costs thirty cents per pound at retail.

There are said to be 4,000 men of British birth in Lowell, Mass., who are eligible to become citizens, but have never taken out their naturalization papers.

The engineer corps of the army, in a report to the Senate, recommend that authority be granted the government to supervise the salmon fisheries in the Columbia.

The President has issued a proclamation granting to German vessels in American ports the same rights and privileges accorded U. S. vessels in German ports.

In New Zealand the great enemy of sheep is a large green parrot. It lights on a sheep and devours its living flesh. After it has eaten its fill it flies away. But, as a rule, the wounds it makes never heal up.

New York has dropped to the position of sixth State in the Union in the number of miles of her railroads. Illinois stands at the head, followed by Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.

The report of the Geological Survey just published shows that the production of minerals in the United States reached last year the enormous value of \$465,000,000, the largest yet recorded in any country and about \$45,000,000 greater than the year previous.

The Legislature of Washington Territory has sent a memorial to Congress asking that \$500,000 be appropriated to improve the upper Columbia and to remove from the stream the obstacles to navigation, especially between that part of the river where the Colville river empties into the Columbia and the Snake river, a distance of some 300 miles.

ADJ.-GEN. DRUM has sent a communication to the Senate regarding Fort Canby, which post it is proposed to abandon. He estimates the improvements at the post to be valued at \$46,680. Gen. Drum also calls attention to recommendations made by the commander of the department of the Columbia, that the fort would be a most important point to fortify in case of war.

A CORRESPONDENT in Rome has furnished an interesting description of the gifts to Pope Leo on the occasion of his jubilee. He says the gifts have come in rapidly; that two additions have already been made to the building in which they are to be exposed. So far 7,000 cases have been handled, and the end is not yet. Up to January 13, presents to the value of \$10,000,000 have passed through the hands of the Vatican inspectors. Even that sum has been exceeded in money. The United States has outstripped every other country in cash donations. The exact sum of the whole money gift cannot be ascertained, all the contributions not being yet in hand.

In a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, the Surveyor General of Washington Territory states that he is convinced that no less than 125 townships in his district should be surveyed at once, and estimates the cost at \$125,000. He states that the increased rates for the ensuing fiscal year, viz.: \$16 for township and \$7 for section lines, are less than the work can be done for in the rough and heavily timbered country in his district, and recommends that the augmented rates provided by section 2405 of the revised statutes may be allowed. The Surveyor General also recommends an appropriation of \$15,000 for clerical services in his office, and \$2,500 for contingent expenses.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

Staggers among horses is prevailing along the foothills in Marion county. Wild animals are getting away with a good many sheep in the vicinity of Dora.

There were fifty marriage licenses issued in Grant county during the past year.

A Methodist Episcopal Church has been organized in Albina by Rev. G. M. Pierce, with 39 members.

Eli Johnson, of Quartz valley, Lake county, has succeeded in killing eighteen deer and two large cougars this winter.

In the trial at Corvallis, Judge Bean held that the M. E. church south had no interest in the college farm and could not maintain a suit for it.

Postmaster Roby, of Portland, has fifty-nine persons on his pay roll, including thirty-one postal clerks, and he disburses monthly the sum of \$4,672.80.

Dr. William H. Watkins, while attending the customary Thursday evening prayer meeting at the Taylor street (Portland) Methodist Church, fell dead of heart disease.

On account of the case of scarlet fever in town and the unpleasant weather, the directors have thought it best to close the school at this place for a short time, says a Joseph paper.

Near Crawfordville, Sylvester Cochran killed a large cougar while out hunting deer. He saw a deer lying down and was just in the act of shooting it when the cougar jumped out of a tree on to the deer.

Governor Pennoyer has determined to strictly enforce the rule of the executive department to the effect that no personal solicitation or importunity will be considered in reference to applications for pardons or commutation of sentences.

James Brown raised eighteen acres of broom corn in Goose lake valley last season, and while the corn is not so long as can be grown where the seasons are longer, it is of good quality. The corn was raised nearly 5,000 feet above the level of the sea.

The little 2-year-old daughter of Jack McCullom, of West Yaquina, fell into a tub of boiling water during the temporary absence of her mother from the room. The little one sat or fell into the tub backwards, and was scalded the entire length of her body. In spite of all efforts she died two days later.

State Superintendent McElroy has decided to appoint Dallas, Polk county, as the place to hold the next teachers' institute for the Third judicial district, embracing Marion, Linn, Yamhill, Polk and Tillamook counties. The institute will open Tuesday evening, April 3d, in the new city hall at that place, and continue for three days adjourning the evening of April 6th.

The little steamer Gleaner, Captain Captain Peter Jordan, plying between Astoria and the mouth of Deep river, was capsized near Astoria. Seventeen persons in all were on board the craft, and all but four were saved. The victims were Jacob Rennell, of Salmon river; Miss Mary Holt, of Astoria, and Miss Wilma and an unknown wood-chopper of Deep river. The steamer sank in 25 feet of water and it is thought will prove a total loss.

The State Board of Land Commissioners, at its last session, reversed the rulings of former boards in one very important particular. It ruled in the case of an applicant for a deed to 1,280 acres of State land for which certificates had been issued for four other parties, who made an assignment of such certificates to the party applying for the deed, that such deed could not be issued to him, as under the law the amount of State land liable to be purchased by any one party is limited to 320 acres.

A German boy about 12 years of age was frozen to death near the farm of A. N. Brown, in Rye valley. It seems that the boy and his father, who is employed to watch the property in the Gold Ridge mine, had been to Express and were returning home when they were overtaken by a fearful snow storm. Becoming bewildered they both left the team and wandered around in the snow, the boy freezing to death as stated. The boy's father made his way to the ranch of Mr. Brown in an almost helpless condition, and on learning the particulars Mr. Brown at once took up the trail and after traveling a mile or more, found the lifeless body of the boy.

At Independence, Miss Synmie Antle was mortally stabbed by her stepfather, Wm. Landreth. The murder was as fiendish in conception as it was horrible in execution. With a 14-inch knife the inhuman wretch entered the girl's room, and notwithstanding her screams and desperate resistance deliberately butchered her by striking fourteen blows upon the body and head. Any one of four of the wounds would have been fatal. One cut penetrated almost through the head. The mother and two of the boys were aroused and interfered, but too late to prevent the murder. One of the boys (Wilburn, aged 13.) picked up a loaded shotgun, and while a struggle was in progress between his father, mother and brother, watched his chance to shoot the unnatural father. Landreth fled, and the older brother disarmed Wilburn before he could accomplish his purpose. Landreth was captured, taken before a Justice and bound over, without bonds, to await action of the grand jury, which meets in June. He is now in jail at Salem.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Near Lodi, Cal., J. Phillips was fatally crushed by a rock falling on him.

Pat Riley, an old time miner, was found dead in his cabin, at Park City, Utah.

It is stated that as high as \$25,000 apiece has been offered for some of the iron mines of Cle-Elum, W. T.

Jean Dorado, a Mexican, was run over by a train and killed at Los Angeles.

John Kramer, a section man, was killed by falling off a coal car, at Riverside, Cal.

B. H. McElhenney, a collector, was struck by a dummy of a Sutter street cable car at San Francisco, and died from the injuries received.

At San Francisco, Geo. Herman, 4 years old, while playing about a kitchen stove, was scalded to death by upsetting a kettle of boiling water.

The people of Pocatello, Idaho, recently held a meeting for the purpose of petitioning Congress to throw open 2,000 acres for townsite purposes.

Alexander Black, once a wealthy merchant of Stockton, committed suicide at San Francisco. Sickness and discouragement are supposed to have been the cause of the deed.

An old gardener named Thomas Brohany, was found at his house in San Francisco, burned to a crisp, a coal-lamp having evidently exploded and set fire to his clothing.

Police Judge Lawler gave a decision finding Mayor Pond and acting health officer Gale guilty of misdemeanor in maintaining a smallpox tent on the plaza, at San Francisco.

John E. League, postmaster at Townsend, Montana, died from poison by strychnine accidentally taken from his hands or clothing, he having spilt a bottle of the drug over himself.

R. Seaforth, an English laborer at the Cascade tunnel, was killed. He jumped on a rock train going out at the east end of the tunnel and made a misstep and fell upon the track. Four loaded cars passed over his body.

The late severe weather killed at least one-half of the oysters on the bay, says an Olympia paper. The beds are bare during extreme low tide for a period of three hours or more, and during this interval the oysters freeze.

The Supreme Court has decided the local option law in Washington Territory unconstitutional. The decision released some twenty-eight persons held in King, Kitsap and Skagit counties for violation of this law, and will possibly affect many other places in the Territory.

The queen of the Cowlitz river tribe of Indians died near Freeport, W. T., and was buried with a grand Indian pow-wow. She was over 100 years old. This is the remnant of what was once a powerful tribe of Indians. There are now only a few left. Some of them are very old.

At a rabbit drive which took place in the vicinity of Bakersfield, Cal., about seven thousand jackrabbits were corralled and killed. Many thousands escaped because of the impossibility of maintaining the line of drivers unbroken where tracts of bushy ground intervened.

Detective Hume, of Wells, Fargo & Co., has prepared a statement of the company's losses by train and stage robbers during the past year. From seven stage robberies the highwaymen obtained \$295, while in four train robberies the company lost \$13,210. Two robbers were caught and sent to the penitentiary.

Two benches of the uncompleted bridge across Yakima river, between North Yakima and Moxie, W. T., were swept away, with two horses and two mules. An ice gorge broke suddenly and caused a rise of ten feet. An old lady cooking for the men saved her life by climbing a tree and remaining there several hours in the cold, barefoot.

A Territorial Bar Association has been formed at Olympia, W. T. The officers are as follows: President, Judge Dennison, of Vancouver; Secretary, N. S. Porter, Olympia; Treasurer, J. W. Robinson, Olympia; Vice President, first district, John B. Allen, of Walla Walla; second district, T. C. Sears of Tacoma; third district, Thos. J. Humes, of Seattle; fourth district, George N. Foster, of Spokane.

Thos. D. Ayers shot and killed Eli Joseph in the woods twelve miles east of Kelso, Cowlitz county, W. T. Both parties were hunting, and Ayers seeing what he supposed to be a deer in the brush, fired his Winchester rifle and shot Joseph clear through both hips. The latter died in seven hours or the spot where he was shot. Immediately after the shooting Ayers left the wounded man with a companion, to go after help, and sent a man living close by, since which time he has not been seen.

The Supreme Court of California affirmed the decision of Superior Judge Sullivan in favor of Sarah Althea in the Sharon case. The court, however, has decided to reverse the order granting counsel fees. The amount of counsel fees originally allowed by Judge Sullivan was \$55,000, and the amount of alimony was \$7,500 additional to the annual allowance of \$2,500. The Supreme Court fixed alimony at \$1,500 and an annual allowance of \$500. Judges Thornton, Sharpstein and McFarland filed dissenting opinions, finding that Sharon and Sarah Althea were never legally married. It is supposed Sarah Althea will receive about \$10,000,000 in all.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

A Bold Robbery.

LIMESTONE, Ind. Ter.—Four masked men, all heavily armed, entered the Citizens' Bank, and presented a pistol at the head of Cashier W. T. Reynolds and demanded that he hand over the cash.

While pretending to comply Reynolds slammed the door of the safe and turned the lock. He was at once laid out by a bullet from the pistol of one of the desperadoes, which killed him instantly. The bank was then ransacked and all the money in the cash drawer, some \$2,300, was taken.

An attempt was made to open the safe, but in this the robbers failed, as the sound of pistol shots was heard, and several people came rushing to the bank.

In a few moments the town was aroused and twenty or thirty armed men hurried to the bank. The robbers were just mounting their horses, and a hot fire was begun, in which Thomas Evan, a ranchman living near the town, was killed. In the melee four of the citizens were wounded, but not fatally. The surviving robbers then rode away with the booty, followed by a posse, which after an hour's chase caught the desperadoes and took them back to Limestone. The leader was found guilty of murder and strung up. The other two were placed in charge of a strong guard and started for Fort Washitt, where they were turned over to the United States authorities. The stolen money was recovered.

Fire in a stable at Fort Leavenworth suffocated thirty-six horses belonging to Company I, First cavalry.

By an explosion of gunpowder at Brest-Litovski, Russian Poland, eleven persons were killed, and thirty severely injured.

Wm. Durre, a wealthy farmer, insane, living near Wisner, Neb., committed suicide by cutting the arteries in his wrist.

Sixteen youths of Dromore, Ireland, have been sentenced to imprisonment for one week with hard labor, for lighting a bonfire to celebrate the release of O'Brien.

President Agassiz has decided to send twenty-five tons of concentrated ammonia down the burning shafts of the Calumet and Hecla mine at Calumet, Mich., to put out the fire completely, if possible.

At Snowden, Pa., Christian Feick, recently discharged pit boss of the Snowden mines, shot and killed his wife and himself in the presence of six children. Poverty of the family was the cause.

At Plymouth, N. C., Jack Blount, Matthew Blount and Patterson Spruit, the negroes who murdered John Dawson, a peddler, were removed from the jail by a mob of masked men, tied to a tree and shot to death.

Otto Purcell committed suicide with poison, at his Brooklyn (N. Y.) home, because of loss of work. His 18-year old widow was inconsolable, and she killed herself with poison. She left a note saying she took her life because her husband had taken hers.

The boiler of the tug Zouave exploded in the harbor at New York. J. Connelly, engineer, Patrick Healy and John McKenny, firemen, and Bernard Boone, steward, were all shockingly scalded, most of them fatally.

A Princeton, Dakota, special says a Swede living twenty miles from there killed his wife and seven children, chopping their heads off with a broad axe. A boy of 14 jumped from an upstairs window and escaped. When asked by the neighbors what he had done, the murderer replied, "What I have intended to do for a long time."

Warden Brown, of the Utah penitentiary, has been removed for, it is alleged, inhuman treatment of a convict named Miller, by confining him in a "sweat box" for thirty-six hours, with the thermometer several degrees below zero, causing his feet and limbs to be badly frozen.

The almshouse and an adjoining dwelling, located in East Village, near Monroe, Conn., was burned to the ground. Three persons perished in the flames. Numbers of the paupers who were forced to flee from the building suffered severely from exposure, they having had no time to don proper clothing.

At Buffalo, N. Y., John Cullen, a drunken ship calker, brained his mother with an axe while she was getting his supper ready. After kissing the corpse he went to a saloon, told of the crime, and did not resist arrest. He gave as an excuse that he did not want his mother to go to the poor-house.

The steamer Marcos, which arrived at New York from Havre, brought the crew of the bark D. Chapin, of Boston, which sank at sea. After having been in their boat ten days without food or water, and losing by starvation and exposure Capt. W. C. Hall, the cook and one seaman, the rest of the crew were rescued.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

Mitchell introduced a bill which provides that hereafter any mining company incorporated for the purpose of mining shall be allowed to lease, prospect and develop mines in any portion of any Indian reservation in the United States upon such conditions as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the miners, but that no prospecting or mining shall be carried on until permission has been given by a majority of the adult male Indians in the reservation, and that all revenues arising from fees, rentals or sales shall be for the sole benefit of the Indians on the reservation.

Also, a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Commerce to consider the advisability of inserting a provision in the river and harbor bill requiring all work to be done by contract.

Dolph introduced a bill to give the State of Oregon townships 28, 29, 30 and 31, in ranges 5 and 6, east of the Willamette meridian for a public park. Clark Lake is situated in these townships, and Dolph wants to preserve the land adjacent to the park to be improved by the State of Oregon.

Also, giving to Moscow, Idaho, land for cemetery purposes.

Also, to establish the Sun Dance land district, in Wyoming, and authorizing the leasing of school and university lands in Wyoming.

Among the bills passed were the following:

To authorize Dalles City to construct a bridge across the Columbia river in Oregon and Washington Territory.

To grant a right of way through public lands for irrigating purposes.

To increase the pension of the totally helpless to \$72 per month.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing that the term of office of the president and the fiftieth congress shall continue until the 30th day of April, 1889, at noon; that senators whose existing terms would otherwise expire on the 4th of March, 1889 (and thereafter) shall continue in office until April 30, succeeding such expiration; and that the 30th of April, at noon, shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th of March, as the commencement and termination of the official terms of the president, vice president, senators and representatives in congress.

HOUSE.

Hermann presented a petition from citizens and taxpayers of Siuslaw bay and Lane county, Oregon, asking for the establishment of a life-saving station at Cape Perpetua, for which Hermann introduced a bill in Congress, and which will be submitted to the life saving board for report.

Hermann also submitted resolutions passed by the Eastern Oregon, Nevada and Idaho Wool Growers' Association, held at Winnemucca, Nevada, petitioning against disturbance of the existing duties on foreign wool.

Whitthorne, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill for the appropriation of \$175,000 for repair of the U. S. steamship Hartford.

Davis, from the committee on Commerce, reported a bill to reward native Esquimaux for acts of humanity to shipwrecked seamen.

Campbell introduced a bill fixing the salaries of Supreme Court Justices and of Cabinet officers at \$15,000 per annum.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including BUTTER, EGGS, DRIED FRUITS, GRAIN, and FRESH FRUITS.

PITH AND POINT.

—A Poet sings: "A little farther on I shall find rest." Keep him moving.—Puck.

—Times are pretty hard when a man can't collect his ideas or borrow trouble.—Texas Siftings.

—A man never gets too old to learn or to make a fool of himself.—Burlington Free Press.

—Nothing shows greater abjectness of spirit than a haughty demeanor, toward inferiors.

—How do you get along without watermelon in winter, Uncle Joe?" "Sah, dar an chickens in wintah.—Boston Courier.

—A Little Misapprehension.—Miss Dewdrop—"Don't you think Mr. Rosebush has a very sensitive mouth?" Miss Rayne (blushing violently)—"How should I know?"—Tid-Bits.

—Nature usually keeps the general run of things on an even pace. A naturally hard heart is very apt to grow harder, and a naturally soft head is equally certain to grow softer.—N. Y. Ledger.

—A photographer is out with "Suggestions to Sitters." We have sent a marked copy to a man who allows his wife to take coal up three flights and black all the children's shoes.—Burlington Free Press.

—A comparison.—The heathen in his blindness: Bows down to wood and stone; The Christian in his wisdom: Bows down to gold alone.—N. Y. Tribune.

—We have a poor opinion of competition. It may be the life of trade and all that, but we notice that every little country merchant announces that he "defies competition," and in no instance has competition dared to take up the challenge.—Texas Siftings.

—Office Boy—"Gentleman down stairs with a manuscript, sir." Magazine Editor—"Tell him to leave it with the clerk." "I did, sir, but he wants to see you." "Does his clothes fit him?" "No sir." "Pants bag at the knees?" "Yes sir." "Admit him."

—A pair of bright eyes with a dozen glances suffices to subdue a man, and to enslave him, and to inflame, to make him even forget; they dazzle him so that the past becomes straight-way dim to him, and he so prizes them that he would give up all his life to possess them.

—It is no wonder if he who reads, converses and meditates improves in knowledge. By the first a man converses with the dead, by the second with the living and by the third with himself, so that he appropriates to himself all the knowledge which can be got from those who have lived and from those now alive.

—"Have you read the Thackeray letters?" was asked of a brave Kentucky gentleman, as he leaned on the mahogany bar and listened to the bluegrass gurgling into his tumbler. "No," he said, "I don't seem to recollect perusing of them. Let me see, sir—what case was this yer Colonel Thackeray mixed up in?"—Judge.

—If you drop your collar-button, there is one sure method of finding it. After you have hauled the bureau across the room to look under it, then replace the furniture and put on a pair of heavy shoes; start to walk across the room, and before you have taken three steps you will step on the collar button and smash it all to pieces.—Danville Breeze.

—The King of Saxony has opened at Dresden the first German exhibition of water colors. All of the European nations save the British are represented in the 2,000 specimens.

—The cruel punishment of slow death by hanging so as to stand on the tips of the toes is still extensively inflicted in China. The barbarous custom of conferring honors on widows who commit suicide is also continued.

—At the recent festival of Big Joss Pidger, in Canton, the temple was lighted with ten large 2,000-candle power electric lights, which brightened the interior, and lit up the hideous features of the assembled demons and jesses.



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