

OREGON SCOUT.

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UNION, OREGON.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners.

A POLICE escort has been arranged for every train which crosses the Isthmus of Panama.

The total coinage of Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30, was \$34,433,000, of which \$26,844,000 was silver.

ACCORDING to a recent postal rule letters placed directly on the cars will be left at the first postoffice, where they will be stamped and forwarded by the mail. Hence time will be lost carrying your letters to the cars.

THE dairy interests of the United States represent an investment of more than \$3,000,000,000, nearly five times as much as the entire bank capital of the country, which is \$671,000,000. The number of milch cows is estimated at 21,000,000.

THE carelessness of many writers in addressing letters is illustrated by the last report of the dead letter office, which shows that during the last fiscal year 377,907 parcels were mailed with a wrong or incomplete address, and 19,110 were mailed without any address whatever. In the letters opened at the dead letter office on account of wrong or inadequate address, it is claimed over \$20,000 in money was found, and negotiable paper to the amount of more than \$7,500,000.

SENATOR DOLPH has introduced a bill in Congress which provides that land which is forfeited along unconstructed roads be subject not only to homestead entry, but to all the land laws of the United States, and it also provides that persons who have occupied such lands under the impression that they could finally be bought from the railroads, be allowed to purchase 320 acres. It also provides that the same privilege be extended to the disputed strip of land between the Harrison and Sparks' lines, fixing the terminal limits of the Northern Pacific at Wallula.

HERMANN has submitted to the House a protest from sawmill owners and employes in Oregon and Washington Territory, against any disturbance of the existing tariff on lumber. They represent that "lumber is one of the most valuable products of Oregon and Washington; that the outgrowth is that white labor is employed and good wages are paid, but it leaves so small a margin to millmen that if they are compelled to compete with the product of free timber lands, low interest and contract labor of British Columbia, their industry must go to the wall; further, that the Eastern carrying trade of lumber on our trans-continental railroads, built by American capital, will be transferred to Canadian roads, owned by Englishmen and built by English capital; that remunerative labor now held by white men on our soil will be transferred to foreign soil, within view of our own, and there monopolized by Chinese coolies."

The report of the Commissioner appointed by the New York Legislature to report the most humane and practical method known to modern science of carrying into effect the sentence of death in capital cases, recommends killing the culprits by the use of electricity. In regard to the advantages of electricity the Commissioner says: "Its application can be made without injury to the officials; the place for its use may be strictly private, and its certainty is beyond a doubt. One objection to the use of electricity is the shock which people unacquainted with its use suppose is inflicted on the condemned man. As a matter of fact, the electric shock cannot produce a sensation which can be perceptible to the criminal. The velocity of the current is so great that the brain is paralyzed." The Commissioner recommends that a chair with head and foot rests could be used in which the condemned man could be seated in a half reclining position. One wire could be connected with the head rest and the other with the foot rest, which would be a metal plate. The electric current could be supplied by electric light wires. The Commissioner recommends that the date of the execution be made uncertain, so that the criminal may not know what day he is to die, and that the corpses go to the doctors or to a nameless grave without religious rites, and that newspapers be forbidden to give the details of the execution.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Seattle expended \$735,000 in new buildings last year.

The ground is frozen three feet deep in places in Helena, Montana.

Sixty-three students are enrolled at the Grangeville (Idaho) academy.

The railroad fare from Tacoma to Seattle has been reduced to fifty cents.

A little girl of Mr. Tanner, of Wallula, W. T., was burned to death while playing with matches.

A little girl aged 8 years, named Goss, was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun near Watsonville, Cal.

Samuel Ralston, son of the late W. C. Ralston, the banker, suicided by shooting himself at Grayson, Cal.

At Whittier, Cal., James Miles, a carpenter, was shot and instantly killed by George Parks, a saloonkeeper.

Benton, Montana, has a lady barber. The old bald headed bachelors of that town get shaved three times a day.

The prospect of a big stampede to Salmon river is growing every day, says an Ellensburg paper.

There are sixty-four flouring mills in Washington Territory, with an estimated capacity of 3,885 barrels per day.

The Secretary of War has issued an order reserving 640 acres of land for the military reservation at Fort Spokane, W. T.

Charles Robinson, a young man living in Princeton, Cal., was drowned while attempting to skate on Davis lake, near Butte City.

A big black eagle, measuring six feet nine inches from tip to tip, was killed on the Hudson Bay farm near Walla Walla.

For the season now ended the Northern Pacific railroad has transported eastward 74,000 head of range cattle and 10,000 head of sheep.

There are 864 school houses in Washington Territory. Value of public school buildings and apparatus, \$580,768.

Missoula county, Montana, has decided to start a poor farm, as it will be cheaper than the present system, which costs \$5,500 per year.

By an explosion of giant powder in the blacksmith shop of the upper Koevyn (W. T.) mine, two miners were wounded, one having since died.

There are eighty-three convicts in the Idaho penitentiary, which is the largest number the institution ever contained at one time.

There are, it is estimated, some 20,000 sheep in the Kittitas valley, W. T., the majority of which belong to non residents.

A boy named Henry Peterson, who was stealing a ride, was run over by the cars at Tulare, Cal., and instantly killed. His body was cut in two at the waist.

A coal field 200 miles long is said to have been discovered in Montana, reaching from the Big Horn mountains in Custer county to the British lines.

The articles of incorporation of the Washington Commandery, Knights Templar No. 1 of Walla Walla, with a capital stock of \$25,000, have been filed with the Territorial Secretary.

A huge salmon, weighing fifty-five pounds, was captured in a net in the harbor of Victoria, B. C. It is the largest salmon ever captured in those waters.

During the year 1887, the business at the Helena United States Land Office amounted to 252,841 acres, of the value of \$16,059,347. This is the largest year's business ever done by the office.

Two Chinamen were drowned in the Nooksack at Ferndale, W. T. The bodies have not been recovered. The river has since frozen over, and the bodies will probably go out to sea in the spring freshets.

Arrangements are being made for a telegraph line from Ellensburg to the Salmon river mines. The projectors anticipate having it ready for business by the middle of March of the first of April.

About 56,000 persons have been vaccinated under the auspices of the San Francisco health department since last May, and something like 10,000 have been vaccinated privately at physicians' offices and residences.

Frank Wells, with a party of three others hunting deer on Lummi island, near Whatcom, W. T., became lost from his comrades and perished in the storm. The other three, Chas. Wells, Cunningham and Lee, suffered intensely but were rescued.

The residence of widow Albertman, Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated from a heater located in the basement and spread with great rapidity. The loss on house and furniture is estimated at \$75,000.

E. L. Johnson, a Swede who operated a slab-trimming machine in a sawmill at Tacoma, met with a horrible death. The rope which holds the saw in place broke, and the saw thus freed dashed forward, nearly severing Johnson's body in two. He died almost instantly.

Mrs. O. Caroline Meacham, widow of Alfred B. Meacham, of Modoc war fame, died in Walla Walla. Mrs. Meacham was for many years a resident of Salem, and subsequently of Portland. She leaves two children, Geo. F. Meacham and Mrs. J. W. Redington. She has been for several years a recipient of a pension of \$50 per month in acknowledgement of her husband's services in the Modoc war.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The residence of J. L. Foss at Centerville, was burned.

Fire in Eugene Hoey's furniture store in Portland caused a loss of \$3,000.

A new paper mill is one of the enterprises in contemplation at Pendleton; also a \$50,000 hotel.

Some kind of disease is affecting the horses in Forest Grove. Many are reported sick, while a few have died.

Oregon sent to California during the year 1887, 1,249,144 cents of wheat, 223,534 cents of oats, and 328,864 quarter sacks of flour.

J. B. Rhinehart has made the museum of the State University a present of his fine case of stuffed birds, numbering about 300.

Plans have been adopted for the new \$30,000 school building to be erected in Baker City the coming summer.

Centerville station shipped during the month of December, 258 carloads of wheat and each averaged 18 tons, making a grand total of 4,644 tons.

An application for the formation of a military company at Grant's Pass has been received at brigade headquarters. This will be the tenth company in the Second Regiment, making it a full regiment.

During the year 1887, 576 prisoners were housed in the Multnomah county jail. Of this number 119 were placed there charged with larceny, 110 for vagrancy and 55 for selling liquor to Indians.

Angus McKay, second mate of the British bark Peesbleshire, fell a distance of twenty-five feet from that vessel, striking on the ice and receiving fatal injuries. The accident occurred at Albina.

Dave Stickler was arrested at Pendleton by the sheriff, for threatening to kill John Ward. John Ward had Dave Stickler arrested for threatening to kill, and for carrying concealed weapons.

Bennie, a young son of John Knight, a well-known citizen of Salem, while coasting on a toboggan slide in South Salem, was knocked senseless in a collision. He was removed to his home, and a short time after died of his injuries.

An accident happened to the little daughter of Fred Smith, of Albina, that caused her death. She had a bone crochet needle in her mouth and fell down and drove the needle through to the back of her neck. It is thought that an artery was severed, which caused her death.

The old buildings of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company at Albina, consisting of the wooden round house, repair and blacksmith shops, were totally destroyed by fire. The fire was first discovered by the night watchman, raving in one end of a passenger coach which was standing on the track in the round house. Seven locomotives and a passenger coach, in which the fire originated, belonging to the O. R. & N. Co., were in the round house. The coach was entirely destroyed and the locomotives badly damaged. They were removed from the ruins and taken to The Dalles for repairs. The loss on buildings and machinery is between \$40,000 and \$45,000; insurance, \$25,000, in Eastern companies. During the fire Willie Whitney, a boy aged 13, was struck on the head by a heavy piece of timber and fatally injured.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON.—The Secretary of the Interior recommends that the following agreement be ratified with the following Indian tribes: That Indians in Northern Montana cede to the United States 175,000 acres of the large reservation now occupied by them, for the consideration of \$450,000 to be expended for the benefit of the Indians.

That the upper and midland bands of the Spokane Indians relinquish all titles and claims to any and all lands lying outside Indian reservations in Idaho and Washington Territory, and that \$95,000 be paid for that cession.

That the Cour d'Alone Indians relinquish to the United States for the sum of \$150,000 all right and title to lands outside the limits of its reservation in Idaho.

That the Calispo and Jocko Indians relinquish all claims to lands in Washington and Idaho, and that the United States erect saw and grist mills for them and provide a blacksmith shop.

Senator Stanford introduced a bill for the erection of a public building at Oakland, to cost \$250,000. Also, to increase the appropriation for the public building at Sacramento to the sum of \$250,000.

A bill by Woodburn for the purchase and coinage of \$4,000,000 silver bullion a month into standard dollars.

Senator Dolph introduced a bill to amend the Indian land in severalty act, so that its provisions shall not apply to any Indian tribe until the consent of two-thirds of the members of the tribe over 21 years of age has first been obtained.

Senator Teller introduced a bill to amend the act authorizing citizens of Colorado, Nevada and the Territories, to fell and remove timber on the public domain. The bill allows all citizens of the United States to fell for mining, milling, manufacturing, building, agricultural or domestic purposes any timber or trees upon public lands.

The House, in committee of the whole, accepted an invitation to the United States to participate in the Melbourne exposition.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Great Loss of Life.

The recent blizzard in the East caused the death of many people, mostly residents of Dakota. Following is a partial list as reported by telegraph:

Dakota—Near Mitchell, a young man named Munger; Alpena, Mrs. Phillips and son; at Windemere, a school teacher, Bessie Stanfield, and two pupils, Miss Steubener and Wm. Morrill; at Lesterville, Jacob Knitz; at Huron, a son of Jas. Newcomb; at Iroquois, Adam Gerner; at Altamont, C. S. Taltzberg and son; two children of Jos. Hutchinson; near Sioux Falls, a lady teacher named Jacobsen, one of her pupils named Ginde, a farmer named S. Gusion; at Flandren, a lady school teacher; at Miller, J. W. Gussler, a wealthy farmer; at Faulkton, Emma Lamar, a schoolteacher, and Carrie Auman, a pupil; at Wentworth, Mrs. O. T. Owens; Yankton, Jacob Schaal, Annie Scheult and sister; Virgil, Pierson brothers; Lennox, four children of Peter Weinger; Chamberlain, Annie Anderson; Ashton, Chas. Osman; Lesterville, Krutz; St. Lawrence, A. Gresley and Wm. Bowman; Northville, H. S. Chapin; Palmer, Sarah Dolan; Castlewood, Young Titled; Faulkton, Jos. Metz; Clamp, a boy named May; Parker, four children of Peter Weinger; Miller, Jerry and Sam Bowman; Bristol, Harrison Smoot; Hurley, Lizzie Dwyer.

Minnesota—At Fulda, 12-year-old son of John Walsh; at Tracy, Tom Anderson; at Bushmore, Mrs. Krutzon.

Nebraska—At Woodlawn, Mrs. C. P. Smith; near Beatrice, John Sparks, ex-member of the Legislature; at Peru, Emil Grossman; near Nebraska City, a child named Bodine; near Stuart, Mrs. Chapman and her two grand-children.

In addition to the above enough names have been reported to swell the list to 220, besides a large number of missing.

Seven Persons Drowned.

Seven persons were drowned in Sand lake, ten miles east of Ennis, Texas. Two young women, daughters of Wm. Williams, a farmer, and a young man named Babbett, were skating on the lake, when the ice gave way and they sank in fourteen and a half feet of water. Miss Babbett and two little girls, aged 8 and 14 years, also daughters of Wm. Williams, who were on the shore watching the sport, were drowned in attempting to rescue their friends. A very small child of Mr. Williams also fell through the ice, but was saved by one of the drowning young ladies catching it and throwing it out on the ice.

Young Williams, brother of the young ladies drowned, was a quarter of a mile away, saw the trouble and ran to the assistance of the unfortunates, but was soon overpowered by those who were drowning, and he too drowned.

Mrs. Williams, his mother, made an effort to save them, but she was pulled down and would have met the fate of her children but for the timely aid of her two daughters, aged 10 and 12 years. These children threw her a rope and succeeded in pulling her ashore.

Near Princeton, Dakota, a farmer named Henry Ostrum, murdered his family, consisting of his wife and seven children. He gave as his reason for the crime that he feared they would freeze to death.

A dispatch from Shanghai, China, says while 4,000 workmen under the command of several mandarins were making a breakwater to stem the Hoang Ho floods, they were engulfed by a sudden rush of waters. Only a few escaped.

A terrible blasting accident occurred at Boston, caused by the explosion of a large charge of giant powder. Four men were killed and many badly injured. The explosion caused great excitement, and many buildings in the vicinity were damaged.

An immense bob-sled, containing fifty-two persons, collided with another sled while descending Broadway hill, Kansas City, and was overturned. Seventeen of the riders sustained injuries, three of them being fatally hurt. They were Maude McDonald, Maude Wolsey and Jennie Tracey.

The post commissary building at Fort McKinney, Wyoming, was destroyed by fire, involving a loss of \$100,000; no insurance. The building was stocked with commissary supplies to last until next May. Only ten days' supplies are left, and the garrison has been ordered on half rations.

At Mount Carmel, Pa., a fire consumed a row of seven frame houses, occupied by Hungarians. Three men were burned to death, and a woman and child are missing. The fire originated in a house where a Hungarian christening was being celebrated, and it is supposed it was caused by the drunken inmates upsetting the stove.

The British steamer Toronto, from Portland, Maine, January 4, for Liverpool, reports that during a fog off Skerries, Ireland, she collided with and sunk the Norwegian bark Freidis, from Liverpool to Savannah, and that thirteen of the bark's crew were lost. Only one man was saved.

A convoy of prisoners, while being taken from South Russia to the Caucasus, mutinied and attacked the engine driver. The train was stopped and a desperate fight ensued, in which eight soldiers, two gen d'armes and thirty-one prisoners were killed. Twenty-one prisoners escaped.

PHILOSOPHER DUNDER.

Some Quaint Sayings with an Unmistakable German Flavor.

If I had a bird in my hand I can eat him. If he vhas-in der bushes may pe I go hungry.

If you vhas sure you vhas right go ahead some more midought shoting. Money makes der mare go off on a gallop, but may pe she doan' shtop until she preaks her neck.

It vhas foolish to tell der sluggard to go to der ant. He doan' go unless you gif him a free ticket on der street car, und den he vhas too lazy to consider her ways.

If you can get out of shail to-day doan' put him off till to-morrow. Honesty vhas der best policy, but it vhas mostly practiced by men who gif a heaping measure in order to hide der baht fruit at der bottom.

Truth vhas mighty und must prevail, but some folks thrive so wonderfully well on lying ash to discourage honest folks.

It vhas saidt dat one-half der worldt doan' know how der odder half lifs. Vhell, I like to find dot half which doan' know! Eafery womans knows all about feefy families.

Money vhas der root of all evil. If you doan' pelief him you go off somewhere and lose your wallet.

Bring oop a shild in der vhay he should go vhas all right, but how ish dot way? Dot vhas where we doan' see mit der same eyes.

When thieves fall oudt honest men get der dres—ins in some horns! If der lawyer leaves any thing for anypody to get I like to see him!

Der vhas some goot fish in der sea after you catch some oudt, but dot vhas poor consolation to der parties who nefer get a bite vhen dey go fishing.

Der buds always come before der blossoms vhas a beautiful saying, but that we vhas all after vhas der fruit. One big apple vhas worth a thousand blossoms.

We should be honest, efen if we die in der poor-house—und dot vhas der place where most der honest men die. I like some poor widow womans to get her lost money baht, but may be nobody saw me pick it up!

Break to-day and buy to-morrow vhas awful true. It means dot my hired girl can preak all my dishes und make me buy some more, und it doan' cost her a cent.

Der wicked man slumps over a fence und runs off when no policeman vhas after him, but der man who robs der widow und orfan lifs in a big brick house on der avenue, und doan' be afraid of nopody.—Detroit Free Press.

—A New York professional boob says: "Now you see I employ a dozen boys, and they are always busy. To what do I attribute my success? Gentlemanly manners and a good shine. When it was found that courtesy was the rule in my place my business increased. I pay my shiners, who are worthy colored men and boys, one dollar a day. Many, however, who make themselves agreeable to customers, and do good work, often earn nearly double the sum. The work performed is pleasant."

—Amateur Actress (rehearsing)—"You must not say 'exit' when you retire from the stage, Mr. S'ssy." Amateur Actor (triumphantly showing her the book)—"That's what the book says, Miss Gushington." Amateur Actress (convinced)—"Why, so it does!"—Epoch.

GOT THEIR MONEY.

Mention was made in a recent issue of the Times of the fact that Jim Baker and Sam McArthur had drawn \$15,000 in the Louisiana State Lottery. Last Thursday the money was received through the Missoula National Bank, and turned over to the lucky holders of the ticket. The boys did not know but that there might be a mistake somewhere, and they were naturally restless until the money came and was placed to their credit in the bank. The Louisiana State Lottery has stood the test of years, and is just as solid and reliable as any concern in the country. We believe the drawings are absolutely fair and that the lottery is conducted as honestly and equitably as any other business. We are informed that three or four other minor prizes were secured by Missoula parties at the last drawing. Another tenth of the capital prize of \$150,000 was drawn by William Poad of the town of Anaconda, in the adjoining county of Deer Lodge, and was collected through the Omaha National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska. Messrs. Baker and McArthur have secured a snug little sum, and by carefully investing their stake, they should be able to keep the wolf from the door during the balance of their lives.—Missoula (Mont.) Times, Dec. 7.

FIVE THOUSAND AND FIVE DOLLARS DRAWN.

David C. Meacon is the lucky man that held one-tenth of ticket No. 69,368 which drew the Second Capital Prize of \$50,000, from the monthly drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery Company, November 8th. Mr. Meacon also held two other tickets, one of which drew \$5,000, the other a blank. He also informs us that it was his first venture. This comes as a God-send to Mr. Meacon as he was depending on his daily labor to support his family. His former residence was in Pittsburg. The night before he was to ship his household goods to this place a fire occurred and burned everything, leaving him without anything. He is a worthy and exemplary man, and many friends here rejoice at his good luck.—Elwood (Ind.) Free Press, Dec. 9.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

—We are pilgrims, not settlers; this earth is our inn, not our home.—Vincent.

—God is better served in resisting a temptation to evil than in many formal prayers.—William Penn.

—The degree of master of arts was recently conferred on five young ladies by the Royal University of Ireland.

—The New Zealand Methodist advocates independence for New Zealand Methodism, which is now a part of the Austrian Conference.

—The largest Swedish Lutheran Church in America is the one just completed at Minneapolis. It will accommodate 5,000 persons.

—The Syracuse University is in luck, having received, besides a sum of \$50,000 from a friend, the Von Ranke library from Rev. John M. Reid and his wife.

—St. Peter's Parish in Morristown, N. J., is to have a new church which will cost \$110,000 at the least. Its style will be fourteenth century architecture.

—The Wesleyan Methodists report on the Islands of Antigua, St. Kitts, St. Vincents, Barbadoes and Trinidad, 45 missionaries, 117 local preachers, 19,624 full members.

—It is but a short gray day we are together. There ought not to be time for strife, and debate, and harshness, and bitterness. The hand is already laid on the rope that shall ring the knell.—Joseph Parker.

Youthful Innocence.—"Who threw that paper wad?" The teacher pointed up to the ceiling. "Nobody, sir," said honest Tommy, with show of injured feeling. "I want to lay it on the stand, and it just slipped out of my hand."—Texas Siftings.

—This college news comes from Washington Territory: "While playing base ball at Huntsville last week, Prof. R. O. Hawks, superintendent of the public schools of Columbia County, had the misfortune to break one of his legs by coming into collision with another player."

—A physician declares that our educational systems overlook the fact that the main field of education is the nervous system. A comprehensive system of physical education is necessary for the development of latent power, so that thought, desire, and will shall take the form of action.

—The greatest man is he who chooses the right with the most invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and most fearless under menaces and frowns; whose reliance on truth, on virtue and on God, is unflinching.—Channing.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Keep good company and you shall be of the number.

—The great high road of human welfare lies along the old highway of steadfast well-doing.—Church Union.

—Found in an Album at Nice: "Nothing is more difficult than for a woman to decide when to begin her thirtieth year."—Judge.

—"What makes the water of the ocean salt?" asked a school inspector of the class in geography. "The cod-fish," was the general reply.—N. Y. Ledger.

—Wasted Sweetness.—Their chaste salutes are not misplaced. When women kiss a friend or brother: But of life's honey what a waste. There is when women kiss each other.—Boston Courier.

—Though you may have known clever men who were indolent, you never knew a great man who was so; and when I hear a young man spoken of as giving promise of genius, the first question I ask about him is, Does he work?—Ruskin.

—Do Jones (to Smythe, who has just bought a bicycle)—"Why don't you get on and ride?" Smythe—I would, but I'm in a hurry.—Life.

—A sportsman who can't bag any thing else can bag his trousers by crawling on his hands and knees behind fences.—New Haven News.

How's Your Liver?

Is the Oriental salutation, knowing that good health cannot exist without a healthy Liver. When the Liver is torpid the Bowels are sluggish and constipated, the food lies in the stomach undigested, poisoning the blood; frequent headache ensues; a feeling of lassitude, despondency and nervousness indicate how the whole system is deranged. Simmons Liver Regulator has been the means of restoring more people to health and happiness by giving them a healthy Liver than any agency known on earth. It acts with extraordinary power and efficacy.

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