

Weston Weekly Leader.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1886.

The subject of newspaper advertising has been brought prominently before the people of Oregon. Some newspapers in Portland have been making rather candid statements about the meagre support given to the city press by the wholesale merchants. The journals justly claim that the newspapers do much to build up the place financially and commercially by drawing attention to its advantages and bringing trade and capital to its business men.

The difficulty between England and Russia has been amicably settled, but the preparations for war still continue to be made by both parties.

ESSEX COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Union County, March 16, 1886.

The farmers of Union county have pretty generally commenced their spring ploughing. In the Grande Ronde valley but very little of the fallowing is practiced. And yet the fallowing is not uniformly the most profitable. The reason may be found in the character of the soil, which acquires a toughness difficult to cut with the plough. The spring nights are also much cooler and may injure the growing grain to a greater extent than in the more salubrious climate of Umatilla county.

The merchants and dealers of this valley are feeling the universal pecuniary stringency which prevails, and yet many are receiving large invoices of spring goods. In Island city is particularly noticeable the strong and new M. M. Co., which is laying in a mammoth stock. At this point also, a new bank on a sound financial basis, which will insure security to depositors, and as much leniency to the unfortunate borrower as any bank establishment in the county can indulge in.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A delegation of gentlemen representing all the territories except New Mexico visited the White House yesterday, to present their views in regard to territorial government. There were in the delegation John Bailey of Idaho, Judge Mead of Arizona, M. H. Day of Dakota, Judge J. A. Kahn of Washington territory, Delegate Toole of Montana, Judge Merritt of Utah and J. W. McCornick of Montana, all members of the national committee.

STATE NEWS.

Albany's new school house cost \$10,000.

Pendleton is to have an \$18,000 school house. Southern Oregon has a prosperous fruit growing association. Large numbers of fruit trees are being planted near Grant's Pass.

Eugene City's new flouring mill will shortly commence operations. Coyotes are playing havoc with sheep near Smithfield, Lane county. Albany is to have a new opera house, to be built by her business men.

Considerable emigration is flowing into Jackson county; so say the local papers. Oregon City elected a woman, Mrs. Athey, to fill the office of school clerk. It is reported that a large brick hotel will be erected at McMinnville this season.

The residence of W. J. Cronwell at Turner was burned a few days ago. Less \$3000. Newman's store at Miller's Station was robbed of \$200 worth of goods a few days ago. It is reported that block tin has been discovered at Quartzville, in the Cascade mountains.

A sturgeon weighing 500 pounds was fished out of the Columbia, at The Dalles, a few days ago. The Guard says Eugene City is the best location on the Coast for the establishment of an iron foundry. The Big Klamath irrigating ditch is about completed from the lake to Linkville, a distance of a mile and a half.

A span of horses belonging to Peter Slater was drowned in trying to cross the Calapoia at Oakville, Lane county. James G. Blaine's works have been added to the Lauren and Eutaxian library of the State University, at Eugene. The residence of F. C. Lawrence at Albany was destroyed by fire last Tuesday evening, supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The spring clip of wool in Eastern Oregon is estimated will reach \$3,000,000 pounds, a much larger amount than was ever sheared before. From five to ten thousand people, it is claimed by a Portland paper, soon intend to emigrate from near Cleveland, Ohio, to the Northwest. A Canyon City correspondent says: "There are five cases of diphtheritic paralysis now to attest the certainty of our having had diphtheria in our midst."

Ex Senator Nesmith's condition shows slight improvement and hopes are entertained that he will soon be able to return home and be cared for by his family. The school meeting at Heppner resulted in raising a 5 mill tax, which, a correspondent of the Times says, will cause the shortening of the schools without paying the indebtedness of the district in full. Stock in Eastern Oregon are getting fat, and on examination the stock men find that not more than three or four per cent. of the horses have succumbed to the hard winter, with 8 per cent. of cattle and only 10 of sheep.

A new law fixes the rate of road work at \$1.50 a day, which makes a slight difference to citizens who are compelled to pay their road tax in cash, instead of serving the county by leaning on the handle of a shovel and talking politics six or eight hours a day for two or three days in the year. Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Mining Development Company were recently filed by L. D. Brown, A. J. Kane and C. E. Burrows. The business of the company is to engage in gold mining, and dispose of for profit what is known as the Centrifugal sluice. Capital stock is \$50,000, divided into 2000 shares at \$25 each. By an act of the Legislature the appointment of school money is made the third Monday in April and the third Monday in August, and the amount of school money due each district is apportioned in this manner: Every school district receives \$50, and the remainder in the school fund is given per capita to the different districts. The Legislature passed Representative Riddle's bill to pay bounties on the scalps of wild animals. The bill authorizes the several counties to pay bounties as follows: For panther or cougar not more than \$5 nor less than \$2; for each wild cat not more than \$2 nor less than \$1; for each bear not more than \$5 nor less than \$2; for each wolf or coyote not more than \$10 nor less than \$2; for each ground or digger squirrel not more than 5 cents nor less than 1 cent. The new county of Morrow, lately formed by the Legislature, has the following boundaries: The northeast corner of the county is in the middle of the Columbia river channel about 6 miles west of Umatilla;—then run due south 22 miles; then due east 9 miles; thence south 6 miles; thence east 6 miles; thence south 36 miles; thence west 30 miles; thence north 12 miles, this line being six miles east from Lone Rock; thence west 6 miles; thence north 6 miles; thence west 6 miles; thence due north 36 miles to the middle of the Columbia river; then up the river 27 miles to the place of beginning.

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