

Weston Weekly Leader.
FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1885.

A valley paper goes back on the "metropolis of Oregon" and styles Portland the "Mecca of the impious." An appropriate name.

The census of Washington Territory, taken last week, indicate an increase in population during the last six years of over 100 per cent.

The net debt of the United States has now gone below \$1,500,000,000 for the first time since the war. Twenty years ago it was \$2,700,000,000.

The last person at the White House whose services were dispensed with was a French cook who received a salary of \$1800 per year. His successor is a darky who gets up plain dishes for \$1.25 per day.

After the first day of next month the rates of postage in the United States will be lower than in any other country using the postal system. At that time the rate will be 2 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, instead of a half-ounce as at present.

H. F. BECHER, a son of the great Henry Ward, has been appointed collector of customs for the Puget Sound district. The appointment does not meet with the approbation of certain hot-headed Democrats who have "fought, bled and died" for their party for so long.

The St. Paul Pioneer-Press says of the wheat crop: "The outlook for the spring wheat crop is very encouraging, while that for winter wheat is very gloomy. Minnesota and Dakota farmers will doubtless sympathize with their winter wheat brethren, but they cannot be expected, as human nature goes, to cry very hard."

GENERAL GRANT's condition still furnishes the Associated Press with telegrams for the daily newspapers. According to its reports the old general has been at death's door for the last six or eight weeks, and although the subject is becoming as stale to the public as Jim Turk is to the readers of the Portland papers, still the sympathy of a nation is extended to one whose sufferings and misfortune, after having reached the summit of fame and power, are so great.

REIL, the Canadian rebel, is in jail and will be tried for treason. If a man ever deserved hanging, Reil is certainly that man, but it would not be surprising if he was acquitted. He has the entire sympathy of the French Canadians, and will be defended by the ablest talent in the Dominion. It seems to be MacDonald's desire to keep on the good side of Reil's sympathizers, and it is not at all unlikely that he will secretly throw his influence in Reil's favor.

The chief postoffice inspector has been informed that Postmaster I. N. Hibbs of Lewiston, Idaho, issued money orders to the amount of \$25,000 or \$30,000, payable to himself, ordered banks in different cities to collect them and forward the money to him, and then absconded. He was last heard from at Victoria. Since his departure from Lewiston the U. S. authorities have intercepted fourteen letters addressed to Hibbs, each of which contained \$600 worth of money orders. The wily postmaster might have continued his funny business indefinitely had not his departure for British provinces excited suspicion.

THE last Legislature of California passed a bill authorizing the State to go into the business of publishing school books for the children of the public schools. There are 250,000 children of school age in the State, and the sum of \$150,000 has been appropriated for the purpose. This is a move in the right direction. It is a well known fact that what are known as "book rings" exist in nearly every city in the country. Publishers of school text books "stand in" with local dealers, and the latter manipulate the politics so as to control the school boards in the interest of the publishers. The result of this arrangement is that parents of school children are compelled to pay a great deal more for books than they are really worth, and it is also conceded by every one that text books are charged much oftener than is really necessary. The State proposes to publish these books and furnish them to the pupils at actual cost. There is no doubt of the need of having something done to stamp out the gross imposition now generally practiced by publishers and their agents on the patrons of public schools in the matter of the prices charged for text books.

Gladstone has fallen. The government was defeated last Monday by a decisive vote on the spirit duty tax—264 to 252. The excitement that prevailed was equal to like scenes that have occurred frequently in the French Assembly. Gladstone was completely crestfallen. Tories pointed their fingers at him and yelled: "That is the price of coercion!" "Down with Buckshot Forster!" "Remember Miles Joyce!" He arose to move an adjournment, but stood in his place fully a minute before he could be heard. It is understood that the ministry has sent in its resignation to the Queen.

CAN A man who accidentally kills himself be accused of committing suicide? Hazardous men in the hope of gaining a popular reputation, frequently attempt feats which result in their death. Such was Odum, when he jumped from the Brooklyn bridge, without any idea of being taken in charge by the coroner. Tight-rope performers and balloonists sometimes fall from a high distance and sustain injuries from which they do not recover. A gun accidentally goes off in the hands of a hunter and sends the discharge through his brain. These men kill themselves. Do they commit suicide? What is suicide, anyway?

THE Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular directing customs officers to collect an alien immigrant tax of 50 cents each from foreigners coming to this country as tourists or travelers in transit to other countries, as well as from those coming to this country to reside. Such an order is certainly not calculated to induce emigration to this country.

This year the political battle opens with the Kentucky election in August, followed by Ohio in October, while in November the Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia elections occur.

The telegraph brings the news that ex-President Arthur is suffering severely from Bright's disease, and his friends fear that he will not long survive his Secretary of State.

THE question of continuing the exposition at New Orleans has been considered by the President's cabinet, and decided in the negative. It is too expensive a luxury for the government.

Senator Edmunds, who has gone to England, is to testify before the committee on privileges of the House of Lords in a civil suit which affects the title of an old peerage in England, the income of which is \$80,000 a year. The case turns on the validity of the marriage between Richard Maitland and Mary McAdam, which occurred in New York in 1772, and was solemnized by Dr. Ogilvie, of Trinity church. It is especially in regard to the colonial laws in force at that time that Mr. Edmunds' testimony is wanted. The two claimants for the estate, and with it the title of the Landerdale, or Sir James Ramsey Maitland, the descendant of the fifth son of the sixth earl of Landerdale and Maj. Frederick Henry Maitland, the direct descendant of Sir Richard Maitland, who was Adjutant-General of the National American colony from 1765 to 1772, and was the fourth son of the sixth Earl of Landerdale.

Lightning played some strange pranks in Butte the other day, according to the Inter-Mountain, which says: "Lightning struck a wagon near the Alice mine, knocked the tires off the wheels, paralyzed a horse attached to the vehicle, and then made a dive for the main shaft of the Alice. The current passed down the cable to the 300 foot level, where it switched and followed the car tracks out to where the men were at work in the face of the car. Three of the men were prostrated and stunned but not much hurt. The electricity then passed into the earth and that was the last of it."

THE manufacture of glucose or sugar in this country now employs a capital of \$10,000,000; employs 4,575 workers, who are yearly paid \$2,058,750 in wages; consumes \$13,703,000 worth of raw and manufactured material yearly, and in the same time yields a product worth \$18,270,000. Each year there can be made about \$10,000,000 pounds of corn sugar, and 61,000 bushels of corn used daily, each bushel giving 32 pounds of glucose. The glucose sugar can be made with profit, it is said, at two cents a pound.

The Treasury Inquiry Commission recommends reductions in the present force in several divisions, and suggests a change in the method of doing business, which it thinks will expedite and improve the work of the bureau. The changes recommended involve a general reorganization of the bureau.

The population of Washington according to a recent police census, is 203,450. This shows an increase during the past five years of 25,835, an average of over 5,000 per annum.

GENERAL NEWS.
General Rosecrans has been appointed Register of the Treasury in place of Bruce, resigned.

Adam Pierce, of Dayton, Ohio, has assigned. His assets are \$140,000 and liabilities \$50,000.

A woman in the pothouse of Warren county, New York, has subsisted on water for thirty days.

Ex-Speaker Carlisle and David A. Wells affirm that the administration will not wear the protectionist collar.

The New York authorities, frightened over cholera reports, have commenced the formidable task of cleaning that city.

The Chilian newspapers deny that their Government has sold the warship Esmeralda to British Government for \$1,500,000.

Ex-Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania says that while Minister to Russia, he spent \$12,000 a year more than his salary.

Only about one-twentieth of the tobacco crop of Kentucky and Tennessee has been planted, on account of the unfavorable weather.

Mr. Pollard, of Albany, sent a card to the President after writing upon it: "Don't want half a seance." Pollard and Cleveland held a seance.

Wheat in all the great exchanges is beginning to show signs of improvement in prices. The bulls are working the movement energetically.

The Governor of Louisiana has issued a proclamation fixing the terms of quarantine for vessels from inter-tropical American and West Indian ports.

A lady pensioner has notified Pension Commissioner Black that, having inherited a fortune, she has no necessity for the pension from the Government.

Prince Bismarck has written a letter to the Thuringian Farmers' Association, saying the question of bimetallism is being considered by Government officials.

A conspiracy to oust John Kelly as the head of the Tammany organization, has been developed, with Purry and Crocker at its head. Kelly is still quite sick.

U. S. Minister Lathrop bid the Legislature at Lansing Michigan, an affectionate farewell on Thursday. He has a high opinion of the friendship of Russia for the United States.

Prussia has presented a scheme in the Bundesthau for a canal from the North sea to the Baltic coast for 156,000,000 marks. Prussia to pay 50,000,000 and Germany 106,000,000.

The Postal Telegraph Company, it is stated, has obtained control of the Bankers and Merchants' lines, and the offices of the two companies in the West will soon be consolidated and put under one management.

The tobacco glut at Lynchburg, Va., is unprecedented. Wagons stand in the street all night unable to unload at the warehouses, and the commission merchants are asking platers to hold their crop back.

The soldiers are still in pursuit of the Apaches, but they are realizing the truth of the nautical phrase that a storm chase is a long one. The Mexicans are preparing to give the Indians who are heading that way a warm reception.

An attempt was made Thursday night to blow up the private car of Superintendent Cummings, of the Texas Pacific Railway Company, at Marshall, Texas. Three nitro-glycerine cartridges were placed on top of the springs and under the car floor.

Naval officers who were on the recent Panama expedition say that the people of Panama are anxious the United States should make its temporary possession of Panama permanent. They say that, under existing circumstances, it would be impossible for the country to remain in a peaceful condition for any length of time.

Americans in London are well pleased with the warmth of the reception accorded Minister Phelps at the banquet given by the Lord Mayor. The Mayor, in proposing his health, said that he gave him a most cordial greeting, not only on behalf of the corporation of London, but of the whole people of England.

The pension appropriation act, which becomes operative July 1, provides that after that date no vacancies occurring in the clerical force of the pension bureau shall be filled by appointment or promotion until the force shall be reduced to 150. This practically directs a reduction of the present force, and after July 1 further appointment cannot be made for at least one year.

A tornado of wind and rain, accompanied by the terrific lightning and thunder, lasting fifteen minutes, struck Paris, Illinois, Thursday afternoon. Half of Metropolis block was unroofed, leaving valuable stocks of goods exposed to the torrents of rain which fell. The Presbyterian Church and a number of other buildings were totally demolished. The loss will aggregate several thousand dollars. No lives were lost.

The most accommodating postmaster in the United States lives in Illinois. His name is Peterson, and his office is located in one of the small towns in Sangamon county. A letter was received at the department on Thursday signed by a score of Peterson's townsmen, who accused him of offensive partisanship and demand that he be removed at once. At the bottom of the communication was this endorsement from Peterson: "I heartily concur in the above. I think I ought to be bounced at once."

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STATE NEWS.

The total amount of taxable property in Eugene is \$813,614.

A firm in Alkali has shipped 1,250,000 pounds of wood this season.

Nearly every town in Oregon will celebrate the 4th of July this year.

Cherries are being shipped from the Willamette Valley to St. Paul and Chicago.

Jackson and Josephine counties are distributing many pamphlets to induce immigration.

Polk county farmers feel jubilant at crop prospects. Spring grain looks well and oats never were better.

The Linkville bridge across Link river broke down a few days ago, and communication is interrupted with the west.

Considerable lead mining is still being done between the mouth of Rogue river and Eureka creek, although water is becoming somewhat scarce.

A boom has started at Galice Creek, Josephine county, which promises to extend. Much prospecting is being done and many claims are being located.

The Sterling Mining Company has quite a force of men engaged in building its huge reservoir, which will be 250 feet wide, half a mile long and fifty feet deep.

Patterson Bros. have taken considerable gold from their mines on Beaver creek already this season, and brought a pile of beautiful nuggets to the bank of Ashland one day last week.

Jackson and Josephine counties are full of rich mines yet. As soon as the requisite capital can be obtained to work them this will become quite apparent.

Rich specimens of copper ore have been found within a few miles of Salem. It is probable that a company of western capitalists will invest money in the enterprise of working the ore.

John Ryder, a farmer of Curry county has been missing a month, and it is feared he has been drowned in the ocean, as he was last traced to a high bluff, where he was hunting some stray logs.

By the first at Oak Grove, Polk county, Mr. A. G. Roberts lost one thresher, two seeders, one hay rake, one binder, a span of horses valued at \$300 or \$400, ten tons of hay and about 400 bushels of wheat.

The Grande Ronde Baptist association will hold its annual meeting at Indian Creek, commencing on Wednesday morning, June 10, at 10 o'clock, and remain in session until the following Sunday evening.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable mining season a considerable quantity of gold dust has been taken out of the Rogue river. O. C. Beckman of Jacksonville has bought and shipped several thousand dollars' worth.

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A few days ago, as a Mr. Hoxter was driving a band of 700 horses near Baker City, a freight team approached, when the horses stampeded, running into a slough, thirteen of them being drowned and a number of others lame.

A load of the finest coal that ever came into this town, was brought down from the East Umpqua river about twenty-two miles from town, where Dr. J. F. W. Saubert has discovered an extensive coal ledge. The quality too is of the very best.

Plainedale.

We are credibly informed that the wheat crop of Wasco county this year will far exceed that of any former one. Between the Deschutes and John Day rivers the increase in acreage will be fully 60 per cent., and the yield will be 25 per cent. per acre over any former year.

This side of the Deschutes the increase in acreage will be fully 25 and the yield 20 to 25 per cent. If the present favorable weather continues a few days longer the output of wheat will be 800,000 bushels, of which 500,000 will be exported.

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It is the best cart in our city.—H. H. MATTHEWS, Ottawa, Ill.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., March 28, 1883.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—I am greatly pleased with your two-wheeled vehicle. It deserves any thing that I have to say in its favor.

W. T. SHERWOOD, M. D.

PLANO, Ill., Dec. 29, 1882.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—The Road Cart I purchased of you is a fine one. I have used it every day for some time, and am well pleased with it. I have no objection to it.

JOHN D. COOPER, M. D.

CLAYTON, Mich., April 29, 1883.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—I am very pleased with my Cart. I think it is the best.

JOHN D. COOPER, M. D.

PAW PAW, May 1st, 1883.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—You wish to know if I like my Cart. I can say too much in its praise. It is a perfect affair.

L. H. BRAFFET, M. D.

MARSHALL, Texas, April 29, 1883.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—I have used my Cart about ten days, and may say it stands well after getting it.

JOHN D. COOPER, M. D.

YONKERS, Ill., April 29, 1883.

W. R. CHURCH—Dear Sir—The Cart is the

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