Weston Weekly Leader.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1885.

THE Portland Board of Trade has actually said a good word in favor of opening the Columbia river.

TALLY another for Uncle Sam. The prize English yacht, Genesta, was beaten in the international race by the American yacht, Puritan.

THE Chinese nuisance has reached the Atlantic States. Chinese cheap labor is playing havoc with many industries there. Perhaps the Senators and representatives of those enlightened States will be able to bring more common sense and less silly sentimentality to bear on the question when it again comes up in Congress.

THE controversy over the silver dollar is one that does not particularly interest the farmers or merchants of Umatilla County. Neither of these classes seems to be overburdened with silver dollars. In fact change has been and still is quite scarce. There does not seem to be too many silver dollars in circulation among us and we are pleased to get dollars of any kind.

GREAT political pressure is being brought to bear upon Gov. Moody to call an extra session of the Legislature to select a successor to Senator Slater. It is well known that the Portland *Oregonian* and a few other Republican papers favor Ex-Attorney-General Williams, while the Portland *News* and the majority of the Republican papers in the State favor Ex Senator Mitchell. It is worthy of note that it is the friends of the latter who are so anxious to have the Legislature convened in a "spirit of compromise and concession," it being of course tacitly understood that the opponents of Mr. Mitchell will do all the compromising and conceding. But will they do this? One thing is certain, that if the present Legislature succeeds in electing a Senator, one faction or the other will be obliged to "eat crow" to a humiliating extent. It is significant also that every plea that is made in favor of an extra session is based on party grounds. It ought to strike the average taxpayer as a very cool proposition to tax the State $30,000, simply that one of the parties may gain an advantage over the other. If the public interest demands an extra session let us have it by all means, no matter what the cost may be. If it does not, it would be worse than folly to incur such an expense.

THE present system of assessing needs amending. Perhaps it is not possible to reach all the assessable property in a large county without expending more money than would be gained by a thorough assessment. It seems impossible, however, for one man to do the work thoroughly in the specified time. Deputies are not responsible to anybody for the manner in which they do the work allotted to them. It is quite probable that there are people in Umatilla county who have never paid any taxes. It is also probable that some rich people do not pay their share of the common burden. It has been suggested that there ought to be a board of assessors for each county, instead of one assessor. If there was a board of seven or nine assessors, there would be some among them, a majority probably, who could not be influenced by every rich man in the county, and who would have a disposition to act independently. They would thus support each other in a determination to make an assessment according to which the wealth would share in equal proportion with the poverty of the county, in bearing the tax burden. There would not be a political temptation for so many men to use the office as a stepping-stone to some higher place. It is evident that the better an assessor is acquainted with the locality which he is to assess the better he will be able to perform his duty. This would seem to favor the plan of having precinct assessors. After they had each completed the work in his precinct they could meet and equalize the assessment of the county. The question is of sufficient importance to merit consideration with a view to future legislation.

THE present low price of wheat is apparently unaccountable. The shortage in the wheat crop of the world is not denied by any. In the wheat growing countries of Europe the crop is far below averages. India, instead of being a formidable competitor in supplying the European demand, is actually threatened with famine. The surplus for export in the United States is far from sufficient to supply the foreign demand. What keeps down the price of wheat? It does not seem sufficient to say that grain speculators lost heavily last year and are now trying to make good their losses by a combined effort to force the farmer to sell at ruinously low figures. We do not doubt their willingness to do such a thing, but doubt their ability, and therefore the low price of wheat is a mystery.

It is said by treasury officials that there is no hope for the repeal of the Bland silver bill and that it is doubtful whether any legislation modifying the act can be got through congress. The subject has become of such importance that it may be made an issue in the choice of speaker, for the composition of the committee on coinage, weights and measures would, in a great measure, facilitate or defeat action by the house. Of 184 democrats elected to the next congress 108 are from the southern states and 76 from northern states, and of the southern democrats 64 were members of the forty-eigth congress and 44 are new members. Of the northern members 45 are old and 31 new members. In caucus the southern members have fifteen more than a majority. The proposition from the appropriation committee at the last session of congress to suspend the coinage of silver was defeated, yeas 113, nays 152, not voting 54. Of the 152, 75 were southern democrats, 48 northern democrats and 29 republicans. Of those not voting, 12 were southern democrats, 16 northern democrats and 26 republicans. In the next house the southern democrats have 12 more than in the last house, while the northern democrats fall from 105 in the last house to 75 in the next house. Calculation is made that the advocates of silver coinage in the next house will number nearly 200 members. A majority of the house is 163 members.

Mr. McCleay, President of the Portland Board of Trade, in his annual address, said: "Through the courtesy of Major W. A. Jones, United States Engineer, the members of this board were afforded an opportunity of visiting the important government works under his charge at the Cascades of the Columbia river. We were profoundly impressed with the immensity of the work, and were pleased to note the progress that had been made. I deem it of the utmost importance to Oregon that the canal and locks at this point should be speedily pushed to completion. The valuable island navigation of the Columbia river and its tributaries is imperatively needed, and the vexatious delays that have taken place are alike detrimental to the interests of our people and productive of the increased expense to the government that always attends intermittent labors of the kind.

No doubt remains but that a terrible famine is impending in India. The crops in Deccan have all failed for want of rain, while in Bengal the crops are ruined by an excess of rain and floods. The country for fifty miles about Calcutta is completely submerged. Nearly all the railways in the province were injured by floods and landslides. The railway at Lucker Serra, has been completely swept away. Public subscriptions have been opened and all possible preparations are being made to provide against a famine which now seems inevitable.

The London Times says: The statement is read with interest that we have the presence of the chief justice of the United States among us. It is regretted, though, that the time of year prevents concerted action respecting his visit being taken on the part of the different inns of court. The legal profession, however, will extend Chief-Justice Waite the cordial reception given by Americans to Lord Coleridge on the occasion of the latter's visit to United States, but it is fitting that the presence of a judge yet more eminent in position than Lord Coleridge should be known and recognized by us.

The state papers very generally, and we think with reason, object to Judge Deady's decision that preemption entries can only be cancelled by due course of law in the courts. Heretofore registers and receivers have cancelled these entries upon due proof of the forfeiture of rights. If such is a correct interpretation of the law congress should change it. It is no better to cancel by decision of court than by the register and receiver, besides taking such questions through the courts is attended with much more expense and long delay.

Out in Harney vallay there is said to be a swamp land settler who purchased from one of the "swamp angels" that gobbled all the land over there under that title from the State, who is sinking an artesian well upon the site to get water! This is on a par with the letter of a leading ex State official, who informed a Canadian syndicate of capitalists who were about to purchase a block of a million acres or so of Oregon swamp lands, that much of it was "capable of cultivation if irrigated."

More than a million horses must be raised in this country yearly simply to keep the stock of fifty millions we now have; and yet some predicted years ago that railroads would almost spoil the market for the noble animal. Railroads have enormously increased the demand for them, as the introduction of machinery has generally increased the demand for labor.

Yellow fever prevails to an alarming extent at Guaymas. The city is in a filthy condition and people are dying by hundreds.

GENERAL NEWS.

India is threatened with another terrible famine.

Rumored that Blaine will run for the Maine governorship.

The cholera is prevalent in many of the towns in Southern France.

The resignation of Keily, minister to Russia, has been accepted.

A contagious disease raging in Clay Co., S. C., has proved fatal in 100 cases.

Washington, D. C., has 60 Chinese laundries and there is a great local outcry about it.

Keiley has formally tendered his resignation as minister to Austria, which has been accepted.

The Jennings Co. bank, at North Vernon, Ind., has failed, on account of the township bond frauds.

The Genesta-Puritan yacht race was sailed on monday and resulted in a victory for the American boat.

Near Livermore, Cal., 14th, L. C. Cully, a farmer, strangled his wife to death. Insanity supposed.

Beecher favors putting a high license plank in the platform of the New York republican state convention.

The cholera has almost disappeared from the provinces of Valencia, Murcia, Saragossa and Granada, in Spain.

General John A. Logan's book is now in the hands of the publishers. It is entitled "The Great Conflict; Its History and Origin."

The total number of cases of cholera reported in Madrid since September 1st was 10,666, and for the whole of Spain for the same time 23,644.

The collector of the port at San Francisco, has been ordered to reduce his force of employees. The order will throw twenty-four out of employment.

Gen. Middleton and the Canadian minister of militia will soon visit British Columbia to take steps for fortifying Victoria and other coast points.

Emory A. Storrs, the well-known barrister and political orator, died at Ottawa, Illinois, Friday night of paralysis of the heart. His death was unexpected.

In the four-year-old trot at Sacramento, Simpson's Antevol trotted a mile in 2:19½. This beats the four-year-old stallion record two and a half seconds.

President Cleveland appointed Judge John S. Hagen, collector of customs for the port of San Francisco, and John Flannigan as collector of the Southern District of Oregon.

German naval officers have received orders to join their vessels and prepare for any emergency. The orders are specially binding on commanders of squadrons in foreign waters.

Judge Bane, of Salt Lake, in charging the grand jury, characterized polygamy as a vile compound and outrage on law and civilization. He said the law must be vigorously enforced.

Leading clearing houses of the United States report that the total clearances for the week ending September 12 were $710,927,188, an increase of 12 per cent compared with the corresponding week last year.

A large building occupied by the Chinese laborers at the Coal creek mines, twenty-eight miles from Seattle, was attacked by a mob at midnight Saturday. The Chinamen, about fifty in number, fled to the woods.

Secretary Manning declines to make any statement whatever in regard to the alleged silver compromise on the ground that he had not any time to read the newspapers, consequently he did not know what had been said on the subject.

Immense additional works of fortification are being constructed at Sebastopole. The czar is organizing a new fleet to be stationed at Batoum and building military works on a large scale connecting those in the Caucasus with those of central Russia.

Mollie Maguiresim is again rampant in the upper and lower Luzerne districts of Pennsylvania. Nine murders have recently occured in the northern coal fields, and mines are frequently fired. A general outbreak is expected to occur in November.

J. D. Spreckles has received a dispatch that Mr. Pearce, a member of the Glasgow firm who own the steamers Zelandia and Australia, now plying between San Francisco and Australia and New Zealand, under charter to the Pacific Mail company, has accepted a contract to carry the mails from there to New Zealand for £30,000 a year.

The O. I. Co.'s large buildings occupied by Chinese laborers at the Coal creek mines, 20 miles from Seattle, were attacked by a mob of masked men at midnight, the 12th. The Chinese, 50 in number, took to the woods. Their lodging and cook houses were burned. Numerous shots were fired, but only to frighten the Chinamen, it is said. Most of the fugitives took refuge at Newcastle. They claim a loss of $5,000 worth of property.

At its last session Congress passed an act authorizing the Postmaster-General to lease the buildings occupied by third-class postoffices. The amount of the appropriation was only $450,000, or just about enough money to defray the expense of leasing the buildings for offices of the first and second-class; consequently the Postmaster-General has been unable to carry out the provisions of the act authorizing the leasing of third class offices.

STATE NEWS.

PORTLAND, September 15.—Sugar advanced two cents a pound here today.

A base ball tournament will be one of the attractions of the Stae Fair.

Hon. Henry Warren, of McMinnville, Senator from Yamhill died on the 13th inst.

The Mammoth mine, in Union county, has been bonded for $50,000 to eastern capitalists.

There has not been a law suit, either criminal or civil, in Willamina, Sheriden or Bellevue precincts, Yamhill county, for more than two years.

Rumor has it that work will be resumed on the Oregon & California railroad, connecting San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. About 120 miles yet remain between the two ends, most of which is heavy work.

Union county has set the following prices to be paid for the scalps of wild animals: Panthers and cougar, $3; wild cat and catamount, $1; bear, $2; wolves and cayotes, $3; squirrels, from March 1 to June 1, 2 cents

Several burglaries are reported as having occurred in Corvallis last Friday and Saturday, and it is thought by the same parties who visited Albany. They captured little booty. It is asserted that the company of burglars are traveling through the valley in a hack.

A man named John Skelton was killed at McMinnville last Monday by his team running away. He was near the railroad track when an engine gave a tremendous whistle, scaring the team. Mr. Skelton was thrown out, striking on his head so that his brains oozed out, and he died in a few hours afterwards.

It is reported that on account of the reduced rates of transportation over the O. P. R. R., wheat is four cents a bushel more than at Albany, or it would otherwise be. This certainly is an excellent thing for Benton county farmers. $40 on the thousand by reason of reduced transportation is a big item "these modern days."

The other side of Salem a few miles, on last Saturday forenoon, twelve hundred cords of fire wood belonging to the railroad company caught fire, and together with considerable of the track, was nearly consumed. As a result the noon train did not reach Albany till about four o'clock in the afternoon.

Prineville has not been keeping up its customary record on shooting episodes, but last Thursday Wm. Brown had some words with Ed. Evans, a saloon keeper, whereupon the latter picked up a shotgun from behind the bar and fired at Evans. A bystander knocked up the muzzle of the gun, thus preventing the usual murder item from this flourishing eastern Oregon town.

Curry county, according to the census, has a population of 1140. The number is about 100 less than in 1880; but the local paper says the census is very incorrectly taken, since some of the precincts have more than doubled in population. In Curry county there are 24,192 sheep and 3192 cattle. The county produced 54,900 pounds of butter last year.

A boy named Brannan went out to hunt horses a few days ago in Harney valley, and as he did not return that night search was commenced. After hunting all day his horse was found with the saddle turned under him, and the body of the boy was found about two miles away. It is thought that he had fallen from the horse and his foot hung in the stirrup. His face was horribly bruised and mashed, and eye wholly gone.

Marshal Pygall has just arrived at Corvallis from Five Rivers, eighty-five miles southwest, bringing two prisoners named Horton, arrested for stealing. He also wanted Ad Hood, their accomplice, but while out hunting two hours before Pygall reached Five Rivers, Hood was shot and killed by the Hortons. Hood's body was left where he fell, in charge of a party of hunters, waiting for the coroner. The shooting was claimed to have been accidental.

The assessment roll of Douglas county for 1885 shows the following: Total acres of land, 498,371, valued at $1,733,131; town lots, 1158, valued at $203,247; improvements, $588, 867; merchandise and implements, $367,915; money, notes, carriages, watches etc., $93,270; number of horses and mules, 4578; value, $191,248; cattle, 12,118; value $220,571; sheep, 111,061; value, $23,614; swine, 9650; value, $18,416; making a total of $4,536,655. The indebtedness amounts to $1,310,125. Exemptions, $294,544, which leaves $2,931,986 taxable property in the county, which is $42,993 less than returned by the assessed last year. The number of polls assessed are 1502, a decrease from last year of 263,

The following account is given of a murder at Antelope, last week: "S. B. Pratt, a saloon keeper at Antelope, seventy miles south of The Dalles, was shot and killed by E. T. Glisan. Pratt came from the hotel and was entering the saloon, when Glisan shot him from a blacksmith shop window, forty feet distant, where it is supposed he was waiting for him to return from dinner. Death was instantaneous. The cause was jealousy, of two years' standing. Glisan lives a mile from Antelope, and came to town that morning with a shot gun in the bottom of his wagon. Pratt was a single man about 35 years old, and of good reputation. Glisan is nearly 50 years old, and has a wife and seven children. Glisan is under arrest at Antelope."

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