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STATE AND GENERAL

News Items Clipped from Our Exchanges

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Mr. I Nichol's safe at Dayton was visited by some one last week and relieved of over $100.

Independence is to have on eight-room school building with brick basement and steam heating apparatus.

Grouse are plentiful on the North Umpqua. Four of Roseburg's nimrods succeeded in bagging sixty of them last Sunday.

A party of about a dozen men are at work between Springfield and Coburg, setting grade stakes for the Narrow Guage extension.

The Pioneer insist that the hills of Astoria are no higher than those of Tacoma. Certainly, but even then they come pretty steep.

The commissioner of the general land office announces that over 48,000,000 acres of land have been patented recently to the Union Pacific railroad under the direction of the secretary of the interior.

Citizens of Salem freely contributed fruit of all kinds with which to feast the the Mystic Shriners, as they passed through that city last evening.

The people of Salem intend to have a regular Fourth of July on the occasion of the completion of their new steel bridge and will invite guests from far and near.

A nephew of J. C. White, of Crowley, Polk county, while near the heels of a colt, was kicked in the face, breaking the malor bone. He will bear the scars resulting for many years

Mrs. Lyman Abbott, wife of the successor to Henry Ward Beecher as pastor of Plymoth Church, is to become one of the editors of The Ladies' Home Journal, on September 1st next.

The United States land office in Roseburg has been allowed an additional clerk since the inauguration of the new officials. Mr. M. F. Rapp, and Mr. George Kruse, of Oakland, now fill these two positions.

Mrs. Josephine Durrenberger, who came from Europe about six weeks ago to join her husband, who came last November, died at Woodburn, July 29 of heart disease. She leaves a husband, three sons, and a daughter.

"Uncle" Sam Culver, of Linkville, while riding one horse and trying to drive another, was seriously injured this week, the loose animal having kicked him with both feet just below the knee, cutting him to the bone. The injury is a bad one.

The Independence and Monmouth railroad has been completed, thus connecting these two towns by rail. It is a regular standard guage, and the car to run on it has arrived, and awaits the motor to operate it which was expected on the 26th.

California fruit is being shipped East in such large quantities as to leave nothing for home consumption. There is no danger of the Pacific coast overdoing the fruit business. Put out some trees. Great orchards in Douglas county will mean great fortunes.—Roseburg Review.

An English edition of The Ladies' Home Journal is to be brought out in London on a scale never before attempted by an American magazine, and Mr Cyrus H. K. Curtis proprietor of the Journal, and Mr. Edward W Bok, the editor, sailed for Europe last week to perfect arrangements.

Uncle Isaac Briggs, of Springfield, was in Eugene last Saturday, the first time for several years. He and his son were the original proprietors of Springfield, and built the grist mill there in 1854. He owned 640 acres of land some distance above Springfield and his son Elias owned 240 acres joining him on the west, including the site of Springfield. "Uncle Isaac" is now about 88 years old.

The Roslyn mines now employ between 900 and 1000 men, and the monthly pay roll foots up $55,000 to $60,000. It is expected that the output for next year will reach fully 500,000 tons, as the demand is constantly increasing, and the company's present contract call for an output of at least 30,000 tons monthly. More coal was produced during the last twelve months than during any previous year.

Ed. Parrish and James Curl, of Jefferson, Linncounty, killed two large rattlesnakes near Parrish gap. One of them had seven rattles and the other one nine. They carried one of them to town, which drew quite a crowd. A rattlesnake must be quite a rarity in this country, says the Jefferson Review, as several men, who have lived here all their lives, said that this snake was the first they had ever seen.

Burton Bros., who have charge of the brickyard for the state of Oregon at the penitentiary, will burn another kiln of 480,000 brick soon. The fire will be put in the kiln about Wednesday. Still another kiln of some 400,000 is to be burned this season. The brick is for the state reform school, and if any is left over it will be used in the building of an addition to the penitentiary and to the asylum, which will both be necessary next year.

Mrs. Theodore Irving, the founder of the original "Order of the King's Daughters," is the widow of a nephew of Washington Irving. The order was instituted seventeen years ago in Dr. Irving's school in Canada, the badge being a little silver cross and the motto "In His Name." The present membership is reckoned by hundreds of thousands.

The widow of J. C. Catching, of Canyonville, has instituted suit against L. Puckett for the sum of $5000 damages. Catching was killed by Puckett a year ago, the latter immediately leaving the country, and so far has succeeded in evading the officers of the law. He has some valuable property in Canyonville consisting of a flouring mill and land, hence this civil suit.

We are unable to obtain the correct population of Lane county according to the late census returns, as the schedules have been forwarded to Washington, D. C., but a rough estimate gives us a population of 14,200. In 1880 the population of the county was 9,411. In 1870, 6,426. In 1860, 4,780. The population of Eugene in 1880, according to the census returns, was 1,117, and according to the last returns is 3,019.—Eugene Guard.

Centralia News: Don't blame your newspaper man for what happens in the community. If there is anything in the life of the place that you do not wish to go abroad to the world, blame yourself that it exists, not the paper for saying something about it. It is the editor's duty to a typographic photograph of the town each day, and if you take a homely picture, do not kick the instrument to pieces, but try to get a better expression on your face next time.

A stock company has been organized at Sheridan to build a $5000 brick hotel.

L. Pentz, of San Francisco, the new miller of Willow Ranch, talks of erecting a flour mill in Lakeview.

According to reports, Newport is having this season much the largest number of seaside visitors of any place along the coast.

The warehouse of the Benton County Flouring Mills Company is now ready to receive grain. Its capacity is 120,000 bushels.

Flounders, sea bass and cod are plenty in the Newport market. Every one who wishes can get a fish diet, says the Yaquina Republican.

"The pigmy race Stanley found in Africa," says an exchange, "are not half so small as the fellows who are always opposing local improvements in their town."

A man by the named of Mackey, foreman of the Oregon City pulp mill's logging camp on the Luckiamute, was so unfortunate as to have his leg broken last week. He suffered several hours before surgical assistance could be had.

Mrs. Emma McCulloch has renewed her suit against some of the property owners of Grant's Pass. She is represented by C. A. Schibrede, of Roseburg while District Attorney Colvig and Judge Prim will look after the interests of the defendant.

A Washington paper comments on the starting of a new rival town, thus: "The Skookville Skooker, would be an appropriate name far the first newspaper started and its editor could write scathing articles against the editor of the Chucktown Chuckhole and vice versa."

John C. Davis, who is boring for coal on his place on the John Day river, was in Astoria Friday, says the Columbian, and reports good progress. He has reached a depth of ninety feet. Small seams of coal have already been struck, and the indications grow better as the work progresses.

D. P. Thompson, J. W. Vawter and others have made application to the comptroller of the currency to have authorized the organization of the National Bank of Medford, Oregon, with a capital stock of $50,000. The bank will take the place of the present bank of Medford, of which Mr. Vawter is manager, and is expected to be in operation on the new basis about October 1.

Newport now has its mail carried to and from the railroad, a distance of nearly four miles, in a rowboat, at the same time there is a good steamer plying between the same points. The reason for this state of affairs is that the contract was let at so low a figure that the contractor cannot afford to pay the steamer a fair price for carrying the mail.

Farmers of Oregon have cause to feel in good spirits this year. The wheat crop is heavy and the prices are advancing. A grain dealer of Albany says that the wheat of Linn county is of as good quality as was ever harvested. The grain is plump and is free from wild oats or weeds. The price in that city is 74 cents. A small choice lot sold the first of the week for 69 cents.

THE BIG STEEL BRIDGE.

A Busy Crowd of Workmen, but the Mills Cannot Supply Lumber Fast Enough.

Work on the Willamette bridge is moving along as rapidly as possible, but the sawmills have been unable to get out material enough to keep such a force of men going as the contractors contemplated using, consequently several had to be let go, and the work has been somewhat retarded. There are still about thirty men employed in the several departments.

The first tier of false work is built from this side out to the first pier, the sub-structure piling for which is driven and is to be made ready for the reception of the crib to-day. This piling will be cut off level three feet from the bottom of the river, or some nineteen feet below the present surface of the water. This operation is performed by means of circular saw attached to a shaft and sunk to the required depth, the saw and its frame weighing some 3500 pounds. This immense implement came near killing four men yesterday. They were holding it in the water, when the donkey engine made some mistick letting the cable slip on the pulley and the saw went down, almost taking the men under it, but they luckily escaped.

On top of the piling when cut off, will be placed the cribs to receive the abutments. These cribs are already framed and anchored in the river above the bridge waiting to be set in place. They are formed of twelve layers of square timbers crossed and recrossed, each piece twelve inches square, the whole forming a solid structure 44 feet long and about 16 feet wide.

The bank above the bridge is strewn with timbers in process of shaping and framing and, with no further delay, the work will be completed in a short time and the first span put in. The piling is also driven for the substructure at the west end. Every stick of timber used is carefully inspected by Mr. McCoy and by the contractors also, who desire to make a job of this, that will be a credit to them and a lasting monument to their skill as builders, and not a faulty piece or joint will be allowed to exist therein with the knowledge of those in charge.

It is thought that the first of November will see the bridge completed, so that Salem, this year, can have its Thanksgiving day a little earlier than common.—Statesman.

At Wilhoit Springs.

Writing from Wilhoit Springs, under date of July 30, to the Statesman, Miss Mattie L. Hausse, of Salem, dean of the Woman's college, gives the following report of affairs at that pleasant summer resort: "According to the enumeration made this morning, there are 400 here, including those at the hotel and fifty tents and cottages. The highest number at the hotel yet this season is eighty-five. Many come here to spend a few days only, while others are here for the summer. Salem is well represented. There are a large number from Oregon City and Silverton, and some from Portland, East Portland and various other places. There is a large campfire in the grove each evening, where a good-sized audience gathers to enjoy a musical and literary programme. Croquet and tennis are prominent among the amusements. A larger extent of ground, where tents could be pitched at greater distance from one another, and a park near the spring, would increase the desirability of the place as a summer resort and add greatly to the pleasures of those spending the season here. However, every one seems agreed that Wilhoit is a retreat both healthful and pleasant."

There has been lots of fun at Wilhoit the last few days. A gentleman living near Brooks has tumbled heels over head in love with a little widow out there and offered her several thousand dollars to marry him. She has not yet decided, so we are informed, and the poor fellow is so uneasy that he can't drink soda water.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Their Efficient Work in Clackamas County.

They Have Been Instrumental in Making Improvements in Oregon City.

The Oregon City Board of Trade was organized three years ago with Hon. John Myers as president and Harvey E. Cross as secretary. After one year Mr. Myers was succeeded by Hon. J. T. Apperson, who has since held that position. Mr. Cross has held the position of secretary since its commencement, and still fills that place in an efficient manner. The Board of Trade have done good work since their organization. The leading citizens of the city are members of the board, and they work harmoniously together for the greatest good of the greatest number. They were instrumental in securing the construction of the suspension bridge, which is Oregon City's boast and pride. They have secured appropriations for the Abernethy road, which has brought thousands of dollars worth of trade to this city. By their efforts important manufacturing enterprises have been induced to locate here, and have become one of the solid institutions of the place. They induced a fruit and vegetable cannery to become an institution here which gives employment to hundreds of men, women and children. Their good work here is but just commenced, and their meetings are still attended with interest. They still further intend to advance the interests of Oregon City, and will spare no effort to continue the good work. Mr. Harvey E. Cross spares no pains to advance the interests of Oregon City. But he or the board of trade no not believe in booming. They only represent the facts without misrepresentation.

Woman Unhappy Without Love.

I am curious to know whether a woman into whose life love has never entered can ever have been what I should call happy. I do not think so. She may have found the quiet garden of which content keeps the keys. She may be reconciled to her fate; and console herself by thinking how much better off she is than if she were unhappily married; but such dull resignation is not even first cousin to the rapture of joy. I am old fashioned perhaps in my ideas; but I honestly think that real happiness comes to a woman only hand in hand with love.

When she begins to feel that, with one man in it the room is full, and empty when he is gone no matter how many others may remain, she begins to be tremendously, deliciously, deliriously happy. But that is only the beginning; and if love holds happiness by the hand, fear stands at the other elbow. A word too many or too few—a smile that does not go her way—and the girl sinkers as she has just enjoyed. Her very soul hungers within her for some dear certainty. And when that comes—when her troth is blighted—is that her happiest moment? She does not think so then; for she is looking forward to her bridal morning.

The day of day comes, at last, and the new life begins. Is that, then, the happiest moment? Hardly, for the very most loving people who ever lived are not quite one, to begin with, and they must learn to live together. A year—a year of mutual forbearance; of getting well acquainted—a happy year; and now they look into each other's eyes fearlessly. They are one at last and for all time!

Surely that is the happiest moment? I had made up my mind to say so; but—is it?

Ah, I think, after all, the happiest moment is when love is a sweet, shy newcomer, and hope leads it by the hand.—Louise Chandler Moulton, in Ladies' Home Journal.

After Gas.

Tom Corbett, the well borer who at present is engaged in sinking a six-inch shaft for natural gas at Drain, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Corbett says he has been going down at the rate of ten feet a day since he commenced operations, and he has now reached a depth of 215 feet. "I have been working in blue slate rock almost entirely," said he, "and I shall expect a change by the time I reach 250 feet. The formation is exactly the same as it is in the gas regions of Pennsylvania, and there is not the least doubt in my mind but what we will strike gas after we get down far enough. After going through the strata of slate rock we are now working in, I expect to find some more sandstone. Then slate again, and more sandstone underneath that. Gas is usually struck at a depth of from 1500 to 2000 feet. Some of the best wells are only 1000 feet deep. Owing to the fact that the water is interfering with the work of drilling I intend to put in casing as soon as I return to Drain. The material will be six-inch gas pipe, for we have no regular gas well castings here as they have in Pensylvania."—Oregonian.

Complimentary.

The West Shore has been giving Oregon City some very complimentary write-ups. The last number has a splendidly written article on Oregon City's enterprise with a fine illustration of the steamer Altona tied up at the dock. We take the following extract from the article:

"There is an enterprising class of young men in Oregon City who are pushing the place into prominence. They point, with pride, to their $60,000 court house, (shown in the accompanying engraving), their $15,000 school house, and their new churches. A motor is in contemplation to connect with that which is to run from Portland to Cambridge. They have a fine, free suspension bridge across the Willamette, erected at an expense of $24,000, and at the western entrance to the bridge is some of the finest residence property in the state which will soon come into the market. Portland parties have already invested near the new tract, and a general appreciation of values is anticipated in the near future. A matter of no little importance to the city was the establishment during the last year of a new bank with $100,000 capital. To one-half of Clackamas county Oregon City is the trade center. It is now just at the harvest season and general trade is quiet, though there is something moving all the time."

Ben Cassidy, who was employed in Dick Bros.' saw mill near Canby, met with a serious accident on Wednesday of last week. By some means his hand caught in the saw completely severing it. Drs. Paine and Gray made an examination above the wrist, and the patient is progressing favorably.

Two Great Railway Enterprises.

The construction of a railway across the Sahara desert to unite Algeria with the Soudan, and the laying down of a line across Siberia to connect the European systems with the extreme Orient, are two works of stupendous magnitude that are being undertaken respectively by France and Russia. Both proposals have been under consideration, but it is only lately that they have received the necessary sanction of the governments. The idea of the French in constructing a line across the Sahara to put their three possessions—Algeria, Senegal, and the Gaboon-Congo—into direct communication with each other, and at the same time to open up to commerce the vast area of territory which French exploration prove to be well worthy of the enterprise. Instead of being a desert, as was represented by popular ideas, the Sahara is highly productive in parts on account of its being well watered by rivers and lakes. The climate is mild and equable, and eminently suited to agriculture. The first difficulty in connection with this trans-Sahara railway was the selection of a point from which to start. Both Senegal and the Gobon-Congo are peculiarly suitable on account of their proximity to the territory which has to be traversed, but Algeria was selected on account of its value as a base of penetration. The work will be very costly, the estimated expense of laying the line in the midst of the desert being about £5,500 a mile. When completed the line will tap the Soudan and the region watered by the Niger, and will immediately connect it with the Mediterranean. The work has already been begun under authority of the government. The railway across Siberia owes its initiative to the activity of General Armenhoff. Its completion will necessitate the laying down of 4,200 miles of rails, and it will stretch from the west of the river Oural to the Russian port of Vladivostock, on the Sea of Japan. The line will naturally take a southern route, so as to avoid the forests and the animosity of the natives, and it will take in the rich mineral district lying between Lake Baikal and river Amoor, where petroleum is especially found in great abundance. The line has already penetrated a little way into Siberia, and has now reached the town of Tjumen. The work will take many years to complete it, but it is stated that the railway will become valuable as a means of stimulating commerce with China before it reaches its eastern limit.

Computing the Census.

Nice looking girls in clean, white aprons are the busy hands in a machine shop on the third floor of a Ninth street building, writes a Washington correspondent. It is the census bureau, and the girls work on those wonderful counting machines, which come so near human intelligence in computing the returns sent from all sections of this big country for the census of 1890. At first glance the machines remind one of upright pianos. They have handsome oak cases, and each one occupies about the same space a piano does. They are, however, eminently practical machines, and with their aid fifteen young ladies can count accurately 500,000 names a day. It is expected that when the work of counting the census returns really begins there will be seventy or eighty of these machines at work.

The returns from the census districts throughout the country are coming in slowly. There are more than 50,000 of these districts, and so far only about 4500 districts have sent in returns. As fast as the returns come in they are counted, although not as rapidly as they will be, as it is necessary to train the operators in the use of the machines. In making this count, which is known as the "rough count," the returns for each district are counted twice. After being counted on one machine they are passed over to another, and when the latter count is completed the two are compared, and if there are discrepancies necessary corrections are made. Following this method, if the total population of the country is 65,000,000 there will be counted in the census office an equivalent of 130,000,000 names.

Dakota's Capital.

The capital contest in South Dakota is demanding more attention than any other one question in the state. The fight has narrowed down to two contestants, Pierre and Huron, with the odds in favor of Pierre. The opening of the reservation has naturally increased Pierre's chances. The bulk of the natural wealth of the prosperous state lies to the west of the Missouri river. The great tin mines, the gold, the coal and other minerals that exist in abundance in this new empire are destined to be the most important in South Dakota's wealth, and make her one of the wealthiest states in the Northwest, and with the capital permanently located at Pierre, which is the exact center of the state, railroads will be built across the great domain, centering at Pierre and affording direct communication for the two divisions of the state. The eastern part wants the mineral products of the west while the extreme west wants the agricultural product of the eastern half. Coal at the present time in eastern South Dakota costs from $6.00 to $8.00 per ton, while equally as good quality of coal could be furnished from the mines of the state for $3.00 if proper railroad transportation were afforded. The capital at Pierre will bring this, but no general good can result with it at Huron. There seems to be no question but the majority of the voters will look to the general welfare of the great state of South Dakota and locate their capital where it will not subvert the interests of the largest majority in the years to come. Place your finger on the map where the center of population was in 1880? Is it there now? Place your finger where the center of population is to-day, will it be there ten years hence? Decidedly no. Then Pierre is on the rock that to retells permanence.—N. W. Review.

Withdrawal—Reinstatement.

Secretary Noble made an important decision in the case of Cornelius Knapp against the Northern Pacific railroad company, involving a homestead in section 17, township 9, range 2, Vancouver district. The land is within the primary limits of the Northern Pacific grant. The withdrawal for the road was made prior to Knapp's entry, although Knapp had been making improvements prior to that time. His entry was cancelled because of failure to comply with some rules of law. The question is as to the legality of a reinstatement of his entry when it is shown the land had been excepted from the grant to the road. The secretary holds that it may be reinstated as the land was under jurisdiction of the department as soon as it was settled that it did not go with the grant.