

According to the National and Pacific Coast Weather-Crop Bulletin, issued by the signal service department, the conditions are generally favorable for both fruit and wheat crops.

ASTORIA is determined to have a railroad at all hazards, and the citizens of that interesting seaport are now having a road surveyed from Goble on the Northern Pacific opposite Kalama down the Columbia to the sea.

The police commissioner's case, in which R. E. Eversing of Portland, contended the seal of Joe Simon as police commissioner, has been decided in favor of the latter by Judge Bean, of the supreme court. This case has been in the courts two years, and had in a great measure been forgotten by the public.

EVERETT CITY is to have an old relic fair for Lane county, to which every one is invited to bring some article pertaining to or connected with pioneer times. What is the matter of Clackamas county having a fair of this kind? No city in the state could make a better or more varied display of valuable historic relics.

From the demonstrations of Italians in the larger cities it is questionable if they make as desirable residents as the Chinese. A new more bloodthirsty threats like those made within the past few days, would justify the United States in passing an act restricting Italian immigration. They send thousands of dollars of good American money to Italy each year, which never returns.

CHARLES N. FULTON has been at last elected United States senator from California to succeed Hearst. The vitriol heaped upon the politician were used in the contest, and there is no question but that he is the choice of the railroad corporations. With all the imputations laid at the feet of members of Oregon legislatures, they cannot be accused of bribery or disreputable methods in selecting United States senators.

It is very evident that the coast defenses of the United States would have been strengthened in repelling the attack of an enemy, should this country unexpectedly have international complications that would precipitate a war with a power in which a couple of men-of-war ravaged the sea-board towns of Chile demonstrates our helplessness under similar conditions to an absolute certainty.

There is no economy in sending east for merchandise or other articles that one can purchase at home, as the money is sent out of the country never to return, and the decrease in the circulating medium works a hardship on the entire community. County Judge Moreland, of Multnomah county, says that they buy all their blank books and get their printing for county use in Portland, and that they never send east for anything they can get at home.

It is now an assured fact that Oregon will have a creditable display at the world's exposition. The state board of agriculture are taking active steps in the premises, and are determined to carry it to a successful issue. Captain J. T. Apperson has been especially energetic in reducing the measure to an organized plan of action. The county court of Clackamas county and the board of trade of Oregon City should take special interest in electing delegates to attend the convention on "Pioneer Day," June 15, and raising the quota of appropriation due from this county.

Almost every county in the state has a large immigration where the fruit growers assemble at stated periods, and discuss matters of importance to its members, and of subjects that require united action. Fruit growing is becoming an industry of such importance in Clackamas county that horticulturists should organize for their mutual benefit. There is an institution would prove of immense advantage has been abundantly demonstrated by these organizations in other sections. Clackamas county is destined to become one of the great fruit sections of the Northwest, and the number of trees being planted are steadily augmenting each season.

The incorporation of the Butte Creek and Molalla rail road is an item of importance to the people of Clackamas county. Its construction means a road that will traverse the richest sections of Marion and Clackamas counties with a terminus both at Oregon City and Salem. It will bring in close proximity to market the comparatively level sections of Butte Creek, Crook, and Willamette valleys, and the fertile sections of Marion and Clackamas counties, and possess the finest agricultural lands in Oregon. There can be no question but what this road would be a paying investment, and would add immensely to the business and commercial importance of Oregon City, and would be a great benefit to the people of Clackamas county.

The trial of Stanley Oils for the brutal murder of Emil Weisler in Portland, has concluded with a verdict of manslaughter. The murder was premeditated, and a cold blooded one, and several of the gamblers of Portland claim that they have spent at least ten thousand dollars in efforts to save him from the gallows, and they regard the outcome of the trial at Hillsboro a signal victory. Several important witnesses for the state had been spirited away, and new evidence was brought in that favored the defendant. The jury was selected from a class that could not read or at least objects were made to all that had been readers of the Oregonian. Prosecuting Attorney Stephens, of Portland, and District Attorney McBride of this city, made strong and laudable efforts for his conviction. Objections made by District Attorney McBrine to Joe Day and other policemen, who were called up as witnesses, which raised a breeze, but Mr. McBride pluckily replied that he supposed to show that the witness had been paid by the vilest element of the Portland slums, and that the sources from which he formerly derived his living as a special policeman, were so disreputable that the witness was utterly unworthy of belief.

SENATOR TONGUE, of Washington county, is accused of being the active power that perpetuated the defeat of the new tax and assessment laws at the last session of the legislature. The failure to amend or change the laws relating to assessment and taxation is virtually offering a premium to people who have taxable property to go in debt, and the late legislature cannot be too severely censured for its intention to the desire of the people who sent them, that to see that just and equitable assessment laws were enacted. The large property owner still opposes the issue, and the bulk of the taxes falls on the small taxpayer. The right to manage to get an undue indebtedness to make his portion of taxation comparatively small, and the burden falls on the man of moderate means, who will naturally find that the only way to escape the injustice is to get in debt to the greatest possible extent.

The Northwest Reform Journal man and weeps over the election of John M. Palmer to the United States senate from Illinois, and characterizes the alliance man who voted for him as deserters, notwithstanding the fact that the majority of the alliance journal claim his election as a victory for their party. It is true that the election of Palmer is a democratic victory, and the alliance men cannot claim him as their own.

A LAUREL EFFORT is being made by several of our citizens to retain the cannery at this place, and a meeting is called at the Armory hall on Saturday March 18, at 12 M. To from a co-operative company to purchase the cannery from the present proprietors, who claim that a profitable dividend was made from last season's business, but as their interests are centered in Portland, they are desirous of consolidating their investments in one place. Oregon City can ill afford to lose the cannery as it provides a cash market for fruit and vegetables for miles around, and gives employment during the busy season to hundreds of men, women and children. Business men, mechanics, farmers and everybody are interested in this important matter, and a meeting will be held at the Armory hall Saturday. This cannery is a home institution, to which the average resident has often pointed with pride. We cannot afford to lose the cannery. Oregon City has too much enterprise to permit such a calamity.

A FEW weeks ago the jury and courts of New Orleans refused to convict the assassin of Chief Hennessy, and last week the jury and court at Hillsboro almost gave another assassin his liberty—one year in the penitentiary. It is said history sometimes repeats itself. Both instances are anomalous. The killing of Weber by Hills was nothing more than the result of difficulties caused by the police. Portland favoring one set of gamblers and persecuting another. Weber belonged to the clan that was prosecuted on every trivial occasion and as a result Weber kicked, and kicked hard. They decided he must be put out of the way, or he would cause trouble. What was this but premeditated murder?

FOLLOWING is the wake of the Mafia excitement at New Orleans, is the horrors of the revolt in Chili, where the chief of the military forces, and a slaughterer of the helpless men, women and children without mercy; the report of outright purchase and bribery in the senatorial contest at the California legislature; then comes the terrible disaster of the wreck of the Utopia in Gibraltar bay by collision with the British iron-plate boat, and nearly six hundred Italian immigrants bound for New York found a grave at the bottom of the sea, under a more heart rending horror to the great upheaval of startling accidents and atrocities.

ATTENTION is called to the article of Observers on the conditions of sewerage and the disposition of refuse and filth in this city under any said provisions of law so written and timely in its suggestions. From some cause there is a fearful lot of sickness in Oregon City, and unless something is done when warm weather comes the result will be fatal in its effects.

Among the notable deaths during the past week is Barrett, the noted tragedian, and Captain Alexander P. Ankeny, the noted Oregon pioneer, who died at Salem Tuesday morning. Captain Ankeny was one of the most progressive and enterprising of Oregon's early settlers. He was 75 years of age at the time of his death.

ITERNAL paddlers are working the city, especially the residence portion for everything there is in the business. The proper authorities should see that they pay city license, if people will persist in patronizing them when they should trade with the honest merchant, and aid in building up local industries.

A COMPLAINT is coming from California that they are becoming overcrowded with a great influx of Japanese immigration. Something will have to be done to check the large undesirable immigration coming to this country, or serious trouble and complications will ensue.

To add to the inflictions of the O.M.'s trial at Hillsboro, a new society of agitators has been formed in this city. It is probable that this is a branch organization of the Mafia?

Important Opinion. The following is an opinion of Hon. J. T. Apperson register of the United States land office, in answer to Mr. A. P. Wilson, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, in reference to the repeal of the pre-emption laws. OREGON CITY, OR., March 6, 1891. Mr. A. P. Wilson, Deputy U. S. Surveyor, Tillamook, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We are of the opinion that under the act of congress of March 3, 1891, repealing the pre-emption laws, the act makes provision for "all bona fide claims lawfully acquired before the passage of this act, under any of said provisions of law so repealed, may be perfected upon due compliance with law in the same manner, upon the same terms and conditions, subject to the same limitations, forfeitures and contents as if this act had not been passed.

A Bona fide actual settler, who had settled on unreserved lands, before March 3, 1891, and can prove the requirements of the pre-emption laws, will be entitled when the land is surveyed and submitted to entry, to file and take title under the pre-emption laws as they existed at the time when he made settlement.

WHY THEY DO IT. Editor of ENTERPRISE: It is hardly necessary to call the attention of the people to the disgracefully filthy condition of our city, for they all know it is impossible to overlook such a condition, and it is necessary to point out the urgent need of immediate remedy for this condition of affairs.

Of the diseases resulting from filth and bad drainage or no drainage, this city is having its share, and will unless something is done have more than its share. When the inhabitants of a city so far forget what is due to laws of health as to throw their refuse and kitchen refuse directly into the streets and allow it to lie and breed germs of disease, it is high time our board of health took some action in the matter.

The remedy does not consist simply in sending money for any of the so-called disinfectants, for it is a waste of time and money to throw much or little lime, or use these plague spots. Clean them out and then keep them clean; do it before the war keeps them, do it at once, a few dollars expended in this way may save many dollars to doctors or undertakers; do not waste your time looking to see if your neighbor has a clean back yard or festering sink drain or cesspool, look to your own. Many times strangers visit our town and see only that portion of it only under the bluff, and declare it to be the filthiest town they ever saw; to our sorrow be it said, but who can deny it? Where will you find such another? Look along Main street from the bridge to the basin and see the sidewalk on both sides literally bordered with a green and stagnant foul and fever breeding muck holes, deeper and worse in the front of the shop doors, there to catch all the sweepings refuse from store or saloon; and the rear of nearly every place is worse than the front, if you will only take the trouble to investigate.

Will they heed? Will our board of health enforce any or all of the regulations pertaining to these matters? If not, then it would be well to publish the localities and places where the worst conditions exist.

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As we have saved only a remnant of our stock, consisting principally of notions, cutlery, crockery, etc., we have concluded to dispose of same so we can open again with a fresh stock. To all these goods we have marked them at figures that will make them go. The few same will not be considered, as we prefer to sacrifice them rather than pay storage until we re-stock.

Red Front Grocery

Business and Real Estate Actively Booming at That Live Town.

The enterprising town of Canby situated in the midst of the finest agricultural section of the Willamette valley is actually taking on new life. Fifteen or twenty new buildings will be erected during the coming season, and a meeting of the legal voters of the school district was held Monday evening, when it was decided to erect a new two-story school house with four rooms, to be heated by steam, provided with cloak rooms, and modern improvements.

Aside from what growing, Canby is being entirely lost in the increasing demands of the school district. The level wheat fields around Canby are being cut up into 10, 15 and 20 acre tracts, which are sold from \$75 to \$100 per acre. These tracts are exactly what people are now desiring to engage in the raising of vegetables or fruits of any kind. The liberal terms on which they are sold brings them within reach of the man with limited means, who are situated convenient to short transportation to market.

The residents of Canby will organize a local trade, which will enable them to work harmoniously together for mutual benefit. It is their intention as early as practicable to establish a ferry across the Willamette river at a point opposite Canby, which will be a great convenience to people living on both sides of the river. They also intend to construct the "Deestrick Skid" at Park place, which will enable them to have a bridge built across Park place river, which will enable a large number of the residents living between Mackintosh and Canby to reach that place or Oregon City, as they may have to come by way of Astoria.

CANBY ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT. Co. F, of this City, Will Have Chance to Win Merit Medal.

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