

CLIPPED AND CONDENSED.

THE REVOLUTION AND REPUBLIC IN BRAZIL will cause us all to pay more for our coffee, though it is high enough already.

TO-MORROW there will be some radical changes in freight rates from San Francisco to Chicago; the old rate of 60 cents will be re-established.

A CHARLESTON paper threatens that if congress shall enact a law to regulate federal elections, the south will not continue to be a desirable home for the black man, who will then go north.

TO-DAY Washington becomes a state. Hail to No. 42! May she grow in all that makes great a commonwealth, and the foundation of her prosperity be as solid and enduring as her forests and her mighty mountains.

A CABLE special from Kieff says the Russian government has at last succumbed to public opinion, and is going to abolish banishment to Siberia, so long a terror to humanity and a blot upon civilization. The report is, however, an unlikely one.

EVERY indication points to a big immigration to Oregon next spring. There are a good many coming all the time, but they are only as the first low rush of the tide, to the tossing waves of a human sea that will flow from the east this way in 1899.

THE geography books in use in our common schools need changing to keep up with the process on and portray things as they are, and not as they were ten or fifteen years ago. It isn't any more trouble for a boy or girl to learn these things right then to learn them wrong.

"CAN they do it?" is the Salem Statesman's comment on the reduction of the tax roll of this county 80 per cent. by the county board of equalization. Well, they did do it; the same as the Marion county board reduced the Marion county assessment, 25 per cent. last year.

BOTH parties in Massachusetts seem satisfied with the result of the trial of the Australian ballot law. The voting was not impeded in speed, and the method seems to be readily understood by everybody, doubtless because so extensively advertised and explained in the newspapers.

AND so, after all the fuss, and visits, and interviews, it is very unlikely that a navy yard will be established at Port Orchard, on the Sound, or anywhere else on this northwest coast. It is a matter of general regret—but it is a good joke on those who invested in "Trayton" and Port Orchard real estate.

A MAN in Pennsylvania was offered \$30 by a woman if he would marry her daughter. He consented, but after performing his part of the contract, was thrashed by his mother-in-law when he tried to collect his money. Taken from various points of view, this is the worst case of mother-in-law on record.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, NOV. 15TH.

- An Aggregate of \$82,276 For the Day.
- Boelling, Thomson & Noland to Wm. Olsen, lots 8, 9, 10, 11, Skippanon addition, \$50.
- G. W. Bell and wife to Justina Anderson, lot 6, blk 37, McClure's, \$570.
- S. D. Adair and wife to Hans Peterson, lot 7, blk 9, Meriwether Downs, \$50.
- S. D. Adair and wife to Philip Becker, lots 23 and 24, blk 2, Meriwether Downs, \$150.
- M. Young and wife to Leon Manser, lots 47, and 48, blk 3, Young's addition, \$110.
- S. D. Adair and wife to Sovnich Thompson, lots 5 and 6, blk 9, Meriwether Downs, \$120.
- I. W. Case, trustee to Jos. White, lots 16, 17 and 18, tract 2, I. W. Case's recorded subdivision—blk 28, H. and A's addition, \$405.
- Boelling, Thomson and Noland, to Peter Bayard, lot 5, blk 4, Skippanon, \$80.
- S. D. Adair and wife to W. L. Ellis, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, blk 5, Meriwether Downs, \$940.
- Jas. M. Monroe, to Stockton, Welch & Curtis, N 1/2 lot 1, sec. 31, T 8 N, R 8 W, 20 acres, \$1,500.
- Sam'l Elmore and wife, and Geo. W. Sanborn and wife to the Astoria Investment company, lots 1 and 2, sec. 21, T 8 N, R 9 W, \$50,000.
- J. G. Hustler and wife to Sam'l Elmore and Geo. W. Sanborn, lots 1 and 2, sec. 21, T 8 N, R 9 W, \$50,000.

A Little Difference of Opinion.

Yesterday morning Captain Krebs of the lumber schooner *Jennie Stella* had three of his sailors, named R. Schmelz, Charles Peterson and George Varney, arrested for refusing to proceed on the vessel after signing articles. After being brought into the justice court the men made a counter complaint citing that the vessel was badly leaking and was unseaworthy. P. W. Weeks, R. O. Lanfare and Louis Martin went as an examining board to survey the vessel and report to the court, which they did as follows:

ASTORIA, Nov. 18, 1898.

We the undersigned appointed to survey the forecastle of the schooner *Jennie Stella*, report as follows: That the only place we find a leak is around the pall bit, after throwing water on the deck under the fore-top-gallant forecastle, and that leak in our opinion does not render her unseaworthy.

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R. O. LANFARE,
LOUIS MARTIN.

Judge May then ordered the men to go aboard the vessel or they would be sent to jail. They went aboard.

Tacoma people use 472 telephones, Seattle uses 258.

A plate-glass window in Seattle measures 120 by 180 inches.

The first session of the Montana state legislature will meet Nov. 23d.

The people of Seattle are organizing a steamboat company of their own.

The Southern Pacific will fence their railroad lines in Oregon at an expense of \$168,000.

The Port Townsend Merchants' bank has sold out to Messrs. Ladd & Tilton, of Portland.

The Puget Sound & Gray's Harbor railroad has been completed to its terminus, Montesano.

The East Oregonian calculates the loss to Umatilla county by the partial failure of crops at \$1,500,000.

Steve Bailey, formerly of Coos bay, and lately proprietor of the Windsor hotel in Spokane, has purchased the Gilman house in Portland.

On and after November 26th, trans-Pacific steamers of the Canadian Pacific will sail only once a month, instead of fortnightly, as heretofore.

Another steamer, the *Farallon*, has been chartered by the Oregon Development company, and placed on the Yaquina and San Francisco route, taking the place of the wrecked *Yaquina Bay*.

The members of the Eugene branch of the Minneapolis Building and Loan association have passed resolutions asking the return of their money paid in, as the association has failed to do anything it promised.

The Indian school will be removed to Pendleton, and in the language of the *East Oregonian*, yesterday, forty dark-skinned girls and boys—the majority of whom have the blood of the pale face as well as the Indian coursing through their veins—are among us.

A "Young Men's Investment company," with a capital stock of \$20,000, has been incorporated at Salem. It is composed of twenty young men who propose to invest their coin in real estate instead of in faro banks, horse races, and "the girl of the period."

The jail at Cour d'Alene city was destroyed by fire last Sunday, and P. J. Breen, the only inmate was burned to death. A coroner's jury brought in a verdict that he came to his death while attempting to burn his way out of jail. Breen might make a different statement if he could make any.

An employe of Staver & Walker at La Grande wore corduroy pants. A few nights since he attempted to burglarize the money drawer, getting down on his knees to work his tools. The imprint of the corduroy in the dust on the floor gave him away. The manager accused him of the crime, and he skipped the town to avoid arrest.

A big white owl was shot near Salem the other day. The Statesman says: It is of snowy whiteness and of rare beauty, the plumage being soft as velvet. The wings measured four feet from tip to tip. The bird is thought to have come from Alaska. On its back and the top of its head are a few small black spots, and its feet are protected by white down.

It is said in Portland that the scarcity of apples has caused a sharp advance in prices. A lot was sold to ship to Sitka at \$1.25 per box, and a lot for shipment to China was sold at the same price. According to the *Albany Herald*, one dealer said he sold a lot of choice Baldwins at \$1.50 per box, and Tewksburys, which usually sell for 40 cents per box, are now worth from \$1 to \$1.15.

They were talking about expert bookkeeping. "I'll tell you where we need an expert bookkeeper," said Judge Russell, "that was up at Roseburg in the early days. The boys sent down word to send up a dozen barrels of whisky, marked 'coal oil,' and the shipping clerk with delightful ingenuity, billed the barrels 'whisky, marked coal oil.' It required an expert bookkeeper to make things harmonize."

A big boom is reported at Yaquina. The Oregon Pacific proposes next summer to build a large hotel on South Beach and make the place the Saratoga of the northwest coast. A motor line is to be built from Yaquina City across the upper end of the bay to South Beach, and some extensive improvements made there.

The *Herald* says: The Oregon Pacific is buying up all the land on South Beach at \$175 per acre.

This is the dog-gondest town on record, says the *Vale Atlas*. Last Monday night some one took our rooster and one hen from the roost. As the most likely strangers in town, Judge Olmsted and John Harris were promptly accused; the judge claiming to be able to prove an alibi, but would hate to, while John says he was falling down the coral ladder about that time. Judge Courtney, also here, is above suspicion, of course. It is a great source of thankfulness that they overlooked Pete, the turkey, further along the roost, and the pig in the annex.

Charles Pratt of the Standard Oil company, when in Portland a short time since on the occasion of the marriage of his son to a daughter of W. S. Ladd, looked over the property of the Willamette Falls Electric Light company at Oregon City, and was so well pleased with the prospects of the company that after his return home he sent out and bought all the remaining stock of the company, to the amount of \$163,000. The company has a contract for lighting the city of Portland, and intends to supply power for running all kinds of machinery there.

Fridy, says the *Statesman*, in the office of the recorder of Marion county, the special liquidator of a Scottish session court filed a quitclaim deed conveying to Andrew K. Deventer, the properties of the Oregonian Railway company (limited). This is the narrow gauge system north and east of Salem and south of Portland. Yesterday Mr. Deventer's deed granting the same property to the Oregon Western Railway company, a corporation recently organized and supposed to represent Southern Pacific interests, was filed. The consideration of the last transfer including bonded indebtedness is \$1,270,000.

On last Saturday there came to Garfield a neckle old man with one eye and straggling gray whiskers, who gave his name as Morris Lockwood, who tells a strange story, says the *Garfield*, Washington *Enterprise*. He says that a recent issue of the *Portland Oregonian* contained an offer of a reward of \$1,000 for information concerning a man of his name,

stating that there was a sum of money awaiting him from the government. He claims to be the man. Says he was occupying a homestead in Kansas, about 175 miles from Wichita; that on the 21st day of July, 1872, the Osage Indians made an attempt to drive him off. He and a neighbor, the only white man within miles, with their families, defended themselves all day long in a cabin that was in course of construction, with no roof, and succeeded in killing a number of the redskins and finally driving them off. He employed a lawyer to prosecute his claims for damages against the government, and, getting tired waiting came west. He gave his residence as near Bell's mill, on Deep creek, this country. He started for Kansas Saturday evening. The amount of damages applied for was \$890.75 for the destruction of seventy-five acres of corn and stock run off.

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