

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

(Observer.)

Mr. Wm. Groves, we are sorry to chronicle, is quite low with consumption.

The Polk county political pot has already begun to simmer for the next June tussel.

It is the general opinion that our woolen mill must start to insure prosperity to Dallas.

Mr. Willis Simonton, of near Rickreall, fell from his barn loft, Wednesday, bruising his back quite severely.

Mr. George Erdle and family left on Tuesday for their old home in New York state, where they will reside in the future.

Independence has shipping advantages over Dallas, but that is no reason why we should not be a good town. Let us try.

It will be about two weeks before heavy rails will be laid through Dallas. The S. P. Co. is making some good improvements on the old narrow gauge line, and when completed it will be as good a piece of road as any in Oregon.

Sheriff H. B. Plummer has placed a box at the South entrance to the court house lot as a receptacle for any books or papers that citizens will donate for the prisoners in the county jail. This a commendable act, and it should be responded to by passers-by.

(Itemizer.)

Mr. Beardsley sold 10,000 pounds of Royal Ann cherries. They were all extra fine and large.—Eola Cor.

Miss Agnes Calbreath has a collection of wild flowers from twenty states and expects to have them all represented before long.—Parker Cor.

Willard Elkins has for several years shown a decided taste and talent for drawing and has decided to make it his life work. Wednesday he left for San Francisco and will try to obtain a position with some of the prominent newspapers there. Being devoid of bad habits and full of industry and ambition he will be very apt to succeed.

Miss Hannah Phillips, of Zena, was in Salem the other day with cherries for the cannery. This young lady manages the big farm of her mother, and is a successful business woman. She received nearly \$20 on that day for black Republican cherries, all off one tree, and says there will be half as many more from the same tree. It certainly pays to raise cherries.

In the neighborhood of forty years ago E. C. Keyt was as poor as anybody, but is now the wealthiest man in the county. He is neither extra smart nor extra strong, but has always been a worker and has used economy in all things. While others around him were spending their money for pleasure or frivolous things, he was laying aside to buy what the spend-thrifts were compelled to sell to make ends meet. Too many of the young men of today are living from hand to mouth without any thought or provisions for the future. As the boy so will the man be.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gathered from our Various Exchanges Throughout the State.

There is over 16,000 acres of railroad land in Tillamook county, according to the figures of Assessor White.

Baker City is infested with tramps, who are stealing everything they can lay their hands on, and tormenting housewives.

The deputy county clerk of Columbia county had his salary cut down from \$1000. to \$720 per year, at the last session of the county court.

Hop buyers are beginning to gather in North Yamhill to look after their interests in crops contracted for. One of the buyers has announced that the price will start at 10 cents this year.

Reports from Sherman county say the wheat yield will be better than anticipated several weeks ago. The spring grain has filled out well, and the fall wheat has at all times been good. Harvesting is under way now, and for the next month will be heard in the land. Last year Sherman county raised, it is said, one-sixth of the wheat crop of Oregon, and this year the yield will be very satisfactory.

John Longman brought into Baker City last Friday \$15,000 in gold bullion, the first clean-up of the E. & E. mine under the present management.

Col. Jeff Meyers says that the state fair managers have concluded to offer a premium of \$250 for the best exhibit by any county, barring Marion, at the fair, of grain, grasses, fruits, vegetables and minerals.

The driving of beef cattle from Klamath county to outside markets is now fairly under way. Arthur Jackson, of Steel's Swamp, drove 300 head of beeves to Shasta valley last week, and Louis Gerber left Frank Adams' ranch recently with 400 head from Horsely en route to Montague.

Cattle thieves have become extremely bold in the mountains above Milton. In a number of instances lately fat stock has been killed on the range, a small portion of the ham taken and the balance of the meat left for the coyotes. D. J. Woodward, Lewis Bowlus and others have fou d cattle belonging to them thus killed and mutilated.

Doc Wright got mixed up with two horses at Molalla on Saturday. The horse he was riding fell and he came close enough to another horse to receive kicks on the nose and ribs. A broken rib, and a badly bruised nose and hip are the results.

W. C. Bailey of Eugene, reports nearly a thousand people altogether at Lincoln and Tillamook ends waiting for the Siletz reservation to be opened on the 25th, and while there will be no big excitement, there will be a little rushing.

A couple of weeks ago a Lebanon lady, upon going away for a short visit, hid her jewelry in a heating stove. During her absence a young lady who was left in charge of the house, built a fire in the stove and all the jewelry, worth about \$100, was ruined.

Wasco county is going to have a new town, as surveyors are laying out a site at 10-Mile. A store is expected to be built and a church, blacksmith shop and corner grocery. Just what the reason for the new town doesn't appear, but may be well known to the projectors.

McMinnville college will erect a gymnasium the coming fall, which has long been considered a pressing need. It has also been decided to put bath rooms in the building, with a supply of hot and cold water. The college is taking several steps in advance of any previous year of its history.

Arrangements are being made whereby a cheese plant may be added by the Yaquina Bay Creamery company, also a cold storage, so that butter may be held during the dull season. It is expected that there will be a sufficient quantity of milk furnished to keep the plant running all winter.

The first fatal accident on the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad occurred Tuesday night at McQuigg's station. A. Swanson, who was breaking on a train loaded with logs, fell under the wheels, and was literally cut to pieces, the locomotive, four flat cars and ca-boose passing over his body.

Since the arrest of the Poole brothers on the charge of train-robbery and cattle stealing, their property on Elk creek, which consists principally of horses and cattle, has been running at large, with no person to look after them, and some miscreant has mutilated three of their best horses in a shocking manner with a knife or other sharp weapon, completely ruining two of them and disfiguring the other.

During the winter there has been about sixty men mining in the Starveout vicinity says the Riddle Enterprise, and they have taken out considerable gold. Two men took out \$3,000 in dust and nuggets between them and all have made good wages. Some of the nuggets that were found were worth from \$75 to \$100. Mr. Cotton brought some samples of quartz rock into town last week, which is said to be the richest ore yet discovered in that section.

James Linn met with a serious accident at Medford on Monday evening. He has been employed in times past as brakeman on the R. R. V. K. R. and on that evening he rode over the train and in his usually obliging way, jumped off to help switch the engine. In

attempting to uncouple the car, he was adjusting the air brakes and was caught between the car and engine. His right leg was broken and he also received a severe flesh wound on the under part of his leg and was fearfully bruised.

Peter Smith, a well known and a respectable citizen of St. Helens, committed suicide last Monday forenoon by hanging himself in his barn. He was a well-to-do bachelor, and held several minor public offices, being the clerk of Caanan school district at the time of his death. His mind had been leaving him for some time, and he finally discovered that he was going crazy and feared that he would be taken to the asylum, and it is believed this drove him to commit the rash act.

Cream Produced by the Breeds.

One of the interesting calculations made at the Geneva test of the breeds is the amount of cream produced by them. These figures will be of especial interest to those who sell cream. We therefore give a summary of the data cream supplied. It seems that the Ayrshires produced 580.1 quarts as the average of the four years' period, the Devons 434.3, the Guernseys 676.5 quarts, the Jerseys 668.5 quarts and the Shorthorns 637.4 quarts. The amount of milk required to produce a pound of cream was in the order of the names above given, 5.58 pounds, 4.35 pounds, 3.80 5.95 pounds, 3.60 pounds, and 4.50 pounds.

The cost of food in cans for a quart being for the Ayrshires 8.5, Devons 8.63, Guernseys 6.82, Holsteins 8.04, Jerseys 6.79, and the Shorthorns 7.26.

The value of the cream per cow being in order of the names above given, \$116.02, \$86.86, \$135.27, \$126.10, \$133.70 and \$127.48.

The director figures out the profits for cream selling as follows: For the Ayrshires \$65.49, Devons \$48.44, Guernseys \$87.70, Holsteins \$74.04, Jerseys \$86.30, Shorthorns \$79.92.

Statistical record of the Pacific coast hop crop of the year 1894. Compiled by Lieflenthal & Co., SAN FRANCISCO, July 15, 1895.

ACRES.	BALES.
California.....	8,600 77,500
Oregon.....	15,000 63,000
Washington.....	10,000 49,000
British Columbia.....	400 1,000

Distribution of stock from June 30, 1894, to July 1, 1895:

CALIFORNIA.	RATES.	BALES.
Stock from 1893 on hand June 30, 1894.....	2,500	
Received from Oregon and Washington.....	400	
Returned from New York.....	400	
Crop of 1894.....	77,500	80,800
Shipped overland by rail.....	60,200	
Shipped to foreign ports by water.....	2,800	
Home consumption.....	5,000	
Shipped eastward by water.....	100	74,100
On hand July 1, 1895.....		6,700

OREGON.	BALES.
Stock from 1893 on hand June 30, 1894.....	500
Crop of 1894.....	63,500
Shipped overland by rail.....	60,850
Shipped to California.....	400
Home consumption.....	750
On hand July 1, 1895.....	1,500

WASHINGTON.	BALES.
Stock from 1893 on hand June 30, 1894.....	1,300
Crop of 1894.....	50,300
Shipped overland by rail.....	45,300
Home consumption.....	1,000
On hand July 1, 1895.....	4,000

BRITISH COLUMBIA.	BALES.
Shipped eastward.....	1,000
RECAPITULATION.	
Total stock on hand June 30, 1894.....	4,300
Total returned from New York.....	400
Total Pacific coast crop 1894.....	190,500 195,200
Total rail shipments.....	173,350
Total water shipments.....	2,000
Total consumed by local brewers.....	6,750 183,000
Total stock on hand July 1, 1895.....	12,200

AN AGE OF INVENTION.

Our Roseburg Correspondent Discusses the Question in an Intelligent and Interesting Manner.

The present century will be memorable in history as pre-eminently the age of inventions. In no other century of the world has the inventive genius of man been so alert or its efforts been so signally rewarded as this. In 1801 steam was successfully applied in navigation in Scotland; in 1807 Robert Fulton made his trial

trip up the Hudson in the Cleve-mont, and eleven years after the Savannah reached England from America after a voyage of twenty-six days. From that day to this the time between England and America has been steadily decreasing, until now it is less than a week. Proportional advances have also been made in other directions. What the Savannah of 1816 would be to an "ocean greyhound" of today, the scythe and pruning hook of 1818 would be to the reaper and mower with which the farmer in these days rides around his fields and harvests his crops with ease. The streets of Birmingham, England, were first lighted with gas in 1802, and those of London in 1814. The first cable railway was patented in 1868 and electric and elevated steam railways have since been added in large cities to secure rapid transit. Lithographic and steel engravings, printing by steam and electricity, stereotyping and machines for making paper, and other inventions have made the press one of the greatest—if not the greatest—agents of civilization. In 1826 the first railroad in the United States was built, and today Europe and America are traversed in every direction with railroad lines. In 1845 Professor Morse transmitted messages by telegraph, and now Europe and America are next door neighbors and exchange gossip and news every day.

Telephones, phonographs, sewing, knitting and weaving machines and thousands of other devices for shortening distance, making work easier, and life more comfortable, are today in operation, and still invention goes on. Instead of the Oriental habit of accepting things as they are and living as his father did, every American seems to ask whether he cannot improve upon old methods and old appliances. This restless spirit of improvement has not stopped with mere material successes, whose chief value seems to lie in making the conditions of physical life better. The material advance and the conquests of science and invention have reached up into the moral, intellectual and spiritual environment, and despite the assertions of pessimists, the world is growing better. Scoldom in Russia, slavery in the United States and in the British possessions have been abolished. Republicanism has been established on the continent of Europe, and the last monarchy of the New World has given place to a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Bigamy and infanticide have given way to broader conceptions of human duties and relations.

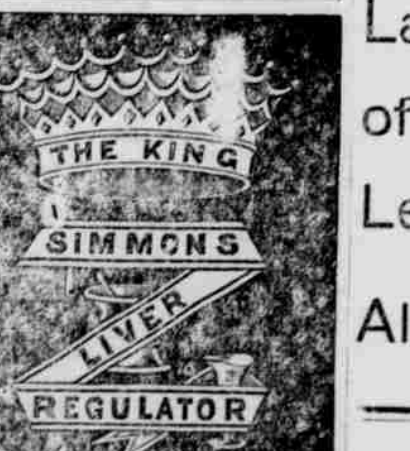
Great as has been the progress of the world in recent years the future will witness grander triumphs. Every material advance will sooner or later bring its moral equivalent. The more perfect and rapid the interchange of thought and sympathy between the nations of the world, the greater will be the advance. Pessimists and dotards should be relegated to the rear. Hope and knowledge, the energy and will "to strive, to seek, and not to yield" are watchwords of the future.

ROSEBURG, July 21.

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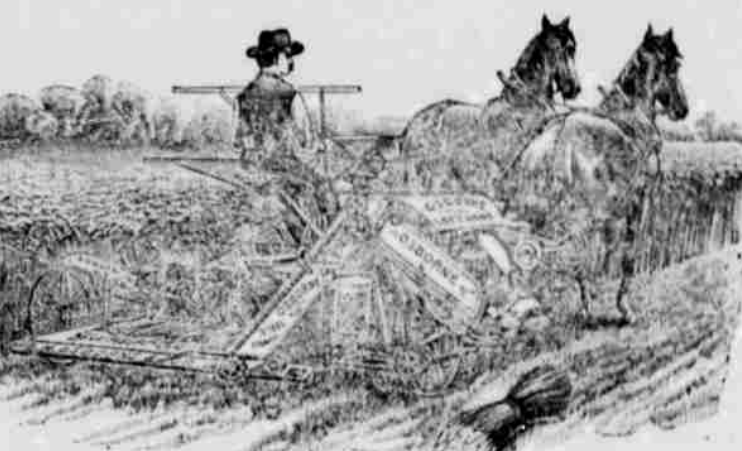
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