

OVER THE STATE ITEMS

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State.

GRASSHOPPERS SPOLLING CROPS

Peach Plums go to Cleveland O.—Infant Child Drowned.

The grasshoppers are playing havoc with some of the crops in the Butte creek country, in Jackson county.

Hon. James F. Gazley formerly of Rosburg died last week at Whatcombe Washington. Gazley at one time was a leader in state and county politics.

The Lakeview Examiner says that 50 or more men and a drove of hogs are trying to keep the crickets at New Pine Creek, from destroying crops.

Last Wednesday, C. W. Washburne, of Junction City, also varied that about 40 of his stock hogs were being taken to the crickets.

The infant grandchild of Henry Page, of Slab creek, Tillamook county, was drowned in the creek last week. It had wandered away to play, and was dead and floating when found.

There seems to be plenty of money in circulation around Sumpter. The receipts of a saloon there on July 6th were \$100 for cigars and liquors alone. The gambling receipts are not known.

Friday night The Dalles Commission Company shipped a car of peach plums from The Dalles to Cleveland O., and Saturday night started a car to Milwaukee. These are the first shipments of plums for this season.

The East Oregonian reports that almost all the wool of the inland empire has been sold. Elgin, Pendleton and Heppner, the great wool centers, have but a few small lots left. The Dalles may have some large lots though there are no reports from there.

Editor Ireland, of the Moro Observer, estimates the wheat crop of Sherman county taking the banner year, 1894, as a basis. His figures give one-fourth greater area and one-fourth greater yield. As the crop of 1894 was 2,250,000 this would make it this year nearly 3,400,000 bushels.

C. A. Bottom arrived in Astoria from Nehalem Friday morning bringing along a couple of interesting pets—a young wildcat and a house cat of about the same age, says the Astorian. About three months ago, Mr. Bottom's dog hunted out a wildcat in an old log near his place at Jewell. The cat, a female, after a sharp fight, escaped into the woods leaving behind in the log three pretty little kittens. Mr. Bottom cared for the little fellows, taking them home and placing them in charge of the house cat, which, by the way, had a small family of her own. The kittens have grown up together—probably never knew but that they were of the same family.

W. S. Byers, of the Pendleton flouring mills, entered into a contract to deliver 15,000 barrels of flour for shipment to Japan. He had the option of furnishing 25,000 barrels more, but as it was required earlier than his mill could turn it out, and he had to refuse the order. Perhaps no one in Pendleton has felt the improved condition in business more than Mr. Byers, says the Tribune. Whereas last year he was often obliged to turn out orders at a loss in order to keep the mill running, this year he has repeatedly been compelled to refuse orders. Moreover his business has been so steady and remunerative during the present year that he is able to increase the wages of his employees.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Eastern Oregon state normal school at Weston, will be enabled to continue next year. All this has been made possible by citizens signing a guarantee subscription for amounts which they were able to stand. The amount desired is not yet complete, but no doubt little difficulty will be found in raising the small balance necessary. At the meeting of the board of regents of the school held at Pendleton last week, the following faculty was chosen, the salaries of the various officers being also given: M. G. Royal, president \$1800; F. J. Van Winkle, \$1200; L. L. Lewis, \$1200; Lora F. Butler \$750; C. R. Taylor \$1000. This leaves a vacancy in the professorship of English and literature, formally held by H. L. Talkington, and the principalship of the training department, formally held by Miss Agnes Stowell—both of whom have accepted other positions. No doubt, however, arrangements will be made to continue their work by adding to the duties of the faculty retained, and giving some of the classes to the seniors.

It is not always that a party to a contract makes money by forfeiting the same, but such has been the luck of Messrs. Keys & Matthews, cattle buyers in Eastern Oregon. Last winter they made a contract to deliver 1000 head of cattle and to forfeit \$3 for each head they failed to deliver. After the contract had been made the price of cattle rapidly advanced, and the buyers saw that they would be losers if the terms were fulfilled,

they succeeded in bunching 1000 head, but instead of delivering them to the contractor, they forfeited the contract, paying the \$3000 penalty and still come out \$1500 ahead. Flax grown for fiber on the outside of the mountain is making an excellent showing. Of the two acres under cultivation, there are four or five varieties, and are grown from Belgium seed is the most thrifty. Samples of this sort pulled showed excellent quality, and a length of 43 inches. It was sown May 5th, attaining the 43 inch growth in 60 days. It promises to reach a total length of 48 inches, and to make a yield of four tons per acre. Delivered at the scutching mills, 48-inch flax is worth \$17 a ton. The sample referred to was grown on clover soil, turned under last winter, and cultivated in the late spring.

The Dalles fruit crop is attracting the attention of shippers and commission men to the extent that a number of them are here arranging with the Western Fruit Co., of Portland. N. B. Harvey, manager of the Farmer's market of Portland, Mr. Meyer manager of the N. P. refrigerator service, and Mr. Hermann manager of the U. P. refrigerator service, are in the city looking after the fruit shipments. A Chinaman died suddenly in Portland last Saturday. A Chinese doctor who was summoned, filled the mouth and nose of the dead Chinaman with red paint. His reason for so doing, he "blow out paint, he no dead, he no blow out paint, him dead." After an hour no paint having been ejected, the coroner was called.

Counterfeit dimes made of 900-fine silver are in circulation in Portland and that they may be in other places. This spurious coin is a little larger but thinner than the genuine.

A man strolled into a fashionable church just before the service began. The sexton followed him up and, tapping him on the shoulder and pointing to a small cur that had followed him into the sacred edifice, said, "Dogs are not allowed." "That's not my dog," replied the visitor. "But it follows you." "Well, so do you." The sexton growled and immediately removed the dog with unnecessary violence.

A PATRIOTIC ORATION

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O! Bear it upon your banners ye children of the great republic, and with the enthusiasm of free enlightened men and women rejoice as we now stand.

With freedom's soil beneath our feet And freedom's banner waving o'er us, Well may the glorious day be greeted with booming cannon and salvos of artillery and shouts of joy and tears of thanksgiving for the handwriting drafted upon the imperishable wall has assumed a living form and shines forth in eternal light putting to blush and shame the millions of despotism who would tarnish the brightness of even one single star that adorns our national standard.

Pausing now only for a brief retrospective glance, how grandly indeed looms up before us, the progress of our nation since the revolutionary fathers first planted the standard of liberty in this great land! Sanguine as our ancestors were their fondest, their loftiest ambitions for their posterity could scarcely have stretched forward to an hour like this. In the far off centuries of the future the antiquarian will search in vain for a parallel to our history. Oriental romance teems with its legends of magnificent cities with their gorgeous temples and lofty towers springing into existence at the midnight hour, but the most incredible and romantic of these become almost living realities when applied to the experience of our own land. From thirteen comparatively feeble colonies in little more than one and one-half century our government has extended its borders until to-day we number forty five sovereign states while four territories still wait ready to cast off their infantile habits and unite with the great circle constituting the proud galaxy of glittering stars that compose our grand constellation.

Since the organization of our government we have by purchase and honorable conquest so added to our original national domain that we can now meet old England with the proud boast that we too are the dominant proprietors of a domain upon whose broad acres the sun never sets—that while in our north western possessions at even tide, the Alentian fisherman turns homeward the prow of his canoe, even there upon our northeastern boundary the woodsman in the forests of Maine, is greeting the morning light with the merry music of his swinging ax. Then that mighty area of country now known to us as the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, lay an unexplored and almost unknown wilderness and that vast region stretching west and north from those great rivers to the grand Pacific now embracing empires with teeming millions within their borders was practically unknown to civilization.

Then the locomotive, the steamship, the electric telegraph were unknown and the most sanguine enthusiast of what was even then known as the great west would scarcely have ventured the assertion that by any engineering skill that could ever be brought to bear a pra-

tical wagon road even could in all the coming ages be constructed from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean. But the shrill trumpet of the locomotive rouses the echoes from the southernmost Sierras to the ice clad peaks of the frozen north, while freighted lightening trains rushing over the net work of transcontinental railways attract scarce even a passing notice from the oldest inhabitant.

The high priest of the plains has five times wedded glittering sea to sea with bars of iron and with rivets of steel while the inventive genius of the age eat the lightning of Havens at his will and harnessing his chariot drives over mountain range and dower be spangled eads.

While the people of America cherish a just pride in the gallantry and bravery of our regular army, yet they are happy to realize that they have ever at hand a tower of strength in the citizen soldiery of the land known as the grand army of republicans. It is the more recent dark days of our nation's deadly peril ventured their lives their fortunes, and their sacred honor to uphold it and who with a bravery and intrepidity never excelled in the history of the world planted again in triumph the standard of our beloved government upon every foot of soil where it had been temporarily dishonored. Tomorrow, if need be were the tocsin of war to sound, at the first tap of the signal drum, ten hundred thousand men would send back their answering shout. Men too, whose veteran arms to the word of command would bear our triumphant eagles round the world.

It is a matter for the highest congratulation to every loyal heart that today throughout the length and breadth of our beloved county we stand a united and undivided people. From the north, the south, the east and the west, the loyal sons and daughters of the republic, as with one voice, proclaim "let this old flag of our union be reared aloft of float for ever, but where it falls if fall it must, there shall be nothing above it save the angel of God who proclaims the end of time and the beginning of eternity."

Ours is the only civilized country upon the earth which can invite the down trodden and oppressed of every nation and every clime who love independence and who can appreciate and adopt the blessings of our form government to take refuge beneath the folds of our protecting banner. Notwithstanding all this the time has come, yea it is now at hand, when our government shall see to it that our fair land shall not be made the dumping ground for the ignorant vicious and anarchical refuse of other lands, but to good and true men and women of foreign birth we extend as of yore a most cordial governmental welcome. Our republican institutions will be safe only when industry and moral worth not wealth alone, shall be the recognized standards of individual and national greatness.

While the remembrance of the achievements of our revered revolutionary ancestry shall ever brighten, we of this immediate country and of this day rejoice to know that three yet linger amongst us, some of the early pioneers of this coast—some whose silvery heads decked as with a sheen of glory, are with us today and are residents of your own magnificent county. Men and women who between the years of 1843 and 1850, marched out from our then western civilized borders to the now western north Pacific coast and who nobly met encounter and came perils by night and by day, beset by ruthless and blood thirsty savages upon trackless plains and in the mountain fastnesses, suffering from pestilence and hunger, perished deeds of heroism and matchless valor and found end of us of later years an empire unsurpassed in beauty grandeur and natural resources in this old world of ours.

All honor to the pioneers of the North Pacific. And now fellow citizens all on this 121st anniversary of our national independence, beginning as I sincerely believe we do, after the dark struggle of years, to note some glimmerings of a returning prosperity which we trust ere another like anniversary shall return, will have burst forth in meridian splendor, we can congratulate ourselves with the improved prospect that opens before us. With a climate of unequalled salubrity—With a soil that yields ten folds to the tiller's care—With our broad and fertile plains girt by zones of mountains iron clad from base to summit—With our northern boundary washed by the historic and majestic Columbia upon whose broad bosoms the combined navies of the world could ride laved by the sublime and almost boundless Pacific, while to the south and east imbedded beneath the rocks and amongst the canyons, lies the partially undeveloped gold and silver deposits which by the strong arm and the enterprising spirit of the sturdy miner is being brought forth to perform its mission in the rattling rolling busy commerce of the world—While beneath a thousand hills lies unutilized strata of coal awaiting only the hand of labor to furnish fuel for the steamships and manufactures of the world—With our millions of acres whose tall trees stand ready to furnish all the masts and ship-building materials necessary for the commerce of the world for half a century to come—With our countless millions of salmon with which we

tickle the palates of the epicures of both Europe and America—With our broad and unsurpassed prairie east of the Cascade range where beef will be produced and wool and wheat grown to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, millions of our own, and of other lands—With our ability to supply green and canned fruits for less favored and more unproductive portions of the world—With our countless cascades whose laughing waters chasing in pearly streams from every hill side and murmuring in every valley furnish ready at hand the motive power necessary to drive machinery, whose clash and clang is already being heard throughout our borders as it performs the herculean task of the development of our vast resources—With our own Mount Hood whitened with eternal snows that never melt whose hoary head has braved the storms of ages long since passed into oblivion before which for unnumbered centuries yet to come, adoring multitudes will stand in awe and admiration and gazing through the storm rifted cloud that sports around its venerable summit, praise the great Creator for this glorious handiwork resplendent in beauty but reflecting in every lineament the majesty of Jehovah—With our national marine restored as it will be, and our flag again waving on every sea—With the Hawaiian Islands a part of our own territory—Waiting only for a while while yet to grasp hands with Cuba, the gem of the Antilles, and welcome her to the great sisterhood of independent republics, then with our own land the recognized queen of the civilized governments of the world we can today rejoice with exceeding great joy as looking through the dim vista of the future, we behold the flag of the mighty, the flag of the generous, the flag of the free and the flag of the brave waving on forever over a happy, prosperous, just and a patriotic people.



A certain man had the good fortune to possess a goose that laid him a golden egg every day. But, disappointed with the income and thinking to seize the whole treasure at once, he killed the goose, and cutting her open found her—just what any other goose would be!

Much wants more and loses all. Silver Standard is a Drawback. M. Leroy Beaudin, the French economist, writing to the Journal des Debats, says he considers Japan's adoption of the gold standard to be a complete refutation of the bimetallic theory that a depreciated monetary standard gives a country an advantage in international trade.

Is Japan Fifty Years Ahead of Us? The exportation of gold under existing circumstances involves no danger to this country, but it is not pleasant to reflect that the present shipments are called for partly to furnish the supply for Japan. It is less than 50 years since we bombarded the heathen Japanese to bring him to a realizing sense of our higher civilization, and now apparently Japan is 50 years ahead of a large number of our people in that practical and important development of civilization which demands that it shall take 100 cents to make a dollar.—New York World.

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