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Oregon News.

School Land Board.

In submitting the report of the school land board to the legislature the board also makes a short statement, a portion of which is as follows:

"Collections of interest on land notes have been slow, and quite a number have wholly defaulted, in which case the certificates of sale have been cancelled without giving thirty days' notice, except where interest payments have been in default six or more years. It will be noticed that there has been quite a falling off in the number of acres sold, due in part to the financial depression of the times, but more largely due to the fact that the sale of indemnity school lands was withdrawn from sale for two years by the operation of the Daly law, approved February 19, 1895. The board has refrained from forcing collections by foreclosure of mortgages, except in cases where the interest of the state appeared to demand them."

His First Railroad Ride.

James McGarvey was taken to the asylum at Salem Saturday from Josephine county. McGarvey is a bachelor, 66 years old, and has been working in the mines of Southern Oregon since coming to this coast in 1853. He crossed the plains with an ox team, and his ride to Salem is the only time he has ever been on a railroad train.

He was a partner of Alex Watts, working the Horsehead mines, and severely stabbed his partner in the breast with a butcher knife a few days ago for attempting to arrest his work of destroying a pipe line that conducts water to the mine.

Three of the citizens of Pendleton now have suits of clothes made from wool grown on Umatilla-county bred sheep in Umatilla county; scoured at the mills in Pendleton, in Umatilla county; spun into yarn in Umatilla county; woven into cloth in Umatilla county; manufactured into clothing in Umatilla county; worn by Umatilla county business men, and they will be thrown finally on the rag heap in Umatilla county by these Umatilla county business men when they have passed the useful stage and been replaced by more clothing made at the same mills.

A carpenter was employed making repairs to the windows in the corridors of the Umatilla county jail, Thursday last, and during the time that he was at work the prisoners were kept locked up in their cells. Notwithstanding all the precautions taken, it has since been learned that during the time the carpenter was at work one of the prisoners drove a pin into the end of a broom handle, bent the pin, and with this dragged to his cell door a keyhole saw and a small square from the mechanic's toolbox. These tools were found Friday and taken from the prisoner by the jailer.

A petition is being circulated here and numerous signed, asking for an amendment to the irrigation district law restricting legal voters upon the question of forming an irrigation district to those who are owners of at least 20 acres of land. It is claimed by those who are forwarding the movement that now the owner of a town lot may offset the vote of the owner of a ranch, and that the inequality is unfair.—Vale Advocate.

The other day a tramp asked a Dalles woman for something to eat. She said she would furnish it if the tramp would saw some wood. The tramp agreed to the proposition, was fed, and shown the wood pile. The woman went into the yard an hour later to see how he was getting along, and found the following note pinned to the saw buck; "Just tell them that you saw me, but didn't see me saw."—Ex.

Benton county has brought suit against ex-Sheriff Osburn and his bondsmen to recover whatever amount is due from that office. It is alleged that Osburn was \$8,608.73 short in his accounts when he settled up with the county.

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