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Pendleton is overrun with hobos, and the city jail is kept filled with them.

Eastern Oregon hills will rejoice in a fine crop of bunchgrass this year, owing to abundant moisture.

The Huntington Herald says that a Cuban officer, traveling incognito, and engaged in secret revolutionary work, passed through that town last week.

Sherman county has paid her state tax in full, and the sheriff says that all tax money is coming in freely.

The county road up Canyon creek is being demoralized by the high water. Some portions of it are entirely washed away and impassable.—News.

Goo-e lake, in Lake county, is much higher this spring than it has been for a number of years. A number of houses and haystacks are completely surrounded by water.

The ladies of Canyon City have organized a brass band and elected officers. George Cattanaach is president, and instructor, Mabel Gray, secretary, and Mrs. D. I. Asbury, treasurer.

A Weekly shipment of sturgeon is being made from Huntington, and some good sized fish have been brought in lately. Fish weighing between 200 and 300 are not an uncommon thing here. They are taken from Snake river, near Old's Ferry.

A man by the name of Baird died at Antelope last week very suddenly. He had a fine gold watch and \$100 in coin. From the time he was considered dangerously ill he was unconscious, and nothing could be learned of him.

William Kerr, aged 24, is dead, the result of a dynamite explosion at Corvallis, Saturday. One cheek and all the upper portion of the head, from the eyes upward, were blown away.

Governor Lord has been inspecting the penitentiary. Considering its location, he expressed himself as satisfied with its condition and surroundings. He regrets that there is not sufficient employment to keep the convicts at work.

A veteran broncho breaker gives the followning as a sure way to cure a horse of kicking: "Tie one of his fore legs with a rope to his hind leg on the other side. As soon as he starts to kick he jerks his front leg off the ground and goes down in a heap. Two or three doses of that kind will cure the worst case you can find."

Farmers in Linn county are working night and day, some of them nearly 24 hours a day, taking advantages of the moonlight night says the Albany Democrat. In

some places the ground is already dry nearly a foot deep, and plowing is likely to be dusty work. Notwithstanding the scarcity of wheat it is being secured for seed, and notwithstanding the poor condition of the horses and scarcity of feed they are doing their work faithfully.

Judge Bellinger proposes not to allow any more expense than is necessary in the Indian whiskey cases. The following tells how he examined Commissioner Butler's accounts and found them all right. The Oregonian says:

"When the accounts of United States Commissioner Butler, of Pendleton, in connection with the late arrest of six persons charged with selling liquor to Indians, were presented to Judge Bellinger, yesterday, for approval, he asked that the accounts be passed up to him, and he examined them carefully, and finally approved them. Judge Bellinger is not inclined to have the government put to any more expense than is strictly necessary on account of this whiskey-to-Indian business. Formerly, United States commissioners were appointed for life, good behavior; but under a law lately passed, the terms of all such commissioners will expire June 30, and new commissioners will be appointed by the United States district judges, for a return term of four years.

This office acknowledges a call from its old time friend Mr. A. T. Clark of Diamond. Mr. Clark's visit, to the county seat, carries with it no political nor partisan significance but is one purely of a business character in the interest of the postal service in his end of our county, and while here we learned from him the following historical facts, not generally known—save by the late Peter Stenger, J. S. Devine, Peter French, D. H. Smyth of Happy valley, and his two brothers Geo. and Pressley of Diamond valley, together with Mr. C. Cummins and his estimable wife. That Mr Clark is the oldest resident citizen and tax payer now living in the present limits of Harney county having been military trader at old Camp C. F. Smith (the present famous White Horse ranch) from 1865 to 1869, the time of the abandonment of that Post. Afterwards at old Camp Harney from October 1870 till June 17th 1874. His stock brand C is by two years the oldest stock brand in Harney county today. Mr. Clark after an active life of 36 years on the Pacific coast states and territories has retired to the seclusion of quiet life at Diamond Post Office and though advanced in years he is well preserved and bids fair in his vivacious way, for considerable time yet, to tell us of his many startling experiences with the Indians of the far west.

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