

East Oregon Herald.

BURNS, OREGON.

It takes the tusks of 75,000 elephants per year to supply the world's piano-keys, billiard-balls and knife-handles.

It has been estimated that in New York city about two million five hundred thousand bales of hay are annually consumed.

There are about 2,000,000 hog raisers in the country and the 46,000,000 hogs are estimated to be worth \$196,000,000.

Since the great fire, Chicago and Cook county have had 110,341 marriages and 8,132 divorces, a ratio of one divorce to 13 1/2 marriages.

SOME people doubt the poisonous effect of nutmeg, but several cases of nutmeg-poisoning have been noted in the British Medical Journal during the last summer.

NEW YORK state spent last year \$13,760,670 on common schools. Out of 31,218 teachers employed 25,497 are women; and 1,037,812 of the 1,763,113 children of school age were in school during the year.

THE farmers of Southern Russia employ the Stepanoff primary battery to produce electric light to assist them in threshing their grain. Thus they are enabled to keep the threshing machines going night and day.

PROF. ARNOLD states that it costs more to make milk from old cows than it does from young ones having the same milk capacity. As a rule, the best effects do not last beyond the eighth year of the cow's age.

A WESTERN fruit grower used seventy-five bushels of wood ashes on his strawberry vines last season, and the crop yielded 250 bushels per acre. He thinks the ashes also counteracted the effects of the drought to a considerable extent.

THE squaws of the Navajo tribe manufacture wonderful blankets with the aid of sharp-pointed sticks. It requires from one to four months' time to make a single blanket, which is, however, so firmly made as to be almost impervious to water.

THE supreme court of Michigan has decided that the prohibition of the sale of liquors to minors in that State is absolute and unqualified, and can not be nullified by giving the minor an order from an adult person to purchase such liquor.

DURING a heavy thunder storm at Washington, D. C., lightning struck the Senate wing of the capitol, but apparently did no other damage than to frighten the occupants and destroy telegraphic and telephonic communication between the building and the outside world.

THE barbed wire is a lawful fence in most States, but to avoid damages for injury to stock it must be made visible either by a board or slight bank of earth thrown against it. Stock should, on being taken into a pasture inclosed by a barbed wire, be led to it and their noses touched to the wire. They will need no further lessons to induce them to keep at a respectful distance.

Mrs. W. M. HAYCOCK, of San Buenaventura, Cal., left home to visit Los Angeles, taking her youngest child with her and leaving the oldest at home with his father. The elder child died of membranous croup, and when the sorrowing father went to telegraph the death to the absent mother he was met by a telegram informing him of the death of the youngest child from the same disease. Both children were well when they separated.

THE House Committee on Claims has ordered a favorable report on the bill to pay Gov. Swineford, of Alaska, his salary during the period he remained in this country before he reached his post of duty in September, 1885, a share of which was disallowed him by the treasury department because he had not entered upon his duties as promptly as the law demands, but claimed immunity from the rule because the Secretary of the Interior had granted him a leave of absence.

THE report of the California Railroad Commission shows that 433 people were injured and 101 killed on rail roads of that State during the year 1887. Of these aggregate numbers 398 were injured and 88 killed on lines of the Southern Pacific Company; 2 injured and 6 killed on the Atlantic & Pacific; 24 injured and 1 killed on the California Southern; 1 killed on the Northern California road; 3 killed on San Francisco & North Pacific; 3 injured on the Pacific Coast road, and 16 injured and 2 killed on the South Pacific Coast road.

In baking apple or peach campfires fill the pan two-thirds full of water; they are not so dry and hard. Sprinkled with water do fairly well if the conditions of germination and subsequent growth are favorable, but plump seed will do much better.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Theodore and Herman Dahl, aged 7, were killed by a runaway team at Chicago.

A cyclone struck Lumber City, Ga. B. V. Holland and W. B. Whiddon, both prominent men, were killed.

Henry Henning, living in Kingston, Illinois, shot and killed his wife, and then cut his own throat, dying almost instantly.

A snow plow pushed by four engines jumped the track near Sharon, New York, and killed the conductor, engineer, brakeman and fireman. Four others were seriously hurt.

Rev. Eugene Peck, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian church of Washington, D. C., was struck by a locomotive while walking on the railway track, and instantly killed.

A train on the New England railroad was derailed at Springfield, Mass. Two locomotives left the track, and the steam-pipes burst, fatally scalding the conductor and brakeman.

Near Greenville, Miss., the cabin of a colored man burned down, and killed the bodies of five children from two to nine years of age. The parents were visiting a neighbor's house.

Matilda Opanshaw, whose husband was killed on the Utah & Nevada railroad, recovered a verdict for \$5,000 damages against the company on the ground of negligence of defendant.

The east-bound train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railway, jumped the track at Binghamton, N. Y. Three coaches were burned and one passenger was killed and a number injured.

At Dansville, N. Y., Colonel L. B. Faulkner and L. Kuhn, director and cashier respectively of the defunct First National Bank, were arrested upon a requisition of the U. S. court and taken to Buffalo.

The case of cannibalism reported from Peace River, Manitoba, turns out not to have been caused by hunger, but to have been the work of a woman who has killed and eaten twelve persons, members of her family.

Mrs. Wm. Dalton was burned to death with her 4-year-old daughter in the Tremont house, Chicago. About a dozen other persons made their escape in a semi nude condition. A dissolute tailor who was evicted from the premises for non-payment of rent is suspected of having set the place on fire.

Richard Barber, a farm hand, assaulted his employer, Richard Mason, with a poker, at Ithaca, N. Y., and then beat Mrs. Mason to death with the same weapon. He then poured oil on Mrs. Mason and then ignited it. Mrs. Mason's body was consumed with the cottage. Mason will probably die. Neighbors hunted Barber down and jailed him.

Cyrus Gribble, Charles Doolittle and John Johnson were waylaid, murdered and robbed of 657 ounces of gold bullion, the weekly product of the Vulture mine in Maricopa county, Arizona. Mexican outlaws are supposed to have done the deed.

In addition to the reward of \$2,000 offered by ex-gov. Tabor, of Denver, owner of the Vulture mine, Maricopa county has offered \$3,000, and the Terri ory \$1,000 for the apprehension of the murderers.

Gus Anderson was out hunting on Dry Creek, near Visalia, Cal., and observing some object crawling along behind the rocks, thought it was a lion and fired. What was supposed to be another animal close behind the object fired at, was seen to move, and Anderson fired again. A man then held up his hands and cried: "I surrender." Going to the place, he found a boy who answered the description of John Arnold and a man thought to be Frank Bolinger, both of the prisoners who escaped jail at Visalia. Bolinger was shot in the head and died in a few minutes.

A dispatch from Oporto, Portugal, says: The bodies of sixty-six victims of the theatre fire have been exposed for identification. Many heart-rending scenes were witnessed. Besides the bodies there are also fifty-three heaps of unrecognizable remains. Several projects have been organized for the relief of the families of the poor victims. It is reported that some Americans and Englishmen were burned. Electric lights have been provided to enable the searchers to work without interruption. The fire originated by the blowing of an unprotected gas jet against the scenery. The scene-shifter saw the fire, and rushed to lower the curtain, but before he could reach it the burning scenery fell on the stage. There was a panic immediately. In the cheaper parts of the house the attendance was principally of the rough class, including many sailors and dock porters, who crushed down the weaker people in their rush for the doors, using their fists, shoes and knives, and mercilessly slashing their way to the front. Girls, children and women were literally butchered.

Harvard College distributes this year about \$45,000 among deserving students in the shape of scholarships. This is \$12,000 more than last year, that sum having been added to the funds by the late Ezekiel Price Greenleaf. The scholarships vary from \$50 to \$250.

Victoria has made arrangements to celebrate the jubilee of Congressionalism in October, 1888. It is expected that the churches of Australia and New Zealand will be represented, and that delegates will be sent out from the home churches.

The American College and Education Society expended last year \$27,371 in assisting young men prepare for their ministry in six institutions in the western States. Since the organization of the society it has expended \$2,150,441 and aided 7,538 young men.

The experience of fruit-dealers in Great Britain shows that native apples do not keep so well as apples imported from America. This difference is attributed to the greater thickness of skin of the American fruit.—N. Y. Ledger.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

A flouring mill is to be built at Oro Dell.

The new Methodist church at Spicer is about completed.

Tree planting is the order of the day in Rogue River Valley.

McMinnville has voted a tax of \$10,000 for a schoolhouse.

Roseburg will, in all probability, have a woolen mill this summer.

About fifty new buildings are now in course of construction in Pendleton.

Several parties have been arrested in Jackson county for killing deer out of season.

Near Ashland, Jake Kennedy shot and killed a panther measuring nine feet from tip to tip.

A postoffice has been established at Groves, Wasco county, with William Mercer, postmaster.

Ten thousand pamphlets descriptive of Rogue River valley have been printed and circulated.

A postoffice has been established at Ferry, Curry county, with Sarah E. Cooley as postmistress.

At the city election in La Grange, B. W. Grandy defeated A. R. Matton for Mayor by a majority.

A street railway and water works are to be built soon, and electric lights are to be put in at Pendleton.

The young ladies of Forest Grove have formed a base ball club. Miss Zulu Warren has been elected captain.

The postoffice at Little Elk, Benton county, will be known hereafter as Eddyville, the name having been changed.

Bear Valley, Grant county, has increased in settlement to such a degree that a postoffice is almost an imperative necessity.

During the past eighteen months twenty seven persons have been sent from Lane county to the insane asylum at Salem.

John Olsen, while working on the edge of a North Bend mill, had the thumb of his left hand completely severed by coming in contact with a saw.

At the teachers' examination in Umatilla county there were twenty-nine applicants for certificates. Of this number ten were granted second grade, ten third grade and nine failed.

A young man, a son of Mr. Finn Cooper, was dragged to death by a runaway horse in the presence of his mother and sister. He was buried in the Masonic cemetery near the town of Roseburg.

The identity of the man who jumped from the bridge at Salem still remains a matter of doubt. No one appears to be missing from Salem, and it is altogether likely he was a stranger. No effort was made to recover the body.

The stockmen of Eastern Oregon will have a grand encampment near Olex, Rock creek, about twelve miles south of Arlington, commencing May 1 and continuing five days. The programme will be characteristic of the life of the stockman.

William Desuret, a carpenter, was instantly killed at Albina, while crossing between a train of cars. He climbed upon the coupling all right, and was just about to jump, when the engine gave the cars a sudden jerk and the unfortunate man was hurled to the ground, his head falling directly across the rail. Several cars passed over his head, mauling it frightfully, and nearly severing it from the body.

A stranger went to the ranch of Dan Colwell on Lost river, and borrowed a wagon and team, stating that he wished to take a sick woman to Linkville for medical treatment. As he did not return the following day, it was ascertained that he had absconded, monopolizing the borrowed property. A telegram from Yreka, Cal., announced that he had been arrested at that place.

The work of raising the sunken steamer Bentley at Salem has been abandoned, an emergency having arisen which renders her successful withdrawal from her position for the present impracticable. The action of the current and the position of the boat have caused the formation of a sandbar just below her. Her machinery will be taken out, and next summer when the water is low an effort will be made to raise the boat by jackscrews.

Special Timber Agent Bernhardt states that while inspecting timber lands in Tillamook county he saw many acres of blackened stumps. It was told by an old settler that on account of a quarrel between two men twenty-five years ago, about some small which one had cut and the other claimed were split too small, the rails were set on fire and they set the forest on fire, and the outcome was that 144 square miles or four townships of timber were destroyed.

Fire broke out at Arlington in Ralston's building, and before anything could be done the flames rose beyond control. The fire then caught D. S. Sprinkles & Co's store building and burned the whole block, including the Arlington Times building, a restaurant, J. L. Adams' vacant building, the building of M. C. Harris, J. E. Haskins' old blacksmith shop and the county jail. In the meantime it had spread to the opposite side of the street and had burned Kirby's hall, J. B. Woods' furniture and provision store, a building owned by M. V. Harrison, and Condon & Cornish's bank. The latter was brick and was not totally destroyed. Here the fire was stopped by Mr. Harrison's brick. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, and is a severe blow to that prosperous village.

A special from Houston, Texas, says: A shocking massacre occurred at Spanish Camp, sixty miles west of here. The settlement is composed of Mexicans, negroes and white desperadoes. A negro cabin was set on fire and the occupants deliberately shot down as they ran out. Five were killed outright, and one was severely injured. Another negro was caught and hanged to a tree. The butchery was the outcome of a suit for possession of land recently decided in favor of the negroes.

The pie of the season: Honor the pumpkin wine! Long may its tendrils twine Over the land! Blessed be those who wear Crisp hayseed in their hair—Giorgios band!

—It is the father of a precocious two-and-a-half-year-old who tells that the child was once watching a lady make her toilet. The old lady had removed her false hair and false teeth when the astonished small boy said: "Bet yer can't take yer neck off."—San Francisco Chronicle.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Washington Territory exports seven times more than it imports.

Henry Mangles was run over and fatally injured by a Sutter street cable car at San Francisco.

The total shipments of lumber from Chehalis county, W. T., during the month of February, aggregated 7,990,000 feet.

Jack Clark, mate of the towboat Neptune, was drowned at San Francisco while attempting to board his vessel.

Blanche Lewis, aged five years, fell over the balusters at the Yosemite house, San Francisco, and was fatally injured.

During the past twelve months 36 residents of King county, W. T., have been adjudged insane by the probate court.

It is rumored that three men named Pelkey, Pendleton and Perkins were murdered at Priest Lake, Idaho, by Indians.

The Indian school building (Catholic) is well under way at Yakima, W. T. It is a frame structure and will cost about \$2,000.

There are now over two hundred buildings in the course of erection, and each day others are commenced, says a Tacoma paper.

Phillip Smith was run over and killed by the Park & Ocean railroad train at San Francisco. His head was severed from his body.

The five-year-old son of Deputy County Treasurer Carter was struck on the head by a "whirligig," at Helena, Montana, and died soon after.

The Walla Walla Board of Trade has instructed a committee to formulate a memorial to Congress asking for the construction of a \$25,000 government building.

Burglars entered the saloon of Theo. Blauth at Sacramento, drilled a hole through the safe door, and took \$2,000 in cash and \$300 worth of beer checks from the safe.

Hereafter the Sunday law will be strictly enforced in La Camas, W. T., and all barber shops, butcher shops and other business houses will remain closed during the entire day.

A distillery to cost \$50,000 and give employment to fifty men will be erected in the vicinity of Walla Walla. It will take from 500 to 1,000 bushels of corn per day to supply it.

At Calistoga, Cal., the dead bodies of L. Bizzi, aged 30, and his wife, aged 18, were found in their residence. It is thought the husband, in a fit of jealousy, shot his wife and suicided.

The Presbyterian General Assembly will meet in Ellensburg, W. T., on the 12th of April, and will remain in session several days. There will be about fifty ministers present from all parts of the Territory.

Conductor Frank Minty, who was injured about a month ago in a collision between Silver Bow and Butte, died in Butte. He was a member of the Conductors' Brotherhood at P. Centella, who took charge of the remains.

Alexander Thorn, employed at Wilson's mill in Aberdeen, W. T., fell from the upper floor to the floor below, receiving injuries from which he died the following morning. He was a stranger on the coast, and had been at work in the mill but a few days.

Ed. Monroe, freight conductor on the Montana division of the Northern Pacific, in climbing out of the caboose to go on top of the train, slipped and fell at Helena. His leg was broken and he is thought to have sustained fatal internal injuries.

Thirty logging camps are now in operation, and are ready to begin work in Chehalis county, W. T., says a local paper. At the lowest estimate these will furnish employment to 500 men. The number of camps will probably be considerably increased as the season advances.

Prof. Hillgard, of the State University, has located the agricultural experiment station for the foothill region in the site selected for the new buildings will be put up by private subscription.

While Mrs. Getchell and her daughter Jenny, aged 16, were engaged in fishing near Shelton, Mason county, W. T., the plank on which they were standing gave way, precipitating both into the water. Mrs. Getchell was killed and her daughter, Jenny, was drowned before assistance could reach her.

Amos T. Horne, a rancher, was killed by a grizzly bear near Sissons, Cal. While walking through a ravine looking after cattle, the bear jumped from a high rock, and before Horne could defend himself the bear pinned him to the ground and badly lacerated his face and body. He lived but a few hours after the attack.

A collision occurred between a special freight train bound east and regular freight train No. 6, bound west at a point between Cicco and Tamarack, Cal. There were two engines attached to each train, and all four engines are badly wrecked. A number of cars were smashed to atoms, and snow sheds were shattered and fell on the wrecks. When the wreckers arrived and cleared away some of the debris, the bodies of Brakeman Congrave and McMaister and Firemen Hoops and Molin were found. Engineer Truxano is seriously, perhaps fatally injured. John Pickens, who had charge of one of the engines attached to train No. 6, was fatally hurt. B. F. Woolley, engineer on the rear engine of the same train, was severely scalded and otherwise injured.

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AGRICULTURAL.

Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

How to Plant Hops.

Mr. Ezra Meeker gives the following general directions as to hop planting, in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. As he is one of the oldest and most intelligent hop growers in this territory, his advice is probably as near orthodox as any that could be offered, and is worthy of publication.

While in New York and England the farmers are plowing up hops and reducing their acreage, here the note of preparation is heard for planting more, and no one thinks of destroying a yard. This is easily accounted for by the fact that, while the New York and English growers in many cases have met with frightful losses, and but few have actually met with gain, while many have made some gain. We have received a number of inquiries about how to plant, how far apart to set the hills, how many roots to the hill, what kind of roots are best, when to plant—in fact, questions enough to properly answer fully would require writing a book, but short answers must suffice.

Prepare the ground thoroughly before planting; plow it deep if you want a crop in the fall. We have raised nearly a ton to the acre, planting in March and harvesting in October of the same year. We plowed a deep furrow, then ran another plow in that way down d ep, and in one instance a subsoiler in the bottom of the second furrow. Sod ground is the best of all for hops when the sod is turned under deep, as indicated.

If the land is strong, plant seven feet apart each way. We have, however, adapted the standard of 1000 hills to the acre, six and a half feet apart each way.

If planting with reference to a partial crop the first year, would say five to the hill, and plant in double hills eighteen inches apart, setting the pole between the first year and plowing out half of them when the first crop is harvested; otherwise, if planting solely to secure a stand, then two roots on three roots to a single hill, train all the vines that will grow, and are content with a half crop the first year.

There seems to be a general impression that "crown roots," so called, are best. This is a mistake. Not that good roots cannot be obtained from good crown roots, but the good runners are as good and can be obtained of a more uniform quality. Take the run rs and cut them to six or eight inches in length, and if well matured, properly kept and d cently planted, no fear but there will be a crop. When digging the cuttings, care should be taken not to store them in a large bulk, or be exposed long to the sun or air. The proper way is to keep them covered in thin layers of earth.

The time to plant is when your ground is in order and the roots are cannot be obtained before March nor the ground prepared before April. The earlier a hop yard is planted, the more likely to get a crop the first year, provided always that it is well done—i. e., that the ground is in order, the hop roots good and the planting carefully done. We have, however, planted in May and got fair returns the same year.

To the hop-growers of Washington Territory, and I do not care if it includes Oregon and California, and for that matter, while we are talking big, would not care if it goes to the hop-growers of any place on this globe, I wish to send out a challenge for a trial of the year for the best five acres of hops in one body, yield and quality to be considered. I propose to contribute \$10 towards a fund for a premium to the winner, and that each person wishing to contest for the prize do so to the same effect before April 1 to the first of June, with the agreement that each person competing must furnish a full and complete account of his five acres for ground.

A Wisconsin apple-grower says he made his money by reducing his orchard fifty per cent, and giving the part which he reserved the same amount of care formerly spread out thinly over the entire field.

A man bought a farm near Cannandaque, agreeing to pay \$3,500 for 100 acres. He planted 35 acres to potatoes and sold his crop, 6,800 bushels, for enough to pay for his farm and leave \$600 in the bank. This is better business than raising hops or making butter.

Last season, as the result of the State Institute, more than 40,000 acres of especially platted English or fodder corn was planted in Wisconsin. The subsequent drought demonstrated that such a crop, well tended, will outlast dry weather and make a good yield; so this winter the crop here referred to will take the place of 250,000 acres of meadow hay. Another good result is that, according to the report of an extensive dealer, the quality of the butter products of the whole State has been improved at least 10 per cent.

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