

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Clippings from our Neighboring Exchanges.

New York state is about to return to hanging, the bill to repeal the electrocution law having passed the lower house.

Several promising veins of coal have been discovered near Antelope, and it only needs the magic touch of capital to develop great mineral resources in that neighborhood.

Albany Democrat: In May Joe Simon will start on a trip to Europe where he will remain a year. If it were not for the fact that Joe's bosom friend, Jim Lotan, remains, republican politics in Multnomah county would die a deserved death.

A woman at Antelope a few days ago, having her life made miserable by the continuous spree of her husband, determined to abolish the cause, and undertook an individual crusade against the saloon on her own account. She demolished the fixtures around the bar with a club, and then made for the coal oil lamp, when the barkeeper put her out.—Ochoco Review

Exchange: A doctor in Albany has put on record a list of articles which he found in the stomach of a young woman upon whose body he had performed an autopsy. Here it is: Fifty-one hairpins, 16 needles, or pieces of needles, 32 nails varying in length from 1/4 inch to three inches, 2 screws (one of them 2 1/4 inches long) three pieces of iron 3/4 inches long and 1/4 inch thick, 2 rolls of hair, 2 pieces of wood and 3 pieces of cloth (each about 5 inches long and 1 inch wide).

Baker Democrat: The heavy snow storm of Sunday was something unprecedented in this section at this time of year. It commenced snowing at 5 a. m. and continued until evening, the snow falling to a depth of an inch an hour. It was the severest storm of the past winter. The bright sunshine of yesterday, however, had the effect of a rapid thaw which caused great rejoicing among stock men, especially sheep owners, who had turned their hands out on the range.

Twenty-five applications for the presidency of the state agricultural college in this city, have been received from nearly all parts of the United States. Last Monday the state board of education, consisting of Governor Pennoyer, Secretary of State McBride, Superintendent McElroy, A. R. Shiply and Secretary Wallis Nash, met at Salem to examine these applications and on the 20th day of April will make a report to the board of regents of the college, who will probably elect a president at that time.—Corvallis Gazette.

A PECULIAR CASE.—There is a peculiar case in the courts at Portland. A woman gave birth to a child some months ago. She was very sick afterward and gave the child to another woman intending to have her adopt it. But the adop-

tion papers were not made out and after a while she wanted the child back. When she found the woman who had taken it she would not surrender the child she had, claiming that it was her own child. Then the case went to the court and the parties on both sides brought in nurses and doctors to prove their claims to the child. Judge Stearns, in whose court the case came up, is evidently puzzled and has taken it under advisement. It is evidently a case for a Solomon to decide.

Statesman: It is a subject of universal congratulation that the recent frosts have done no harm to the fruit trees in this section. Owing to the rather premature blooming of the trees it was greatly feared they would be injured, but all fears of that now is at an end. Over the Blue mountains the weather has been unprecedentedly severe with snow and frost for three nights. As the season is later there and the trees had not budged they are all right. Unless other freezes come the outlook in the Walla Walla valley is excellent.

McMinnville T R: "Judge Taylor of Astoria probably gets along with less brains than any other lawyer in the state of Oregon. He sentenced a man who commits premeditated murder to one year in the penitentiary; he sentences a fisherman who took two salmon, to three years in the penitentiary; then sentences a man who has maliciously libelled another through a newspaper to one year in the Clatsop county jail. We would have justice, indeed, if all the men in the state were of the Judge Taylor calibre."

Eugene Guard: E. L. Eaton, while working in a logging camp on big Fall creek one day last week, cut a gash in his left foot about 3 inches long and nearly through the foot. He rode horseback to his home, five miles away, and then sewed up the wound himself with a common needle and cotton thread, and then continued to care for it until swelling prompted him to come to a doctor. To do this he rode 18 miles horseback, and Dr. Paxton dressed the wound. Luckily no cords were severed so that no lasting harm is likely to result.

John Switzer.

What of him? Why thirty-six years ago this day he was the direct cause of saving the lives of thirty persons at the Cascades on the north side of the Columbia river, at a place called at that time the Upper Cascades. John is old and well wearied with years now. But then he was a young man; and after making thirty persons safe, he ran the gauntlet for a mile with other parties, some of whom were wounded while others were killed by the Yakima and Klickitat Indians. Yet he arrived at the fort safe and sound, and in time to care for the wounded in the fort, where twelve soldiers were imprisoned three days and nights. The writer does not propose to speak of the matter further than to say that 24 persons were killed outright and many more wounded. "Jay" likes to talk old times over and any one who feels interested in Indian massacres and Indian fighting will be well entertained by him for a few hours—he has been there. Mr. Switzer resides one mile from Pendleton.—East Oregonian.

John Fisk says that after fifty years of life he has found out that he is no politician, and now believes that his proper avocation is horse-doctor.—Grant County News.

There seems to be such a desire for harmony among some of the politicians that they are willing to sacrifice their friends, their enemies and their first wife's relations in order to secure it.—Grant County News.

A Grant county lady is credited with the remark, a few days before the republican convention, that: "there are at least ten candidates for assessor and upon my soul I don't believe more than half of them can be elected." A safe conclusion surely.—Canyon City News.

Two Indians, Umapine and Mes-tin-e, are confined in the "skookum house" at the agency on the suspicion that the murdered Lockett-pilp, the young Indian found dead with a broken neck at the foot of the levee Sunday morning. It has been gathered that the three were together on the levee, drunk, and engaged in a pleasant pastime of consulting a bottle of liquor. The two arrested say that they came away and went home, leaving the other man there. Beyond this rather unsatisfactory statement they have said nothing. Indian police, who are more skillful in the detective business than many people imagine, are "working up the case," and claim to have evidence sufficient to make things warm for the suspects. One point in favor of the latter is that there were no marks of violence on the dead man's person, but the scene at the levee indicates that a struggle took place and Lockett-pilp might have been thrown down the bank by his drunken companions, the fall resulting in a broken neck.—East Oregonian.

—A young man named Marion Anderson, but known in the Drewsey country as "Jessie James" has been missing from his home, the Howard ranch on Mule creek, since the 22d of March, he last was seen at Pine creek on the 24th of March. His horse with the saddle on was found on Kimble Flat about 2 1/2 miles from the Howard ranch on Monday the 28th of March. A searching party was organized and the hole country adjacent to his home was scoured but without success. His bridle and "chinks" were found in a deserted cabin 2 miles from his home. Any tidings of the missing man will be thankfully received by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Howard at Drewsey Oregon.

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