

OUR NEIGHBORS.

Clippings from our Neighboring Exchanges.

A CURIOUS CASE.

A Man is Found Wandering Around Near Umatilla—He came from Portland, but Don't know How.

A prisoner who has had a peculiar history for the past few days was conveyed in a carriage to the court house from Monday evening's west-bound train.

His name is George D. A. Maire, and he was found Monday wandering aimlessly around in the sand near Umatilla, with no clothing save a shirt and pantaloons, and his bare feet scratched and bleeding. He was immediately taken in charge and sent to Pendleton for examination.

He was supposed to be insane, but his trouble was found to have resulted from acute alcoholism, and having partially recovered he was quite rational when he told his story to the county physician.

It was gathered that he had been on a prolonged spree, the result of marital troubles, and that he came from Portland. "The last I remember," he said, "is that my wife, brother and sister started out to attend a ball at the Turner's hall in Portland. I wanted to go but couldn't put my shoes on, and went barefooted. When I arrived my brother told me to wait in the hallway awhile and he would come and take me home. I afterward went to sleep and when I awoke found myself in the custody of an officer. I do not know whether I was in jail or not.

"A blank followed, and when I recovered again I was lying in the sand. I did not know where I was. I thought my family were there, and crawled around on my hands and knees to find them. I had no shoes on and my feet were hurting me."

Maire does not have the slightest idea how he reached Umatilla, his memory from the night of the ball being a perfect blank. It is a curious case, and evidences the power of liquor over a man's being. The patient will be kept in custody until he fully recovers.

Maire is a young man, perhaps twenty-seven or twenty eight years old, and good looking. He has been seen before in Portland by one of the officers here.—East Oregonian

A man went into the postoffice of a neighboring town recently and told the postmaster that he desired thirteen twocent stamps for a cent and a quarter. The postmaster refused to give them to him, stating that the cost would be twenty-six cents. The man persisted in getting his order, claiming that he could get them at any office for that amount, and even threatened the government official, if he continued to refuse him. Finally the postmaster ordered him out, but the man nothing daunted, took a cent and a twenty-five cent piece from his pocket, and laying them down on the counter, he received his stamps for a cent and a quarter

The postmaster was a little discomfited for a while, but now enjoys the joke as well as any one.—Ex.

One of the most brutal murders ever committed in Oregon, so says the Malheur Gazette, was the cowardly assassination of Wm. Humbert within sight of his wife and children near West Fall Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. He was going home from the store and when near his home, three men were seen to follow him across the hill. His little girl ran to where he fell and found him dead. Wm. and John Bailey were arrested for the crime and confined in the county jail. The Gazette ends its comments on the dastardly murder in the following language:

There appears to be a class of people in Oregon who are cowardly by instinct and will seek a time, even without cause as this case; to take advantage and cowardly assassinate the unprotected person; or else entice an unsuspecting person in some obscure place and with greater physical power brutally assault their easy prey. It is of too common occurrence in Oregon and not a little in this county. The next grand jury will have a few clear cases of this kind to investigate

The prohibitionists have met in Portland and nominated a full state ticket. Winfield Taylor Rigdon, of Salem, is the nominee for congressman for the first district, and C. J. Bright, of Wasco, the nominee for the second, Benjamin P. Welch, of Portland, is the nominee for supreme judge. R. B. Hood, of The Dalles, an alternate presidential elector, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Butler alternate delegates to the national convention.

On the 28th ult. Geo. Lend, a German was found dead in his cabin on the sheep ranch of the B. S. & L. Co. Hay Creek Crook county. He was herding sheep for the company. A coroners jury found a verdict of death from natural causes.

Our town election last Monday was a hotly contested affair. One fellow, rather than forego the inalienable right vouchsafed to every free man, relinquished his "cinch" on a piece of government land in Bear valley, where his residence should be to allow him the privilege of making proof on the land. But he wanted to vote worse than he wanted a homestead.—Canyon City News

Although Senator Blackman is still being urged to allow his name to come before the state democratic convention for congress, he holds to his former decision and is in no sense a candidate.—Gazette.

J. H. Hinkle of Crook County, Camp Creek was arrested, by the deputy sheriff of that county, a few days since. He is charged with incest. The Prineville News gives it as its opinion that he is innocent of the charge.

LOCAL ELECTION.—Republican victories were scored in most of the local municipal elections just held in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin: while the democrats have met with success in most of the towns in New York, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

THE elimination of the Silver Question from Congress and from politics, for the present, clarifies the atmosphere very materially. It need not be assumed by the distant reader that there is not a positive majority in both Houses of Congress in favor of the free coinage of silver, for such a majority certainly exists, but that there are potent reasons for postponing further action at this time even many of the warmest silver advocates are willing to admit. It is a question which divides on sectional lines, to a great extent, and for the democrats in Congress to wrangle over it and inject their differences into the approaching national campaign, when no result could be obtained at best beyond a Presidential veto, would never have been wise statesmanship or good politics. Next session a contest over this question will not be attended by such immediate dangerous party results, and at that time there may be better prospects of favorable action in the White House. The coming campaign ought to be and will be fought on issues upon which the democratic party is united, and there is work enough for this session of Congress in line with those issues.

WHEN Mr. Blaine announced that he could not be a candidate it was generally said that Harrison's nomination would follow as a matter of course, but it does not now appear so certain. There are evidences beneath the surface of a movement, engineered by skilled and powerful men, which may after all encompass his defeat in the Convention. If the element opposed to him could unite there would hardly be a doubt of that result. Neither Cullom, Alger, Allison nor any of the other candidates generally mentioned are believed to have the necessary strength. There is now some talk that John Sherman is to be the man finally fixed upon because of his strength in New York and with the Germans of the West. Sherman announces that he is not a candidate, though nobody doubts that he would grab the nomination as a street gamin grabs a piece of mince pie when he can get it. Mr. Blaine himself would have been less likely to withdraw had he not felt that the signs all pointed to democratic success. He could not afford to take the chances of a second defeat.

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