

# THE ITEMS

SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 1903.

Senator Smith, of Umatilla County, has introduced in the Senate a bill providing that "any person who shall drive horses and cattle beyond the confines of the county where the permanent brand thereof is recorded, shall first brand such cattle with a road brand which may only be a hair brand, on the back, and that said brand shall be registered as in the case of other brands in the county from which the cattle are driven." This is a measure that the smaller stockmen of this county have been agitating for several years past and it is to be hoped that it will receive the support of our representative and senator.

Several names have already been mentioned as possible successors to the late Congressman Tongue. Among the most prominent on the list are Hon. R. A. Booth, of Lane; Hon. Percy Kelley, of Linn; Ex-Governor T. T. Geer; Hon. Geo. C. Brownell, of Clackamas and Hon. Binger Hermann, late of the general land office. So far as known none of these gentlemen have even signified a willingness to accept, but should any one of them be elected, he would make an efficient and capable representative.

A large number of bills have been introduced in the Legislature proposing changes in the laws relating to assessment and taxation. This is one portion of our statutes which should be subject to as few changes as possible. Just now there is need of additional laws which will throw more of the burden of taxation upon corporations which have almost entirely escaped in the past, but the wisdom of other changes is doubtful.—Oregonian.

According to the biennial report of General C. U. Gantenbiem, of the Oregon National Guard, Oregon is allowed six more companies of infantry than are at present maintained. Why not complete the organization with these other six companies? Burns wants a company and it could be filled up in fifteen minutes. Harney County pays about \$250 yearly as a military tax and we believe we should have recognition in this matter.

The democrats in Congress are holding aloof from all efforts to shape trust legislation. They have apparently heard a voice from some of the southern trusts, the cottonseed oil, the round cotton bale and similar corporations.

## AT HALF MAST.

Sometimes we are greeted in the morning by flags at half-mast for some prominent official who yesterday was apparently in perfect health. When we inquire the ailment by which he was stricken it is not uncommon to be told "acute indigestion" or "stomach trouble." It is time people learned that indigestion or any form of "stomach trouble" is not a thing to trifle with. The result may not be fatal, but there can be no condition of diseased stomach which does not carry with it physical loss and weakness. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures indigestion and other forms of disease affecting the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food.

"Thanks to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mr. Charles H. German, of Lehigh, Pa. "It is the only medicine that has done me any good. I tried everything I could think of to cure indigestion, and found I was only throwing away money. Then I heard of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and tried a bottle of it, and to my joy found it was doing me good. I used six bottles of it and am now cured. It is the best medicine on earth."

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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its consequences.

## BENEFIT TO STOCKMEN.

The following article taken from the Portland Journal is descriptive of our present condition regarding transportation facilities, and what might be expected from the advent of a railroad into this county:

"A railroad into interior Oregon would benefit no class so much as the stockman. Besides the high prices they are compelled to pay for their supplies, the long drive to the shipping points is very damaging to market cattle.

"Many stockmen have to drive as far as 150 miles and some drive even farther. The trail leads over a rough country, there are mountains to climb, and the distance between feed and water is often great so that they have to be rushed. It is claimed that the loss in weight sustained on this account is greater than the loss from shipments to long distances after the place of shipment is reached.

"Fine beef steers are started out on these fatiguing drives full of vigor, and fat and sleek as the proverbial butter ball, but by the time they trudge through the mud and storms of the early winter, and are driven until late at night and started out early again the following morning in order to reach another suitable stopping place, and this kept up for days over the entire journey, the effect is great. They become gaunt and sluggish, are too tired to eat and lost weight at a rapid rate. Their appearance is so changed that they do not truly represent the real Oregon production in the market, and thus a loss is sustained in many ways. The stockman is injured in loss of weight of the animals and the country loses in reputation as a stock producer.

"A railroad constructed into the interior of the state would relieve this defect very much. A railroad into the Prineville and Burns countries would change this condition very materially. The drives would be lessened at every point in that vast section. Besides Portland should be benefited by the building of a road from The Dalles into that section. It would bring the country nearer to us, would make Portland more of a distributing point, and it would be the entering wedge to the Oriental trade that must eventually come this way.

"The cost of supplies in that country is large at present. They are all freighted into the country, and the freights over rough roads in a six-horse wagon a distance of 175 miles which requires several days to make the trip, cost large sums not only as reasonable hire to the men who do the freighting, but in the way of damage to the goods. Freighting is usually begun early in the spring and is not completed until long after winter sets in, and with nothing but wagon sheets to protect them, goods cannot be expected to reach their destination in as good condition as they would by rail.

"Many of the stockmen do their own freighting. They go to the expense of sending a wagon and team to the nearest railroad point in the fall of each year and haul out a year's supplies on one trip. They buy in bulk, and this lessens the cost to some extent, but the loss of time makes up for it, and besides, goods cannot be kept so fresh when purchased as such long intervals, with the means at hand on the average stock ranch, and where the summer days become extremely warm.

"There are those in that country who do not want a railroad. But this class is largely in the minority. They claim that their isolation protects them from tramps and competition in many lines and that the country is better off for it. Their argument is borne out by the fact that Eastern Oregon is one of the most prosperous sections of country in the United States. But this error probably comes in the fact Eastern Oregon's resources are among the greatest in the country, and that if she had railroads and other advantages that are possessed by other portions of the state her

prosperity would reach far greater scope.

"The leading citizens look at it this way, at least, and the stockmen and large property owners all desire a railroad, and when the opportunity is presented they will do their part towards its construction. If Portland is first to build she will not only receive their undivided aid, but she will be regarded as a great benefactor, and she will reap the benefits in the way of the lion's share of the trade of that country."

## HORSES IN DEMAND.

County Clerk W. D. Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from McCreary & Carey of South Omaha, in which they inquire in regard to the available supply of horses in this locality, says the East Oregonian. The demand for western horses in the eastern cities is very brisk at present and this inquiry is a sample of the letters being received almost daily by different persons in this vicinity.

Stockmen who have mixed horses for sale may rest assured that buyers will be plentiful with the opening of spring. All classes of good horses are in demand and the prices are better in Eastern Oregon than for years.

A Washington dispatch of the 23rd states that Representative M. A. Moody has "returned to Washington after delays on the way. He expects to be exceptionally busy for the rest of the session, because of the extra duties which he has undertaken to shoulder arising from the First Congressional District. He says that he will do all in his power for the remainder of the session to carry out the work outlined by his late colleague." Oregon is fortunate at this time to have a member in the House of Mr. Moody's ability and standing, for had our new representative occupied the position to which he was elected a few months ago, he would have found himself at sea in a place new and unknown to him.

What is claimed to be the oldest biblical manuscript has recently been discovered in Syria, and is now in Cairo. It is a copy of the Pentateuch, written in Samaritan characters on parchment and dates from the year 735 A. D.

A Washington of January 24th says that Senator J. H. Mitchell has been confined to his room for three or four days as a result of an attack of indigestion. He has been under the doctor's care and it will be some days before he is able to look after his routine business and correspondence.

A treaty has been signed by the United States and Great Britain providing for the settlement of the Alaska boundary. A tribunal of six jurists, three from each side, is to determine the interpretation of the Russo-British boundary treaty of 1824.

Colonel Lynch, who fought with the Boers, has been convicted of treason by a British Court and sentenced to death.

Heavy rains in Southwestern Oregon produce the highest water in years.

A peaceful settlement of the Venezuela difficulty has been effected.

Henry M. Teller has been re-elected senator from Colorado.

The Panama canal treaty has been signed.

## Stomach Trouble.

"I have been troubled with my stomach for the past four years," says D. L. Beach, of Clover Nook Farm, Greenfield, Mass. "A few days ago I was induced to buy a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. I have taken part of them and feel a great deal better." If you have any trouble with your stomach try a box of these Tablets. You are certain to be pleased with the result. Price 25 cents. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout Mercer and Summer counties, W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean is the only weekly newspaper published in Chicago in connection with the great daily papers. It contains a judiciously selected summary of the news of the nation and world, the best stories, home, farm, woman's, and other special departments, and fair, patriotic, able editorials, written from a Republican viewpoint. It is by far the best general newspaper of the Western States. The regular price for the Weekly Inter Ocean is \$1.00 and for the Harney Valley Items \$1.50, but subscriptions will be received at this office for the two papers in combination for one year for only \$1.50.

## A Remarkable Record.

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A book agent took refuge under a hay stack during a thunder storm and the lightning struck him on the cheek, glanced off and killed a mule two hundred yards away.

We know a young man who attends church regularly and clasps his hands so tight during prayer time that he can't get them open when the contribution box comes around.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. T. Little, merchant, Hancock, Md. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Fred Haines, Harney.

The bearded lady is said to be dead. But she was also said to be a lady. We can never tell what to believe.

The Wisconsin man who married a deaf and dumb girl the other day is supposed to have been married before.

A comb has been invented that will not tumble out of the hair. Most combs would stay put if they were not bothered.

Sixty-four divorces were granted in New York one day recently, and a whole lot of people were left unsatisfied even then.

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