

OREGON NEWS NOTE

General Ballington Booth in Portland.

CLATSOP'S TREASURER INDICTED.

The Beet Sugar Industry Receiving Attention in Different Parts of the State.

The assessed valuation of property for Washington county, this state, is in round numbers \$5,382,379.

H. F. Allen, a school teacher of Pine Valley, has brought suit against Superior Superintendent Reynolds in the sum of \$10,000 damages for defamation of character.

The treasurer and his deputy of Clatsop county, Oregon, have been indicted by the grand jury with the larceny of public money to the amount of about \$12,000.

Commander Ballington Booth was in Portland last week where he spoke several times and received a hearty welcome. He passed south to San Francisco over the S. P.

The Eugene papers say that the warehouses in that city are stored to the brim with hops. No sales have been made because the growers are looking for an advancement in price.

The La Grande beet sugar factory is evidently a success. It is expected that many acres will be put to sugar beet next year, already 1629 acres have been contracted for and there will be 3,000 before spring. That section of Eastern Oregon will produce many fine beets of good quality.

The Eugene Canning Co., has been figuring some on evaporating quite an amount of potatoes for San Francisco markets. One day last week they evaporated with 100 pounds of first class potatoes. After steaming, paring and slicing 100 pounds they found they had but 75 pounds. Then they evaporated them, and when thoroughly dried there remained 18 pounds. They were of an excellent quality. If a contract can be had at remunerative figures the evaporator could run for a number of weeks on this product. It will be known shortly whether such a contract can be obtained—Eugene Guard.

A remarkable showing of the adaptability of Southern Oregon for the production of sugar beets was made in an analysis at the experiment station laboratory yesterday of samples of sugar beets from Medford. There were 16 of the samples, and the surface of each was exceedingly smooth and free from extraneous rootlets. Fourteen per cent sugar and 80 per cent purity is a good beet. The per cent both of purity and sugar is the largest ever obtained from an analysis of beets at the station. The investigation is made even more interesting by the fact that the yield per acre ran as high as 24 tons, in most cases being above 20 tons, while the lowest yield on bottom land was 13 tons. The beets were not grown on garden patches, but on land the like of which, Dr. G. W. Slaw, of the station says, there are 15,000 acres in the vicinity of Medford—Oregonian.

Fred Springer of Astoria, was arraigned in Judge Bellinger's court a short time ago, and pled guilty to the charge of sending a lun of \$8.75 to one James W. Ter, on a postal card. The prisoner was asked the lunacy of the court, which was recommended by the deputy district attorney. The judge granted the request but took occasion to speak plainly as follows: "If it were not for this recommendation of the district attorney I should be inclined to punish you severely. No matter what the extenuating circumstances may be, or what the aggravation, the mails are not to be used for these purposes. When you used a postal card in sending this lun, you did so simply that the matter written thereon might be given publicity. You did not act in a sudden heat of passion, but after meditation. There have come to be too many of these cases, and I purpose acting severely with them. On the strength of the attorney's recommendation I will impose a fine of only \$10 in this instance, but should you come before this court again on a similar charge, I shall deal severely. Aston must be put to using postal cards in the venting of spite."

George L. Hayes, an old pioneer of Baker county, located at the Tom Falmine, in the Pocatouas district, which, for a time proved one of Baker's richest gold producers, returned yesterday from an extended visit to the Okanogan country. The gentleman went to perfect quartz and placer properties which he discovered in 1863. He had no trouble in finding the locations, but as they were on the reservation he was unable to work them. He says both sorts of claims are very rich and if he were permitted to operate them he doubtless would realize handsomely. Mr. Hayes is rapidly nearing his three score years and ten and has a liberal share of trials and tribulations of life, and from this time on he will reside in the Soldier's Home, at Roseburg, his papers having already been passed upon. Mr. Hayes states that he has taken out of Baker county mines upwards of \$100,000, and it seems hard fortune that he has little wealth left him in his old age—Baker City Democrat.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Johnny Bull Has Gotten His Ire Up.

AVALANCHE AT SHEEP CAMP.

Rumors of Serious Trouble Between Chili and Peru, Bolivia and Argentina.

A Kansas judge holds that women are not eligible to serve as jurors.

The California grape crop is greater this year than it has been since 1892.

The great General Neal D. W. is reported dying at his home in Portland, Maine.

The Bulletin says that Oakland has concluded not to appeal the water front case.

This country has already received nearly \$10,000,000 from Great Britain for wheat.

General Tracy has been nominated by the republicans for mayor of Greater New York.

The chamber of Deputies of Peru are debating the advisability of adopting the gold standard.

The Baker City Democrat puts the monthly output of the Baker district mines at \$300,000.

James Lane, one of the oldest residents of Chicago died last week at the remarkable age of 103 years.

The government has sold the timber on the Chipewa Indian reservation, in Wisconsin for \$4,600,000.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy G. M. Robinson died at his home in Trenton, New Jersey the 27 of last month.

It is reported from Thessaly that typhoid fever is raging among the Turkish troops causing great fatality.

George Williams has been nominated for governor of Massachusetts by the democrats at a Chicago platform.

Notices has been filed with the territorial secretary of Arizona of the intention to construct 2000 miles of new rail road.

The Treasury Department has informed New York bankers that they will not be allowed to deposit gold at San Francisco in exchange for currency in New York.

England may take a hand in the agitation question by protesting. She wants a foothold somewhere for a cable station and it might be well to allow her to have it in order to pacify her and to keep her cool.

The supreme court of the state of Washington has handed down a decision in a very important case, declaring that the new mortgage law passed by the last legislature is unconstitutional, as it is in part retroactive.

If you want to exchange a place mine for a house and lot in Portland, call at the COURIER office. You can also tell where you can buy two ranches cheap, a ranch for rental. If you want to sell or lease property let us know it—we can help you nothing.

The appraisers of the estate of the late James G. Fair have completed their report and a report will be made shortly to the probate court. The value of the Fair estate is not what it was supposed to be. Instead of being \$30,000.00 there is about \$12,000.00 as shown by the result of six or seven months work by the appraisers.

It is said that Americans are not satisfied in Guatemala on account of the inadequacy of the government there to afford protection. Americans are arrested on the slightest pretext and after a flimsy trial are thrown into prison. The consul is doing business and does not wish to offend any, hence little attention is paid to these arrests.

Johnny Bull got his ire up just a little because he thought Uncle Sam of Yankee fame wanted to commit him at the sealing conference. Canada and her Majesty's home government thought they would be outwitted in the conference, if Russia and Japan should take part, but Secretary Sherman will likely convince them that there is no use for them to commit themselves and that they can also retire whenever they feel so inclined.

The Nicaraguan Congress has paid a bill granting to the Atlas Steamship Company of London a thirty year franchise for the exclusive steam navigation of the Rio Juan del Norte, with authority to deepen the channel at various points, to construct a railroad from Lake Silica to the river and to collect for the latter from the subsequent canal constructor and not from Nicaragua.

A Delta, California, reporter says that a party has arrived from the new strike made two days ago twelve miles from here. It proves to be a good quartz ledge and lucky finders have already taken out ore that will go \$100 a ton. There has been several promising mines struck in this vicinity by prospectors who went into Collier creek during the excitement and returned this way because this is the nearest point on the railroad to Collier creek.

The Canadians are protesting against this government's violating what they claim was an agreement entered into by the two governments years ago where by each was to keep no naval force of any consequence on the lakes and that all other vessels be dismantled. They claim that in violation of this proposition the United States government has sent the warship Yantic, of 900 tons burden as a training vessel to the lakes. The attention of the government at Ottawa is called to this matter.

Sheep Camp, nine miles above Finnegan's Point on Chilkoot trail, has been completely destroyed by an avalanche which came crashing down the canyon sweeping everything in its course. Warm weather and the heavy rain caused a small lake on top of the avalanche and the heavy wind which had been blowing very hard for 24 hours broke off a part of the ice which was carried down by the water. Not many lives were lost but considerable property belonging to the miners and packers together with all the tents was destroyed. Many men lost everything they had, severely getting out with clothing sufficient to keep them warm.

THE BOY AND THE BROOK.

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