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NEARLY FINISHED.

Mr. Knapp's new structure in Port Orford is approaching completion. It was built as much for a commodious private residence, as for what it will be immediately devoted to, a hotel. As a model of permanence it perhaps has no superior in Southwest Oregon. First a box wall, then lined inside and out with inch lumber nailed up at an angle of 45 degrees measured by the level of the base. Then the outside is again covered with neat, narrow rustic. Within the two main rooms are wainscoted, above which a neat job of papering has been done. One capacious brick fireplace graces the gentlemen's sitting room, while the ladies' is supplied with a beautiful marbleized iron mantel enclosing a grate intended to burn coal. The dining room is large and airy, extending eastward of the main building forty feet. The second story is divided up into capacious and well lighted and ventilated sleeping apartments. When the new house is ready for occupancy, the old one will be torn down and removed. The work on the house was done by Messrs. T. J. Lindberg, John Dedmond and Charley Crockett, all under the superintendence of Mr. Knapp himself, who displayed extraordinary tact in the whole matter.

LEG BROKEN.

Our Ellensburg correspondent says: "Frank Clarno, who resides some five miles above town, met with a very severe accident last Thursday, in trying to lower a wagon down a steep hill by hand. He was unable to manage it, and the wagon ran over him breaking one leg just below the knee, and dislocating the ankle of the other leg. As there was no surgeon in this vicinity, Mr. S. L. Curry performed the task of setting the limbs, meanwhile a messenger was sent for Dr. Downing of Port Orford. At last accounts Mr. Clarno was resting easy and appeared to be doing well."

That was rather an odd wrinkle incorporated in a road petition lately circulated, praying for a road from the southeast corner of J. P. Russell's place, thence west on that line as nearly as the creek will permit, (keeping, however, always south of it), across the present County road until it strikes the new piece of road lately opened from the present road to the bridge site, thence along this other road, crossing the bridge and to a tree some distance north of it. The settlers up the creek ought to have an outlet to the County road, and the course indicated seems a good one.

Writers on farm topics are generous in their conclusions, but they are liable to go astray. For instance, it is claimed that sheep continually fertilize the soil. Did it never occur to these wise acres that sheep cannot give back to the soil more than they take away? It is possible to make a spot here and there richer by corralling sheep on them; but other parts are impoverished by the process. If nothing more than the growth of wool be taken from the land it is impoverished by so much.

What with the 2 1/2 per cent. State, county and school tax, a special school tax in this district of perhaps 2 per cent., and the regular road and poll tax, this vicinity is taxed about 5 per cent this year. To this may be added sundry sums subscribed by different parties to construct a bridge across Floras creek. Yet, notwithstanding the burden seems heavy, the tax payers do not complain, as the occasion for such expenditure has long been urgent.

The stringers are laid across Floras creek for the bridge, the apron on the north side is built and planked, and the necessary false work built in the center of the creek. Evidently the work will be completed in a few weeks.

BREVITIES.

An immense stock of flour at Av-erill's.

Who has the dictionary belonging this school district?

Port Orford will celebrate Christmas with a Cleveland ball.

J. W. Wilson and wife, of Eckley, were at Denmark last week.

Messrs. Clark & Dwyer were down from the mountains last week.

We are informed that work on the breakwater at Bandon will cease this week.

County Surveyor Fitzhugh has about completed a map of this township.

We will pit Jim Russell against the whole Floras creek region as a speller.

Mrs. Shoemaker and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Nob hill, were in Denmark last week.

Langlois & Nelson have made extensive improvements in the interior of their store recently.

Mr. D. E. Stitt fell from the framework of the bridge last week and was somewhat shaken up.

The Ellensburg Business Association have a nice lot of chairs which they are selling at a low figure.

Our friend Judge Dewey will edit to *Gazette* during Representative Sutton's absence at the Legislature.

Capt. Lorentzen has been hauling lumber from the mill during the past week to complete some inside finishing.

Messrs. Chris Long and Ed. Sypher left here with a pack animal last week for the Sallal Springs country on a hunt.

At the school meeting Saturday, N. C. Lorentzen was elected to fill the unexpired term of J. H. Upton, resigned.

N. C. Lorentzen's notice offering clover seed for sale last week should have read 16 cents a pound instead of 60 cents.

"Competition is the life of trade." Langlois & Nelson shoe horses all round for \$1 50 each. See ad. elsewhere on this page.

O. S. I. Co's steamer Al-Ki is so large (or Coos Bay is so small) that she cannot turn round and will have to back out of the Bay.

The contractor has given his order at Burnham's mill for the lumber necessary to build the school house. Now look for a pull through the mud-holes.

County Surveyor Fitzhugh is engaged to-day running some lines for Mr. J. E. Hawkins. This week Mr. F. will go below to do surveying for parties near Ellensburg.

The Burnham mill near this place is being enlarged to more than double its present size so as to accommodate a planer and grist mill. Raise wheat and get it ground at home.

The District Clerk's Assessment Roll shows among other things that the assessed valuation of all property in the District is \$24,584. Number of acres of land, 4,728; value, exclusive of improvements, \$12,059. Number of sheep, 78; value, \$34. Number of cattle, 80; value, \$1,636. Number of horses, 36; value, \$1,625.

Mrs. Capt. Lorentzen, not unmindful of the longings of ye antimony manipulator's confectionery molar, augmented his usual mid-day lunch of "salt-horse and hard-tack" last Saturday with as rich and tempting a dish of pastry as ever falls within range of his far-reaching grappling hooks.

County Surveyor Fitzhugh has just completed and presented to the Recorder a handsome plat of this township, which locates all new settlers, shows all transfers by deed to date and maps every vacant and unoccupied tract. Every settler and owner of land in the township should have one.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

Mrs. Thos. Smith has been visiting in town the past week.

Some of our farmers are busily engaged preparing for the next season's crop.

Miss Bell Gray has commenced on her second quarter of school in this district.

Miss Mary von der Green is teaching a term of private school at Pistol river.

Hon. H. G. Blake and wife and Miss McVey returned to their home in Chetco last Saturday.

We are informed that Mr. D. E. Stitt will teach a Winter term of school in the Gardner district.

Mrs. B. K. von der Green has been engaged to teach a Winter term of school at the mouth of Illinois river.

Judge Woodruff has been quite sick for the past week, and Dr. Downing has been called to see him.

One day last week two men from California passed through this place en route for the Floras creek country in search of homes.

Neptune has been very angry for past week, hence no vessels have arrived, we fear we shall soon begin to feel hungry, if not dry.

Our old friend D. L. Moore was in town this week looking hale and hearty. He says times are getting better since Cleveland was elected.

Weddings are ridiculously scarce here this season when we take into consideration the time squandered in horseback rides and stolen boat rides.

Rev. C. E. Philbrook, formerly of this county, has located in Sierra Co. Cal., and has disposed of his valuable farm, located about four miles up the river from this place. The purchaser is unknown to us, but he is a Californian.

COOS BAY NEWS.

The stage connecting Coquille City with Coaledo has ceased running on account of bad roads.

Mr. Kruse expects to complete the Newport bunker by Christmas, if the weather is favorable.

A. L. Nosler ships a lot of salt pork from Coquille City by the outgoing schooner to San Francisco.

It is said that the new steamer for the Beaver slough trade will be ready for business in a few days.

Binger Herman has sold his interest in the Myrtle Point store to Wise Bros., of Ashland. Bender will retain his position at the store.

The new log boom being built at Pony slough, for the O. S. I. Co. will be finished this week. Four hundred and sixty-eight piles have been driven in its construction.

Frank Ross unearthed a petrified bull frog, while digging into a hill on his farm, on Catching slough, last week. The petrification is of sandstone, and is in the possession of Dr. Tower of Marshfield.—News.

The cable of the telegraph line across Coalbank slough was broken last Saturday by an anchor of the Al-Ki coming in contact with it. On Monday the cable was raised and taken to Marshfield for repairs.

Voorhees' majority in Washington Territory is 146.

Blaine's friends do not think he will ever return to active politics.

Wages have been reduced 10 per cent. in the wire mills at Easton, Pa.

Captain Payne, the Oklahoma farmer, died suddenly at Wellington, Kansas, 31st.

Secretary Lincoln urges the importance of finding defenses for our sea coast and lake frontier.

Over \$80,000,000 was paid out of the United States Treasury in pensions in November.

Rev. Charles J. Seghers has resigned as Archbishop of Oregon and will go back to his labors in Alaska.

The Connellsville Coke producers' syndicate at Pittsburg will reduce wages of 8,000 employes December 1 from 6 to 10 per cent.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Congress convened on the 1st inst. Fred. Grant desires an appointment in the army.

The electoral college of the State met in Salem last Wednesday.

The latest from San Francisco says De Young is in a fair way to recover.

Passenger traffic over the Oregon Short Line was opened on the 1st inst.

Christians in the western part of China are fugitives in the wilds of Tonquin.

The voting population of Oregon has increased 11,860 in four years, or nearly 30 per cent.

Governor Cleveland has been tendered a grand banquet in Philadelphia and has declined.

Republicans in Pennsylvania talk of sending Blaine to the U. S. Senate to succeed Don Cameron.

President Arthur has invited Mr. Cleveland to occupy the White House previous to inauguration.

The Land Office report shows that there have been 400,000 farms taken up by settlers in the last year.

China and France do not seem to make much progress towards a treaty of peace that will suit both sides.

During the past year more home-steed claims have been taken up in Nebraska than in any other State.

It is estimated that the wool clip of this year will amount to 300,000,000 pounds, and be worth \$85,000,000.

J. G. Richardson, who illegally voted at Oregon City at the last election, was fined \$250 in the Circuit Court.

A drunken husband in New York stabbed his sick wife in the eyes on Thanksgiving night; if she recovers she will be totally blind.

Judge Denny, formerly of Portland has been appointed director of railroads in China, holding commission to that effect from L. Hung-Ching.

The scourge in Virginia, from which over 2,000 people have died, is caused by drinking mineral water, necessitated by the long drouth.

The last spike connecting the Oregon Short Line with the O. R. & N. Co. at Huntington was driven on the 25th with appropriate ceremonies.

Mrs. Logan is much more cast down because her son lost his position at West Point than because her husband failed to be elected Vice President.

F. P. Hogan, of Roseburg, has received the \$300 reward offered by the O. & C. railroad company for the arrest of James Cunningham, station agent, who robbed the station at Medford recently.

At St. Louis on the 28th the great \$1,000 watch, presented to Steve Dorsey in 1880 at a famous Delmonico dinner, at which Conkling and Grant and Gould and a select company of others were present, and at which Steve was hailed as the deliverer of Indiana—this famous "soap" watch has been stolen. Steve was there at the Cattle Convention, and was sleeping in parlor 66 of the Southern Hotel, with his watch under his pillow. When he awoke in the morning it was gone.

The Mormons have not so firm a hold upon Arizona, as they thought. A dispatch of the 28th states that the jury in the case of the United States vs. Animon Tenny, indicted for polygamy, returned a verdict of guilty. This is the first conviction ever had in Arizona for that crime. The Mormons fearing the moral effect of the conviction of so prominent a member of their church as Tenny, had imported the most eminent counsel for his defense. After conviction, bail was offered to any extent, which was refused by Judge Howard, who remanded Tenny to jail.

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TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OREGON, October 16, 1884. Notice is hereby given that Zachens Boies has applied to purchase the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 31 South, Range 15 West, Will. Mer. under the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, for the sale of timber lands in California, Oregon Nevada and Washington Territory. Any and all persons claiming adversely any of the above land must file their claim with the Register of the Roseburg Land Office during the sixty days publication hereof, and failing to do so, their rights will be barred by statute.

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