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SURVEY NEEDED.

There are eight sections unsurveyed in township 31 south, range 15. A considerable proportion of this territory is good land, and some of it has already been appropriated by settlers. It might be surveyed, and probably will be soon after the new administration comes into power. Heretofore we, down this way, have been overlooked in the matter of surveys, since other sections of the State have outpulled us in the way of getting in on the usual "jobs" in such cases made and provided. The "slates" will all be broken now, with no promises overhanging. Our new Surveyor-General will start in with clean hands and no pledges out. We will, therefore, stand some show to get a slice of the annual appropriation for surveys in Oregon. A large portion of section 32 in same range is unsurveyed; also in 30 north of here there is a large scope of unsurveyed land. If this belt of country were surveyed settlement thereon would be promoted, since many persons looking for a location avoid lands which have not been subdivided by authority.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

Among the few customs of the medieval period which have withstood the shocks of time and obtain now is the observance of St. Valentine's day by the younger portion of every community in Christendom on the eve of the 14th of February. The approach of the day is now heralded by the appearance in the novelty dealers' show windows of vast numbers of missives calculated for use on this occasion, each generally consisting of a single sheet of paper, on the first page of which is seen some ridiculous colored caricatures of the male or female figure with a few burlesque verses below. More rarely the print is of a sentimental kind, such as a view of Hymen's altar, with a pair undergoing initiation into wedded happiness before it. *Appropos* of this, it might not be amiss to state, (particularly since we are paid for it,) that Captain Lorentz has a stock of these love missives on hand which he is almost giving away.

THE SCALP LAW.—Representative Roberts' bill providing for the payment of bounties on the scalps of wild animals has passed to a second reading and is likely to become a law. The bill allows \$3 for every wolf or coyote, \$2 for every black or brown bear and \$1 for every lynx or wild cat. The County Treasurer is authorized to pay for the scalps upon "the presentation of a certificate from the Justice of the Peace to whom the heads of such animals were presented, out of any monies belonging to the county, other than school monies."

GARDENING.—While our farming brethren East of the Mountains and even in the Willamette Valley are struggling about on snow shoes, the denizens of these parts are preparing the ground with a view to putting in the regulation garden truck, many having already planted potatoes. As Mart Taylor was wont to remark, "Who ever saw such a country as this!"

SCHOOL TAXES AGAIN.—Friday next the taxes levied in this district for the purpose of building a school house will become delinquent, when they will be tured over to the Sheriff for collection. A word to the man who has once had that official on his track is sufficient.

County Surveyor Fitzhugh returned home Saturday from Elk river where he has been running lines for A. Crawford.

Captain Engleman, of San Francisco, who has been at the mill for some weeks, returned to the city Wednesday.

PORT ORFORD NOTES.

Mr. James Langlois, Head Keeper of Cape Blanco Light was in town this week.

Mr. Wm. Bailey, Sheriff, has been up this way again. Must be some attraction in this end of the county to favor us thus often.

Speaking of saws, Billy Ferris says of Mr. Wilbur's that of "all the saws he ever saw saw, he never saw a saw saw as that saw saws."

Mr. G. L. Wilson of Mussel Creek, is on a tour of the county canvassing for several papers. He says he is tired of ranching and longs for a change, if it doesn't pay much.

Mr. Mc Bride came down from his placer claim the other day, bringing with him some very fine specimens of gold. The gentleman is very confident of something rich for him "a little farther in."

Elwood Cary has employed Johnny Unican to cut the brush which has obstructed the view between his residence and town. Johnny has the work almost completed and it makes a desirable change.

Elias Carey and wife have returned from from Elk river, where they have been visiting, and started homeward Friday. They contemplate taking up a residence in Port Orford sometime during the Summer.

Mr. Charles Jackson, who purchased the Huntley place, met with a painful accident on the 1st, while preparing kindling. He placed his knife, partly closed, on a chair, and forgetting its presence there sat down upon it, the blade penetrating full length into the thigh.

Mr. Jas. Lockhart, now employed by Mr. L. Knapp in landscaping his grounds, has been engaged by Mr. Barry as his superintendent, which position he will accept as soon as he finishes Mr. K's work. As Mr. L. is fully conversant with all the details of farming, not to mention his familiarity with stock, we predict success for the management.

A bill will be given by the young people of Port Orford on the 21st inst., when the commodious residence of Mr. Nelson will be "warmed." The supper will be furnished by Mr. Neeley at the hotel de Winsor, which fact of itself is a sufficient guarantee that the catering on this occasion will be equal to that of the last sociable, which was excellent.

The weather prophet prognosticates the present storm to be the breaking up of Winter. With the exception of some quite heavy gales the Winter thus far has been all that the most fastidious could desire, flowers having bloomed throughout the entire season. Instead of several feet of snow we have had only comfortable dampness in this latitude.

Mr. Thomas Barry has County Surveyor Fitzhugh locating the eastern boundary of the Elk river place. Mr. Barry has in contemplation the construction of a wagon road to intersect the County road at Silver Butte. This is an improvement that all the people living in that neighborhood should hail with delight and assist in. Mr. B. has purchased Mr. Frank Cook's cattle and has had them transferred to his place. He has taken up his residence for several months on the place, and will commence fencing his boundary lines as soon as County Surveyor Fitzhugh has run them.

HALF SHEET AGAIN.—Once again we are compelled to apologize for the reduced size of the Recorder, as our paper has not yet arrived. We are in receipt of advices that the same has been shipped, hence it is quite likely that the stock will be here in time for our next issue.

Mr. W. H. Wilbur of the firm of Crawford & Wilbur of Port Orford, was up in this section yesterday.

COOS COUNTY.

Mr. Von Pegert is building a door and sash factory on his farm on the Coquille.

The twin boys, born to the wife of Mr. W. R. Getty of Empire, on the 26th, died of jaundice last week.

The new bunker of the Newport coal company has been completed and vessels will load there hereafter.

James Laird has a large force of men employed on the Coos Bay wagon road, and in a few days he will have it opened so that he can run wagons again.

Getchell's stove-mill at Marshfield has started up again on an order for 400 boxes for the glass-works at San Francisco and on an unlimited order for nail kegs.

The fifteen head of thoroughbred cattle that R. C. Dement of Myrtle Point brought out from Ohio last fall are reported as doing remarkably well in our mild climate.

Representative Roberts has introduced a bill to prohibit bulls and boars from running at large. Siglin has introduced a bill in favor of woman's suffrage. If either one goes through, we hope the other won't.—*News.*

Marshfield was visited by a very heavy wind storm last week. During its prevalence the framework of the Swedish church, being built on the sawdust, was blown down, and the back end of Agers' blacksmith shop on Front street was leveled to the ground.

Senator Siglin wrote to the *News* on the 26th ult., as follows: Bills are coming in, in a flood. Not one in ten will pass. Out of four hundred that will probably be introduced, about thirty will become laws. The Democrats will soon make themselves felt in the Senatorial contest. The foolish policy of two years ago will not be followed, and the little forlorn hope of five led by Siglin will probably be swelled to three times the number. Mitchell is not out of the fight."

THE SENATORIAL STRUGGLE.

Our Portland daily exchanges have of late been coming in homeopathic doses, and we are unable to give the latest phase of the fight at Salem for the Senatorial honors. There are ninety votes in the Legislature, hence it will take forty-six to elect a Senator. Thus far Mr. Hirsch has received the largest number cast for a Republican candidate—fourteen—but this does not foreshadow the result. Ten Republican candidates appear in the ballot. That party as fifty two votes on joint ballot, or six more than enough to elect. The entire Democratic strength staid steadfastly and quietly with Mr. Slater for the first three ballots, when they went over to McArthur. Among the Republicans Hirsch is the only man regularly making a contest, all the others coming in as compromise candidates. Following is the latest vote:

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| McArthur.....36 | Hare.....6 |
| Hirsch.....14 | Hill.....2 |
| George.....8 | Capes.....1 |
| Williams.....2 | Fulton.....1 |
| Kelsay.....6 | Applegate.....1 |
| Falling.....3 | Absent.....2 |
| Boise.....3 | Blank.....1 |
| Johnson.....6 | |

SHOOTING MATCH.—Interest in the shooting match set for next Friday at Denmark is visibly increasing, and if the practice shots to be heard on every hand from daylight till dark may be accepted as furnishing any evidence, the number of bulls eyes will not be few. The beef is a fine one and will be divided into five choices.

RETURNED.—Mr. M. M. Harrison, sawyer at Burnham's, who has been on a little jaunt to the Bay for some days, returned home Friday. He reports times very slow over there, and says the new mill company at Empire is "hedging" by a reduction in the wages of their employes.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Kansas returns Ingalls to the United States Senate.

The Hocking Valley strike has ended, the mine managers making concessions.

Engineer Melville, of Arctic fame, wants to make another trip to the North Pole.

There are over 13,512 men on the London police force, at a cost of \$2,586,500 per year.

Cleveland will reach Washington March 2, read his inaugural from the east front of the Capitol March 4 at noon, and from there proceed to the White House.

The Northern Pacific and O. R. & Companies announce a passenger rate of \$48 between Bremen and Portland, and from other continental ports in the same proportion.

A white girl baby, 16 months old, has been discovered in a Chinese brothel in San Jose, and authorities are investigating the matter, believing it to be a case of kidnapping.

An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court in the case of Martin and William Mackey, father and son, sentenced to be hanged in Kerbyville, Josephine county, next Friday.

Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon of California, has been admitted to the U. S. Supreme Court. Mrs. Gordon is the second woman allowed to practice before this Court, the first being Mrs. Belva Lockwood.

The Secretary of the Interior has affirmed the decision of the Commissioner of the Land Office, rejecting the claim of the State of Oregon to 48,000 acres of swamp land and has ordered a re-examination of the land in controversy, with a view of determining its nature beyond question.

The mortgage tax law has been declared constitutional by the Supreme Court, Waldo, Chief Justice, giving an exhaustive, clear and comprehensive opinion on the subject, Judge Thayer concurring. It is shown that all discussions about taxing credits in this State is irrelevant, the Constitution plainly saying that they shall be taxed.

The story of cannibalism in connection with the Greely Arctic expedition, is being received with an added degree of horror. It is claimed that the diaries of some of the explorers show beyond a doubt that the men were shot for food by order of Lieutenant Greely himself. He is further charged with cowardice, cruelty and inhuman conduct, it being asserted that the order was issued when the waters were open and smooth between Cape Sabine and Littleton Islands, and the commander refused to allow them to launch the boat and seek food.

A New York dispatch of February 2 says that while sitting in his office at 12 Chambers street, O'Donnovan Rossa, the recognized head of the dynamite faction in this country was shot through the breast and killed by a woman. Since the terrible explosion in London, one week ago, and the cutting of Phelan in the office Rossa's paper, the United Irishman, two weeks ago, a violent sentiment has grown up against Rossa and his faction. The great majority of those in sympathy with the movement for Ireland's independence oppose and condemn the policy of the Rossa faction. Rossa has been boasting of his connection with the recent explosions in London, and has said that very soon a series of dynamite explosions might be looked for. Some rumors state that the woman who did the shooting was the wife of Phelan, the man who was so badly cut by Short.

THE PARTY.—The number of tickets sold for the St. Valentine party on Friday evening presages success for the affair insofar as numbers are concerned, while the gentlemen selected as managers are lacking in no qualities which could make it pleasant.

ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

The steamer Hume is due at this port.

Tommy Cunningham and Alfred Gauntlett have about completed their contract of brush cutting for Judge Riley, they having slayed forty acres during the Winter.

Max Langevin has gone up to Big Bend, where he spends the Winter on his mining claim.

Lee Southard, who hand torn to pieces some days since, is slowly recovering and it will be some time yet before he can leave the North Star and return home.

Locals are about as scarce here as twenty dollar pieces.

Mrs. Langlois of New Lake has been seriously ill during the past week, but is at present recovering.

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