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When the deficiency appropriation bill reached the senate, the California, Nevada and Oregon senators secured the insertion of an amendment appropriating \$4,690,000 to reimburse the Pacific coast states for money expended in aid of the suppression of the rebellion.

The effort to secure remuneration from the government for the war expenses of these states has been continuous for a number of years. Bills have been introduced into each congress and pushed vigorously, but with no result hitherto beyond favorable reports for the war claims committee of the house and military committee of the senate.

The effort will be renewed when the next congress meets, and its final success is only a question of time. This is a sort of public expenditure that always finds opponents on the score of the present necessity for economy, and, were this economy applied in other directions as well, Oregon could have no just grounds of complaint because payment of these claims was postponed until a time when the national treasury should be in a better condition for meeting other than necessary current expenses.

The Oregonian is a great newspaper, one of the largest and best on the coast, but it shows a deplorable weakness in resorting to such language as "stinkers," and simply because certain men are not in accord with its senatorial views, pointedly remarks the Wallowa Chieftian.

ONE of the worst blizzards of the winter struck Creston, Iowa, Monday, when the thermometer fell to 30 degrees below. Nothing of the kind in Oregon—butter cups, birds etc., have full sway—but such is our climate.

The Tacoma Morning Union will turn over its plant to the school children and allow one edition to be gotten out by them, the proceeds to go to any object the children may select.

The experts looking over the books of Baker County have already found that county to be \$270,000 in debt and there are several more precincts to hear from.

The extremely low rates offered by competitive steamship companies from points on the Sound to Alaska is attracting the attention of many persons throughout the

state. The pleasure offered by an ocean voyage together with favorable reports of fortunes to be made in Alaska have quite turned the heads of some residing in Athena and Weston, who are contemplating a trip up there this spring, and lose sight of the prospects of considerable suffering in the far north country of Alaska as a result of the large number of people who are going there in anticipation of amassing a fortune in the rich gold fields.

D. W. McDONALD, of Milton neighborhood, better known as the "sage of Mud creek," and who has signed "Willis" to newspaper articles on division to the Milton Eagle, in which he promises the dear people an affliction of the division question two years hence, says promises an acquisition to the aggregation in the shape of a "three legged" monster of some sort.

THE Pendleton Tribune says: Senator elect McBride has given no evidence of being influenced by the bolters. No; neither has senator elect McBride given any evidence that he is being influenced by "Dolphicholia." The case of senator elect McBride seems to be one of "I don't know where I am at."

GONE FROM MILTON. A Prominent Citizen Went to Salem and Then Disappears.

Several responsible parties from Milton have told a story to a representative of this paper which contains some ugly facts for a prominent citizen of that city to face, says the East Oregonian.

Six years ago, one R. T. Morris came to Corvallis, in this state, and one year later to Milton, where he opened a harness shop. At the time the electric light plant was put in, he engaged with the proprietor and became an electrician finally having charge of the machinery in the station. Morris, accompanied by Mrs. Morris, and occupied a very high position among the people of the town and vicinity.

He was active in church work and high up as a secret society man. When the county division movement was started this last time, Morris was a leader, and came down to Pendleton to interview the business men of this city on the subject and to ask for signatures to petitions which were to be presented to the legislature asking that Vernon county be set off from Umatilla. Morris joined the throng which went to Salem to lobby for the bill introduced by Representative Davis, and was in the state capital city up to Friday before adjournment. Since that day, he has not been heard of and an investigation was ordered by a lodge in Milton, a committee being named to make the inquiries. What they discovered has not been made public.

Others pursued investigations, however, and it has been found that Morris' real name is not Morris, but R. K. Thomas. He came to Oregon from Humeston, Iowa, where his wife lives, her name being Mrs. Anna Thomas. A lady living in Walla Walla recognized Thomas, and when she made known her discovery, persons in Humeston were communicated with and Thomas' photograph sent to them for inspection. All pronounced it a representation of the R. K. Thomas who lived in Humeston, and Mrs. Thomas also said she recognized it as a photograph of her husband.

It was also stated that Thomas left Humeston for the west in company with another woman, leaving his wife and children in the Iowa town, though it is not alleged that the woman knew that Thomas was a married man.

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FROM WALLOWA COUNTY.

An Interesting Letter From the Land of Sheep, Cattle and Hogs.

ARCADIA, Jre. March, 4th.—[To the Editor.]—Thinking it might interest some of your readers, who have never been in Wallowa county, to read a short description of the country, I thought I would write a few lines.

Wallowa county is in somewhat of a diamond shape with an extreme width of about sixty-five miles and an estimated extreme length of seventy miles. Its boundaries embrace nearly every variety of country, lovely valleys, lofty mountains, rolling hills, treeless areas, extensive forests, and the consequent varieties of climate, from the deep valley of the Imnaha, which has been termed as the "Italy of Wallowa," to the bleak and lofty tops of mountains whose peaks are covered with perpetual snow.

The traveler leaving Grande Ronde valley, takes a northerly direction and passing through the beautiful Indian valley and "Crick-et Flat" country, a distance of about fifty miles, finds himself on the bluffs overlooking the Wallowa river at a point where it is swollen by the Minum.

After descending the hill, known as the Wallowa hill, which is two miles in length, the traveler crosses the Wallowa bridge and takes a course nearly due east. For about nine miles west here and there with the river in what is known as the Wallowa canyon.

The canyon is very narrow with almost perpendicular walls that sometimes rise to the height of 1,500 feet. But the canyon suddenly terminates and the lower Wallowa valley appears, certainly a beautiful sight to one who has tired of the picturesque scenery of the canyon. From the head of the canyon to Joseph, a distance of about forty miles, the road passes through the lower, middle and upper valleys. The people of these valleys are engaged in farming and stock raising, they also raise some fruit but the principal fruit valley is the Imnaha.

The Wallowa, or Silver lake, is situated about one mile south of Joseph and is about four miles long and one mile wide. Surrounding the lake are high mountains and above are lofty peaks, standing silent sentinels to the beautiful scene below.

The valley is bounded on the south and southwest by a lofty range of mountains, but on the north and northeast lie rolling hills that reach to Washington and Idaho. This vast territory is unsurpassed as a stock range. Large herds of cattle, horses and sheep roam over it. Horses remaining on the range the year around, while cattle and sheep are on the range from April to November. In November the stockmen have a general round-up and drive their cattle down on the Imnaha and Snake river winter ranges. A few "cowboys" go along to look after the cattle during the winter, taking with them their pack-horses packed with coffee, flour, bacon and beans, and some take a little "Oh be joyful." There they remain during the winter, then they drive them back on the summer range. The settlement in the stock part of the country is scattering and would probably remind an old timer of early days, with the exceptions that there are no Indians only in the summer time, then the country is generally visited by a large number of Indians, who come to partake of the excellent fishing and hunting.

BERTHA WILLIAMS. THE BOTTLE KILLED HIM. A Drunken Indian Falls From His Horse and is Killed. Monday evening an Indian who is known as "Two-slips," fell from his horse, near Pendleton, and was reported to coroner Kimery as being badly injured.

The coroner accompanied by Dr. Vincent immediately started out, and at a point east of St. Joseph's academy and opposite the Fisher home they found the dead body of Two-slips. He had started from Pendleton in company with two other Indians to return to the agency, evidently intoxicated, and he was seen to fall from his horse. The fall broke a bottle which he was carrying in his breechclout and a fragment of the glass pierced his groin, severing the femoral artery. From this wound he bled to death in a few minutes. As there was no suspicion of foul play, Coroner Kimery did not consider it necessary to summon a jury, but will make a report to the county court embodying the evidence regarding the case. The body was turned over to other Indians, who conveyed it to the agency.

Thorough Farmers. Wm. Rigby is with his father in the firm as Rigby & Son, one of the heaviest producers of wheat in Oregon. A party of gentlemen recently drove past their fields, some 2,500 acres of summer fallow, and found evidence of thorough tilling of the soil. Every foot has been carefully gone over previous to seeding and there are few weeds to be seen. Mr. Rigby, in conversation to an East Oregonian reporter, said, in response to a question on the subject: "We do pretty thorough work and find it pays so to operate. The other day, when we sold our 1894 crop and delivered it at the platform, an agent of the wheat company remarked that there was no grade above No. 1, or he would grade our wheat higher than that. Our entire crop was No. 1 strong and was sought after by buyers. I attribute it entirely to the fact that the land was well worked and weeds and wild plants kept carefully down."

Actual Residence Not Necessary. Hon. D. J. Cooper, of The Dalles, has received the following dispatch: WASHINGTON, March 1, 1895. Hon. D. C. COOPER, The Dalles, Ore. Ellis' bill which passed the house Wednesday, amending law so as not to require actual residence on railroad lands, passed the senate today with amendment, and goes to the president for his approval. JOHN H. MITCHELL.

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