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THE COUNTY NEWS

The "East End" as Reflected By Our Exchanges.

SCARLET FEVER RAGING

Two More Deaths at Milton Last Week.

Barney Prine intends taking another trip this spring to the Idaho mines.

Grandma VanWinkle has been ill from la grippe for the past few days.

The old Saling brick on Water street is being fitted up by Mr. Saling as a hall and opera house.

The Congregationalists of Dry Hollow are planning to build a church next month.

Willis Marsh has been engaged to teach a term of school in the Saling district on Wild Horse mountain.

Frank Blair took such an interest in the football game Wednesday that he became overheated, and has since been in bed in consequence.

Joe Morgan has opened a saloon at Adams. His family will remain at Weston and have removed to the Keenan residence.

The Ridenour lodge hall used by the Knights and Woodmen is undergoing improvements, among which is a needed rearrangement of the paraphernalia rooms.

Several young boys of Weston were in a sad state of inebriation lately. No one knows where they obtained the liquor but the marshal is now watchful to prevent a recurrence of their spree.

Frank Worthington, of Milton, visited Weston yesterday, and after ward went to Athena to negotiate for band instruments. It is the intention to have a good band at Milton, connected with the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Robert Hudspeth, of Wild Horse has been arrested at the instance of James King under a charge of assault and battery. It is alleged that Robert hit James with a wire stretcher, cutting a large gash in the latter's leg.

The pupils of the sixth and seventh grades of the training department have certainly learned self-reliance at an early age, for the program which was given on Friday, the last day of school, was gotten up and arranged almost entirely by themselves.

Now that the danger line has been crossed, the fruit crop outlook can be safely discussed, and from reliable parties living in the fruit belt of the valley we learn there will be an abundant crop of every variety and kind of fruit except peaches and apricots and there will be nearly enough of the former for home demand.

Tom Thompson claims to have been assaulted and chain-bagged by a couple of sportive young men last night who made an attempt to rifle his pockets. According to Tom's story he caught one of the youths but subsequently liberated him upon his promising to sin no more.

Milton will celebrate the Fourth of July. This much has been definitely decided, and the celebration will be under the auspices of Hercules Lodge No. 51, K. of P. Committees will be appointed in a few days to take charge of the different features of the occasion and it is expected that Milton's celebration will be a grand success.

Two more children of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams have succumbed to the deadly scarlet fever since our last issue and the father and mother are nearly heart-broken over the awful ravages made in their family. Alta, aged 7 years, a beautiful little tot, died last Saturday morning, and Paul, a bright lad of 9 years of age, died this Friday, morning at 11 o'clock.

Two other children, Carl, a son aged 14, and Jessie, a daughter aged 16 are down with the disease, but the physicians, Drs. Thomas and Hill, do not consider their condition dangerous. The other patients in town are all doing well and give promise of an early recovery.

Those who have been attacked by the fever since our last issue are: Mrs. George Lijun, Ruby Kennedy and Elmer Hull. These latter cases are all in a mild form.

Oregon Notes. Umatilla county has \$14,809 in its treasury.

Astoria Scandinavians will celebrate on May 16 the 82d anniversary of the union of Norway and Sweden.

A map of Jackson county has just been completed and published. Baker City wants the next meeting of the State Press Association.

Subscriptions are being asked in the upper Rogue river valley for helping to improve the road from the summit of the Cascades to Crater lake.

Citizens of Cottage Grove have begun active work on the Bohemia wagon road.

The contract has been let for the erection of a Presbyterian church at Brownsville.

Walter Denny, an Ashland boy, expects to be a fireman on the new battle-ship Oregon.

Mrs. D. H. McClure died at Lebanon Thursday. She was 71 years old, and well known throughout the Willamette valley.

Rev. William Steel, of Quincy, Mass., who has accepted the call of the First Presbyterian church, of Salem, will be at his new post May 24.

Klamath Falls is setting a good example to more ambitious towns of Oregon by forbidding bicyclers to ride on sidewalks, under penalty of a fine.

Lane county warrants are now in demand. Local capitalist are paying 1 per cent. premium for them. This has happened occasionally for the past three years.

The trapdoor in an Astoria street-car was carelessly left open one day last week, and Mrs. J. P. Swensen, carrying a little child in her arms, boarded the car. She stepped into the opening, injuring herself severely.

F. M. Barnum, of Gale, reports to the Klamath Falls Express the new flume of the Klamath Water Ditch Company is progressing rapidly.

The ditch is being raised to run around the foothills, and 125,000 feet of lumber has been saved at Carr's mill, to be used in the flume, of which 28,000 feet is already on the ground.

John Stewart will ship a train-load of cattle from Eugene some time between the first and the middle of June. There are 1000 of the cattle, and they will be shipped to Joseph Roach, at Northfield, Minn. They are 1, 2 and 3-year-old steers, and the prices paid for them by Mr. Stewart were \$8, \$13 and \$17 per head. The cattle will probably be used in supplying an Indian reservation.

Your Physical Condition Needs attention at this time. If you are tired, weak and nervous, it is clear that your blood is impure, and without doubt there has been too much over-work or strain on brain and body.

The course of treatment for such a condition is plain and simple. The blood must first be purified so that the nervous system, and in fact all the organs will be fed upon pure blood.

Intelligent people without number have testified that the best blood-purifier and nerve tonic is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Fraudulent School Warrants. The school board of Union is greatly exercised over the discovery that school warrants to the amount of about \$450 have been forged and placed in circulation.

The discoverer was made by Clerk C. E. Cochran, while checking up warrants that had been canceled. The Scout says that investigation indicates that one Charles N. Wiley, a young man Mr. Cochran had in his employ is the guilty man.

He had the confidence of Mr. Cochran, and, during the absence of this employer, it seems, put in his time writing out and forging the name of the clerk to the warrants. He sold the entire amount of his fraudulent warrants to Levy Bros. of Union, who bought and sold them again in entire good faith. The loss will fall upon them.

Large Cattle Transaction. The Corvallis Times reports a \$10,000 cattle deal in the south end of Benton county the first of last week. The purchaser is a Mr. Cornelius, who is a heavy stock-dealer of Montana; the sellers are George A. Houck and Sam Ferguson, who have been gathering up cattle in Benton, Lane, and Linn for several months past.

The deal includes between 800 and 900 head of yearlings and 2-year-olds, and they are to be shipped on a special train at Junction this week. Mr. Cornelius is in Webfoot buying cattle, because he says Oregon cattle turn out better on the Montana ranges than do the Arizona, Texas and other cattle. In buying these cattle, the maximum price paid by Houck and Ferguson to farmers was \$13.50 for 2-year-olds, and \$8.50 for yearlings. The cattle sold to Mr. Cornelius were all steers. Messrs. Houck and Ferguson have left on hand a large lot of cows, calves, heifers, and 3 and 4-year-old steers.

A MINING HISTORY.

Operations on Midas Bar on Snake River.

THE SQUIRRELS DYING

From Contagious Disease in Whitman County.

In early mining days in Idaho and Eastern Oregon, when the gold yield of Bannock Bar made Southern Idaho famous, the foundation was laid for many wild and reckless investments in mining enterprises, with the hope of finding a deposit equal to the celebrated bar on Moores creek; that produced such a fabulous amount in such a short time.

The fine gold along the bar of the Snake river has attracted some attention, but generally the old-time miners has nothing but contempt for fine gold, and it was not until 1876, that two miners located at Midas Bar and attracted the attention of some one who had a pull on English and New York capital, and the result was that a company was organized in New York with ample capital for the purpose of building a ditch, purchasing the bar and fitting it with mining apparatus to save the fine gold.

Twenty thousand dollars was paid for the bar, and a ditch seven miles in length, capable of carrying five thousand inches of water from Boise river, was constructed.

At one time it is said that 200 men were employed, the company's agents paying good wages, and the bottles and fruit cans that strewed the ground around the site of the old headquarters at the bar and along the line of the ditch, readily accounts for what was done with some of the company's money.

The ditch is said to have cost not less than \$250,000, and 1,000,000 feet of lumber was used in floating, but the straightest part of this story, although strictly true, is that when the ditch was completed and ready to carry water to Midas, then called New York bar, not one inch of water could be had; it was all needed to irrigate the suffering crops in Boise valley, and every inch of water was claimed and recorded.

It takes a large amount of water to "puddle" a new ditch through such loose soil as that in which this ditch was constructed, but notwithstanding all these obstacles the company's money in New York still held out and the superintendent in charge was not disposed to be discouraged so long as he could draw his salary. A small head of water was got to the bar finally, but the constant breaking of the ditch required the employment of a standing army day and night, and in those days the service of amalgamated plates, grizzlies, under currents and burlap sluices was not known, and while a gentleman who worked there says they saved what was estimated to be 15 cents per cubic yard, that would not pay and so the whole thing was abandoned and the bar was deserted until last spring. This bar is located about seven miles above the mouth of Boise river on the north or Idaho side of Snake river, but it so happened that the Oregon state line crosses Snake river near Fort Boise and runs up the north side of the river some twelve miles, taking in a strip of land from one half mile to one mile wide, and on this is located Midas Bar.

It was generally supposed that the New York company had patented this ground, but as it was in Oregon and it was a long distance to the county seat, nobody investigated the matter until last spring when Mr. John B. Irwin, one of the oldest and best informed Snake river miners, made investigations and found that the entire bar was unclaimed. He at once secured the aid of Messrs. Morton and Emison and staked and recorded thirteen claims in strict conformity with the mining laws and a sale is being negotiated of the entire property in the east and a pumping plant will be put in motion at the earliest possible moment.

The bar lays about thirty feet above low water and about ten feet of gravel can be washed into the channel by ground slycing and the gravel prospects are remarkably rich.

It is our opinion that Midas Bar, when equipped with a 500-inch centrifugal pump and a gold-saving machine of sufficient capacity, will

be the best paying mine, for the money invested, in the Northwest, and our reasons for believing are based entirely on the prospects we have taken from the gravel and on the facilities for moving it.—E. S. McCOMAS, in La Grande Chronicle.

THE SQUIRREL PEST.

Little Animals Dying from a Contagious Disease in Whitman.

GARFIELD, Washington, May 7.—Twentyfive per cent of the squirrels in the Rat creek country are dead, and many more are dying daily. They are afflicted with a contagious disease, and hundreds can be seen lying around in positions that indicate that death overtook them while in the act of feeding.

RITZVILLE, Wash., May 7.—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company is purchasing squirrel poison for free distribution among those farmers who are unable to purchase it for themselves.

Showers of Blood. In the "Annals of Remarkable Happenings in Rome" mention is made of 14 different showers of blood or blood and other substances mixed, which occurred between the years 319 A. D. and 1170.

In 1222 we find record of a shower of blood and dust which covered the larger part of Italy. In 1226 a "snow" fell in Syria, which presently turned into large brooks and pools of blood." A monk who wrote in the year 1261, and whose manuscript is now preserved in the British museum, tells of three days' shower of blood "all over southern Europe." Burgundy had a blood shower in 1361, and Dedfordshire, England, witnessed a similar phenomenon in the year 1450. In 1686 hailstones fell in Wurtemberg which contained cavities filled with blood, or blood-red liquid. The last "blood shower" on record occurred in Siam in the year 1802.

Women Question in the Church. The fight over the admission of women delegates to the Methodist conference at Cleveland, Ohio, is growing bitter. The German delegates, it is said, are leading the opposition. Some of them have said that if the four women who have been elected delegates are admitted, all the German lay members of the church will secede. The Germans have issued a strong protest against the admission of the women and some of the prominent ministers recognize the fact that the opposition threatens the unity of the church.

Bishop Fowler, of Minneapolis, says: "The Germans are very determined in what they undertake, and their opposition in this matter is very strong. For that reason I think the women will be denied admission."

Rev. G. W. Gue, of Portland, O., says: "This women question is being agitated by a lot of women who want to wear bloomers and not by the sensible and intellectual women of the church."

A Drunkard's Luck. While the east-bound passenger train was running along at a lively rate, about two miles west of Cascade Locks, Wednesday night, the engineer was horrified to see a man lying with his head on one of the rails, apparently asleep, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer. To stop the engine before it reached the sleeping figure was impossible, but the train was brought to a sudden standstill as possible, and the engineer and fireman climbed out of the cab, expecting to find the mangled form of a man underneath the cars. In this they were disappointed, for when they got back to where the man was, he was scrambling up the side of the track protesting against having been so rudely awakened, though, for a wonder, he was not injured in the least. He had been to the Cascades the day before, where he had imbibed too freely, and laid down to sleep off the effects of his spree, with his head resting on a bundle of clothes which he had placed on one of the rails. How the cow-catcher knocked him away without killing him is a mystery, and can only be explained by the fact that he was drunk, and a drunken man can't be killed.

For every quarter in a man's pocket there are a dozen uses; and to use each one in such a way as to derive the greatest benefit is a question every one must solve for himself. We believe, however, that no better use could be made of one of these quarters than to exchange it or a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, a medicine that every family should be provided with. For sale by Osburn.

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A Sensational Discovery in a Coal Mine.

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A sensational mining discovery has been made in the Black Jack mine in Oneida county, not far from Preston, Idaho. In a coal mine it was found there were rich deposits of silver, and, according to the Preston Standard, the discovery has created the greatest excitement, and the country for miles around has been located. The Preston Standard tells the story as follows:

"The mine is between four and five miles from Preston and is owned by Franklin and Richmond parties. The mine was first located as a coal prospect and was first thought to be a good one. It has been worked off and on, as time would permit, for several years, until a shaft has been sunk to the depth of several hundred feet. Monday last one of the owners noticed some rather fine ore on the dump and he gathered up a small sack and sent it to Logan to be assayed, merely as an experiment. The next day the report came back that the ore assayed 600 ounces to the ton, silver. The owners of the mine were greatly excited at this and thought that surely a mistake had been made, so another sack was shipped off to Salt Lake City. A certificate came back from there announcing the same result and as soon as the report got out the country went wild with excitement.

"A number of old miners have examined the mine and express the utmost confidence in it. They say that all the indications are most favorable and believe that the ore is practically unlimited and that the vein will increase in size and richness with depth.

"The ledge on which the mine is located is traceable for fifteen or twenty miles and the croppings throughout are similar. It is therefore confidently believed that the whole region is rich in mineral.

"It is rumored that \$30,000 had been refused for a half interest and there is no occasion to doubt the truth of the rumor."

Unearthed a Coffin. A few days ago while a workman in the employ of M. A. Caris was excavating for the Stahl building at Main and Fifth street, says the Union, he found a coffin badly decomposed and containing human bones. The grave was located under the Alheit building and as the foundation of the new building will be lower than that of the adjoining structure, the coffin was exposed to view; when the excavator got below the foundation of the Alheit building.

The coffin was about four feet long and had fancy handles. The body when interred had been packed in sawdust. A piece of blanket was the only vestige of clothing remaining. The location of the grave was about twelve feet below the natural surface of the ground and from the condition of the coffin it is probable that it had been there for a quarter of a century.

A Puzzling Proposition. The directors of the Walla Walla school district have sprung a perplexing question upon the county commissioners. In a letter addressed to that body, they raise the point that the penalty and interest on delinquent taxes since the admission of the state have been paid into the general county fund, while some of this penalty and interest was due to specific districts by reason of special taxes, other portions should have been turned into the general fund, and a portion should have been distributed in the county. They hold that it is the business of the commissioners to employ some person to segregate these various portions of the penalty and interest on school

funds for the last seven years, and pay over to the school districts the amounts improperly withheld.

A Lost Boy.

Jo McDonough, a 13-year-old boy, left Winchester, Illinois, Jan. 6, 1896, to visit his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chapman, of 25 West Granite street, Butte City, Montana, and has not been heard of since. The boy had but \$10, and intended to make the journey on foot. He has light hair and blue eyes, and is quite a well built and intelligent lad for his age. Serious fears are being felt as to his safety, and any information concerning him will be gladly received by Mr. W. W. Chapman, of 25 West Granite street, Butte, Montana.

Other newspapers please copy.

Mr. D. P. Davis, a prominent liveryman and merchant of Goheen, Va., has this to say on the subject of rheumatism: "I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, as I know from personal experience that it will do all that is claimed for it. A year ago this spring my brother was laid up in bed with inflammatory rheumatism and suffered intensely. The first application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm eased the pain and the use of one bottle completely cured him." For sale by Osburn.

Tough Wedding Journey. Billy Adams, foreman of the Elk Horn cow ranch of McDonnald Bros., of Wallowa county, was married a few days ago and started for home with his wife. There was no wagon road and they had to use pack horses to carry their household goods. When they came to the Grand Ronde, they found their boot missing. They decided to swim the stream, and all the horses reached the other side safely except one, which drowned, carrying to bottom of the river all of the bride's clothing save what she had on.

A Cure for Muscular Rheumatism. Mrs. R. L. Lamson, of Fairmount, Illinois, says: "My sister used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for muscular rheumatism and it effected a complete cure. I keep it in the house at all times and have always found it beneficial for aches and pains. It is the quickest cure for rheumatism, muscular pains and lameness I have ever seen." For sale by Osburn.

Sheriff's Fees Enjoyed. Charles Brownfield has brought suit in the circuit court, against Zoeth Houser, sheriff; William Martin, county judge; John F. Adams and T. P. Gilliland, county commissioners, and Benjamin S. Burroughs, county clerk of Umatilla county, to enjoin the county court from allowing, and the clerk from paying, any money or scrip to the sheriff for fees.

Every man having a beard should keep it an even and natural color, and if it is not so already, use Buckingham's Dye and appear tidy.

"Ten people out of a dozen are invalids," says a recent medical authority. At least eight out of these ten, it is safe to allow, are suffering from some form of blood-disease which a persistent use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla would be sure to cure. Then don't be an invalid.

One of the best evidences that Ayer's Hair Vigor is an article of exceptional merit is the fact that the demand for it is constantly increasing. No one who uses this incomparable dressing thinks of trying any other preparation for the hair.

The Baker City Commercial Club has decided to extend an invitation to the Oregon Press Association for their forthcoming annual meeting. The last meeting of the press association was held at Yaquina Bay.

Drive out the impurities from your blood and build up your system by creating an appetite and toning the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla, if you would keep yourself well.

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