

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - - AUG. 2, 1879.

INSTRUCTED.—The News reads us a lecture on the subject of propriety in journalism, intimating that it is not the "province of a newspaper to circulate family troubles" &c. Well, we may be wrong; but we have yet to learn that there is any impropriety in commenting on that class of family troubles, which develop themselves in the shape of brutal assaults, which are crimes against society, as well as against the party injured, and which are punishable under our criminal statutes. We did not know it was "scandal" either. We have known men to be nearly killed, houses to be gutted, and many other performances of a similar character, enacted within a stone's throw of a newspaper office, and a nice sense of propriety on the part of the editor, prevented their being mentioned. This may be "all right," but we wish it distinctly understood, that the MAIL is not governed by views of that kind; and so long as it runs under the present management, it will publish the events in which the public are interested, which come to the knowledge of its editors. If a man cuts the throat of, or brutally assaults his wife, neighbor, or neighbor's wife, an account of it will probably be found in our columns.

EXPLANATION.—In our report of the proceedings of the late session of the county court appeared an item to the effect that the county treasurer was authorized to commence an action against Henry Sengstacken, who, as Justice of the Peace, held an inquest upon the body of the late Jas. D. Fay, for failure to turn over to the county the personal effects of Mr. Fay, which came into his possession. We are informed by Mr. Sengstacken that immediately after the property came into his hands, the friends of the deceased, who were directing the proceedings, took charge of the few articles which were found with the body, and no part of them were retained or appropriated by Mr. Sengstacken.

THE S. S. PICKER.—The union Sabbath school excursion from this place to Henryville, last Wednesday, was very generally attended, and universally enjoyed by those present. The steamer Myrtle and the large scow fitted up for the occasion were crowded to their utmost capacity; the party left the Marshfield wharf at about 9 o'clock, arriving at Henryville about 10:30, where the day was spent in amusements of a character to instruct as well as please. The party returned to their homes about 6 P. M. having passed a day that will be remembered with pleasure by the little ones for whose amusement the party was organized.

ARRESTED.—On Monday, Mr. Martin who was mentioned in our last issue as having been badly bruised by one Glenn at Coos City, made a complaint before Justice Sengstacken of Empire City, against Michael Glenn and James Madden, who it is claimed were acting together, and a warrant was issued for their arrest. They had already started for Roseburg, and were arrested in that town by sheriff Hogan of Douglas county, and retained till Glen Aiken went out and brought them back. They arrived on Thursday, and their examination will take place next Monday.

SHIP BUILDING.—Mr. James Cashman and two other mechanics, whose names we have not learned, arrived here by the Laura May this week, with all necessary material for building a small schooner. They have made arrangements with Dean & Co. for the use of their ship yard, and will commence work at once. The proposed vessel will be 65 feet in length of keel.

FAVORABLE.—A late Washington dispatch says the Cabinet have decided not to withhold the appropriations made by the River and Harbor bill from expenditure this year, and the whole amount, about a million dollars has been placed to the credit of the war department for disbursement. There is certainly no cause for further delay of the commencement of our harbor improvement, and we may expect something to be done soon.

HELD TO ANSWER.—The examination of Miss Emma Lower for assaulting Mrs. Masters, near Sumner last week, was held before Justice Sherwood last Saturday, and resulted in the defendant being held to answer for the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon. The bail was fixed at fifty dollars, which was given.

SURVEYING CONTRACT.—S. B. Cathcart returned from Portland last Tuesday, where he had been to make arrangements for a contract for surveying land on the head of Coos river. He has a contract for the survey of all the surveyable land in Township 24 S. R. 11 West, which embraces nearly all the claims located on both forks of the Millicoma river.

THE SCALE TURNED.—The game of base ball between the Coquille City Nines and the Myrtle Point boys, played last Saturday, resulted in a victory for the Nines. But the championship is not yet settled; they will have another game soon.

HARRY STONE has returned from San Francisco again, improved.

Our County Finances.

The Argus thinks that there is a combination among men in this county to act as brokers and "bear" the market for county orders for speculation. It says the condition of the county finances warrant the payment of these orders within twelve months from the date of issue, "and an honest and careful administration will not fail to bring it about." Now, we do not doubt that the writer of that article is sincere and honest in his conclusions, but he is sadly mistaken. In the first place, there is not, and never has been, a combination among buyers of county orders in this county. These orders are purchased mainly by tax payers, who use them in payment of their county taxes, and by parties who pay liquor licenses to the county, the orders answering the same purpose as coin in those transactions. Every taxpayer uses more or less of these orders in the payment of his tax, and if the discreditable combination by him referred to exists at all, it embraces the whole body of the tax-paying population in the county, who would in that case be in league to depreciate the paper issued upon their own credit. But there is not an intelligent citizen who has resided a year within the county who does not know that such a suggestion is wholly unwarranted and false.

The assertion that an honest and careful administration will not fail to bring about the payment of county orders within "twelve months from the date of issue," is equally erroneous and groundless. If the county orders were redeemed by number, in the order in which they are issued, of course, in the present condition of the county finances, the whole number of outstanding orders would be redeemed and re-issued within twelve months. But the larger portion of the orders are redeemed by being paid in to the county within the year they are issued, and the small amount of the county taxes which are paid in coin is used to redeem the oldest presented orders. Under this system, which is regulated by law, it is easy to see that—even under an honest administration—an order which is held till it is paid in coin, will become two or three years old, at least, before it is called in by the treasurer.

The actual indebtedness of the county at this time, above all available assets, cannot be less than \$6,000. It is true the exhibit shows it to be much less, but it will be seen that the delinquent tax list for 1875, and each succeeding year down to 1878, is brought in as resources, when in fact there is very little back of the list of 1878 that can be collected, and its value is entirely fictitious. We have no suggestion to make to the county court as to the coming tax levy; but it is certainly poor policy to pay interest on warrants, and that can only be avoided by cancelling the county debt. Money is now scarce, and it would, perhaps, be burdensome to the people to respond to any heavier tax than that of last year. The levy should, however, be at least sufficient to cover current expenses.

Myrtle Point Items.

Weather clear and beautiful. The farmers of this region and the upper Coquille are busy harvesting their oats and wheat, which is well filled and a good crop; no rust has so far been discovered.

C. M. Warner has raised red clover on his farm this season to the height of five feet and four inches.

Some of the miners have moved from the Sixes to Johnson's creek, with a prospect of finding gold more plentiful.

We feel the need of a steamer on the river at present, as the Annie is tied up during Mr. Rackliff's absence. She is also undergoing repairs and receiving a new coat of paint. When finished she will present a neat appearance.

ROSEBURG has a new foundry and machine shop in operation.

FRANK ARNOLD, formerly a resident of this county, is now in Portland.

WE LEARN that Wm. Saunders will probably return to Coos Bay to reside.

THE action of Osborn vs Lobree has been decided by Judge Watson, in favor of the defendant.

THE summer term of the Marshfield Academy will open next Monday, with the same teachers who were in charge during the last term.

A REGULAR "ring fight" was organized last week between a couple of Roseburg's respectable citizens—What the rest of the citizens were doing is not stated.

IT is announced that Jos. Noah, formerly of this county, was lately married to the widow A. C. Noah, who resides on Sixes river in Curry county.

IT is announced that C. L. Mosher, late publisher of the Western Star of Roseburg, will start a new paper styled the Benton County Blade. It is to be published at Corvallis, and will of course, be Democratic.

The Visit the Engineers.

Friday, of last week, the Board of Engineers, consisting of Cols. Mendall, Stuart and Gillispie, Capt. Palfry and Lieut. Payson, arrived at this port on their tour of examination, and as the fog was thick on the bar, they came to an anchor under the shelter of the cape till the following day, when they entered the bay and came alongside the wharf at Empire City. Toward evening they came up the bay, and spent the next day in taking a view of the various resources of the country. Through the kindness of Nasburg & Hirst they were given the use of the steamer Myrtle, visited the Newport and Eastport mines, and went up Isthmus slough and had a view of Southport, Uter City and Henryville. They then made a trip up Coos river, and examined the samples of rock which were represented to exist along that stream, and returned to Empire Sunday evening. On Monday, the tug Fearless was placed at their disposal by Simpson Bros., and they went down to Rocky Point, and examined the location of the proposed sea-wall for the improvement of the channel. At 4 P. M. they returned to the Constantine and she steamed out of the Bay and passed up the coast. Gen. Lane arrived from Roseburg in time to meet the engineers on their arrival in the Bay, and he, with Judge Mann, C. H. Merchant and other of our citizens, accompanied the Board on their tour of the Bay and its tributaries. The General accepted an invitation from the Board to accompany them to Astoria, and he will return to Roseburg by the way of Portland.

The members of the Board appeared to take great interest in the commercial resources of this locality, and they left us with a better knowledge of the national benefits which would result from the construction of a harbor of refuge here, than when they came. We have no reason to be less hopeful than before their visit, they have not only seen the natural adaptation of cape Gregory and the reef extending from it for the contemplated work, but they have seen Coos Bay and some of its tributaries, and know something of the commercial relation which it properly sustains to the interior of southern Oregon.

RETURNED.—Wm. G. Webster returned from San Francisco on Monday, by the Telfair, bringing with him an assortment of ready made boots and shoes, which he will offer for sale at his shop in this place. Persons who do not wish to wait to have a new pair made, can get a good boot or shoe at the lowest price by calling at his place.

WILL RETURN.—Lieut. Payson, of the Board of Engineers, will return to the Bay after their arrival at Portland, and will make a more careful survey of Cape Gregory and the location at the entrance of our harbor. It is gratifying that the Board think so favorably of this locality as to give it a very thorough examination before making an adverse decision.

AT ASTORIA.—G. Wingate of the Eastport mine, is in the vicinity of Astoria, making observations of that region, probably with reference to their newly discovered coal deposits. Mr. Wingate is a man of good judgment and of much experience in that line.

MR. GANT, from the South fork of the Coquille, brought five tons of wool across the Isthmus a few days since, to ship to San Francisco from this port. He thinks it more profitable to ship by this route, than to wait for the movements of the Coquille schooners. He paid only \$2.50 per ton freight across the Isthmus.

PHILIP MARTIN, who was stamped by Michael Glenn at Coos City, proved to be quite seriously hurt. Besides being badly bruised about the face and neck, the bones about the chest were broken. He has been under the care of a physician during the past week.

THE writ of review of Augusta Scales vs the town of Marshfield, has been decided in favor of the plaintiff Mrs. Scales. This case involved the regularity of the proceedings of the Recorder's court, in fining Mrs. Scales for a violation of the fire ordinance.

THE prize for the best penmanship in Mr. C. F. McCormac's writing school, was awarded to Miss Alice McCormac; the prize for greatest improvement, was divided equally between Miss Lydia Merchant and Master W. Webster.

WHEN passing along the Coos Bay road between here and Roseburg last week, we saw a large flock of Angora goats, a short distance this side of the old Brewer place; they were brought in by a Mr. Belknap.

THE barkentine North Bend has arrived in Portland with a cargo of iron for the Yaquina railroad. She also brought the first locomotive, called the "Corvallis," for said road.

THE steamer Coos broke her follower-head, on Wednesday, when going up Isthmus slough, and was laid up for a day or two.

DISCONTINUED.—The post-office at Coaledo in this county, has been discontinued by the Department. The cause, no one was found to keep the office.

LETTER LIST.—The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Marshfield, Coos Co., Oregon, August 1st, 1879: Curtis Andrews, H. E. Drannon, Richard Brandon (2), Charles F. Bunker (3), S. M. Cook, Ned Erzelman, Jos. Field, John Le Kirkpatrick (2), H. Simpson, Jess Strahan, Rudolf Vorbeck, and held for postage, C. H. Wineoff, Oakland, Or. A. NASHBURG, P. M.

A NOLTER, editor of the Portland Standard is very ill. THE Indians have all left Grant Co. it is hoped, never to return. THE thermometer has marked above 100 degrees in the Umpqua Valley lately.

J. H. PARKER, of Benton county, sheared 32 pounds of wool from one of his bucks, this year. One of the sons of the late William Lloyd Garrison will write the biography of his father.

A FIRE occurred in the town of Kama, W. T., on the 27th ult., destroying property to the value of \$40,000. It is announced that a new morning paper is to be started in San Francisco, by Geo. C. Gorham, with a quarter of a million dollars capital. It is to be Republican in politics.

BORN. At Marshfield, July 21st, 1879, to the wife of Joseph Hunt, a son. Near Newport, July 27th, 1879, to the wife of Charles Sneddon, a son.

MARRIED. In Empire City, July 27th, at the Empire House, by Henry Sengstacken J. P., John Skyn, to Mrs. Charlotte Davis, all of Southport, Coos county.

DIED. At Dora, in this county, on the 26th of July, 1879, James B., son of Charles and Eliza Jane Howe, aged four months and twelve days. At Marshfield, July 27th, 1879, Fannie, daughter of Chas. H. and Mary L. Merchant, aged one year and ten months. She passed on her bosom her dimpled hands and feet, and peacefully closed the plantation bark; they saw it glide from the silver sands, and all their sunshine grew strangely dark.

EXHIBIT Of the Financial Affairs of Coos Co., Oregon, from July 1, 1878, to July 1, 1879.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like To Sheriff, To Clerk, To Assessor, etc.

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Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like To Grave Ford Bridge, To China Camp, To Road Supervisors, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like To Board and clothing, To Medical treatment, To Traveling expenses, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like To Wood and coal, To Stationery, To Court fees and fees, To John Norman, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like By Tax for 1878, Expenses on Fund, Examination Teachers, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like For the year 1868, China Camp, To 3 30, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like Amount in Treasury, Paid Tax from A. S. H., Assessor, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like For Taxes for the year 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 00.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, ASSETS, and various sub-items like Trial fees Circuit and County Courts, Fees, Licenses, Surplus Tax, Delinquent List for 78, etc.

Table listing prices for various goods at COOS BAY RETAIL MARKET, including Butter, Cheese, Lard, Hams, Bacon, Beef, Mutton, Sausage, Eggs, Potatoes, Apples, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Beans, Flour, Raisins, Currants, Oysters, Tomatoes, Corn, Peaches.

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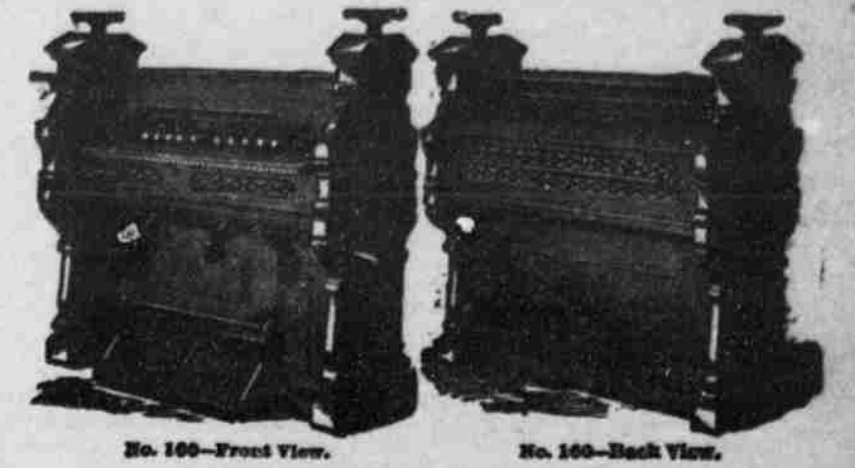
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