

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, Oct. 4, 1879.

STONE WORK.—Wednesday Lieut. Payson and C. H. Merchant, accompanied by Robt. M. Hutchinson, went up Coos River to select a point where stone can be quarried to the best advantage. Mr. Hutchinson has had much experience in that line of business and he has been employed to open a quarry and ascertain the practicability of getting the desired material for the seawall from that locality, as well as the probable cost of getting it out. The hard black stone which is found in large quantities near the forks of the river, is said to be well adapted for the work.

UNWARRANTED ASSUMPTION.—The editor of the Argus, in addition to his boast of a high Christian standing, is wont to vaunt his superior journalistic qualifications, both in season and out of season. His paper, however, abounds with grammatical and syntactical errors of a character so gross, that the merest tyro in the use of the Queen's English could not, if he would, overlook them. In his last issue the veteran editor says: "Had it not been for the unimpaired conduct of Senator Mitchell, etc." "Two negatives destroy each other, and generally amount to an affirmative," say the authorities. The veteran has got past this plain rule, it would seem, however.

UNJUST.—Our Empire City contemporary does us the injustice to insinuate that we are wanting in respect for the Christian religion, and we take this opportunity to say that the imputation, like the greater portion of the assertions from the same source, is utterly false, and is made for the purpose of injuring us. No, we are not wanting in respect for religion, nor in regard for the consistent Christian, but we confess that we have no regard for a hypocrite, who flaunts the cloak of Christianity and yet stoops to acts which disgrace a heathen.

INCURABLE.—J. W. Bennett returned from the Coquille on Thursday. Dr. Mackey, who accompanied him, reports the prospect for a small crop on that river good as the summer of the year stopped for a few weeks at several of the farm houses. The expectancy in that particular is notorious, but it is nevertheless cruel to leave a poor farmer on the verge of starvation, when a cold winter is closing in.

EXTRAORDINARY.—Mr. J. Davis, of Isthmus slough, has the thanks of the Mail office for a lot of fine tomatoes contributed to the Agricultural Department. One cluster was quite a curiosity; twenty large tomatoes being closely packed upon a small vine—Can any other of our farmers beat it?

FARM IMPLEMENTS.—James Reeds and Green Farrin, two of our Coos river farmers, each received by the last trip of the Atrato, Reeds' new patent potato digger for use on their farms. They are very practical looking implements, and we do not doubt will save a great deal of labor in taking care of the potato crop.

LAUNCHED.—Winchester's new steamer was launched last Saturday, and was inspected Tuesday. She is a graceful little craft and an excellent piece of workmanship, and although the smallest of our bay steamers, she is strong and well adapted for riding the waves—She was christened the Wasp.

WILL REMAIN IDLE.—It is understood that, owing to the low price of dried fruit, the drying establishment of Hammerburg & Rosa, at Myrtle Point, will not be put in operation this fall.

NEW SHOP.—Cox the barber, has moved into his new shop. It is one of the finest of the kind on the Bay, and a good place to get shaved. Hot and cold baths in connection with the shop.

QUITE A STORM on Tuesday night. The steamer Bertha is again running.

G. WEBSTER has gone down the coast to be absent a week or more.

THE BOARD of Trustees are to have a meeting next Wednesday evening.

MR. HARKNESS DUSHAM returned from California on the Atrato, having been absent some time.

MRS. S. S. BAILEY, who has been visiting friends in the valley, returned Tuesday of this week.

COOS BAY now telegraphs a daily marine and weather report to San Francisco and Portland.

THE APPLE crop on the Coquille river is said to be much below the average, this year.

MRS. JOHN LEVAV, of Sumner, has gone East to visit relatives; she will probably be absent nearly a year.

THE MYRLE is undergoing a thorough overhauling and it will probably be a week or more before she will be ready for business again.

COX and his fishermen caught 850 salmon last Monday—probably the largest catch ever made in one day on the Coquille.

A SMALL house occupied by a family, near the mouth of the Coquille river, was blown down last Tuesday—fortunately no one was injured.

STRANGE SUICIDE! LAUDNUM FAILING HE FINISHES WITH THE PISTOL! A Suicidal Scribe!

On Tuesday of this week Dr. Mackey, coroner, received notice that a man named James Green, living on the Coquille river a short distance below Beaver slough, had either been killed, or had committed suicide. On arriving there he found that Green has come to his death by shooting himself through the right temple with a pistol. It seems that on Sunday evening he bought an ounce vial of laudnum, by the taking of which he intended to terminate his existence, but it had no other effect than to make him sleepy. After taking the laudnum he made a memorandum of the effect produced. He was evidently not afraid to die; the letter was written in a bold hand, without a tremulous line or any other indication of the author's fear of death. It would appear, that having slept throughout the night, he awoke in the morning, and finding the laudnum had not produced the desired effect, had recourse to the pistol. We give below a copy of the memorandum:

"I took that vial full of Laudnum a half an hour ago, but I don't feel sleepy yet, but I hope it'll have the desired effect after a while. I feel very pleasant so far. I have been lying down and tried to go to sleep but did not succeed. I wish I had another bottle. It is now about an hour after dark, 20 minutes later; I have a pleasant, languid feeling, but not sleepy; My mind is perfectly easy and calm as I mind not the least particle of fear or dread about dying. I will lay down again and try to sleep.

He left several letters, in substance mainly the same, addressed to different parties, and in them expressed violent hatred for one William Perkins, whom deceased claimed had been instrumental in swindling him out of his farm. The following letter, addressed to the public, exhibits the same sentiment expressed in the others:

"Whoever finds me, I wish them to bury me just as I wish when found, make no charge in dress or otherwise. I do not want any funeral, and above all do not want Bill Perkins to come near me. I had intended to kill him before I left this world, but after studying the matter over for a long time, I found two good reasons for not doing it. First, if I did it, I should put myself on an equality with him, for he is a murderer at heart, and in effect, whether he committed the act or not, and I leave his punishment to his own conscience and public opinion. The second reason is that his wife and family are not to blame for his meanness, and if I should deprive them of his labor they would be the sufferers instead of him, and I have no desire that innocent parties should suffer for the wrong he has done me. The only way that I have to offer up is that if there is a future life—a heaven and a hell—I may not be compelled to occupy the same place as William Perkins.

Monday morning, 5 o'clock. The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury: We, the jury impaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of James Green, of Beaver slough precinct, Coos County, Or., find that the deceased was 32 years of age, a native of the State of New York, and from the testimony before us, and from personal inspection of the body, we believe that said James Green came to his death from a wound in the head inflicted by a pistol ball, said pistol having been fired by his own hand. Dated Oct. 1st, 1879.

Y. M. LOUVE, Foreman, L. L. RONDELMAN, K. D. GARDHAM, SAMUEL HANCOCK, S. W. GILMAN, BIRD VOWEL, Jury. WAGSTAFF denies that he is Mr. Siglin's client. He expected he would try to lie himself out of it, but the truth remains that Mr. Siglin is the attorney who brought the replevin suit entitled, H. H. Luse and A. E. Wagstaff vs. A. G. Aiken, C. F. Luse and J. W. Hamilton, now pending, to recover Wagstaff's interest in the Coez. Mr. Siglin has far the best grounds for denying the association, but his regard for the truth compels him to admit the fact. THURSDAY night of last week, Harry Graves got a shark about seven feet long in his net, when hauling for salmon below North Bend. The net held the fish, but he destroyed about three fathoms of the net, and was not a very profitable catch. An exchange says a petition for a post office at the forks of Coos river should be circulated immediately. It has not been long since the post office at that place was discontinued because the people did not want it. PERSONS traveling between Coos Bay and any point in the interior, will find it a saving of both time and money to patronize Clough & Co's line to Roseburg. The family of J. J. Caulfield, who have been for some five years past residents of this place, started for Roseburg Monday of this week, where they expect to reside. WEBSTER the shoemaker moved his boot and shoe store, into the building newly finished by Ferry & Bailey, where he can be found with an excellent stock of boots and shoes. MESSRS. WARD & LOTAN, inspectors of boilers and hulls, were on the Bay this week.

THE SETTLEMENT AND EARLY SETTLERS OF COOS BAY. (No. VI.) GOLD MINES.

The gold mines discovered in this vicinity at an early date, may properly be included among the events claiming notice. The residents of Coos Bay contributed a large portion of those who were concerned in their development, and were more deeply interested in their results than any other locality. The miners and traders were largely from our citizens. Their supplies and their returns had an intimate connection with Coos Bay.

As early as 1852, a year previous to the settlement of Coos Bay, a few half-breed Indians had discovered rich gold-bearing sand on the ocean beach at the mouth of Whiskey Run, a few miles north of the Coquille river. They worked their places quietly, a portion of two summers, and must have saved a large amount of gold. During the summer of 1853, they sold their claim to the McNamara Brothers for twenty thousand dollars. Pans of black-sand, taken from this claim without selection, yielded from eight to ten dollars. The McNamara Brothers, during the two seasons they owned and worked it, must have been remunerated with abundant returns. It has been estimated that gold to the amount of more than one hundred thousand dollars, was taken from this one claim.

Soon after the first settlement of Coos Bay, the rumor of these rich deposits spread, and floated on to the interior valleys. Late in the fall of 1853, more than a thousand men were gathered there on the ocean beach, which was staked off for miles in numerous claims. The sparkling gold was found everywhere distributed in the form of the finest particles. Randolph, located near Whiskey Run, grew up like magic, extended, in a lengthened line, its tents and cabins, its restaurants and lodging houses, its stores and saloons, and put on the bustle and importance of a town. Winter had come, and with it, the rolling waves and angry surf, that forbid any development by labor, or test by prospecting. All were content in the expected harvest that summer would bring, and made themselves merry in the enjoyments of a mining camp. Poker tables were adorned with cocked revolvers, and whiskey, straight and mixed, went gurgling down the joyous throats of those who sat around. Books were opened on "bedrock" credit, and all went "merry as a marriage bell."

Summer rolls round; and lo! a change comes o'er the spirit of their dreams. All rush to the beach, and hasten to turn up the rich, golden sands; but, unfortunate to relate, it refused to "pan out." Among the hundreds of claims, a few only were worth the trouble of working. Not only the miners were a sad and lengthened face, but the book keepers looked mournfully over their long accounts, and themselves involved in loss and ruin. The people slowly and sadly departed, and the town was comparatively deserted. Not a house now remains to tell the tale of its sight, or the story of their disappointment. A few claims have been worked, more or less, for years, yielding a fair compensation.

AN ancient beach, about three miles inland, was discovered by Mr. Hinch, several years after, on which one claim has proved productive. This claim was sold by Hinch & Thrift to John Pershaker and others, for ten thousand dollars, and by them to the present owners for thirty thousand dollars. Much capital has been expended on other points of this same lead, but have thus far, proved of no value. JOHNSON'S DIGGINGS. Were found in 1856, on the upper Coquille. A few have been well compensated for their labor in that location, while a greater portion have received very moderate payment. It is now almost entirely abandoned to a few Chinese miners. SIXES MINES. In 1857, much excitement prevailed in this community at the general rumor of the discovery of rich placers on the upper Sixes river. As at Randolph, the miners arrived too late in the season to commence operations, but staked out their claims, and waited for summer to bring mild weather and lower waters. A few only, were rewarded with paying claims, and the unfortunate ones prospected in narrow canyons, and its rough and rugged localities, with a determined spirit that deserved a better reward. A few Chinamen are now found patiently delving among its bowlders, and reaping a small return. Each year we hear of a few adventurous citizens of Coos Bay, who go there determined to wrest fortunes from the rugged scenes of these mines, but generally return with a few small nuggets and a dilapidated wardrobe. This mine

could serve a purpose as a school to train lazy men, where they might gambol over its precipitous mountains, slide down its steep canyons, enjoy the siesta of a rocky couch, and dine upon the historic slap-jack, beans and bacon, but as a place of comfort and gay hilarity, a source of wealth and advancement, it cannot be recommended—it is better to tarry at home. GENERAL RESULTS. All these mines have yielded, first and last, a large amount of gold, but if a balance of profit and loss was struck, taking it all in all, it is very certain that the balance would appear on the wrong side of the ledger. MR. COON. Was known at the Randolph mines as a man of extraordinary talent in a special direction. His lean and cadaverous aspect, his meek and pleading countenance drew forth sympathy.

"There was an old woman and what do you think? She lived upon nothing but victuals and drink; Victuals and drink were the chief of her diet." Are the impressive words of a classic poet. So, Mr. Coon's bosom sighed constantly for a large portion of solid aliment. ASTONISHES THE NATIVES. One of the native Indians of that day related, that Mr. Coon called at his cabin, hungry and tired; it being in the salmon season he set before him a quantity of this delectable fish, which rapidly disappeared, and finally, after many renewals, Mr. Coon gave up the contest. Indians are, at times, enormous eaters, but this Indian expressed himself surprised at his powers, and declared him, "Salmonce Tyler," or champion salmon eater. CLEANS OUT A RESTAURANT. He one day called at P. Flanagan's cabin at Randolph, who knew his weakness. His appealing face and hungry look, stirred his sympathy, but threatened his larder of supplies. So he generously takes him to Pilot Smith's restaurant, orders his meal, and advises him to be ready to take an early seat at the table. The innocent best prepares his meal and invites our champion to be seated. Before his tardy boarders and guests appears, Mr. Coon clears the table from "stem to stern," and leaves the astonished landlord in the plight of cooking another meal. Smith thanked Flanagan at the next opportunity, "in thoughts that breathe and words that burn."

FINANCE. His seely wardrobe, coupled with a meek and hungry look, and a witty tongue, has helped him to travel extensively. He has crossed the continent several times, free, and travels every where on the strength of sympathy. He circulates subscription papers in aid of his family. It is known that he realized several hundred dollars in San Francisco, on the plea that Coquille sharpers were trying to swindle him out of his little home, that he never lived on, and holds for speculation. It is known that he has property in the "East," and good substantial bank accounts, that are not heralded to the pitying world. A subscription was, to him, a common resort. If he set out upon a journey, he made a deposit of his money, and boldly depended on contribution and diplomacy for any necessary expense. While he strives to make an honest penny, we are impressed with the skill of his management, and are permitted to rejoice at his accumulations of glittering coin. It can hardly be wrong, but on the contrary, a pleasant duty to record his brilliant example of financial ability and success.

Marshfield Academy. MARSHFIELD, Sept. 26, 1879. EDITOR COAST MAIL: Having tried several plans to bring up the standard of attendance, I resolved to publish at the end of each term, a report showing the attendance of each scholar; this I made known to the scholars at the beginning of the present term. The result has been a great deal better than I expected. Several who habitually came late and were frequently absent, have attended throughout the term. The following are the names of those who have never been late or absent during the term:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. Minnie Butler, Maggie Eckhoff, Herbie Anderson, John Folke, Ada Grottegal, Willie Osborne, Aaron L. Love, John Stant, Willie Galloway, Ida Delaney, Lloyd Cox, Homer Osborne, and Mac McLeod. JUNIOR. Willie Merchant, Maggie Osborne, Mary McNamara, Flora McLeod, Alice Osborne. SENIOR. Geo. Rottner and Miss Lavelle Clinkenbeard. The following were either late or absent but once: PRIMARY. Emma Butler, Tommy Golden, Mary Hall, Emma Anderson, Mary Kerrigan. JUNIOR. Eddie Hanseon, Henry Stauff, Alice Clinkenbeard. The balance of the scholars having greatly improved upon previous records, I decided not to publish their names this time. Respectfully yours, J. T. McCORMAC.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Marshfield, Coos county Oregon, Oct. 1st 1879. John B. Bailey, Margaret Beattie, W. Crook, J. D. Colson, Theodore Harris, David C. Harris, Mary Kelly, W. A. Mills, Mons. Nelson, P. C. Phillips, John Thomas, O. H. Shankland, John Sillm, — Storm, G. S. Schambad, Charles Smith, Reed T. White, A. S. Wadleigh. A. NARBURG, P. M.

The Argus man says he never "asserted privately" that he was a Christian. Of course not; the idea is that it was asserted publicly. He need not be ashamed of that, however, if he could carry it out. But a man cannot be a Christian and serve Bill Luse, and it is of no use to make any such pretense either publicly or privately. EXCHANGES announce the arrival of the Dunce at Coos Bay. It is a mistake, she is not due here for some time. THE West Shore for September is at hand, and, as usual, is full of interesting matter. W. L. Webster has again taken charge of the books in Dean & Co's establishment.

BORN. At Marshfield, September 27th 1879, to the wife of Jas. L. Ferry, a son. MARRIED. At the residence of the brides parents at Coaledo, Coos county, Oregon, Sept. 23d 1879, by A. H. Moore Justice of the Peace. Mr. Jacob Beusch and Miss. Desdemonia Dunham, both of Coos county. At the residence of the bride, in Empire City, Sept. 30th, by Henry Sengstacken, Justice of the Peace, Frederick Greenlow and Laura A. Ford, all of Coos County.

SHERIFF'S SALE. BY VIRTUE of an execution duly issued out of the honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Coos, on the first day of October, A. D. 1879, in favor of B. H. Cammann, plaintiff, and against Hiram Elliott, defendant, for the sum of two hundred and fifty-six dollars and the further sum of ten cents eight and sixty-five one hundredth dollars costs and disbursements, to gether with interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at public auction on Saturday, the 1st day of November, 1879, at two o'clock P. M., at the court house door in the town of Empire City, in the county of Coos and State of Oregon, all the right title and interest which the said Hiram Elliott had on or after the 8th day of September, A. D. 1879, in or to the following described real property, to-wit: Lot No. one (1), in block No. forty-seven (47), in the town of Empire City, Coos county, Oregon, as shown by the recorded plat of said town of Empire City. A. G. AIKEN, Sheriff Coos Co., Or., By H. W. McINTOSH, Deputy, Empire City, Or., October 2d, 1879.

Notice of Final Proof. U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 26, 1879. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: J. E. Hedges, homestead application No. 2374, for the SE 1/4 sec. 8, T. 28. S. R. 13 west, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Nathan Thrush, of Coos county, Or., and M. Devol, of Coos county, Or. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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