

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - Oct. 18, 1879

HAMBROCK'S PLACE.—The traveler down the coast, after a ride of twenty-four or thirty miles over a miserable trail, heaves a sigh of relief as he comes in sight of the pleasant residence and large barns of John Hambrook, near the mouth of the Coquille river and here he always receives a hospitable welcome and wholesome fare. Mr. Hambrook located at this place in 1857 when the nearest white settlement up the river, was at the mouth of Beaver slough, 25 miles distant; he has acquired a title to between 800 and 900 acres of land, which is stocked with cattle keeping from 100 to 150 head. This place was once sort of head quarters for the Alouettes, and the remains of their villages may be seen on every hand. It was also near this place where transpired one of the bloodiest Indian tragedies which darkens the early history of our State. The history of this, with other thrilling incidents of the early history of the southern coast of Oregon, will appear in the MAIL within the coming year.

VALUABLE METALS.—At the request of a friend, we republish the following extract from the report of Hon. J. S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office, for the year 1877:

IRIDIUM AND OSMIUM.—An alloy of these metals, called iridosmium, is found associated with native platinum. Near Port Orford, to the North of Rogue river, iridium appears associated with gold to the amount of fifty per cent. Still further North, between Cape Blanco and Coquille, there exists an alloy composed of fifty per cent iridium and five per cent platinum. Between Randolph and Cape Arago their metallic scales have been found composed of seventy-five per cent iridium and six per cent of platinum. It is used in manufacturing the nibs of gold pens and has ranged as high \$250 per ounce.

THE PROSPECT FOR ROCK.—Last Saturday Mr. Hutchinson, who has been prospecting the stone quarries near the forks of Coos river, came to town, having completed the work required at present. They opened on the black rock at N. U. Martinson's place, and found that it worked well about 100 tons were taken out at 8 blasts. The quantity is inexhaustible, and the quality exceedingly hard, heavy and durable, it weighing about 200 pounds to the cubic feet. He also opened on the sand rock at Anson Rogers' place, and here found a good quality of stone and easily quarried. This stone is well adapted for building purposes. Making all allowance for the expense of transportation, the material for a seawall can be obtained from these quarries at no extraordinary cost.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.—During the present week our people have been treated to a view of W. A. Luse, not as a hoodlum and racketeer but as U. S. Deputy Marshal. He has been promoting the streets, supported and protected by that young hero, Ed. Moore, as a body guard, and serving papers for the U. S. Circuit Court. This man has been more prominently known as a violator of the law and a disturber of the peace than any other man in Coos county, for twenty years past. It is charitable to suppose that Marshal Waters is ignorant of the character of the man whom he made his deputy.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Thursday, as Joseph Cassina was rolling a log on the car with a jack screw, in Luse's logging camp near Summer, the hold of the jack-screw slipped and the log came back, catching him between it and the logway, and crushing his chest seriously. His collar bone is broken and his lungs badly bruised, but Dr. Mackey, who attended him, thinks he will probably recover. He was brought to this place yesterday.

CONSISTENT.—A Christian is a good enough man until he gets between the devil and his coveted hash.—A. J. G. H.

NEW BOILERS.—The tug Yacotta of Ellensburg, will go to Crescent City as soon as the weather will permit, to receive new boilers. She is now almost unfit for duty, on account of the condition of her old boilers in use.

TO BE REPAIRED.—The bridge across the North Fork of the Coquille at Fairview, is to be repaired. Mr. Thos. Norris has the contract and will proceed with the work immediately.

B. B. Jones now pays miners at Southport in gold coin. This is one of the effects of the bad management of the national finances under a Republican administration.

REV. C. P. BAILEY returned from Camas valley this week, where he has been holding a protracted meeting—we understand, with considerable success.

JAMES LAIRD, of the stage line, called on us last Saturday; he reports the mud getting deep on the road.

IN THE CIRCUIT.—H. H. Luse commenced suits in the U. S. Circuit Court at Portland, against the following named persons, alleged to be holders of his property in Marshfield: I. Hacker, Geo. Davis, John Tupper, Geo. Blood, Hans Reed, J. J. Canfield, W. H. Noble, W. G. Webster, D. Young, Geo. Guy, O. E. Smith, W. G. Webster, Lloyd, Martin, A. Raine, Gus Raymond, Dan Campbell, W. Verden, W. Hill, W. Christenson, C. B. Galden, John Knayon, A. Nashburg, Nashburg & Hirst, F. Mark, C. W. Tower, Wm. Reichert, O. Ralston, F. Lingren, J. C. Bull, I. Noble, G. Webster, D. Kronenburg, R. Millsedge, W. Lind, Mrs. F. Teigl, J. Osborne, A. Lobree, Geo. Stauff, J. M. Shiplin, J. Ernst, T. Hirst.

SOME ALLIGATOR.—In an ejectment suit by Mr. Luse against Lobree, in the U. S. Circuit Court, for possession of a fractional lot of tide land with a suburban shanty, the plaintiff alleges its value at \$1,500. A person so familiar with mudflats and their value, as Mr. Luse, who applied to the State for nearly all the tide lands on the lower part of the bay, and alleges such a falsehood to drag a person into court, can be regarded as a monstrous alligator.

VELVET GRASS SEED at reduced rates—apply at this office.

MISS ADA SMITH is assisting Mrs. Rotnor in the primary department at the Academy.

THE SATELLITE, owing to the intense blackness of the night, remained in Coos River Thursday night, arriving here early in the morning.

The sum fixed by the board of Trustees, as the price of lots in the Cemetery is \$2.50 instead of \$5.50 as stated in our last issue.

An important political item is going the rounds of the Democratic press—we found it in the News; it is this: "General Sherman can eat more water-melons than Hayes."

Among the suits commenced by Luse this week, is one against School District No. 9, for the old school house, and against the town of Marshfield for the cemetery, park and streets.

"When the gods would destroy they first make mad," is an ancient adage which is verified by the recklessness with which Luse has been commencing suit within the past two weeks. A mad man or an idiot, only, would pursue the course he has.

We are informed that Mrs. Sarah Dunbar was granted a divorce from Will F. Dunbar, in the Twelfth District Court of California, on the 24th instant. The custody of the children was also awarded to the mother.

The editor of the News is sorely provoked because the London Times came to him marked "X"; he does not seem to comprehend the meaning of the mark. It means, simply that your subscription has expired, and unless you remit without delay the paper will be stopped.

DR. GOLDBECK says he has the ore and two pair of rowlocks belonging to his skill, which floated down the bay two weeks ago Thursday. He would like to hear from it; a small, light skill, reddish brown outside, and white inside; sockets for two pair of rowlocks.

Beach Mining in Curry County. The mining of gold on the ocean beach has always been one of the leading productive industries of Curry county. These mines have been found to pay from the Coquille south to some distance below the mouth of Rogue river, and a large number of these claims are still good property. Dennis Cunniff not long since, sold some claims of this kind near Ellensburg for \$2,000, and much higher figures have been offered for some of the other beach mines in that vicinity.

OTHER SETTLERS. Lehner, Rowell, Dement, Harris, Schroeder, Gant, Hambrook and others, among its early settlers, claim a passing notice for the determined perseverance and courage which they have manifested, in establishing homes of comfort and independence, in the face of discouraging circumstances and surrounding difficulties; who have reared families of respectability and worth, and will leave them the legacy of a good name, in a community they pioneered and helped to prosper.

DESTRUCTIVE ANIMALS. These early settlers were much annoyed by the depredations of bears, panthers and wolves, who preyed upon their young cattle and swine. Duly had a claim at Enchanted Prairie, then an outpost of settlement, where he had numerous swine designed for market at Johnson's diggings. Judge Denny, and accompanying lawyers, on one occasion, made Dully's home a stopping place for the night. He took great pleasure in exhibiting his stock

THE SETTLEMENT AND EARLY SETTLERS OF COOS BAY. (NO. VIII.) COQUILLE VALLEY.

Many of the old settlers of the Coquille valley are originally citizens of Coos Bay, and all are so intimately connected with this locality, by business association, and intercourse, that this portion of our county seems, if not a part of Coos Bay, a blood relation. The Coquille valley is quite extensive. For more than one hundred miles on its main river and branches, it is skirted by a valley from one to three miles in width, which is generally rich and productive. Its population is distributed through its whole extent, and counts up by the thousand. They have labored steadily and patiently, notwithstanding the disadvantages of bad communication, and distance from ready markets. Good roads are gradually being completed in their midst, and the hope that the iron horse will soon pass through their valley to quicken and enrich all their enterprises, is one that has solid foundation.

MOUNTAIN SCENERY. Beyond Enchanted Prairie the Coquille cuts deeply through the mountain range, and finds its source in the beautiful valley of Camas. Passing over the trail, the scenery increases in interest and wildness, until at the summit its deep charm presents a view of grandeur that inspires admiration. The narrow pathway, now and then, approaches to the very edge of the deep gorge, where the reflection of a possible misstep excites an unpleasant tremor. Proceeding on, the gradual descent of the eastern slope brings the traveller to Camas valley, the soft and placid loveliness of which is in strong contrast with the wild scenes from which he has just emerged. It seems a gem set in the rough bosom of nature, or like an oasis in the desert. Hungry and weary, the traveler hastens to Day's, where the mis-tress sets before him a bountiful and luscious repast, and the soft couch weds him to refreshing rest.

DR. HERMANN. Came with a colony from Baltimore, and settled on the Coquille. As a physician, he had enjoyed a large practice, and was learned in his profession. He settled here with the desire to retire from the practice of medicine, and devote his time to the more congenial pursuits of agriculture. He was the first to introduce beef culture in this county, which proved profitable, by the excellence and quantity of their productions. He was a gentleman of large and general culture, social in his habits, and interesting as a relation and companion. His integrity of character, and suavity of demeanor, are monuments to his memory in the hearts of his friends.

MR. PERRY. Is a patriarch among the settlers of the Coquille. Coming at an early day, he has devoted his time and energies to make a home for himself and his children, worthy of his industry and skill. He sits down in a pleasant home, looking out upon acres cultivated and reclaimed by his continuous efforts, and sees his sons and daughters settled about him, prosperous, thrifty and honored. His social manners, his unstained life and honorable record, will be a fitting inscription to the tablet that will mark his end.

CHANCE! Chance! there is no such thing as chance. The plan is comprehensive, truly good. Look at the leaves, and see there at a glance, the insect never arrives before its food. Does chance arrange the seasons, imbibe, The Sun and Moon, that constantly give light? Who plants his vine within the fertile fill, Trusts not to chance, he knows that his is right. Man with intelligence, of led astray, What canst thou do with all thy boasted power? Wouldst learn economy? 'Twill thee repay To watch the bee, the butterfly and flower. Great Nature has arranged all for the best; The weak have some protection 'gainst the strong. The weak and swallow each builds up its nest With steadfastness; 'tis only man goes wrong. One universal law has governed all; To man alone is given a free will; Virtue or Vice, by one he's sure to fall. The other elevates him high up hill. "One perfect whole the universe must be; Harmonious;" a superhuman skill is visible, to all clearly. "As evidence of one Almighty WILL."

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Marine Intelligence. Arrived. Tuesday, Oct. 16. Sch'r Norway, Whalman, 10 days from San Francisco to Eastport Co. Oct 14—Sch'r Telfair, Butler, S. F. 14—Sch'r Aurora, Birkholm, S. F. 14—Sch'r Premier, Koch, S. F. 14—Sch'r Jas. Townsend, Henrich, S. F. 14—Sch'r Laura May, Ackerman, S. F. 15—Sch'r Compeer, Martin, S. F. 15—Sch'r C. H. Merchant, Lawrence, S. F.

to the Judge, who was interested to learn how he would dispose of his prospective bacon. Dully very readily answered, "I shall have a home market." During the quiet of the evening, the pigs suddenly gave forth a shrill squeal; Dully rushes out, gun in hand, and shoots the bear, who was too affectionately hugging his porkers. A second, and a third time, dully hurries out on a similar signal. "Ah," says the Judge, "now I understand what you mean by a home market."

AN ADVENTURE. Our Sheriff was, years ago, a resident of the Coquille, still lame from a serious cut, he takes his rifle, and strolls out into the woods; espying a brown bear at a convenient distance, he discharges his rifle, and wounds him severely. The enraged bear turns and pursues him growling with open mouth, while Glenn flies precipitately to the nearest tree. Around that tree a spirited race begins. The bear is anxious to overtake him, and Glenn is equally anxious to win "the battle." The bear means business, so does Glenn; if the bear puts in an extra "spit," so does Glenn. The bear begins to lag from his wounds and Glenn gains and overtakes him in the rear. The bear "takes ship" and pursues in the opposite direction, and so the race goes on. No one was there to record their speed, or count the "caps." Glenn, in his excited interest in the contest, forgets his lameness, and is bound to do his "level best." At last the bear becomes discouraged, walks slowly away, and leaves the champion with the honors behind. Glenn picks up his rifle, decides not to follow the bear, concludes he is not in want of bear's meat, and returns with laurels of victory to his home.

N. B. Circumstances will prevent the writer from the continuance of these sketches for a few weeks.

A Friend Exposed. Last year a man named McAlpin canvassed Curry county, and Del Norte county California, for the sale of fruit trees. He claimed to be an agent for the nursery of L. Green, Western Reserve, Ohio, and took orders for \$500 worth of trees. The trees were forwarded, but they arrived late and being of an inferior appearance, some parties refused to accept them. Among others, Judge Woodruff was victimized, and in order to ascertain the true character of the man he had been dealing with, he addressed a letter to Mr. Green, and received the following reply. It is not probable that Mr. McAlpin will push the collection of the balance due him for trees:

PERRY, LAKE CO., O., Sept. 10, 1879. Mr. DELOS WOODRUFF, Ellensburg, Oregon. Your favor of Aug. 17th is at hand. In reply to your letter of inquiry, I would say that Mr. McAlpin is a fraud. Since I received your letter I have heard that this man represents us here and picks up worthless trash in California and Oregon, such as he can buy for nearly nothing, and labels it fine varieties. Such men will do anything. Give him a wide berth; you are not obliged to take any of the trees. He will probably make a big blow. Please keep me posted in this affair and I will see that he is arrested; probably he will not come back to deliver his trees, but will send some other man, but look out for them. Yours respectfully, L. GREEN.

We have beautiful weather again, after two weeks of rain. Chance! Chance! BY LE GARCON. Chance! there is no such thing as chance. The plan is comprehensive, truly good. Look at the leaves, and see there at a glance, the insect never arrives before its food. Does chance arrange the seasons, imbibe, The Sun and Moon, that constantly give light? Who plants his vine within the fertile fill, Trusts not to chance, he knows that his is right. Man with intelligence, of led astray, What canst thou do with all thy boasted power? Wouldst learn economy? 'Twill thee repay To watch the bee, the butterfly and flower. Great Nature has arranged all for the best; The weak have some protection 'gainst the strong. The weak and swallow each builds up its nest With steadfastness; 'tis only man goes wrong. One universal law has governed all; To man alone is given a free will; Virtue or Vice, by one he's sure to fall. The other elevates him high up hill. "One perfect whole the universe must be; Harmonious;" a superhuman skill is visible, to all clearly. "As evidence of one Almighty WILL."

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A. G. Aiken, Sheriff Coos Co., Or. By H. W. McIntosh, Deputy. Empire City, Or., October 24, 1879.

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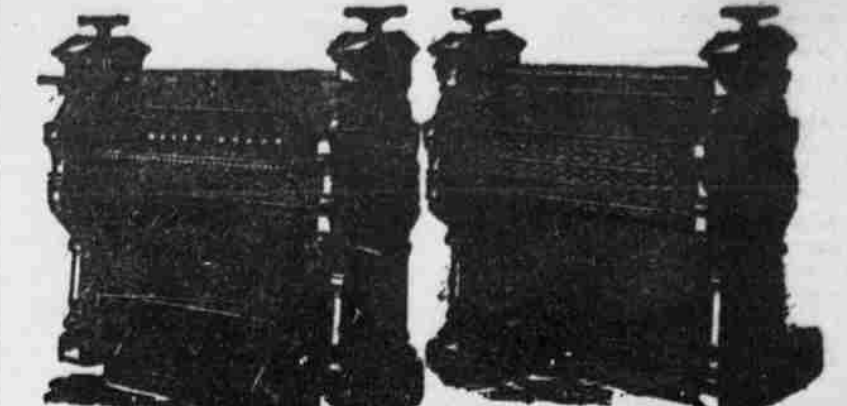
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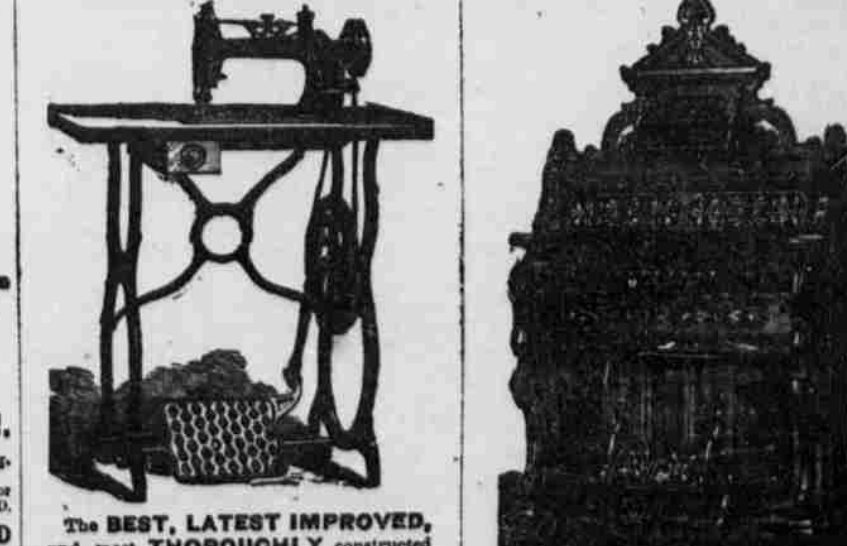
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