

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 1879.

RECKLESS SHOOTING.—Last Saturday evening about 9 o'clock, S. S. Bailey, of the Blanco Hotel in this place called Capt. Jas. Magee, of the Escort, out of Dean & Co's store, and in a few moments three pistol shots were heard in quick succession, after which Magee walked coolly back into the store. On being asked about the shooting, Magee said Bailey had been shooting at him. The facts, so far as we have been able to learn them, are as follows: Magee was owing Bailey a sum of money, and Bailey called on him for payment, which was refused. Hot words followed, and Magee seized Bailey by the whiskers, and the latter drew his pistol and fired three shots. Magee was unhurt, but one of the shots took effect in Bailey's left hand, inflicting an ugly flesh wound. This transaction evinces a recklessness in the use of firearms that cannot be too strongly condemned, and both of the gentlemen concerned may be thankful that there are no more serious consequences to record.

NOT A POOR COUNTRY.—We occasionally hear some unreasonable and disconcerted soul complaining that this Coos Bay country is "dead, dull times, money scarce," &c. Now it strikes us forcibly that a community no larger than this that can support three newspapers and six steamboats cannot be very poor. We have these institutions here, and all of them apparently doing a "rushing business."

LOOK OUT FOR METEORS.—According to the prediction of Professor Tice, the astronomer, the night of next Thursday the 13th instant, will be remarkable for the most brilliant display of shooting stars ever since the year 1833. In that year the meteoric display was so great as to cause a general alarm among the less intelligent people, many supposing the end of the world was near at hand.

PASSENGER LIST.—The following named passengers leave on the Astoria, which sails today. John J. Miller and wife, G. F. Burger, G. A. Stanley, W. H. Taggart, E. H. Bumstead, W. E. Dodge, H. G. Gates, G. D. Martin, Chas. Miller, A. H. Judd, Chas. Mendell, John Hauschild, John A. Murray, Wm. Rees, A. Cronan, J. C. Retallick, Lui Grote and two Chinamen.

INSTALLATION.—The following officers were installed by Wm. Temple, Lodge Deputy, of I. O. G. T. Lodge, at this place, Thursday evening, Oct. 30: E. A. Anderson, W. C. T. Mrs. Dunbar, W. V. T. J. C. Bull, W. S. J. Cora, W. F. S.; James Hill, W. M.; B. B. Fuller, W. C.; Miss McNamara, W. I. G.; R. Dunbar, W. O. G.

GOOD CARGO.—The schooner Mose on this trip from the Coquille to San Francisco, takes a cargo of wheat in the hold, 300 barrels of salmon, 200 hides and other produce. About 700 barrels of salmon are awaiting shipment, the Mose being unable to take all at one trip. This speaks well for the Coquille.

MORE INTERROGATORIES.—Mr. Lusk is out in his paper with a few more "interrogatories" concerning the Warwick claim. The MAIL has answered all these questions fully and correctly in a former issue, and does not choose to go over it again.

RESUMED WORK.—The North Bend mill resumed work last Monday, after having been shut down for a week or more to place the new boilers which were brought up some time since.

CONSIDERABLE.—Hume's cannery at Ellensburg, has this fall put up over 5,000 cases of canned salmon, making over 120,000 lb. cans. The amount put up during the spring run was over 8,000 cases.

COL. JOHN LANE commenced a private school at Sumner, last Monday, with a prospect of a good attendance. Our devil has been reading about the recent hurricane in Spain, and wishes to know if he is any relation to Tubal Cain! Such innocence.

OUR neighbor, F. Mark, of the furniture store, has recovered from his late illness and is prepared to sell or manufacture goods in his line equal to any in the State.

NEXT February will contain five Sundays, being leap-year, has twenty-nine days and the 1st and 29th fall on Sunday. It is said that it will be forty years before this circumstance will transpire again. Cox's salmon fishery at the mouth of the Coquille, has this fall packed 400 barrels of salmon. Other parties on the river have also packed 300, making an aggregate of about 1,000 barrels.

LAST Saturday the steamer Bertha broke her rudder and lost it overboard coming down Cateching Slough. She was promptly fitted out with a new one by Mr. Deubner on her arrival here. Mr. Lusk's paper at Empire City wishes to know which of the publishers of the MAIL is the "responsible scribbler." We would state that each member of the firm is personally responsible for all that appears in the columns of this paper, and persons having business with the office will generally find one of the proprietors in.

The Down-Coast Country.

To the traveler down the coast, the country does not present a very inviting appearance, especially that portion through which lies the trail from Marshfield to Randolph. Though the distance is but 25 miles, it is a full day's ride, while a great portion of the route extends through a forest so dense that the rays of the sun have never penetrated into its dismal vales and mountain gorges to dry up the ever-standing pools of water which convert the trail into an almost impassable swamp; and after running the gauntlet of hidden snags, fallen trees and overhanging brush, it is with a feeling of relief and an out-of-the-wilderness sigh, that we emerge from the silent gloom of the forest and draw rein on the summit of the hill overlooking the valley through which the Coquille river flows, and upon whose clear bosom is reflected the towering mountains, down whose brown sides the deepening shadows are already creeping.

All along the river everything appears to be in a flourishing condition as the inhabitants are of an energetic turn, and suffer no opportunity of improvement to escape them. The schooner Mose is lying in the river receiving her cargo, and the Little Annie and other steamers are busily engaged in transporting wheat and various produce to her. She is unable to take all the ready freight this trip, so it will be obliged to await her return.

The salmon fishery has proved quite a successful industry on the river, and is now about to close for the season, having given employment to a number of laborers and yielded several barrels of salmon. Wheat raising is also assuming greater magnitude, and as facilities for marketing become better, other industries also increase rapidly.

In order to have an outlet, and to place themselves upon a footing with other localities, they say the mouth of their river must be improved, for in this improvement lies their only hope of future greatness. We offered to don our gun boots, take a shovel and go down and help them dig their channel deeper, but they didn't do, they wanted it done by the government;—they want to have a sea-wall just like the one we're to have at Coos. Well, if nothing but a wall will do, we suppose you'll have one. So we'll do all we can for you—hang our banners on the outer wall and sing out for the improvement of your river.

Crossing the Coquille at Bandon, the level beach is followed for about ten miles to Alex. Thrift's place, from whence there is a good wagon road to Port Orford, which is much preferable to the beach route on account of the quicksand. The country inland is comparatively level, and along the numerous creeks stretch short strips of rich bottom land, some in a high state of cultivation, with good substantial farm buildings. The hill land is mostly covered with timber, with occasionally an opening for a quarter to a half mile in extent. Arriving at Port Orford, we find the Engineers surveying the ocean at that point, the Telfair just arrived and landing several tons of freight, and business generally prosperous. The inhabitants are in extra high spirits—already in their imaginations they see the harbor of refuge located there, and the tall, barren rocks and cliffs taking the appearance of the spires and magnificent buildings of a great city. Not wishing to destroy their beautiful air castles, or deeming it prudent to "hear the lion in his den," we refrained from telling them we had heard one of the Board, while asleep, muttering "That every one know Cape Arago was the only proper place for such a work." [The rumor to the effect that he was found sounding the wash-bowl and running imaginary training-walls on a bar of soap, is without foundation.]

We were promptly interviewed by the "oldest inhabitant," and initiated into the history of the place and its people. "Being blessed with a retentive memory," and not often having an opportunity of relieving it of the accumulated events of years, the "oldest inhabitant" was in his glory as he related to us the romantic and exciting deeds of early days. His dim and aged eye lit with a sudden flame, his weak and wavering voice grew strong with excitement, as he told us how they few had been attacked by the Indians, and how they had dragged their only cannon up the steep wall of the cliff and nobly battled for their lives; how they had held the fort day after day, gazed out over the broad expanse of water in the hope of seeing a sail appear upon the horizon, and bear down to their assistance. But at last, weary by fighting and weak from fasting, they slipped away in the stillness of night, and left the enraged and baffled savages without even a lock of their hair as a souvenir of their encounter by the sea.

From Port Orford to Ellensburg, the country is very rugged, consisting of a succession of hills with small patches of tillable land between them; the hill sides afford good range for sheep. At the shore, the cliffs rise abruptly to the height of several hundred feet; at their tops winds the path along the very edge of the precipice, at the base

beats the ocean with sullen roar. Tall crags, rugged peaks, deep canyon's everywhere meet the eye, and all contribute to make the scene picturesque in the extreme.

At the foot a steep hill, lives an eccentricity in the person of an old man, bowed down with age, whose tattered garments and primitive abode stamp him as a victim of the most abject poverty. He keeps a journal, in which he records all important events and the names of all passers by. If he should ever rise to a position of affluence, we doubt if he would be willing to part with his tattered raiment, and cling to it as to an old friend. The traveler a hundred years hence, will doubtless find him, if he ain't dead, living there still.

At Ellensburg everything is very lively; the fishing season is about closed and money is plenty. The Duncan still lies on the beach where she was stranded, notwithstanding the fact that the interior papers have removed her to Coos Bay, Crescent City and other ports along the coast. Capt. Carroll is at present engaged in building a dam across the mouth of Rogue river for the purpose of turning the channel alongside the Duncan and floating her off. If the dam holds, the attempt will probably be successful. He is also engaged in moving the scow schooner Esther Cobos, which went ashore a short distance below the Duncan, across the spit to the river, into which, after a few necessary repairs have been completed, she will be launched. She was sold at auction and purchased by Capt. Carroll for \$1,000. Her injuries are very light.

Hume's cannery, now about closed, presents quite a business like appearance; canned salmon, stacked in pyramids throughout the buildings, the cans neatly labeled and ready for boxing. All that prevents the visitor from leaving with the conviction that such an establishment is a benefit to a community, is the fact that Chinamen, instead of white men, are employed throughout its different departments.

The County Court house, of which we have heard so much, is being nicely fitted up, and the Court will doubtless find no difficulty in dispensing justice within its walls.

MYRTLE POINT ITEMS.

Hon. B. Herman is shipping by the Mose about eighty tons of grain.

Two threshers in this valley have threshed 23,900 bushels of grain.

The Mose brought a large amount of merchandise, and is now loading mainly with grain, hides and salmon. Sixteen Chinamen left the mines last week, but they contemplate returning in the spring.

A number of people who left this valley for Northern and Eastern Oregon a year ago, have returned. They now appreciate the advantages of this region better than ever before.

The wheat crop of the Coquille valley this year is estimated at 25,000 bushels—last year it was about 18,000.

The first meeting of the Empire Literary Society, was held last Thursday evening, and was a complete success. Marshfield, look to your laurels.

Executive Pardons.

Governor Thayer has adopted the following very sensible system of rules relating to petitions for the pardon of convicts:

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SALEM, NOV. 1, 1879.

The application for executive interference under the power to grant commutations and pardons having become so frequent and embarrassing, I deem it necessary to establish the following as rules of practice in such proceedings:

First—All applications for commutations or pardons, must be in writing, and notice of the intention to present the same must be published by the applicant in some newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the offense was committed, for the period of two weeks, if in a weekly newspaper, and for the period of six days if in a daily newspaper; such notice to be in all cases published in a daily newspaper if there be one in such county, and shall also notify the proper district attorney, as required by law, before any such application will be entertained.

Second—The first Monday of each month is hereby fixed as the regular time for hearing applications for commutations and pardons, at which time all parties interested in pending cases will have an opportunity to be heard for or against such application.

Third—All communications in reference to granting a commutation or pardon must be in writing, and no personal solicitation, or importunity in relation thereto will be permitted except at the regular hearing of the cases as herein provided.

These rules are not, however, intended to apply to cases where convicts have served out the greater portion of their terms and a remission of the remainder or some portion thereof is solicited on account of good behavior or other special cause.

W. W. THAYER, Governor of Oregon.

A COVETTER came in from the front Nov. 23, to Rawlins, W. T. with dispatches and mail. All is quiet at Merritt's camp. On the 29th an Indian came to Merritt's camp to have a peace talk. He was informed that Merritt had no authority to make peace. He then gratefully told the general that if he would give up his arms, all ammunition, horses and mules, he would be allowed to leave with his men. After the Indian left the camp numerous signal fires were observed in the neighborhood of the camp. Two companies of infantry will be

stationed at Snake river to protect stores and furnish escorts for wagon trains with supplies for Merritt.

AN explosion of fire-damp occurred in the Delaware and Hudson mines at Mill Creek, Pa. on Nov. 2nd. George Wassie, Daniel Rupp and J. Kinney have been taken out dead. Two men yet in the mine were believed to be killed. The men were all dead when found and their bodies were fearfully mangled. The remains were hoisted to the surface amidst the weeping and lamentations of the friends and relatives of the unfortunate men. It cannot be definitely ascertained how the catastrophe occurred. It is thought, however, that a flame from one of the miner's lamps came in contact with the gas.

Commissioner Williamson, of the U. S. General Land Office, has been visiting the local offices in California. Business has been resumed in the city of Memphis.

DIED.

At Randolph, Coos county, October 30th, 1879, Harry Stone, aged 37 years.

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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: A. B. Scott, pre-emption declaratory statement No. 3619, for the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, sec. 24, N 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of N 1/4, sec. 25, T. 30, S. R. 14 west, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Joseph Curley, of Coos county, and Wm. Rowland, of Curry Co., Or. [45 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Coos, on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1879, in favor of Wm. M. Hilliard, plaintiff, and against John Norman, defendant, for the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-seven and 11-100 dollars, together with interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at Public Auction, to the highest cash bidder, on

Saturday, the 29th day of Nov., 1879, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., at the Courthouse door in said county and State, all the right, title and interest which the said John Norman had, on the 9th day of September, 1879, or at any time thereafter in and to the following described real property, to-wit: Northeast quarter of section thirty-six (36) in township twenty-five (25) south of range thirteen (13) west of the Willamette Meridian, situated in Coos county, Oregon; also all that certain piece or parcel of tide land situated in the town of Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon, and bounded on the north by the lot on which is situated the store of E. O'Connell; on the east by the channel of Coos Bay, on the south by the lot on which is situated the market of H. P. Whitney, and on the west by Front street as designated on the plat of said town on file in the office of the Recorder thereof.

A. G. AIKEN, Sheriff of Coos County, Oregon, By H. W. McINTOSH, Deputy, Empire City, Or., Oct. 29, 1879.

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Land Office, Roseburg, Or., Nov. 3, 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: Thos. H. Green, homestead application No. 2305, for the SW 1/4, sec. 15, T. 27, S. R. 13 W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John Linnert, of Coos county, and Titus Willard, of Coos county, Ogn. [45 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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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: Davis L. Moore, declaratory statement No. 3317, for the N 1/2 of SE 1/4 sec. 8, and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 sec. 9, T. 25, S. R. 14 W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: A. H. Moore, of Ellensburg, Or., and J. W. Carey, of Ellensburg, Or. [45 Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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