# THE COAST MAIL.

**SATURDAY, - - Nov. 15, 1879.**

COMPLETED.—The surveyors have completed their survey of Coos Bay and Port Orford, and will return to San Fracisco on the *Arcata*. Our hope of obtaining the harbor of refuge does not depart with the return home of the Engineers, on the contrary, it has been daily growing stronger, as they have had an opportunity during their lengthened visit, of seeing for themselves the real merits and advantages we possess. They have had an opportunity of seeing the extent of our shipping interest, and know that our claim, on that score at least, is superior to other points. They have had an opportunity of seeing a southerly storm, and the excellent refuge from it in the small harbor on the lea of Cape Arago, which only needs to be increased in area to accommodate the largest fleet that will sail the Pacific for many years to come. As to the improvement soon to be commenced on our bar, they now know how to appreciate our impatience for the appropriation, and now for the work to be got under way, as they have been barbound for some time, the steamer being unable to get to sea on account of the southerly weather making our bar rough; and we may look for a just report from them and, we think, in our favor.

LITERARY.—A preliminary meeting was held last Wednesday evening in the Recorder's office, for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society. It was not generally known that the meeting was to be held, and consequently very few were in attendance. Major Brown was called to the chair, and committees were elected to draft constitution, by-laws, programme, etc., and a meeting was set for to-night, (Saturday) to complete the organization. This is a step which has long been delayed, but now that it has been got under way, it will doubtless be pushed ahead, and the Society will furnish an entertaining place of resort to while away the long winter evenings. The question for debate will be: RESOLVED: That the improvement of the bar is of more importance to Coos county than the harbor of refuge. J. T. McCormac on the affirmative and J. W. Bennett on the negative. Other exercises, such as singing, reciting, etc., will be introduced. The first meeting of the Society to take place in the academy next Wednesday evening.

ACCIDENT.—The numerous friends of Nelson Koon are grieved to learn that the old man has met with the misfortune of losing an arm. He was westward bound, and *bought* a ticket as far as Omaha. He was *off* the cars at Rawlings, and after the train started, in attempting to get on, fell, a wheel running over his left arm, injuring the limb as to require amputation. He was taken to the county hospital and attended at public expense, and doubtless was happy and contented till it was ascertained by a land patent found on his person, that he owned land in this county, and consequently a mortgage is recorded in the County Clerk's office to secure the payment of $243.

We trust with the auxiliary of an empty sleeve he can appeal more effectively to charity, and what may seem a loss, will prove valuable stock in trade.

OBITUARY.—There seems to be a connubial epidemic raging which has proved fatal to the gentlemen with a skating rink on the top of their heads. Our worthy sheriff heads the list—many others have followed and are about to follow—and last comes Captain James Hill, of the tug *Fearless*. It is rumored that he has long been trying to get a "line" to his "consort" and take her "in tow," but could never get through the "breakers" to "drop alongside" at the proper moment, and would be compelled to "stand off" again. But on last Tuesday he "dropped anchor" "alongside" Miss Alice Palmer, for whom he procured a "license." They have taken up their abode at North Bend, where they will "lay" two this winter. The Captain has our congratulations for the "shipshape" manner in which he has made all "snug," and "fair wind" and "plain sailing" on Life's sea to him and his bride.

MURDEROUS INTENT.—We are informed that at a social party in Sumner, last week, two young men had a few angry words about some fair one, and the injured party descended to the kitchen, (the house being a private one) hunted up an old antiquated, savage looking knife, and by the aid of an aged file succeeded in putting considerable of an edge on it. After which he laid it away in a convenient place, where he could easily find it in case of necessity. His anger shortly after suffered a relapse and he abandoned his murderous intent. The lady of the house was the only one benefitted by the occurrence, as a long lost knife had been reclaimed and put in a condition for active service. "None but the brave deserve the fair."

THE contest in the land case of James Aiken against Geo. W. Pratt, or Jas. L. Ferry, Pratt's grantee, has been reversed and decided in favor of Aiken by Judge Deady.

### An Elopement.

Charles Jones, a blacksmith at Camas Valley, ran off last Sunday with the daughter of Mr. Benham. The girl was but 15 years of age, and Jones is an ex-convict. They went in the direction of Coos Bay, where we hope some kindly J. P. or minister has tied the knot which will save the girl in name at least, if not altogether from disgrace.

The above we take from the *Independent*; the parties referred to appeared before the County Clerk on the 5th with what purported to be the written consent of the bride's mother, and upon the required affidavit of Mathew Bellew, a certificate was granted. They were married on the 6th at Coquille City by Esq. Dean.

COMMITTED MATRIMONY.—A Salem paper announces the marriage of Rev. S. W. Beavens, to Miss Lizzie J. Baker, daughter of Rev. J. C. Baker of Salem, on Nov. 4th, at the Baptist church of that place. The wedding was a pleasant and social affair, the presents numerous and valuable. The congratulations of the people of Coos county, where Mr. Beavens has long been known and appreciated, both as an earnest, and pleasant speaker and an honest man, will be tendered to the newly wedded pair. They will make their home at Heppner.

TAKE NOTICE!—We have entered into a conspiracy against tramp printers, and he who ventures into this peaceful hamlet with the tale of a sick wife and six healthy children on the verge of starvation, and gives as a reason for his being here that he left so that his wife would have one less to feed, will be the Cæsar who will fall a victim to this triumvirate. Tramps have ceased to be a luxury. All papers that feel an interest in the cause of journalism, please copy, as we wish to give notice that the sword is suspended above their heads by a single thread.

POLICE COURT.—We are pleased to chronicle the fact that those hoodlums, Geo. Elliott, Ed. Moore and a fellow named Gunn, who have been prowling around the streets under cover of darkness, and disturbing the slumbers of all, save our city marshal, by the firing of their ever ready pistols, and making night hideous with their maudlin shrieks, have been at last arrested, and fined $10 each which they refused to pay, and are now in "durasseville."—They have since paid the fine, and have been released.

HORSE THIEF.—We learn that two men from Douglas county are in chase of an individual who stole a horse from that county, and escaped to this. They left their warrant at home, by mistake, but caught the thief and took him to Myrtle Point, where in the night he stole the horse again, and has so far, succeeded in evading his pursuers.

LOOK OUT.—Judge Nosler says that administrators and executors of estates will hereafter be required to make semi-annual and annual settlements as the law requires, and in their failure to comply with the law in this respect will be cited to appear at their own costs.

GOLD DEPOSITS.—B. F. Ross has shown us specimens of gold and quartz gravel which was taken from the gizzard of a duck raised on his place. Whether this is a peculiar breed of fowl, like the goose that laid the golden egg, or indications of gold deposits in his vicinity, he did not remain to say—Our devel remarked that this gold must be quite *duck*-tile.

PASSENGER LIST.—The *Telfair* arrived at Saturday bringing the following passengers: D. Morse, Jr., David Wasson and T. G. Owen.

THE *News* wants to know how certain parties got a marriage license, and who made the necessary affidavit. The publishers of that paper have been in the business of fixing up such matters, and doubtless fear they have opposition. We think no other parties will care to interfere with their business in that line.

MR. David Wasson returned to Coos Bay on the last *Telfair* after being absent about fifteen months. He has been searching for a better country, but comes back contented to spend the rest of his days in the land of the clams and crabs.

NOTICE in another column the advertisement of E. A. Anderson, livery and feed stable, at which place you can always get whatever you want in his line—coal, wood, a good horse, etc. Hauling done at reasonable rates.

REV. PAUL A. SMITH, Universalist, will hold a series of meetings at Coquille City, commencing Friday evening, December 19th, and continue one week.

THE Coos Bay Stage Co., have changed their schedule, and now leave Coos City every day (Sunday excepted) at 7:30 A. M. See ad.

HENRY RHODES was appointed marshal of this city by a special meeting of the board, W. H. Noble having resigned.

See the new ad of the Werden Bros., Central Hotel, to which place we cheerfully recommend the public when in search of a good "square meal."

T. G. Owen Esq., returned on the *Telfair*, from Portland, by the way of San Francisco.

### The Truth.

Among the incivilities which one individual is sometimes guilty of to another, a specimen is to be found in last week's *Argus*, the hireling sheet published at Empire. There is scarcely an epithet to be found in the English language that has not been showered down upon the devoted head of the editor of the MAIL. All that spite, envy, prejudice, ignorance or knowledge could suggest, is poured forth in the effort of his pygmy wrath. He has taken violent offence to an item which appeared in the MAIL concerning an affair that occurred in Empire, and in which the editor of the *Argus* played a very disgraceful role. Although the appearance in the MAIL of the account of it, is sufficient proof of its truth, we can bring a half a dozen of the leading and responsible citizens of Empire, who will testify upon their oaths as to the correctness of the account, and that they *saw* W. A. Luse sieze A. E. Wagstaff by the collar, and *heard* the former apply the vilest epithets to him, and abuse him in the most shameful manner, an insult that any one but a coward would have resented. But Wagstaff says it is all a lie.

This is what he said the week before: "The man whom they have been charging that we were in league with, is the one who assaulted us on the street." "Concerning this racket, we have only to say that it was a disgraceful and disgusting affair.

He says he is free and bound by no shackles. We do not like to believe that he is at heart the debased, contemptible liar that his own paper represents him to be, or that his readers say he is, but rather believe that he is the victim of the parties who pay him a "small salary."

His denial of the affair was evidently dictated by Luse, to whom the proof was submitted and changes made, and it might be believed by many, had it not contradicted the former article, or had he established a reputation for trustworthiness, but it has been his custom to make an assertion in one issue, and if any objection was raised, to take it back in the next; to publish rumors, libel our best citizens on the most irresponsible information, and on the first appearance of danger, to shield himself behind his informant.

He claims that parties who have interests here, with a liberality, altogether unselfish, pay him this "small salary."

How does this sound to older settlers who, many to their grief, know these parties, inside and out?

That the chief in the enterprise never made a move except to gratify his own avarice, or revenge

That no man's property has ever been safe when a flaw appeared that he could possibly get his clutches in.

That his selfish practice have kept Empire City dead, and that he has left nothing unmoved to steal and kill Marshfield.

And that one of his latest victims is poor Wagstaff who has been induced to invest in this *unselfish enterprise* and place it within his control, and when the miserable tool is squeezed and sucked dry, like an orange skin, will be cast asid eand trodden under foot.

The *Argus* is devoid of the first and every principle of decency, and is a disgrace to the cause of honest journalism; and ill it would become us to hold further intercourse with such a sheet. We have shown the concern up in its real color, and have completed a duty. In future, no mention of it will be found in the columns of the MAIL unless it be to to correct some circumstance wherein it should jeopardize the interests of our county, which in his ignorance the editor is most certain to do. In such a case we shall deem it our duty to see the right sustained.

NASHBURG & HIRST always keep a full stock of the best goods on hand.

IF you want anything good to eat or nice to wear, go to E. B. Dean & Co's store.

THE Escort was beached at Empire during the first of this week for repairs.

SEE the advertisement of Henry Ploeger, in another column. New Home Sewing Machines for sale cheap.

THIS cold weather requires plenty of animal food to keep us warm. H. P. Whitney, Pioneer market, fresh meat, &c.

THE tunnel to pass under the Hudson river and connect New York and Jersey cities, was begun in 1872, but a suit of restraint brought by railroad and ferry lines stopped work. Lately the courts decided that the tunnel may be built, and work has been resumed. This tunnel will cost $10,000,000; will be 12,000 feet long, 26 feet wide and 24 feet high, and will be used as a railway through which 400 trains of cars can be passed from city to city every 24 hours. The work will be pushed with all possible speed.

ACCORDING to Signor Florelli, the superintendent of the excavation of Pompeii, the complete excavation of that ancient city will take some seventy years more, and will cost about $1,000,000. A yearly subvention of 60,000 francs is voted by the State, while about half that sum is realized from the money paid by visitors on entering.

### Pharaoh's Host.

AT a sitting of the French Academy upwards of five years ago, M. Lesseps stated, upon the authority of the reports made by his engineers, that "at the time the Israelites left Egypt under Moses' leadership, the ebb and flow of the tides of the Red Sea reached up to the foot of the Saragaim, near Lake Limsha." If this be correct, it follows that the spot where the Israelites crossed the Red Sea was situated not to the south, but to the north of the present extremity of its northern arm. In his paper, *Les Mondes*, Abbe Meign has traced the course of the Children of Israel day by day, in accordance with these new data, and he asks the whole Christian world, since the spot is now known where the Egyptians were swallowed up with the "horse and his rider," chariot and everything, to subscribe the requisite funds to enable excavations to be made and "the relics of an army overcome by the Almighty Himself to be brought to light." The learned Abbe will undertake the work if he succeeds in getting together $60,000, "because the finding of the remains of Pharaoh's army would be a powerful reason in favor of the truth of the Holy Scriptures.



**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**

Land Office, ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 31, 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: A. B. Scott, pre-emption declaratory statement No. 3618, for the SE¼ of SW¼, sec. 24, N½ of NW¼ and NW¼ of NE¼, sec. 25, T. 30, S. R. 14 west, and names the following as his witnesses viz: Joseph Carles, of Coos county, and Wm. Rouland, of Curry Co., Or.

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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 Co. Oregon,
By H. W. McINTOSH, Deputy.
Empire City, Or., Oct. 29, 1879.



**FARM TO RENT.**

A SMALL FARM SITUATED ON the bank of the Coquille River, containing 28 acres

RICH BOTTOM LAND,

With House and Orchard. Can be Rented at a Reasonable Rate.

For particulars apply to
HENRY SENOSTACKEN,
Empire City, Oregon.

**NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.**

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. 2905, for the SW¼, sec. 15, T 27, S R 13 W, and names the following as his winesses, viz: John Lamont, of Coos county, and Titus Willard, of Coos county, Ogn.

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U. S. LAND OFFICE.
Roseburg, Ogn. Oct. 16, 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: Davis L. Moore, declaratory statement No. 3417, for the N½ of SE¼ sec. 8, and N½ of SW¼ sec. 9, T 35, 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.

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