

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - - Dec. 12, 1879.

THE FLOOD AT GARDNER.—A gentleman from Gardner brings the news that there was considerable loss sustained by the loggers in the late high water.

LITERARY.—This society improves nightly; each succeeding meeting having a larger programme than the previous. The exercises of Wednesday evening were exceptionally good.

AN ADVENTURE.—J. S. Macnamara of this place, went to Roseburg last week on business relating to his land, and when crossing Owen's ferry at Roseburg, the rope parted, and the boat, stage, mail and two passengers went down the stream.

THE LOGGING INTERESTS.—The loss of logs on Coos river is greater than was at first reported. The whole number which went adrift was probably between 600 and 700.

TELEGRAPH LINE DOWN.—The telegraph line between here and Roseburg is in the worst condition it has ever been since it was established.

THE COOS BAY WAGON ROAD.—We earn that the road is so badly washed out in the canyon beyond Brewer's Valley, that it is impossible to travel it even with a horse, and the mail has to be carried on the old maul trail.

INTEREST ON SCHOOL FUND.—Mr. Schetter, agent for the State Board of School Land Commissioners, has received instructions to the effect that all delinquent interest on the public school fund must be paid before December 31st.

NOW READY.—The "Settlement and Early Settlers of Coos Bay," neatly printed on heavy, tinted paper, is now ready for delivery.

THE HENRYVILLE MINE.—It is reported upon good authority that negotiations are pending for the sale of the Henryville property, and that there is a probability of the mine being put in operation at no distant day.

MASONIC OFFICERS.—At a regular communication of Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M. held at Coquille City, Nov. 23d 1879, the following named were chosen officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

I. O. O. F. OFFICERS.—The following are the officers of Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F. for the term ending June 1880:

A LETTER from Gardner says the bridges on Elk Creek between Scottsburg and Drains were carried away by the late freshets.

COQUILLE CITY ITEMS.

Accidental Death of Charles Bauvenhousen

Our town was honored last week by a visit from Capt. Tichenor, of Port Orford. We bought one of his patent life preservers from J. T. Moulton, who is his agent at this place.

We understand that Mr. Dixon has written to Mr. Elliot, to ascertain what lots can be bought for in the Elliot addition, on which to build an academy, if a favorable reply is received we will soon have first class educational facilities.

Miss Fannie Lehner and Miss Nannie Ransom, are attending school here.

The Coquille River Mill & Tag Co's mill broke the shaft of their haul-up wheel, which will shut them down until one can be procured from San Francisco.

Last Saturday the Coquille river was higher than it has been since '61, so say those who know.

Mr. Charles Bauvenhousen was killed last Friday, by a tree falling on him, near Mr. Herlocker's place. The circumstances are as follows:

Messrs. J. J. Lamb, Lent, Herlocker, and Chas. Bauvenhousen went out in a boat to get what cattle they could off of the bottom, it being overflowed, and seeing a calf near a large ash tree, pulled toward it. When within about fifty feet of the tree, Mr. Lamb heard a cracking noise and told Mr. Herlocker who pulling that he believe the tree was falling.

The tree struck him in the left side of the head and mashed that side to a jelly, and kept him under the water, which was waist deep, until Lent dragged him out; Lamb was severely, but not dangerously hurt. Lent escaped with some painful bruises.

Lent deserves great praise for the heroism displayed under the trying circumstance; carrying one dead friend on his arm while he supported himself by the other.

The blood flowing down the face of the other friend from wounds which then seemed to be fatal. In this condition they stayed until rescued by Mr. Roy.

Mr. Bauvenhousen was buried by the Odd Fellows of this place, he being a member of their lodge. He was a member of the 1st Universalist church of this place. Mr. Paul A. Smith preached his funeral sermon Sunday, the 21st inst.

The Coquille Improvement.

The people of the Coquille country are earnestly pressing their claims for an appropriation for the improvement of the channel at the mouth of the river. They have drawn up a petition which is being numerously signed, both on the river and on Coos Bay, setting forth some of the various resources of the country drained by the Coquille and its tributaries, and the necessity for improvement in the channel.

We the undersigned, citizens of the Coquille River and vicinity, do most respectfully petition the Hon. Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, for an appropriation to improve the entrance to the Coquille River. The Coquille is a beautiful stream lying in Coos county Oregon, bordered by tracts of most fertile land, suitable for agriculture of all kinds, it possesses large forests of fir, white cedar, ash, maple, myrtle and spruce, and in many of the hills abutting on the banks of the stream, large veins of coal have been uncovered; it is also rich in gold deposits, and the stream abounds in salmon. These resources are practically untouched because the entrance is now so tortuous, the channel contains so many dangerous rocks, and the bar shifts so that for considerable periods, the port is closed to navigation.

Two years ago the government ordered a survey, the surveyors report that for \$164,200, and probably for \$100,000, the channel can be so changed that its course will be straight, free from rocks, be unlikely to shift and have a depth of 12 feet. Your petitioners therefore ask most earnestly for these improvements, which will secure to them an outlet and will stimulate the development of the varied and abundant natural resources of this county, and your petitioners will ever pray.

J. M. SIGLEN Esq. has been sick during the present week. JOHN NABRUO, of Coquille City, was on the Bay Tuesday of this week. A LOBBER returned from San Francisco last Friday; he will probably start his mill soon. MAJOR BROWN, agent for the solid old Phoenix Insurance company, is around with the calendar of that company for 1880.

It is stated that the price of labor at the Eastport coal mine has been lately raised 12 1/2 cents per day. ROSS & TIMMERMAN'S new market opposite the Central Hotel is now in full blast. Their advertisement is to be found in another column.

A Hudding Edged-tool Artist.

Printers, though nearly always equal to any emergency in the line of their own calling, yet sometimes make very ludicrous "breaks" in their invention of expedients, ways and means, etc., in no way associated or coming within the legitimate purview of the Craft.

Our neighbor, the "Junior," whom for the purpose of this "o'er true tale," we will call J. W. B., recently furnished an example exactly in point. He is wont, upon occasions, to boast of the skill with which he can denude his facial protuberance of what, judging from the timidity and caution with which it ventures to the surface, will probably not speedily fill the ideal of a "flowing beard."

To be well armed and equipped for duty in this line, he purchased, for the trifle of ten dollars, a tonsorial implement familiarly called a razor, of the most approved stamp attainable in market. This was, of course, a much prized addition to his barber(ous) outfit, which he kept stored away securely, as he imagined, in a sly corner of the office. But the devil, in his peregrinations about the establishment copied the new tool, and proceeded to lay sacrilegious hands upon it, and deliberately set about trimming his toe-nails, which, from long growth and frequent contact with the rocks on the city front, were nigh unto as hard as flint.

Completing his job, the imp returned the valued acquisition to its place, bearing on its edge sundry gags. The very next morning "Junior" aforesaid "spread his kit" for a shave. Having "lathered" his face and squared himself before his looking glass, he reached for the implement which he fondly anticipated would, as of yore, do the work like the "gentle cooing of the dove." But Jeemess Corisms! After the first broadside, the manipulator fairly cut the pigeon-wing in a semi-circle in front of the office sink. Composing himself a trifle, he let his optics fall upon the edge of his fancy razor, whereupon he made the atmosphere about him redolent with blue streaks. To comfort and appease him in his extremity, a "comp." hard by, suggested that all could be repaired with a file. With face suffused with evidences of brightest anticipations, J. W. B. aforesaid, proceeded to apply the remedy so opportunely suggested. But lo! the file slipped over the edge of the tool without so much as "taking hold." It was an old file, and this was what was the matter. Another thought! He would procure a new one. So deciding, he wended his way to O'Connell's hardware store and procured a large sized horse rasp. Returning, he adjusted the back of his "blazerade" in the office vice and proceeded to business. Every stroke of the rasp was followed by a torrent of sparks, which lighted the aspect for a radius of ten feet round about. We forbear further particulars, lest the whole truth shall beget scepticism as to the veracity of the entire narrative.

Whether the hero hereof ever-smiled again—is not material; but certain it is that he has demeaned himself in and about the News establishment, since, with more than his wonted gravity.

Notes of the Late Flood. The flood of last week was the highest ever known in the country, except the great flood of 1861, and lacking but a little of being up to the stage of that remarkable overflow.

A large amount of sediment was deposited on the bottom lands of Coos river by the high water, and will prove a great fertilizer. J. A. Youkin thinks it is nearly a foot deep on his land at the forks of Coos river. The water stood five or six feet deep in John Noah's house, and but little less in his barn, where were several yoke of oxen. As the water rose so as to make it unsafe for them to remain in the barn, Mr. Noah went out and turned them loose and they made for the hill. It was dark, and the difficulty in handling a lot of cattle in swimming water, and under such circumstances, may be imagined.

Mr. McKnight lost a great deal of fencing, and his apples were damaged by being submerged. He lost about 300 bushels of potatoes, and his place was considerably damaged by washing.

W. D. L. F. Smith had nine head of fine sheep drowned. He had several hogs in a pen, fattening, and when the water had reached a stage that showed that they must be taken out or drown, his son William went out in water up to his arms, and with some difficulty let them out when they swam to the highland.

One farmer, after the water had commenced to fall, failing to notice that the danger had passed, went out and killed his favorite pigs and a lot of poultry.

We have heard of a case in Brewster valley, where the male portion of a family who had not long since arrived in the county, were away from home. The water came up around the house, and fearing to attempt to escape to the hill, a devoted mother climbed a tree with her babe, exposed to the terrible weather which characterized the time.

The family of W. F. Flook, in Brewster valley, were compelled to leave the house and take refuge in the woods.

BANDON MAIL.

Chris Long has twenty-eight barrels of beef, of a very superior quality, waiting shipment at the Bandon wharf.

We understand that Capt. Reed is getting up machinery for the Coos, that will enable her to set as a tug and to go around to the Bay to receive and deliver freight, as well as to carry freight and passengers on the river.

The Chinamen on the Bandon beach, having cleared out everything where they were at work, down to hard pat, were about removing to another place, when one who remained behind discovered at the depth of three feet, which he had dug through the hard pan to put in a post, another bed of black sand which paid. We believe this is very unusual.

Should the mouth of the Coquille river be opened, a large flouring mill will be built at Bandon chiefly for the manufacture of flour for the Liverpool market, affording a ready market for the enormous quantity of wheat that can be grown on the rich bottom lands down the Coast.

There was a large run of salmon in the river last week, and one of our fishermen assures us he could easily have netted from 500 to 600 fish to a haul.

We met two young fellows on the Bandon beach lately who came from Douglas county. They brought their guns and knives with them for the purpose of killing and skinning sea lions. As the lions would not leave the rocks and come in to be killed, we suggested to the verdant Nimrods to go out on the rocks and kill them. But they said they had not thought the lions were so big or so wicked and about this time "old Blow Hard" the boss lion, gave a tremendous howl and the young Nimrods—well, if they kept up that pace they reached New York before this time.

Some farmers from Ontario, Canada, are expected here in the spring; they intend to settle on some vacant land at the head of Bear Creek.

Last month was the coldest November we have ever seen here, the mean temperature being 47.84; the rainfall was 7.73 inches. There were 13 frosty mornings, nearly hour frost, which disappeared before the rising sun.

Some of the old settlers "guess" that the depth of twelve feet, which the government surveyors affirm can be obtained on the bar will be double (twenty four feet altogether) after the first winter. This statement will not appear improbable when one considers that the outflow will then be confined to a narrow channel; that the volume of water passing out during at least six months is enormous, and that as much as twenty two feet have been frequently found there heretofore. NOSTO.

A party from Empire City says that on Thursday night Luce Moore & Co came in conflict with the Nichols brothers of South Slough, in which the dashing William Edward was considerably bruised and heard to remark "nough!"

The schooner Humboldt is taking a cargo of lumber from Lobree's wharf, some that he has had on hand all summer.

F. Schetter is engaged in repairing the telegraph line as fast as possible.

G. WINTER has gone down the coast on business, to be absent for a week or more.

The south fork of the Coquille was "booming." A number of farms were swept of fencing. O. Reed's place a short distance above Myrtle Point, was inundated, and the fences carried back toward the timber. C. Lehnner lost some of his fences, and the water came about 17 inches deep in his grist mill.

APOLOGY.—On account of the failure of our paper to arrive on time, we are compelled to issue this week on a "half-shoot. As this is the first "irregularity" in this mail for nearly a year, we trust it will be pardoned.

STEPHEN ROGERS probably sustained greater loss than any other farmer on the river. Besides losing some stock, a large amount of fencing and some produce; his large hay-barn on the bank of the river, was partly undermined. It will cost considerable labor to secure it.

THE greatest distance that sound has been communicated and heard by means of the telephony is 2,000 miles. This was over the telegraph wire, between Bethlehem Pennsylvania, and North Bend, Nebraska, and the tones of the voice were distinctly heard when speaking scarcely above a whisper.

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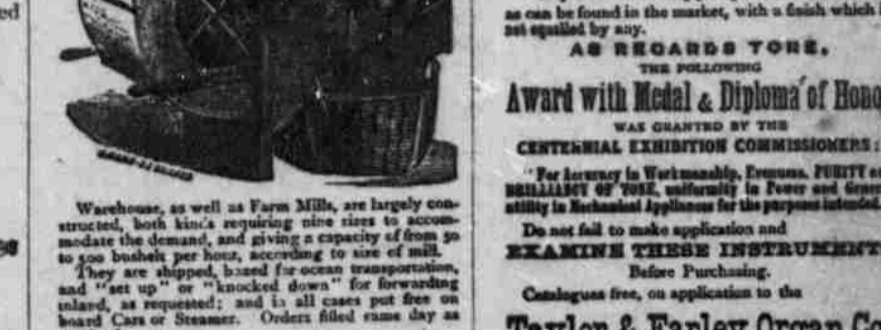


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