

Another Road to the Interior.

In conversation with parties in Douglas county a short time since, we learned that W. B. Clark and others residing in Coles Vally are contemplating the survey of a wagon road from the settlements on Hubbard's creek in Douglas county to navigable waters on Coos river, early in the coming spring.

From the point where this road would enter the Coles Valley settlement to Oakland and Roseburg is about equal distance, both passing through a rich farming region, where good roads already exist.

Should the Coos Bay Wagon Road, now involved in litigation, fall into hands that refuse to incur the expense of repairing and putting it in a passable condition for wagons, it is morally certain that a road will be opened on the Coos river route; and once constructed, the latter will have so great an advantage in distance as well as grade, that it will be likely to accommodate a large proportion of the travel between Coos river and the interior.

This road is one which naturally forms a part of the system of roads which will be ultimately required to accommodate the residents of Coos County, and it will be hailed as a step in the direction of development and progress.

COQUILLE CITY ITEMS.

The steamer Little Annie is making her regular trips again.

The mill at Parkersburg will start again in about a week.

Dr. D. L. Steele and family have gone to the Bay on a visit.

The Christians (Cambellites) and Baptists are going to build a church on the Elliot Addition this coming Summer.

During the late cold snap, the thermometer stood as low as 18°; the coldest weather ever experienced here—so says the "oldest inhabitant."

T. G. Owen, Esq., of Marshfield, and Judge Nosler of this place, have been taking depositions of witnesses in the case of Coos county vs. A. J. Collier.

Rev. Paul A. Smith, of the Universalist faith, closed on Sunday evening, a course of very instructive sermons. He was rewarded by the accession of six new members to the Universalist Church at this place.

The following officers were elected in the Universalist Church on Sunday evening for the ensuing year: David Drew, Moderator; John H. Nosler, Clerk; Dr. Leneve, Deacon; Mrs. J. H. Nosler, Deaconess.

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GENERAL NEWS.

LIVELY times are reported in Idaho and Montana Territories.

A BILL for the abolition of slavery in Cuba has passed the Spanish Senate.

D. C. IRELAND, Esq., editor of the Astorian, has been elected mayor of Astoria.

ICE froze in San Francisco on the 23d, strong enough to bear a person's weight.

THE Democratic State Central Committee are called to meet at Salem on the 8th instant.

CARRIE, eldest daughter of F. A. Smith, of Salem, died a few days since of consumption.

JOE LYNCH has gone, or is going to Portland to work at tailoring for Fishel & Roberts.

J. J. COMSTOCK proposes to build a large elevator and warehouse at Roseburg in the Spring.

DR. BURNELL has returned from California, and will practice his profession in Roseburg.

O. N. DENNY of this State has been nominated Consul General at Shanghai, vice Bailey, recalled.

Master Herbert Lockhart returned on the Arcata, from San Francisco, where he had been on a visit.

MCCREARY, ex-Secretary of War, has been appointed one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

THE dispatches from northern Minnesota report the temperature 50° below zero in the late cold snap.

ADAM DAY, a pensioner of the war of 1812, and a pioneer of the Umpqua, died in Roseburg on the 20th, aged 84 years.

ALEXANDER RAMSEY, of Minnesota has been nominated for the position of Secretary of War in the stead of McCreary.

Two pork packing firms at Oregon City are doing a larger business than usual this fall, and paying good prices for hogs.

THE only son of Col. Samuel Colt, of revolver fame, recently attained his majority and with it the possession of 2,000,000.

A PETITION asking Congressional aid for the improvement of the Yamhill river is being circulated in Yamhill county.

THE astonishing success of Edison's electric light invention has caused stock in gas companies to fall to a very low figure.

It is said that Ben Butler spent \$4000 for postage stamps during his late unsuccessful contest for the office of Governor of Massachusetts.

J. M. NOLER was the Republican candidate for Auditor in Spokane county. W. T., at an election which took place a short time since.

An amendment to the constitution has been introduced in the House, declaring that polygamy shall not exist within the limits of the United States.

THE people of Eastport indulged in a dance on New Year's eve. We regret that a previous engagement prevented our accepting an invitation to be present.

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A Short Session Probable.

There is a noticeable and unusual haste on the part of the various committees in Congress to get the regular appropriation bills of the session ready for passage. It is announced that it is the result of a conference between Speaker Randall and his Democratic associates, at which it was concluded that the Democratic party would be injured in the coming canvass by the prolonged session, and that it is desirable to adjourn by the first of May.

Needs Rest.

Tilden is reported as saying that the Robinson fight was not his fight. He was engaged in private affairs and could not manage it. When asked if he could carry his own State at the Convention, he said he undoubtedly could; that it was not a question of being nominated, but it was a question of election.

THE Navy Department. Of the several departments of the Government, that of the Navy appears to have been managed with the greatest economy during the past year.

THE Giant Motor. All inventions promising improvements in the power by which machinery is propelled are matters of universal interest.

TWO HUNDRED Miles of Railway in 1880. It is officially announced in New York, says a late dispatch, that the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co. have purchased steel rails, locomotives and equipments for 200 miles of standard gauge railroad, to be constructed in Eastern Oregon and Washington Territory during the year 1880.

THE White-Law Sold.—A San Francisco paper says: The steamer White-Law, recently reported as sold to Mexico, has been in fact purchased by Costa Rica merchants, and will run between Punta Arena and Panama in connection with the Costa Rica Railroad.

San Domingo Besieged.

A Havana dispatch of the 4th of December, has the following: Advice from San Domingo to the 20th ultimo, say the siege of the city is now effective, the revolutionists having completely surrounded it on land. The only outlet is by sea. President Guillermo had made a last effort to dislodge the revolutionists on the 14th, attacking Monte Plata, but after a hard fight was routed and obliged to take refuge in the city, with a small escort as his army, and has disbanded. President Guillermo is momentarily expected to resign. The city cannot support a long siege, as provisions are scarce. The whole Republic has joined in the revolution.

Beecher's Alleged Blasphemy.

Henry Ward Beecher, who has been distinguished for overstepping the customs of the ministerial profession in the manner of his speech, is charged by the World as using the following language. If he used this language, it is probable that it was in connection with further remarks which would qualify and explain it, and the publication of this extract, unaccompanied by the context, does him an injustice: "Who was Jesus?" A peasant, a mechanic at a period of the world when workmen were very low in the social scale; and if one had asked who was the Divinity whom you worship, he would have said, Jesus. Of what country? Nazareth. Who were his parents? Joseph and Mary, reputedly. Who was his mother? Mary, who just escaped divorce through the magnanimity of her betrothed. Who was his father? No one—a bastard Jew. What was his country? Judea. What did he do? Worked as a carpenter in the shop of his putative father. What became of him? He was charged with a violation of the Roman laws, tried and convicted and put to death. A bastard Jewish mechanic: a malefactor put to death for violating the laws of his country! Is that the fellow you bring to me to worship? Now, if you look at things from the surface, Jesus was that and that only; and Paul, having the highest training, might easily have thrown over all the poetic veil of mystery.

Murder in Eastern Oregon.

A Weston dispatch of the 25th, announces that the Tuesday before, Jas. H. Turner, editor of the East Oregonian, killed a sheep herder named Harry Strobe. The circumstances are as follows: W. L. Black and Strobe had some words, when Strobe struck Black in the face, whereupon Turner took Black's place, and a fight ensued, Turner getting the worst of it. Turner then went to his room, procured a dirk knife and sought Strobe, whom he found in Matlock's saloon. On seeing him, Turner went up to him and pushed him aside, when Strobe asked him what he meant; whereat Turner stabbed him through the heart, killing him instantly. Mr. Turner has hitherto borne a good character, and Strobe has been known as a hard case.

A SENTIMENTAL FLAME.—The Charlotte N. C., Observer tells of a citizen of that county, who, having married in 1843, lighted a fire on his hearthstone as soon as he carried his bride to his new home, and has kept it burning ever since. The citizen being questioned about the matter, says that through all these 36 years has never been allowed to go out. In reply to a question, he said that in summer weather, when it was necessary for comfort's sake to keep the fire burning very low, he had to get up frequently at night to replenish it slightly, but that he counted this as nothing when he contemplated that fire going out. He had evidently formed for it a strong attachment, and yet one would not take him for a sentimental man. But this fire is to him a constant reminder of the day when he first brought home his bride. Around it his children have grown up into manhood and womanhood, and their children have gazed into its light. It was the last light that fell upon the eyes of his wife, and he hopes that it will be the last that will fall upon his. Viewed thus, his sentiments in the matter can be understood, and so strong is this sentiment that with the old man it amounts almost to a passion.

THE Toronto Mail announces the development of a gold mine, in the Chaudiere region, about six miles south of Quebec. Considerable excitement prevails; nuggets, in years past, been brought in from this region by lumbermen, but the washing of earth for dust, lately has been very successful. The tract in which is this discovery, has lately fallen into American hands, who were the parties making the discovery. Americans have also lately purchased the mines at Modoc, which created a stir, some time since.

THERE will not be any further testimony taken by the Senate Committee on privileges and elections in the Spafford Kellogg investigation before the holiday recess. No additional witnesses have been subpoenaed, and several members of the Committee are of the opinion that none will be asked for. The report will be submitted probably in January.

Mrs. McCook, mother of the "fighting McCooks," died recently at her home in New Lisbon, O. She was the mother of one Major-General, two Brigadier-Generals and Captains, etc., to the number of six or seven all told.

THE leading Democratic citizens of Richmond county, Virginia, petitioned Judge Jones to include within the jury list, such colored citizens of the county as the court shall think qualified to serve as jurors. Judge Jones granted the order.

THE Benton County Blade learns that on Saturday, November 29th, William Lawless, formerly of Albany, was accidentally killed near Newport, in falling a tree, a limb struck him on the head rendering him senseless. His son and another man assisted him home, where he died in a few hours.

Miss Yocum, a school teacher of Kittitas valley, has taken up a land claim, fenced it, built a house upon it, and this year raised 612 bushels of grain, besides attending to her duties as a teacher. She has abundantly demonstrated her ability to support a husband, and may be expected to propose to some one next year.

A LATE Boston dispatch says of the late election in which qualified female suffrage was allowed: A novel feature of the election is the presence of women at the polls, where they were courteously treated. A majority of the women registered have voted. The polling places were never so quiet and orderly as to-day.

THE destruction of the dams of nearly all the principal rivers in Hungary and Transylvania and terrible inundations are again filling the public mind with anxiety. But for the intense cold, ranging from 15 to 20 degrees, Reanuar, Grosse Varden and several villages around the city would have shared the fate of Szegedin.

LETTER LIST.—Letters remaining in the Post Office at Marshfield, Coos county, Oregon: Robert G. Bickerton, Captain Kuslet, (2), Johan Kancken, Mrs. C. A. Waters, E. B. Willis, Gottlieb Merserli, J. A. Polbert, A. L. Wilson, A. Wilson. Held for postage, Rev. R. C. Loesch.

A. NARBURG, P. M.

DIED.

In Marshfield, January 1st, 1880. Charles, infant son of J. T. and Hattie McCormac, aged 3 weeks and 3 days. Sweet flower, transplanted to a clime where never comes the blight of time. Portland papers please copy.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 19, 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 date of this notice, viz: John E. Hare, Preemption declaratory statement No. 3665, for the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 20, W 1/2 of SW 1/4, section 21 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 section 28, T 30, S R 14 W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: John Langlois of Curry county, and Frank Langlois of Curry county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 9, 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 date of this notice, viz: Daniel G. Otto, Homestead application No. 2411, for the lots 1, 2 and 5, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 15, T 41, S R 13 W, and names the following as his witnesses, viz: D. B. Cooley, of Curry county, and James Cooley, of Curry county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 17, 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 date of this notice, viz: John Morris, Homestead Application No. 2429, for the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4, section 30 T 28 S R 12 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Samuel Belleu, of Coos county, and John Rodabaugh, of Coos county. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Notice of Final Proof.

LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 27th, 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 date of this notice, viz: John Morris, Homestead Application No. 2429, for the S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4, section 30 T 28 S R 12 W., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Samuel Belleu, of Coos county, and John Rodabaugh, of Coos county. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

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