

# The Coast Mail.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

**A COUNTERFEIT NUGGET.**—A few weeks since Mr. Griffith, who is canvassing the county for the "Life of Grant" sent to Louis Knapp of Port Orford some money with which to pay for some books, and Mr. Knapp sent him a fine nugget which he had kept in the house for years. It had been purchased by Mr. Knapp in good faith, and was supposed to weigh about \$45. Mr. Griffith forwarded the precious nugget to San Francisco to the publishers with whom he is dealing, and they took it to the mint to get coin for it. The assayer examined it and pronounced it *grass*. This nugget has a shape, color and appearance that would mislead anyone except an expert, and we do not doubt that Mr. Knapp bought it in good faith and will be much surprised to find it valueless as was Mr. Griffith to whom he transferred it.

**WORK IN THE QUARRY.**—Wednesday morning of this week R. M. Hutchinson went up Coos river with a small party of workmen to commence getting out rock for the breakwater. It is now understood that the first work will be done in the sand rock at Roger's place, and that the wall will be filled with some of that as well as the heavier basalt rock found farther down the river.

**PENMANSHIP AND DRAWING.**—Mr. Fouts, who has been teaching a large writing class, will hold a meeting next Tuesday night to get up another class in penmanship and also a class in drawing. The terms for penmanship will be the same as for the past term, and the tuition for drawing will be \$2.50 for fifteen lessons. He has some fine samples of his work.

**A FINE HORSE.**—Lieut. Payson has purchased a fine horse from Joe Nay of Port Orford, and it was brought into town this week. He is three years old, past, about 16 hands high and in all respects a fine animal. The price, we understand, was \$300. The horse is kept at Anderson's stable.

**FALSE ALARM.**—The schr. *La Grande* sailed over the bar last Monday evening, and coming to an anchor just inside, was supposed to be on the North Spit. The report that she was aground was generally circulated and was published in the *News*; and we are pleased to be able to report her all right.

**TOWN DOGS.**—Marshal Rhodes has been collecting the annual city "dog tax" during the past week, and gathering together the unfortunate canines that have no friends to "put up" for them. He had seven or eight of them waiting for execution at last accounts.

**SETTLED.**—Chas. Stokes has been employed by the W. U. Telegraph Company to remain at the Halfway House and keep the line in repair during the remainder of the winter. Charley is a good climber and can be relied on to do the work.

**ROAD PETITION.**—A petition will be presented to the County Court at the next term for the laying out of a county road from the head of the lagoon on the east fork of North slough to John Brown's place up the creek.

**CAPT. HILL OF THE FEARLESS** is slowly recovering, but is still very weak.

**WE** are under obligations to Hon. John Whiteaker for public documents.

**THE** Italian parliament opened on the 17th inst.

**ONE** of the large barges for carrying rock is nearly completed.

**THE** miners at Newport went to work again last Monday.

**THE** *Arctia* arrived Tuesday, 45 hours from San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forslund were the only passengers.

**JAMES LAIRD** has purchased the farm of W. F. Flook in Brewster Valley, paying therefor \$800.

**WM. OTTO** has sold the Otto house in Smith's river to Daniel Haight; it will not be used as hotel hereafter.

**WORK** on Kruse & Dimmick's new tannery will probably commence between this and the 1st of April.

**THE** tug *Escoff* has been undergoing repair during the week, and owing to the illness of Capt. Hill, Capt. McGee has been running the *Fearless*.

**A** new postoffice has been established on the upper south fork of the Coquille, called Rockland. Wm. S. Warner is appointed postmaster.

**MR. WEBSTER** received a large addition to his stock of boots and shoes by the *Telfair* this week, including all kinds of rubbers for both gentlemen and ladies.

**THURSDAY** the *Satellite* towed a scow on which is a large house, to be used as a boarding house for the workmen in the stone quarry.

**THE** San Francisco Board of Health have condemned twelve blocks in that part of the city occupied by the Chinese.

**THE** *Willamette Farmer* has entered upon its twelfth year. It is a good agricultural paper and deserves long life and continuous prosperity.

## Gored by a Bull—Narrow Escape from Death.

A gentleman from Coos river brings news that on Wednesday of last week Stephen Rogers narrowly escaped being killed by a bull. Some time since Mr. Rogers purchased a fine Jersey bull from the McClellan & White ranch down the coast. He took the animal home and has since kept him in the stable the greater part of the time. At the date above mentioned he turned him out a short time, and when he proposed to drive him back to the stable the animal in positive terms refused to go. Mr. Rogers insisted and struck him with a small stick, whereupon the bull rushed at Mr. Rogers, knocking him down, and following him up with the fierceness of a tiger. The bull has a ring in his nose and wires running from it to the ends of his horns, and by seizing hold of these Mr. Rogers was enabled to keep the animal from impaling him on his horns. For a considerable time the bull rolled his victim in the mud and turned his head in every possible position to get him on his horns; once he got Mr. Rogers in a position where he could reach him with the point of his horn and stuck him a terrible blow but fortunately a memorandum book in Mr. Rogers' hip pocket caught the end of the animal's horns. The book was pierced through and pants and under clothing were torn by the horn, but it gave Mr. Rogers only a severe bruise. Occasionally the beast would raise his head, lifting Mr. Rogers to his feet by the wires and again dash him to the ground with such force as to bruise and stun him. This exercise continued till Mr. Rogers was nearly exhausted. They at length came to the edge of an open ditch into which Mr. Rogers dropped out of the reach of the bull, who still stood over him, bellowing and heaving. After a time the animal went away and Mr. Rogers got out of the ditch and made his way to the house, where he arrived in a pitiable plight; covered with mud from the crown of his head to his feet and his clothes nearly torn off. He was so bruised and shocked by the ordeal through which he had passed that his condition caused considerable anxiety to his family, but he has now recovered. He will doubtless treat that animal with more respect in the future.

## The Fruit of Democratic Economy.

It is probable that we will soon be reduced to a weekly mail service between here and Roseburg, on account of the extraordinary economy of our present Democratic Congress. They refuse to provide for deficiencies in the Post Office Department, and the Postmaster General has been compelled to issue the following order:

To the second assistant Postmaster General:

That there may be no deficiency created to maintain the Star service for the present fiscal year, direct that on and after March the 1st prox., service on all the Star routes be reduced to one trip per week, allowing one month's pay as provided by law on the service dispensed with. I also direct that the service placed on new routes since, and including July 1, 1879, be discontinued, if the foregoing reduction is not sufficient for the purpose indicated. I think that the rapid growth of population in the Territories and new States, and the restoration and improvement of service in the Southern States demand existing service, and in many instances additional service on old, and new service on recently established routes. I also believe that the public will suffer by the reduction. The law requires that I shall not exceed the appropriation, and I am determined to conform to the law. D. M. KEY, Postmaster General.

The result of this order, unless Congress takes some step to provide for this service, will be that there will be only weekly service on any lines outside of the railroad and steamboat routes, and that the service from Gardner to Siuslaw, and from Hermannville to Port Orford will probably be discontinued. This is in order to allow this Congress to make a sham show of retrenchment for the coming campaign, and it should be duly appreciated by the people.

The "Gussie Telfair" arrived Thursday with freight and passengers from San Francisco.

The foundation for the first crib for the breakwater was put in the water yesterday, and work on the same is being pushed forward quite rapidly.

Among the passengers of the "Telfair" this week, was a Miss Henderson, niece of Wm. Hall, Esq., who comes direct from Tennessee to make Oregon her home.

**SCHOOL REPORT.**—The number of scholars reported in this district for the benefit of the public school fund the coming fiscal year, is males 107, and females 33; total 200.

## FROM MYRTLE POINT.

The young people of Myrtle Point, animated with a spirit of patriotism and inspired with a love of mirth, music, minstrelsy and drama, conceived the idea of celebrating the birthday of our country's father by preparing an entertainment for the sentimental and fun-loving part of the community.

The evening of the 21st was chosen as the time, and extensive preparations were made by the committee, and the company labored hard to overcome the usual drawbacks attendant upon such occasions. The weather was fine, but on account of the previous rains, snow and freezing, the roads were almost impassable, and consequently the attendance was not so large as the performance merited. The performance opened with the "Old Stille." First part minstrels, which was replete with wit, humor and merriment, and brim full of fun; the applause was almost incessant. The local hits in the form of jokes, conundrums, puns, etc., were excellent, and the efforts of Messrs. Border and Miller, (as "Sambro" and "Bones") were applauded throughout. The music was excellent, as also were the songs and choruses. The only objection to the first part of the programme was its length; but it held its interest to the last, and closed amid boisterous demonstrations of mirth from the audience.

The second part commenced with the laughable little farce entitled, "The Irish Linen Peddler," with Mr. Ed. Jennings as "Pat O'Doyle," in which role he made a decided hit—his personation being as natural as if he had just been imported from the "old sod." He was ably supported by Miss Delia Andrews as "Mollie," who, although it was her first appearance before the footlights, adapted herself amazingly well to the character. Mr. Borden, as "Flannagan," proved that he was no novice, especially in the art of love making. Miss Fannie Lehnerr, as "Miss Darling," and Miss Amy Lehnerr, as "Mrs. Wade," were the subjects of favorable and well merited comments from the audience; their parts were well sustained throughout, and both showed a special aptitude and talent hard to find among amateurs. Mr. Miller, as "Mr. Darling," completed the cast. The pieces were well rendered, and the frequent applause of the audience showed their appreciation.

The entertainment closed with the farce, entitled "My Turn Next." Mr. Miller, as "Teraxium Twitters," was well received, and Miss Amy Lehnerr, as "Peggy," was one of the best rendered characters of the evening, and was frequently interrupted by deafening applause. Miss Maria Hermann, as "Mrs. Twitters," was excellent, and also Miss Delia Andrews as "Cecily." Mr. Borden, as "Tim Bolus," Mr. R. Lehnerr, as "Tom Trap," and Mr. E. Bender, as "Farmer Wheat-eat," did well.

The hall was cleared and they tripped the "light fantastic" till morning.

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**CROPS IN THE WILLAMETTE.**—Our exchanges from the Willamette speak favorably of the crops prospect for the present year. The *Riverside* of Independence says the crops in its vicinity look well, and as the amount of acreage sown so far exceeds that of any former year, the prospect of an immense crop was never so flattering as at present. In traveling through the country one sees on every side, the farmer busy with his plow, turning up the rich, black soil, preparing to sow other large fields of wheat, oats and barley. The rust, which effected the late sown grain last season, has caused our farmers to turn their attention more particularly to fall and winter seeding, and will probably summer-fallow a very large amount of ground the coming summer.

**TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.**—The State Temperance Alliance which met at Eugene City on the 18th inst., was largely attended, and the following officers were elected: Dr. Watts, President; Vice-Presidents, T. J. Wilson, Capt. Humphrey and Mrs. Kate McClure; Secretary, J. E. Houston, of Junction; Ass't Secretary, A. W. Bower, of Oregon City; Cor. Secretary, E. R. Skipworth, of Independence; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Blaine, of Albany; Sergeant-at-Arms, City Marshal J. E. Atterberry; Executive Committee, B. F. Dorris, L. M. Davis, Prof. Condon, J. Hurst and J. J. Walton.

The *Corvallis Gazette* says that the Corvallis Fruit Company, composed of John Readman, Wallace Nash and others, have consigned to commission merchants in London and Liverpool, ten tons of Oregon dried fruit in bulk, and have guaranteed the quality of the same, which is being introduced rapidly among English consumers.

They now propose shipping a large invoice in two and four lbs. paper boxes, nicely labeled, with their guarantee on each label, and anticipate ready and active sales for the same.

**HON. EUGENE HALE** will probably be compelled to remove permanently from Maine to Michigan, the Chandler estate requiring constant attention.

## The Interest of Southern Oregon.

The *Roseburg Independent* cordially second the efforts to secure the necessary appropriations to improve our harbors and, speaking of the advantages of such improvement in connection with railroad communication, says:

Here we are within sixty miles of the sea coast, and yet we are compelled to ship our products by rail to Portland, pay tribute there, pay towage and lighterage on the Willamette and the Columbia, and after making the trip to the mouth of the Columbia we have traveled over three hundred miles, and have yet about a day's sail to reach a point opposite the shipping point we might reach in two or three hours time had we shipping point on or near Coos Bay or Port Orford. To pay this useless travel the profits that farmers here expect from the sale of grain or wool are eaten up in the freight charges. Farmers, who work early and late and are careful managers, are kept poor. Their farms do not advance in value, and the best that a farmer can now do is to keep pulling along to make a mere living. But what a difference there would be between conditions now and as affairs then, when a railroad sixty miles in length would take the products of the country to the shipping point in three hours' time? The money that now goes into the hands of the middle men at Portland would be saved. There would be but one-fourth present freight charges, and the other three-fourths would remain in the farmer's pockets. Portland would not then grow rich at our expense, as she is now doing, and Southern Oregon would then be, as it ought to be, an Empire within itself. So, whatever is done to improve the coast harbors in Southern Oregon interests us all. It is a matter of mutual interest—an interest affecting Roseburg and Coos Bay alike. Coos county's petition, therefore, for government aid is our petition also, and if those who are circulating it will send us the petition we will prove by the list of signatures that will be attached thereto that it is not Coos Bay alone that is asking for the appropriations needed, but that the people of Coos Bay and the Coquille are backed in that petition by all of Southern Oregon.

## COQUILLE ITEMS.

The schooners *Mose* and *Free Trade* are still in the river.

We understand that there is a petition in circulation on the lower river to the effect that the signers pledge themselves, at the coming election, to vote for no one who did not contribute toward the improvement at the mouth of the river two years ago. Ain't that a little foolish?

There arrived in town the other day, a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman, who, by his quiet demeanor excited the curiosity of the inhabitants. The smartest of the boys tried the interviewing dodge, but without success. At this juncture our hitherto infallible came to the rescue. "Hold on, boys; I'll go and put on my best clothes and try him a rattle." Comes back in his Sunday harness, meets stranger and says: "Your name is Mr. —" "Yes." "You're from —" "Yes." "My name is —" "Ah! I believe you—It's rather chilly here, guess I'll go and warm." Leaves infallible, and the boys come up. "What did he say?" "Nothing; I can't get a d—d word out of him. Come take something."

Mrs. Snyder is still slowly improving. One pauper discharged this week, and another added to the list.

**NOT A CANDIDATE.**—Gen. Lane writes a sensible letter to the *Standard* referring to his name having been mentioned as a candidate for Congress, and says: I am not a candidate for Congress, or any other office, and I ask that my name shall not be used in connection with any office. I will vote for the nominees of the Democratic Convention, reserving to myself the right to scratch any one or more, should I believe him or them to be dishonest or in any way corrupt. Democratic Conventions are not apt to make mistakes, but instances have occurred.

**PARTIES** interested in coal mines in northern Illinois are securing colored miners to take the place of the strikers. Several hundred collected from various points in Tennessee through their agency here, and have already gone forward.

On account of the Newport bunkering being nearly empty, the "Telfair" will be delayed a day or two.

The schooner "Cashman," having been completed and rigged, took on a little over 31 thousand feet of lumber at Dean & Co's, and was towed down the bay on Thursday, and is probably now at sea.

**WILL INCORPORATE.** The First Baptist Church of Sumner are about to incorporate, to receive the title to Church property, and steps will be taken to rebuild the Church blown down last month, as soon as possible.

J. W. Hamilton, Esq., returned from Roseburg last Saturday.

## CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

**BRATFORD, Vt., Feb. 21.**—A pauper on the town farm at Corinth, named Wm. Loyall, aged 39, killed another pauper, Adam Ferrin, aged 19, and then cut his own throat.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 15.**—Thomas F. Phillips, a retired merchant, aged 60, was garroted and robbed on Thompson street last night by three colored women, who were arrested.

**BOSTON, Feb. 15.**—Stephen Longfellow, nephew of the poet, has jumped his bail for forgery and sailed for South America.

**BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.**—Three men, Charles R. Smith, R. A. McCauley, Jr., and a colored man named Isaac Jones were suffocated yesterday on a night soil barge at Spring gardens beyond the southern suburbs of the city.

**PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 15.**—Frank Dillingham, the murderer, died this afternoon from the effects of a pistol shot wound in the head made by himself immediately after killing his aunt.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 14.**—The steamboat, *Fawn*, heavily laden, ran into a bridge at Nashville last night. It is thought she will prove a total loss.

**LOGANSPORT, Ind. Feb. 16.**—This morning the jury in the case of Andrew Moynihan, charged with the murder of John Raymond last fall, found a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment of death.

**UPPER SANDUSKY, Feb. 15.**—Yesterday the jury in the case of James Wilson on trial for the murder of Washington Hile, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree, and the Judge sentenced the prisoner to be hung June 15th.

**BUFFALO, Feb. 15.**—Two young men, Charles Stratton and Frank Morse, residing near Kennedy, Chautauque county, quarrelled to-day and Stratton stabbed Morse to the heart killing him instantly. The quarrel was the result of jealousy about a lady. Stratton has not yet been arrested.

**MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.**—Cyrus F. Hawley, who shot himself last Sunday, died this morning. He was a man of considerable prominence in scientific circles and was a correspondent member of several European societies.

**CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.**—During a wind storm early this morning, a frame house occupied by John Delfenbach with his wife and three children, was blown completely over, burying the inmates under the debris. The father was fatally injured, the wife and two eldest children slightly hurt, and the infant crushed beneath the timbers.

**LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.**—An old man named Perrin, who had followed the avocation of ragpicker and dealer in old junk of every sort, was found dead in his bed at an early hour this morning. He had evidently been murdered, as there was a wound on the chin and a severe contusion on the back of the head. He lived in an old adobe hovel, was very miserly in his habits and was thought to have some money here and in San Francisco. Robbery was no doubt the motive of the murder.

**WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 20.**—About a month ago the residence of William Worrell, near Claysville, Pa., was burned. It was evident at the time that it was the work of an incendiary, but late developments have brought out very revolting facts, besides confirming the incendiary theory. James Worrell, son of William Worrell, was engaged to be married to a young lady in Washington county, but not having means to support a wife he undertook to destroy his father and sister in the flames so that he could come in possession of the property, and be enabled to carry out his wish. Before setting fire to the house he locked his sister in one room and tied his father in another room. Fortunately a servant discovered them before the flames reached them and with difficulty saved their lives. Worrell is 21 years of age and highly educated. The family is highly respected in the community in which they live.

## An Indian Victory.

A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch of the 9th inst. has the following: On the 9th inst., Capt. Rucker, of the 9th cavalry, commanding one of the columns pursuing hostile Indians, after following them two days with his entire command in the direction of San Andreas, came suddenly upon them strongly fortified in a narrow and rough canyon. The troops were met with a heavy fire, under which several horses and men fell. The Indians then charged the troops who gave way and retreated pell mell. The Indians drove them across the river. Rations and bedding were abandoned and were secured by the Indians. Gen. Hatch leaves Santa Fe to-day to look after Indian affairs in Southern New Mexico. Lieut. Toury, with Company L, 6th cavalry, numbering 30 men, from Fort Bowie, Arizona, will reach Fort Bayard to-day, and will act under the personal orders of Gen. Hatch. Two companies of the 9th cavalry, numbering 140 men, left Santa Fe yesterday for Southern New Mexico.

## A Munificent Gift.

James Gordon Bennett of the New York *Herald* has given a hundred thousand dollars towards the relief of the destitute in Ireland, and the New York *Star* pays him the following just and beautiful tribute:

Well the cry of "Help us or we die!" comes over the water, and concurrently with the publication of this latest appeal, noble response has been given. We are not among those who think that no good can come out of the Nazareth of political strife; we would not permit professional antagonism to operate against our appreciation of personal worth; we are at all times willing to look at the better side of things where deeds honorable to humanity crop out in contrast to impulsive foibles; and therefore it is that the *Star* to-day makes grateful acknowledgment of the *Herald's* munificence—grateful, inasmuch as the cause of humanity is the cause of all men, and a good deed done to the suffering people of any land comes back with its effects to us in the distributive share we may claim in the goodness of our common nature. "One hundred thousand dollars" is the practical reply of James Gordon Bennett to the cry of Ireland. One hundred thousand dollars *per se*, but how many hundred thousands in the fruitage which such benevolent seed sowing must produce? Who shall calculate the number of lives that may be saved by the great organization thus suddenly but solemnly instituted? Who may anticipate the blessings that shall yet be given to one who, though regarded as an unrelenting foe, has turned out to be the best and most generous of friends? We care not for motives; the fact is there—and one hundred thousand dollars is a great fact—the fact that thousands may be saved from the famine grave by the timely and benevolent action of an individual; and the man, or association of men, who will belittle so grand a work by the suggestion of selfish consideration, possesses but little of that nobility of soul which brings our poor humanity nearest to its Creator. We do not—far from it—undervalue the patriotic exertions of others; but really this one offering at the shrine of charity so overshadows all other aids to relief that we cannot avoid pointing to it as a special claim upon a nation's gratitude, and to the giver himself as one entitled to apply to himself the proud distinction: "Exegi monumentum ære perennius."

## A "Gun Powder Plot" against the Czar.

A dispatch of the 9th inst. says there has been an abortive attempt made to kill the Imperial family by exploding a mine in the Winter Palace. Five soldiers were killed and thirty-five wounded. The mine was in the basement of the Palace and was filled with dynamite and gun cotton. The train by which it was fired can be traced to a cellar in the inner court, where a quantity of fuel was stored.

It appears that when the Czar is at the capital he dines at 6 o'clock. Since the return of the Empress dinner has generally been postponed for half an hour. The Emperor was busy discussing with Prince Alexander of Bulgaria the politics of the Balkan provinces when dinner was announced; but being deeply engrossed, they were aroused by a terrible explosion. The Czar was perfectly calm and an hour later sat quietly down to dinner beside the great gap in the floor. The Empress was asleep in her room, and heard nothing of the explosion. Express orders were issued that she should be left in ignorance of the event. If dinner had not accidentally been delayed all would have been seated when the explosion occurred. The force was such that numbers of windows of the Palace and adjacent houses were shattered. The gas was blown out and complete darkness prevailed. The bodies of two more soldiers have been found among the debris, and of the forty-five injured, several have since died.

## Telegraph Suit Decided.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has, for some time past, been involved in an important lawsuit to test the right to certain patents in use by opposition lines. The result is a victory for the Western Union, which is announced in a New York dispatch as follows: "Stocks were buoyant to-day. Western Union was firm on report of an extra dividend of half percent, and on the decision sustaining the claims of the Page patents now owned by the Western Union Telegraph Company, which will compel all other telegraph lines to pay a royalty to the Western Union for the use of the patent. The decision is very broad, and covers the principles necessary for the operation of any instrument. Steps will be taken at once to enforce the decision, and suits for damages will probably be brought against other telegraph companies, railroad companies and private persons."

**GOV. PERKINS** of California has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of Charles S. Lanchester, who murdered John A. Raglan, of Tehama county, on the 17th inst.

## A Terrible Encounter.

Two young ladies of Hancock, Va., became jealous of each other on account of attentions paid them by a Mr. Young. They had a "scene" one evening at a dance and the following day Miss Wise received a note from Miss Downing, requesting her to call upon her, as she wished to see her about an important matter. Miss Wise went to her rival's house as requested. She entered the yard, walked around to the kitchen entrance, and stepping inside, saw her rival seated by the stove. When Miss Downing caught sight of Miss Wise she sprang to her feet, and seizing a stout club, rushed at her, shrieking with rage. Miss Wise ran into the yard, and picked up a pitchfork, warned her rival to stand off. Miss Downing exclaimed: "All right; we will fight now; you have a weapon; so have I." Both being strong healthy country girls, they found no difficulty in wielding their weapons. As Miss Downing rushed at the other she was met by the three-tined fork, which was driven into her breast. The next instant she struck Miss Wise a stunning blow on the head, which staggered her, and followed it up by a second blow, which felled her to the ground. Miss Wise soon regained her feet, and, assuming the offensive, impaled Miss Downing's hands on the prongs of the fork. Again she received a blow on the head from the club, which felled her to the ground. While in this position she thrust the pitchfork into Miss Downing's face, making three terrible wounds. By this time both were weakened by loss of blood and dropped to the ground insensible. In this position they were found by some neighbors, who gave the alarm. Both girls were terribly injured. Miss Downing having been wounded fourteen times by the pitchfork, and Miss Wise shockingly bruised and beaten about the head. The physician has little hope of their recovery. In lucid intervals they give the particulars of the fight, at the same time begging piteously to see Mr. Young. The latter, not wishing the notoriety into which he was brought by the strange infatuation of the two girls, has left town, and no trace of him can be discovered.

## Ancient.

An exchange has found the oldest man in the world, and describes him as follows: There is in the Republic of Salvador at present a venerable gentleman named Miguel Solis, who is 180 years of age. There is no doubt at all about it. He signed a document relating to the building of a convent in 1722, being then 23 years of age. When Dr. Hernandez lately called on him he was at work in his garden. He takes one strong nourishing meal each day, except on the 1st and 15th of each month, when he eats nothing, but drinks as much water as he can. We are not told whether he is a teetotaler, or drinks the wine of the country, which is called "tangleleg," but it is stated his skin is like parchment, his hair white as snow, while his eyes have a most lively expression.

## Starving and freezing to Death.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, there is no doubt that stock in the northern grazing regions are dying in large numbers and that the loss will be great. Comparatively few of the stock raisers are prepared to feed with the regularity required to keep their stock through a protracted "cold snap," and the weather for a long time past has been very cold and the snow quite deep.

**THE** Pope's encyclical against divorce insists on the eminently religious nature of marriage, and exhorts bishops to urge that view upon their flocks.

**FIVE** head of blooded Durham cattle, worth in aggregate \$3,500, reached Canyon City Feb. 6th, from Reno. They will be taken to Stevens county, W. T., and placed on the range of German, Brooks and Morrison.

**THE** jury, after 21 hours deliberation brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against Monroe Robinson, who was on trial for the murder of his brother-in-law, Wylie Couber. The murder was committed October 23, 1879, near Ripston, Darke county, Ohio. The defense relied on a plea of insanity and habitual intemperance.

**A** Victoria dispatch of the 20th says: A writer says that so desperate is the condition of stock that one grazier has sold a portion of his band for \$5 a head. In many instances horses and bees have died of starvation while standing bolt upright in the snow, where their bodies are now seen frozen stiff. Stock men are traversing the country in all directions on snow shoes, trying to find their stock, and when found to feed them. In most cases they meet with indifferent success. The whole country is alarmed at the situation. There are no signs of a thaw.

## MARRIED.

At the residence of Frank Winchester, Empire City, by Henry Sengstacken J. P. Wm E Thomas to Miss Mary J. Sparks all of South Port Coos County.