

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

SHALL WE CELEBRATE?—Does the town of Marshfield intend to celebrate the coming Fourth of July—that is the question.

CHINESE ROW.—Last Wednesday a row constituted the sensation in the Chinese quarter, the participants of which were a Celestial widow and a he—then Chinese.

PRIZE EGG.—Mr. W. D. L. F. Smith, of Coos river, presented us with an extra large egg, which will probably measure any egg of smaller dimensions in the State of Oregon.

A JOLLY PAINTER.—A remarkable painter has been daubing the house next door, this week, and for good humor and poor painting gets away with anything on record.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DEER.—Last Wednesday evening quite a crowd gathered on the wharves along Front street to look at a deer which had appeared on the opposite side of the channel.

ELECTION.—The full election returns have not been received, but at last reports Siglin was slightly ahead and Curry county yet to hear from Stauff, Morris, Schetter, and the State ticket, with the exception of Hamilton, carry by large majority.

REGISTER.—W. F. Benjamin, Esq., Register of the Roseburg Land Office, called on us yesterday.

RETURNED EAST.—Mrs. C. F. Milligan, sister of Dr. O. E. and W. D. L. F. Smith, who has been visiting friends on the Bay for some months, left on the Telfair to return to her home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

DIED.—Mrs. Hously, wife of Samuel Hously, of Eastport, died Thursday night of hemorrhage.

THE ESCORT is laid up for repairs. The Telfair sailed for San Francisco Tuesday p. m.

J. C. BULL has been very ill during the past week.

MISS LULU CAUFIELD, of Roseburg, is visiting on the Bay.

LOUIS LOHRE went to San Francisco on the Telfair.

MRS. T. G. OWEN returned home from the valley this week.

E. N. DEUPREY sailed on the Telfair for San Francisco.

THE SCHOONER Norway arrived last Tuesday; will load at Eastport.

READ the dissolution notice of Ferry & Bailey in another column.

CAPT. GRAVES, of the Little Annie has our thanks for many favors.

A. NARBURG, of the firm of Narburg & Hirst, left for Portland Tuesday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PARKERSBURG, OR., June 8th, 1880. EDITOR MAIL.—The Champion went down to the mouth to-day, loaded with cedar from Grube's mill; she will go to sea to-morrow.

The Government Engineers, in company with Mr. Merchant, visited the river last week, going to the mouth of the river on Friday and to the upper river on Saturday.

NEVADA CITY, CAL. BURNED. A dispatch from Nevada City, Cal., of June 5th says: About 4:15 o'clock this afternoon flames were discovered issuing from the upholstery establishment of John White, situated on Broad street.

RAIN and shine has been the variations of the weather during the week. FRED GREENLAW and family have moved from Empire and are now living at this place.

ROAD SUPERVISOR RALSTON has been lately putting the roads of this district in a good condition.

READ the Treasurer's notice in another column, and present your orders for payment.

IN towing one of the cribs down the bay it stuck in the mud opposite town, but after two or three tides was again floated.

A. E. WAGSTAFF, formerly editor of the Empire Argus, is editing a paper for a joint stock company in Woodland, Cal.

REICHERT, the brewer, has been making a number of substantial improvements around his brewing establishment.

THE schooner being built at this place is beginning to assume the appearance of a vessel, and will soon be ready to plank.

F. SCHETTER, Esq., has gone to Roseburg, where he expects to meet a brother whom he has not seen for twenty years.

An Unpleasant Picture.

The San Francisco Argonaut has the following on the release of Kearney: The die for this community is virtually cast. The Supreme Court of this State, on Thursday last, in the habeas corpus case of Denis Kearney, declared null and void the judgement of the Police Court, and ordered the Sand-lot vagrant discharged from the custody of the Keeper of the House of Correction.

THE HEATHEN CHINESE. The Alden Bessie brought 342 Chinamen from Hong Kong, says the Bee. They will be put to work on the railroad. One of the custom house officers complained that they were of an inferior class, for they have nothing but dried fish and coarse goods.

A Disastrous Blaze.

A fire broke out in the Eagle Hotel at Independence at three o'clock on the morning of Saturday last, destroying the following buildings: Eagle Hotel, value \$1,200, insurance \$900; T. W. Bell's dwelling, value \$1,000, insurance \$600; J. Fryer's store, value \$1,000, insurance \$950; R. R. Parriah's building, occupied by Miss Waller as a millinery store, value \$500, no insurance; Singer & Co.'s meat market, value \$600, insurance \$300; R. M. Smith's drug store, value \$400, no insurance; Vanduyt & Smith, damage on buildings and stock not known; Roberson & Cooper's warehouse and stock, damage unknown; T. W. Bell's dwelling damaged. Contents of all the buildings except the Eagle Hotel mostly saved in a damaged condition.

THE following are the graduates of the University of Oregon for the years for 1879-80. This is the largest class that has been graduated from this institution since its doors were first opened. The class numbers twenty, all taking the degree of B. S., except the first named gentleman, who receives that of A. B.:

IN Collins county, Texas, a farmer named Bradley left \$200 with his wife for safe keeping, and during his absence a stranger stopped for the night and was given a pallet in the hall. At midnight he saw two men enter, and soon after hearing cries of murder, rushed into Mrs. Bradley's room where she lay in bed with her throat cut. The man fired and killed both assassins. Subsequent examination by the neighbors revealed the fact that the robbers were a Mrs. Brit and her daughter disguised as men, the former sixty years of age and the possessor of considerable property and an inheritance of \$17,000.

THE amount of tonnage on the way to California is 30,000 tons less than in 1879, and 70,000 tons less than in 1878 at this time, but the outlook is not considered gloomy.

ARKANSAS Democrats nominate J. T. Churchill for Governor, Jacob Frolich, Secretary of State, W. E. Woodruff, Treasurer, John Crawford, Chief Justice, and H. English, Attorney-General.

IT is thought that the U. S. ship Tyoonderoga, now at Yokohama, will attempt to renew negotiations with Corea again soon. It is asserted that commerce with Corea is not worth the effort.

AN emigrant bound for the Yellowstone, attempting to cross Grand Ronde river near the mouth of Beaver creek, lost in the swift current one horse and the entire contents of the wagon. Among other things he claims to have lost \$3000 in gold coin, which he says was in a trunk in the wagon.

New Invention.

We have before noticed the latest invention of Mr. Parrot, of Salem, in the way of an improvement in doubletrees, but as the article claims to be a really valuable invention, its description may interest many. The invention consists of a straight rack fixed centrally on the front edge of the doubletree, and gearing into a correspondent segment rack that is fixed on the tongue of the vehicle.

A Sad Ending.

Last week's papers contained an account of a horrible wife murder in Wasco county, and the flight of Bills, the murderer. Sheriff Crossen has been in pursuit of Bills, but the latter eluded the vigilance of the Sheriff and his deputies, and got to his house on Mosher creek without being discovered.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW YORK is much damaged by drouth.

THE time now set for the adjournment of Congress is the 15th of June.

WORK has commenced on the line of the branch railroad from Albany to Lebanon.

CHARLES GAUL fell off a bluff between Portland and Celilo and broke his neck. Cause, bad whiskey.

ENGLAND has sent sixty delegates to Chicago to attend the Congress of millers.

MITCHELL, Scott, Ireland, Tompkins, Williams and Northrup represent Oregon at Chicago.

THE Hillsboro postoffice has been made a money order office. The postmistress is Miss Mary Brown.

LOUIS WEBBER, of Portland, was drowned June 2d at the mouth of the Columbia river.

THE jury in the case of Henry Wintzengerode for the murder of Jacob Swanger, has brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

JAPAN will try to counteract the depreciation of paper money by an issue of Government bonds bearing 4 per cent interest, purchasable at par by paper.

THE National Women's Suffrage Association met at Chicago, May 31th. Many delegates are already present, including some of the most prominent ladies in the country.

KALLOCH files an affidavit that Kidd was not authorized by him or his church to bring what is known as the Neilson libel suit, and that suit is only brought to make privileged publication of scandal.

RYAN and Goss have had their disgraceful prize fight at Colliers, West Va., for \$1,000 a side. After 86 rounds Ryan came off victor in a hard fought battle of one hour and twenty-seven minutes.

THE nomination of Maynard for postmaster general, James Longstreet for Minister to Turkey, and David M. Key for district Judge in Tennessee have been formerly made by the President.

THE China government now seems to intend, instead of executing Ching How, late Minister to Russia, to resign and degrade him to lower rank, with the privilege of working his way up again.

DECORATION DAY was duly celebrated throughout the State. The Portland New Market Theatre was crowded to its utmost capacity to listen to a brilliant oration on the Honored Dead, from the lips of the eloquent orator Col. Sherman.

THE Mountain Sentinel promises to give an interesting account of the rich quartz ledge soon. It is located about nine miles west of Baker, and assays from \$40 to \$100,000 per ton. It is at present in litigation, but it is rumored that \$20,000 has been taken from the ledge, one specimen being found that contained \$771, and \$800 being picked up in nuggets.

LAST week, says the Standard, a thirty-five-horse power boiler was turned out from the Willamette Iron Works and shipped to the Sound for the steamer Capital. It was one of the best pieces of workmanship ever turned from a Portland establishment, and was fully equal to the best turned from San Francisco boiler works.

THE Walla Walla Statesman says: A Umatilla Indian came into town last Tuesday, bought a splendid covered spring wagon for \$250, a fine set of harness for \$40, and then hitched up his two ponies and drove out of town with a halo of happiness beaming o'er his dusky countenance an inch thick.

NICHOLAS BILLS.

FROM the reports of Dr. Hawthorne, superintendent of the Oregon Insane Asylum, for the quarter ending May 31, 1880, we cull the following facts and figures: Number patients at last report, 272; admitted during quarter, 33; total, 305; discharged or died during the quarter, 22; leaving 283 patients in the asylum at the present time. The cost to the State for care and treatment of the patients during the year was \$18,410,043.

ABOUT 1,500 persons in North Hungary are now reduced by famine so that they have nothing to eat except grass, nettles and mushrooms, and yet the police arrest every one who tries to emigrate!

REV. (?) R. YROMANS departed this place last Saturday, for "green fields and pastures new." He evidently couldn't stand the press.

An Anti-Chinese Resolution Drawn up by the Pacific Coast Delegation.

The Pacific coast delegation yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution to be presented to the committee on resolutions containing the following points: The right to regulate intercourse between the people of the United States and all foreign nations rests with the general Government and must of necessity be controlled by laws of Congress and international treaties, and while it is the duty of both the Government and its people to respect the rights acquired by existing laws, it is also the duty of the Government to respect the wishes of its citizens and legislate in their interests.

In view of the large and increasing Chinese immigration now invading the Pacific coast, recognizing the danger of ruinous competition with our industrial classes, fearing its undue increase and the serious results likely to arise therefrom, and because the Chinese will not become citizens and cannot perform any political and public duties incident to citizenship; because they cannot assimilate themselves and become homogeneous with our people; therefore be it Resolved That in the judgement of this convention the international treaty, now existing between the Government of the United States and the Government of China, should be so amended or modified that further Chinese immigration, except for the purpose of commerce, travel and education, should be restricted; that the existing commission to the Chinese Government should be urged to speedy and decisive action to regulate and restrict the overflow of Asiatic people to our country, and Congress ought without delay, and as a matter of national importance, urge the necessity and cause to be passed, laws restricting Chinese immigration.

When this resolution was introduced in the full committee by Mr. Payne, there was considerable discussion. Mr. Payne insisted that the Pacific coast people must have this plank or there would be serious peril to the party success there. Connecticut, Mass., New Jersey and Illinois members opposed the resolution, but it was finally referred to a sub committee to be raised subsequently with instructions to put in a plank that will be agreeable to the voters of the far western States. Mr. Storris appealed to the committee to "draw it mild," and this will be done. It is not probable that so radical a resolution will be accepted by the full committee, but it is understood that it will present a modified plank in the platform covering the point.

OYSTER STATISTICS. The mathematical man of the Philadelphia Times has been computing the magnitude of the American oyster trade. This is what he makes them:

Oysters are planted and grown in the bays, deltas, and river inlets of more than three thousand miles of our Atlantic coast. Three thousand acres are so occupied in the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries. These Chesapeake beds yield to our commerce over 25,000,000 bushels annually.

In the one city of Philadelphia, I estimate, there are over four thousand places where oysters are sold for consumption on the premises. One Philadelphia oyster cellar, three years ago, sold 7,000 oysters on the first day of September. Twenty dollars would be a moderate average for the sales of all these 4,000 oyster restaurants, saloons, and cellars. This would bring the total daily sales up to \$120,000 a day. Multiply the daily sales by 240 days would swell the yearly aggregate to \$30,000,000 a year for oysters in Philadelphia. And yet this estimate is probably considerably below the actual fact.

New York city probably sells twice as many as Philadelphia; and Boston and Baltimore together more than New York again. Aside from the home consumption, the shipments to our inland, western and even Pacific States are enormous. The appetite of all inland and mountain men for all sorts of shell fish is something huge. Baltimore employs more than \$15,000,000 in the canning of oysters. More than 20,000,000 bushels of oysters are canned a year in that city.

On account of their superior excellence American oysters are now exported in vast quantities to England, France, Germany, and other European countries. These exportations are mostly in cans, but immense quantities are now shipped abroad in the shell. The total of our oyster trade approaches much nearer our annual crop of cotton and wheat than any one who does not make these things a special study would be willing at first to credit. I am satisfied in my own mind that our total oyster trade, domestic and foreign, exceeds \$900,000,000 a year, while the total annual consumption in this country, and our shipments abroad would exceed the amazing total of 50,000,000,000 oysters.

WHILE C. Connor, florist, of St. Louis, was planting flowers in a Chestnut street flower garden, he turned up a package containing \$3,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry, stolen from the residence of S. H. Ladlin, of Oliver street, last November. The burglars who perpetrated the theft are now in the Tennessee State penitentiary.