

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

WILL CELEBRATE.—At the meeting in the Recorder's office last Saturday evening, it was determined to celebrate the coming Fourth in a manner corresponding to the funds that could be raised, which amounts to about \$200.

1. Cannonee at sunrise; 2. Procession will form in front of Nasburg & Hirst's store at 10 a. m., and headed by the brass band will march to the ground near the academy building, where grounds have been prepared for the occasion.

3. Reading of the Declaration of Independence, by C. W. Tower. 4. Oration, (speaker has not yet been selected). 5. Basket picnic—tea, coffee, milk and sugar will be furnished free. 6. Base ball match for prize of \$750—game will be played on the sawdust; time, one hour.

7. Walking match, go as you please, first prize, \$5; second prize, \$2.50; entrance fee, 25 cents. 8. Two sack races, prizes \$1.50 each. 9. Foot race, first prize, \$5; second prize, \$2.50. 10. Greased pole extending over the water; first prize for walking it, \$5; second prize, \$2.50.

BLOODED STOCK.—Some weeks ago we made mention that Mr. S. R. Dement, of the Coquille, had gone to California to procure some good stock. He returned on the Telfair, bringing two of the finest animals we have ever seen—a Durham bull and a heifer, the former thirteen and the latter twelve months old.

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DEER HORNS.—A deer was killed by Nelson Thomas last week which possessed a pair of antlers that, in the way of an oddity, has never adorned the head of any other animal we have ever seen.

ARRIVED.—The steamer Guisac Telfair arrived from San Francisco last Tuesday, with the following passengers: Mrs. S. R. Harvey, Miss Florence Harvey, John W. Stephens, A. Anderson, A. Olson, A. Danielson, W. O. Danielson, and John L. Garrison.

A PIONEER GONE.—On the 4th inst. M. B. Gregory, a pioneer resident of Curry county, died at his home in that county. He was a man of exemplary habits, and was at one time County Judge of Curry county.

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. HOSLEY took place last Sunday, and was attended by a large number of people.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

ED BUNNELL to-day takes the wheel as captain of the steamer Bertha.

THERE WAS a social dance in Empire last Thursday evening.

THE Guisac Telfair sailed for San Francisco yesterday.

MR. STOLIN's majority in the two counties is 37, a close vote.

ADVERTISEMENTS for bids for the contract for keeping the county paupers will appear next week.

IT IS reported that the Arcata will leave San Francisco for Coos Bay to-day (Saturday).

ON the last trip of the Telfair was made the 129th trip of Capt. C. H. Butler into Coos Bay as master of a steam vessel, and he also was for years captain of sailing vessels running here.

THE run of salmon in Rogue river is holding out longer than usual, the present season. They are still catching them in great numbers.

HON. J. F. WATSON's majority in the district for Circuit Judge is between 500 and 600. J. W. Hamilton is elected District Attorney by a handsome majority.

JOHN RAGSDALE, who was assaulted and bruised by Thos. Wells some two weeks since, has recovered a judgment against Wells for \$250 damages in Justice court.

MISS SNAPP, a niece of H. P. Whitney, left on the Telfair for her home in the East, having been visiting relatives here for some time.

THE report that B. F. Chilson had gone to Portland, was untrue; he has just returned from Gardiner, where he had been on business, and can now be found at the old stand.

ANOTHER little daughter of Mr. Messer, of Coquille City, died last Monday of diphtheria; this is the fourth member of that family that has been taken away by that dreadful disease.

THE vote for Justice of the Peace in this precinct stood: Brown 142; Mc Namara, 48; Bull, 42. Mr. Brown fills the office in a satisfactory manner and in his election the voters have made a wise choice.

A candidate for a minor office in this precinct was out to the polls on election day without pantaloons; he probably thought he would "run" better thus disencumbered.

JUDGE WATSON and the attorneys who accompanied him to Curry county, returned yesterday, and have resumed the adjourned session of Circuit Court in this county, which will probably adjourn early next week.

THE tug Varona, that has been ashore on the South spit at the mouth of Rogue river for some time past, has become a wreck, and the machinery has been removed. She is said to have been insured for \$10,000.

AN enthusiastic ratification meeting was held at Roseburg over the nomination of Garfield for President and Arthur for Vice President. Hon. B. Herman, L. H. Wells and G. O. Holman made speeches, which were enthusiastically applauded.

JOSEPH ENOS, an old resident of Curry county, has been for some time past gradually losing his sight, and is now practically blind. He will soon go to San Francisco for medical treatment, and it is hoped he will be able to return with sight restored.

OUR contemporary charges that the Democrats of Multnomah county were hired to vote the Republican ticket. We don't believe it. It is true that Democrats are not quite so numerous as they were two years ago, but it is very uncharitable to say they were bought, when there are so many other good reasons for abandoning the sinking Democratic ship.

ANOTHER RELIC.—Capt. W. A. Cox has received a letter from the Siu-law bringing the news that a piece of a boat, supposed to be the missing boat of the wrecked schooner Schultze, has been found on the beach above the Siu-law river. Mr. Cox had, up to the receipt of this news, clung to the hope that his two sons had escaped in the boat and had been picked up by some whaler or other vessel bound on a long voyage; but this intelligence places their fate beyond doubt, and the almost broken hearted father and mother have now only the hope of seeing their lost ones on the other shore.

CIRCUIT JUDGES.—It appears that the Circuit Judges elect in the several districts are as follows: 1st Dist., J. K. Hanna; 2d Dist., J. F. Watson; 3d Dist., R. P. Boise; 4th Dist., Raleigh Stott; and 5th Dist., L. L. McArthur.

THE old racing cuts, representing a horse with both fore and hind legs extended almost in a straight line with the body will now disappear. Mynbridge, the photographer, has demonstrated by his photographs taken of horses at full speed and in all positions, that no horse ever gets himself into that shape. The hind and fore legs are never extended at the same time, and the animal is generally in a position entirely different from that in which he is supposed to be. The illusion is due to the fact that motion is quicker than sight, and that before and impression of any particular attitude of a racing horse can be conveyed and impressed upon the brain, the horse is in quite another position.

A Terrible Steam-boat Accident.

A terrible disaster occurred on Long Island Sound. The steamers Narraganset and Stonington collided. The Narraganset took fire and in ten minutes was burned to the waters edge. There were at least three hundred passengers on board and many were drowned, the number is not known, but probably fifty were lost and perhaps many more. Great fault is found with the officers of the steamer who made few attempts to preserve order or save the passengers. The scene of horror baffles description. One young man shot himself. Survivors were taken on board the steamers Providence and New York. The Narraganset went down and grounded in shallow water, and only for the fire there would have been little loss of life. The shock of the collision broke the gas tank which set all in flames. Some passengers were in the water for hours when taken up, and some lost a great deal of money in valuables. Many passengers were saved in their night clothes only, and scenes of persons lost in the burning vessel and struggling in the water, begging for help from over-filled boats, are heart rending. Some ladies died after being picked up. Parents lost their children and children their parents, and some babies had no one left to claim them. So far the testimony is very severe as to the conduct of the officers.

Lizzie Penke, a passenger, says that everybody were out of their senses. I asked a man (a passenger) to save me. He pushed me away and said he had enough to do to save himself. By that time the boat was sinking and the water was already up to my knees on the main deck. I knew I should be burned if I stayed where I was. The water was gaining on me all the time. I went to the rail. The captain and some other men, everybody who could help, were getting the last lifeboat down. The captain said to the men to hurry up. They seemed to much frightened to help. The captain lifted me up and put me in the boat before they lowered her. Another lady ran to get in. She slipped and broke her wrist, but she got in. Then they lowered the boat and as soon as she touched the water all the men, captain and all, jumped in. No other ladies got in. A lady and her baby, not more than eight months old, were left behind on deck. She begged of us to let her in, but the boat had floated away several feet from the steamer and we had no oars. She kept on beseeching us to save her. The last I saw of her she had her hands raised, crying for us to come. We had to go then, because the steamer was becoming wrapped in flames. There was only a little spot left where the fire had not reached, and she was standing there crying. The gentlemen took their hats and paddled to get away from the burning Narraganset. In about 15 minutes another lifeboat, not as full as ours was, came up and gave us a pair of oars. A lady, gentleman and three children were in the water near our boat. They begged to get in, but we told them no, the boat would capsize. They hung on to the stern of our boat. I don't know what became of them after that. We saw two children—a boy about six years old and a girl a little younger—in the water. They seemed to have no life preservers. I saw them sink a little distance off. We rowed up the City of New York and she took us in. We found on her a good many rescued persons. Some were injured. A lady, who had been clinging to a rope on the Narraganset, had lost all the flesh from the inside of her hand, which was open to the bone. Almost all were drenched and were shaking with chills. The passengers of the City of New York wrapped them in blankets and gave them whiskey. One gentleman said he had lost his wife and oldest son. He had only his youngest son with him. A lady said she had lost three children, and was weeping hard. Another lady said she had lost two children. Everybody could have been saved if the captain of the Stonington, who ran into us, had sent out boats, or if he had sailed up himself; but he didn't do anything.

THE work done by the Russian Red Cross society in Roumania during the Russo-Turkey war has lately been prepared and published. Although eleven ambulance trains were employed in the conveyance of sick and wounded, four being supplied by the military authorities and seven by the Red Cross society, the total number transported by the trains in 331 journeys amounted to 2,698 officers, 85,009 men and 1,359 sick or wounded Turkish prisoners.

THE cathedral of Cologne will be finished in the month of September next. It has been six hundred and thirty-two years in the hands of many generations of architects and builders. It was begun in 1248, under the Archbishop Conrad, of Hochstaden, but its completion was postponed indefinitely during the Reformation. A medal will be struck in honor of the event. On one side will be profiles of Frederick William IV., and of William I., with the years 1248, 1842 and 1880. The other side will show the facade of the cathedral.

How Stewart Raised \$50,000.

A letter to the Chicago Journal of Commerce says: It was during the momentous crisis (1837) that the wonderful business sagacity and tact of A. T. Stewart first conspicuously exhibited itself. Upon a careful examination of his affairs he found that it would require about \$50,000 to meet his maturing obligations and to place his affairs upon a secure and comfortable basis, and as no dependence could be placed upon the banks, who shared the general terror and distrust and would accommodate no one nor upon his bills receivable, which were then, of all things, the least reliable, he speedily matured a plan which he knew would serve his purpose, for relief, ease and safety, he determined to secure at any sacrifice. So one morning it was announced in one of the leading commercial papers that A. T. Stewart must have \$50,000 by a certain day, and to obtain it he would sell his magnificent goods (such goods, as it was well known could be bought nowhere else in America,) at one half their actual cost. The effect of such an announcement was immediate and electrical for such was Mr. Stewart's well-earned character for probity and just dealing that every one knew that he meant precisely what he said. Such a scrambling to buy the most costly fabrics at very low figures was perhaps never before witnessed in New York, nor perhaps in any other city. Carriages lined the sidewalk fronting Mr. Stewart's store from early morn "till dewy eve," and a long array of these splendid equipages would often extend for blocks beyond both north and south. There was money enough and to spare among the nabobs of New York, as Mr. Stewart perfectly well knew, and he knew also the talismanic secret to call it forth. This "grand rush" continued for several days, but long before the time designated another notice appeared in the morning prints announcing that Mr. Stewart, having obtained all the money he needed, would now return to his very reasonable prices and sell his goods, as formerly, at reasonable profit. This was Mr. Stewart's last "financial squeeze."

The Chinese Influx.

Bees. This morning about 5 o'clock the bark Coloma, Captain Noyes, arrived at Flanders' dock, from Hong Kong, having on board 250 Chinamen, most of them intended to work on the railroads. As soon as the vessel was made fast to the dock the Babel commenced, and was kept up without the intermission of a second until the last coolie had left the wharf. The Custom House officers took charge of the bark as soon as possible, and commenced, the Johns all the while jabbering and clawing like a lot of monkeys. Fifteen of the Chinamen were taken to the Astoria boat and shipped to one of the canneries, where they will probably have some Oregon sense thumped into them before they grow much older. The rest, 216, were driven out on the wharf, where they stood all talking at once, waiting for their worldly goods to be packed on a truck; and as soon as one was loaded the entire mob made a grand rush for the truck, all intent on riding upon it. Then the fun commenced between the driver and 20 or 30 celestials, and ended in the truckman driving off with a load of Chinamen and an other lead running alongside, for fear something would get away. About fifty young wharf rats added their mite to the general confusion by jostling and chaffing the coolies, pulling their pig tails at every opportunity and pocketing everything they could lay their hands on. The Coloma brought 700 tons of merchandise, mostly rice.

An Attempted Suicide.

In the county jail of Port Townsend there is a lady who is charged with causing the murder of Padden in Whatcom county. This startling murder occurred some time ago, but the incidents connected with the affair are still fresh in the minds of the people. Mrs. Clarke, the accused person, has been lately exhibiting signs of uneasiness and frequently gave way to fits of despondency. The strict watch kept on her actions annoyed her so much that on Saturday she made preparations to fly to the "mysterious halls of death." She became the possessor of a razor, and raising the blade, drew the keen edge across her throat, severing the skin and cutting several blood vessels. The blood poured out in torrents, and it was thought the woman had cut the jugular vein. Luckily the physician was near and administered prompt and effectual remedies. Fortunately the injuries are not as great as first apprehended, and the woman may survive. The authorities will hereafter exercise a close scrutiny and keep a strict watch on the actions of the lady, so as to prevent any more abortive attempts at suicide.

WE are informed that a colony of some two hundred families are on their way from Kansas and intend to locate eight miles below Big Spring, Whitman county, W. T. A gentleman named Mitchell is President of the society.

ELECTION RETURNS.

COOS COUNTY, OR.—OFFICIAL.

Table with columns for candidates and their respective vote counts across various precincts like Empire City, South Fork, etc.

One Hundred Kisses.

New York Times. There is a very important lawsuit in progress in Newburn, N. C., which will be watched with interest by the legal profession in all parts of the country. It is the first suit of the kind on record, but in the event of the plaintiff's success, it will by no means be the last. Some time ago, Mr. Finch, of Newburn, who is in the jewelry business, exhibited to Miss Waters, a young lady with whom he was on friendly terms, a beautiful set of real jet. The lady was very anxious to own the set, but was not able to buy it. In these circumstances Mr. Finch proposed a novel kind of bargain. He said that he would sell Miss Waters the set for one hundred kisses, to be paid at the rate of one kiss daily on each and every day next ensuing from the day of the date of the agreement, excepting nevertheless, each and every Sunday thereafter. It was furthermore provided that Mr. Finch was to call at the lady's house every morning, except Sunday, to receive his daily kiss, which Miss Waters undertook and promised to fully deliver to him. This contract was not reduced to writing, but it was fully understood and agreed to by both parties, and the set of jet was tendered to Miss Waters and accepted by her. The next morning Mr. Finch called on Miss Waters for his first kiss, which, as the young lady now maintains, was fully paid. On each subsequent morning, for thirty consecutive days—Sundays excepted—the same proceedings were had. On the thirty-first day, however, Mr. Finch made a formal complaint that Miss Waters was not fulfilling her contract, inasmuch as she insisted upon permitting him to kiss her cheek only. He maintained that this did not constitute a legal kiss, and he demanded that she should be allowed to put his left arm around Miss Waters' waist and kiss her in the highest style of the art. To this request a firm refusal was returned. The lady expressed her willingness to carry out her agreement so far as her cheek was concerned, and even offered to give Mr. Finch his choice of cheeks, but she insisted that the contract would not bear the construction put upon it by Mr. Finch, and that she would never submit to such a construction. Thereupon Mr. Finch, in great indignation, left the house, and brought an action for breach of contract against the lady. This action raises several new and interesting questions, among the most important of which is, What constitutes, in the eye of the law, a kiss? The testimony of several experts is to be introduced by the plaintiff; but, although these experts will probably start out with the assertion that a kiss is that which is impressed by one pair of lips upon another pair, they will subsequently be compelled to admit, on cross-examination, that one pair of lips alone may imprint a kiss upon any accessible object. This seems, at first sight, fatal to the plaintiff's claim that the defendant did not furnish him with lawful current kisses, but it must be noticed that he gets up the further plea that there is a difference between active and passive kisses; that Miss Waters promised to give him a certain quantity of kisses—not to permit him to take them—and that giving kisses is an act which requires the use of the lips. This is certainly a strong point, and though the court may decide that there is no one variety of kiss which can be held to be the only kiss known to the common law, it may give an authoritative definition of an active kiss, which will be of immense service to mankind. It is maintained by counsel for the defendant that there was no contract between the parties, for the reason that kisses cannot constitute a valid consideration. The decision on this point will be eagerly waited for. That a kiss is something which can be given willingly or taken by force, and that it is commonly reputed to possess more or less intrinsic value, are points which the plaintiff's counsel will eloquently maintain. Hence it seems that a kiss may be a valuable and sufficient consideration upon which to base a contract. On the other hand it is asserted that the courts have never recognized a kiss as property capable of being stolen, and that when a kiss has been seized by violence the only remedy of the injured person is an action for assault. It is evident that we have here a question which admits of a vast amount of argument, and that its judicial decision will mark an era in our common law jurisprudence. There is still another defense upon which the defendant's counsel is understood to place great reliance. It is claimed that even if there was a valid contract between the parties, and if the defendant did break it, the plaintiff's proper remedy is not an

action for a breach of contract, but a bill in equity for specific performance. Probably the plaintiff would have been wise had he resorted to the latter course. In case of his success, he would then have received specified quantities of definite kisses of one kind or another, and would thus have gained a substantial victory. As it is, his triumph in his action for breach of contract would doubtless bring him only a nominal sum by way of damages, and would render it necessary for him to institute fresh proceedings in order to gain possession of the jewelry. Still, it by no means follows that because he may have a remedy in equity he has no remedy at law, and it is reasonably certain that if there was a contract between himself and the defendant an action for breach of it will lie. There are many ignorant persons who fancy that the law is a dry, prosaic business. This action, however, proves the contrary. The questions at issue in Finch against Waters come home to every mouth in the country. There is at present a most lamentable vagueness of belief as to what constitutes a kiss, and as to its precise legal status. We shall now have these questions decided, and the social interests of the community cannot fail to be vastly benefited thereby.

An Unknown Fate.

Fears are entertained, says the Bee, by the friends of Thomas Bell that he has been drowned. He left last Tuesday with Charles Williams, and neither of them have been seen or heard of since. We must deplore the fate which has lately taken away so many of our good citizens. A thorough search has been made, and parties who have been hunting for the lost, report no favorable news, as the case stands at present it is very ominous and probably the waves have sung their requiem ere this over the bodies of the unfortunate men. Yesterday Frank Johnson brought up their boat, which belonged to Mr. Brakke, in a wrecked condition. It had been picked up by Mr. Smith off Fort Stevens with nothing whatever in it, and there is but a shadow of a doubt that the unfortunate men are lost. Bell was a steady, sober man, much respected, and one of the best fishermen on the river. Rumors of other fishing disasters are afloat, which we hope will not prove true. Thomas Sands and his brother, fishing for the Fishermen's Packing Company, went out on Tuesday, same time as Bell and Williams, and had not reported up to date.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BANDON June 15, 1880. Whiteaker (Dem) received 94 per cent. of all the votes cast in the Bandon precinct; Stauff, (Rep.) 83 per cent; Siglin, Lane and Von der Green about 72 per cent. Several votes were given for men who were not on either ticket, as Andrew Lockhart for Assessor, and Harry Baldwin, of Bear creek, for School Superintendent. Well they said Harry would like to be inspecting the school ma'ms. Capt. Robinson, of the Dandy, has been killing lots of sea lions on the rocks off the Bandon beach. We hope he will do well. John Lewis, of Baridon, is preparing for the fishing season. His salmon are to be prepared specially for the London market, by a process the modus operandi of which is at present reserved. The Free Trade, Capt. Jephersen, lately made the fastest trip on record from Bandon to San Francisco, having completed the entire voyage in fifty-nine hours from wharf to wharf. Lots of people down here on the Bandon beach with their younger children. It only requires a day or two to make a marked improvement in their appearance. The Champion has been some days laying at the Bandon wharf waiting a chance to get out. We hope soon to have an end of this kind of business.

WHEAT crops at and above Walls Walla are looking splendid. THE National Democratic committee meets June 21st, at Cincinnati. THE First National Bank at Newark, N. J., has failed; rumors of crookedness. THE electoral vote of Oregon will, in all human probability, be cast for Garfield and Arthur. THOMAS and wife, the murderous pair, have been removed from Walls Walla to Colfax for trial. BAKER CITY has two less thieves, having tried that many and shipped them to Salem for safe keeping. THE Transcript says Michael Malone, of Foster's logging camp, fell off the car and had his leg broken. A SEA otter skin was captured at Shoalwater bay worth \$100, being one of the largest ever seen. At Bradford, Pa., lightning struck a 20,000 barrel tank of oil, which took fire and communicated to another tank of the same size, which burst, ran down the hill and consumed everything in its path. The Octave refining and the Acme Oil Works, one of the largest works in the world, were destroyed. The burning oil ran down to Oil Creek. At last accounts the fire was still spreading and the total loss reached \$200,000.