

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

EXCURSION TO THE CAPE.—Through the kindness of Mr. Merchant and Captain Magee, the tug *Escort* was last Monday placed at the service of a party of excursionists to visit Cape Gregory and the lighthouse for recreation. The boat left the Marshfield wharf about 9 o'clock a. m. touched at Empire City, where a few persons were taken on board, and thence proceeded at once to the bar. The ocean was unusually calm, and the greater number of the party were soon landed at the life-saving station, while a few remained on board the tug and engaged in the delightful sport of fishing for rock cod. Messrs. Crosby, of the lighthouse, and Mr. Nelson, of the life station, took pains to exhibit to the excursionists the many objects of interest in and about the cape, and to make their stay pleasantly successful. About 3 p. m. the tug blew her whistle and called all on board, and the entire party were soon again on terra firma and at home. The fishermen of the party were moderately successful, bringing home a considerable number of fine fish; and all returned in excellent spirits, grateful to the master and crew of the *Escort* for the kindness and courtesy with which they had been treated.

GONE NORTH.—Lieut. Payson has been called away by orders from his superiors, and took his departure last Monday for Portland. Where his services will be required is not announced, but what ever work is placed under his orders will be sure of an honest and efficient superintendence. It is hoped that after the necessary appropriation is secured to complete our harbor improvement, we may have him back again to see the work finished.

MACHINERY ARRIVED.—The schooner *Free Trade* arrived in the Coquille last Saturday, with the machinery for Bunches new mill that is in process of erection at Coquille City. The mill is to be a grist and saw mill combined, and the owners expect to commence cutting timber within a month. The grist mill will probably be in operation soon after the commencement of harvest.

A SAD CASE.—The family of S. Steward who lives near Randolph, on the Coquille, a few weeks since consisted of four pretty children. About a month ago two of the number were buried, victims of the diphtheria, and at last accounts the remaining two were so low that their recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

THE SUGARBOAT.—The light house tender *Sugarboat* came into the Bay Tuesday, bringing Mr. Morse, special agent of the Treasury Department on a tour of inspection of Custom houses on this coast. The steamer took a supply of coal at Southport and left Wednesday.

KEEPING THE PAUPERS.—The contract for keeping the paupers for the next nine months was awarded to Mr. A. L. Nosler, of Coquille City, at \$4 40. The bid of K. K. Caldwell was \$4 20 but was in some particular informal and was not considered. Mr. Miller had a bid for \$4 99.

AT SUMMER.—The party given at Sumner on the evening of the 5th is mentioned as having been a very pleasant one; a considerable number of the young people from Coos river were there, besides a general attendance by residents of Sumner and vicinity and all enjoyed the occasion fully.

TO BE CHANGED.—We have been informed by the keeper of the Arago Light, Mr. Crosby, that the light houses are being supplied with new lamps, and that coal oil is to be substituted for kerosene, which has heretofore been used for Government lights.

CENSUS ENUMERATION.—The work of the census enumerators for Coos county is completed except as to calculating the totals of this district. The population of the County is about 5,000; it may be a few more or less, but that is about the number.

DEATH.—Mrs. Perry, wife of George Perry, formerly a resident of this county, died in Ten Mile, Douglas county, on the 30th ultimo, aged 51 years. Deceased was a lady highly esteemed by all her acquaintances.

COMPLETE.—John Kruse, who went to Astoria to repair the schooner *Enterprise*, has completed that work, and returned this week by the *Fearless*.

MOVED.—The telegraph office has been removed to Dean & Co's store, and Charles Stokes is reinstated as operator.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the postoffice at Empire City, Coos county, Or., July 1, 1880: T. Beer (3), John Bergeson, R. Christensen, Joseph E. Elrey, T. Harper, Anna Jackson (Indian) (2), Chas. Landgen, Theodore Markstrom, J. McGuillicuddy, Frank Provost, R. J. Williams.

A slight rain fell yesterday morning.

The National Holiday—An Enthusiastic Celebration.

The observance of the anniversary of American Independence at this place was very general and the exercises of the occasion were carried out with complete success. Every body was pleased, and the best of feeling was preserved in all the contests of the day. The weather was as fine as could have been desired, and by 10 o'clock a. m. the town was full of people from various parts of the county. Procession was formed on Front street, under the direction of T. G. Owen, Esq., as marshal, and, headed by the band, marched to the grounds near the Academy. Hon. A. G. Brown, President of the day, introduced Dr. C. W. Tower, who read the immortal Declaration of Independence, in a pleasing and impressive manner, after which Hon. S. H. Hazard delivered the oration. This performance was characterized by ability and good taste, nothing being introduced which would wound the feelings of persons of any political or religious creed.

The dinner, although announced to be a "barbecue," was supported by a "barbecue," and the tables were supplied with plenty, and there was no occasion for any one to leave the ground hungry.

The championship in base ball was contested in a friendly but close game between the Coal Bank boys and the club belonging here. The contest resulted in a victory for the coal miners, who carried off the prize.

Then followed a walking match for 1/2 hour, contested by Frank Nelson, C. L. Landrith, Alvin Smith, M. Cutlip, Grundy Short, Frank Wilson, Ren Smith. All did well, but Nelson took first prize and Landrith the second.

The foot-race of 100 yards by Frank Tully, James Higgins, Tom Bell, M. F. Murphy, Hiram Hall, was won by Tully.

The boys' foot race in which were several contestants was won by Will Hill, Grundy Short second.

Two sack races the first was won by Bell, of the Coal Bank, and the second by Hillis Short of this place. The performance of walking a greased pole extended over the water, was witnessed with much interest and amusement by a large concourse of people. There were many contestants, but none were able to seize the flag on the end of the pole till after the grease had been removed. With commendable perseverance, the boys, one after another would start on the uncertain track, reaching the half way point or over, and fall, only to swim ashore and repeat the experiment. Soon after the grease was rubbed off, however, Will Hill reached the flag, securing the first prize, followed by Andrew Catching who took the second.

The dance which took place in the evening was well patronized and highly enjoyed, and, taken as a whole, the exercises of the day will be remembered with pleasure by all who were in attendance.

Justices of the Peace.

The Justices of the Peace and Constables for the several precincts, elected for the ensuing two years, are as follows:

Empire City—M. Tower, justice; John Noble, constable.
Marshfield—A. G. Brown, justice; W. H. Noble, constable.
South Slough—Richard Docking, justice; W. Stubbs, constable.
Coos river—S. C. Rogers, justice; J. C. Robertson, constable.
Sumner—S. B. Sherwood, justice; J. B. Dully, constable.
Beaver slough—O. F. Moore, justice; D. S. Grog, constable.
Randolph—J. L. Offield, justice; R. A. Burns, constable.
Coquille City—J. C. Canterbury, justice; Wm. Coupley, constable.
Hall's Prairie—A. H. Schroeder, justice; A. T. Lillie, constable.
Coquille—E. Bender, justice; Jas. Brown, constable.
Johnson's—Wm. Warner, justice; R. Y. Phillips, constable.
Enchanted—A. H. Fish, justice; Jesse Billien, constable.
Missouri—S. J. McCloskey, justice; J. M. Overholtzer, constable.
Barton Prairie—S. B. Hollenbeck, justice; G. W. Norris, constable.
Brewster Valley—F. G. Scofield, justice; L. Heller, constable.
Bandon—Geo. Bennett, justice; no constable.
Coos City—Wm. Hunter, justice; no constable.
North Coos river—W. Carlton, justice; no constable.

In the precincts of Lake and Ten Mile no justices were elected.

Myrtle Pointers.

Weather delightful.
Crops are looking thrifty.
Farmers are busy making hay.
The diphtheria on the river appears to be calming down, as there are but few or no cases.
We have a Brass Band organized here, which is progressing well under several efficient instructors.
The Fourth passed by quietly at this place, there being no celebration. But not forgetting that famous day entirely, we gave a dance the night of the fifth, which was highly enjoyed by all who attended.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

DR. STEELE is on the Bay.

The schooner *Mose* is due at the Coquille river.

Hon. J. B. DULLY has been appointed postmaster at Sumner.

MR. CLEAVES is now prepared to do excellent work in the line of picture taking.

The County Court is still in session; the proceedings will appear next week.

The *Laura May* arrived Tuesday and the *Clara Light* Wednesday of this week.

The new crop of potatoes is coming into market, considerably later than usual.

A PLEASANT dance was enjoyed by the Newport people on the evening of the 5th.

COL. LANE has duly qualified as Sheriff, and has removed his family to Empire City.

D. McCOLGAN has been filling the post of engineer on the *Fearless* a few days past, Mr. Grotgert being unwell.

The people of Southport "celebrated" in good style, as appears from a report of the exercises in another column.

The funeral services of Mrs. Bridges took place at the school house on Coos river last Friday, Rev. C. P. Bailey officiating.

CAPT. ROBT. SIMPSON arrived on the Bay a few days since, by the way of Portland; he is looking after the interests of his firm here.

The County Court appointed J. Lamb, Assessor elect, to fill the vacancy in the office of Assessor, caused by the resignation of Mr. Lane.

The schooner *Gotama* is ready for sea; she carries a large quantity of match wood from the North Bend wharf, but her general cargo is lumber.

S. S. BAILEY and wife went to Portland Tuesday, making the passage to Astoria on the tug *Fearless*. They will probably go from Portland to California.

The Coal Bank nine, who were successful in the base ball game last Monday, were dressed in a light and appropriate uniform, suited to the day and occasion. It enabled them to dispense with all unnecessary clothing, and yet left them tastefully and attractively dressed.

Celebration at Southport.

SOUTHPORT, OR., July 9, 1880.

ED. MAIL.—The citizens of Southport were not behind the times in celebrating our country's Independence, as will be seen by the following programme, which was carried out to the satisfaction of all present. Reading Declaration, B. B. Jones. Oration, D. L. Watson. Marshal of Day, Jas. King. Songs, by Glee Club, which were excellent. Great credit should be given to Prof. Mathews for the manner he has instructed his pupils in vocal music.

The boat-race was close, between Mr. Mateman and John Leddy, but the former succeeded, after much excitement, in reaching the stake ahead and carrying off the prize.

Sack-race was won by Mr. R. John. Foot-race by Mr. W. Lewis. The hurdle-race was hotly contested and won by Mr. T. Phillips. It caused a great deal of merriment, as some of the gentlemen were strangers to the distance and height of the hurdles.

The sport of the day was closed by a social dance in the evening. The music being furnished by Prof. Uder. Great credit is given to the ladies for the lunch, which was unsurpassed. Every body returned home, fully satisfied that the people of Southport had succeeded in passing the day happily, and in appropriately observing our National Anniversary.

Respectfully,
VORTEX.

PARALYZED.—Charles Wheeler, a well-known logger, was brought down Coos river yesterday so paralyzed as to be unable to move. As he is destitute of means and without relations in the county, it is probable that he will be taken to the county hospital. He has been badly demoralized by drink for some years past.

CABIN BURNED.—The cabin of Jas. Boyles, eccentric wood-chopper, was burned down Friday last week, during the temporary absence of the occupant, with all its contents. A contribution was made by the citizens here to replace articles necessary to his comfort, that had been consumed.

Railroad Iron Gone Down.

The Portland *Iron* says: The British bark *Orient*, namesake of the American bark discharging cargo at Greenwich dock, was abandoned at sea after having been 170 days out. She was loaded with railroad iron for this port, and was seen in her deserted condition by a passing ship, the captain of which reported her abandonment. The *Orient* must have taken fire and been deserted for that reason, since had she sprung a leak, it is scarcely possible she could have remained on the ocean's bosom. The *Orient's* cargo was intended for the O. R. R. Co., Limited.

The Retiring Officials.

This week has witnessed the inauguration of an entire new set of county officers, except Judge and County Clerk, and we take the opportunity to say a word of the officers who have served their terms and now retire to the more pleasant duties of private life.

Sheriff Aiken has held that office for four years past, and though he was without experience in the business of the Sheriff's office when he entered upon its duties, his management of the office has been good, and he goes out of office with credit. In the selection of a deputy for the office business, he was fortunate in securing the services of H. W. McIntosh, whose work has been performed with fairness to parties and distinguished for accuracy in its detail.

John Kenyon, Commissioner, goes out of office after two consecutive terms covering four years, and we believe his official conduct has given satisfaction to the intelligent taxpayers whose interests it has been his duty to guard. R. C. Dement, who has been associated with him for the past two years, has made an intelligent and faithful officer. The duties of a County Commissioner are always difficult to discharge without causing dissatisfaction and complaint, but all must admit that Mr. Dement and Mr. Kenyon have well and honestly performed their work.

D. Morse, Jr., Treasurer, during the term just closed has sustained the reputation he had before established, as a careful and correct business man, and a scrupulously honest officer.

Mr. Moore, School Superintendent; Lane, Assessor; Hall, Surveyor, and Mackey, Coroner, each and all of them, have made faithful and efficient officers, and deserve credit for the manner in which their duties have been discharged. The people of the county may be congratulated that among the officers now retiring there has been no instance of malfeasance or culpable neglect of duty. It is a further cause for congratulation that the gentlemen who are their successors are capable and upright men, under whose control the public interests of the people of the county are safe.

Important Life-saving Invention.

Many appliances have been invented during the past few years with a view of preventing loss of life and property in runaway accidents. One clever individual devised a scheme for connecting the harness with an electric battery in the carriage. When the beast determined to run away the driver could bring him to terms by touching a little knob and sending a flash of electricity along his spine. Another genius took out a patent on a scheme for blindfolding the horse by pulling a cord which drew a sort of leather curtain over his eyes, when, being thus bewildered, he could easily be steered out of his course and precipitated against a fence or some other convenient obstacle. But these, and a score of similar inventions, are completely cast in the shade by the simple apparatus exhibited by James Fisk, Sr., of New York, in a handsome new circus tent on the Third street grounds. Mr. Fisk appeared first in a light buggy drawn by a splendid \$1200 white horse, in a harness mounted with gold. Driving the rig swiftly along the road Mr. Fisk at a given point reached down to the dashboard and touched a lever which applied a friction brake to the hind axle and at the same time set the horse entirely free from the carriage. The reins dropped from the bits, the traces fell from the whiffle trees, the side straps slipped out of their thill fastenings, and the intelligent animal bounded into the adjoining tent while Mr. Fisk stopped quickly and easily in front of the spectators. The same principal was shown applied to a heavy wagon and to an elegant cab, which had two levers, one of them being in the body of the vehicle so that the passengers could easily loose the horses without getting out in case any accident happened to the driver.

Mr. Fisk's invention can be attached to any carriage, wagon or other vehicle. It is very simple in its construction, and never fails to work in a satisfactory manner. The additional expense in buying a harness is only \$25, and a lady or child can free a carriage from a vicious or runaway horse in a second's time with perfect ease by a single turn of a lever, which leaves the carriage at a standstill and the reins in the driver's hands. Mr. Geo. W. Balch, and other well-known citizens who attended the exhibition, expressed a lively interest in the invention, which has been perfected by Mr. Fisk after several years' labor and at a cost of several thousand dollars. In view of the large number of runaway accidents which happen annually, a contrivance of this kind should be regarded as a public benefaction.

The Corean Expedition.

A dispatch from Nagasaki, Japan, dated May 4th, says the United States frigate *Ticonderoga*, Commodore Shufeldt commanding, has just arrived from Corea. There is, of course, great curiosity and interest manifested to learn what has been accomplished by this expedition to the Kingdom of Corea, of which so little is known, and the rulers of which have for so many centuries resisted every friendly approach to their coasts. This is the only country on the globe which is now closed to the rest of the world. Scanty information concerning its form of Government, resources, and the manner of life of its people has been disseminated by the Jesuit missionaries who have ventured into the Kingdom. Latterly, Mr. Earnest Oppert, in his entertaining book, "The Forbidden Land," has given the world the first connected and trustworthy account of the country and of his three voyages to its inhospitable coast. A former attempt was made in 1888 by the American Government to open communication with the Corean authorities, the frigate *Shenandoah* being sent to the west coast with instructions to demand satisfaction for the massacre of the crew of the schooner *General Sherman*. This vessel had been wrecked on the Corean coast, and the enraged inhabitants fell upon the crew, murdered the schooner, in order that no trace of the hated foreigners should remain on their territory. An insolent message was sent to the commander of the frigate, and, as unmistakable signs of deadly resistance were shown, and as the navigation of unknown rivers was impossible, the expedition was obliged to return.

Recent events have combined to make Commodore Shufeldt's errand less bootless than that undertaken by the *Shenandoah*. It appears from reports which have slowly sifted into China from the faithful missionaries of the Romish Church now in Corea that a marked but silent revolution has been going on in the country, penetrating even the palace of the King. The spread of Christianity has been so extensive that many of the ladies of the royal household have embraced this faith, and the immediate effect of this has been to bring to an end the terrible persecutions which have been heretofore directed against the followers of the new religion. Political causes have combined to make the Coreans uneasy, and to induce them to be more lenient toward strangers whose faith has long been despised and forbidden. The Government dreads the aggression of Russia on the north, and another possible invasion from Japan on the southern seaboard.

It has been made known that Li-Hung-Chang, the Viceroy of the Province of Chili, and the most powerful statesman in China, has counseled the Coreans that they should open their country to foreigners, and thus neutralize the efforts of the Russians on the one hand and the Japanese on the other. These facts became known to the managers of the French mission here, the Mission des Etrangers, and were communicated to the Hon. W. P. Mangum, United States Consul at Nagasaki, an efficient and public-spirited officer, who has been of service before now to the managers of the mission. At his suggestion, it is to be supposed, the expedition to Corea was undertaken. Immediately on his return from his reconnaissance from the Corean Kingdom, Commodore Shufeldt telegraphed to Washington for instructions, asking that Consul Mangum should be detailed to accompany him on his return to Corea for more decided operations. The reply was favorable, and the *Ticonderoga* is again detailed for special duty in Corean waters, Consul Mangum being sent to represent the diplomatic service of the United States.

Should the mission be successful, as there is abundant reason to believe that it will be, Commodore Shufeldt will have gained the same honor and credit which Commodore Perry won in his opening of Japan, and to the United States will inure the renown of having, by peaceful and honorable means, induced another Asiatic nation to relinquish its ancient policy of exclusion, and to welcome the commerce of the world. Commodore Shufeldt is well known as the naval surveyor of the Tehuantepec route, and as one of the ablest officers of the American Navy. He has the best wishes of all American residents in this part of the world. It will be a noble thing to throw open the gates of a Kingdom like Corea, with its population of 16,000,000 or 18,000,000, and teeming with the richest products known to this portion of the globe. The riches of Corea are varied, the agricultural products of the country being very bountiful and valuable. The famous ginseng root of Corea is sold in China for its weight in gold. But the mines of Corea would probably chiefly interest our countrymen, ever alive to the promise of riches buried in the bowels of the earth. Gold is found everywhere over the country, both in quartz veins and in the beds of streams. Mr. Oppert, in his book, to

which reference has just been made, uses this forcible language: "I may state here as my decided conviction that no other country on the whole Asiatic Continent approaches Corea in mineral wealth."

Endorsed by Good Authority.

It is gratifying to notice that among the greatest scholars and purest statesman we find Garfield's most cordial supporters, notwithstanding the falsehoods that are so persistently circulated against him by the Democratic press. An Eastern exchange says the nomination of Garfield has brought to the unqualified support of the Republican ticket such men of ability and learning as ex-President Woolsey, of Yale college, President Chadbourne, of Williams college, President Seelye, of Amherst college, President Robinson, of Brown university, Rev. Howard Crosby, of New York university, and others of like standing in the world of literature and science. Even Dr. Bevan, an imported English pastor in charge of a Fifth avenue church, said in a sermon after General Garfield's nomination: "No man could have been named of whose high character his party and the public are more assured." President Robinson, of Brown university, in his Baccalaureate sermon, in speaking of the nomination, said: "The worth of an unimpeached and unimpeachable character, the priceless value of untarnished honor and unwavering fidelity to principle and duty, have been recognized in the selection of a candidate for the highest honors in the gift of 50,000,000 of people."

The Great Columbia.

A distinguished traveler, Nordhoff, has published a description of the Columbia river and the resources of the vast country which it drains. He says:

To estimate the capacity of the Columbia and its tributaries for the creation of commerce and the maintenance of human life, the vast extent of their water sheds must be understood. The Columbia rises in the Rocky Mountains in latitude 50 degrees, 20 minutes, and after forming a series of lakes, takes in the waters of the Spokane and Kootnai; thence flowing west and south, it receives the Okanogan, the Snake, Walla-Walla, Wenatche, Chelan, Methon, Yakima, Palouse, Clearwater, Umatilla, John Day, Des Chutes and the magnificent Willamette. It drains a region embracing fourteen degrees of latitude, and capable of subsisting twenty millions of people. Along the banks of these abounding rivers, and in the hundreds of fertile valleys that intervene, will be found the seat of Western agricultural empire.

Killing in Portland.

On the afternoon of the 6th instant, Thomas Watts was shot dead in the streets of East Portland by a man named H. J. Lynch. Watts had established and persisted in keeping up an intimacy with Lynch's wife, which made the parties deadly enemies, and had resulted in one or two fights. On the 6th Lynch was riding down the street in an express wagon, when Watts caught hold of the wagon box and persisted in trying to get into the wagon. Lynch tried to drive him away but was unable to do so and finally shot him three times and he died in a few moments. As Watts had made threats against Lynch, and had on his person a large new bowie knife, the general feeling is that he got what he deserved, "only that and nothing more."

A COUPLE of editors explain things very well in the following: "Some people are to be found nearly every day who are continually finding fault with their home papers, and blowing about what they would do if they were editors. We have an idea that if they were compelled to fill one column they would never survive the shock." Yes, then there is another class who sit up nights, for five weeks at a stretch, Sunday included, composing a communication for the press on a slate, and then having spent another week copying it into engraving, they walk into the editor's office and remark, with a very badly assumed carelessness that wouldn't deceive a wooden cigar sign Indian, "There's something I've just scratched off that I thought you might use." And when the paper comes out they are surprised to see that the article they worked over, night and day for weeks, only makes about three or four inches in the column. Oh, it is an easy thing to edit a newspaper.

The British war vessels, the *Minotaur* and the *Agincourt*, while at Gibraltar, recently tried the effect of the electric light as a means of examining by night the nature of land batteries and general coast defences. The result was a success. Every nook and corner of the rock could be explored as the light was slowly directed over its surface. But it was very obvious that, during the examination, the vessels themselves became an excellent mark for the guns of the enemy.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

NEW YORK, July 1.—Seventy-nine fatal cases of sunstroke have occurred in the past 24 hours ending at noon today.

DENVER, June 29.—This afternoon a shooting affray occurred at Buena Vista, resulting in the death of a gambler known as "Hoo Doo" Brown and probably fatally wounding "Curly Frank," another gambler. The shooting was caused by a dispute over a game of cards.

HARRISBURG, June 29.—Two freight trains came in collision early this morning at Petersburg, on the Pennsylvania railroad. Another freight train, with John B. Crawford, engineer and M. A. Shriver, fireman, ran into the wreck and both men were instantly killed.

TEXAS, July 3.—At Cedar Mills C. K. Frank Northcote, who shot constable Crabtree, was arrested and placed under guard at Crabtree's house. During the night he was taken from the guard by a mob of masked men, who crossed Red River to Indian Territory, where they riddled him with bullets. Northcote's relations have a clue to the perpetrators and will prosecute them.

SKELTON, the man who killed Brown near Canyonville in Douglas county, has been pardoned by Gov. Thayer.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 2.—A great fire is raging in Beazan. Sixty houses are already destroyed and the flames are spreading rapidly.

DUBLIN, July 2.—The famine fever is increasing.

GOLD HILL, July 2.—Two miners, Duncan A. Bethune and John Abbott, were instantly killed in the Union shaft this morning by the falling of a wall plate, which slipped from the 900 level and struck the men at the 2500 foot level.

BRADFORD, Pa., July 1.—The 25,000 barrel tank of burning oil ran over this afternoon at Olean, and a number of men digging trenches were probably fatally burned, being unable to escape. The fire is now controlled. Estimated loss \$35,000.

Let them Wait.

The Republicans have restored the national currency to par with gold, against the opposition of the Democracy; they are regularly reducing the national debt, which was created to put down a rebellion that was encouraged by the Democracy; and the strictest economy in all departments is still further improving the financial condition of the Nation.

The Secretary of the Treasury has returned to the treasury \$1,000,000 of unexpended balance of the appropriation for collecting revenue from customs for the last year, being the amount saved by the department of sums authorized to be expended by law.

These are reasons why the Democracy, who are clamoring for the spoils of office, should be permitted to wait a little longer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The population of Albany is 7,871 including 68 Chinese and 19 Indians.

Mrs. Dr. B. A. Owens, of Roseburg, has lately graduated at the medical college at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JAMES TIPTON's house on the North Unquapa, was burned a few days since; loss, \$500.

The new steamship *Columbia* is expected to arrive in Portland about the 16th instant.

The board of Directors of the Central Pacific R. R. Co. have declared a semi-annual dividend—three per cent, payable on August 15th.

The *Astorian* is reliably informed that Salem will give \$50,000 cash subsidy to the Astoria and Winnemucca Railroad Company if the road passes by that city.

J. B. FETHIAN and J. Rock, editors of the *Democrat* and *Enterprise* of Oregon City, had a personal encounter without weapons a few days since. The performance was interrupted by the city marshal, and the affair is likely to be taken into court.

OVER five hundred tons of silver dollars are now reported on hand in the Government vault at Washington, and Secretary Sherman has been notified by the assistant Treasurer of the United States that unless the increase is soon stopped he will really be in distress to know what to do with them.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. N. C. Bridges, daughter of Cyrus Landrith, Esq., of Coos river and wife of F. M. Bridges, died at her home on Coos river, July 7th 1880.

Deceased was born in Linn county, Missouri, June 10th 1849, and came here with her father's family to Coos county in 1880, where she resided up to the time of her death. The Silent Messenger came to her relief after a lingering illness, and though her death brings inconceivable grief upon her bereaved husband, three young children, and numerous friends, there is comfort in the reflection that for such as her the mysteries of the future state can have no terror. In each of the several relations of daughter, wife, mother and neighbor, she has nobly fulfilled her duty, and her example will remain as a guide to those who survive her.