

GENERAL NEWS

Thomas A. Edison's Perfection of the Electric Light.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN IN BOSTON.

Eastern Oregon Sheep-raisers Selling Their Flocks.

Land boomers in Oregon are causing "razzle-dazzle."

Statistics show that Ohio has 31,600 more boys than girls.

Wolves and other kinds of game are plenty in northwestern Florida.

A Mexican giant 7 feet 6 inches in height is employed as a special officer at Saratoga, N. Y.

The baby king of Spain is the thirteenth of his name, which fact makes his mother feel nervous about him.

John W. Dwight of Pennsylvania owns in North Dakota a farm nearly as large as that of Roubidoux.

James Whittenbury Riley, the bachelor poet, is in receipt constantly of letters from women who want to marry him.

Secretary Rusk and Representative Keel are great friends. They are called "Tom and Jerry" in Washington.

John Horn, of Orville, Ohio, is six feet four inches high, weighs 335 pounds, and is twenty-two years of age.

A West Virginian has been arrested for personating his deceased twin brother and drawing the pension of the latter.

A proud mother in Merced, Cal., owns a four-month-old baby that weighs twenty-six pounds and has cut four teeth.

An exchange chronicles the fact that Mrs. Sophia Leanington, of Xenia, O., aged forty, has given birth to her twenty-fifth child.

The pope has expressed to the curial under the Vatican his desire for burial in the part restored by himself.

The lances reintroduced lately into the British cavalry are being made shorter and lighter than those used in this branch of the service under Napoleon I.

It is reported that the sheep raisers of eastern Oregon are selling off their flocks at fast prices.

A colored woman who said her age was one hundred and one year was arrested in South Carolina while in Ala., lockup the other day. She had been quarreling.

There is a Mission grapevine at Carpentaria, Cal., which has a girth of six feet and is found at the shining direction for a hundred feet, and this year produced four tons of fruit.

In London they are utilizing electricity in a novel way. During heavy fogs horses carry an electric light on their heads which can be extinguished on occasion requires, the storage battery being in the wagon.

If you would gaze on an example of a superbly dissected, find the Maine hunter who thought he had an old man come to him of a ferocious wildcat and afterward discovered that he had filled a tomato can with shot-balls.

Eight cotton factories, sixteen banks and various other enterprises have been started in the Birmingham district. Corporations chartered between October, 1888, and 1889, number eighty-two, with an aggregate capital of over \$4,000,000.

A watch for blind people has been invented in Switzerland. In the middle of every figure is a small peg, which drops when the hour hand reaches the figure. The owner feels that the peg is caught after being deprived of this diet the animal soon died.

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COAST NEWS.

Linn County, Near Albany, to Have a German Colony.

THE FATE OF A PROHIBITIONIST.

English Hay-dealers Buying and Shipping Direct to England.

California is now supplying the Portland markets with beef.

Crop prospects in Walla Walla valley are said to be better than ever before.

Five members of a family in Canada have died from eating wild parsnip roots.

About Fresno, Cal., a small beetle has appeared in the vineyards, necessitating the long-picking process.

The six-year-old son of R. A. Dickinson was thrown from a horse and killed near Salem.

Citizens of Lewis county are petitioning the county court to build a bridge across the Crocker river at Tuleburg.

A new warehouse will be erected at Wheatland to cost \$5000, replacing the one carried away by the flood last spring.

The Humboldt river and its tributaries are said to be almost gorged with the carcasses of stock which perished last winter.

English hay-dealers are now on a visiting tour of all the coast hay-fields, arranging points in the Willamette valley for shipping direct to English markets.

It is claimed that in Sacramento valley, where orchards and meadow lands have been submerged, fish have devoured not only the grass but many of the young trees.

Myrtle Point is steering for a boom. About two hundred acres are being platted as additions to the town, and everybody is confident of a big boom for the place.

Over 100 head of animals have been killed from S. J. Judd's herd of Jersey cows, owing to the development of disease among them, introduced through cows brought from California. Many others are in quarantine.

During the month of May over 800 hogs have been shipped to Tacoma, from the points in the Willamette valley and southern Oregon, by a steamer firm which will soon begin supplying mutton sheep to that portion of Washington.

Great excitement prevails in the Coast Range mining district over a report that a new gold mine has been discovered in the gulch, made the discovery and sold out on the following Friday for \$25,000. Samples of ore assay \$25.00 to \$50.00.

A prohibition advocate named Osborne Congleton, was sat upon, badly beaten, shot and thrown into the bay at Oakland, Cal., the evening of May 30, by unknown persons.

Geneseo citizens are circulating a petition for the calling of a special election for the purpose of voting to bond the city. But eventually a vital spot was found, and as soon as it was found we began to examine it curiously. Including the tail, it was not far from six inches long, and weighed, perhaps seven or eight pounds. It was little wonder that Hans's shot had no effect, for the rounded back was covered completely with a mass of thick, brown plates, so hard and smooth that they turned out of ten they would have turned off a rifle-jacket. The seams or joints between the plates were filled with a substance which was very sticky and very hard, and was very difficult to get at.

Rev. John Hogan, a German preacher, has been traveling for some time over different portions of the Pacific coast, seeking converts to his religion. He has been in Astoria, and Yreka City will come to him about the first of next month. He has picked out a large tract of land in Linn county, near the city, for his colony.

Robert Ehnman, late assistant dog-keeper of the state house of representatives, has been compelled to hand in his resignation for some time ago. He is a native of Sweden, and is now in the city of Astoria, Ore., where he is engaged in the fish business.

The sand along the banks of the majestic Columbia river is an obstacle to railway traffic, always difficult to overcome. The sand is now all crowded there. Nearly every train is delayed on account of the ever-shifting sand hills covering the track.

James M. Coon died at his residence, between Sled and Persia, May 20, at the age of nearly 80 years. Mr. Coon was one of the earliest settlers in Linn county, having come in 1849. He has been a resident of the city of Astoria, Ore., for many years, and his death was looked for by many of the city's residents.

The people of Port Angeles subscribed \$1500 to the building of a new bridge over the new York St. The article has appeared in bold type, and the subscribers are dissatisfied with it. The Times of that city says the article fails to speak of the fact that the coal mines near there throw doubt over the local railroad project, and wanders astray into every conceivable new state of affairs, without mentioning any decided confidence in the city of Port Angeles.

Dr. A. S. Haley, while on his return from Waterville to Lake (Chelan), lost his way near the breaks of the Columbia, and in the darkness his horse stumbled and fell upon him, fracturing his leg, and falling upon and bruising him badly. He managed to work his way down to the ferry and was taken home by his friends. He is slowly recovering.

James Rondtred, the Snohomish blacksmith, who disappeared quite mysteriously a few days ago, has not yet returned, and it is thought that in a state of intoxication the old man has succumbed to the Fillock or committed suicide, as he was very despondent, having tried many times to quit the use of intoxicating liquors without success.

The work on the new wing at the insane asylum is about completed. It cannot be occupied at once as it has not yet been furnished. The asylum now furnishes treatment for 620 patients, which is the largest number ever confined there. The wards are now all crowded, and the immediate furnishing of the new wing is a necessity that will no doubt be met by the board of asylum commissioners at an early day.

BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE.

It is Still to Be Seen, and the Monster Actually Existed.

On a bright morning in May, 1887, I started for Napa, the ruins of an old castle in the Arden.

"By-the-by, before you get to Ancients there is a station called Champagne. As the cars pull up look to the right and you will see the ruins of an old castle. Take them in well—they are the remains of Bluebeard's Castle."

"Bluebeard's castle? What Bluebeard do you mean?"

"Surely, only one—Perrault's Bluebeard, Offenbach's Bluebeard."

"Did he ever live?"

"Certainly fresh and bone, as you and I, with this difference—that he was a hard case to begin with, and a marshal of France into the bargain."

"Gilles de Retz, a descendant of one of the oldest families in Europe. His career was most extraordinary."

The name was not unknown to me. I had read of it in the chronicles in which is handed down to us the marvelous story of the maid of Orleans. But what could be the connection between it and the modified hero of Perrault's celebrated tale?

This question suggested itself to my mind as the train bore us all full speed over the waving hills that border the Golden Gate. I thought of the other I found myself unconsciously rehearsing the different scenes, phases and catastrophes of the childish drama which grandmothers take such delight in presenting to their little gaping and shuddering audiences.

I could see the youthful lord, led on by his story, creep stealthily, clinging to the little girl's eye, through the door, open it noiselessly, utter a cry of horror, and drop fainting at the sight of the blood-stained room.

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A BOY MILLIONAIRE.

Little Marshall Roberts, 10 Ye Old, the Possessor of a Fortune of \$5,000,000.

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EASTERN NEWS.

Henry Villard's Investments in Milwaukee.

English Syndicates Buying up Our Flour-mills.

Sixty-eight election officers have been indicted for conspiracy at Jersey City.

Henry Villard buys the Milwaukee street car lines and electric light plant.

The North Dakota Democratic state convention will be held at Grand Forks July 13.

The Pacific Mail makes a deal with the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific.

Over 70 per cent of the citizens of Chicago are foreign born or of foreign parentage.

Senator Silva Porto, an African explorer of fifty years' experience, has committed suicide.

Quebec's premier says a royal commission shall sift the scandals about his government.

A fire at Chris Mueller's saw mill at Lehigh, Pa., destroyed \$70,000 worth of lumber. It burned for two days.

An English syndicate offers to buy the twenty-one flouring mills controlled by the North Dakota Milling association.

The Bank of Middle Tennessee has made an assignment. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

The timber laborers on the Liverpool docks have struck for an advance of one penny in their wages. The strike may spread.

Richard Croker, the ex-leader of Tammany Hall, has started from Germany to New York to face the senate committee.

At the Langon Pointe, Que., inquest the cause of the death of a young man who perished in the insane asylum fire.

The Vatican has instructed the Catholic bishops of Canada to endeavor to lessen the antagonism between the English and French.

The celebrated Billings' murder case was argued in the Iowa supreme court. It is not expected that a decision will be rendered this term.

Miners in the Clarion and Reynolds (Pa.) district have decided to strike for the Columbus scale of 65 cents. A long struggle is expected.

Abram Bogardus, superintendent of mails at Rochester, N. Y., has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for embezzling letters.

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JACK AND BILL CATCH IT.

They Try to Break Up a Circus and Be Some Wiser and Better Men.

Lafayette is a struggling little town of about 300 inhabitants, situated seventy miles from the nearest railroad.

It is important to the country around, because a circus stops here every year. These circuses are not of the Barnum kind, but small affairs traveling through the back districts on wagons, and keeping away from the railroads.

Nevertheless the arrival of one of them is a great event at Lafayette, and several thousand people are usually present to see the sights, some of them walking thirty miles.

Bill and Jack Johnson have long been the terrors of this region. Entry backwoods district in the Southwest has its bully, and the Johnson boys for years possessed that undisputed distinction within a region embraced by a radius of ten miles. Bill and Jack were small and light, but fully as dangerous as his brother. Neither had ever killed a man, but they had wounded innumerable persons, and averaged four or five fights apiece each week.

They frequently stampered the local towns, riding through the streets at full speed, right and left.

A few weeks ago a circus tempted by the warm weather, came up from the South, and made a trip through the southern part of the State, and Lafayette was one of the towns visited.

The novelty of a circus in winter was all the more acceptable to the people, and the crowd in attendance at the performance was unusually large.

During the afternoon the show was in full blast, when Bill and Jack Johnson arrived. They had their pistols with them, and there was a scattering of women and children, and of men, too. Both were well loaded with whisky, and after rubbing their pistols across the faces of the women, they turned to the circus. After looking at the animals and the gymnastic performances they wandered into the side show.

While they contented themselves with gazing at the Circassian girl, the fat woman, the sword swallower, and the armless man who fired a repeat gun with his toes, they had a great deal of such tame sport, Bill and Jack wanted a fight. None of the spectators would fight them. An idea then occurred to Jack. They would clean out the side show.

"Let's break up the darned thing," he said to Bill, "and have some fun. You take the fellow who swallows the knife, and I'll take the one who shoots the gun with his toes."

Bill at once agreed to the proposition, and leaving over the ropes which separated the spectators from the performers, they rushed upon their victims. The crowd raised the cry of fight and made for the door, but the circus performers were perfectly composed.

A sword swallower took his sword to one side, picked up one of the heavy pins to which the tent ropes are fastened, and snatched Bill with a noise which nearly broke his skull. The man with the repeating rifle, who was supposed to have no limbs but the lower ones, pulled two arms from beneath his coat, reversed his gun and clubbed Jack over the head.

Then the side show people sailed in. The fat woman kicked Bill in the side, while the sword swallower pummeled him about the head with a double-edged girl tore out white handfuls of Jack's hair, while the armless man rapidly beat his countenance out of shape. In a few minutes all was quiet in the side show. The people timidly ventured back. The circus performers were smoothing their disordered attire. Bill and Jack were lying senseless on the ground. They were taken out, and found that Bill's leg was broken. So was his nose. Both eyes were closed, and his head and body were covered with gashes. Jack had been kicked in the ribs and his bruises were not less numerous than Bill's.

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