

STATE AND COAST.

Taken From Our Exchanges Throughout the Northwest.

The Kikapoo Indian medicine Co. are now at Baker City.

South Bend has a new paper, the Pacific County Examiner.

Grass Valley has organized a building and loan association.

Frank Ott of Island City, will establish a brewery at Enterprise.

Spruce is the name of a new postoffice on Beaver creek, Tillamook county.

John Galvin and Roy Kramer will soon begin publication of the Grant's Pass News.

Several carloads of apples are being shipped from Rogue river valley to New Mexico.

The Conner creek mill closed down last week because of the concentrators freezing.

A. G. McKinney, an old resident of Baker county, died at Auburn, Thursday, aged 61 years.

The Yaquina Bay Cannery Company has been incorporated, to operate a creamery at Toledo.

Stilla Riddle is adding 1600 more pruned trees to his fine orchard of 6000 bearing trees, at Riddle.

A new telephone line is soon to be put in between Ocoosa, Takelund, North Cove and South Bend.

Wednesday La Grande shipped 29 cars of cattle and hogs to packing houses at Portland and Tacoma.

J. J. Steffel, an old Swiss winemaker, will plant a vineyard for winemaking in Grand Ronde valley.

Sunday over 200 skaters were on the Eaton pond, excursions being run from both Union and La Grande.

The step that follows suspension of advertising is almost certain to be suspension of business as an exchange.

Arrangements are being made to build two stores, a hall, a dwelling, a church and a school-house at Mitchell.

Grant's Pass citizens want to change the name of that place, but have not agreed upon a new one satisfactory to all.

The Salem Journal, which is giving the Oregonian fits from the ground up offers to club the two papers for \$2 a year.

John Fraser, of Eagle valley, Union county, has received \$75 as second prize in a world's competition for growing cabbages.

Contracts have been let by Major Post for the revetment on the river bank at Corvallis, and work will begin in a few days.

Negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Phizz mineral springs, in the Eagle mountains, Union county, to Eastern parties.

An effort is being made to secure \$40,000 in subscriptions of stock at Salem for the proposed railroad from Independence to Salem, 10 1/2 miles.

A Dalles paper says that prairie chickens are destroying fruit in the orchards near that city by eating the buds and advising shotgun treatment.

Eight thousand sheep are being fattened on wheat and barley in a corral just outside of Pendleton, and will soon be prime mutton for the market.

Sanford Butler, an Oregon pioneer of 1850, died at his home on Salt creek, January 24, aged 80 years. He lived continuously in Polk county.

Henry Stirling, at Island City, while resisting arrest for "drunk and disorderly conduct" had his leg broken. His head would have been preferable.

Wednesday night burglars at North Powder robbed the store of Rothschilds & Gorham of a considerable amount of money and a quantity of merchandise.

In Lane county an effort is being made to have the name of a precinct, Long Tom, changed to Hinton. The people there are tired of the familiar old name.

Charles Frye, of Powder river, has just marketed five hogs averaging 680 pounds in weight each, while another farmer of that section sold one weighing 750 pounds.

A ferry-boat 20x60 feet, with gasoline power, is being constructed for use on the Columbia between Murray springs and Jordan landing, to open up a new route to Goldendale.

A citizen of Ukiah, Umatilla county, claims to have a letter from a member of the senate saying "votes were bought like sheep" for Dolph. That is pretty cheap. Sheep sell for \$1.25.

H. Wolf, of Corvallis, was pitched from a wagon last week by the wheel sinking into a rut, and was thrown out upon his head. He was rendered insensible, and has since been paralyzed.

Mrs. Bond, widow of the late Rev. George W. Bond, a Baptist minister well known throughout Oregon for many years, died January 26 at the home of Anderson Harlow, near Eugene.

Placer mining in Southern Oregon has been suspended for a time because of the freezing of the water courses. Miners are preparing to resume work and are taking precautions against freshets.

A competitive jackrabbit hunt in Morrow county, lasting two weeks, with 20 men on each side, only resulted in 164 dead rabbits, or four each, an average of one in three and one-half days.

Both the Kamela and Telocaset helper stations on the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company have been abandoned, and the crews formerly stationed at those points will run out of La Grande.

Baker City boasts of 14 men who average 240 pounds in weight. The heaviest being 299 1/2, and the lightest 201. They are all over six feet, but two, one of them being 6 feet 6 1/2 inches, and another but half an inch shorter.

The offer to create the office of moral director and pay him a salary of \$1200 a year to attend to the penitentiary, asylum and reform school with religious services was rejected with only five votes in its favor yesterday.

It must grieve Pennoyer to see so many of his friends whom he pardoned out of the penitentiary while he was governor getting into trouble. And his heart-felt sympathy will do the poor unfortunate fellows no good.

A petition is being circulated in Eastern Oregon, asking the legislature to provide for a reduction of grain rates. It is being freely signed. It is stated that a reduction of 5 cents a bushel would save the farmers there \$150,000 a year.

William C. Stimson has been missing from Pilot Rock, Umatilla county for some time, and considerable anxiety is felt by a number who have business relations with him. Some think he has met with foul play and others that he has sought greener pastures.

J. Q. Shirley, an old settler of Union county, was thrown from his cart while driving home from Union Wednesday, and dragged some distance by the frightened horses. He was picked up unconscious, with his left leg fractured and his side severely bruised.

Saturday 22 Indians from the Umatilla reservation will give a grand street parade in Pendleton as a prefatory number of the evening entertainment that is to follow, which will include several famous war dances, given with all the natural zest that characterizes the vent through which unbridled spirits of the aborigines escape. The programme includes a Umatilla war dance in costume, a Bannock war dance, Sioux war dance, "Picking Feathers," and "fun dances." Colonel Mitchell's ghost is also mentioned.

The new school building erected at Butteville was dedicated last week and school began in the new edifice last Monday. The building cost \$3900, and is said to be one of the best school buildings to be found in any small town in Oregon. The contractors lost money on the job.

Last week three Corvallis loafers were tried for plundering liquor from a saloon at the time when it was on fire, and were acquitted for want of evidence. They themselves in court gave evidence of having the original evidence concealed about their persons in an absorbed form.

There is a quarrel at Eugene because the chief engineer ordered the foreman of a hose company to draw his hose cart in the street instead of on the sidewalk, and the latter disobeyed orders. The fire department is a volunteer one, and the boys think discipline should not be severe.

Ex-Governor Pennoyer, of Oregon has endowed a scholarship of \$3,500 in Williams college to the memory of his son, Horace Nathaniel Pennoyer, who died last November at the college hospital. The income is to be devoted to the support of worthy students. In 1870, William Pennoyer, of England, endowed four scholarships at Harvard, which still yield an income for worthy students.—Chicago Herald.

The Northwest Insurance Company of Portland, which has been doing business in Oregon for about ten years has decided to go out of business. The company will re-insure in reliable old time companies, so that policy holders will be safe. Stockholders have paid their stock up entirely, and it is doubtful if anything is left for them after all obligations are met. Some think there will be. The company met a great backset in the Washington fires, and also in eastern business, which could hardly be overcome.

It is no uncommon thing to read of stock running into a barb-wire fence, or a team getting against a hanging telegraph wire, but it is out of the way to read of a passenger train getting tangled up in its guiding spirit, the telegraph wire, says The Dalles Chronicle. Such a case occurred to the westbound passenger yesterday morning between the Locks and Hood River. The wires had been carried by a falling pole across the track, and every individual wire sought out some different part of the locomotive to grasp hold of. The train was delayed an hour and a half, while the wires were cut loose and unwound from their various positions.

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SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn county. In department No. 2. Mary J. Henderson, plaintiff, vs. Jacob W. Henderson, defendant. To Jacob W. Henderson, the above named Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named Plaintiff, in the above entitled court, now on file with the Clerk of said Court, on or before the first day of the Regular Term of the above entitled Court, to wit: Monday the 11th day of March, 1895, court being held at Albany, Linn county, Oregon; and you are notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, as hereby required, the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in Plaintiff's complaint, filed in the above entitled Court; to wit:

For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and for an absolute divorce for Plaintiff from Defendant, and for the care, custody and control of their minor daughter Vestal and for the costs and disbursements of this suit to be taxed.

This summons is published by the order of the Honorable H. H. Hewitt, Judge of the Third Judicial District of the State of Oregon, and of this Court, made at Chambers in the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, on the 22nd day of January 1895. SAM'L M. GARLAND, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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DID NOT INTERRUPT TRAFFIC.

A Railroad Bridge in Switzerland Weighing 546 Tons Defied Five Feet.

The raising of a bridge in Switzerland upon the line of the International railway, from Paris to Vienna, has attracted considerable attention from the methods pursued, which are described by Locomotive Engineering. The occasion for the change was that the river crossed—the Rhine—had lost in the sectional area of the passage between the piers about twenty-five per cent. in thirteen years, owing to the deposition of gravel and sediment, while the high water level had risen to such an extent as to pile floating debris six feet deep on the bridge floor in times of flood. The alterations included some reinforcements, besides the raising of the whole structure about five feet. The bridge was continuous over a center pier, and had two main vertical posts there and four vertical end posts. To each of these posts an inclined strut was attached in a transverse vertical plane, presenting a surface for the top of a hydraulic jack to act upon. Eight special one hundred-ton jacks were used, with an eight-inch stroke and a working pressure of four hundred atmospheres, the piston being nearly seven-tenths in diameter. The fluid used was a mixture of water, alcohol and glycerine. Sixteen men operated the jacks, their movements being synchronized by a code of signals, designed to secure uniformity of action. The bridge was raised a foot or two by short lifts, followed up by thorough blocking, and then building under one course of cut-stone masonry. The total load was five hundred and forty-six tons, and the maximum load on a single jack was eighty-seven tons. The bridge was raised in four stages during intervals between trains. The longest interval between trains was about two hours. The weight of trains was rigidly restricted during the time the bridge was undergoing repairs, and their speed was limited to three miles an hour in crossing the bridge. In addition, a special block system was organized upon that section of the line upon which the bridge is located, so that operations could be suspended and the track restored five minutes before the arrival of a train at the site.

IRRIGATION IN THE WEST.

The Vast Engineering Works of the Great American Desert Region.

Very few people realize what vast engineering and construction problems are being solved out west in what a few years ago was termed the Great American Desert region, says Land and Water. The same desert region is of remarkable fertility when water is supplied by irrigation plants. The Sweetwater dam, in southern California, is the pride of its builders and is worth many millions to the lands it renders fertile. In Arizona an immense canal is being built, which will utilize a part of the surplus waters of Colorado and irrigate 200,000 acres of land. In New Mexico, in Eddy county, is the second largest irrigation plant in the United States. To secure an abundance of water at all times, two immense reservoirs were constructed capable of storing 5,000,000,000 cubic feet of water.

Some idea of the size of these artificial lakes may be had when it is mentioned that one of them is thirteen miles long by four miles wide. The water from these reservoirs is conducted through some 1,200 miles of canals and ditches and irrigates or will irrigate 250,000 acres of land, mostly fruit and garden land. Imagine a water-works plant with a reservoir 40,000 feet square and having 1,200 miles of mains. It took three years to build this plant. Yet others as great or greater are projected and will be constructed. The future effect of all this vast labor and skill is not easy to predict. In many places they have surely made the desert bloom and turned poverty into wealth.

HUMOR ON THE BENCH.

A Question Nipped in the Bud by a Demand for the Page.

When, in a trial about limestone quarries, a barrister called Caldecott, according to the Argosy, had said over and over again with dull verbosity that they "were not ratable, because the limestone could only be reached by boring, which was a matter of science," Ellenborough gravely inquired: "Would you, Mr. Caldecott, have us believe that every kind of boring is a matter of science?" With finer humor he nipped in the bud one of Randle Jackson's flowery harangues. "My lords," said the orator, with nervous intonation, "in the book of nature it is written—" "Be kind enough, Mr. Jackson," interposed Lord Ellenborough, "to mention the page from which you are about to quote."

One of the best "legal" puns was made by Lord Chelmsford when he was Sir Frederick Theaiger. He had objected to a learned sergeant who, in examining witnesses in a case in which he was engaged, put leading question. "I have a right," maintained the sergeant, doggedly, "to deal with my witnesses as I please." "To that I offer no objection," retorted Sir Frederick; "you may deal as you like, but you shan't lead."

Snake Swallowed Snake.

When the keeper of the snakehouse at the Philadelphia zoo counted the slimy reptiles in the cage reserved for the indigo species he was astonished to find one missing. He first counted heads and then, with a pole, he separated each snake from the mass into which they had woven themselves, and still the most liberal application he could make of his mathematics revealed but five snakes, where Wednesday there were six. He went for Superintendent Brown, and that scientist discovered that the sixth reptile was sleeping his last sleep in the elongated stomach of one of his cage-mates. Investigation proved that the swallower was six feet long, while the swallowed was five. Outside of his imprisoned size the gourmand was none the worse for swallowing his neighbor.

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