

NEWS ITEMS.

The Walla Walla Liberal Club has been incorporated.

There are only seventy prisoners in the Idaho penitentiary.

Another military company has been organized at Baker City.

A fire company is one of Milton's latest wants that will be filled.

Many handsome salmon are now being taken from the Tualatin.

State Senator Watkins, of The Dalles, who has been very ill, is improving.

Julius Roach, whose brewery burned down at La Grande recently, is rebuilding.

W. W. Journal: The O. & W. T. grain elevator in this city will hold 110,000 bushels and is now ready for business.

A gambler named Howard was killed in a variety theatrical in Pullman City recently by a young man named O. P. Cox.

More fruit trees than ever before are being set out in Walla Walla this spring. The Garden City is blossoming as the result.

Ninety-four pounds of opium were recently sold at public auction at Port Townsend by the United States marshal for \$120.

Whitman county delinquent taxes amount to \$19,500, of which \$9400 is against the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Geo. Thomas, who was hit over the head with a revolver some time ago while tending his horse at Crabbe's of Walla Walla, is not expected to live.

The drain pipe excavation on Main street, Walla Walla, excavated in Wednesday afternoon, covering two men completely. Pever Heron, one of them, being badly injured.

La Grande Gazette: Bennett, the murderer of LeGore, is reported to be appearing on insanity in the state hospital and will soon have to be removed to the asylum.

According to the passenger list, as published in the Oregonian, 402 second-class passengers, or immigrants, came in last Sunday, and 12,310 have arrived during the month.

Spring chickens, and in fact chickens of all seasons, cost 50 per cent in Portland, and are scarce at that. Why don't some one start a chicken ranch near the metropolis?

It is reported that a little accident occurred on the main line of the N. P. R. caused from an engine colliding with a caboose, but no one was injured and no serious damage done.

Walla Walla Journal: The brick machinery of Walla Walla, including a hydraulic ram, turning out 40,000 bricks daily. One hundred and fifty thousand are now ready for sale.

Dr. Morrison of Walla Walla, intends to open a hotel at Tilton in Whitman county, Washington. Rev. Tilton will carry full the town's first "long-hill" want."

T. E. Baker, who has been arrested for some time, has been arrested at Lewiston, Idaho, on a charge of bigamy. He sent his wife to Iowa last summer, and afterwards married another woman in Idaho.

Pat McGinnis is yet trembling on the verge of eternity, so to speak. His execution was again postponed by a mandate of the Oregon supreme court, the day of his doom is coming, slowly and surely.

The Eagle is printing 10,000 pamphlets of from 60 to 100 pages, descriptive of Milton and vicinity. Mr. W. G. Walker, real estate agent, no wonder Milton has a little boom under good headway.

Walla Walla Journal: Harry Faxton, a visitor from the city of Walla Walla. All hail the appointment! It's very good indeed, and all men and women, irrespective of party, rejoice at the glorious news.

Special Agent Walton has received his instructions from the Indian office to allow sheep to remain on the reservation until the first of May, giving the shepherds plenty of time to remove their bands without loss.

Charlie Harrison, the little boy who was so badly hurt at Latah, died Wednesday afternoon at the age of four years. His little brother, whose arm was broken in a tumble of the platform, is doing well.

Athena Home Press: A local company is about to be organized. It is learned, with the intention of furnishing the town with pure spring water, the supply being obtained up the creek. This is just what the town needs.

The O. R. & N. Co. has a force engaged in fencing its track between Pendleton and Walla Walla. In order that a stack of homes with a hide thereon, or it may not run into by its own men, or by the train arrivals Sunday aggregating three carloads.

Baker City Revelle: Miners from Rocky Bar and Silver City, Idaho, and from different camps in this section, are on their way to Montana and Eastern Washington, believe that the influx of miners here this season will surpass that of any preceding year.

The recent heavy snowfall that capped the mountains in this section, and that is the promised land if the prospecter can only be ready to meet the capitalist with a good mine that he wants to exchange with a good mine.

Charles Mark, a well known and well respected citizen of McMinville, died suddenly Tuesday of heart disease. He had been walking about toward the city and had just gone home. His daughter, Carrie Mark, has been teaching in the public school at that place for several years, and another daughter, Sarah Mark, is teaching near Dundee. They were both summoned home at once.

The rolling mills of the Junction Iron Works, Monday, and 300 men are now idle. A reduction of wages was about to be made by the company. It was yesterday learned that the reduction was followed by a strike. The strikers, eight per cent; rollers, twenty per cent; hot-bed men, eight per cent; gas-furnace men, twenty per cent; coal-furnace men, twenty per cent; steam-fitters, ten per cent; cindersmen, ten per cent.

The schooner M. B. Steadon collided with a small fishing vessel about twenty miles off the Cape Cod highlands, Tuesday night, and the latter was sunk with all on board. The Steadon was badly damaged but managed to reach Boston, Tuesday, where the captain reported the accident. It is not known how many men were on the fishing vessel.

A syndicate of Albany and Corvallis has purchased the entire town of West Yakima, situated opposite the docks at Yakima City. The price paid was \$15,000. It embraces 1000 lots and includes the town of West Yakima, and the Oregon Development Company. They propose to place the lots on the market this summer.

Baker City Democrat: The Pocatello mine, an extension of the Tom Paine, has been leased by the owners, Messrs. Hardy, Cavin, and Manaukas, to the O. R. & N. Co. The mine covers 75,000 water consumers and the loss to the large people would thus be five cents apiece yearly. This is the whole head and tail of the mine, and the O. R. & N. Co. set up a plot of wealth in our midst exempted from their just share of the burdens of the government and this is what the citizens of Baker City are engaged in, to save the people, -five cents apiece annually.

We think a citizen with ordinary intelligence in the matter of taxation should be "equal and uniform" as our law expresses it, by the allotments of a five cent piece, annual tax. This would tend for the sacrifice of a just and equitable principle.

NOT GREASING THE TRACK NOW. What a Farm... Received for getting... From the Portland Oregonian.

When the O. R. & N. Co. was building the branch road to Heppner they could not agree with the local people about the price to be paid him for the right of way across his place. He has a claim, which was not considered worth more than \$200 or \$300, and he wanted \$200 for the right of way.

All negotiations failing to secure a settlement in the matter, the contractors went ahead with the construction of the line. The trespasser, who is a tenant toward the railroad and all connected with it in the breast of Larsen, and when the trespasser had a place which he used for his stock, and the railroad owned this made lots of trouble for the train hands and lots of fun for Larsen, who would laugh as they shovelled sand of the track after the trespasser had been made by the railroad employees, to which Larsen paid a certain sum each day he took an unusually liberal fit and greased the track for about a mile.

It happened shortly after that as a train was going by he saw that some of the Italian laborers on board, and as Larsen was looking on, a cartridge of giant powder fell near him with a burning fuse attached. Behind the powder was a range of powder exploded and shook up Larsen so badly that he hardly knew what he was doing, but ran this way and that, as if he were in a maze, until he got to his head cut off, and he kept on going until he disappeared, and did not return for two weeks.

Then he came back with a charge of attempting to kill him. The arrest was made at Heppner, and the conductor charged the trespasser with the crime. He was taken to the depot, and the case was tried. Of course no one was cleared, and the trespasser, who was the cause of all this, was dismissed.

It is stated that Mr. Larsen is not greasing the track any more.

When a man becomes good some one immediately takes a story on him. Here's one on Nelson Bennett, the contractor who has so many law suits and dollars. While he was in jail for the Stammed tunnel, he issued an order forbidding the driver of dump cars to allow any one to ride in or out of the tunnel. He said that if any one was caught doing so, he would be dealt with severely.

There is a big stir in Montana over the appointment of B. F. White to be governor of Montana instead of L. H. Hanson. The reason for the change was caused by the personal influence of Russell B. Harrison, the President's son.

A Chinaman seven feet and four inches high arrived in San Francisco Friday last from Oregon, where he has lived for several years. He is 53 years of age, came to this country in 1879, and for several years travelled with a circus.

Louis B. Stremmiller, a car-driver on the O. R. & N. Co. car, was arrested Tuesday. It has been ascertained that he has stolen nearly \$700 from this railroad by opening the money boxes on the cars with false keys.

At Clifton, S. C., a man named Hogins killed a young man named Mathias with a shosmaker's knife. Mathias had eloped with a daughter of Hogins and married another girl. The young woman was also wounded.

Elizabeth Gill, aged 21 years, was brought to the insane asylum Tuesday from Jackson county. She has hallucinations, and is very nervous. Her mother, who is a widow, and her sister, who is also a widow, are both very much distressed.

A large number of nominations were sent to the Senate Saturday. Among them was that of "Colonel" James H. Beck, a commissioner of general lands.

The one case of smallpox at the insane asylum has recovered. As every one connected with the institution has been vaccinated, no further alarm is felt.

Another case of pleurisy has graduated at the State University, their names being C. W. Cornelius, J. W. Haines, J. P. Tahennes and H. A. Detroit.

Alfred Russell, of Detroit, is being cared for at the insane asylum. He is a member of the Supreme Court, in the late Justice Matthews' seat.

The iron bridge across the Snake river at Riparian is nearly completed, and the first train will roll across it in a week or so.

Mrs. S. E. Young, of Albany, has sold eighty acres of land near Seattle for \$20,000, which three years ago cost \$10,000.

Several of the Japanese minister's children are sick in Washington with scarlet fever.

At Rochester, N. Y., a little girl 12 months old coughed up a snake 12 inches long.

New Stockton, Kansas, a farmer named Taylor killed his wife and disappeared.

FIVE CENT APPLIC.

This is a list of the various papers that save by creating a photocopy of Portland business.

In its capacity of a photocopy, the willings of the Legislature who substituted themselves by sustaining the untaxed water bonds at the bank of the bank, the Oregonian's motto is to support the state arguments which it felt the bankers' confederates during the session.

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MYSTERIOUS WRECKAGE.

Everybody then rushed out Second street as the alarm was sounded. The wreck was sighted in the distance, and the department reached the scene, a short time ago.

In Mr. Beger's letter from London, in the last issue of the Northwest Trade, he speaks of the enterprising crew who constantly despoiled a ship which read:

NO DOORS ALLOWED IN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. This reminds us of an article from a Western paper, which some of our readers have not doubt seen before.

"A lad wants to say a few words to the grocery merchant, and really, it is a delicate subject to handle. You know it is now the time when our grocery men are being visited by the 'roughs' of the street, and the lad has a long talk with the merchant."

THE WORLD'S GREATEST LUMBER REGION. The Canada Pacific Railway is now under construction, and it is expected that it will be completed by the end of the year.

THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT. The Lenten season is now upon us, and it is expected that it will be a season of prayer and devotion.

THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS ON THE Isthmus. The condition of affairs on the Isthmus is now very critical, and it is expected that it will be a season of prayer and devotion.

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