

The Oregon Register.

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WILSON has been returned to the Senate by the Iowa legislature.

JAMES E. BECK has been re-elected to the Senate by the Kentucky legislature.

In the United States the average yield of wool is about six pounds per head.

THE decrease in the public debt of December amounted to \$14,584,650; the decrease since June 30, 1887, \$53,830,335.

THE people of Salem have caused the introduction in both houses of Congress of a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the construction of a postoffice building in that city.

THE British ship The Goolwah, from Penrith to San Francisco, was abandoned at sea January 7, in latitude 48 north, longitude 10 west. All on board were saved. Loss \$80,000.

THE New York Produce Exchange reports the visible supply of grain, January 7th, as follows: Wheat, 43,857,000 bushels; corn, 6,184,000; oats, 5,896,000; rye, 300,000; barley, 3,328,000.

ALL reports seem to agree as to the excellence of the coming orange crop in southern California. The Pomona Progress names 2,200 to 2,500 carloads as the probable output, against 1,600 carloads last year.

A MEMORIAL asking that the Colville Indian reservation be restored to the public domain has been presented to Congress. The reservation contains 5,000 square miles and 800 Indian inhabitants.

THE trustees of Alameda, Cal., have passed an ordinance declaring eucalyptus trees to be a nuisance, because of their destructiveness to sewers and their obstruction to the electric lights, and authorizing the Superintendent Streets to remove them from the public streets.

FOR the fiscal year ending 1887 the deficiency bill that Burns, of Missouri, introduced in the House, provide for an appropriation of \$5,000 for renewal of the signal service cable at the mouth of the Columbia river. No part of this money shall be used in laying new cable until the Secretary of War shall be satisfied that the old one cannot be repaired. Five hundred dollars of the above sum is for repairs.

A POLICEMAN in a Mexican town has been arrested for passing Mexican dollars made of lead. Such a crime is very severe, being the amputation of the right hand for the first offense, the left hand for the second offense, and for the third offense the prisoner is stood up in the cemetery and a detail of twelve soldiers shoot through him at a wall. There are no blank cartridges. Of late years counterfeiters sometimes get long imprisonment for the first offense.

THE annual report of the board of managers of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers has been laid before Congress. The average number of inmates present during the last fiscal year was 9,718, an increase in five years of 2,980, or 44 per cent. Existing branches are now filled to their utmost capacity, and in the opinion of the board only one or at most two of them should be further enlarged. The report says if it be the intention of Congress to care for all disabled soldiers entitled to admission to the home under the existing laws, legislation will be required either to establish additional branches, materially enlarge existing branches, encourage States to establish State homes, or to make appropriations of outdoor relief for those soldiers who cannot be admitted to existing branches. Should Congress consider that the present accommodations are sufficient, the maximum number of soldiers who shall receive the benefits of the home should be fixed by law.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The LaGrande and Willowa stage has been put on runners. Diphtheria at Ashland and measles at Medford are abating.

Another militia company is being formed at The Dalles.

In December, 277 carloads of lumber were shipped east from Oregon.

The debt of the city of Roseburg is \$703,79.

The Roseburg city council recently appointed a board of health.

Democrats will hold the next State convention at Pendleton, April 3d.

It is reported that glanders is prevalent among the horses on Tule lake.

Emil Schutz has been appointed U. S. marshal for Wasco and Crook counties.

A postoffice has been established at Steamboat, Jackson county, and W. E. Finney appointed postmaster.

The indebtedness of the city of Newport at the close of the year 1887, was \$978,75.

A postoffice has been established at Atwood, Morrow county, with David McCarthy as postmaster.

Four trains and some 300 men are employed in ballasting the new track south of Ashland.

Quite a number of cases of diphtheria are reported in different parts of Eastern Oregon.

According to the Arlington Times the bachelors of the Long Creek republic are raising a fund to send east for a carload of unmarried females.

Porcupines are quite numerous in Oregon, especially throughout the stock grazing regions. They feed on juniper berries.

It is said a movement is on foot to extend the run of the mail clerks on the O. S. L. to Baker City instead of to Huntington, as heretofore.

W. Christian, brakeman on the Narrow Gauge railroad, was instantly killed at Brownsville while coupling cars. He leaves a wife and three small children at Eugene.

The Dalles people are again agitating the building of a bridge across the Columbia. The proposed site is probably two or three miles east of the city, where the river runs through a narrow gorge.

A party of gentlemen from Crow camp recently had a boat constructed to explore Malheur and Harney lakes. They launched their boat and christened her on the "Beautiful Racine."

The freeze-up, however, prevented the party from proceeding in their boat. They went on foot some distance below Pelican Island, about twenty-five miles from Burns, where they discovered another island about three miles long. They named it Guano Island. This place seems to be the home and breeding ground of all the various water-fowls, and would be a paradise for sportsmen in the spring and summer. There are deer on the island. As soon as the break-up in the spring occurs the Crow campers propose to thoroughly explore both Malheur and Harney lakes for fur-bearing animals.

A Cheyenne special says: The most serious accident ever experienced on the Union Pacific road occurred at Edson, a small station near Rawlins, by which two persons were killed and twelve seriously injured. The east bound express had a broken engine and was running slow. When about two miles east of Edson and east bound freight crashed into the rear of the passenger, telescoping two emigrant cars, which burned.

The Portland express, which left Boston for Portland, met with a serious accident between Bradford station and the Haverhill bridge over the Merrimac river, caused by the rails spreading near a frog on a curve where a turn is made to run on the bridge. The smoking car ran on the bridge and turned over. One coach smashed into the water tank house and another through the sleeper. Six passengers were killed and fifty-two wounded.

At Columbus, Ohio, the Fourteenth Regiment's armory was burned. All of the uniforms and equipments were destroyed and 1,000 rounds of cartridges exploded, belonging to the regiment. The Ohio Poultry, Pigeon, Kennel and Stock Association were holding their annual exhibition at the time in the armory. The value of the exhibit is estimated at \$50,000, all of which was consumed, except two or three dogs. Among the dogs burned were Patta M., a prize pointer valued at \$1,000; Sir Charles, said to be the finest specimen of the St. Bernard in America, valued at \$2,500, and the whole of the Alta Kennel of Toledo, composed of St. Bernards. In all over 300 dogs of different breeds were lost, composing the finest display ever made in Ohio. There were between 600 and 800 entries in poultry, carrier pigeons, etc., for many states. All burned. The total loss will be about \$90,000.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

A Mexican named Spanish Joe was found frozen to death at Virginia, Nev. The mines about Butte, Montana, turned out 73,700,000 lbs. of copper during the past year.

Two new churches are being built at Winlock, W. T., one by the Methodists and one by the Baptists.

Lewis Darrow killed a grizzly bear weighing 1,000 pounds on the north fork of the Nookack river, W. T.

A colony of fifty families from Indiana, is expected to locate at Adonde, Yuma county, A. T., next spring.

About five tons of matter is delivered at the Los Angeles postoffice daily.

Thomas F. O'Connor, ex-Clerk of the Supreme Court, dropped dead in the court room at San Francisco.

Tom Short, one of the most prominent men of Ruby City, Nev., was killed in his own house by a man named Smith.

The Bellevue Herald says that in one year the Minnie Moore mine has paid the railroad company over \$96,000 for coal.

A man named Charles Neil, living alone on Box street, Seattle, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

Paul Kingston, aged 60 years, was found dead in his bed at San Francisco. The gas was escaping in the room and the old man had evidently been asphyxiated.

Francis Blake, senior member of the firm of Blake, Moffit & Towne, wholesale paper house of San Francisco, was thrown from his buggy and instantly killed, his neck being broken.

At Weaverville, Cal., a fire destroyed the dwelling of J. Arzuello. An old man named Messer was burned to death. The other occupants of the house succeeded in escaping only in their night clothes.

One effect of the cold weather in California is the prevalence of the disease of "pink-eye" among horses. The stock in nearly all the stables in San Francisco are disabled from the disease. Some of the stables are being heated with stoves.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order for the U. S. steamship Inoquois, at San Francisco, to proceed to Humboldt Bay, Cal., for the purpose of blowing up the wreck of the schooner John Hancock, reported as being a dangerous obstruction to navigation.

Van B. DeLashmutt, C. W. Knowles and others who own the Stemwinder mine at Wardner, Idaho, have been offered \$300,000 for the same by a syndicate of Montana capitalists. It is very probable that the sale will be consummated. The mine was purchased for \$35,000.

Fourteen heavily loaded coal cars became detached from a train on the N. P. R. R. near Spring Hill, Montana, and started down grade with lightning speed. Near Dillon the runaway cars collided with a freight train, causing a terrible wreck, and instantly killing fireman P. McShane. Engineer John Sweeney was so badly injured that he died a few hours later.

The coroner's jury in the case of Newton James, the eighteen-year old boy who was run over and killed on the Virginia and Truckee railroad west of Gold Hill, Nev., returned two verdicts. The minority censured the railroad company for the boy's death in not stationing a flagman to warn the train that deceased was working in the cut. The majority exonerated the company from blame.

Local passenger train No. 6, on the Northern Pacific, bound east, while making regular time, was derailed by a snow drift near Gray Cliff, Montana, the entire train running free from the track upon the prairie, leaving the road unobstructed. The engine turned upon its side, and the tender turned upon it, engineer Hugh Monroe and fireman Eric Gustafson being killed. No one else was injured.

At Victoria, B. C., the Chief Justice rendered a decision adverse to the Canadian Pacific Railway in the suit of the Attorney-General of British Columbia vs. the Canadian Pacific Railway to recover a bond of \$200,000 for not bringing the railway to English Bay within the stipulated time. Defendants claimed that injunctions had prevented them, issued by the Supreme Court, but the Chief Justice decided this bad law and no excuse.

At National City, Cal., Alex. Stuart, steward of the ship T. F. Oakes, left the vessel with Boatswain Fletcher. After reaching the wharf Stuart walked about fifteen steps, when he stumbled over a water pipe into the bay. Fletcher threw two railroad ties into the water to keep his companion from drowning. When the body was found a large gash was discovered on his head, indicating that he was struck and killed by one of the ties.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

Bills, memorials and resolutions were introduced as follows:

By Jones—A concurrent resolution requesting the President to negotiate with China a treaty containing a provision that no Chinese shall enter the United States except ambassadors and other engaged in diplomatic service, and merchants engaged in trade between the United States and foreign countries.

By Saulsbury—A joint resolution declaring that no further effort can be properly made by the United States to obtain the co-operation of the European governments in establishing a common ratio of values between silver and gold, as money.

By Milliken—A bill to take the tax off tobacco and the duty off sugar, with a rebate or bounty to compensate producers of cane sugar in Louisiana and beet and sorghum sugar in Illinois, Kansas and elsewhere. This will amount to \$10,000,000, and the reduction under the bill will reach nearly \$90,000,000.

By Teller—To grant rights of way through Indian reservations to the Rio Grande & Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande railway companies. Also, to equalize the allowances for extra expenses at presidential postoffices.

By Edmunds—To incorporate the Maritime Ship Canal company of Nicaragua.

By Mitchell—A memorial from the fourteenth legislative assembly of Oregon, praying for modification of the treaty between the United States and the Chinese Empire so as to stop and prohibit immigration of Chinese and other Asiatic laborers altogether, and adopt such lawful measures as may be necessary to rid the country of those already here.

By Dawes—A bill providing for the appointment of an inspector of Indian schools, who is to have direct superintendence of all schools now established throughout the west. The inspector is empowered to discharge teachers, abolish schools and otherwise manage the education of Indians.

By Spencer—A bill for the erection of a public building at Cheyenne, Wyoming, to cost \$80,000.

By Cullom—To pension, at the rate of \$8 per month, all surviving officers and enlisted men who actually served sixty days in the northwest in the Black Hawk Indian, or in the south in the Florida Seminole war. Pensions are also granted to widows of deceased soldiers of these wars. A special provision declares that this act shall not be so construed as to grant a pension to Jefferson Davis.

By Reagan—To amend the bill introduced by him to regulate immigration, so that the right of immigrants to remain in this country may be challenged at any time within twelve months after their landing.

By Bowen—To establish a mint at Denver.

The Committee on Territories instructed its chairman to report favorably for the division of Dakota, and admission of South Dakota as a State. Senator Mitchell intends to insist, either by separate bill or amendment to the river and harbor bill, that future work at the Cascades be done by contract. Senators Vest and Cockrell and others heartily join in this.

HOUSE.

Following bills and resolutions were introduced:

By Symes—For erection of a custom house at Denver.

By Springer—Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy.

By Anderson—A resolution that the land grants of the Pacific railroad companies be forfeited.

By O'Donnell—To repeal the duty on sugar, and to provide for payment of a bounty of \$2,000,000 a year for two years for cultivation of sugar in the United States.

By Tooh—To dispose of the Fort Ellis military reservation.

Delegate Caine, of Utah, presented the constitution of the proposed State of Utah, with a memorial asking for admission into the Union. Also a bill for that purpose, all of which were referred. The chief points in the constitution are these: Forbidding a union of church and state, domination of the state by any church, religious test for voters, office-holders or witnesses; excessive bail laws, abridging freedom of speech, imprisonment for debt, discrimination against foreigners as to rights of property, etc.

By Phelan—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution authorizing Congress to grant aid to the public schools of the several States to an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 annually.

By Tillman—Prohibiting the use of stoves or oil lamps on railway passenger trains.

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