

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Farmington is improving greatly this summer.

A number of fine young horses are in training at the Walla Walla track.

Judge M. G. Barney has assumed the duties of receiver at the land office at Spokane Falls.

John Poole, the man whose leg was injured at Allen's mills, a few miles from Freepoint, submitted to amputation.

The republican convention for Washington territory, has been called to meet at Tacoma, on Wednesday, September 8.

Snipes & Allen, of Yakima, sold 3000 beef cattle to Hoskins, of Montana. Consideration one hundred and twenty thousand.

Ruth, a little daughter of Chas. Buch, residing near Davenport, was thrown from a horse and injured so badly that her recovery was doubtful.

A subcontractor on the Canadian Pacific railway at Edward inlet, named McCormick, was killed on the 10th by a blast. He was an American, and recently from Seattle.

An Italian named John Dagian was buried alive in the mines of the Carbon hill coal company at Carbondale, by the dumping of coal from the coal chutes, and before he could be taken out life was extinct.

The body of an unknown child (a little girl) about 18 months old, was found floating in Snake river, last week, opposite Granite point. From the appearance the body must have been in the water ten or twelve days.

Al. Ritter, a farmer twenty miles north of Yakima, was explaining the workings of a breech-loading rifle to his wife last week, when the cartridge exploded and the ball passed through the body of Ritter's sleeping child, killing it instantly.

A short time since, while the boys at the Wyatt school house, Brush Prairie, were returning from school, Lloyd Matthews and a son of Charles Vandals had some dispute, and the latter hit the Matthews boy in the side with a stick or club. He was laid up by the blow, but no one thought it serious until the injured boy began to sink, and died.

The contract for erecting the Washington territory penitentiary have been awarded as follows: Stone stockade and brick guard house, Knott & Perry, of Portland, \$20,383; prison building, including cell room and hospital, Henderson & Jones of Portland, \$19,195; cells, to the Pauly Jail Building Company, St. Louis, \$22,671.

MINING NEWS.

The reduction works at Medford are working ores from different portions of the state.

The owners of the quartz ledge on Wagner creek discovered by Bragdon and Roach have refused an offer of \$20,000 for the property is reported.

The Kingston shaft, a paper published in Kingston, N. M., claims that \$100,000 in silver was taken out of the Comstock mine, located in that camp, in five days by thirty miners. The New Mexico papers say it is the greatest silver mine ever discovered. The town is booming.

A large body of very rich ore has been cut in one of the levels run from the engine shaft in the Paradise valley mine, near Winnemucca, Nev. The ore is so rich that it is sacked in the mine for shipment, concentration not being deemed necessary. The extent of the new strike is not yet ascertained.

New and important developments have very recently been made in the Idahoan, in Alturas county, Idaho. Three veins of ore appear to have converged into one, eight feet wide in the face of the drift on the 500-foot level. This ore body has been uncovered for thirty-seven feet, and the end is not yet. The strike is one of importance.

Wallawa Chief: An assay of average sample, taken from the Garfield mine, owned by Dean & Martin, went \$85.40 to the ton—\$74 gold and \$11.40 silver. This ledge is located at the foot of the mountain about two and one-half miles southwest of Joseph. The vein is about two feet wide and from all indications is one of the richest discoveries made in the camp. Messrs. Dean & Martin have prospected it to the depth of twenty-five feet and they are satisfied that they have a "good thing."

QUARTZ AND PLACERS IN SISKIYOU. Messrs. Squires and Walker have struck a rich find in quartz on west bank of Indian creek, near Coyote Gulch, where they are prospecting, and think they have a permanent ledge. Out of 29 ounces of quartz pounded in a mortar they realized \$130, and a piece shown us by Mr. Walker in town last Sunday was spotted all over with coarse free gold, as though at least one-fourth gold to three-fourths quartz. Deadwood and McAdams creeks are livelier at present than for a quarter of a century, reminding us of the '50 period.

A PROMISING DISCOVERY MADE.

The Eureka Sentinel, Nev., May 29, says: "Word was received in town last night that a strike of considerable importance had just been made in the Alexandria mine on Prospect Mountain. It appears that at a certain point on the 200-foot level good ore had been discovered and taken out to quite a depth. This was several months ago. It was deemed advisable by the management to run a drift underneath the body from the 300-foot station. A survey was accordingly made by Surveyor Parley, and yesterday evening the interesting ground was tapped and ore of even a better quality than that above was discovered. Unless the management are very much mistaken, they have a body of at least one hundred feet in depth of good smelting ore."

Gov. Hill has vetoed the act of the legislature providing for cumulative voting in elections for choice of aldermen in New York city.

Good tillage is the strongest weapon with which the farmer can fight hard times and gain success. Imperfect culture, on the other hand, will scarcely enable him to gain a living from the richest soil, and the soil will deteriorate rapidly in quality from such treatment beside.

Blackberries and raspberries need never be staked if properly pruned. As soon as the spring canes reach a height of thirty or thirty-six inches "snip" their tops off, when they will throw out laterals, become more stalky and hold up their loads of fruit without stakes. Staking is a useless expense and labor. Some times wires can be drawn by the side of rows of tall plants to good advantage.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The hotels of Paris are crowded with American visitors.

Five or six American dentists are now practicing professionally in St. Petersburg.

Germany has resolved upon a more stringent enforcement of the Socialist laws.

The barley yield in Southern California is turning out quite up to the earlier promises.

The losses to nine counties in Ohio devastated by the recent storm are computed at \$2,000,000.

The oleomargarine people have established a literary bureau in New York to defend and popularize bogus butter.

The white men who have been enlisted to fight the Apaches in Arizona are to be paid \$30 a month and rations.

It is reported in Toledo, Ohio, that Frank Hurd has been offered \$25,000 a year to act as counsel for John W. Mackay.

A cat's-eye valued at \$15,000 is one of Ceylon's gem exhibits (among a great number of lesser gems) at the London Colonial Exhibition.

Mayor Spencer, of Los Angeles, has presented the University of Southern California with 500 acres of fine land in the Centinela ranch.

The landed property of England covers 72,000,000 acres. It is worth \$10,000,000,000, and yielding an annual rent, independent of mines, of \$330,000,000.

By reason of the labor troubles Minneapolis will lose this season a new public library building, a Masonic temple, an exposition building and a 12-story hotel.

A litigant at Los Angeles, Cal., recently appeared in court armed with two heavy revolvers for the purpose presumably of enforcing his arguments. He was invited into an anteroom and made to disarm.

There are said to be 2,500 Socialists in New York, many of them drilling in companies with arms. There is a noticeable falling off in immigration, attributed to the labor troubles.

A prize of \$200 is offered by a French anti-tobacco society for the best essay on the effect of smoking on the health of literary men, and its probable ultimate results upon French literature.

White dealers are gradually assuming the trade in pork at San Francisco. The Chinese formerly had the monopoly, but since the recent agitation they have one by one dropped out and gone into some other business.

According to the New Orleans Times-Democrat, the capitalists of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago have invested over \$4,000,000 in mining properties in Honduras within two years past.

Wyoming territory has lakes so charged with soda that it accumulates in great quantities around the edges, whence it is only necessary to haul it away and work it up into commercial forms.

Clarence Keifer, a convict employed in a coal shaft at Birmingham, Ala., escaped by climbing a wire cable one and one-half inches in diameter and 204 feet long, extending from the bottom of the shaft to the surface of the ground.

The rights of husbands are rapidly becoming obsolete. A New York court has just decided that the action of a wife throwing her husband's pants out of a window is not sufficient grounds on which the husband can procure a divorce.

Gold has been discovered within a mile of Louisiana, Mo., on a tract of land belonging to Samuel Kiern. A sample of ore was sent to the assay office at Denver and a certificate has been returned showing it is valued at \$8 per ton, gold, 17 silver.

The 10-cent barbers of Philadelphia want to join the Knights of Labor so as to draw patronage from the 5-cent barbers, and the latter have also made application for admission to the order on the ground that they are the best friends of the laboring men.

President Cleveland has accepted the honorary presidency of the American exhibition to take place in London in May, 1886. Gen. Goschera, president of the general council of the exhibition, has decided that the main office in the United States shall be in Philadelphia. President Cleveland will open the exhibition from the White house, and start the machinery by telegraph, land lines and the cable.

The annual average of suicides for every million of people is 17 in Spain, 30 in Russia, 37 in Italy, 52 in Hungary, 70 in England and Norway, 93 in Sweden, 122 in Austria, 127 in Bavaria, 150 in France, 164 in Wurttemberg, 167 in Mecklenburg, 174 in Prussia, 290 in Denmark, 305 in Thuringia and 377 in Saxony. Suicides are becoming more frequent every year in highly civilized countries, but especially among the poor German races.

The hotel keeper at Plumas, Cal., has received a letter from someone in San Francisco, probably a drummer, inclosing a comb which the writer says he stole, and adds: "Since which I have been converted born of the spirit of God & therefore I have become a son of God & God Father tells me to be honest & right everything that I don't care so far as in me is possible or he will disinherit me yet again."

The Pacific cable railway company has been incorporated in San Francisco with Leland Stanford, A. S. Hallidie, Charles F. Crocker, Frederick F. Low, James Moffit and J. L. Wilcott as directors. The capital stock is \$2,000,000, divided into 20,000 shares. The object of the new corporation is to amalgamate all the patent rights of the different cable companies in San Francisco, and thus terminate the endless strife at present arising out of infringements of patents.

At the recent session in Philadelphia of the International Typographical Union Messrs. Childs and Drexel presented that body with two checks, \$5,000 each. On Childs's next birthday it is proposed that every union printer working in union offices east of the Mississippi river shall set up 1000 ems, the proceeds of which shall go into the fund. When the birthday of Drexel dawns, every union printer west of the Mississippi shall contribute 1000 ems. Thus for five years it is proposed to commemorate the birthdays of these two generous givers. At the end of that period it is expected that quite a handsome sum, something not far short of \$50,000, will have been raised. With this it is in contemplation to erect in Philadelphia a beautiful hall, which shall be known as the "Home of the Craft."

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OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

Ice retails at three cents a pound at Ashland.

Mrs. M. E. Rose, of Applegate, has been adjudged insane.

Heppner got the county seat of Morrow by 32 majority.

The first number of the Oregon Laborer has been issued at Pendleton.

The residence of John Jackson, near Canyonville, was destroyed by fire last week.

The people of Canyon City want a daily mail between Baker City and that place.

Z. F. Moody is the largest eastern shipper of wool at The Dalles and Arlington.

Mrs. Houk has sold her hotel at Ashland to Messrs. Driver & Bridge for \$6000.

Several large lots of wool were sold in Dallas during last week, prices ranging from 15 to 18 cents.

J. S. Leabo, captain of boat 34, of the Eagle cannery, was drowned near the wreck of the Republic, at Sand Island.

At Ashland some of the apple and pear trees on which the blossoms were killed by the frosts of April are now blooming again.

The search party has not yet succeeded in finding any trace of Walter Kirk, who was lost in the Blue mountains last winter.

Indian Warm Spring Johnny and R. Griffith are under arrest on a charge of attempting to rob the Lane county safe a few weeks ago.

Mrs. W. G. T'Vault, widow of the founder of the Sentinel, and one of the pioneers, died at her home in Jacksonville last week.

Messrs. Charles Henderer and Thomas Cox, of Drain, killed a large black bear while out hunting about four miles northeast of Drain.

Frank (Posey) Baker, the telegraph repairer and operator stationed at Linkville, had the misfortune to break his leg in a fall from a tree.

The passenger train on the O. & C. road are now running seven miles north of Delta, which cuts off a piece of rough wagon road for staging and freighting.

It is stated at Gardner, Douglas county, that a large stern wheel steamer of light draught is coming from Puget sound shortly to run on the Umpqua.

The movement in the cattle and horse business in Harney valley will be of importance this summer. It is estimated that 15,000 head of cattle will be driven away.

A postoffice is wanted at Soda Springs on the Linkville road, and it would accommodate a number of families who now depend upon voluntary mail service of their neighbors.

While Will Ray was leading his fine three-year-old Hambletonian mare through the streets of Sheridan she reared up, fell backward and broke her neck.

The water is getting so low in the upper Willamette that an old river captain says that on some of the bars there is nothing but a heavy dew. The Oregon Pacific will soon have a light draught steamer running.

The Baker City Sage Brush says a large water spout at Canyon City last week destroyed about \$6000 worth of property. It swept down the business street of the city and into Gundlach's store, carrying everything out into the street. No lives lost.

The following is the official count of votes cast for the various candidates for the county seat of Gilliam county: Fossil 324, Arlington 264, Condon 262, Olney 86. So Arlington holds the seat at least until the matter is voted on again two years hence.

A few days ago while driving a four-horse team beyond and near Mary's peak, Bill McVeely, the driver, met with a very serious accident. The wagon was tipped over and on to McVeely, in such a manner as to break and mash one of his legs below the knee in a frightful manner.

Rogue River Courier: James W. Wimer now owns the back in which Major-General E. R. S. Canby was conveyed from the scene of his murder on the Modoc battle fields to Yreka. Mr. Colver, of Phoenix, owned the hack, and if we mistake not, he was operating it at the time between the lava beds and Ashland.

Albert Jansen, who had been at work for Link & Neer, at Neer City (not far from St. Helens), accidentally shot himself recently, the body being found by John Link. As near as could be ascertained Jansen was on his way to Neer City, carrying a gun, and in crossing a slough on logs he slipped and the gun was discharged, causing death.

Wallawa valley is in the northeast corner of Union county, Oregon. It is about 75 miles in length and averages 15 miles in width. Its elevation above the sea level is from 3500 to 4500 feet. Its population is 3500, and its towns are Lostine, Alder and Joseph. Stages run daily, connecting these towns with the O. R. & Co.'s railway at La Grande, 76 miles from Joseph. The valley has doubled in its wealth and population in the past three years.

On the 12th, while the steamer Isabelle was on her way from Albany, she ran aground near the mouth of the Luckiamute. The purser, J. F. White, and Sherman McClung, son of Isaac McClung of this city, got into a skiff and started for the shore with a line. When they were within thirty feet of the shore the skiff was capsized by the line becoming tangled. The men started to swim ashore, but the swift current prevented them, and after being swept down the current fully 250 yards together, they sank, and both were drowned. The captain, upon seeing them in the water, threw over a gang plank, jumped on it and started to their assistance. When 75 yards from the steamer his plank struck a snag and was overturned, and fishing for the assistance of a man who was being drowned. Another man on the boat, being a good swimmer, threw off his coat and boots, and jumping into the water started to the assistance of the drowning man, and came near drowning himself, after drifting with the current a quarter of a mile.

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PASTURE LAND.

The Annoyance of Weeds and How to Mitigate the Evil.

There are certain qualities of land that are better suited to permanent pasture than to any other use. Here very little land is too rough for cultivation, but very much had better never have a furrow turned on it. I refer to hill lands and the white clay. Some hill land is of excellent quality, but if turned over it will wash and gully, and the most fertile part spread itself over the fields below, often doing them more injury than good.

Then much of the hill land is very poor corn land, and while it is in its natural state, excellent blue-grass land, yet after it has been impoverished by cropping and washing, it is slow to form a good sod again. I know it is hard to tell a hill farmer that he must not plow his land, and in fact to seed it to blue-grass now, would verify the old English proverb: "To make a pasture will break a man."

Blue-grass is so slow of becoming well and profitably established on the poorer quality of soils, where it should always be, that an attempt should never be made to establish it unless permanence is intended, and a man had better think a little before he breaks an old pasture that has grown a thick, firm sod, and yields a satisfactory amount.

I know of fields that have not been plowed since I can remember, and where the grass is thick and heavy and profitable and growing, but which, if plowed, would, in a few years, be so poor as to scarcely repay for cultivation. These soils are a light-colored, calcareous clay, quite tenacious and somewhat wet and cold. They will not grow corn very well without a good deal of manure, but do pretty well for wheat or grass. They ought not to be farmed while there is money in pasture grass, and when they are farmed they need thorough tile drainage.

Blue grass, when thoroughly established on this kind of land, is more successful than on some rich, black, bottom lands, which seem to be too dry for it to do its best, though No. 1 for corn or clover, and of almost inexhaustible fertility. With this exception, however, the better the land the better the grass, and, in fact, the very slowness of its getting set is caused by the slowness of the soil in regaining its lost fertility, much of which must come from the decaying roots and blades of the grass. For that reason it is a bad practice to feed down any pasture, and especially a young one, very close, for it not only weakens the grass and removes the natural fertilizer and winter covering, but bares the ground for the entrance of various weed seeds.

All annual weeds with which I am acquainted blue-grass will subdue, if left to itself, but there several perennials that have appeared here, and have shown themselves to be masters of the situation. First, worst and cursed is yarrow. It has not made much show yet, and half the farmers neither know it nor fear it when they see it. Therein lies the danger.

It appears by the road-side or in the field; a harmless-looking, feathery-foliated, modest-flowered plant. It grows in a small clump that harms nobody. It does not spread fast. At first only a single plant appears; next fifty in various parts of meadow or pasture; yet no notice is taken of it next five hundred, and may be the farmer begins to wish they were fewer, but the clumps are not large, and the next year there are five thousand, and every one spreading in all directions, both by seed and by means of the creeping roots, and wherever a clump grows blue-grass is excluded. What is to prevent the odious, bitter-tasting, acid-smelling plant from creeping on to complete possession? The pastures ought not to be plowed over after it has good control; any other way of exterminating it is impracticable, while the road-sides are being stocked with it for seed for years to come. Kill the first stalk you see quicker than you would a rattlesnake. Don't let it get started along the roadsides, or on your neighbor's farm, if you can help it. Believe me, I have studied the iniquity of it and seen the practical examples that it is going to give all in its own good time.

Next to yarrow, I place iron-weed, not that it is to be dreaded, but it is pretty troublesome in some pastures, liking best, a rich, moist soil. It is hard enough to exterminate, but does not spread badly, and can be kept in check and much weakened by moving every year close to the ground just before it blossoms.

Wild carrot is a biennial, and ought never to be allowed to ripen a seed, when it will soon run out.

The profitable feeding off of the pasture grass is another question, and one that is practically neglected, the common custom being to inclose as much as possible within one fence, and turn stock on, letting them choose their own feeding places. The result is, that parts of the pasture are gnawed to the earth, while other places, bearing a luxuriant growth, are left untouched. This is not only a waste of food in the part passed by, but an injury to the part so closely eaten. A partial remedy would be to divide the field into several parts by cross fences, arranged with reference to the water supply, and to change the cattle from one field to another as they eat down the grass. The object on that is water is not always convenient, though by exercising a little ingenuity this may often be brought around; and also the cost of fences. But these need not be very elaborate, and a good fence, barbed wire or buckhorn, which might be supported by wire posts, would be a permanent thing.

The fair distribution of the manure is perhaps never accomplished when cattle run free. Something may be done by excluding them from favorite standing places—often the corner near the barn, or similar place—by means of cross fences to keep them back. They may be encouraged to loaf on a poor spot by placing a post and box of salt there, or by feeding a little meal every day. Or, if a well is to be dug and wind-mill erected, that had better be on some needy knoll where the droppings will be appreciated by the soil and will work down to the land below.

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