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OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

The Baker county jail has fourteen prisoners. Lane County Fair begins on the 22d of September. Eugene City is to have a three-story brick hotel.

Coburg on the narrow gauge is soon to have a round house. Henry Bristow of Pleasant Hill, cut two of his toes off last week.

La Grande is to have several brick buildings erected this summer. A man named Wilson is under arrest at Lakeview for horse stealing.

There are over 300,000 head of sheep in Lake, Crook and Grant counties. Frank Andersson was drowned in the Snake river near Weiser City, last week.

The Wasco County Fair will begin Tuesday, October 6th and end Friday the 8th. Hancock & Newell, of Hillsboro, will rebuild their mill recently destroyed by fire.

About 6500 sacks of wheat were raised on Prospect farm, Umatilla county, this year. The cost of building a railroad from Jacksonville to Medford is estimated at \$21,000.

John Putman, of Amity, has been adjudged insane and is being cared for by relatives. The Silvertown band secured the contract for furnishing music for the state fair at \$165.

The citizens of Drain are agitating the subject of a railroad from that place to Scoburg or Gardiner. Robt. Miller, of Scott valley, Douglas county, had his right arm severely injured by being caught in a threshing machine.

Henry Wade of Gardiner, Douglas county, who shot himself some time ago, is recovering as rapidly as circumstances will allow. Mrs. A. P. Anthony, of Senton, Lane county, has two chickens that are a curiosity. One of them has two heads and the other three.

The Willamette Valley & Pacific Coast railroad have received from the East forty-four new box cars for use on the Yaquina bay road. The remains of Walter Kirk, of Hesper, were found last week in the Blue mountains, together with his bible, gun and hunting knife.

Henry Johns, Nelson, Dille and Geo. Simmons have been arrested on a charge of being the parties who robbed the Chinamen near Champeog. Between ten and fifteen tons of twine have been used in the grain fields of Washington county by the self-binders during the present harvest.

Follwell, the man who shot Hank Vaughn at Centerville, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$500, which he has not yet been able to obtain. Reuben and Harrison Wright have each a ten acre field on the Molalla, Clackamas county, on which they expect to pick 2000 to 2500 pounds of the acre.

The Portland & Willamette Valley R. R. is to be extended to the summit, connecting with the O. P. and making the route from Portland to the Bay thirty miles shorter than at present. Gov. Moody has issued the following commissions: Chas. F. Beebe, captain; E. K. Adams, first lieutenant; and W. M. Ladd, second lieutenant, of company K, O. S. M., Portland, Oregon.

Astoria has 523 tax-payers who pay an average of \$20.70. Property is valued at \$1,443,105. Capt. Geo. Flavel is the heaviest tax-payer, \$932.93 personally, besides other taxes as partner. The machinery of the Clackamas paper mill is soon to be removed to La Camas. The citizens of Oregon City have taken steps toward erecting a paper mill of their own at the latter place.

Albany Herald: While Col. Hogg and party were at the summit of the Cascade mountains, and but a few miles from the snow line on Mt. Washington they had the opportunity of eating strawberries, salmon berries, yew berries, thimble berries, haw berries, chittum berries, blackberries, raspberries and four different varieties of the blue and red huckleberries. Hon. T. McF. Patton, of Salem, is the recipient of a handsome jewel, from the United Grand Lodge of England. Past Grand Master Patton has had the honor for many years of representing the grand lodge of England in the grand lodge of Oregon, and this jewel has been sent him as a distinctive badge of the honor conferred, to be worn on all Masonic occasions.

A couple of white men went to a camp of a gang of Chinamen, working for Geo. B. Miller, about 12 miles below Salem, and robbed them of \$17.50, when one of the Chinamen went for a hatchet, and the robbers then made their escape. It is supposed the men are the same who robbed this gang near Gervais about four months ago. The government inspectors have suspended Capt. Debnay of the California blamable, for the reason that he neglected to change the course of the steamer in his command when he saw the barkentine Portland a short distance off starboard, and again at the time he saw the red light of the barkentine, while there was still ample time in which to have put the steamer's helm to starboard, and thereby possibly avoided the collision.

Grant's Pass is only two years old, but nevertheless has 50 business houses, 140 residences, a railroad depot, machine shops and round-house, a saw-mill and saw and door factory, three society lodge-rooms, a M. E. church, court-house and jail, a skating-rink and public hall, two livery stables, an unfinished brewery, an academy, two bakeries, two laundries, a wheelwright's shop and a large number of barns and small houses—nearly 240 buildings in all. This is certainly a good showing.

WAIKS OF THE WORLD.

A pocket sewing machine is the latest novelty. Libraries are a feature of the jails in Yucatan, Mexico.

A New York professor tattoos three thousand persons every year. Boston is trying a noiseless pavement of granite blocks set on concrete.

Nearly twenty-five thousand bathers use Brooklyn's free baths each week. There are said to be eight hundred opium smokers in the city of Boston.

An Irish setter at Moncton, Canada, is said to have traveled forty miles in three hours. Thirty-four million pounds of tobacco have been sold at Lynchburg, Va., this season.

Tombstone, Arizona, merchants refuse to accept Mexican money in payment for their goods. Frozen beef carcasses are now being shipped from Texas to London and other European points.

A Virginia City, Nev., man, offers to plant the American flag on the north pole in eighteen months. Mrs. Nellie O'Connor, of Louisville, Ky., is but 30 years old, yet she has led six men to the altar.

A boy 8 years old fell from the top to the bottom of the cliff at Quebec, 100 feet, but escaped unhurt. There are more republican members of the present Alabama legislature than of any similar body since 1874.

One plank of the democratic state convention of Texas condemns "the pooling of parallel lines of railroad." A New York youth, aged 18 years, drank eleven glasses of whisky and then dropped dead one day last week.

"Chestnuts" are now called "Hawthornes" in Boston, a graceful allusion to the title of that author's short stories. The united ages of a family of ten persons at Kingston, N. Y., is seven hundred years. The youngest is 52 years old.

Probably the most valuable race horse on the American turf is Miss Woodford. She has won during the past five years nearly \$108,000. A New York paper declares that the country must be more prosperous this year than it was last year, because more people are getting married.

Gladstone will, it is believed, make the opening speech in the commons in support of Parnell's motion that the government stop evictions in Ireland in certain cases. Asbury Park, N. J., papers complain that after dark the beach is monopolized by the colored people to the exclusion of the whites, and they want the clouds to roll by.

A Hartford baby that died the other day weighed less than three pounds, but its little body was placed in a burial case and carried to the grave in a little white hearse. An inspection of the five hundred mounds that were sunk in the Oregon and have since been recovered shows that it lies smuggle a great many French gloves, with laces, ribbons, etc., in newspapers sent by mail.

Favorable reports are being received from the experimental tobacco crops in South Carolina. Tobacco of good quality is being produced in some parts of the state, and the opinion is entertained that it will pay handsomely. The Acacia club, Buffalo, N. Y., is the largest social organization formed through the avenue of Masonry in the world. Its members must be M. M.'s in good standing, and even with this qualification the ballot-box is the ultimate test.

Out of 100 heroines of elopements, escapades, and more serious offenses, a statistical authority says that seventy-nine are described as young and beautiful, thirteen as beautiful, and eight as occupying high social stations. Prohibition in Vermont exists in name only, the consumption of liquor, according to all accounts, being about as large as ever. Prohibition on the statute books and prohibition on the liquor traffic are two entirely different things.

The office of the secretary of the navy has recently been decorated with a beautiful model of the Japanese twin-screw Naniwa-Kan, which is to be duplicated for the American navy. It is in perfect working order, and everything about it is according to scale. It is a perfect ship in miniature. The following explanation of the origin of the word "neighbor" by the Louisville Courier-Journal will be approved by many persons who have passed their lives in a city: "Boor" from the Anglo-Saxon, is a rustic or countryman, and near is high. Neighbor is high-boor, the boor who dwells near.

A sick children's mission is doing good work in New York city this year. A corps of physicians visit little sick ones in all parts of the city, and mothers receive at the central office such articles as condensed milk, farina, barley, and other nourishing food which the poor families could not afford to buy themselves. A new and plausible explanation of the destructive fires occurring in pine forests is offered. The pine resin exuding from the trees is often of lens shape, and before it thoroughly hardens frequently of crystalline clearness. It is resinized that while in that condition a sun's rays may focus the sun's rays upon some light twig or resinous point and so start a blaze that quickly eats up a forest.

A San Francisco dispatch of the 23d says: The Chicago & Northwestern railroad, it is stated, has resolved on the construction of a through line to the Pacific coast. The line has already reached the town of Douglas, situated about seven miles from Fort Fetterman, on the banks of the North Platte river, in Wyoming territory, 700 miles west of the Missouri river. In two years, it is said, the line will be completed to extend from New York city on the Atlantic ocean to a Yaquina bay on the Pacific ocean, and will connect with the Donahue line to complete the system to San Francisco.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Pullman on the O. R. & N. R. R. is to have a depot. Whitman county paid \$18,000 for squirrel scalps for nine months.

John Martlett, of Uniontown, I. T., had one of his legs broken last week. The residence of Jos. Hall, near Colfax, was destroyed by fire last week.

The saloon men at Dayton, W. T. have taken steps to test the legality of the local option law. Horace B. Morris, chopper in a camp on Lake Washington, was killed the other day by a falling tree.

In a street row at Dayton, W. T., last Sunday, Jack Holliday had his ear torn or bitten off by N. Gibson. The safe of Ed. Williams of Walla Walla was robbed last week of \$500 in money and his wife's watch and diamonds.

The N. P. R. R. Co., have awarded the contracts for building a round house, machine shops, store houses and tanks at Ellensburg. A gentleman at Farmington shot a Chinaman while he was engaged in chasing Mrs. Trimer and daughter with a butcher-knife.

The house of D. M. Kootz, at Satali, W. T., was entirely destroyed by fire last week. One of the children was burned. Loss about \$2,500. Miss Lillie Pitt, an Indian girl, graduate from the Forest Grove Indian training school who resides near Warm Springs, has been chosen as a teacher in the Indian school at Fort Simcoe.

Col. F. J. Parker, of Walla Walla, has been appointed by Gov. Squires the commissioner to represent Washington territory next year at the American exhibition at London, of which ex-Minister Washburn is president. The fire at Raymo, on the Walla Walla, twelve miles below town, was the burning of a stable shed and 80 to 100 tons of hay, belonging to Oliver Allard. Two mares were burned to death, and some harness and other articles in the stable were consumed.

MINING NEWS.

Of last year's products the mines about Telluride, Cal., yielded between \$600,000 and \$700,000. The Douglas Island mine, Alaska, has been sending down from \$75,000 to \$95,000 a month in gold.

About 200 prospectors are seeking for gold in the gulches leading into the John Day. In some cases paying deposits have been found. Van B. DeLashmutt has received some fine specimens of ore from the Nevada ledge, in the Coeur d'Alene district, which he and other Portland capitalists bonded a few weeks ago. One specimen of galena and silver assays \$200 in silver and 70 per cent. lead, and there are some fine specimens of native silver.

The Wallowa Chieftain says: Mr. Hunter, of Lostine, informs that J. H. Wilson, that place for a time to a company of capitalists of Portland. The new owners propose building a road to the grounds for working the ore for one-half interest in the mine. The proposition has not yet been accepted. Ashland Tidings: The building on Jackson creek for the new quartz mill bought by Henry Klippel is about completed, and the machinery will be set up in a short time. The Green Bro.'s quartz ledge at Galice creek was sold recently at a good price for cash to a company of capitalists of Portland. The new owners propose building a road to the mines to cost about \$4000, and will push everything in like proportion. There has been quite a rush for mining claims on the west fork of Cottonwood creek near Henley, Cal., where good prospects were recently discovered. About all the land along the creek is now taken up. Among the Ashland people who are interested are Messrs. Blount & Olsen, who are already making preparations to put in a hydraulic.

Jacksonville Times: Placer miners in Josephine county have finished for this season. The Griffin ledge in Slate creek precinct, Josephine county, is prospecting well. Quartz is now being taken out of the New Eldorado mine, owned by McKenzie, Chale & Co. Ray & O'Donnell are still taking quartz out of their mine on Gold Hill, which pays well. Wimer & Sons of Waldo have finished cleaning up and shipped a large quantity of gold-just. Work is already a-going day and night at the Hope ledge on Wagner creek, where the Medford mill is being operated. J. E. Harvey informs us that Frank Mee and Thos. Carr have struck good prospects in their quartz mine on Foothills creek. The Eastlick Brothers cleaned up 1,531 1/4 ounces of dust from their mine at Oro Fino, Siskiyou county, Cal., a few days ago, or about \$25,000. Martin Laist and Chris. Kretzer picked up a nice nugget of gold and silver, with which was mixed some quartz, a few days ago. It was worth \$100. Baumle, Klippel & Co.'s engine and other machinery for their quartz mill on Shively gulch arrived from Portland this week and will soon be in operation. Wm. Nauck, Beach & Platter, N. DeLamatter and other merchants of Josephine county have each shipped a considerable amount of gold-just this season. Some very rich quartz ledge on Galice creek by the parties who have bonded their mine, and who are running tunnels to test it thoroughly. It is said that the thirty tons of quartz from B. B. Knott's ledge in Blackwell district, recently crushed by L. D. Brown's mill, returned \$18 to the ton, though this report is not confirmed. However, enough is known to establish the fact that it is a well-defined mine and can be made to pay handsomely.

Crops are generally good in the vicinity of Damascus, Washington county. John Campbell is under arrest at Jacksonville for stealing money, watches, etc. He is in jail in default of bail.

NEGLECT OF SPEECH.

The Various Causes Assigned for Stammering in Young and Old. Every parent whose child exhibits a tendency to stammer in speech should realize how great a misfortune and defect is impending over the child if the tendency grows into a habit, and should use all possible endeavor to avert or to subdue it. For not only does the stammerer suffer annoyance, nervous irritation, shame and innumerable inconveniences, but every one who endeavors to converse with him endures the same nervous irritation, and an embarrassment besides which causes a desire not to encounter him in the future, fortunate if not feeling the most singular temptation to go through the same grimaces and produce the same sounds, which if held in check by politeness or kindness is often held so by an effort, dangerous in the same direction as yielding might prove to the tempted, sometimes producing an incurable stammer of its own.

There are various causes assigned for stammering, none of which operate in all cases. In some children it is produced by organic trouble, malformation of the tongue or of the throat or palate, swollen tonsils, a lengthened uvula or inflammation of the glands. Early attention must be given to this. The uvula clipped, the tonsils reduced, ulcers cauterized, as the particular case requires. Quite as often, however, the trouble is not organic, but functional, and arises from debility, paralysis, tetanic spasms, neuralgia, chorea and other nervous disturbances. This form is almost always curable, with pains and time and patience—patience, after all, being the great panacea. Occasionally this sort of stammering has birth in a chance imitation or mockery of another stammerer, sometimes from a confusion of the mind that hinders control of the organs of speech, or a weakness of the will in relation to them; again from some unhappy excitement, pleasurable excitement seldom retarding the speech. And the act of stammering once accidentally committed, the nervous consciousness of it renders it almost impossible to regain a normal use of the vocal organs. That no stammering, however entirely and altogether nervous is shown by the fact that the worst stammerer can sing without showing it, and with thorough articulation, and by the further fact that women, who are notoriously more nervous than men, form but a tenth part of all the stammerers in the world.

The trouble with stammerers usually evinces itself in words which begin with consonants, those especially which require a pressure of the tongue upon the roof of the mouth, and when the trouble is not organic, this can almost always be corrected by calling upon the intelligence, and by slow practices, and we repeat, by patience. No sign of vexation or fault-finding should ever be allowed to confuse the child's mental processes while under discipline for the trouble, and if quite young, he may thus be coaxed out of it almost without knowing it. The child should be taught by touch, by example, by plates, if sufficiently old or bright for them, the use and management of the throat, the vocal chords, the tongue and teeth and lips, in speaking, and he should be shown how to speak from the throat and not from the mouth, to speak slowly, and made to think before speaking. If not old enough for instruction of the more advanced sort, then he should be expected to repeat slowly after a kind and gentle voice, the sentences, where the obvious sounds slip in unobserved. The best course always is to resort to an experienced teacher, in whose methods knowledge is equalled only by patience.

If a child's eyes are crossed, recourse is had to an oculist; if there is trouble of the ears, to an aurist; if his lip is cleft, if his limbs are twisted, if his back is deformed, to a surgeon. Yet but few things with which he can be afflicted will give much more vexation, annoyance, teasing tremor and mortification than the habit of stammering. If it grows up with him and gets possession of him till he feels it like one of the evil spirits in those possessed of devils, and the parent who fails to mount to the occasion, and thinks it no matter now, that it is rather pricks it as amusing in a child, who delays about taking advice, can not afford a teacher in such a trifle, can not go where teachers are, or for any other reason whatever neglects to attend to the business before the child is ten years, old, and to follow it up with the patience of Mother Nature herself for every day of two years, desce,ves all the reproach with which, in years to come, the child will load him in his heart if not in his stammering speech. Whatever position the child may grow to fill, there he will need his speech; without it the orator will be ruined, the lawyer can not plead, the exhorter can not preach, the teacher can not instruct, the auctioneer has no vocation, the actor can not play, the master can not give his orders, the man himself is handicapped at the very outset of life, and in nine cases out of ten he will know that his parents might have hindered it.—Harper's Bazar.

—The town of Northfield, Minn., is named after two of the oldest settlers, Mr. North and Mr. Field. The Younger brothers, who committed the daring bank robbery in that place in 1876, are serving their life sentences in the State Prison at Stillwater. Sentimental women still continue to send them fruit, flowers and delicacies.—St. Paul Globe.

—The growth of trade with Mexico is shown by the demand for stenographers who understand Spanish. A number of girls in New York possessing these qualifications are getting good salaries. Merchants dictate letters to them and they transcribe into Spanish, and also translate into English the replies.—N. Y. Mail.

WHEN INDIANS LAUGH.

A Custom That is Strictly Observed Among the Redskins of the West. Some Indian school-boys found their teacher had a very great aversion to frogs. To them it was a continual source of amusement to see her run away from them. One day a boy caught one, and shut it up in the table drawer. The teacher entered the room. All were in order; but when she opened the drawer the frog, glad to gain its liberty, leaped out upon the table, and the teacher made a great ado. One of the boys, in a gentlemanly way, took up the frog, carried it to the door and threw it out. No sign of enjoyment could be discerned in their faces. They remained through school hours retaining their solemn dignity. Afterward, as they told it, they laughed until the tears came, laughed over and over again as they remembered the dismay of the teacher. Why did they not laugh at first? They had not yet come into the ways of white men enough to realize that we would excuse rudeness in our pupils, even under these circumstances, and they consider it rude to laugh aloud, or to laugh at the expense of another in the other's presence.

An old woman who owned a poor old pony which was almost dead from starvation and hard work, had brought the pony in and tied him to the fence. He was literally "skin and bones." While I was in the house I heard the woman making a great outcry, and I ran to the door just in time to see an immense flock of crows fly away. I said: "What is the matter?" She replied that the crows had come to pick her poor old pony's bones while he still lived. She saw the funny side of it as well as I, and laughed very heartily. When one of the young lady missionaries asked an Indian woman for her "Wakan sica tanks," instead of her "Waksica tanks," no one laughed till the teacher was gone. When I inquired why the dishpan for "the great evil spirit" (the devil), and I assure you no Indian woman hears that story without laughing heartily. Another teacher meaning to ask for a tub asked for a young man, and, though to her face they did not laugh, I have seen a whole sewing school convulsed with laughter over the mistake several times since. When one of the ministers from the east attending one of our meetings went up to a group of Indians who could not speak or understand a word of English and tried to enter into conversation of course there was no response. He said to me as I came up: "Why do they look so solemn?" I simply interpreted what he said to the Indians, and all laughed and said: "We did not know what he said; why should we laugh?" It does not seem to occur to those asking the question why they do not laugh that they have but little to laugh at in the presence of white men. They can not understand us or our ways. Indian children are in the house quiet and orderly; they sit and listen to hear older people talk, and if anything is said that is very amusing, so much so that they feel that they can not control themselves, they put their hands on their mouths and run outside to laugh. Men will laugh gently and quietly, and now and then you may hear an old woman laugh long and loud; if so, some relative will say aside: "Hear how she laughs, like a white man; she is unwomanly." They are very social people, and around the camp-fire one may hear many legends and fables, hear many old war songs and nursery rhymes.—American Missionary.

RIPENING BANANAS.

How the Imported Hard and Green Fruit is Ripened and Whited. "Banana bakeries are played out here," said a fruit-dealer of Fulton Market, when shown by a reporter a description of a banana bakery in Michigan. "They were abandoned by the New Yorkers twenty or twenty-five years ago. The Michigananders are behind the age. Ripening bananas by artificial heat did well enough before better appliances were found out. We have to import the bananas green, and they would all be rotten before they reach here. Dry heat, such as would be produced in an oven, rots the stalk which supplies the fruit with life while ripening. There is heat enough in the banana itself to cause it to ripen. Put a lot of green bananas in a barrel and close it up tight; then start the barrel on a voyage to this port from any of the banana-growing countries, and when the barrel is opened here the fruit will be found all burned up. Bananas ripened in an oven must be sold and eaten at once, or they will soon rot and become a total loss. The process now adopted in this city is to hang the bananas with an air-tight cover or room with tight windows. Nor a breath of air is allowed to get at them while ripening. The natural heat of the plant will, as soon as the door is closed, raise the temperature to as high as eighty-five degrees, no matter what it may be outside. With this temperature the fruit will ripen in four days and be ready for sale.

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