

A SUMMARY FILED

DOUGLAS COUNTY PROPERTY VALUES HAVE DECREASED.

The Loss Shown by the Assessment Roll is \$757,490—Figures for Last Year.

In the state department, yesterday, the summary of the Douglas county tax roll was received...

Table with 2 columns: Property description and Value. Includes categories like '97,651 acres of tillable land', '1,080,587 acres non-tillable', etc.

Total taxable property... \$4,507,690. Number of polls, 2425.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS' CABIN.

Instituted in This City Yesterday Afternoon—Officers Elected.

Yesterday afternoon, in the hall of the Native Sons in the Turner block, the institution of the cabin of the Native Daughters took place.

- List of officers: President, Miss Margaret J. Cosper; First vice president, Mrs. Nellie Riley Pearce; Second vice president, Mrs. Ella Chadwick Gray.

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION.

Woodmen of the World Have Adopted Several Amendments to Benefit the Order.

A large and enthusiastic crowd of "choppers" attended Salem Camp No. 118, Pacific Jurisdiction, Woodmen of the World, at its regular meeting.

those over 18 and under 50 years of age. Another important amendment adopted was one changing the sessions of the head camp from biennial to triennial.

IN SANTIAM MINES.

Gold Creek (on the Santiam river), Nov. 24.—Mr. Reeves is running a cross cut in their tunnel.

Lamker & Co. are preparing to work their mining property this winter.

The Portland company is developing the Blue Bird with good success.

Fricland & Co. are putting up a new house and getting things in shape to push prospecting and developing work all winter.

A SALEM GIRL WEDS.—The following is from a London paper, of a recent date: "Marriage.—At the Baptist Chapel, Gildersome, on Wednesday, the marriage was solemnized of Mr. F. T. Crowther, eldest son of Mr. Samuel Crowther, chairman of the Gildersome School Board, and Miss Agnes Gertrude Denton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Denton, of Salem, Oregon, U. S. A., formerly of Batley.

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SAVED FROM DEATH BY VAPOR.

His Perspiration Protected Puddler From Injury by Molten Iron.

By the timely prevention of a strange law of nature little known save to scientific men, one of the workmen at Baldwin's locomotive works escaped yesterday afternoon from what under ordinary circumstances would have been a fatal death.

Joseph Connor, one of the puddlers, was totally unclothed from his wrist upward. He had been at work scarcely five minutes yesterday when one of his fellow workmen gave a cry which directed the attention of the entire force at work to the awful situation into which Connor had got himself.

A perpetual calendar has been constructed by a Frenchman named Jagot. It consists of five wheels having a total of 96 teeth and of nine levers or catches.

AN ASTORIA NEWSPAPER MAN IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

He is Charged with One of the Worst Known Crimes—Has Been Drunk for Some Time.

(From Daily, Nov. 25th.)

A bed in the Marion county jail was occupied last night by one George Gray who was arrested yesterday on a warrant, issued by Justice Johnson, charging him with the crime of indecent exposure of and exhibiting his private parts and making a proposition to a young boy to commit a crime against nature.

The boy is Jack Tuggle, of Silverton, and he is 14 years old.

In Gray came to Salem about two weeks ago and registered at the Cottage hotel. During the evening of his arrival he called at the Statesman office and presented his card, which showed that he then held the position of city editor on the Morning Astorian.

He talked considerably regarding his ability as a builder-up of "dead" newspapers and referred his listeners to the condition of the Astorian, which, during the past six weeks has taken on new life and is now quite metropolitan in every respect.

Nothing further was heard of Gray until a week later, when he again appeared at the Statesman office, saying that he had just returned from a trip in the northeastern section of the county. A few nights after that he was seen again on the streets, in an intoxicated state, and he has been in such condition more or less ever since.

At different times he has hired teams and rigs of the local liverymen and gone over the country in the vicinity of Silverton and Mt. Angel professing to be selling typewriters. On these trips he always managed to be accompanied by some boy whom he hired to attend his team, distribute circulars, tack up signs, and aid in disposing of his machines.

Gray was placed under bonds in the sum of \$500, in default of which he was committed to jail.

Several weeks ago the Astorian went into the hands of an incorporated company and Gray was one of the three to sign the incorporation papers which were subsequently filed in the secretary of state's office.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., Gray was employed by a Portland typewriting machine firm to visit the interior towns of the valley in the interest of a machine for which they held the agency. He was started out with a half dozen machines of the value of \$100 or \$150, for which he has never accounted.

John Maurer, the mechanic, yesterday filed criminal information, with Justice Johnson, against an old man named Joe Anderson, whom he charges with shooting and injuring his dog near his home in North Salem about noon yesterday.

Charles R. Welch, of South Salem, owned a shotgun up to some time during Thursday afternoon and after that he didn't own it until about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

At this point a light built life-boat was stationed, constructed especially for this service. The guards here located had a regular code of signals, by means of which they communicated with their friends on the eastern shore or elsewhere as occasion might require or suggest.

AN AUTOMOBILE PLOW.

Dr. Gatling, the inventor of the famous but somewhat out of date Gatling gun, has determined to exercise his inventive powers in the arts of peace, as the Statesman has heretofore said. While he does not propose to fulfill the ancient prophecy that swords shall be turned into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, he does propose to apply the same principle that made the Gatling gun an instrument for killing by wholesale to the construction of a plow that will make farming a pastime and emancipate the horse, mule and ox from any further slavery to the labor of tilling the soil.

Dr. Gatling proposes to use a new multiple plow. A series of plows set in a frame one behind the other propelled by an automobile for which oil or gasoline will furnish the motive power and managed by one man, will do as much plowing in a day as has heretofore been done by twelve horses with half as many drivers.

While the average farmer is fond of horses and likely to be a little shy of any labor-saving invention that will curtail the demand for oats, corn and hay, he will not be averse to an invention that will make plowing a pleasant relaxation from labor instead of the wearing, tiresome work it is now and if Dr. Gatling will construct a machine that will enable one man to do the plowing for six and ride on an upholstered spring seat while he is doing it an entire plow-wary generation will rise up to call him blessed.

"UNDERGROUND" MAIL ROUTE. A War-Time Service Between the Federal and Confederate Capitals.

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle: Almost everyone living at the time of the civil war frequently saw a mention of an underground mail route between Richmond, Washington and Baltimore. It was an actual fact that such did exist and it was duty organized and was conducted with as much regularity as circumstances would permit.

QUEEN VICTORIA AT WORK.

Although Queen Victoria makes a point of spending part of each day with members of her family staying at Balmoral, she never neglects her work. Every day queen's messengers are sent to Scotland from the home office and the foreign office with important dispatches.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

In a newly designed riding skirt for women the right or saddleside is arranged in two parts from near the knee to the bottom, with a section cut away to form a slit, which allows the legs to grip the saddle more securely.

The Italian ministry has ordered 111 locomotives, 458 passenger coaches, 56 luggage vans and 3950 goods wagons, or freight cars as we term them in this country. The total value of the order is over \$8,000,000.

It is the bounty of Nature that we live, but of Philosophy that we live well.—Seneca.

When all was ready the lifeboat would shoot out the creek, care being taken to avoid the patrolling gunboats of the union forces that were constantly moving up and down across the river.

When the lifeboat was ready to be launched the boatmen were given the password and with instructions how to reach the parties in charge of the mode of transit across the river when these were reached, other instructions in consonance with the existing state of affairs were given to the travelers.

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The Weekly Oregonian and Twice-a-Week Statesman for \$1.50—A Liberal Offer.

The Statesman has made very advantageous clubbing arrangements with the Weekly Oregonian.

The price of the Weekly Oregonian is \$1.50 per year. The price of the Weekly Statesman, when paid in advance, is one dollar a year (and it will be issued in two sections, on Tuesdays and Fridays, after January 1st.) This makes \$2.50 for both papers.

But our price for the two, at least until January 1st, will be \$1.50. That is, you will get both papers for what you have heretofore paid for one, and you will get the Statesman twice a week, eight pages at a time. Send in your names, and your money.

THE DYING VOLUNTEER.

"Comrades, bend a little lower For my voice seems strangely weak, And my trembling heart beats slower, I'm too weary 'e'en to speak. There's a message I would have you Carry back to old Spokane, When you meet the dear home faces, And they ask for news from Dan.

I can see it all, dear Charlie, How the whole place will turn out— How the streets will teem with people Welcoming you with cheers and shout.

I can hear the bands and speeches, But how little you will care, For the welcome at the station, If our mother is not there.

But she'll be there, Charlie, comrade, I can see her dear, loved face; There's another, too, will bid you Welcome to the dear old place. When the greetings all are over Take dear mother, if you can, To a place that's calm and quiet, Tell her all about her Dan.

Tell her not to weep and sorrow For her boy so far away, Tell her that I died contented At the fading of the day. Oft I've wished to give my country Something noble, good and true, But I've only given my life-blood— 'Twas the best that I could do.

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