LATE CITY NEWS FOUND

By the Reporters on Their Round of the Town.

To the Pen — Among the Courts — Asylum and Other Notes.

Left Considerable Property.

R. L. Milster who committed suicide near Silverton on Sunday of last week left considerable property for his family. Yesterday Nancy E. Milster and Martin J. Adams were appointed by the probate court to be co-administrators of the estate which is thought to foot up $25,000.

The Oregon Presbytery.

The presbytery of Oregon convenes to-night at 7:30, at the Presbyterian church in this city. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. A. Hope of Portland.

Already there are many delegates present; the Albany, Ashland, Eugene and Portland representatives having arrived. The body will remain in session for several days holding their sessions daily.

Oregon Always Smiling.

That we may better appreciate our own position it may be well to quote a few sentences from a letter from Missouri. Here we always have rain when we need it and sun when it is needed. But in Missouri now they "are having nasty, dry, cold north wind and not a drop of rain since about August 13th. Dust is everywhere and shoe top deep." How "delicious" our own genial climate is in comparison.

Oregon Schools.

Prof. McElroy says the school population of Oregon is from 85,000 to 87,000. This includes all between the age of 4 and 20 years. Of this number there are 68,000 enrolled in the schools with an average attendance of about 61,000. There are from 3500 to 4000 more of school age in the state this year than last, as a large number of new comers have settled in Oregon. The increase in the number of those who attend is about 3060 more this year than it was last. This is a large increase.

Drouth and Deluge Predicted.

In Topeka, Kansas, lives Prof. C. C. Blake, who for many years has most successfully calculated weather beforehand. Months before they would occur he has prophecied floods, drouths, and excessive heat or extreme cold spells. For years we have noted his warnings and have invariably found him to be correct. We read his predictions for 1889 and study them with considerable alarm. He says next summer will be the most fearful one ever known for deluges and drouths. His calculations are all made from an astronomical basis. He says he fears a famine and has twice thrown away all his long careful calculations covering months and months only to once more pick them up and to a third time reach the same conclusion.

At The Reed.

Last night quite a good audience turned out to hear the Maubury-Boyd company in "His Natural Life." The caste was strong and throughout the audience was delighted. Rounds of applause followed each scene. The play gave a vivid description of convict life among the red coats, and is filled with tragic scenes. As Richard Devine Mr. Maubury is a powerful actor and carried his hearers with him. Inigo Tyrrell, author of the play, as Josh. Graves, an old and faithful servant, was among the very best, and the old man fills his part with fun; the part of Rev. North was well sustained as was also that of Maurice—but the villain finds no admirers. Nellie Boyd herself is not an actress of power. The company present "Unknown" to-night and should have a great attendance.

In For Two Years.

Yesterday Sheriff Hinshaw of Baker county brought to the penitentiary Milton Eddy, for a term of two years for the larceny of a horse. During the trial his counsel and the attorneys for the state asked the clemency of the court as they believed the rights of society and the best interests of the state would be best subserved by imposing such a sentence as would be reformatory. Many circumstances surrounding the case tended to the belief that the young man was not as guilty as some persons would make it appear and that he was "more sinned against than sinning." The young man standing before judge and jury, when asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be imposed, said: "I have nothing to say, your honor, only that I am innocent." And it may be stated that those best acquainted with him believe that he is.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Proceedings of the Regular October Term.

The grand jury is composed of the following named gentlemen: Thos. Bruce, F. A. Wanless, J. W. Labare, Harvey Walker, Jos. Ledgerwood, Marion Eskew, B. Phelps, the latter gentleman being foreman.

The following cases have been disposed of:

M. Kam'nsky vs. M. Gerschback; garnishee; continued.

H. D. Kelly vs. Wm. Marston; damages; dismissed.

Jacob Voorhees vs. W. L. Tooze; suit in regard to warehouses; settled.

A. R. Jewitt vs. A. English; action for money; continued.

Mc. Mitchell vs. D. F. Weatherford; action for money; settled and dismissed.

Board of School Land Commissioners vs. W. S. Smith et al., S. T. Richardson, made party defendant. S. F. Chadwick appointed guardian minor heirs.

Katharine Buchheit vs. Ludwig Buchheit; divorce; default, Louis Tarpley referee to take and report testimony.

Azelia Kirkland vs. Byron Kirkland; divorce; continued.

Ames vs. Libby; confirmation; confirmed.

Williams & England vs. F. H. Ogle et al.; confirmation; confirmed.

Board of school Fund Commissioners vs. J. R. Coleman; confirmation; confirmed.

State of Oregon vs. F. A. Berning, arraigned, pleads guilty—fined $10 and costs.

Apparently in Cycles.

It has often and only too truly been said that great calamities and misfortunes never come singly, but are grouped together. It would seem sometimes that a season of accidents had full sway. For instance, a few weeks ago, all remember the great number of destructive fires that swept over the towns of this region. Every morning you would pick up the daily paper only to read of a great conflagration somewhere near us. See unfortunate McMinnville—depopulated and retarded by smallpox, disastrous fires break out only too add to the city's ill luck. Does it not seem as though deluges and drouths, fires and scourges, murders and suicides occurred in cycles?

One of yesterday's specials noted the circumstance of John Heniz of Silverton having read the account of another Silverton suicide and remarking that he would be the next to go. Can it be that the insane thought of suicide is contagious, too? So it would seem, from the great number of cases of self-destruction that are noted each week. Let us hope not, and that this phase of insanity has run its sands.

Fire the Foot-pads.

From Tacoma, Seattle and Walla Walla, in Washington territory, and from numerous cities in Oregon, especially Albany, come complaints of the doings of footpads and thieves of high and low degree. Small burglaries and sneak-thief operations have been frequent for several weeks past in Portland, and it looks as if the police officers are powerless to check the evil. There should be a determined and well-directed effort to rid the city and state of thieves, tramps and footpads, even though it may be necessary to mortify our sensitive guardians of the peace.—Oregonian.

Malhuer's Assessment Roll.

The assessor of Malhuer county has filed with the secretary of state the assessment lists for 1888, from which we glean:

28400 acres of land, valuation $109,977; improvements $222,819; merchandise and implements $92,297; money, notes, etc. $82,324; furniture etc., $20,465; 12,530 horses and mules, valuation $338,149; 26,537 cattle, valuation $397,970; 64,336 sheep, valuation $96,248; 225 swine, valuation $738; town lots $3,968; indebtedness $207,323; exemptions $102,372. Total taxable property, $996,540. Total valuation $1,358,955.

Supreme Court.

The docket as set for supreme court this week is as follows:

Tuesday, in the matter of the assignment of Julius Levy, Ira F. Powers, assignee, Multnomah Co.

Wednesday, A. C. Lambert, appellant, vs. Rose G. Lambert, respondent. Multnomah county.

Thursday, E. C. Cross, et al., repondents, vs. Mary L. Baskett, et al., appellants Polk county.

F. M. Conn has a band of thirty-two fine young horses which he will offer for sale cheap during the next few days. They are at Ford's corral near the Chemekete hotel.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

County court holds a session to-morrow.

Ponoma grange meets to-morrow in regular session.

Miss Pearl Scott has been chosen as music teacher for the institute for the blind.

Some of Salem's printers are trying to organize a typographical union here.

The state railroad commission are in session, Commissioners Waggoner and Slater having arrived here yesterday.

Wm. Leitch and Frank Bennett, picked up under the vagrant act, get respectively fifteen and twelve days in the cooler.

Yesterday there was brought to the asylum from Baker county a young farmer named Frank Jenkins who has been insane for the past few months.

D. L. Moody, the great evangelist is expected to pass through here te-morrow, en route to Victoria. He will stop a day in Portland, and be tendered a reception at the tabernacle Wednesday evening.

It would seem that Sunday had been set aside as a day of self-destruction, two persons in this county having ended their own lives on Sunday of last week and one on Sunday of this.

It might not be inappropriate to suggest to those folks who secure marriage licenses a few days ahead with the request, "don't let it be published," that a good way to buy the newspaper off is with a dose of cake, et al.

"Unknown" will be presented next Tuesday evening at Reed's opera house—It is not unknown to the people of Salem that S. Farrar & Co. keeps the largest and best assortment of staple and fancy groceries in the city. 3t.

Salem's citizens were glad to learn by yesterday's JOURNAL that we are soon to have a steam laundry established here. Mr. Williams tells us he will be ready for business as soon after he secures the contemplated room as is possible.

McCune, the aged father of young McCune who shot Bewly at Sheridan during the quarantine, is still quite ill from the effects of the wound received. It will be remembered he was struck on the head with a rock during the excitement.

The immense dow pumps at the penitentiary, put up by J. A. McCarl, engineer of the insane asylum and at the expense of and for the benefit of that institution, were started up to-day and are working to a charm. They are run by water power.

For an evening's social enjoyment you should go to the social at the Christian church Friday. Miss Belle Shuart will give some of her most entertaining elocutionary pieces, and Miss Margaret Macrum, of the Boston conservatory of music will sing. Also a miscellaneous programme.

Michael Cunningham of Portland, and a native of Ireland, 38 years old, is insane and was committed to the asylum yesterday. He is homicidal and suicidal in his tendencies, is subject to epileptic fits and owing to his violent disposition had to be confined in a straight-jacket at St. Vincent's hospital.

PERSONALS.

N. L. Butler of Dallas is in the city to-day.

Hon. J. D. Lee of Dallas, is in Salem to-day.

State Printer Baker has returned from Portland.

J. R. Bryson of Corvallis came down this morning.

J. J. Daly a prominent Dallas lawyer is here attending court.

Wm. Myer of Ellsworth, Kansas, is looking around in this part of the country.

President Van Scoy's wife has been spending a few days visiting with her parents, at their home.

Rev. H. B. Elworthy, of Brownsville, formerly principal of the South Salem school, was in the city yesterday, on business.

Mrs. C. F. Royal, and her daughter, Mrs. Skipworth, are visiting friends and relatives in Washington county and in Portland.

Prohi Banquet.

The State chairman asks us to state that all prohis proposing to attend the Mechanics' fair, should do so next week and atiend the prohi banquet in Portland, Wednesday, Oct. 17th. Ex-Gov. Newell, and ex-Chief Justice Greene, the prohibition nominee for congress, of Washington Territory, are expected among the speakers. Railroad tickets half fare.

OCCIDENTAL JOTTINGS.

News And Notes of a General Interest to the Westerner.

Geo. Flavel is Clatsop's heaviest tax payer. The amount is $126,238.

It costs about $500 a month to run the water works system of Pendleton.

The "Bunchgrass Blade" has been discontinued, and the "Lexington Budget" has succeeded it.

The earliest date of killing frost in Portland was October 14; latest, December 6, and average, November 11th.

In Jackson county the picking of winter apples has begun, and the crop is reported good in nearly every part of the valley.

The citizens of Tillamook county are actively engaged in opening a wagon road up the Wilson river and over the mountains.

A Yamhill county man harvested from 24 acres of ground 2300 bushels of oats this season. If any one can beat that let him speak.

The editor of the Harney Items has skipped by the silvery beams of the moon, leaving his landlady to mourn his sudden departure.

A Scappoose man claims to have the prize sunflower of the country. It is over ten feet in height and the flower is 42 inches in circumference.

In Clackamas county hogs are scarce and in demand, and there are farmers who haven't one. The average price for stock hogs is $5 per 100 weight.

At Oregon City on an apple tree whose fruit ripened in June, a second crop of apples has appeared in clusters, and they are now as large as chestnuts.

Manager Wm. M. Hoag says that the tunnel contract was let the first of the week to Meyer & Co. The tunnel is to be something over four hundred feet in length.

Oregon has a woman mail carrier. Her name is Miss Minnie Westman and she carries mail from the head of navigation on Siuslaw river over the Coast range of mountains, following up the river, to Hales post-office station, within fifteen miles of Eugene.

The first carload of pears to be shipped direct from Ashland to Chicago will leave about the 18th inst. They will be chiefly of the Winter Nelis variety, but a few pound-pears, will be included. This event introduces a new era in the fruit business. Next fall it may be expected to see a number of carloads of pears shipped East.

A farmer in Wallowa county, has succeeded in raising a monster squash, weighing 183 pounds. He took it to the town of Joseph for exhibition, and no sooner had it arrived there than it was made the object of a political bet. If Cleveland is elected a prominent business man of Joseph has agreed to roll the squash to Enterprise, a distance of several miles; and in case Harrison is elected Charles Allman has agreed to do the same thing.

MONMOUTH.

The State Normal school is in full blast, doing fine work under President Stanley and a full corps of able teachers.

Stanley's bank is doing a good business and proves an appreciated accommodation to the town and vicinity.

Elder Webb of Salem gave his celebrated lecture, full of instruction, wit and pathos. "Nails in his coffin," to a large audience in the college chapel, on last Monday night.

On the Stanley addition to the business portion of the city, south of and adjoining his residence, a large store and hall are going up. A big hotel is also projected. On the same block a large well is being dug and a windmill and tank will supply all the buildings with water. A number of new houses are going up.

Independence.

Lew Robertson's new brick building is looming up grandly.

The West Side Press is in excellent running order, and editor, compositors, reporter and job printer busy in their new quarters, in the brick block.

Mrs. Steeves deserves much praise in her band of hope work It meets every Monday afternoon, and Monday there were nearly forty boys and girls present.

When a fact confronts a free trader it does not bother him at all, for he simply ignores it and substitutes his theory for the real condition which confronts him.