

EDITORIAL.

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STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg is to have a labor exchange. Tillamook dogs wear aluminum license tags.

The post office at Dufur, Oregon was robbed Friday night. Monument and Heppner are now connected by telephone.

Certificates were issued in Washington county to 17 teachers. Pendleton is working 55 men in the scouring mill night and day.

C. H. Dalrymple has been appointed city attorney of Gold Hill.

The Albany creamery has contracts upon 30,000 pounds of butter at Seattle.

The Oakland, Douglas county Gazette issued its initiatory number last Friday.

The Russel murder case is being heard in the circuit court for Coos county.

J. M. Jrien, tanner and furrier, committed suicide last night by hanging himself.

Coquille valley is said to be swarming with caterpillars and much damage is being done fruit trees.

Prof. E. B. McElroy, of Eugene, has been engaged to deliver the Decoration Day address at Junction City.

Fishermen are complaining of sheep dip being emptied into the McKay river and consequently killing many trout.

One thousand dollars has been raised by Baker City firemen to defray the expenses of the visiting firemen.

Bernard Buback died in Tillamook, May 2, aged 76. He was a native of Austria and has been a resident in Tillamook for a number of years.

J. J. Lucky, of Hood river valley, has a patch of a little less than two acres of strawberry, which, good judges say will yield 400 crates.

Alexander Stewart died at the home of his daughter-in-law, about three miles east of Medford, Wednesday, May 12, aged 88 years and 10 months.

Edward Schuffline, a mining man from California, died alone in his cabin about 20 miles east of Canyonville, Ore. Heart failure was the cause.

Last Tuesday, Peter Harris, an old sheep herder, of Wasco county, died very suddenly, by drinking alcohol, causing heart failure after taking a number of drinks.

Mrs. F. E. Crance, wife of Alf Crance, of Fort Klamath, died at her home last Sunday afternoon, after but a few hours' sickness. She was as well as usual Sunday morning, but toward noon began to feel ill, and in a few hours breathed her last.

Anrys & Kistner, of Rainier, have made an assignment to J. B. Doan for the benefit of their creditors.

The firm's resources are estimated at \$7,700, with liabilities of \$5000. J. B. Doan as assignee, has filed his bond in the sum of \$15,000.

The Albany Democrat says that it is probable that Company F will move for Hood River, June 26. No excuses will be accepted but illness and death, and the encampment will be run on the strictest military discipline ever observed in Oregon.

What is supposed to be the largest salmon ever caught has been caught in the Columbia river. It measured 4 feet 5 1/2 inches and was 3 feet around the girth and was 1 foot around close to the tail and weighed 8 1/2 pounds. Its head weighed 12 1/2 pounds.

Asa Gilbert, lost a wagon-load of oats, hay and flour, and a pair of horses while attempting to ford Salmon creek last Wednesday, 50 miles south-east of Eugene on the military road. The wagon was overturned, and the horses were swept off of their feet and drowned.

At the annual meeting of the Klamath Falls Crater Lake Club, Monday evening, the following officers were elected: O. C. Applegate, president; J. G. Pierce, vice-president; H. T. Chitwood, treasurer; C. L. Parish, secretary; A. Castel, topographical engineer.

An old gentleman named Aftut, of Trout creek, in Crook county, was found dead in a pasture near his house, apparently having been dragged to death by the horse he had been riding. He lived in an out of way place. Three horses which he had tied in the pasture were found dead from starvation.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Gov. Pingree, of Michigan, has vetoed an anti-cigarette bill.

Gen. Lew Wallace says the Sultan is the greatest diplomat in the world.

Emperor William's four boys hold commissions in the Prussian army.

The congress to be elected in 1896 may have to choose the next president.

The milliners of New York worked 3,000,000 birds into women's hats last year.

A bullet from a Lebel rifle, at Bercy, France, entered a bull's skull and left the body near the tail.

The queen of Spain wants to raise \$40,000,000 more to carry on the Spanish wars for the oppression of colonists.

Peru has stopped the coinage of silver and adopted a law prohibiting the importation of silver coin into her territory.

There was paid into the United States consignment fund last year \$14,225, the largest amount ever received in one year.

One Chon has started in China a league to oppose the practice of foot-binding to make small feet, which has prevailed there for twenty centuries.

In Massachusetts, in 1890, there were 1057 boot and shoe factories, capitalized at \$44,567,702, employing 69,634 hands, who received \$34,648,968 yearly wages, producing 100,000,000 pairs, valued at \$118,500,000.

Norway's Storting has voted a lump sum of 4000 kroner (1080) each to Nansen's twelve companions, and 3000 kroner a year for five years to Capt. Svendrup, who is to command the next expedition of the Fram, planned for 1898.

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