

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Captain Henry Coe of Hood River was in the city Wednesday.

Geo. A. Leib and Chas. Schmidt went out to Dufur Tuesday morning.

The old fashioned black cricket can be seen on Eight mile creek in thousands.

The court house has had a second coat of paint and its appearance is greatly improved.

Miss May Enright has returned to this city to take her old place as office operator at the depot telephone office.

Mr. Ben McAtee of Tygh left for home Wednesday with a find monument to be placed over the grave of his brother, W. H. McAtee.

Long Ward has five sons whose aggregate length is 31 feet and six inches.

The aggregate length of father and sons is 37 feet and ten inches.

A case of contest was on trial today in the land office between Richard Signan and Robert Bradley of Dufur.

About eighty acres of forfeited land is in controversy.

The Southern Oregon state board of agriculture will hold its district fair commencing September 22 and lasting five days.

The place where the fair will be held has not yet been determined.

The county school superintendent informs us that the county appropriation for the current year amounts to \$2.15 per pupil, as against \$2.10 for last year.

There are now 62 districts in the county.

The Winan's brothers expect that the water in the river will be sufficiently high to run at least some of the fish wheels in about a week, when they also expect the fish to be running at this point.

Mr. John Bonn, of this city, was married Tuesday to Miss Margaret Saldren. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Horn at Mr. Bonn's residence.

The CHRONICLE wishes the couple many happy days.

D. J. Cooper, U. S. special land agent, has received four lists of swamp land selections in the Roseburg, Oregon City, Dalles and La Grande districts comprising about one hundred tracts.

He will begin work on the same May 1st.

The friends of Messrs. Dufur and Bradshaw have got up petitions to the governor for their appointment to the vacant judgeship of this district.

As they are both good men we are kind of sorry they cannot both be appointed.

The Portland chamber of commerce has sent to the board of trade of this city a supply of sugar beet seed which will be distributed freely to all who wish to experiment with planting it.

The seed has been placed for distribution at this office.

We are pleased to know that the arm of Mr. J. Meins was not fractured as was at first supposed, by the accident he met with last Saturday.

It is badly bruised however, as was his whole person. He was able to walk out around the house last evening.

Isaac Joles and H. W. Steel are opening up their mining claim near the mouth of Chenoweth creek.

They brought in some quartz specimens yesterday which they think are very promising, for croppings. They are still much pleased with the prospect.

The first annual stallion show lately held at Fossil was, as we learn from the Fossil Journal, a complete success.

Not less than \$20,000 worth of fine horses were exhibited. Prizes were offered in eight classes. A large number of persons were present and the day passed like a Fourth of July.

Mr. E. W. Winans of Hood river, sent up to this city Tuesday a stuffed female cougar which one of the Winans boys shot a short time ago.

It is a very large animal and looks exceedingly natural and lifelike. It was shipped to N. Whealdon and is now on exhibition in the office of O. D. Taylor.

The old saw fish wheel of Jackson & Goman, now the property of Captain Stone, which has lain for a long time on the beach near the foot of Court street, has been moved about 75 feet toward the river and is now afloat.

It is being thoroughly overhauled and will be moved in a few days about two miles up the river.

Eighteen hundred of mutton sheep were brought to the Thompson ranch on Five-mile yesterday. They were purchased by Jack Anderson from W. H. Wylie, Duncan Maclean and T. H. McGreer of Antelope, at we were told, \$4 a head with the wool on. This is a fine price, and sheep men should make lots of money this year at such rates.

Mr. Jack Meins had a runaway on Saturday which resulted in the fracture of one of his arms and other severe injuries.

He was breaking a colt in a cart when the animal shied and threw him out on a pile of brick in front of the armory building. He was, we understand, quite severely injured and will be laid up undoubtedly for some time.

The regular monthly meeting of Mt. Hood Grange was held last Saturday at the McHealey hall, on Eight mile. A good attendance was present and some eight or nine new members were added to their number.

This grange is now in good working order and has a band of earnest self-sacrificing men and women connected with it. It is doing a good work and we believe it has a bright future before it.

Notwithstanding the quiet appearance of the town and the frequency of the remark "there is nothing a doing" a CHRONICLE reporter counted today over 50 head of horses all belonging to farmers or freight teams from the country, being fed at the yard of The Dalles Mercantile Co., and at the yard of W. H. Lockhead, there were two 6 horse and 8 four horse teams whose wagons were being loaded with about 36,000 lbs. of freight for Prineville and Mitchell.

She Asks the Brother a Question.

Mr. A. S. Dunaway in the West Shore.

Will the sage of the Oregonian, who happened to be born and reared an only son among a large family of daughters, all of whom are leading advocates of woman suffrage, be kind enough to tell us how he reached the conclusion, so often reiterated of late in his excellent and respectful journal, that "the best women do not want to vote?"

Conductor Charley Thompson is said to own Joseph's "coat of many colors."

H. C. Cooper, of Lake Oven, informed a CHRONICLE reporter today that there is still unmet snow three miles south of Lake Oven.

The big tressel at Crate's Point is being overhauled, straightened and practically rebuilt. The improvement will do away with the order to "slow down" at this point.

Reports from all points south of The Dalles indicate a rain fall that commenced on 10 o'clock last night and lasted till nearly morning. The farmers are jubilant.

The Diamond Mills are shipping 2000 barrels of its best flour to Portland for bakers use. They pronounce it the best for baking purposes that comes to that city.

Fred Drews has removed his barber shop and bath rooms to 107 Second street, next door to Freeman's boot and shoe store, where he will be pleased to see all his old customers, and lots of new ones.

From L. Rice, of Eight Mile, and Henry Hillgen, of Tygh Ridge, we learn that a fine rain fell in these two districts last night, enough to give the late sown grain a good start. The prospects for a good crop is so far very encouraging.

H. P. Heald, of Hood River gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. He reports the fruit prospects of his section as being everything that could be desired, and that nearly the entire crop of the fruit will have to be plucked from the trees to keep them from breaking down.

Mrs. Captain Lewis and Miss Lewis went down on a visit to Portland Wednesday, on the train. The only thing singular about the train party is that it has been more than 24 years since Mrs. Lewis was on the cars. Even the genial captain, much as he has seen of the world, had not ridden on the cars for 19 years till after he came to The Dalles.

At the board of trade meeting last evening it was resolved to invite the party who wishes to start a woolen mill here to visit the city and confer with the board of trade on the subject. The secretary was ordered to write to the portage commission asking for information as to when they will commence work on the portage at the Cascades.

Everything seems to indicate that the price of wheat will be higher this year than it was a year ago. Prices are commencing to go up gradually and now wheat is from \$1.55 to \$1.60. San Francisco exporters are selling cargoes for August, September, October, November and December at the rate of \$1.50 or more. The season's options are \$1.55 until June and 1891 options are quoted at \$1.57 1/2. These options are the best indications of prices which will prevail during and after the harvest, and the next crops will bring \$1.50 or more, which is a better price than we have seen getting of late years.—Oregon Express.

Geo. A. Liebe, Emile Schanno and Chas. Schmidt went out yesterday to appraise the damages connected with the opening of a new county road from the McHealey place on Eight Mile to Dufur. While at Dufur the party visited Mr. William O'Dell of Hood River, who is still very low, and cannot, it is believed, last long. Mr. O'Dell spoke feelingly to his visitors of the kindness the Dufur people had shown him during his illness.

School district No. 16 has had some difficulty with its teachers and superintendent Shelley was called upon last Saturday to give his judgment in the case. It appears that the directors in some way actually hired two teachers to conduct the same school term—Mr. O. B. Connelly and Mrs. Wm. Menefee. Mrs. Menefee is in charge of the school and Mr. Connelly believing himself wronged appealed to Mr. Shelley. As the district is only liable for the pay of one teacher it is held by Mr. Connelly that the directors are personally responsible for the other. As we understand it the directors do not deny having hired both. It is believed however that the matter will be adjusted without legal proceedings.

It is plain to those who know E. F. Humason, who has been convicted at Spokane of the crime of stealing a horse and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years, that he is a victim of malevolence and of a spirit of revenge. Humason was a cattle dealer and butcher at The Dalles for more than twenty years, and had business relations in Portland where he was well known throughout this long period. He always bore the reputation of an honest and honorable man. At Spokane he is clearly the victim of circumstances. There has been a good deal of cattle stealing in that section. Humason bought and butchered some stolen cattle, not knowing that they had been stolen. An angry jury determined to put a stop to cattle stealing, and took advantage of an opportunity to use Humason as an example to terrify cattle thieves, and thereby have made an innocent and honest man a victim. No one who knows Humason as he is known at The Dalles and Portland, will believe for a moment that he has committed a crime. When guilty men so seldom get their just punishment, doubly wrong that innocent men should suffer.—Oregonian.

FENCING GOVERNMENT LAND. It is a Criminal Offense Which will be Prosecuted by Federal Attorneys.

Mr. Charles E. Lockwood, assistant United States district attorney here, calls attention to an erroneous impression. The statement has been made that there is no adequate remedy at law against the practice of fencing public lands. Mr. Lockwood says the statutes are plain and explicit on this point. Many applications have been received at this office from different points throughout the state, asking to know what can be done in the cases of stockowners who fence in government land without any title or claim to it. These people have no right to do this, and the punishment is provided by an act of congress passed February 25, 1885. Violation of this statute is made a criminal offense and the prescribed punishment is a fine of not to exceed \$1000, or imprisonment not to exceed one year. The punishment applies to all cases connected with the work of doing the fencing. The act makes it the duty of the district attorney to prosecute the offenders. The punishment applies to all cases connected with the work of doing the fencing upon receipt of the required affidavit of any citizen, setting forth the names of the offenders and the description of the lands fenced in.

Real Estate Transactions.

J. E. Hanna, S. C. Smith, O. L. Stranahan, S. J. Hershey and Leslie Butler, trustees of the United Brethren in Christ to Alice M. Cleaver, all of lot 12, in block 2 in town of Waucoma. Consideration \$120.

ment in today's CHRONICLE that he has moved across the street into more commodious quarters in the French block. The necessity for the change is apparent when one steps into his handsome store and sees the piles of goods that are being placed on the shelves and the quantity yet unpacked. It looks like prosperity to see so fine a stock in a city of this size.

Mr. Herbering now has a frontage of twenty-five feet with a depth of seventy-five, and every available foot of space is being utilized. He has always kept a handsome store but now that he has more room in which to show his goods, it will be more attractive than ever.

TWELVE YEARS AGO

Mr. Herbering came to The Dalles and went into the dry goods business and he has never been in anything else during his business life. He had years of training in the great dry goods houses of San Francisco and Buffalo and came here with a perfect knowledge of what he was going into. That he has been successful goes without saying when we can state that he carried a stock of from \$25,000 to \$30,000, which is bought direct from the manufacturers or such direct from houses as the H. B. Claffin Co., E. J. Jaffrey or Switzer, Penbrook & Co. Every year Mr. Herbering goes east himself to personally look over the market and purchases the best that can be secured, suitable to the trade. His extensive knowledge of the eastern dealers has contributed to his success and has been one of the means used to bring him so prominently to the front.

IN BOOTS AND SHOES

His line is large and complete. He carries the Hamilton-Brown Co. shoes and draws extensively on J. and T. Cousins' establishment for high grade shoes. His boot and shoe trade is a large one and is constantly growing.

THE STETSON HATS

Are carried by him as well as many other brands and any person looking for handsome headgear can find it at Mr. Herbering's establishment.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

In fine assortment can be found there. His stock of all goods in that line is large and varied and the most fastidious gentleman can find something in Mr. Herbering's stock to please his fancy and make him relax his purse strings if he desires to be well dressed.

A CASH TRADE.

It would take too much space to enumerate all the varieties of goods that can be purchased at Mr. Herbering's store. He has any amount of dry goods with which to please his lady patrons and his prices are the principal drawing card. He believes in selling for cash and by charging so small a profit that his customers prefer to pay the low prices asked rather than let bills run and pay the heavy charges that a merchant must have where long credit is given. His goods are worth all he asks for them and his customers want them badly enough to raise the money to pay when they purchase.

THE CLERICAL FORCE.

Mr. Karl Gottfried, Frank Cram and Charles Fritz are Mr. Herbering's valued and valuable assistants in conducting his business. They are bright and popular young gentlemen and do much to draw custom to the store. Good help is a necessity in a successful business and in this instance the man at the head of the house has chosen well. Mr. Herbering likes The Dalles. He has been constantly increasing the volume of his business and believes that yet brighter days are ahead for the merchants of this city, and that he will remain right along up with the front of the procession.

Our General Varnay.

The West Shore publishes a picture of General James A. Varnay, who served so satisfactorily during the past year as department commander of the G. A. B. of Oregon and says of him:

The retiring department commander, James A. Varnay, was born in Brooks, Waldo county, Maine, October 7, 1825. He went to California around the Horn in 1840 and returned to Maine in 1833. In 1861, he went to the front as chaplain of the Seventh Maine Inf. Vols., and served through the Peninsular campaign. Mr. Varnay came to Oregon fifteen years ago, and is now living in the Dalles and is engaged in the nursery and florist business. Fruit and flowers have been his hobby since his youth. He was a charter member of the State Pomological society of Maine, and an executive officer for years, and made a fruit exhibit for the state at the Philadelphia centennial. He is now one of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture and pest inspector. Mr. Varnay was a charter member of James W. Nesmith Post No. 32, G. A. R., at The Dalles, and is a cousin of the gentleman whose name is thus perpetuated. He served three successive terms as post commander, and was elected department commander at Eugene a year ago. His administration has been the most energetic and business like the department has ever had, and the order has been brought to its highest state. In his official capacity he attended the grand encampment at Boston last year. Mr. Varnay is a Mason in high standing both in the Royal Arch and Knight Templar. He was a prelate of Trinity commandery, No. 1, Augusta, Maine, for two years, and a charter member of St. Omar commandery, No. 12, Waterville. He has been serving continuously as prelate for many years until his removal to Oregon, since which time he has maintained his membership.

Church Election.

The Congregational church, of this city held its annual parish meeting last night. There were present 54 persons and the meeting was an enthusiastic and pleasant one. The deacons elected were S. L. Brooks, E. P. Roberts, R. A. Rose and A. R. Thompson, while R. A. Rose was chosen trustee. Rev. W. C. Curtis was unanimously given a call as permanent pastor, which is a handsome tribute to a worthy and accomplished gentleman. The church has been more prosperous the past year than any since its organization and all feel that it is because both members and pastor have been working together for the cause of Christ. The deacons elected are all representative men and will be a power for good during the coming year. Deacons Brooks and Roberts have held these same positions for many years and have seen the church grow from a small and struggling one to a large, flourishing and popular congregation with the finest edifice in the city, and with every indication that it will double its membership within the next twelve months. To these two men and their estimable wives much of the present prosperity is due. A thank offering of \$162.50 was taken up at the conclusion of the election.

ROBBER.

Near this city April 23d, 1891, to the wife of W. W. Rawson, a son.

has been sent out by that body. The seed can be had on application to the CHRONICLE office.

PORTLAND, April 17, 1891.

Mr. A. S. MacCallister, President The Dalles Sugar Beet Co.

DEAR SIR: As you are doubtless aware, through the press, there is a movement to have an experiment made in the raising of sugar beets in this state in order to ascertain at what cost they can be produced, and an analysis made of the beets grown to ascertain their richness in sugar. I also understand that the production of the sugar would be a matter of very great benefit to the state. I have procured seed for experimental purposes of the following varieties: "Klein Wanzleben" and the "Vilmoin" improved. I send you herewith by express a small quantity of each; that is, "Klein Wanzleben" and the "Vilmoin" improved. I also send herewith instructions for planting and cultivating the beets, as furnished me by E. H. Dyer, of Alvarado, Cal., who is an authority on this subject. I trust that you will be able to give to the public the results of this experiment. I am, Sir, very truly, Yours very truly, T. F. OSBORN, President.

THE SUGAR BEET.

How They are to be Tilled—Full Directions to Those Who Plant Them.

The following circular has been issued by the Oregon state board of commerce in regard to the sugar beet seed which is being distributed throughout the country under the auspices of that organization:

In the effort to have experiments made in various sections of the state, for the purpose of ascertaining definitely whether sugar beets can be produced in Oregon, of a quality and quantity, and at a cost to warrant the establishing of beet sugar manufacturing, the following directions for planting and cultivation of the beet have been obtained from those who have had experience therein.

Set a soil that will not become hard during the growing season. The sugar beet, if raised in proper soil, with proper cultivation, will grow all underground, except a very small portion which grows above ground. The soil should be so prepared that it will not become hard so that the beet cannot expand underground, it will be forced above, and be worthless for sugar. A light sandy soil, with a few small pebbles above ground, contains no sugar, but impurities that prevent the crystallization of the sugar.

Now the land not less than 12 inches deep, the first plowing, as early in the season as practicable. Plow very shallow the second time, not over four or five inches deep. Work the land well, after that plowing, so that the soil will be thoroughly. Then if the rainy season is about over, let it remain from ten to twelve days, before sowing, in order to allow the moisture to settle in the soil. If the seed is sown on freshly prepared ground, it will germinate immediately, and the weather should be warm and dry, the plants will receive the most favorable surface, the germs will die, and the seed becomes worthless.

The ground must be thoroughly pulverized, so that the seed will fall to a depth of not less than three to five inches apart in the rows. The thinning and first weeding should be done as early as possible, so that the weeds can be distinguished from the weeds. After this, all that is necessary is to keep them free from weeds.

A light, sandy soil is the best. However, the best land in the world cultivated as is usually done in raising beets for stock would be worthless for beet to manufacture into sugar. And unless the farmer follows instructions in raising beets for this purpose, it will be no test. Beets grown side by side with the stock raising beets, will be a good test for sugar, as he would for stock. An analysis of beets raised in the ordinary way will give no test of value.

Your attention is called to the following extracts from the report of the commissioner of agriculture, Washington, D. C., for the year 1881, on the sugar beet, and the most reliable European authorities:

"Experiments in close planting, continued for a series of eight years, gave the following results: 3d, a rich soil with better quality; 3d, a rich soil with yield 4th; 4th, less exhausting to the soil."

Also—

Beets at smaller distances will produce more sugar and absorb less of the saline matters. Now, we know that the constituent properties of sugar are furnished entirely by the atmosphere, and that the saline matters are furnished by the soil, and by cultivating the sugar beets at smaller distances from each other (that is, closely planted) they are less exhausting to the soil. The best culture is more profitable at the same time to the grower and the manufacturer.

Indecent Literature.

Since Samuels, its founder, left the West Shore it seems to have been rapidly on the down grade, judging by some of its productions. A certain Ella Higginson, conducts a department in that sheet, and is growing to be a disciple of the erotic very fast. The following extract would be amusing were it not so silly:

"A man cannot lead a fast life, enjoy all sorts of pleasures and then marry a young girl, expecting to be able to perfectly happy forever after. The girl has been raised under home restraint; for her, marriage with a successful man is a life of freedom, life enjoying the amenities. Can she banish her that she will not stick at the quiet fireside and the worn-out, faded, blue husband, who is tired of it all and give up the gay world which beckons her out? The best married couples are those who go out a great deal, either together or separately, and meet to nestle in each other's arms to tell over the incidents of the day."

ROBBER.

Near this city April 23d, 1891, to the wife of W. W. Rawson, a son.

Panama canal has been sent to the liquidator of the company, Monchicourt, by Lieutenant Wyse, who has been negotiating with the Columbian government to prolong the concession. The report is a voluminous document. It is apparently prepared with the object of concealing amid an endless maze of words and reiterated expressions about the sanguine prospects the actual hopelessness of any further enterprise in that direction. After detailing the negotiations, Lieutenant Wyse concluded:

"If my success with Colombia is not to remain barren the hour has come for the energetic action to save the capital invested in the work and preserve from destruction the vastest project of the human epoch. It is necessary to maneuver, against which it is time to arm, do not cause the pending financial combinations to fall, the unfortunate French public will soon receive through the completion of the canal the greater part of the savings so recklessly squandered."

Proceeding to make practical suggestions Lieutenant Wyse advocates six locks, with a single artificial lake in the center as the best scheme. He estimates the time required to execute the work at five years and the maximum cost at 600,000,000 francs. Monchicourt personally considers that the report offers a favorable basis for the pending negotiations. The report was issued today and the press has had no time as yet to criticize it.

A BOSTON FIRE.

Twenty firemen buried beneath a falling roof at New Bedford.

Boston, April 19.—A fire occurred early this morning in the Chipman building, five-story brick, principally occupied by Bailey & Rankin, carpenters. The total loss is estimated at \$20,000. While the fire was at its height, the roof fell, the debris imprisoning nearly twenty firemen, several whom escaped injury. The structure was so once for all, that the parts of the building where the accident occurred, and in a few minutes the debris was cooled sufficiently to permit of the release of the men. Chief Keegan was not serious. Captain Willet was injured about the shoulders. Captain Griffin was pinned down by heavy timbers, which were saved apart before he could be released. District engineer Creswell was pinned down nearly an hour. His leg was crushed by heavy timbers. The injuries to all, however, are not serious. A dozen other firemen were injured, some seriously.

ANXIOUS TO COME.

Italians Will be Helped to Emigrate—Senseless Threats.

LONDON, April 20.—A Rome dispatch says that the government has agreed to give 100,000 francs to America to pay the informers and other witnesses in the Mala Vita prosecution that may desire, and it is believed the offer will be gladly accepted by all those who are in the case have already reached Naples under police protection, and are undoubtedly awaiting the first chance to emigrate to the United States.

THE VENDETTA INEVITABLE.

A Roman gentleman informed a London correspondent Friday that while he hated and despised the Mafia, he recognized that the vendetta was inevitable, and that the leaders in the American tragedy would die by violence sooner or later, though perhaps not for two or three years. He said that the chief reason in Italy for punishing murder with imprisonment instead of death, was that the vendetta had always followed the capital penalty.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

The Sixth Massachusetts Regiment was Attacked by a Baltimore Mob.

BALTIMORE, April 19.—The Sixth Massachusetts light infantry veterans, known as the "Worcester Light Infantry," lined descendants of the old Massachusetts Sixth, will remember as the first armed and equipped regiment which marched to the relief of the national capital, arrived here today. They came at the same hour, and traversed the same route as in 1861. Thirty years ago today the Sixth Massachusetts had a conflict with a mob while passing through this city, losing four men killed and many wounded. Their demonstration today commemorates the anniversary. The veterans were met at the railroad station by the Grand Army posts, a detachment of the Sons of Veterans and a deputation representing the city officials. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Davidson in a happy vein, assuring the veterans of the respect and honor which the city has received in the evening of the Duchesse Carroll house.

OPINION HAS CHANGED.

The English Now Think America in the Right.

LONDON, April 19.—Blaine's dispatch, dated April 14, to Marquis Imperiali, as called in full, elicits the enormous interest of England, which has turned the current of English opinion, which at one moment ran strongly against America. The Standard, which at first was all in favor of the American cause, appears strongly to English minds. The Times has from the beginning been the friend of America in this matter. It has been warning the field which has been the New Orleans incident itself and of the question arising out of it.

MISSING LINK FOUND.

The Contest of the Fremont Heirs for the Island of Alcatraz.

FRIDAY, Oct. 20.—The missing link in the chain of title establishing General Fremont's claim to the island of Alcatraz, in San Francisco bay, was received today by W. R. Covert, of this city, in the form of a grant from the Mexican government to Philip Temple, a man from whom General Fremont made the purchase. The United States government now has possession of this island and the heirs are suing for its value, which is estimated at \$10,000,000.

He Drew His Father's Pension.

DON MOSES, La., April 20.—George S. Boone, the only remaining lineal descendant of Daniel Boone, was arrested by United States authorities and brought to this city for trial today. He is charged with the pension fraud. Boone served in the confederate army, while his father was a Union soldier. The father is dead, and the son has for some time been drawing the pension allowed to the former. Boone has been living in a cave on the Des Moines river, about forty miles below this city.

County Treasurer's Notice.

All county warrants registered prior to January 14, 1888, will be paid if presented at my office. Interest ceases from and after this date.

Geo. Bruce, Treas. Wasco Co., Or. The Dalles, Or., April 3, 1891.

REMARKS.

This bulletin is based on reports received from 103 correspondents. Owing to the entire difference between western and eastern Oregon, this bulletin will in future be divided into two parts, one will treat entirely of that section west of the Cascades, the other of that section east of them.

WESTERN OREGON WEATHER.

The temperature has been from a normal condition in the southern part to three degrees above the normal in the northern part. The actual temperature ranging from forty to twenty below zero. Showers occurred on several days, on the 13th and 16th, though accompanied by the winds. The winds have been light to fresh in force and variable in direction. No frost has been reported. Cloudy or partially cloudy weather predominated, with warm, bright sunshine at intervals.

CROPS.

Marked growth in all vegetation, during the week has been reported. Fall wheat has had rapid growth. Early sown spring wheat is above the ground and growing remarkably well. Oats are healthy and equal to wheat in growth. Spring seeding has been rapidly pushed and considerable progress has been made. The acreage has been generally largely increased. Fruit trees are all blooming and leading generally, some bloom is falling. Fruit prospects were never better. Gardens are coming on. For seven seed showing above ground. Strawberries in bloom and small berries size of pea formed and growing rapidly.

EASTERN OREGON WEATHER.

The temperature has about normal. A few showers fell, but not an average amount. The weather was generally partly cloudy with bright, warm sunshine. A few frosts are reported south of the Blue mountains.

CROPS.

North of the Blue Mountains spring is well advanced.—The ground is becoming dry. Fall wheat is remarkably good growth, spring grain is all sown and most of it is up and growing well. Grain prospects were never better. Fruit trees are in full bloom and trees are leafing out, berry bushes in full leaf. The grass is growing well. Farmers are busy plowing for summer fallow. Showers would prove beneficial, for the season is very dusty and ground in fields is caking on top. South of the Blue mountains spring is not so far advanced. The temperature is lower but crops are doing well. Fruit showing buds and bloom.

Sheep are in fine condition, shearing is in progress but will be in full blast next week. Lambing is proceeding very successfully. The increase will be from 90 to 100 per cent. The range is good and stock is generally reported to be doing well.

Observer, U. S. Signal Service.

A Steamfitter Killed.

St. PAUL, April 20.—The electric system of this city was paralyzed today by an explosion of an oil tank adjoining the St. Paul electric railway power house. A steamfitter who descended into the tank with a lighted candle, was killed by an explosion of gas and set the tank on fire. One of the armatures in the power house at once burned out, thus stopping the system. The power house will probably be saved.

THE SECOND EASTERN OREGON DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SPEED PROGRAMME FOR FAIR OF 1891.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1891.

RACE NO. 1. Running—Saddle horse, stake \$5 entrance, \$50 added. Five to enter, 100 to start, catch weights. The officers of the society to have the right to reject any entry, but their judgment does not strictly constitute a saddle horse. Half mile dash.

RACE NO. 2. Trotting—Yearling stake, \$10 entrance, and \$50 added. Five to enter, 100 to start. Half mile dash.

RACE NO. 3. Trotting—Two-year-old class, mile heats, best two in three, purse \$75.