

NORTHWEST NEWS.

Topics of General Interest in the Four New States and Elsewhere.

These postmasters have been appointed in Montana: H. M. Cosier, Poplar Creek Agency, Dawson county; Jens Jensen, Woodville, Jefferson county.

It is said that the Union Pacific has abandoned the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company's line and thus secured terminal arrangements at Seattle.

The Baker City board of trade passed a resolution favoring the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and endorsing the position of Senator Mitchell on this question.

Charles R. Cunningham, agent for the Montana Central railroad and American Express company at Elk Park, has been arrested and charged with embezzlement. His shortage is said to exceed \$1000.

The Southern Oregon board of agriculture has passed through its first year with a balance in its treasury of \$1,800. It reflects a small degree of credit on the business management of the institution.

Quite a large band of Indians, said to be from the Yakima reservation, passed down the west side of the Columbia during the past week, carrying on their carcasses about 200 deer, which were slaughtered on the Methow.

Davis Lewis has sold to Judge W. J. Stephens a third interest in the Hidden Treasure mine at Wallace for \$5,000. This is a promising vein. Mr. Lewis is largely interested in the new granite quarry at Wallace. The little town above Missoula is apt to have a good boom yet.

The Idaho insane patients are not homeless, notwithstanding the late fire. An addition which has just been built was not burned, and this, in connection with a wooden annex to be made at once, will provide temporary quarters that will suffice until the legislature meets.

The Corvallis Times states that Rev. I. D. Driver preached a very able discourse in the M. E. church at that city last week. Mr. Driver is traveling through the state in the interest of the establishment of a Protestant hospital in Portland soon, the cost of which is to be \$150,000, should it prove a success.

An analysis of the coal found at Comstock, Douglas county, Oregon, shows that over 80 per cent. of the coal is burning matter and the proportion of sulphur and water is very small. Mr. Leigh Harrett states that this analysis will hold good for nearly all coal veins that have been discovered in southern Oregon.

It has been but a few months since the people all over the country were contributing money for the relief of the sufferers of the Seattle fire. The *Polk County Observer* remarks: "It is noticeable now that those same people are showing their gratitude by offering \$25,000 for the Sullivan-Jackson fight to come to that city."

Among the towns in the Willamette valley receiving new life the late fire is Brownsville. The stores show better and larger stocks than usual and trade seems to be good. The Calapooia mines are tributary to Brownsville, and the present prospects for development of these ore deposits into valuable paying properties are most excellent.

The Ellensburg, Oregon, *Capital* claims that the largest crop of strawberries ever raised on the Pacific coast was raised this year in Kittitas valley near Ellensburg by J. L. McDowell, county superintendent of the public fruit. He has picked an acre he picked 835 gallons, which he sold for 50 cents a gallon in Ellensburg. The crop was raised on sagebrush land and was irrigated regularly.

George O. Eaton has secured a bond upon a five-sixth interest in the Mountain Sheep and Graham quartz lodes in the Sheepwater district from the owners, Joseph Brown, James Gouley, Neil Gillis and Charles H. Wynnan. The bond, which was filed in the county clerk's office to-day, is for \$24,000, dated November 21st and expires on the 1st day of August, 1891.—*Livingston Enterprise*.

A. E. Joab tells the *Tacoma Globe* that it cost M. Squire \$20,000 to be elected to the United States senate from Washington. And all for just one little year and four small months. Well, he didn't quite reach the record of ex-Senator Tabor of Colorado, who is said to have paid a round quarter of a million for a thirty days' term in that august body, during which time he and his 2500 nightcaps were the laughing-stock of the nation.—*Oregonian*.

The Vale, Oregon, *Atlas* says: "Mrs. McLain, who came from Kansas to be and was married, has returned East repenting the bargain that was perfected at long range. She will never have more to do with this country." This was a marriage thought about through the medium of a Chicago paper called *The Heart and Hand*. Mrs. McLain will probably never seek another husband through the same channel, but there are many other foolish women who will.

"Millions upon millions of fine timber stands within sight of our very doors," says the *Polk county, Ore., Observer*, "and still thousands of dollars being taken every season for building material that ought and should be furnished right here at home and the money kept here. This practice must cease; we must learn to depend more on our resources if we would thrive and prosper. There is no reason in the world why we should not have a large lumbering mill right here at home; and we must have it. Let some one take hold of the matter, invite capital and give the enterprise a start."

Mr. M. E. Downs of Helena, one of the owners of the Spotted Horse mine at Maiden, arrived from that prosperous camp last evening by private conveyance. He informed us that his company was engaged in putting ten additional stamps in the Spotted Horse mill and making other needed improvements, by which they hope to double their already large output. Thirty tons of new machinery is expected to arrive at the Fort Benton depot in the course of a day or two, which will be shipped as soon as possible to the new mill.—*River Press*.

Eighteen members of the Salvation army, six being women, were arrested in Portland the other night while beating drums, blowing horns, etc., in violation of an ordinance passed by the common council Wednesday night over the veto of Mayor DeLashmutt. The complaint was made by the mayor, who had first ordered the chief of police to make the arrest and when his authority was questioned he made a formal complaint. The Salvationists evidently anticipated arrest, as

they were carrying a banner inscribed "prison brigade." They were in jail only a few minutes, when they were bailed out by Mrs. Dr. Charlton.

The Oregon Short Line and Utah & Northern railroad companies have filed for record with the county clerk and recorder of Silver Bow county a mortgage bond in favor of the American Loan and Trust company of New York, for \$22,000 per mile for all single track completed in Montana, including \$2,000 per mile for each finished mile of road, to be spent only in procuring, preparing and equipping terminal accommodations, and \$25,000 per mile for each mile of double track. The mortgage fills 16 pages of closely printed matter, which is required to be printed in each of the counties in the states through which the lines pass.

How it feels to have a railroad for the first time is thus described by the *Almira*, Washington, *Journal*: "For the first time the air of our thriving young city reverberated the sound of the locomotive whistle this week. It was music to the ears of patient waiters when the train rounded the curve out of Battlemake canyon and entered the beautiful valley in which our little city nestles, and sent forth those long shrieks of the engine, bringing supplies to the tracklayer. The track is now almost within town limits and in less than a week *Almira* will be connected with the outside world by electric wires and be enjoying the privileges of enlightened nations. It is impossible to foretell the results to this place. Though the growth has been rapid from the start, indications fall or we have only seen the beginning of it."

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