

NORTHWEST NEWS.

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

George T. Allen of Cathlamet is probably the oldest living white man in Washington or Oregon. He came to Vancouver in 1829, which was then a part of Oregon.

An Indian baby, one of the Crow scout's children, fell over the bluffs at Fort Custer, 90 feet in height, Saturday. In its descent and when half way down to the water its breechcloth caught on a root and held it suspended in mid-air until it was safely removed.

J. H. Penberthy of Tacoma, Wash., would like to learn something about the whereabouts of his brother, Richard Penberthy, who was in the vicinity of Roseman in August or September last. His mother, who resides in Wisconsin, would also like to hear from him.

The buildings at Fort Laramie, Wyo., having been sold at auction by the government are many of them being torn down and the lumber hauled away to ranches and distant points. The prices paid for large warehouses and fine dwellings, including the hospital buildings, ran from \$14 to \$38 each.

A. W. Ford arrived in the city yesterday from Kibby. He brought with him two young golden eagles, which were found by Mr. McCabe. The birds are about two weeks old, are covered with white down and are about the size of a half-grown chicken. They are lively and powerful. When full grown this bird attains a large size and often is able to carry off a half-grown lamb. John Sinclair has the birds, and may undertake to raise them.—Great Falls Leader.

Wool is beginning to pile up on the Mountain Home, Idaho, warehouses, says the Mail. Davis & Himrod, of Boise City, whose sheep range is near here, are freighting their 30,000 pounds clip of wool to town this week. Steve Robinson, of Bruneau Valley, has about 8,000 pounds at Fletcher & Fletcher's warehouse. It is estimated that 1,000,000 pounds will be shipped from here this year. Thirty thousand mutton sheep will go east on the summer drive. Two hundred thousand dollars in cash will pass into the hands of the prosperous sheep men.

A year ago Mrs. More had about five acres of walnuts planted on a timber culture below town. Last season none of them sprouted up and it was concluded that the planting was a failure. It was a surprise to find on a recent examination of the ground that the walnuts were all coming up. We do not understand why more walnut is not planted on timber claims in Idaho. It takes it but a very few years longer to mature and is far more valuable than any other timber. It is worth \$300 a thousand and is becoming more valuable each year. A ten acre walnut grove planted now would in 20 years be worth a good many thousand dollars.—Mountain Home (Idaho) Mail.

The Montana farmer may not be able at this age of the country to make as much money as he used to before the railroad brought his products in competition with those of the cheap labor of the older states, but it is a fact that he can have a much nicer living now than ever before in the history of the country. He can have a large variety of vegetables and just the nicest small fruit in the world, with butter, milk, etc., that can't be beat anywhere. These things, of course, have always been possible, but it has taken time to supply the facilities and conveniences for their production, and Montanians are only of late years getting these things, they being now fixed to live pretty well. They can even now enjoy the luxury of household help if they so desire, as girls can be had in the states on reasonable terms by several neighbors joining together and sending for two or three. Our people also have better homes, and in fact, better everything than in earlier days, and can therefore be content with less money.—Husbandman.

For some weeks past the people of Langel valley, Oregon, have been kept in a constant state of excitement on account of depreidations from what seems to be a regularly organized band of horse thieves and burglars. Houses have been broken into and all kinds of articles taken, in fact, everything portable. The gang had several brands made, of such shape that they can be put over other brands, entirely effacing the original. Several horses are missing from the range, all supposed to have been run off by thieves. A prominent farmer and stock raiser from that section the other day learned of several parties suspected of robbery, who immediately disappeared on learning that measures were being taken to apprehend them. A party of seven men has started to hunt for missing stock and capture the robbers if possible. It is deemed best by interested parties that no names be given at present, as the gang is supposed to be more extensive than it at first appeared. Interesting developments may be looked for in a few days.

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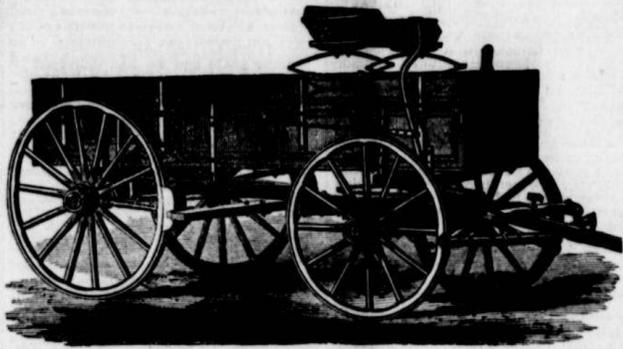
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