

Make An Effort.

"Shall the cork be drawn?" is the question propounded by the Walla Walla Spirit in its editorial comments upon the proposition for the organization of a new transportation company to compete with the O. S. N. folks, for the carrying trade of the upper country. The new company asks for a \$60,000 subscription from the people, and propose to give receipts to all persons for the amount of money paid, such receipt to be afterwards receivable by the company for the amount in payment of freight charges. The company also demand the building of a wagon road from The Dalles to Celilo, estimated to cost \$5,000.

We are always glad to note that an effort is being made to better the condition of things in any part of our territory, and always feel like lending a helping hand to any laudable public enterprise. An effort by the people of Walla Walla to help themselves will sooner or later redound to their advantage. Just about so many efforts have to be made before anything is accomplished, and it is a satisfaction sometimes to know that at least one effort has been made. We believe with that persevering character of Dickens, Mrs. Chick, that an "effort" is one great step towards accomplishing any desirable end. Why is it not possible for the people of Walla Walla by co-operating to mitigate their condition to a very great extent? In union there is strength, and also let our brethren east of the mountains not forget that Jupiter refused to assist the wagoner out of the rut until the wagoner had first put his own shoulder to the wheel, and that the sequel of the fable showed that the aid of Jupiter was not needed after all. So it will prove with matters of Territorial or county improvement. People are too prone to cry for aid before they have cast about them to see first what they can do for themselves. To our Walla Walla friends we say "make an effort," "only make an effort."

Agricultural.

We have received the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture for Oct., 1875, Hon. Frederick Watts Commissioner, from which we condense the following statistics. This year's wheat crop is eighty per cent. less than last year. The depreciation amounts to nearly 62,000,000 bushels. The crop of the United States is said to average 14 per cent. below that of last year. Owing to early rains there has been great loss by sprouting and rotting in sheck and stack. Among the places mentioned in the report where the best wheat is to be found the Pacific Coast takes prominent rank. The corn crop is said to be exceptionally good. The rye crop of 1874 was an average one. This year's crop falls short about four per cent. The oat crop is five per cent greater than last year. The barley crop is thirteen per cent. less than last year. The buckwheat crop is not far from average.

The report furnishes statistics of the potato crop from all of the principal States in the Union, and sums up that the crop, as a whole, promises to be extraordinary in both yield and quality.

The tobacco crop is two per cent. above the average.

The number of fattening cattle in the country is somewhat greater than last year. California is reported 5 per cent. below average, and Oregon two per cent. above.

Justice Stamped.

Another one of those terrible court room scenes occurred at Salem, Oregon on the 15th inst. A special dispatch to the Oregonian thus recounts the tragedy:

"SALEM, Nov. 15.—In the County Court to-day during the examination of Watkins for adultery, Whiteman, the prosecuting witness in the case, was testifying when Watkins drew a revolver and fired at Whiteman, missing him, the bullet striking a man, a painter by trade, named D. D. Orton, formerly of Portland, in the left side of the head near the temple, causing a wound from which Orton probably will die. Watkins is the man who was outrageously mutilated by Whiteman, for alleged intimacy with his (Whiteman's) wife, and for which Whiteman was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Watkins was immediately arrested. Three shots were fired, one entering Orton's face at one side, and passed entirely through his head."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Jeff. Davis has accepted the Presidency of the American Department of the Mississippi Valley Society of London. His headquarters will be at New Orleans.

The Comandrum of the escape of Frazer one of the Pacific's passengers not heard from here has not yet been answered. It is very doubtful whether Conductor Frazer ever received any such dispatch as reported.

All hope of discovering any clew to the passengers of the Steamship Waco has been abandoned. It is generally believed that they were burned on board before they had time to escape so rapidly was the ship enveloped in flames. The vessel had on board 300 cases of Petroleum a much larger quantity than she was allowed by law to carry. Her owners are to be prosecuted.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of Washington Territory.

Grateful acknowledgments are due and should be rendered to Almighty God, by the people of this Territory for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon them during the year that is drawing to a close; therefore, I, Elisha P. Ferry, Governor of the Territory of Washington, do hereby designate and appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November instant, to be observed as a day of thanksgiving and praise; and I earnestly recommend that the people of the Territory on that day lay aside all secular pursuits, repair to their usual places of public worship, and devoutly thank Him for His beneficence and mercy in the past, and implore His continued guidance and blessings in the future.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed, this eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

ELISHA P. FERRY.

By the Governor: HENRY G. STURVE, Secretary of the Territory.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Standard of the 13th inst. contains the following interesting account of the proceedings of the Council on the last day of the session:

MONDAY, NOV. 8, 1875. Council met pursuant to adjournment—President Shaw in the chair. During the usual order, Mr. Boone introduced a bill to authorize the Commissioners of Whitman county to levy a special tax. Mr. Hoover introduced a bill in relation to hens and loggess.

The bill to establish the Washington Hospital for the Insane, was considered on its final reading. Marshal Blinn spoke in favor of the bill, and verified the opinion of wise old Josh Billings that a public speaker who can't strike fire in 15 minutes, is either using the wrong gimblet or boring in the wrong place.

Mr. Bradshaw opposed the bill and section by section showed the glaring inconsistencies of the act. Blinn again followed in a vituperative attack upon the contractor, the system and especially the Resident Physician of the Asylum. In the course of his remarks he said "the graves would be one less had Dr. Billard been absent at the time Mitchell died. He died from accidental poison." As the member is reported wealthy, this affords a fine opportunity of testing the efficacy of the new enactment relating to slander.

Mr. Pickering said the Asylum was a political machine and rotten to the core. It ruled everything from the Governor to the Legislature. He appealed to members to stand fair on the record. Every man's vote would be remembered, and justice meted out to him as he deserved.

The vote on the final passage of the bill stood: Ayes—Messrs. Blinn, Boone, Hovey and Pickering—4. Nays—Messrs. Bradshaw, Hoover, Pigg, Sovey and Mr. President—5.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9, 1875. Council met at the usual hour. During the usual order of business, the following passed: House bill declaring Spokane river navigable.

A bill to provide for capturing criminals in a foreign jurisdiction. House bill defining vagrancy.

Mr. Pickering, of Committee on Roads and Highways, reported a substitute bill to aid in the construction of a wagon road across the Cascade Mountains.

House bill to authorize the construction of ditches. House bill regulating the sale of eggs by weight. House bill amending an act relating to licenses.

Adjourned. The Oregonian Reporter writing under date of the 12th inst., furnishes the following:

INSANE ASYLUM.

During the morning session of Thursday the attention of the Council was directed to C. B. G., an act to amend an act approved January 31, 1867, relative to the care and keeping of insane persons. Mr. Pickering appealed to the feelings of the members in forcible and

most emphatic language in favor of the unfortunate insane, asking to have the present corrupt system wiped out of existence, so that the record of the Territory, as regards the keeping of insane persons, may not be tarnished in the eye of a charitable public. Mr. Blinn followed in the same strain, stigmatizing the system as corrupt in every particular, and disgraceful to the Territory at large. He had known the present contractor (Mr. Harmon) for many years, and known him to be a humane man, and not one likely to abuse the trust reposed in him; but the system of giving the care and keeping of insane persons into the hands of the lowest bidder was what he was opposed to, and against which he raised his voice. Petitions were read from citizens of Jefferson, King and Pierce counties, praying for legislation on this important subject which shows that the Territory jealously watches over the unfortunate placed in their charge. The bill failed to pass. At the afternoon session it was evident from the number of persons in the lobby that public feeling was aroused as regards asylum matters, and when 11, 3, 57, an act to establish a hospital for the insane in Washington Territory, was taken up, every one in a moment became interested. Being on his second reading, Mr. Grinnell introduced an amendment to the bill, which would have the effect of leaving the system in its old condition. He did not believe in appointing trustees and boards of directors, when anything out of usual course was to be transacted, and as far as the present system was concerned, he was of the opinion that a change would not make it better.

Mr. Evans, having called Mr. Ringer to the chair, took the floor in defense of the bill. As far as the present system was concerned, he was in favor of carrying out the agreement made with Mr. Harmon, and paying every cent of indebtedness incurred by him, all of which he believed had been expended by Mr. Harmon for the good of those in his charge; but he would never raise his voice to support a system which he believed wrong from its very foundation. By the contract system insane persons who were utterly unable to keep themselves were turned out on the sometimes merciful hands of the lowest bidder. The honorable gentleman had known the contractor, Mr. Harmon, for twenty-four years—the man who had been made the target for two years for all the heaviest shots that were fired from the tongues of the Legislature. The gentleman who had been so long and so loudly clamored for to be able to say publicly that the man had been basely slandered, and that not the monster that had been represented. On the contrary, he was a humane man—a man who was willing to do everything possible to alleviate the sufferings of the insane, and with such a record, any Christian man might be content; but if under such generous treatment the system has proved a failure, then the sooner it was changed the better. The honorable gentleman was listened to with interest, and his remarks could not well be overdone.

Mr. Whitney produced the report of the inspector of insane asylums, by which it appeared that the contract system was not recognized at all. Mr. Lada was opposed to vesting the care of the insane in the hands of any board of trustees. He believed this matter should have been attended to earlier in the session, instead of considering how they could best afford to tow a flag-staff round Cape Horn to the Centennial, or debating the question of a man being allowed to marry his grandmother.

Mr. Harmon wished the house to distinctly understand that he was not fighting for the contract system. Mr. Doudill paid a handsome tribute to the resident physician, Dr. Billard, stating that his character was always considered high while attending to the East Portland asylum. A good deal had been said about Mr. Harmon not discharging a man named Samuel Ross when he was smier yet as soon after his discharge Clark county, was under the expense of sending him back again to the asylum as insane as ever.

The question being on the final passage of the bill, resulted as follows: Ayes—Messrs. Abrams, Cooke, Crawford, Hamah, Harris, Holgis, Hughes, Huntington, Karr, Kelly, Lench, Newland, Richardson, Ringer, Russell, Ruhl, Surum, Scott, Wimpy, Whitney, Wood and the Speaker—23. Nays—Messrs. Doudill, Foster, Grinnell, Lada, Miller—5.

Absent—Ferguson. Absent—Mr. Harmon. So the bill passed.

EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY.—We have received the prospectus of the Oregon Educational Monthly, which is to be issued some time in January 1876 by W. P. Keady of Salem. The Monthly is designed for teachers and others interested in the cause of free school education. It will be an Organ of the Public School System, and calls upon all the friends of the popular system to "put their shoulders to the wheel and make this enterprise a permanent and telling success." In size the Monthly will be 12 large quarto pages, printed in new and beautiful type, Subscription price \$1.00 (cash) per annum in advance, postage free.

The Mails a Hundred Years Ago.—We commend the following which appeared in the Pioneer on the 14th of February 1875, to the readers of our Western readers who are complaining because the mails are thirty-six instead of twenty-four hours in reaching Chicago from New York:

"GENERAL POST OFFICE." PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14th, 1775.—"It having been found very inconvenient to persons concerned in trade, that the mail from Philadelphia to New England, sets out but once a fortnight during the winter season; this is to give notice that the New England mail will henceforth go once a week the year round, whereby correspondence may be carried on, and answers obtained to letters between Philadelphia and Boston in three weeks, which used in the winter to require six weeks." By command of the Postmaster General, WILLIAM FRANKLIN, Comptroller.

The Portland Daily Bee has been enlarged to 16 columns, Verily, "show doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour."

TELEGRAPHIC.

Eastern News:

BALTIMORE, Nov. 10.—The American public health association convened here this morning and elected Edwin L. Snow, President.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—The Republican's Kansas City special says one of the soldiers named Barnhart, reported killed in the fight with a band of Cheyenne Indians near Fort Wallace, Kansas, two weeks ago, was found wandering on the prairie last Tuesday by a party of soldiers out hunting. He lost his horse in the fight and hid himself in the grass, but was afterwards found by two Indians, whom he kept at bay ten hours with his rifle. They then left him. He was in a furnished condition when found.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A number of the man in chains have started to raise \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the occupation of the German Crown Prince in this city, and his subsequent escort to Philadelphia on his visit to the Centennial exhibition.

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 11.—Conductor Frazer received a telegram from his brother, who was a passenger on the ill fated Pacific, saying he had been saved from the wreck. He and Jelly were both from this city.

The steamer Snow, burned in Galveston harbor, had on board 200 cases of petroleum. The vessel had no right to carry this oil being without the necessary certificates, and her owners will be prosecuted.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 12.—Capt. Jeff D. Hawk, commander of the steamship Pacific, was a few days ago on the Oregon coast, was a brother of Mrs. Jefferson Davis, of this city. He is a native of Natchez, Miss., lived at New Orleans several years, and served as midshipman under the confederate flag, under Admiral Semmes. Some months since he was promoted to the command of the Pacific, for gallantry displayed in rescuing shipwrecked people during a violent storm. Faint hope is still entertained that he may be among the saved.

DETROIT, Nov. 12.—The Jury in the Ward will case were unable to agree on a verdict, and were discharged at 2:30 P. M. Business men, according to the mercantile agent's reports, do not regard the numerous small failures this season as serious. The belief seems general that the business depression has passed its extreme point, but the upward movement being barely experienced so late in the fall, it is not expected before spring.

The United States land inspectors have concluded their investigation as to the explosion of the steamer Tigra, and find it was caused by low water, and have revoked the license of the master and reported the case to the United States attorney.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—There was another meeting of ministers at 7 this morning in Lay college, adjoining the tabernacle. The front seats were reserved in the tabernacle for clergymen. The building was filled.

ASHLAND, Mass., Nov. 14.—The Adams block, a large wooden structure, and stable adjoining, were burned this morning. Loss, \$25,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—John H. Burroughs, of Brooklyn, shot his wife three times this morning, killing her almost instantly. Jealousy was the cause. Burroughs was arrested.

Gen. Griswold, whose absence from home was made public by his family, is now turned out, his being stopping with a friend at a hotel, awaiting the healing of wounds caused by a fall on Saturday night last.

Sixty suits vs. the Bank of California were discontinued to-day and attachments of property vacated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Lord Houghton, accompanied by Sir Edward Thornton and Secretary Fish, called on the President and Mrs. Grant to-day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Dr. Baxter in a note to the President, says that Vice-President Wilson will in a week be able to go to mass.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The President has appointed P. G. Woodward of Iowa to be examiner-in-chief of the patent office.

Pacific Coast News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—A smart shock

of earthquake occurred at 7:55 this evening. Vibrations from east to west. No damage reported.

MISSION, San Jose, Nov. 14.—Just now, 7:50 P. M., two heavy shocks of earthquake occurred here, lasting about seven seconds, being the heaviest since 1868.

OAKLAND, Nov. 14.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here this evening a few moments before 8 o'clock.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 15.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here at 2:30 P. M., shaking up things lively, lasting from thirty to forty seconds. Vibrations were from east to west.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15.—There were showers and light rain on Saturday and yesterday. Grass is growing finely and the farming prospect good.

At about thirty-six minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon a smart shock of earthquake, lasting five or six seconds, was felt here and simultaneously in all the interior with which we have communication by telegraph. The shock did no damage whatever.

ANALHIM, Nov. 15.—A light shock of earthquake occurred this evening at 2:15 with an undulating motion, but no noise. No damage done.

SAN BERNARDINO, Nov. 15.—The most distinct earthquake of the season visited us at 2:28 P. M. Vibrations were north and south, with the undulating motion, accompanied with a rumbling noise. No damage reported to buildings.

Rain commenced Saturday and it is still raining, with no prospects of clearing up. No wind.

SALT LAKE, Nov. 15.—A writ of habeas corpus has been served on the U.S. marshal to bring Brigham Young before Chief Justice White on the 7th.

Eighteen indictments for polygamy have been found by the grand jury in Idaho against Mormon residents of Franklin county, Idaho.

A snow storm occurred last Saturday night. About 18 inches of snow fell in the vicinity of Evanston, Wyoming territory. But little fell in this valley.

Heavy rains all over California, from Shasta to San Diego, and east to Truckee. Farmers rejoice over the good crop prospects.

The Bismarck Tribune says of its projected railway: "It will be as full of life as the business end of a wasp, and as attractive to the demands of the frontier as a Red River mosquito to a well-fed Englishman."

The steamer Union sunk at the Bismarck landing during a severe gale recently. About the only cost is the cost of raising say about \$300. She had not been in use this summer, being laid up for repairs.

TERRITORIAL.

Seattle has a soap factory.

The soldiers at Walla Walla were paid off last week.

The ship Messenger, Capt. Glikoy, will load at Tacoma for Peru.

The Walla Walla Spirit will be issued as a semi-weekly hereafter.

The store of M. A. Kelley at Seattle was robbed on the 10th inst.

A Lewiston, Idaho, orchardist has just harvested 2,000 bushels of apples.

A soldier named Shupe had his arm broken near Fort Lapwai last week.

A man pounded up two and a half pounds of quartz from Mormon Basin, Idaho, and got \$50 in gold.

The Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars of 14th Territory, convened in Boise City on the 16th inst.

The school house at Old Tacoma was burned on the 9th inst. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Dakota has arrived in Puget Sound waters. She will probably sail for San Francisco some time next week.

Business is brisk on the narrow gauge railroad between Walla Walla and Wadlala. There is an average of 25 passengers and 100 tons of freight passing each day.

Mrs. One-Who-Hells-the-Lodge-Pole-With-Herbs was before the grand jury as a witness the other day. She is going to have her name copyrighted. So says a Dakota paper.

A company has been organized in Cheyenne looking to the construction of a railroad from that place to Laramie. The proposed line has been christened the Wyoming Central.

The Talbot Coal Co. is now taking out, on an average, 400 tons of coal a day. The recent rains have raised the river so that there is no longer any difficulty about getting the coal down.

The Port Townsend Argus says: The flag of the Vice-Consulado de Nicaragua, A. E. Learned, Esq., of this city, was thrown to the breeze from the top of a 60-foot flag-staff on Monday, the 5th inst.

The Olympia Courier says: The late continuous rains and constant travel have made the roads very muddy. The part of Main street from near Sixth up intersection with the plank road is sadly in need of planking. In some places it is almost impassable.

The Governor nominated, and the Council approved the following named gentlemen as Regents of the Territorial University: Rev. John Rea, of Port Townsend; Dr. G. V. Calloun, of Seattle; Hon. Ed-

ward Eldridge, of Whatcom; Andrew Chambers, of Thurston and Hon. John McCreary, of Mason.

One by one the luxuries of life are becoming so plentiful, and cheap as to be within the reach of the poorest. A large lake has been discovered about forty miles west of Laramie, in the bottom of which is a thick layer of epsom salt in almost a pure state.

There seems to be some probability that the old man calling himself Myers, arrested and confined in jail at Malad City, Idaho, about two months on a charge of murdering his traveling companion, and who committed suicide while incarcerated at Malad, was really old Bender, of Kansas.

OREGON.

Lafayette has a literary society. The Agricultural College at Corvallis is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. J. C. Trullingers new steam sawmill at Astoria is in active operation.

The Steamer Champion was the first boat of the season to reach Corvallis.

A protracted meeting we understand is in progress at Bethel under the auspices of the Christian Church.

W. B. Highty a prominent Attorney of Corvallis had his left hand badly lacerated last week by the explosion of a cartridge.

The Astorian apologizes to Mr. Holladay for stating that he had sold out his Oregon interests, and was preparing to leave the state.

John R. Tice and others, while on the road to Fort Klamath from Yreka, with freight, encountered a regular young hurricane last week, which upturned several trees and played havoc generally. Fortunately no one was hurt, although it was a close call.

Mrs. Caroline Briggs, who was tried for murder in Josephine county several months ago, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, but who was given a new trial by the Supreme court, was put on her second trial last week at Jacksonville, a change of Venue having been taken.

Hiram Parlow's temporary home on Little Butte creek, Jackson, was one day last week, destroyed by fire. He resided alone, and was out hunting at the time it occurred, so nothing was saved. The property consumed, consisted of grain, guns, etc., the total value of which was about three hundred dollars.

Vancouver Market.

Table with market prices for various goods including Groceries, Provisions, and Vegetables. Items include Hams, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, Onions, Flour, and various oils.

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PROBATE NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Lewis Miller, deceased, late of Cowitz County, W. T. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned, at his office in Klamath, Cowitz County, Washington Territory, within one year from the date of this notice, or the same will be barred. E. G. INGALLS, Administrator of the Estate of Lewis Miller, deceased. NOVEMBER 13th, 1875.

NOTICE.

Thereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my husband, Edward McCarty, from and after this date. ELLEN McCARTY. Nov. 5, 1875.

HAULING.

Know all men by these Presents, that I, August Fisher, of sound mind etc., will do Hauling for regular customers on the Steamboat Landings to any part of the city.

Small packages taken to the boats in the mornings, for regular customers, free of charge. Orders left at any of the Stores in the city will be promptly attended to. AUGUST FISHER. Vancouver, Sept. 4th, 1875.