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Miscellaneous Paragraphs

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Colfax and party have been treated to a grand complimentary dinner by the leading Chinese of San Francisco. The entertainment included some fifty courses, and six hours were consumed in disposing of the viands.

Sir Edward Lytton Bulwer, the illustrious novelist, poet and statesman, has become entirely deaf, and has been forced to abandon the society even of his most intimate friends.

An effort is being made to establish an agricultural paper in Oregon to be devoted exclusively to the farming interests.

Superintendent Huntington, of Oregon, has effected a treaty with a small band of Snake Indians under the leadership of a noted chief known by the name of Paul-lee.

Paul-lee's country lies upon the Upper Des Chutes, Crooked River and the upper waters of John Day's River. The stipulations of the agreement are that the whole tribe are to remove immediately to the vicinity of Fort Klamath, and to remain there in future.

The government is to pay them annuities of two thousand dollars a year for the next ten years.

The California Union State Convention, with great unanimity, voted down a resolution calling for the repeal of the specific contract law.

It is rumored that J. H. Mitchell, of Portland, Oregon, is an aspirant for the Republican Congressional nomination. The Mountain says Oregon has sent some very weak men to Congress, but never such a putty-head as Mitchell.

The Dalles Mountaineer says our country merchants, including those at Dalles, will do well to hurry up their Fall stocks with the least possible delay, and thus avoid the "lighterage" tax.

It is confidently predicted by persons who have recently visited the mines on the Middle Fork of John Day's River, that three thousand miners will find profitable employment there next season.

The San Francisco Bulletin, speaking of the dullness of the times in that city says: "The prevailing stagnation runs through all the ramifications of trade. We have arrived at a period when the business in dry goods for the Fall season is usually brisk, but this forms an exception to the rule. The Mexican trade is at a complete stand, while the demand from Oregon, usually active at this period, is unaccountably behind hand."

It has been officially ascertained that there are ten thousand widows and orphans in the city of New York, made so by the war, who are objects of charity, and most of them entirely destitute. It is estimated that there are half a million such in the whole land.

New York city furnished 110,000 men to the war, besides 20,000 three months troops. The city of Philadelphia furnished less than 50,000 men, and the loyal city of Boston furnished still less in proportion to population.

Speaking of the Abolition meeting at Boston, designed to induce the President to force negro suffrage upon the South, the New York Times, the home organ of Secretary Seward, declares that "the usurpation which is urged by the Boston radicals is infinitely more dangerous to the national liberties than anything we have witnessed hitherto."

The Corvallis Gazette "compliments" the people of Dalles as follows: "Rev. I. D. Driver is assigned to preach to the Sabbath-breakers of the Dalles the coming year."

Several bodies have lately been found on the beach near Crescent City, having been washed ashore from the Brother Jonathan wreck. Among the identified bodies, were those of Mr. General Wright, Captain DeWalt and Mr. Nesbet. The latter belonged to the suietai naval corps.

The Yreka Journal says some of the democratic orators thereabouts have been "claiming Andy Johnson as their President." The Journal thinks it too bad that they have stolen Andy; but the editor can console himself with the reflection that the thief is very small and the loss little, or nothing. It takes "nine tailors to make a man."

It is said that the President has been assailed by such an immense army of office-seekers that he is obliged to get rid of their gross importunities.

The Saints of Salt Lake City have passed an ordinance prohibiting drinking saloons, billiard rooms, or ball alleys, under a heavy penalty. A poor place that for Gentle or genteel folks.

Salem, Oregon, lost a fire engine and hose, valued at \$1,500, on the Brother Jonathan.

The steamship Orizaba carried on her last trip from Portland, 100 passengers and \$188,000 in treasure.

A menagerie, so-called, is traveling through Oregon on exhibition, and is pronounced a huge "bilk."

The St. Louis directory this year chronicles 23,562 names, and the city claims a population of 210,000.

Boise Correspondence

IDAHO CITY, Aug. 21, 1865.

EN. STATESMAN.—The extreme heat and debilitating sultriness of the weather here for the last three weeks, has been pretty convincing proof that "the dog-star rages," and with great intensity at that. Some half-dozen thunder showers within that time, at varied intervals, have failed to abate much of the hot temperature even temporarily, and contrary to the experience of the two preceding summers, the nights are uncomfortably warm, as well as the days disagreeably hot.

One cause has necessarily been to almost wholly dry up the water-courses, and to restrict mining operations to an unexpectedly early time in the season to very narrow limits. This following the disastrous fire in May last, has naturally been the stage of all kinds of business produced, makes many an elongated visage. However, "all's well that ends well," and it only remains to hope and struggle for the best, perseveringly.

Building has pretty nearly reached the extent to which it will go the present year in this town. Among the structures just up since the fire, are several capacious fire-proof bricks, designed to withstand any future visitations of the devouring element, and most of them have every appearance of perfect security. Several new fire-proof cellars have also been put up in the rear of the wooden stores and saloons.

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The amount of freight, merchandise, groceries and provisions received here within the last week has been immense, and low prices are bound to be the consequence in the disposal of very much of it. The chances are in favor of losses to a considerable extent in the trade, however, so far as the business operations of the city are concerned. Freight wagons and pack trains still continue coming in, though sales here are for the time of year nothing comparable to those of a year ago.

The river is now in a very high stage, with a great abundance of vegetables of various kinds, of very fine quality, while Placeville, Centreville, and Pioneer City, are supplied equally well from the valley of the Payette. The market throughout is accordingly lower prices than last season, and with a better quality of excellent. This may be one reason for the continued good state of health, amid all the unusual climatic changes, and the general appearance of the people, and the fact that the city, Hon. Judge Milton Kelly presiding July, in the absence of Judge Melville. The grand jury were in session nearly two weeks, and performed much faithful and arduous labor.

Butler has just returned from the middle of the third week of the term, and on the following Monday formally assumed the duties of the presiding Judge. So far, he has given every general appearance, and it is thought very legal ability with much of both ability and manner, and promptness of decision. These qualities with impartiality of mind cannot fail to make a good Judge, and show that the detestable and infamous case both civil and criminal have been disposed of, and the final conclusion of the present term, promises to see the calendar more nearly wiped up than in any previous time since the organization of the Court. Whatever the cause, but few convictions have been had in criminal cases, although nearly all of the most important have been already tried. A special grand jury summoned to convene late in the afternoon of the 10th inst., and could not have numbered less than two thousand persons.

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