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CURRENT NOTES.
PACIFIC SLOPE.
Small-pox prevails at Paris, Idaho. A tornado in Russellville, A. T., blew down several houses.

William Webster has leased the Nevada and Oregon Railroad. Great damage is reported to the fruit crop by frost in Sitkiyou county.

A barn on Roberts Island, with eleven valuable horses, was burned. Four successful attempts to burn the Frisbie House at South Vallejo were made.

A large bed of crystallized asphalt has been discovered within three miles of Salt Lake. A terrific gale in Utah blew trains from the track and did much damage to houses, fences, trees, etc.

John Coleman of Blackfoot, Idaho, in a quarrel at a supper table, received three bullets in his body. Patrick Finley, a miner, was accidentally shot and killed at Socorro, N. M., by his friend Tom Morgan.

Chiloteo Indians, in British Columbia, attacked a party of Chinese miners and killed two of their number. A blacksmith named Brown and a Mexican had a shooting and cutting affray at Okadale, Stanislaus county.

George Elmer was killed at Union Island, in the attempt to acquire, by being caught in the machinery of a dredger. Michael King, keeper of a restaurant and saloon in Salinas, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

John Booth, editor of the Austin (Nev.) Reveille, assaulted the editor of the Democrat and paid a fine of \$50 for the offense. David Walsh and James Richards, convicted of murder in the first degree at Auburn, Placer county, has moved for a new trial.

Alphonso Bennett, who murdered James Moore at San Francisco, has been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment at Folsom. Two brothers named Ward were shot dead at Grand Forks, D. T., in a dispute about a land claim. Eleven men have been arrested for participation in the affair.

Two Presbyterian missionaries, Messrs. Chapman and Gray, and an Indian boy, were drowned recently by the upsetting of a boat at Prince of Wales Island, Alaska. Moses Atkins, who was holding a coal-land claim thirty miles from Seattle, was found dead a few days since, having been accidentally killed by the discharge of his own gun.

John Waller, a wealthy broker of New York and the owner of several mines and mills in New Mexico, was struck on the head by a bullet from a rifle, receiving injuries from which he died. David Walsh and James O'Brien are matched at Tombstone to fight on May 6th for \$200 and gate money. Another mill, between Jim Farrow and an unknown, is soon to come on in the mine.

It is reported at Albuquerque, N. M., that Professor A. F. Banader, S. P. Baker, and another American have been captured by the Mexicans and taken into the mountains, and probably have been murdered. Three members of the late Mormon conference were caught in a snowstorm in the mountains on their return home, and two of them were badly frozen. They were rescued from their peril after having been out seventy-two hours.

A party of Mexican merchants were ambushed by Apaches, thirty miles from Hermosillo, Sonora, and two of them were killed and two wounded. Their pack train was rifled of its contents, including \$4,000 in Mexican silver.

Returns received of the election in Nevada county, indicates that the proposition to issue \$50,000 in bonds has been carried by a two-thirds vote. The mining precincts favored the scheme, while the agricultural districts voted in opposition.

An examination of the body of McIntyre, one of the men murdered at Lexington, Santa Clara county, shows that he was killed by pistol bullets, this corroborating the testimony of Showers, Jewell, one of the accused, will endeavor to prove an alibi.

The coroner's jury in the case of the victims of the recent disaster at Sacramento find that the fallen building never had been safe and that the walls were thrown over by an explosion of gas. They also are of the opinion that there are other death-traps in that city, and recommend the appointment of an inspector to guard against such accidents.

General Crook, with 300 men, of whom 200 are friendly Apache scouts, has left for the mountain haunts of the hostiles with the intention of capturing or exterminating them. A sufficient force of regulars will guard the passes on this side of the line, while Mexican troops will prevent the savages from escaping south.

EASTERN.
The cigarmaker's strike in New York is becoming general. On July 1st, 304 additional Money Order clerks will be required for the United States military prisons.

A powder magazine at Larned, Kas., exploded, killing one man. Herold's Mexican desperadoes were lynched at Corpus Christi, Texas. A church and congregation were crushed by the Mississippi cyclone.

At Annapolis, Md., a wife beater was given twenty lashes, well heeded. Georgia and South Carolina were also visited by terrible cyclones. At Lompans, Texas, Dr. A. C. Rich was shot and killed in his own house.

Wyatt Banks (colored), convicted of murder, was hanged at Dallas, Texas. The loss of life and property in Aberdeen county, Mississippi, is perfectly frightful.

Charles Baklow of San Francisco got drunk at Omaha and was killed by the cars. General Rosecrans has written a pamphlet on the duties, rights and responsibilities of voters.

One Dodson at Danville, Pa., bought a corpse in order to defraud a life insurance company, but was arrested for murder and had to confess. Governor Butler is stoutly fighting the authors and defenders of the Tewksbury Almshouse infamies.

French Camp, Miss., was totally destroyed by the cyclone. The bodies of some of the victims were blown miles away. The most terrible and distressing accounts are still coming from the districts in the South traversed by the cyclones.

E. P. Ray, of New York, fell down stairs with a loaded revolver in his hand and was killed by the discharge of the weapon. At Norfolk, Va., a demon named Lucy Haulsey, a negro, whipped her sister's child to death and then burned the body.

A negro boy, while on horseback, lassoed a white boy and dragged him to death over the plains on the mainland near Galveston. **FOREIGN.**
The loss by the Liverpool fire will reach \$1,000,000. The baker's strike in Vienna is extending to other trades. The French Ministry has decided to send a military force to Tonquin. The unfortunate woman who shot at King Milan has been sentenced to death. The Fenian organization in the United Kingdom includes 150,000 members. Sixteen men were burned to death in a cabinetmaker's shop in Warsaw, Poland.

OUR IMMIGRATION.
Thousands of Home Seekers Coming to the Pacific Coast—the Present Rush Unprecedented.

The tide of immigration to the Pacific Coast this year surpasses that of any period for the last ten years, and the advent of these new additions to our population are assurances that our progress and prosperity has been heralded to the outside world, and the Pacific Coast is to become the home of thousands from beyond the Rockies eastward to the Atlantic.

California is especially fortunate in its increase of population, and from Sitkiyou to San Diego, and the Sierras to the sea, the unclaimed lands are being taken up by the thousands of settlers who have flocked to the golden State, many of them from foreign shores.

Oregon and Washington seem to be the destination of the thousands who pass through San Francisco on their way north by steamer, and the great caravans of "prairie schooners" crossing the Canas of Idaho, down the Payette valley, across the Snake river, and over the skyward Blue Mountains, are all bound for Oregon or Washington Territory. So they are coming month after month to people the great Pacific Coast, which is destined to be the garden spot of the world, the only abiding place for those who love the balmy climate, perpetual growth of crops, and flowers, and winter as mild and beautiful as the springtime of the Atlantic slope.

Arriving and departing trains are taxed to their utmost to supply the demand for accommodations, and the resources of roads centering at San Francisco are daily drawn upon to their farthest limit. In 1873, when a boy of 15, rising step by step. He was not known to live extravagantly, and the fact that he kept several horses and carriages at his place in Plainfield, N. J., was accounted for upon the score of private means. The officers of the company are unable, so far, to find out where the stolen money is or went to.

NOT A TEMPTING OFFER.
Alexandre Dumas, the French novelist and dramatist, was the hero of many amusing adventures. Once, when at the height of his popularity, he was importuned to become a "summer" because he was such a jolly good fellow. The anecdote, as told by a Paris journal, is as follows: Some years ago, a merchant of Lyons was returning from Paris to his natal city. In the same compartment with him sat a tall fellow, lively, talkative and full of gaudiness; but on the whole the best and most amusing traveling companion one could wish.

On alighting at Lyons the merchant, charmed by the taking manner and gaiety of his neighbor, exclaimed: "By jove, sir, I am glad to have made your acquaintance! You are a good fellow! You are a charming fellow! Can't you talk, though? Come, let us make a trade, will you?" "Well, what kind of a trade?" "Come and dine with me at the dessert we will speak but it. I have an idea—will you come?" "Very well—but I will pay my share. I insist upon it."

"As you please; what an amazing fellow he is! Ah, but I like you!" Accordingly they took dinner together, during which the merchant offered the tall fellow a position as commercial traveler for his house; that was his idea.

"You have just the qualities required," said he. "You will make your branch?"

"From 20,000 to 30,000 francs." "Goodness sakes alive! But what do you do?" said the other, disappointedly.

"Oh, I scribble on sheets of paper with a pen!" "Ah, bah! you are joking again, you rogue! But what is your name?" "Alexandre Dumas!"

TABLEAU.
A "parlor entertainment" was announced in Albany, New York, the other evening, to witness which a large and motley crowd assembled, and when the manager stepped out and announced that the principal artist, Signor Sullivan of Boston, had been "detained" in New York, such a howl went up as had not been heard in Albany since Governor Cleveland sat down on the five-cent fare bill. Signor Sullivan's popularity is not confined to Boston.—Boston Post.

The Congressional Record appeared a few days ago enlarged to 70 pages. This is an unmistakable evidence of prosperity, and we congratulate our esteemed contemporary upon its success, which has been secured without the aid of patent medicine advertisements or a puzzle department; though why it should publish speeches that were never delivered in Congress may be a puzzle department to many readers.

The Scientific American says that one of the surest destructive agents for carpet bugs is benzine, thoroughly applied.

Cynicism in youth is a deplorable anachronism—but it is an inevitable consequence of age and expression.

ANOTHER DEFAULTER.
A Clerk Steals \$50,000 and Departs for the Springs.

Since the defalcations of John S. Gray, of the California Harbor Commission, this peculiar method of appropriating money seems to have become prevalent throughout the country. We read that Gray has stolen \$50,000 and left for Mexico, only to be captured and returned to the scenes of his peculations, and now comes the news from New York that officers of the Equitable Trust Company have discovered that a clerk named J. B. Marston, formerly in their employ, was a defaulter to the extent of about \$80,000, taken during the last four years. He resigned the 1st of February, to take effect the 1st of March, but left the office several weeks ago and has not been seen there since. The first intimation received by the Company that anything was wrong was a note from Marston confessing his guilt. An examination of the books of the concern showed the extent and manner of frauds. Marston was "Interest Clerk," his duties being to receive all interest from money loaned by the Company, and place it in the bank. When interest drafts were received in the office, proper receipts were mailed and the drafts given to Marston to put in bank. In the case of drafts upon private bankers, it was Marston's custom to get the money for them and pocket it, taking an amount in proportion to the day's receipts. Sometimes he took as much as \$1,000 at a time. He had control of the books containing lists, checks and drafts, and managed to conceal his embezzlements until, finding discovery inevitable, he ran away. The company has submitted the case to the District Attorney, and it is supposed Marston will be indicted and arrested as soon as he can be caught.

Marston entered the Equitable Trust Company's employ in 1873, when a boy of 15, rising step by step. He was not known to live extravagantly, and the fact that he kept several horses and carriages at his place in Plainfield, N. J., was accounted for upon the score of private means. The officers of the company are unable, so far, to find out where the stolen money is or went to.

THE SOLAR DISK.
Strange Connection on the Sun Recently Discovers by Astronomers—Who Cannot Account for the Phenomena.

Four remarkable spots have made their appearance on the sun, and are now advancing, with inner motions, like those of a storm cloud, towards the center of the solar disk. One of these spots is of enormous size, rivaling some of the great spots which were seen at the time of the violent magnetic storm of last year, and the others are of unusual magnitude. They are not far apart and appear to be drawing closer together. Even now, although they are near the eastern edge of the sun, and consequently are seen considerably aslant, no telescope is needed to show them like a speck of dust upon the shining globe. When they get near the center they may be expected to make a much more imposing appearance than they do now. The great size of the diameter of the sun that they will then be more than 400,000 miles nearer to us than when they first made their appearance at the edge of the disk. This distance, however, although upward of twice as great as the distance of the moon from the earth, is so small compared with the 93,000,000 miles which separate the sun and the earth, that it will make practically little difference in the appearance of the spots. Their greater size and distinctness when seen near the center will be owing to the spherical form of the surface upon which they appear. Anybody can get a clear conception of this by taking a ball and drawing a small picture upon one side of it. Only when the ball is so presented to the eye that the picture appears near the center of the visible hemisphere will it be seen to the greater advantage.

These spots and some large ones which were seen about the 1st of the present month, and which, if they are yet in existence, must now be upon the side of the sun which is turned away from us, suggest an interesting question whether sun spots reappear at intervals at the same places on the solar globe. The location of the spots now visible closely resembles that of some of the great spots of last year, and it is suspected that several of the spots of 1882 may have reappeared in the same places after having once vanished. Owing to the lack of permanent landmarks, it is exceedingly difficult to determine whether there really are places on the sun's surface where spots appear with special frequency. If it can be shown that such places exist, very important changes must be made in the present theories of the constitution of the sun, and we may be brought back to something resembling William Herschel's conception of a sun with a solid nucleus comprising a very large portion of its bulk, and surrounded by a luminous atmosphere, through which holes are made by the eruption of enormous volcanoes or by other forms of eruptive force. There are the weightiest reasons for believing that the sun can not possibly have such a nucleus.

If the present activity of the sun continues for a month longer the astronomers who have gone to the middle of the southern Pacific Ocean to observe the total solar eclipse on May 6th will probably be witnesses of a magnificent spectacle. When great sun spots are most numerous the mysterious envelopes surrounding the sun, which comes into view during a total eclipse, appear to the best advantage, present the most imposing and curious forms, and extend to the greatest distances. In case the sun happens to be greatly disturbed about the 10th of May these astronomers may have an opportunity to make most interesting and important additions to our knowledge of the great ruler and center of the solar system.

The opportunity to study the sun spots like those now visible will become less and less frequent from this time until nine or ten years hence, when another maximum point of solar activity will be reached.

THE RAILROAD STATION LOAFER.
Of all the loafers the railroad station loafer is the loaferliest. He is noisy, obtrusive and insolent. He sits down and compels the passenger, the patron of the road, to stand up. He kicks your valise as he passes it. He is never seen without a mouthful of tobacco, and he always expectorates in the direction of your valise or your feet. He stands in your way at the ticket-office, although he is never known to go anywhere. He looks over your shoulder at the telegraph window while you write a message. He spurs and "rattles" with other hoodlums. He loudly calls the attention of his fellow loafers to your personal appearance, and makes "stage-aside" remarks for you to hear as you pass by him. He is utterly useless, infinitely worthless and a wholesale nuisance. When he is under 14 years of age he should be flogged and compelled to go to school; between 14 and 21 he should be sent to the house of correction or a reform school, and after reaching the age of 21 he should be hanged. Off with his head. So much for the loafer.—Burlington Hawkeye.

It is estimated that the annual iron production of the world is 19,487,510 tons, and of this Great Britain, the United States, Germany and France contribute 88.4 per cent.—the first two 64.3 per cent.

WHATCOM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS.

Admiral's Office, Whatcom, Whatcom County, W. T. May 7, 1883, 9 a. m. This being the day designated by law for the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners...

Board met as per adjournment, present J. J. Edens, chairman, I. Dunlap and B. H. Bruns, County Commissioners, and C. Donovan, Clerk...

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During the term the following named persons were appointed viewers and surveyors to meet on the dates and at the places mentioned, and view and survey the roads hereinafter mentioned...

H. P. O'Bryant and L. Blackinton, viewers, with Arthur White as surveyor, to meet June 4, 1883, at place of beginning proposed road over Guyones Island...

H. Heltzberger and Wm. Iyer, viewers, with Arthur White as surveyor, to meet June 13, 1883, at the place of beginning proposed road from Birch Bay to California Creek...

G. C. Singleton and C. Scrimsher, viewers, with County Surveyor, to meet June 10, 1883, at place of beginning of proposed road from SW corner of Township 30, 3 east...

Following named persons were selected to act as jurors. GRAND JURORS for June, 1883, term District Court...

Perry Jones for June, 1883, term District Court. Grand Jurors for June, 1883, term District Court...

Grand Jurors for December, 1883, term District Court. Grand Jurors for December, 1883, term District Court...

Following named persons were appointed Road Supervisors to all vacancies caused by elected but not qualified supervisors and where no elections were held...

Noted that statement of O. Kalso, Deputy Road Supervisor District No. 21, be accepted, after a reduction of \$5, charge for team work, and \$1 error, leaving balance of 19 cents due road district...

Ordered that a new district be formed from road district No. 24, to be bounded as follows, viz: Commencing on Skagit River on Section line between Sections 4 and 5, Township 34, 4 east...

Ordered that action of School Supt. in establishing Minister school No. 21, be approved; also his action in amending description of boundaries of school district No. 20...

Ordered that a new district be formed from road district No. 13 and comprise all of Township 40, north, Range 2 east, to be district No. 28.

Ordered that resignation of C. T. Cowden as Road Supervisor of District No. 10, be accepted, and J. H. P. Baker, Constable of Fernside Precinct, be accepted.

Ordered that petition of M. B. Cook and others for new voting precinct be laid over to August, 1883, term for further consideration.

Following bills were allowed: No. 1, in favor of H. B. Williams, 250 00; No. 2, Hall's and Lock Co., two rates, 100 00; No. 3, H. Jones, services as surveyor, 2 00...

Ordered that settlement with Sheriff of tax of year 1882, showing an overpayment by said Sheriff of \$7,334, be accepted, and that the settlement of taxes of years 1881 and 1882, begun this morning, be postponed to the August, 1883, term.

On motion Board adjourned sine die. Chairman County Commissioners, W. T. Attest: C. DONOVAN, Clerk. (SEAL)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PURCHASE TIMBER LAND. United States District Land Office, Olympia, Washington Territory.

Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory..."

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Auditor and settlement by the Board the sum of \$0,226.10, which should be in the Treasury, which upon a count, by the Board and the Auditor, of the funds was found to be correct in the following kinds of money; viz: currency, \$2,441; gold coin, \$7,707; silver coin, \$33,101; total \$43,234.10.

On motion Board adjourned to 1 p. m. all present as at 9 a. m.

Ordered that the Auditor be empowered to grant and issue (in vacation) a peddler's license upon the applicant for such license paying into the County Treasury at the rate of \$10 per annum.

Ordered that the Road Supervisors in districts where roads are obstructed, or washed out so as to impede travel, be and they are hereby ordered, to open up all such roads and remove all such obstructions that such roads may be used by the public.

Ordered that the application of J. & G. Gaches for license to charge wharfage be laid over to August, 1883, term.

Ordered that action upon the communication of H. McMeekin in regard to field notes of U. S. surveys be deferred to the August, 1883, term.

Ordered that application of S. D. Reinhart for the use of the northeast ground floor of Court House for use as a Justice's office be granted on condition that it shall be used exclusively for holding trials in this office only during such trials or examinations.

Ordered that C. Donovan be appointed agent to sell and make a deed for, in Whatcom County of Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6, in block 10, town of Whatcom, Range 2 east, Township 26 1/2 of Code of Washington and instructions of this date.

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LOCAL COMMENTS.

THE MAIL has entered into arrangements with the San Francisco Chronicle whereby subscribers may obtain both papers for one year for \$2. Subscription to either the MAIL or CHRONICLE, separately, is \$2, the subscriber saving \$1 by the clubbing plan.

The population of Whatcom County, according to the Assessor's census, amounts to 3,656.

The assessment of Whatcom County amounts to about a million dollars. This does not include J. S. Conner's mortgages, on which he claims exemption.

A PORTLAND music dealer this week visiting La Conner sold Mr. L. L. Andrews an elegant and costly piano, and to D. L. McCormick, A. Carlson and T. F. Lindsey expensive parlor organs.

SEVERELY INJURED.—Thomas Porter was seriously injured the other day while working at Day's camp on the Skagit. A heavy limb of a tree fell across his body and was badly crushed about the side and shoulder. He now lies in rather a critical condition at the camp.

There is a report current that six or seven Chinamen, on route from British Columbia to this side, were killed and robbed by Lummi Indians. We do not believe the story, which was probably started to discourage the smuggling of Chinamen into this country.

LA CONNER will celebrate the Fourth, a committee for that purpose having been this week appointed, consisting of Dr. G. V. Calhoun, S. Joergensen, B. L. Martin, A. Morrison, J. P. Brewster, J. F. Dwelley, F. D. Cleaves, J. A. Gilliland, J. McGlinn, Isaac Morris and J. Power. A programme will be published next week.

The attention of Road Supervisors is called to the order in the County Commissioners proceedings, on the second page, requiring them to remove all obstructions in the public highways. Under this order Road Supervisor Downey should remove the obstruction or fence which Mr. Conner recently built at the terminal outlet of the public highway at La Conner. If the Road officer does not look out J. S. will fence in the whole town.

There are some heavy taxpayers in Seattle, among whom we notice W. N. Bell for \$156,960, J. C. & P. S. R. Co. \$348,000, J. M. Colman \$101,350, A. A. Denny \$244,035, D. T. Denny \$246,715, Schwabacher & Co. \$103,870, W. C. Squire \$177,370, Terry Estate \$128,975, H. L. Yester \$318,985, N. P. R. R. Co. \$109,000, and Jas. McNaught, \$114,760. We only note those assessed for over one hundred thousand dollars.

The steamer Fanny Lake took fire and burned to the water edge near Ball's camp on the Skagit River, on last Monday. The large of logging camp supplies, together with the boat stores and property, is a total loss, but fortunately no lives were lost. The hull, with machinery, has been towed to Seattle by the steamer Merwin. Capt. J. S. Hill was master and chief officer and his loss will be heavy, which we exceedingly regret.

ARE NON-RESIDENTS TAXABLE upon their notes and mortgages of record in this county is the question now agitating our citizens, the most prominent case in point being that of George W. Bowen. We all know, in a heavy real estate owner and founder of the town of La Conner. He removed with his family to California some two years ago, but has since been back and forth occasionally looking after his interests, and in fact voted here last Fall and is here at present. He was summoned before the board of equalization to show cause why he should not be taxed as a resident. He pointed to a residence or public building in the city, escaped injury. Vegetable and flower gardens in the city and vicinity were complete wrecks. There were severe thunder storms in New York City and New Jersey on the 8th and 9th, which did much damage. Near Walla Walla on the 8th a cloudburst carried away a house and killed two persons. In the meantime the weather of the Puget Sound region has been as calm as that of a fine summer day, no phenomena occurring during the month to indicate that destructive storms, hurricanes and cyclones were raging over a large portion of the continent. This exemption from the dangerous extremes of climate which prevail in extensive areas in the Northern, Southern and Central States, justly renders this region a favorite place of residence, and the knowledge of this contrast is now rapidly turning the current of emigration towards this coast.

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What Mr. Whitney Knows About Mr. Conner's Claim for Damages.

PADILLA, W. T., May 19, 1888. EDITOR MAIL: Dear Sir,—Will you allow me a little space to tell a little of what I know about J. S. Conner's claim for damages on account of road, etc. Your item in the Mail of May 10th says: "They (the viewers) have given the right of way over land equally as valuable and they very properly came to the conclusion that Mr. Conner should do the same, etc." Now while it is no doubt a fact that he should give lands for roads we and others have done it not the reason that I, for one, would allow no damages. Our instructions said we should begin at the town of La Conner and view the road to the south line of G. W. Johnson's farm, and determine of how much less value the premises of J. S. Conner and M. Sullivan would be rendered by the opening of a road. The claim that a reasonable number of roads are a necessity to the country and ourselves, and that the lands contiguous to such roads are enhanced in value by such roads being opened and maintained at public expense, if from the position or shape of any man's land, he had been excessively burdened by roads he might be entitled to damages. But any one who knows the location of the roads in the vicinity of J. S. Conner's land contiguous thereto, I think will agree with me that he is entitled to no damages. As the Mail says, it is the only road leading to his land, and the road has been built out of the hill to make a road into La Conner, and made into an elevated road on the marsh (which also answers for a dyke) across undrained lands to other lands of the County. I can not see that Judge or jury can be found that, knowing the facts of the case, would allow any damages. R. E. WHITNEY.

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