

OREGON UNION.

CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON

MAY 7, 1859

Escape and Recapture.

On Sunday morning last, Moses E. Milner succeeded in making his escape from the county jail of this county, where he has been lodged for some time back. As the jailer, W. J. Robertson, brought him his breakfast, he succeeded in passing him in the main cell, and gained the door, pushing Robertson as he passed him. In going out of the door of the jail, he stumbled and fell. Robertson threatened to shoot him if he attempted to rise, but Milner, it seems, was aware that the threat could not be put into execution, as Robertson was not armed; and rising as quickly as possible, he told the jailer he did not wish to hurt him, but that he was desperate and determined not to be taken. Suiting the action to the word, he placed his hand—or pretended to place it—on a pistol, and turning, made tracks for the timber. Robertson gave the alarm, and followed as fast as his strength would permit, being quite weak from sickness. Milner had some mile or more to get out of sight, and was also quite weak from sickness while in jail. Robertson snapped one gun at him about half way from the jail to the timber. By this time, numbers had joined the suit on foot and on horseback. Milner, however, succeeded in getting into the bushes on Mary's river, and immediately secreted himself. For some time all were foiled in their search, but he was finally discovered under a clump of thick bushes, partly hid by a fallen tree-top. When found, he was much exhausted, and had no weapon about him but a chair round, with which he intended to fasten the jail door upon Robertson.

It is believed that there were among the crowd in search, those who were anxious to render every assistance in their power to Milner, that he might escape. He was out of jail about three hours, and was fully prepared in his dress to make a journey. Since his return, he has been much dispirited, and quite sick from over-exertion.

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NOVEMBER 19, 1859

THE NEW BELL for the court-house in this city,
arrived here last Wednesday. It is a good one,
weighing 225 pounds.

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FEBRUARY 11, 1860

Escaped from Jail.

At a recent special term of the Circuit Court, for Umpqua county, one George Williams, was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to four years in the Penitentiary. Mr. S. Rich, Sheriff of that county, arrived here last Tuesday night with Williams in custody, and placed him in the county jail for safe keeping until the boat should arrive, when he expected to go on to Portland. Heretofore our county jail has been considered the most secure in the State, being lined with boiler iron, riveted in the most substantial manner. Judge Underwood, visited the jail Thursday afternoon and discovered nothing wrong or unusual; he again visited it about 7 o'clock in the evening and found—to his surprise—that the prisoner had made his escape. It seems, that for the comfort of prisoners, a stove had been allowed in the largest iron room. By means of the stove-wood and a portion of the bedstead, he had succeeded in forcing off the grating on the main door, which permitted him to enter the jailors room, from which he soon made his escape. Williams is about 22 years old, a small, spare-made man, about 5 feet-6 inches in height, dark eyes, dark hair and whiskers; wore a small moustache. Had on a bottle green frock coat, dark pants, Scotch plaid overshirt, and calf boots. One hundred dollars reward is offered for his apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of Umpqua or Benton county.

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FEBRUARY 18, 1860

Cost of the Cupola.

Much has been said about the cost of the cupola recently constructed upon our court-house. Some "Munchausen" reports have been put in circulation in regard to its enormous expense. Mr. Piper, the builder, has furnished us the amount of its cost, which is \$723,12 exclusive of the bell, which the citizens of our town presented to the county, some \$150 more.
