

Now is not the time for a county fair to be advocated. The move is premature. When the proper time comes then let us at once set about having a good county fair.

The sentiment is growing that it will be necessary, in order to perpetuate our government, that the U. S. senators be elected directly by the people. Our senate is mostly composed of men of immense wealth and these men were placed there through the influence of their money. If the people were to vote it would depend more upon the man, and less on his financial standing. The extravagance at Washington has been for the past ten years so great that a poor man who might represent "the people" has no standing. He cannot "live" on his salary.

Last week we noted the fact that a California cannery had contracted \$25,000 acres of peaches, etc., to an Eastern syndicate to be delivered in the next four years. Just think of the labor which will be employed to prepare the large amount of fruit. The farmer in the orchard, the teamster on the road, the canner, the packer, the draymen, the railroad, all get "a slice of the pie" and the labor is employed "at home." Where can we have a cannery? Oregon has fruit and can have more. Instead of saying "we can have it" it should be "we have canned it!"

ONLY a few more weeks and call will be made for both republican and democratic primaries and then the county convention. Politics there always exists a gradual chicanery, but the interests of Independence will suffer if everything is not open and above board where the people can see it. There are important issues in local matters in Polk county at stake. Rightly managed they need not affect the political contest in any way, but if not managed as they should be, the party whip will have no effect and all will be sacrificed for local interests. How to avoid this should now be the study of our politicians. Local denunciations for party gain will gradually left. The people will not stand it. It is no secret that Dallas wants a new court house at Dallas nor that a great many people want an enabling act before any court house is built. And in all fairness let us say that the vote must be based on the issue itself. It must be decided once for all and let it be above suspicion. Let this matter of local differences be settled before the conventions and then the case will be clear after that.

THE CRACKER BUSINESS.

The business of manufacturing crackers has grown to be a great industry in the United States, and the city of New York alone probably from 3500 to 4000 men, women, and children are employed in this work. It is only within the last fifteen years that the business has grown to such prominence.

Before 1870 the only cracker made were the old style or standard soda, milk, butter, lemon and oyster crackers, ginger snaps, and pilot biscuit. The only kind of fancy cracker made at that time was a dry slightly sweetened biscuit made up in peculiar forms; but these crackers bore about as much resemblance to the fancy cracker with which picnic parties of the present day can regale themselves as the old oblong box cars which were run over the first railroad do to the magnificently equipped drawing room cars now in use on all the principal railroad lines.

There are now in New York City sixteen cracker bakeries, two in three in Brooklyn, and factories at Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Buffalo, Indianapolis, and every other large city. The total number of firms engaged in this business cannot be definitely learned, but a well known manufacturer said that it would not be an exaggeration to place the number at 400, with a producing capacity ranging from 100 to 600 barrels of crackers per day each.

In one of the largest cracker factories in New York City the weekly supply of materials is 500 barrels of flour, 3,000 pounds of butter, 20,000 pounds of lard, 80 barrels of sugar, 25 barrels of molasses, and 15 barrels of dried currants, together with eggs, honey, corn starch, flavoring extracts, and other needed ingredients. The mixing of the dough, the rolling, the cutting, and in fact the entire process of making all but a few of the finer grades of crackers, is done by machinery.

Morever, there are more crackers shipped from the United States to England in one year than were imported by this country in the three years previous to the date when the manufacture was begun here. Not only this, but we are getting on a very heavy trade

with Brazil, Mexico, and other South American countries, and with the West Indies.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 30, 1889. Christmas day was distinguished in Washington by weather as balmy as May, and people on the streets were obliged to doff heavy wraps. The observance of the day was widespread. In the white house the family celebrated in the old fashion way, having a Christmas tree for the children, and the customary dinner in the afternoon. The children were up by daybreak to be delighted by the receipt of miniature wagons and locomotives, and the most surprising dolls, the President joined in their rumpus and even the hour he tried to devote to business was not free for their flattering attention. The families of the members of the cabinet spent the day quietly in their respective homes. John Wamaker was the only cabinet officer out of the city. Secretary Tracy was the only one that went to church. Secretary Rusk gave a dinner in the evening to a number of Wisconsin congressmen who happened to be in town.

The number of congressmen remaining in the city through the holidays is unusually large, due on the republican side to a laudable desire to advance work in the committees as much as possible in the interim, and by a resolution on the part of their democratic colleagues to keep close watch of intended legislation. Even those who did go home to near-by states left the day before Christmas and returned in a couple of days.

The president is not, judging by the results of his gunning trip to Virginia, as successful in sports as was President Cleveland. His companions who returned on Saturday, frankly, but sadly admitted that the luck was very bad, the ducks being wary. Associate Justice Gray is said to be the only one in the party to see a duck.

Society is convulsed by the mighty question of precedence in official society. Mrs. Harrison's selection of her daughter to represent her in the line at the New Year's reception, has shocked those people easiest to shock. They insist that the place belongs to Mrs. Morton, in the absence of the president's wife, and that Mrs. McDev's husband has no official position her selection is doubly in bad taste. In the meantime Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Harrison are serenely undisturbed by the talk. The subject is no new one to either of the ladies, as it is one that agitates a certain circle with every incoming administration.

The members of the ways and means committee have done their best to hear from manufacturers during the recess. They waited two hours on Saturday morning, hoping some one interested in sugar refining would appear, but no one appeared. Finally a telegram was received from J. E. Searies, treasurer of the sugar trust, stating that he was detained at home by the "grip," and advertisement was thereupon taken until January 4th, so far as sugar was concerned. The principal cause of delay in the case, of the sugar refiners, in the rust seems to be that they have nothing to say in their defence that can help them.

The retirement of James H. Windrim, supervising architect of the treasury, a attracting wide comment as showing the necessity of the higher class of government officers larger salaries, especially when skilled professional men are required. Mr. Windrim's receipts from the Girard estate alone are \$15,000 per annum. If Mr. Windrim is as good an architect as he is said to be, it would seem to be a pity that the government should lose his services from an inability to pay as much as private party offers.

The sanitary condition of the treasury department, is once more attracting attention, and various devices for its improvements are offered. The treasury building has always been in a bad sanitary condition, though thousands of dollars has been spent on ventilation. This has been due in part to the fact that people utterly incompetent have had charge of the building, and in part to defective construction. The sub-basement and basements are as dirty and foul smelling as Chinese tobacco factories. There is really no time to give the rooms a thorough overhauling and cleaning. The laborers are nearly all discontented, having in most cases originally come here to get a good situation and accept the laborers place temporarily.

The "grip" has grasped the police officers of the capitol, and holds them in its ankyling embrace. About twenty have thus far been affected with the new type of influenza, complicated with symptoms of pneumonia, and in some instances with those of neuralgia. Apart from the cases among the police, few reports are received of anything worse than mild colds, though of course everyone having a cold immediately imagines he is in the hands of the enemy "a gripe."

LYNWOOD.—On Wednesday evening the Russell-Jewell Dramatic company will present this pleasing military drama, at the opera house. This company will bring its own scenery and twelve first class people. Wherever it has appeared it has been very successful. It played for eleven weeks in Portland to packed houses. The play combines fun with pathos, villainy with sentiment. The ladies of the company are bright and sparkling in their parts. The price of admission to all parts of the house is only 50 cts., and this should pack the house upon the occasion. The press of Portland, Salem and Albany have nothing but words of praise. Those desirous of seeing really good acting should make use of the opportunity presented.

We used to sing: "Home made" bread is bully "Home made" bread is fine, I think I ought to know I can't find any more time. But alas! now we say: "Imported" bread is state "Imported" bread is dry— You better think I ought to know For that is what we buy.

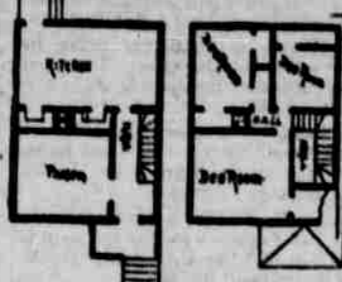
Mr. Abram Nelson has a very tame stray dog near his house. It mangled nearly twenty of his sheep in three nights and now it will be delivered to its owner with a tail which never can wag again. The owner will please call and prove property.

A Cheap and Tasteful Home for a Small Family. The attractive cottage shown here is taken from an admirable book of designs entitled "The Little House," published by the National Architects' Union, of 207 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. This cottage has been designed especially for a small family, or young couple wishing to build their first home. The exterior effect is spacious, while the interior is arranged with a view to comfort and a small amount of labor in the domestic management.



First Story—A square porch leads to a pleasant and well lighted hall, on the left of which is the parlor, 12x15 feet. The kitchen, or living room, 12x12 feet, extends the width of the house, and can be used for both purposes, or the parlor can be used for a dining and living room. The stairs to the basement lead from the hall.

Second Story—This floor contains one large bed chamber, 12x16 feet, and two smaller but airy rooms, 9x10 feet, and 9x12 feet, with a large closet in each.



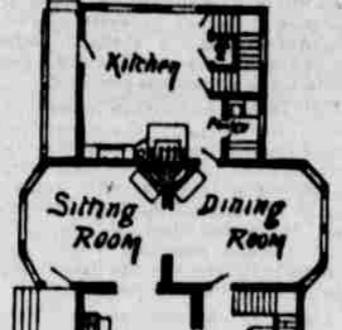
FLOOR PLAN. Materials—Foundation, rough stone or brick; frame construction, first and second stories and gables, clapboarded and painted; roof shingled. No attic—space only reserved under main walk. Price, complete, \$600.

THIS WOULD COST \$7,500.

Design for a Spacious and Convenient Modern Home. The accompanying illustrations from The Boston Globe show the first and second floor plans and perspective view of a modern dwelling, of rather unique design. The cut up of the rooms is quite simple, yet affords



good accommodations. All the principal rooms on the first floor may be thrown into one large apartment by means of the wide sliding doors. Several open grates afford heat and ventilation. The commanding feature of the design, however, is the circular



GROUND FLOOR. lower, with its concentric planes and balcony. The house is 90 feet long and 41 feet wide in extreme. The first story is 10 feet high and the second story 9 feet 6 inches. With interior finish of modest pattern, such as hard wood, good plumbing, plate glass, etc.



SECOND STORY. It would cost about \$7,500 to build in the vicinity of Boston. The plans were prepared by Architects Frank L. Smith, 22 School Street, Boston.

It has been calculated that the railroads of the world are worth nearly three hundred billions of dollars, or about one-tenth of the wealth of the civilized nations, or more than one-quarter of their invested capital. At this rate, all the ready money in the world would buy only about one-third of them.

DO YOU THINK SO?

That in one year the Albany and Astoria R. R. will be built through Monmouth to Dallas, and leave us out; that the motor line to Monmouth will not be built; that Dallas will have an \$85,000 court house in course of construction; that Falls City will furnish electric power for Independence; that West Salem will be the county seat; that Sheridan, being on the line of the proposed Astoria railroad will not get in and work for a county seat, of a new county; that Independence and Monmouth will not have a combined population of 3,000.

On the 3d of January Harvey Papett, who resides on the Siuslaw, in Lane county, was found dead in his cabin. He was of English descent, a bachelor, and about 57 years of age. When found he had been dead for several days. He had evidently been sitting in a chair reading a newspaper, when death came, and had fallen forward on his face.

Leading physicians recommend Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Old and young take it with perfect safety. It cleanses the blood, strengthens the nerves, and vitalized the system. Popular experience has long placed this medicine at the head of tonic alteratives.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that I will meet the taxpayers of Polk county, Or. at their respective precincts, at the usual place of voting for the purpose of collecting taxes for 1889; and will remain in said place from the hour of 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., at the following times and places, to wit: Dixie, Saturday, February 1, 1890. Buena Vista, Monday, February 3, 1890. Buena Vista, Tuesday, February 4, 1890. Independence, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1890. Mouthmouth, Thursday, Feb. 6, 1890. Luckiamute, Friday, Feb. 7, 1890. Bridgeport, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1890. Dallas, Monday, Feb. 10, 1890.

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