### "Western Fallacy."

The Forthcoming report of the Commissioners of Agriculture contains the following paragraph which illustrates the necessity of the dirtribution and variety of industrial pursuite in our country. It will apply with even greater force to Oregon than to Iowa:

The West has much to gain from the teachings of statistics. Iowa, vigorous and ambitious, too young for despondency, is in a spasm of iudignation against monopoly and an excess of middlemen, and yet in States. She may have too many and age. too greedy go betweens, and she needs justice in the transportation of her products; but these evils remedied, the burden of her trouble wil still remain. The great difficulty isl her crops of industry, has sixty-one per cent. of farmers instend of twenty-five. Double track railroads, canals vexed with steam propellers, Grange associations, free trade, and every other fancied boon obtained. she will still remain in comparative poverty and positive discontent while she continues to have less than fourteen percent. of her people engaged in manufacturing and mechanical to a permanently prosperous people | tyee hias pilton man. having such a preponderance of population engaged in agricultural pur-

### Portland Custom House.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the Senate appropriating \$100,000 to construct a Custom House and a bonded warehouse in Portland. There is no necessity for this appropriation at this time. The Custom House at Astoria and th branch at Portland are amply sufficient for all practical purposes. Mr Mitchell would better secure this approprietion for the improvement o of the Upper Columbia and Willam. ette rivers. We have enough Cus tom Houses. The revenues collected through most of them are stolen by officials to perpetuate them in office and to support their extravagance. The Portland Custom House ring has bean a curse to Oregon and burden to the Government. In the first place the Custom House at As toria was all and is all that is needed for the business of the Columbia and Willamette rivers and money appropriated for this purpose at Portland is money thrown away.

# Slaughter of Back-Pay Grabbers

Out of one hundred and two Representatives in the forty second Congress who voted for the salary-grab, says the Cincinnati Commercial twenty-four only secured a re-nomination to Congress, while seventyeight were either beaten for re-nomination or otherwise withdrawn from public view.

Out of the twenty-four who voted for the salary grab in March, 1873, who were nominated for Congress in 1874 twelve were defeated at the polls.

Out of the whole number of one hundred and two members voting for the salary grab, only nine have been re-elected to Congress. And not all of these nine spared monuments even took the money given them by the high salary Act.

# A New Poet.

"In Templa Dit" is the Latin-is subject of a Long Tom vouth's poem in last week's Statesman. Tommy Chesher would better learn Latin cases before he attempts to use that language. Tommy indited an "Od(ious)e to Joaquin Miller" in the same paper recently and we have been looking ever since for Joaquin to answer in the Overland, or come. In his "In Templa Dii," Tommy says

sorrowfully: I've worshiped at thy shrine, Oh, Art! And thought thee great, but now this heart : Henceforth can never at thy shrine

Bow to thee as a thing divine, etc. Now we are sorry that Tommy has got disgusted with Art. It is sad that a Long Tom youth should have devoted so many years to Art and then to leave her in her greatest with despatch. All kinds of work done at my What seeds I do not grow, I import from the nced, and in his gray hairs to go a courting "In Templa Dir";

baga kind and they are of very large size and fine-grained and juicy withal. He raised them on the high land on Mr Reed's farm, soil common to all the Tualatin Plains, and some of them will weigh ten pounds. JOHN B. Miller's These turnips would make excellent food for milch cows, and in fact for all kinds of stock. On rich lands we should think that 1,000 bushels to the acre of these turnips could be raised which would as stock food be more valuable than three acres of wheat. Our stock needs mixed diet to do well and would it not be well for our farmers to raise larger root trade and transportation she has but crops than they have been doing eight per cent., or little more than hitherto? We make this suggesthalf the proportion of the Middle on hoping that it may be of advant-

### Specie Resumption.

The Senate bill in Congress providing for the resumption of specie payments was taken up in the House on the 7th instant and passed by a vote of 136 to 99.

A DEPUTY Marshall in a town east of the Mountains without sufficient reason arrested and put in the calaboose an Indian and here is what Lo thought about it:

skookum-house, yaka wake cum tux nika, siwash wake cum tux, pesioux wake cum tux, Boston man wake ufactory, attached to the Store, he can industry. History does not point cum tux, nika tum-tum yaka tenas

All that this disgusted Indian means to say in the above paragraph is that the Deputy Marshall was an

## Swamp Land Decision.

Was...ingron, Jan. 4 .- Following is an official syllabus of the late decision of the Secretary of the Interior in the case of the State of Oregon against Frank L. Stott and Waggoner, pre-emption claimants of what was formerlo Wapato Lake.

First-The act of March 12, 1860, made a grant in præsenti to theState of Oregon of all lads within her limits at that date, swamp and overflowed, and made thereby unfit for cultivation, with the exception of that class mentioned in the proviso othe first sect ion of said act.

Second - A tract of land is not necessarily excluded from the grant because at any given date it may be found covered with water having the appearance of a lake, or in the judgment of surveyors to be mean-

Third- The State, notwithstand- on hand. Send for Catalogue ing the returns of the Surveyor General, had a right show by any competent evidence, parole or otherwise, the character of the land at the time her right accrued, and the weight of such evidence should govern. The land was awarded to the

The Boston Commercial says a compositor in one of the offices, having copy before him, "Proceedings of Congress from the Associated Press," set it, "Proceedings by the infuriated Pups."

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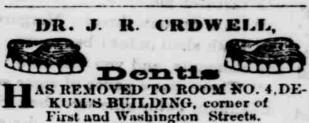
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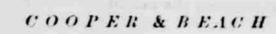
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