

HOME NEWS. Withersell's Employment Agency has proved of untold value to those in search of work through the dull season.

W. H. Watkins, Superintendent of the Oregon State Prison, took his departure for San Francisco on Wednesday.

St. Valentine, in comic, serious or sentimental garb, is on exhibition in the windows of J. K. Gill & Co., 75 First street.

Mrs. Cole, wife of Geo. E. Cole, Postmaster of this city, died at her residence on Wednesday, the 10th inst., after a short illness.

C. M. Wiberg, at the boot and shoe store opposite the St. Charles Hotel, finds it easy to suit his customers both in price and quality, from his immense stock.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar, G. W. C. T., has been visiting lodges in this city during the present week. He shed the light of his countenance upon us for a short time on Tuesday.

The crockery store of H. H. Carpenter, northeast corner of Front and Yamhill streets, is still gorgeous with china and glassware. A splendid place to furnish or re-furnish a china closet.

The question to be debated by the East Portland Debating Society on this (Friday) evening is: "Resolved, That it is contrary to the tenets of the Christian religion that a clergyman should engage in party politics."

The monthly Sabbath school concert of the Taylor street M. E. Sunday School took place on last Sunday afternoon. The exercises were unusually interesting, and the large auditorium of the Church was densely crowded with friends and spectators.

Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped three boxes of clothing from this city on Wednesday, to the Agency at Lincoln, Nebraska, for the benefit of the destitute in that State. These goods were collected through the instrumentality of Mr. and Mrs. Thielson. The company forward all donations free of charge.

From the Weekly News we learn that the ladies of East Portland are making the necessary arrangements for the establishment of a relief society, having for its object the relief of the needy and distressed. There will be clothing prepared for those who may need it, and perhaps in time a Home supplied, fitted up similar to the one in Portland, and to be managed in a similar way.

H. W. Scott, Esq., of this city, took his departure on the Oriflamme for San Francisco, and will remain transient to the eastern portion of the continent. He is accompanied by his father, J. T. Scott, Esq., of Forest Grove, who goes to visit old scenes and friends in Illinois, after an absence of nearly a quarter of a century. We join with many warm friends in wishing them a speedy voyage, pleasant sojourn and safe return.

NEWS ITEMS. Arizona wants an appropriation for a territorial penitentiary. Hop culture is attracting a good deal of attention in Linn county. Boats have resumed their regular trips on the Yamhill as far Lafayette.

Clark county, W. T., is supporting about half-a-dozen paupers at present. In Klickitat valley, W. T., the snow is about one foot deep and the weather very cold. A revival, under the auspices of the Baptist denomination, is in progress at Astley.

The game law, relative to the killing of deer, went into effect on the first of this month. Grand preparations are being made for the anniversary ball at Albany on the 23rd inst. J. D. Brown, the escaped convict, was captured at Comstock on the evening of the 4th inst. During 1874, the entire export of iron from Oregon to San Francisco amounted to 1,304 tons.

Olympia is once more enjoying frequent steamboat communication with the lower Sound. Five heads of cattle were frozen to death in attempting to cross the Snake river at the time it froze up, two weeks ago. "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" will be played at the entertainment to be given by the Independent Champions at Salem on the 17th inst. The Grangers in the vicinity of Dayton have concluded to build this season a substantial and spacious warehouse for their own purposes.

R. Burbank, Superintendent; Mrs. L. V. Starr, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Lizzie Large, Secretary; and Miss Eliza Carey, Assistant Secretary.

The steamer Alton ran on a snag just above Home Vista last week, and sunk with about thirty-three inches of water in her hold. The snag penetrated the hull just under the boiler, making a huge hole. No freight damaged.

The Salt Lake Herald asserts that the Great Salt Lake is rising perceptibly year after year, and the mountain streams are increasing in volume. A large area of burning meadows and pasture lands have been emerged, and levee protection is talked of.

We don't have any newspaper articles on the "Origin and History of Christmas from its earliest days" for one year. That's one good thing to think of.—Louisville Commercial.

We don't know about that; the freestone has delayed scores of patent outside prepared for the holiday season, and we expect a surplus of such reading matter soon as the blockade is raised.—Washington Standard.

There are seven girl students in the Colby University at Waterville, Me. The boys at first protested against the innovation, but the girls behave so well, and are so far above the average of their classmates in scholarship, that the prejudices against them are dying out.

The paper barrel business seems likely to amount to something. A manufactory is being erected in Rochester which will turn out six hundred barrels a day. They are much lighter and more durable than wooden barrels.

For the very best photographs, go to Bradley & Hutton's Gallery with an ELEVATOR, 22 Montgomery St., San Francisco.

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.—Dr. J. P. Miller, a practicing physician at 27 Spruce street, Philadelphia, has discovered that the extract of cranberries and hemp combined cures headache, neuralgia, dyspepsia, nervous, or sick headache, neuritis and nervousness. This is a triumph in medical chemistry and endures all over the country are ordering by mail. He prepares it in pills, at 10 cents a box. The doctor is largely-known and highly respected.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Death would be impossible if the proclamations of the alcoholic nostrum-makers were true. But, alas! their terrible excipients send thousands staggering to the grave. Instead of adding fuel to the fire of disease with deadly compounds, try the cooling, refreshing, purifying and regulating effect of that inestimable combination of herbal juices and extracts, Dr. Walker's VINOCA BILIOUS PILLS—the sole specific for Dyspepsia, Physical Debility, Headache, Bilious Colic, Liver Complaints, Constipation, Rheumatism, and Chronic Obstruction.

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ESTABLISHED, 1859. SPORTSMEN'S EMPORIUM! William Beck & Son. Importers and Dealers in GUNS, RIFLES AND REVOLVERS, OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, SPORTING AMMUNITION OF ALL KINDS.

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