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BY TELEGRAPH.

Madrid, Dec. 10.—All the newspapers, including the opposition, approve of King Alfonso's marriage with Duke de Montpensier's daughter. All foreign courts also express their approval.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Bonapartists held a meeting yesterday evening. Speakers pointed out that the events of the 16th of May were accomplished without their concurrence and they would not participate in carrying out a similar policy under the same conditions.

Republican journals state that at the interview between President MacMahon and the president of the senate, the marshal stated that the cabinet was formed and there could be no question of compromise or conciliation.

New York, Dec. 10.—The Herald's London correspondent in Rome telegraphs: Exciting discussion with regard to French ecclesiastical affairs which is now taking place caused the Pope to pass a bad night. He was troubled with vomiting and suffocating with catarrh. In the morning the doctor discovered the ulcer in his leg had closed in consequence of swelling. This explains the attempt to reopen the wounds.

Charles E. Smith, president of the Reading Railroad Company during eight years ending in 1870, publishes to-morrow a letter disclosing a startling report made to its managers years ago, but which has been hitherto suppressed. The report was made by Smith, Lippincott, the publisher, and Isaac Hickley, as a committee of the managers, and embraces statements and statistics which Smith says show that the real earnings of the railroad and the coal and iron company since 1871 have been only \$2,347,000, while the dividends paid by the railroad were \$1,040,000, or more than seven times the real profits; also that the amount of floating debt was concealed by transfers made on the books for the purpose, and that the case of the collieries worked by the company has been \$2,050,000, and the gain on these leased over \$1,750,000. Smith pleads ill health as the reason for not sooner discovering and exposing the bad condition of the company.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The secretary of war was before the committee on military affairs to-day. He said the order to General Ord to pursue the Mexican raiders across the Rio Grande on a fresh trail was based principally on information given in the report of Lieut. Col. Saffner, heretofore published, and being asked what authority the war department had to make such an order, he cited the order given Col. Robert E. Lee, in 1850, to follow Mexican depredators into Mexico if necessary, and that given by John C. Calhoun as secretary of war, in 1817, to Gen. Gaines, to pursue the Seminole Indians into Spanish territory, which order was vigorously carried out by Gen. Gaines, successor of Gen. Andrew Jackson. Capt. Clegg, of the 24th infantry, stationed at Fort Brown, confirmed the current statement, that several large ranches in Texas had been abandoned in consequence of the danger to property and life from Mexican raiders.

New York, Dec. 10.—Peter B. Sweeney today paid the last installment of 400,000 and interest which he agreed to pay this city in settlement of the Tweed ring suits against him. At noon Judge Noah Davis vacated the attachment upon Sweeney's property, and immediately transfers of it were made to Jay Gould and other purchasers who furnished the cash for the final settlement. This arrangement, Sweeney's friends declare strips him entirely of his real estate, and leaves him to begin anew the search for fortune. He is a lawyer and now resumes his profession.

London, Dec. 12.—A Paris special says it is difficult to describe the intense feeling of uneasiness and apprehension that prevails. In accordance with the orders of the minister of the interior, all the gambling shops in Paris are required to close their shutters. There are no outward symptoms of agitation making such precaution necessary. Some foreigners are leaving Paris. The latest report is that M. Rathie has failed to form a ministry, and that M. Andrew De Kerbrat has been summoned to the Elysee.

New York, Dec. 11.—A special from Rome says the pope is suffering intense agony to-day, and unless speedily relieved can't survive many hours.

New York, Dec. 11.—The fine iron steamer Oregon was successfully launched to-day from the yards of Roach & Sons, Chester Pa. She is of 2,250 tons burthen and is owned by the Oregon Steamship Company, of Portland. She will ply between that city and San Francisco. Mr. Villard, the president of the Oregon Steamship Company, reports that the Oregon sails from this port for San Francisco about the 15th of January.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The assembly has adopted unanimously senate concurrent resolution asking congress to levy a per capita tax of \$250 on Chinese immigrants. The senate has adopted a joint resolution asking congress to enact the necessary laws to provide for an international commission of the United States, Great Britain and China to restrict Chinese immigration.

The Silverton School.

Under the management of Mr. G. A. Peebles, who is the Principal of the school, this institution now ranks with the best primary educational institutions of the State. The number of pupils is 194, which, in connection with the fact that Silverton numbers but 356 souls, all told, is a pretty sure indication that that part of Oregon has escaped the ravages of diphtheria and other diseases incident to childhood. Miss Alice Peebles has charge of the music classes and the smaller children. Friday afternoons are dedicated to compositions, recitations, etc., and are well attended by the parents of the pupils. This school is indeed a model one.

FOREIGN.

Surrender of Plevna to the Russians, with 60,000 Prisoners and 400 Cannon.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Plevna has surrendered unconditionally.

Bucharest, Dec. 10.—Plevna is now in the hands of the Russo-Roumanian armies. After a severe engagement yesterday before Plevna, Osman Pasha, who was wounded, surrendered unconditionally. The Turks in Plevna were dying of hunger and cold. There is great joy here. Bucharest is covered with flags.

The *Egic Russe* makes the following announcement: Osman Pasha attempted to break through in the direction of Widdin. He was attacked in front and rear and was compelled to lay down his arms after a glorious struggle in which he was seriously wounded. All with one voice praise his conduct.

Bozot, Dec. 10.—At 9:30 yesterday morning Osman Pasha's entire army attacked the Russian grenadier corps holding the line of investment of the left bank of the river Vid, endeavoring to force a passage. The attack was made with desperate energy, and a portion of the Turkish troops did in fact penetrate the line of entrenchments and batteries, but all attempts to break through the position of the grenadiers were ineffectual. After five hours' severe fighting, the Turks were defeated. Osman Pasha, surrounded on all sides, was compelled to surrender with his whole army.

New York, Dec. 11.—Special advices from Bucharest put the number of Turkish prisoners taken at Plevna at 60,000, and the number of guns captured at 400. The ground which was the scene of the sortie was literally strewn with thousands of dead and dying. The sufferings of the Turks in the beleaguered town were awful. Cold, disease, and famine had decimated their ranks and reduced the soldiers to living skeletons.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—The number of prisoners taken at Plevna is estimated at 40,000, exclusive of 20,000 sick and wounded.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The fact of Plevna is officially announced here. Mehmet Ali has been removed from his command and replaced by Chakir Pasha.

Bucharest, Dec. 12.—A report current here that Osman Pasha's attempt to break through was caused by a combined Russian and Roumanian assault on his positions is purely imaginary. The sortie was solely prompted by the entire failure of provisions. Osman crossed the river Vid, attacked and took Fort Dolny Erupoljs. The Russians and Roumanians were hurled up from Susoria and Bukova. After terrible carnage Osman attempted to re-enter Plevna, but it had meanwhile been occupied by Roumanians and Russians from Griviza. Osman, on finding himself thus surrounded, although wounded in the foot, personally conducted negotiations for surrender. He expressly announced that he surrendered unconditionally to the emperor. Simultaneously with the main sortie the Turks make a sortie against the Roumanian position on the right bank of the Vid, but this was feebly conducted, and the Turks in that quarter surrendered almost unresistingly. The whole Turkish artillery train was captured in the immediate neighborhood of Plevna. The Russian and Roumanian armies made a triumphal entry into the town at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

Grand Duke Nicholas slept at Plevna last night. Rumors that the Porte intends to take immediate steps for bringing about an armistice or peace negotiations are founded on something more than mere conjecture. It is semi-officially announced that the capture of Plevna will not prevent hostilities from being continued, even though preliminary negotiations for peace should be commenced.

Five Horses Killed.

The Record, Wednesday, says: Just before going to press, we learn that Gen. J. F. Miller's celebrated horses "Hardbargin" and "Fear-me-not," were four dead this morning, near the R. R. track, about three miles South of the city, having the appearance of having been run over by the Albany Express last night, or this morning.

"Hardbargin" was a Lexington, and won the two years old race in 1874, and the three years old race 1875, at the State Fair, and was valued at several thousand dollars.

"Fear-me-not" was also a Lexington, out of Luther, and a thoroughbred, prized very highly.

The loss to the running stock of Oregon can hardly be estimated by this casualty.

Leg Broken.

A man aged about 50 years, working in Tarpley's logging camp, on Silver creek, had his leg badly broken yesterday, while rolling logs into the creek, where it flows through the canon several miles from the camp. The accident occurring in an out of the way place, a number of hours elapsed before he could be got within the reach of medical assistance. Dr. Sanford, of Silverton, reached the camp at a late hour, and did what was necessary, but it is feared that internal injuries may prove a serious bar to his early recovery.

Christmas and New Year's.

John G. Wright, at his old stand, Commercial Street, Salem, has received a great assortment of Toys, Candles, and Holiday Gifts, and is fully prepared for the Holiday Trade or 1877.

THE STORM.

Bridges Carried Away.

The storm of Saturday night and Sunday was one of the worst that has visited the valley for a long time, and we should not be surprised to hear of much loss of property from its occurrence.

In this city three bridges were carried away. The first to go was the

NORTH SALEM BRIDGE.

Which we made mention of in our last issue, as being rapidly brought to completion, and that, in all probability, would be finished this week. During Saturday night some time, the mill race of Waldo & Weller, gave way directly under the bridge, and opposite one of the main bents, the water rushed through with such force as to cause the gravel to wash from beneath the mud-sill, and the strong current washed the bent down, which caused the entire structure, about one hundred feet beyond the race, to tumble down, and this morning it resembles a pontoon bridge. Fortunately the timbers did not wash away, and this morning the contractor, M. J. L. Kline, had a force of men at work removing the timbers out of the water. Mr. Kline had a contract to build the bridge for the city, and the structure would have been turned over to the authorities within ten days had not this accident occurred. Mr. K. will lose several hundred dollars by the mishap.

HIGH STREET BRIDGE.

Of which we made mention some time ago as having one of the bents carried away. Last night the water raised so sudden as to carry away another bent, thus allowing about forty feet of the structure to tumble down into the rushing current below, and the wreck was born on the current in its mad career for about a half a mile, when the entire mass lodged against the bents of the foot

BRIDGE ON COMMERCIAL STREET.

The wreck having formed a sort of a dam, the bents were unable to stand the strong current, and soon the structure gave way and about sixty feet of the center of the bridge came down with a terrible crash, and the mass of timbers of both bridges were carried out with the flood into the broad Willamette and hurried down the river to finally lodge in some nook and help to fill up the different ricks of drift wood.

Both of the last named bridges were built by a former citizen of this place by the name of Chase. The Commercial street bridge was built in the year 1870, at the expense of the city and aided, to some extent, by private subscription. Last Spring several new bents were placed in the bridge and was considered safe in every sense of the word. High street bridge has only been in use for about three years, but was partially built a year or two before, but owing to some misunderstanding the work was not completed until about three years ago. The bridge was considered as a very staunch and safe one.

ALBANY, Dec. 10.

The steamers Bonanza and Champion, of the W. R. T. and L. Company, were sunk near Half Moon bend, three miles this side of Corvallis, during the storm of Saturday night and Sunday, by being snagged in the drift wood. The boats were banked and will be easily raised.

The Disabled Steamers.

The Record of Tuesday says: The steamers Bonanza and Champion, of which we made mention in yesterday's issue as being snagged and sunk, above Corvallis, this morning both of the steamers passed down the river. From the Agent, Mr. Ames, we learn the following particulars: The Champion when about five miles above Corvallis, run on to a snag, and being heavily loaded, could not free herself from it, and soon afterwards the Bonanza came along down the river, and seeing the Champion disabled, went to her assistance and took about 30 tons of her load and proceeded on down the river, she had gone about half a mile when she also ran on a snag, but swung off of it. Captain Tacksbury immediately headed her for the shore and had her drawn upon the bank, as the water raised, and had the hole bulk headed, which was about four feet wide and twelve feet long, she was then got back into the water just as the Champion came along and the two disabled steamers passed by here within a few minutes of each other. The Bonanza had on about 160 tons of wheat. Not a barrel of wheat was lost by either accident.

Direct Importation.

W. W. Martin has just received direct from the manufacturer, the largest and handsomest consignment of silverware ever brought to the Capital City. To-day he is engaged in putting it up and about to-morrow his windows, cases and shelves will be well worth seeing. New, neat, elegant and artistic designs may be found among his new stock. Now get ready to purchase your wife a nice silver set for Christmas.

State of Oregon.

The magnificent new steamer State of Oregon, being built by the Oregon Steamship Company, was launched at Chester, Pennsylvania the first of December. After being launched, the new steamer was towed around to New York, where the cabin will be built and also the upper works. It is expected that the State of Oregon will be ready for sea about the middle of February. Captain Francis Connor, who brought the Geo. W. Elder safely around to San Francisco, has been detailed by the Company to bring out the new steamer. Soon as the new steamer is ready to proceed on her long voyage, Capt. Connor will assume command. He expects to leave New York about February 15th, and probably will reach San Francisco some time during the first of May following. The State of Oregon when finished and fully equipped, will cost the Company about \$500,000. She will have a carrying capacity of 2,200 tons. The steamer will bring 1,200 tons of merchandise and 1,000 tons of coal. The State of Oregon is being expressly built for the Portland and San Francisco trade. She will be a floating palace.

Another Celebration.

At a regular meeting held last Saturday evening, Olive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., the members voted to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the institution of that Lodge, which takes place on Monday, January 14th. A Committee of arrangements was appointed for the purpose of making all necessary preparations for the affair. The following list of gentlemen constitute the committee: A. L. Stinson, T. M. Gatch, J. M. Scott, H. H. Gilfray and John M. Minto. On which occasion the officers of the Lodge will be publicly installed, followed by an oration and sociable. There's a good time a coming, you bet.

All for Love.

The other day in Independence, a young German, we did not learn his name, attempted to murder a girl it is said because she would not marry him. The young lady is the daughter of Wm. Kays, proprietor of the hotel. Fortunately the blow fell short of its mark, inflicting but a slight wound on the arm of the young lady. The would be murderer is still at large. It is thought he is crazed on the subject of women. The young lady's brother gave him a sound beating we understand. This fellow should be locked after by the authorities.

The Oldest Justice in Oregon.

Mr. Isaac Staats, of the Luckiamuts, is certainly the oldest justice of the Peace in the State. He was appointed a Justice by Governor Abernethy in 1845, and has held that office ever since, except one or two terms. He can say what but few other Justices can. He can not recall to memory but two cases appealed from his court that his findings were not sustained by the higher courts. He has never sought the office but the office sought him.

Contract Closed.

This forenoon a contract was closed between the Pacific Threshing Machine Company and B. F. Burch, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, for the manufacture of the wood work for Felton's separators and horse powers. A new building is to be erected immediately, within the prison enclosure, directly North of the shoe factory. The precise terms of the contract for the use of prison labor has not yet been made public.

Was It Done by the Flood?

The carrying away, by the flood, last Sunday evening, of Commercial street bridge, has revealed the fact that more than half of our citizens were over in South Salem that evening, as about every other person we met yesterday, "had just crossed the bridge a few minutes before it fell." After a while we will be constrained to believe that the flood did not do the damage, but it was caused by so many of our citizens crossing on it at the same time.

Carried Away.

Last Sunday, the dam of the old English saw and grist mill on Pudding river, gave way, and washed away the old mill; the timbers lodged across the river on the road leading from R. C. Geer's place to this city and carried a portion of the structure away with the flood. Workmen were busily engaged yesterday and to-day, repairing the damage. The bridge was considered one of the best in the county.

Masonic Election.

The following officers of Salem Lodge, No. 4, A. F. and A. M. were elected Dec. 11th, at a regular convocation, for the ensuing term: William Armstrong, W. M.; C. H. Walker, S. W.; George P. Litchfield, J. W.; T. H. Reynolds, Secretary, and J. H. Albert, Treasurer. The installation ceremonies will take place on the evening of the 27th inst.

Highland Lodge.

Highland Lodge, No. 25, I. O. O. F., of Eola, recently elected the following officers for the ensuing term: John Brooker, N. G.; D. M. Hampton, V. G.; R. Doty, R. Sec.; William James, Treasurer; Thomas Pearce, Thomas Jordan, Wm. Waters, Trustees.

Immigrants from New England.

Gen. T. R. Tannatt, who was lately in Oregon and now acting as agent for the railroad and steamship companies at Boston, writes the editor of the FARMER, that a large and good emigration from New England to Oregon, may be expected, aside from those coming in the new steamer *State of Oregon*. The Spring will furnish an unprecedented turning to Oregon from over-crowded New England. You can get much of that element that has made New England what she is if you Grangers and people will help by sending information.

The steamer, *State of Oregon*, will probably leave next month, and be crowded with the best kind of emigrants. Gen. Tannatt is well known thereabouts and is doing all he can as agent for the railroad and steamship companies to direct such emigration in this direction.

DECEMBER.—Persons at a distance can form some idea of the climate of Oregon to learn that now, well into December, strawberries are in bloom on the hills, and stock thrive on the green and abundant pasture. It is true that we have had some white frosts, though not many, and rains have been rather excessive, but the fact remains that the mean temperature of the month is temperate, and though December is a proverbially rough winter month we have little severity to complain of. It has been good weather, part of the time, when not too wet, for planting out fruit trees in hill land, and we have employed it in that manner.

FERRY GONE.—We learn from Seio that the ferry boat on the Santiam, has been carried off, and the ferryman, will not let the citizens of Seio put in a boat, nor does he put one in himself, which our friend, the P. M. at Seio, gives as reason for irregular mails between Salem and that place. It looks as if the ferryman wished to give the County Commissioners of Linn and Marion a hint that a first class bridge was needed on that road, and as the fact is plain enough we hope the County Courts of the respective counties will immediately act upon it.

ISN'T IT SO?—About as nice a holiday present as you can make your mother, your sister, your friend, or your sweetheart, is to call at Weatherford's and select from his large and excellent stock, articles for the toilet, consisting of brushes, combs, perfumes or cosmetics; for all ladies from young to old, from grave to gay, have a decided taste for these things, and Santa Claus himself likes to indulge them in it.

T. Cunningham & Co. have their usual assortment of plows, cultivators, drills, barrows, wagons, &c., suited to the winter season, and offer the Mishawaka Chilled Iron Plow, a new thing, said by many who have used it to be the best thing out. Call and see them before you invest in that line.

A lady applying for admission to the junior class of an American Seminary, on being questioned by the President as to her qualification, replied: "I ain't much of an arithmeticker, but I am an elegant grammarist."

Georgia negro preaches to his flock: "We have a collection to make this morning, and for the glory of heaven, whichever of you stole Mr. Smith's sheep, don't put any thing on the plate." A shrewd colored puzzen, that.

IN THE WHOLE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, no preparation has ever performed such invaluable cures, or maintained so wide a reputation, as AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, which is recognized as the world's remedy for all diseases of the throat and lungs. Its long-continued series of wonderful cures in all climates has made it universally known as a safe and reliable agent to employ. Against ordinary colds, which are the forerunners of more serious disorders, it acts speedily and surely, always relieving suffering, and often saving life. The protection it affords, by its timely use in the throat and lung disorders of children, makes it an invaluable remedy to be kept always on hand in every home. No person can afford to be without it, and those who have once used it never will. From their knowledge of its composition and effects, Physicians use the CHERRY PECTORAL extensively in their practice, and Clergymen recommend it. It is absolutely certain in its remedial effects, and will always cure where cures are possible. For sale by all dealers.