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The friends of a woman serving a life sentence in the New York city penitentiary for the murder of her husband, lately presented a petition for her pardon to the governor on the basis that the convict is sick and likely to die, and they do not wish her to die in prison. Governor Flower, unlike most state executives, is unable to see in this presentment sufficient grounds for the exercise of clemency. He sets aside the sentimentality of the plea by saying the law contemplates just the result that they seek to forestall, the plain intention being that the woman shall die when her time comes in prison. In this view he is certainly correct, since her sentence shall not be served out until she dies. This is the practical view of the matter, and it is not shaken by the fact that a number of convicts who have been released from prison so that they might die at home, have furnished evidences of speedy recovery on regaining their freedom. It is not a pleasant thing to die in prison. Indeed, most people entertain the idea that it is not pleasant to die under any circumstances, and while it may not always be possible to choose the place of one's demise, it is certainly within the power of all persons to keep out of prison, thereby rendering it certain that they will not die therein.—Portland Oregonian.

A new publication to be devoted to the interests of the people's party will be issued soon in Portland. It will be backed by a capital of \$25,000 and several parties are out now selling shares, which are limited to \$10 each person. That means 2,500 persons interested. The paper will be weekly at first, but will issue a daily during the coming campaign.

HEPPER'S council has passed an ordinance not only making it a misdemeanor for allowing minors in a saloon, but imposing a fine upon the minor for frequenting such places. It is certainly a good law.

The entire number of paid admissions to the world's fair was 21,480,141. The total attendance at the centennial at Philadelphia was less than half that number.

LONDON has a big appetite. It devours every year 400,000 oxen, 1,600,000 sheep, 500,000 calves, 700,000 hogs, fowls innumerable, and consumes 9,800,000 gallons of milk.

SHERIFF MASSE, of Columbia has skipped the country and an examination of his books showed him to be over \$3000 short in his accounts.

**The Union Railway.**

Union Republic: The Union Railway has followed the example set by many of its big cousins and gone into the hands of a receiver, but in such a way that it will in all probability not effect the property adversely. Upon the petition of Fred Nodine and T. B. H. Green, who are securities in considerable amounts for the company, Judge Clifford appointed Nelson Schoonover, receiver. Mr. Schoonover yesterday filed his bonds in amount of \$10,000 with Fred Nodine, S. O. Swackhamer and John Couper as bondsmen, and is now in charge of the road. When asked about the matter, S. W. Shelton, president of the road, said the manner of procedure had been unusual and he believed he would be able to set the whole matter aside in a few days.

If you are all run down, flagged out, take Simmons Liver Regulator and be spry.

**SCRIBBLER'S LETTER.**

ATHENA, Dec. 13.

Eds. PRESS: Congress having met in regular session, probably the first hard work they do will be to draw their salaries and adjourn for the holidays.

It is strongly suspected that the financial stringency has something to do with the present hard times. However the financial out-look for the future is very promising at the rate of 25 per cent. and a liberal bonus, secured by first mortgage.

A month or so ago, Joe Sheard by way of an experiment, shipped through the Farmer's Warehouse Co. of this city, a carload of wheat to Chicago. Recently he received satisfactory returns on the same. The commission merchant to whom it was consigned, writing to Mr. J. R. Armstrong, after stating that he had failed to dispose of it there as the millers were afraid to take it and goes on to say: "Your wheat goes to Boston where it will be sold for chicken feed." All the way from the Pacific to the Atlantic to be converted into brain food for the astute Bostonian. Surely a glorious destiny.

The city dads should provide some way for cleaning mud off the street crossings. If it would remain frozen there would be no kick coming, but for some time past many of the cross-walks have been almost impassable and pedestrians, especially those unfortunate enough to be the possessors of dimutive understanding, sink in the mire nearly to their pockets. Others with feet on them like canvassed hams manage to keep on top and cross in comparative safety. Now, there is Bill Young for instance—but Bill's feet can speak for themselves. If any one doubts it let them interview his boots and be convinced.

This is the time of the year that publishers of newspapers and periodicals usually offer special inducements to subscribers. Here is a liberal offer that will no doubt be taken advantage of by all those attending to other people's business as well as their own, and that means everybody. The first correctly filling out the following blank will be entitled to a years subscription to the "Arizona Kicker" and a free ticket to the next centennial exhibition. It is rumored that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of Athena and Miss \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. the \_\_\_\_\_th, 1893. Contestants for the prizes should enclose a canceled postage stamp and address all communications to Lyda E. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. The editor will please observe whether or not this item become stale before press day; if it does, salt it down for future use.

On Thanksgiving day the Band boys gave a free concert from the hotel balcony, rendering in a masterly and pleasing manner a few choice selections which were greatly enjoyed by all lovers of good music within hearing. The Band is a good one, and easily sustains its enviable reputation as the best in this part of the state. The residents of Athena and vicinity justly feel proud of their band, and, well they may, for it is a credit to the city and well deserving their good opinion and support. It is safe to say without any successful contradiction, that the Athena Band is the best band—not excepting any—in the whole NW 1/4 of Sec 19, Tp 4, N R 35, E W M.

A serious accident occurred the other morning at the railroad crossing on Main street. As the west bound excursion for a passenger train rounded the curve with increasing speed, a brave little doggy about the size of two Jackson rabbits was seen sitting on the track, evidently intent on disputing the right of way. The rapidly approaching train coming disagreeably close, little Bow-wows pug-naciousness turned to fear, but with a dog-god determination to come off first best regardless of consequences, and with a look that seemed to say, "Keep in the middle of the road, let the chips fall where they may," he tucked his tail and dashed away at a 2:40 gait towards Adams. But, like a great many would-be politicians, his calculations were slightly erroneous; in other words he didn't run as well as he expected he would, for he had only got fairly started when his wild and reckless career was nipped in the bud; that is, cut short—cut-tailed, as it were. After the train had passed on a kind hearted Missourian finished killing the largest piece, which still showed signs of life, and gathering up the fragments chucked them in a post-hole. The last act of his life was a friendly farewell wag of his tail to the solitary mourner who gently bore him by the caudal appendage to his last resting place. Dog-gone it. His bark is wrecked. Poor little doggy. But enough. Require-seat in pieces.

About 12 o'clock on Thanksgiving day people on Main street and vicinity were startled by a sudden and terrible noise, accompanied by a series of vibrations that lasted fully a minute, causing the best buildings in the city to wobble on their foundations. Supposing an earthquake or cyclone

had struck the city, or that robbers had blown the bank skyward, as the noise and vibrations seemed to come from that direction, strong, brave men, pale and trembling with fright, left their women to take care of the kids and rushed precipitately to the street to seek safety and ascertain if possible, the cause of the unusual disturbance. On gaining the street they beheld a sight that almost froze their very blood; a sight, though they should live to be as old as Mr. Mathusalem they will never forget. Sitting prone upon the icy and muddy sidewalk, directly in front of the Post-office, his No. 10's seemingly inviting competition with the bulletin-board and with a kind of a where-am-I-at expression of countenance, was a well-known and full grown young man. At first it was supposed he had jumped off the Post-office building, but subsequent investigation proved that such was not the case. Friends hastened to the rescue and assisted him to his feet, when happily it was ascertained that he had sustained no very serious injuries—nothing more than a severe concussion of the pants, causing a slight palpitation of the feet, from which it is thought he will soon recover. There seems to be a conflict of opinions even among eye-witnesses, as to how the accident occurred. Some claim that he was leaning against that magnificent shade tree with the amputated limbs, that like a veteran sentinel, guards the entrance to the P. O. and that he was dreaming of his Honey, when without a moment's warning his feet slipped from under him and he struck the walk like a pile driver, causing him to wake up and see stars although it was mid-day. Others are equally as positive that he climbed the tree, as he was seen up among the foliage and that he lost his equilibrium and in trying to recover the same, struck the walk as above stated. In either case the main facts summed up are substantially the same and amounts to this, that he carelessly lost his equilibrium and horizontalized his perpendicularity most beautifully. Owing to the high standing of the gentleman his name is withheld, but in justice to the Reader, the first letter of his name is given, which is E. L. SCRIBBLER.

**NOTES FROM ADAMS.**

Mr. Kirby and wife, Burt Kirby, Pearl Hales and J. A. Lieuallen have been suffering with la grippe for the last week or so but are better now.

The Adams City election took place Dec. 11 and the following were elected to run the city business for the coming year. For Mayor, J. T. Lieuallen; for Recorder, J. H. Kirby; for Treasurer, C. S. Furgeson; for Marshal, W. H. Sayer; for Councilmen, Wm Baker, John Endicott, J. M. Kelsay, J. A. Lieuallen and Alex McKay. This is what is called the people's ticket.

Sunday school at 3 o'clock at the M. E. Church was well attended. Wild horse has been booming but has gone down about two feet. Cause, no more rain.

**His Slave and Wife.**

The story sent to the Boston Transcript from New Hampshire of the free negro, Amos Fortune, who came to Jaffrey more than one hundred years ago, and, though warned off as a possible pauper, settled there, left one quaint bit of history connected with him nuntold. This possible pauper left the estate which he and his wife had accumulated to the town, and part of it bought a communion service still in use. The wife herself is a proof of his industry, since he acquired her by purchase. Her grave is in the Jaffrey burying ground, marked:

By Purchase, the Slave of Amos Fortune  
By Marriage, His Wife  
By Fidelity, His Companion and Solace;  
By His Death, His Widow.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Land Office at La Grande, Oregon  
Viz, November 10th, 1893.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before H. J. Bean, Com. U. S. Circuit Court at Pendleton Oregon December 28th 1893. Viz,  
Elihu A. Mann,  
Holding for the NW 1/4 Sec 2, T. 1 N. R. 33 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz. (Residence A. B. B. B. take notice) Abraham D. Leedy and John Scott, of Halls, Ore., J. J. Gahbler and John McKinnon, of Adams, Ore.  
B. F. Wilson, Register.

**NOTICE.**

All parties knowing themselves indebted to the old firm, Bergevin Bros., will call at the office, of the undersigned and settle by the first of Dec., if they wish to save costs.  
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**All Other Goods in This Department in Proportion.**

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