



F. A. CHENOWETH.

Attorney-at-Law at Corvallis, and President of Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad Company, was born in 1819, in Franklin county, Ohio, and was admitted to practice in the State of Wisconsin, at the age of 22. In the year 1849 Mr. C. came to Oregon, and served as member of the Legislature during the years 1852-53. On the division of the State from Washington Territory, Mr. Chenoweth's home remained in the Territory, and the following year, 1854, he was elected to its first Legislature, serving as the Speaker of the House. That same year he was appointed by Franklin Pierce as Judge of the Supreme Court of Washington Territory, serving also during a portion of Buchanan's administration. In 1863, he removed to his present home in Corvallis, and three years later served once more as Speaker of the House of the Oregon Legislature, holding also the office of District Attorney for the Second Judicial District, during 1872. Judge Chenoweth is not only an able attorney, but a most energetic business man, and has materially assisted in "setting the ball rolling" in favor of the Corvallis & Yaquina Bay Railroad, in recognition of which service he has been elected President of the Company.



F. B. DUNN.

Senior partner of the firm of Dunn & Stratton, dealers in general merchandise at Eugene City, was born in Athens, Illinois, in the year 1833. Following the advice of Horace Greeley to "go West," we find young Dunn, in the year 1853, engaged in the unromantic occupation of driving an ox team across the plains, arriving in Albany without a dollar in August of that year. Here he began in the world by clerking, exchanging the following year for a clerkship at Eugene, then a town of but one house. By strict economy he was enabled, several years later, to start a business of his own on a small scale, and by industry and close attention to business, he has built up the extensive trade he now enjoys. Besides general merchandising, Mr. Dunn is also owner of a saw-mill fifteen miles south of Eugene City, and an extensive cattle ranch three miles from Eugene.



W. H. McFARLAND.

Of Albany, was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1832; he was, however, raised in Indiana, learning the trade of tinsmith in the city of Indianapolis. At the age of 20 Mr. McFarland crossed the plains, reaching Portland in 1852, where his last 25 cents was paid to the ferryman to set him across the river. In 1853 he took up a donation claim in Linn county, which he farmed for four years, engaging then in the stove and tinning business at Corvallis. Here he remained until 1860, when the railroad excitement induced him to come over to Albany, where he started a branch of his Corvallis establishment. Mr. McFarland carries a heavy stock, as he does a very large wholesale trade. Besides other property, he owns the store he occupies, and is considered one of the "solid men" of Albany.



JAMES W. BRASFIELD.

Managing partner of the extensive mercantile house of Smith, Brasfield & Co., at Junction City, was born in the State of Missouri in 1840. At the age of 16 he entered a store, and has remained in mercantile business ever since. In 1862 he crossed the plains for the purpose of going to the Idaho mines, changed his mind, however, before getting there, and came to Portland instead. Here he remained but three months, going then to Harrisburg, as clerk for Hiram Smith, Esq. A short time after, we find him a member of the firm, and he was also the means of establishing the branch house at Junction City, of which town he is also postmaster. Mr. B., a most popular gentleman, has served as Mayor one term each in the towns of Harrisburg and Junction City.



S. H. FRIENDLY.

One of Eugene City's shrewdest

business men, was born in New York city in 1840. At the age of 23 he came to San Francisco, under engagement of the extensive mercantile establishment of Heller Bros. In 1865 he formed a partnership with Mr. A. Goldsmith, at Eugene City, withdrawing from it three years later to establish the firm of Friendly & Lauer. After seven years successful business Mr. Lauer withdrew, leaving Mr. Friendly to continue the business so successfully begun. His excellent business qualities have been the means of bringing him repeated offers of various offices of trust and honor, which, however, he has almost invariably declined, his extensive mercantile business requiring all his attention.



JOHN F. McCULLY.

Managing partner of the firm of Smith, Brasfield & Co., at Harrisburg, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in the year 1836, from whence he emigrated with his parents to Iowa, in 1846, and six years later to Oregon. Mr. McCully was raised a farmer. Thirteen years ago, however, he entered the present establishment as clerk for Hiram Smith, Esq. Mr. S., observing his excellent business qualities, took him in as partner two years later, and the management of the extensive Harrisburg mercantile house of Smith, Brasfield & Co. has almost entirely since then fallen to the share of Mr. McCully, and their ever increasing trade speak volumes for his excellent business qualities.



MAJOR T. G. HENDRICKS.

Dealer in general merchandise, at Eugene City, was born in Henderson county, Illinois, in the year 1838, and ten years later, as a member of his father's family, came to Lane county, Oregon, where he, until he attained his majority, remained on the home farm. That year, 1859, he came to Eugene, starting as clerk for E. L. Bristow. Only one year, however, was necessary to convince his employer of his excellent habits and business qualities, and he at once became the junior partner of the firm. In 1866 Bristow & Co., of which firm Mr. Hendricks was a member, erected the first brick building in Lane county. Major Hendricks became sole owner of the establishment

in 1874. He does a large business, is enterprising, energetic, and takes great interest in educational matters. He, for six years, served as County Superintendent of Schools, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon State University, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of that body. He also served on Governor Grover's staff, holding the rank of Major.

A TIMELY WARNING.

The burning of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, in this city, and the loss of life connected with it, naturally suggest the questions: Are our hotels safe? Have they proper means of escape in case of fire? And are not our City Council and Chief of Police directly responsible for any loss of life occasioned by unsafe buildings? Within one block from where the Cosmopolitan stood is an old rookery, where at least seventy-five people find lodgings every night. We shudder when we think of the large number of lives that would be lost there should that rookery take fire in the nighttime. It stands on the bank of the river, so that in case of fire none but very good swimmers could escape by the rear, whilst within twenty feet of the front stairway a filthy Chinese wash-house occupies a prominent position. This so-called hotel is constructed of the most inflammable materials, viz: wood, paper and canvass, and we doubt if one-fourth of its inmates would escape should the fire start in the wash-house or anywhere in the front part of the building. By the way, Portlanders have every reason to dread Chinese wash-houses, one of them having been the cause of our great fire in 1872. We consider it criminal on the part of the proprietors of that place to continue a hotel in such a building, whilst our City Council and Chief of Police are hereby called on to see that the wash-house is removed at once, that suitable fire escapes are placed about the building, or that some designation be made to unwary travelers who may seek repose under its roof.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

We have now, in our midst, two gentlemen connected with Frank Leslie's numerous illustrated publications. We hope every facility will be afforded them to view our beautiful State and neighboring Territory to the best advantage, and that all possible aid will be extended to induce them to give illustrations of our principal buildings and some of the most picturesque spots in the Willamette valley, on the Columbia river, Puget Sound and the great Walla Walla country. Such illustrations cannot but prove beneficial to this section by showing the people in the East what a magnificent country this really is. Messrs. Wicks and Conklin, the gentlemen above referred to, are clever, and come prepared to do our State justice, providing justice is done to them. Our capitalists and property owners will do well to give this subject more than a passing notice.

We congratulate the people of Ashland in having made so happy a choice in the selection of an editor for their newsy little paper, *The Tidings*. Captain O. C. Applegate, a gentleman of more than ordinary ability and a poet of considerable note, is the editor now.

A LADY made a complaint to Frederick the Great, King of Prussia. "Your Majesty," said she, "my husband treats me badly." "That's none of my business," said the King. "But he speaks ill of you," said the lady. "That," said the King, "is none of your business."

If individuals have no virtues, their vices may be of use to us.