

OUR NEW CEMETERY.

The new cemetery now being laid out on the White House road by a number of our enterprising citizens is already assuming shape, and we take this early opportunity of congratulating the projectors on the assured success. When the extensive plans are carried out every resident of this city and vicinity will have reason to feel proud of this beautiful "City of the Dead." The grounds consists of 280 acres, and are being artistically laid out in plats, walks and drives. On page 117 will be seen a correct engraving taken from the architect's drawing, of the chapel and receiving vault soon to be erected on the grounds, when completed this edifice will cost over \$30,000.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The June number of THE WEST SHORE will be entirely devoted to showing up the resources of British Columbia. It will be beautifully illustrated, and a very valuable number to those who wish to become better acquainted with that magnificent country lying to the north of us. Orders for copies should be sent direct to this office, or to our British Columbia agents, Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria.

STATE FAIR NOTES.

The annual fair of the State Agricultural Society will be held at the Fair Grounds, near Salem, commencing on Wednesday June 29th, and ending on the evening of July 6th.

The O. & C. R. R. Company will put on two trains to run between Salem and the Fair Grounds during exhibition week. Trains will leave Commercial street depot and Fair Grounds every fifteen minutes, from 6 A. M. to 11 P. M.

The floral department will be one of the big features this year.

The race track has been put in splendid condition.

Space in the new pavilion for artistic displays is being secured by the "early birds."

The display of agricultural implements at the old pavilion will be immense this year.

Everything, from present appearances, points to the fact that the fair of 1881 will be the greatest success ever attained by the society.

THE FOURTH.

The coming anniversary will be more generally observed in Oregon than any previous one. Portland is making great preparations, and a fine time can be anticipated by all who will assist at the celebration here. Quite a large number of villages in the interior are preparing for local celebrations. From the present outlook we predict a brisk trade in flags and fireworks.

THEN AND NOW.

In the good old staging days we went to Walla Walla in 3½ days, staging it from Wallula, over one of the meanest roads on the continent. Now, the palatial steamers and cars of the O. R. & N. Co. land us at Walla Walla in from 19 to 21 hours. Spokane Falls, which not more than 4 years since was only occasionally referred to by tourists, and only daring ones at that, as one of the wildest and most picturesque spots in the Northwest, about five days travel by steamer, cars, stage and horseback from this city, is now a thriving manufacturing town, has a live newspaper, a bank, several large stores, and when the N. P. R. R. track is completed to it, about June 10th, will be within 30 hours travel of Portland.

SHEEP AND WOOL.

R. P. Steen, near Dayton, W. T., has just finished shearing his sheep, obtaining an average of six pounds of wool per sheep. His flock contains over 1,000 lambs, and he sold \$1,635 worth of wethers to be driven to eastern markets. About 40,000 sheep, at an average price of \$1.38 per head have been purchased for eastern markets, from the vicinity of Dayton.

In Salt Lake City flats, appears this sign: "Ring the top bell for the oldest wife."

PROMINENT BUSINESS BUILDINGS AND LEADING COMMERCIAL FIRMS OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

There is probably at the present time no city of the Union of the same size and population as Portland, that can boast of equal evidences of material wealth and solid permanent prosperity—unlike San Francisco and many other cities of California and neighboring territories, her growth has received little or no assistance from mining excitements or the discovery and extraction of the precious metals. On the contrary she has had to contend with and fight against, not only certain natural disadvantages, but also against unjust structures and persistent jealousies on the part of a large and influential element in San Francisco.

Our citizens and merchants have nevertheless bravely battled on, until by strict attention to legitimate business and bona fide industrial pursuits, they can to-day claim the city where they have lived and labored for years, as containing more actual wealth according to her population, than any other metropolis of the United States—the resident who has been absent from here for some months or a year or two, expresses himself as entirely surprised on his return at the permanent and solid character of our new buildings, including stores, warehouses, and private residences that are constantly in course of erection and completion.

The WEST SHORE always takes a pardonable pride in alluding to this subject and appraising the outside world of our steady march onward to commercial prosperity. There are some cities, which, like individuals, are so narrow-minded and selfish, that they are actually annoyed if they see or hear of their neighbor's prosperity. With such we have no feeling in common, on the contrary we say—prosper all, if possible, and lend each other encouragement and a helping hand.

Among the principal business structures now nearing completion and which comes under special mention in our present issue is the Cosmopolitan Block, the subject of the cut furnished to our readers herewith. This magnificent pile of building is owned by S. G. Reed and H. Falling, and is situated on Front street, between Stark and Oak streets. It occupies an area of 150x100 feet and has been erected at a cost of \$100,000, the whole building is built of solid brick ornamented with stone dressings, is three stories in height, besides having basement, which is built of hewn stone.

The most northerly store in the block will be occupied by the well, long, and favorably known stove and metal firm of Goldsmith & Loewenberg, this house was originally established by A. M. & L. M. Starr in 1851—they were succeeded by Captain Friedman, who sold to the gentleman we now have the pleasure to allude to, in 1871. The business operations of these gentlemen have increased so rapidly and the volume of their trade has become so extended that it was impossible to longer conduct their sales and manufactures to advantage without largely increased facilities.

Their new store is the largest one, in this line, on the northwest coast. As you enter at the main door the spacious offices and counting rooms are situated on the left hand side. A tramway for the easy removal of goods leads from the front through the entire depth to the rear, where the steam elevator is located, which hoists or lowers goods to or from the upper or lower stories, as required. Through the centre of the store are twelve massive iron columns, which rest on stone piers. The first floor is used as the general sales-room, sample room and for offices, and we much doubt if any firm in San Francisco has a better or more complete selection of wares of this particular class. The offices will be fitted and furnished with every facility for the quick and regular dispatch of business. The basement is utilized for the stowage of heavy goods, such as cauldrons and pots and bulky articles of a similar description. The second floor is utilized for full packages and duplicates of articles on the first floor, while on the third or top floor will be found the workshop, where twenty skilled workmen have steady employment in tin and sheet iron work. Before closing this notice it may be well to draw attention to the fact that Goldsmith & Loewenberg are sole agents for the Oregon Stove Foundry, an institution representing a capital of \$100,000, employing 40 men, and being under the presidency of Mr. J. Loewenberg.