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GENERAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OREGONIAN.]

Illinois Campaign Opened.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Sept. 17.—Jno. B. Hawley, assistant secretary of the treasury, made the opening speech of the campaign in behalf of the Republicans this evening, discussing the financial question from the standpoint of actual knowledge acquired in the treasury department. He took advanced hard money grounds.

Another Reception.

WILLOUGHBY, O., Sept. 17.—The train with the president and party left Cleveland at 11:15 this morning. The party was met at the depot here by a number of prominent citizens, among whom were Mayor Rose, Col. Barnett, Amos Townsend, and Geo W. Howe, collector of internal revenue.

Massachusetts Republican Convention.

WORCESTER, Sept. 18.—The Massachusetts Republican convention assembled this morning. Governor Claflin was chosen permanent chairman. A resolution was offered and referred to the committee on resolutions, demanding that corrupt, incompetent and unnecessary officers and employes entrenched in the Boston custom house and other public offices of the state, shall at once be discharged, and that such places as the public good requires, be filled with honest, God-fearing, capable, law-abiding citizens.

An informal ballot stood—Talbot 851, Long 206. Benj. F. Butler received two votes on the informal ballot that gave Talbot 851, and when Butler's name was read it was received with hisses and laughter. On motion of Nicholl the informal ballot was made formal, and Hon. Thomas Talbot declared nominated for governor with but one dissenting voice.

Connecticut Democratic Platform

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 17.—The platform adopted by the Democratic convention renews the pledges to Democratic principles, demands civil supremacy over the military, equal rights, observance of the constitution by the federal government, rigid economy, persistent investigation of the frauds practiced by rings and office holders; condemns the plot by which the present executive was fraudulently seated; demands public lands for settlers; abolition of all subsidies. That the constitution of the United States recognizes gold and silver as standard money of the union, and this standard is the most stable basis for the commercial necessities of the world. The Democratic party of the union has never failed to recognize and support this essential principle. The great and costly war and Republican financial fraud and corruption brought an irredeemable currency. The convention thanked the Democratic house for striving to reduce expenses, and asks the legislature to modify the high price laws, to aid the laborer by legislation, and invites all who favor conciliation, disconnected from politics, to act with the Democracy, and invites all laborers to act with the Democrats, their natural friends.

A Smart Boy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—The boy S. Broden of Indianapolis, who carried off all the honors of the English training ship *Worcester*, arrived here yesterday. He has a gold medal and other prizes presented by the queen.

Unitarian Conference.

SARATOGA, Sept. 18.—The Unitarian conference organized this morning, with Hon. E. R. Hoar, president, in the chair. Rev. James Freeman Clark read his essay on "new theology.

A Democratic Nomination.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 18.—P. V. Deuster is nominated by the Democrats of the 4th congressional district.

Deliberate Assassination.

HELENA, Montana, Sept. 18.—A report comes from Gallatin county of the assassination of Wellington A. Frederick by Mike Foley, last Sunday night. They had some former difficulty and Foley had threatened Frederick's life. The latter had him arrested, and being unable to obtain bail he had been confined in jail, from which he escaped and returned to Frederick's house and shot him head. Foley escaped.

Death's Harvest.

MEMPHIS, Sept. 17.—Forty-six deaths reported to noon, making 101 since yesterday at noon. Dr. John Erskine, health officer, died this morning; also Father Riordan, Phil. L. Linn, W. B. May, of Park avenue, and B. T. Plummer.

The Condition in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—Deaths, 68; cases reported, 252, of which 158 were contracted prior to the 15th. Weather clear and warm.

Memphis—Rough Boxes for the Dead.

MEMPHIS, September 18.—There is a perceptible increase in the activity about the Howard headquarters this morning, and apparently no decrease in the number of new cases, although deaths are lighter, only 38 being reported up to noon, making 91 for the past 24 hours. Among the dead are two volunteer physicians—Drs. John B. Hicks and J. S. Bankson. The supply of coffins is running very low, and it is with great difficulty that anything but rough coffin shaped boxes can be obtained, even by people in good circumstances.

MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Butler Finally Nominated.

[Continuation of Yesterday's Report.]

McDevitt's declaration that the Butlerites proposed to retain the hall was answered by a passionate peal of applause. When the state central committee fully realized that the Butler faction had control of Mechanics' hall they appointed a committee to see what could be done towards procuring a hall. They waited upon Mayor Pratt about 10 o'clock.

In his speech Spofford alluded to the wants of the laboring class, and denounced bondholding and banking monopolies. He was heartily applauded.

At the conclusion of Spofford's speech John L. Rice, of Springfield, nominated Gen. B. F. Butler for governor, amid cheers and great excitement, the delegates all rising. Cook, of Boston, seconded the nomination.

At this point, amid most intense excitement, John C. Galvin took the floor and denounced the action of the committee, being repeatedly interrupted by hisses, groans and cries of "Put him out." The speaker asked how in the name of God any Democrat could nominate Butler? He had opposed every Democratic principle for 15 years. When the speaker said it was proposed to put him in the field as presidential candidate, there were cries of "Yes, yes." Three groans were given for the speaker at the conclusion of his speech.

A committee on resolutions was appointed consisting of a delegate from each congressional district.

Cook said it would take some time for the committee to draft the resolutions to suit the convention, and moved a recess, which was taken till 2 P. M.

The convention reassembled at 2. P. M. Butler's nomination was enthusiastically received.

THE PLATFORM

Reaffirms the principles of Democracy and condemns and promises to reform the state government's extravagance.

Resolved, That with exceeding shame and sorrow we have seen a president, elected by the votes of the majority of the people at an election held in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, set aside. Our grief has not lessened because this monstrous wrong was done by the aid of the unconstitutional commission which found it necessary, by a party majority, to refuse evidence of patent frauds in the electoral votes in order to consummate the act. We therefore unhesitatingly declare that no man ought to be permitted to hold office who is tainted with fraud and corruption and if it can be done without rebuke by the people then indeed we fear the perpetuity of republican institutions.

Resolved, That we protest against the longer continuance of one party in power in the nation, and especially in this commonwealth, as tending to corruption and affording opportunity to temptation for maladministration and peculation and multiplication of salaries and officers heretofore unknown.

The following state ticket was nominated: Lieutenant governor, John T. Arnold; secretary of state, Chas. M. Strauss; attorney general, Caleb Cushing; auditor, J. B. O'Reilly; treasurer, D. N. Skillings.

Cowlitz county Republicans will hold their convention at Kalama on the 24th, at 1 P. M.

LETTER FROM THE CAPITOL.

THE NEW SENATOR—DEPRESSED OF HIS ELECTION ON THE SEPARATE BALLOT—THE TWO HOUSES FAIRLY AT WORK—A "FLOODGATE" OF BILLS OPENED—PORTLAND'S NEW CHARTER—DANGER OF TOO MUCH LAW.

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

SALEM, Sept. 19, 1878.

The *minimum boom* of being an Oregon legislator, the right to cast a vote for U. S. senator was exercised yesterday, and the result has already been laid before the public. Mr. Slater is elected, for even if the two houses should on assembling in joint convention take the view that is held by some persons, that it requires a majority of the members elected to each house to chose a senator on the separate ballot, the work will be easily done on the joint ballot at noon to-day and the result made certain, but as the next senate is likely to be Democratic, and there seems to be in the law of congress good reason for the conclusion that on the separate ballot all that is necessary to elect is a majority of a quorum we expect that he who would enter into a contest with Mr. Slater on the ground that he was not legally chosen United States senator yesterday would have his trouble for his pains. The Democrats seem now to have become all Slater men, those who opposed him, acquiescing in his election with very considerable unanimity. The circulation to some extent among the members of the report that Mitchell had been nominated by the Republicans, though wholly without foundation, had some tendency to consolidate the Democracy in the caucus yesterday morning, and the work of nominating Slater was quickly and quietly done. Very great things are expected of the new senator, especially by his friends in Eastern Oregon, and as there is much wanted by that section which he will hardly be able to accomplish, he will probably be less popular when he doffs the senatorial toga than he is now. "The opening of the Columbia" is the burden of the Eastern Oregon members' complaint, and should Mr. Slater fail to secure such legislation as will bring about this result, his six years as senator will close his official career in his locality. That he may perform this great work is the wish of the people of the whole state, but the common business sense which he has the reputation of possessing will teach him that, should those who have the ability to establish a competing line of transportation be so restricts i and hampered that the investment of the enormous amount of capital required in that work would be a great risk, if not a reckless enterprise, the opening of this great river will be indefinitely postponed and the fertile plains of Eastern Oregon be for years as much locked up as now.

The election of a senator having been accomplished, the two houses are now seemingly intent on getting down to business, and propositions, bills and notices of bills are being presented in great volume. Of course a great many of these measures will be brought forward, discussed and then dropped, but it seems that a good many changes are likely to be made in the laws of the state. Almost every member has some measure which he thinks would be evidence of his statesmanship if he can get it into the statute book.

The subjects to which a majority of the bills of a general character refer are assessment, taxation, swamp and other state land, the school funds and their apportionment, retrenchment in the state department, etc.

The number of bills, local in their nature, are great, and the people of some particular sections may be abruptly surprised some morning to wake up and find that they are under a set of laws which have been passed without a knowledge on their part that they were even contemplated, and without any opportunity for those who are most interested to form or express an opinion as to the expediency of such legislation. For instance, a member from Multnomah remarked to your correspondent last night, in reference to the new city charter for Portland, that he did not believe there was one man in ten in that city who knew that such a measure was to be proposed. Members who presume that the people will allow these things to be done in a corner and the authors go without rebuke, will find that they have cut off their own political heads. Over 100 bills have been introduced in the two houses, and it is impossible to give the public a knowledge of the details of all of them through the press, but every one of them affects at least a portion of the people. There are, however, many cautious men in both senate and house, and we hope but little ill-advised legislation will get through and into the form of law.

The delegation from Multnomah county is quite as busy as any other, and they are quite influential and will make their mark on the work done, even if they are of a political faith of which the adherents are in the minority. The new charter bill for Portland is in their hands, as is also the petition of a large number of taxpayers who ask for some material changes of the bill from its present shape.

The protection of the salmon interests is one subject which demands the attention of the legislature, and as the members appear to be in favor of the means thought best to secure that protection, we apprehend that no strong opposition will be developed to the passage of a law concurrent with the act passed by the Washington territory legislature on this subject.

The anti-Chinese feeling is strong and is not confined to either party. There is a probability that strong measures will be adopted to check the evils growing out of Mongolian immigration.

If the bills now before the two houses on the subject of a game and fish law should all pass, all kinds of game will be amply protected, and in a few years the forests, plains and streams of the state will swarm with the feathered, finny and hairy tribes.

The correction of the abuses existing under the present law on the subject of assessment and taxation is being duly considered, and if a solution of the difficulty is obtained, the work will be received by the people as one of the best measures wrought out.

The jokes about the senatorial contest are a little old, but the authorship of one of them, credited by us to Nesmith the other day, is claimed by Turner, of Pendleton. It was the one about exhumed and aged candidates.

Mr. Hewitt believes our reference to H.B. 4 was not based on a proper knowledge of its constitutionality, and while we are not inclined to argue the question here, we will give the bill in full, so that the reader who has even a slight knowledge of law can make up a decision upon it. The bill says:

Every grant or conveyance of lands, or any interest therein, shall be void, if at the time of the execution thereof such lands shall be in the actual possession of another claiming adversely to the grantor.

Inasmuch as conveyances of land are being made, by persons out of possession, to citizens of other states, for the purpose of giving the federal courts jurisdiction of actions to recover possession of the same, thus largely increasing the costs of defending the title to persons holding in good faith, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

The bill certainly deprives a party of the constitutional right to dispose of his own property, and quite as certainly does it abridge the rights of citizens of another state to purchase and own property in this state. Furthermore if jurisdiction is given the federal courts it is so by act of congress, and a state law cannot take it away.

The O. S. A. Society officials are making unusually extensive preparations for the state fair this year, and should good weather prevail there is no doubt of a great success.

The Lewis County Agricultural Association holds its second annual exhibition at the courthouse and grounds at Chehalis on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October the 2d, 3d and 4th. Hon. J. H. Long will deliver the annual address on Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

Tenth Biennial Session.

Senate.

SALEM, Sept. 18.

The senate was called to order by the president. Opened by prayer by Rev. P. S Knight of the Congregational Church. The journal was read and approved.

The committee on corporations, Bilyeu chairman, reported S. B. 53 with a recommendation that it pass with certain amendments.

Committee on engrossed bills reported S. B. 13, amending the act incorporating the town of Lafayette, and S. B 35, a bill for an act to cede jurisdiction to the United States over certain land condemned for use in the construction of a canal around the Cascades of the Columbia; reported engrossed for third reading.

Committee on printing, Cochran chairman, reported that a list of standing committees be printed with the joint rules; adopted.

Committee on railroads, Jasper chairman, reported S B 1, introduced by Colvig, and proposing to amend laws concerning corporations, giving them power "to construct any railway, macadamized road, plank road, clay road or canal or bridge, necessary and convenient for the purpose of transporting freight or passengers across any portage on the line of such navigation, occasioned by any rapids or other obstructions to the navigation of such stream or other water, in like manner and with like effect, as if such corporation had been formed for such purpose." The committee reported the bill back without recommendation.

PROPOSITIONS AND MOTIONS.

Colvig moved to amend rule 16, by inserting that when a committee act on a bill the person who introduced the bill shall be informed.

Bilyeu moved to refer the petition from citizens of Baker county on war claims to the joint committee on war claims; it was so referred.

Smith moved that a hundred copies of special and joint committees, now appointed, be printed for the use of the senate; lost.

Bentley introduced S. P. 63, to provide for laborers' lien.

Watt—S. B. 64, a bill to provide for the care of the insane.

Brown—S. B. 65, a bill to amend an act concerning the times and places for holding circuit courts.

Cochran—S. B. 66, an act defining the duties and fixing the compensation of the state printer.

Apperson—S. B. 67, relating to fishing for salmon on the Clackamas river.

Hirsch—S. B. 68, bill to license selling goods by sample.

A message from the house inviting the senate to meet them in joint convention for the purpose of canvassing the vote for U. S. senator was accepted.

George introduced S. B. 69, to establish a house of correction and provide for discipline therein.

Bradshaw—S. B. 70, a bill to amend laws relating to elections of justices of the peace.

The senate then took a recess till 12 o'clock, when they will meet the house to canvass the vote for U. S. senator.

House.

The house met at 10 o'clock, the speaker in the chair.

The roll was called and a quorum found present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C Baker.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Chandler presented a petition of citizens of Baker county for relief of Henry Griffin, which was read and laid over under the rule of the house.

Thompson presented the petition of taxpayers of Portland, amendments to H. B 5. Read and referred to members from Multnomah county.

Campbell, from committee on engrossed bills, reported H. B 18, 19, 20 and 21 properly engrossed.

Galloway, from the special committee to which was referred H. B. 9, relating to election of superintendent of the penitentiary, reported a substitute for said bill, which substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

BILLS READ FIRST TIME.

Stearns introduced H. B 57, an act to provide for a mode of an action to recover real property.

Smith introduced H. B. 58, to limit the time for the commencement of actions to recover possession of real property.

Webdell—H. B. 59, giving validity to deeds heretofore made to purchasers in good faith.

Grant—H. B. 60, appropriating $300 for the relief of A. Wing for expenses incurred in the arrest of of G. W. Hawkins, a fugitive from justice.

Kelly—H. B. 61, fixing compensation of county assessors, that in Multnomah at $3,000 per annum; ordered not printed.

Riley—H. B. 62 to amend the law fixing the time of payment of state taxes by the counties of Umatilla, Wasco, Grant and Baker.

A resolution inviting the senate to meet the house in joint convention to canvass the vote of each house for U. S. senator and to take such other action on the subject as required by law, was adopted

Reed—H. B. 63, to amend the charter of the city Salem; ordered not printed

Kahler—H. B. 64, to provide for expesing the hides of slaughtered animals.

Dorris—H. B 65, to regulate the duties of directors of school districts.

Johnson—H. B 66, granting to S. J. & C. M Berry the exclusive right to use Canyon creek, Grant county, for floating wood and timber.

Evarts—H. B. 67, granting the right to use exclusively the Umatilla river above Pendleton, to the Umatilla Boom Company.

Starkweather moved that the vote by which the house concurred in S. J. R. 1, providing for a joint committee to audit claims growing out of the Oregon Indian war in 1857 and 1878, be rescinded. Motion to rescind laid on the table till Friday.

On motion of Townsend the house took a recess of five minutes to prepare for reception of the senate in joint convention

At 12 o'clock M. the house was called to order and the sergeant at-arms directed to inform the senate that the house was ready to receive them.

The senate was announced and entered the hall of the house and were escorted to seats.

The chief clerk of the senate called the roll of the senate, and the chief clerk of the house called the roll of the house. All the senators were present except Ross of Jackson, and all the representatives were present except Hendricks of Yamhill.

The president stated the object of the joint convention and directed the clerk to read the act of congress relating to the election of U. S. senator.

The clerk then read sections 14 and 15, U. S. rev. statutes.

The chief clerk of the senate then read the portion of the senate journal relating to the vote for U. S. senator in that body on yesterday.

The reading clerk of the house then read the portion of the house journal on the same subject.

The president of the joint convention then said:

"Gentlemen: It appearing from the records of the two houses that Hon. James H. Slater has received a majority of all the votes cast in each, I therefore declare him elected United States senator from Oregon for the term of six years, beginning on the 4th day of March, 1879."

On motion of Mr. Bentley, the joint convention was dissolved.

The house was called to order and took a recess till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 2 o'clock.

Hendricks was granted leave of absence until Monday.

The following bills were read the second time and referred:

H. B. 19—Fixing the compensation of canal commissioners; referred to the committee on commerce.

H. B 21—Amending an act regulating mill dams, etc; referred to the judiciary committee.

H. B. 23—Repealing the Umatilla and Wasco county fence law; referred to the committee on counties.

H. B. 24—Amending an act regulating enclosures; referred to committee on counties.

H. B. 1—Portland bridge bill; read third time.

Thompson moved to refer to the committee on engrossed bills; lost.

Stearns moved to refer it to the judiciary committee; carried.

H. B. 10—To prevent the employment of Chinese on public works; read third time and passed; yeas, 33; noes, 6.

H. B 18—To protect the stock growing interests; read third time and passed.

The committee on counties reported a memorial from Baker county recommending that the same be referred to the members from Baker and Grant; the report was adopted.

The committee on corporations reported back the bill amending the charter of Jacksonville, recommending its passage; adopted.

A special committee to which was referred the report by the centennial commissioner, reported, recommending that 500 copies be printed; the report was adopted.

The special joint committee on the capitol building reported a bill therefor, recommending the passage of the bill; ordered printed. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Sixty-eight pupils attend the Tacoma school.

Seattle butchers get their stock from east of the mountains.

A Bethel church is being fitted up in the town of Old Tacoma.

Mr. Milly Tilly is mail route agent between Olympia and Tenino.

Thos. W. Prosch has sold the Seattle *Tribune* to E. A. Turner.

George Christy, a Greek sailor, has been committed to the Washington territory insane asylum.

Mr. Higgins, well known in Washington territory as a publisher, has moved from Seattle to Dayton.

Tall wheat in the Kittitass valley escapes the ravages of squirrels, which destroy that sown in the spring.

The daily Olympia *Experiment* publishes at the head of its columns a list of its subscribers. Seventy names are on the list.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.

The Missing Thousands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—This afternoon there was a meeting of the finance committee for the purpose of making some inquiries as to the whereabouts of the protested taxes received by the late Alexander Austin when tax collector, and now due the city. The meeting was held in pursuance of a resolution passed by the board of supervisors last evening. Louis McLane, president of the Nevada Bank, the first witness, testified that Austin had only a small private account, but he did not know that protested tax moneys formed any portion of it. Wm. Sharon did not know whether Austin had money deposited in the Bank of California. Thomas Brown, cashier of the Bank of California, said that at the time of the failure Austin had certificates of deposit to the amount of $355,000, all of which were paid during 1875 and 1876. Joseph Austin, brother of the late Alexander, testified that he did not know anything about this money. Nothing had been left by his brother, and he had been told nothing regarding the protested tax. Jennings S. Cox, partner of the late Mr. Austin, stated that at the time of Mr. Austin's death he was indebted to the firm in the sum of $29,000. Mr. Austin, as a partner, deposited his board seat, valued at $25,000, and the next day deposited $10,000. In all he paid in $25,000 cash as his interest in the firm, besides a seat in the board.

A Specimen Reformer.

Thomas Morris, delegate elect of the Workingmen's party of this city, to the constitutional convention, concerning whose citizenship some doubts have recently been raised, now admits that he is not a citizen, all previous statements to the contrary notwithstanding, and has tendered his resignation to the ward presidents. His case will probably be taken up by the election commission. It is understood that the Workingmen's delegates will present to the convention the name of Judge Sharpstein to fill the vacancy.

Chinese Aid for the Sufferers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The Chinese residents of this city have collected and will tomorrow remit $1,200 for the benefit of yellow fever sufferers.

Sale of Bullion.

The Nevada bank has sold to the government one million ounces of silver at the equivalent of Londan rate.

Dividend.

The Eureka consolidated mine has declared a dividend of $3.

San Francisco's Relief.

The total subscriptions to the citizens' relief fund for the yellow fever sufferers thus far is over $31,000, of which $25,000 has been forwarded. Balance held waiting advices from New Orleans and Memphis. A telegram was received from Vicksburg declining further aid. Wells, Fargo & Co., in addition to the above, have forwarded $24,000, and churches and societies $13,000.

The Sacramento Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—At the state fair races at Sacramento, Lucky Baldwin's Glenella, filly, won the mile dash for maiden three-year-olds, beating Georgia A. Time, 1:45¾. Jessie R. won the two-year-old mile dash in 1:46¾, beating Baldwin's Glenella, Reagan, filly, Twilight, Richard III., and Jim Farley. Free for all, running mile heats, won by Lena Dunbar, beating Clara D. and Maggie S. Time, 1st heat, 1:44¼; 2nd, 1:42¾—the fastest ever run in the state.

Suicide of an Actor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—John K. Mortimer, formerly a prominent actor, committed suicide this evening at a low lodging house by taking strychnine. Late dissipation had reduced him to penury and vagabondage.

Reception to Gen. Fremont.

The society of Pioneers this evening gave a brilliant reception to Gen. Fremont.

Gustave Mahe's Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 18.—A number of rumors are afloat as to the cause of Gustave Mahe's suicide. It is reported that notwithstanding the recent favorable report of the commissioners as to the condition of the bank, considerable dissatisfaction and distrust exists among depositors as to the status of loans made on suburban property. It is understood that the commissioners have made an examination of the property in question, but have not yet reported on it. City real estate is found to be worth practically what it was rated at by the bank, but there is an impression that some of the outside property has largely depreciated. This is one loan of $700,000 on property near San Miguel belonging to the estate of the late F. L. A. Pioche on which no interest has been paid for the last five years, and it is believed that the property has depreciated to less than half the amount of the loan. It is further said that the depositors had concluded to call a meeting and obtain a full statement from the management of the bank concerning these matters; that, as a matter of courtesy, deceased was requested to call such a meeting; that he failed to do so, and in consequence depositors called a meeting themselves for next Saturday, and that it was proposed at the meeting to demand the removal of deceased from the directory. It is believed that the prospect of removal from the position, which he has held for the last 18 years, influenced Mahe to take his life.

More about the French Bank.

The doors of the French Savings Bank were closed this morning and no money was received or paid out. A line of depositors stand outside, but are refused admittance. The cashier and assistants are busy over the accounts. Two of the directors, who were on hand, stated that they knew nothing to account for the suicide of Mahe, and but little about the affairs of the bank, but that a meeting would be held this afternoon, at which some course of action would be agreed upon. At the office of the bank commissioners some information was obtained tending to throw more light on affairs. Commissioner Coleman states that at the time the recent letter from the commissioners was made public to the effect that the bank was in a sound condition, their investigations pointed to that conclusion. The letter was given to allay the fears of depositors. Since that some matters have come to light to make the showing less favorable. It was ascertained that in one case a loan of $45,000 had been made and secured on real estate which was already encumbered by a mortgage in excess of its value. Other assets to the amount of $168,000 were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition. Commissioner Coleman called Mahe's attention to these facts, and reproached him with a lack of candor in his presentation of affairs. This seemed to affect Mahe greatly, and the want of confidence expressed by Mr. Coleman moved him to tears. He made over real estate yesterday to cover the $45,000 loan, and gave personal guarantee to secure $168,000 cash. It is considered possible that other such cases may be discovered in further digging into the affairs of the bank, and the impression is that the suicide of Mahe is due to these complications. The commissioners express the opinion that with guarantees given by the deceased president the bank can work its way out and depositors suffer no loss, and incline to the opinion that this will be the best course to pursue, as the bank is a purely mutual institution and there are no stockholders to fall back upon.

The Missing Tax Fund.

The finance committee of the board of supervisors this morning examined the books of J. M. Walker & Co., of which ex-tax collector Austin was a member, to ascertain how Austin drew the city's money. The great bulk of the amount of $250,000 was drawn out by Austin's checks, ranking mostly in the hundreds, in every case payable to bearer, leaving no clue to the disposal of the funds. The committee is as much in the dark as ever.

The Weather.

A light rain fell here early in the morning sufficient to lay the dust. The weather today is damp and cloudy.

MARYSVILLE, Sept. 17.—Rain fell here this morning lasting about an hour; cold and cloudy now.

Fire.

Thursday last the works of the Yuba Quartz Mining Co. at Hansonville, in this county, was destroyed by fire; estimated loss about $10,000.

White's Trial.

VISALIA, Sept. 17.—W. J. White, charged with killing Dr. Mehring, was brought up for examination this morning. District Attorney Edwards appeared for the prosecution and P. D. Wigginton for the defense. Adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock to enable Wigginton to consult with his client and look into the matter. The court room was thronged. On reassembling at 2 o'clock Mr. Wigginton applied to have the case sent before some other justice of the peace other than Justice McNamara. The district attorney then filed a motion to the effect that as Justice McNamara was an important witness for the people, he could not possibly hear the case. Proceedings were then adjourned to go before the county judge, who has fixed the examination for 10 o'clock to morrow.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

An Oriental Envoy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 17.—An envoy from the ameer of Afghanistan has arrived here.

An Austrian Defeat.

Advices received through insurgent sources claim that the Austrians have been defeated near Zwormick and Tuzla.

Gen. Todleben.

Gen. Todleben will probably see the czar at Livoria about the end of this week or the beginning of next, by which time San Stefano ought to be evacuated.

Count Andrassy's Policy.

VIENNA, Sept. 18.—*Pesther Lloyds*, heretofore a loyal supporter of Count Andrassy's, raises its voice against the reported Austro-Servian-Montenegrin alliance, which that journal declared would be a slap at the face of Hungary, and it takes the opportunity of this reputed intention on his part to repudiate Count Andrassy's Bosnian policy. The same paper prints an article written by Dr. Falk, a member of the Reichrath, and heretofore an ardent admirer and apologist of Count Andrassy, in which he says that an alliance with Slavonic principalities is an insult to Hungary. There are other and increasing signs of Hungarian discontent at the present situation of affairs. Another account says that Ristics Servian premier offered the co-operation of Servia but it was declined, and the Vienna cabinet have given it to be understood that they never entertained an idea of accepting such an arrangement.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL FAIR
OF THE
Washington County Agricultural Society,
To be held at the
FAIR GROUNDS, HILLSBORO,
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 23, 24, 25, 26, & 27.
ORDER OF EXERCISES.
First Day.
1 o'clock P. M.—Fastest running horse, mare or gelding, single dash of one mile; free for all; entrance, 50 per cent.....$50, $20
2 o'clock P. M.—Best walking horse, mare or gelding.....$10, $5
Arranging articles for exhibition.
Second Day.
1 o'clock P. M.—Fastest running horse, mare or gelding 3 years old; mile and repeat; entrance, $30.....$150, $75
2½ o'clock P. M.—Best trotting colt or filly, Washington county bred and owned, 3 years old, single mile; entrance 2½ per cent.....$30, $20
3 o'clock P. M.—Best saddle horse.....$20
All entries, except trials of speed, close at 4 P.M. to day.
Third Day.
A. M.—Examination of stock.
1 o'clock P. M.—Fastest running horse, mare or gelding, mile heats, 3 in 5; free for all; entrance $40.....$200 $100
3 o'clock P. M.—Best trotting horse, mare or gelding, 3 years old, mile and repeat; entrance $5; entrance money to second horse; purse.....$50
3½ o'clock P. M.—Trial of draft horses.....$10 $5
4 o'clock P. M.—Trial of buggy horses..... 10 5
Fourth Day.
10 o'clock A. M.—Plowing match by boys under fifteen.....$10 $5
1 o'clock P. M.—Fastest running colt or filly, 2 years old, 1 mile; entrance, $20.....$150 $75 $25
2 o'clock P. M.—Best trotting horse, mare or gelding, free for all Oregon and Washington territory horses except Fostina and Parrot, and imported horses, who are required to go to wagon; two miles and repeat; entrance $20.....$200 $50
2½ o'clock P. M.—Best span carriage horses.$10 $5
Shooting Match to-day, time set by superintendent.....$10 $5 $2 50
Superintendents and judges must finish their work and report the same to the Secretary by 12 o'clock M.
Fifth Day.
10 o'clock A. M.—Reading list of awards
1 o'clock P. M.—Best trotting horse; mare or gelding free for all that have not beaten 3 minutes; best three in five, mile heats; entrance 20 per cent.....$100 $50
2½ o'clock P. M.—Foot race, boys under 21 years; ¼ mile; entrance 20 per cent.....$10 $5

W. S. FAILING,
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STALL NO. 13, CENTRAL MARKET.
Highest Cash Price paid for Poultry and Game.
Portland, Aug. 21, 1878. au22dtf

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REAL ESTATE AND GENERAL AGENT
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SPECIAL NOTICE
TO THE TRADE!
Having been appointed sole Agents for the PIONEER and MISSION WOOLEN MILLS, of San Francisco, for Oregon and Washington Territory, we beg leave to inform the trade that we are prepared to offer full lines of the production of these Celebrated Mills at FACTORY LIST PRICE.
We call particular attention to the Celebrated
White Family Blankets
Of the Mission Mills, and
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of the Pioneer, both of which are unequaled.
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Portland, July 31, 1878.

EDUCATIONAL.

Bishop Scott Grammar School.
A Boarding & Day School for Boys.
PORTLAND, OREGON.
Under the Supervision of BISHOP MORRIS.
THIS SCHOOL WILL OPEN IN THE COMMODIOUS and beautiful new building on TUESDAY, Sept. 3d, under the Headmastership of PROF. JOSEPH W. HILL, an A. M. of Yale College. There will be a full corps of faithful and experienced assistants, among them Mr. Louis Miner, already favorably known to the patrons of the School.
Among the very satisfactory testimonials that Bishop Morris has received concerning Prof. Hill, are the following
YALE COLLEGE, April 26, 1878.
This may certify that Mr. Joseph W. Hill has had ample experience in teaching, is mature in years, and is well fitted to take charge of a High School. He is a man of excellent character, and cannot fail to give satisfaction as a teacher.
(Signed) N. PORTER, Pres.
THE SELLECK SCHOOL, NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 16, 1878.
I have long known Mr. Joseph W. Hill. He was my pupil for years and has since taught for me. To his ability and worth I unhesitatingly testify. He is an earnest student and in my judgment possesses rare qualifications for the profession of teaching. I commend him very cordially and thoroughly.
(Signed) REV. C. M. SELLECK, Principal.
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A Boarding and Day School for Girls.
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Conducted by the MISSES RODNEY, under the supervision of BISHOP MORRIS.
THE NEXT TERM OF THIS SCHOOL WILL open on
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A SCHOOL IN BOTH LANGUAGES. FOR Girls of all ages, and for Boys below 12 years. Will be RE OPENED at the School Rooms of the German Church, cor. of North Ninth and Stark sts.
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BEGS TO INFORM HIS FRIENDS AND THE public in general, that he will open a new
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on First street, No. 162, bet. Morrison and Yamhill, ON MONDAY, the 9th inst., where he is ready to receive the orders of his patrons.
Both Stores, the new one as well as the old one on Front street, are furnished with the very latest Styles
Felt and Silk Hats, and Caps
of all grades, of which a large assortment is kept on hand to satisfy even the most scrupulous taste.
C. H. MEUSSDORFFER,
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Samples of Portraits can be seen at Morse's Palace of Art. s17dlm

INSURANCE.

Thirty-Fifth Report and Balance Sheet
OF THE
New Zealand Insurance Co.,
FIRE AND MARINE.
For the Half-Year Ending May 31, 1878.
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.
Capital.....$5,000,000
Capital—paid up.....1,000,000
Assets.....2,019,812
Surplus for Policy Holders.....1,769,368
Premiums received to May 31, 1878.....7,095,633
Losses paid to date.....4,248,907
U. S. Bonds deposited with Treasurer of State of Oregon 50,000
LOSSES PROMPTLY PAID IN U. S. GOLD COIN.
C. P. FERRY,
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Losses paid in Oregon in six years.....$114,516 72
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