

San Francisco Local Tender rates..... 733 1/2
New York Gold quotations..... 134 1/2

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.—

With this number (issued the day before Christmas), we greet our readers everywhere with "a happy Christmas." May each and every household to which the Register makes its weekly visits, be full of joy and gladness on this grand holiday—the grandest day of all the year, because in its keeping we commemorate the birth of the Great Jehovah, the Savior of mankind. Let each and all forgive and forget the past; let bygones be bygones; give your neighbor the right hand of fellowship, and let the good old-fashioned greeting come welling up from your heart—"a merry Christmas to all." Each man and woman have their faults—none are perfect. Therefore it is that each should be as willing to forgive as to receive forgiveness. This life of ours is short—here to-day, gone to-morrow gone. Man being a free moral agent, makes or mars his own happiness. Would it not be well for communities, for individuals, to "balance their books," square accounts each with his neighbor, on this day, and with consciences void of offence toward God and man, be ready to welcome in the new year?

SMALL POX.—Hon. O. Jacobs, late candidate for Presidential Elector on the Union ticket, passed down the river on Tuesday last, on his way to Portland, to attend the U. S. District Court. He states that several cases of small pox had been reported both in Jacksonville and Canyonville. Although cases have been reported in close proximity to Albany, so far this loathsome disease has not made its appearance in our midst, and we hope it never will.

ALBANY LEGISLATURE.—We were not in attendance, owing to severe indisposition, on last Saturday night, but learn that quite an interesting time was had. The bill to strike out the word "white" from the State Constitution, was ably discussed by Messrs. Rogers, of Multnomah, Steely, of Union, Whitney, of Yamhill, Andy Hill, of Yamhill, Brown, of Umatilla, and others. There being no quorum, no action could be had. Several important bills will be presented at the session on Saturday night.

RETAINED.—The Trustees of Albany College will not consent to the resignation of so excellent a man and teacher as the Rev. Mr. Bushnell has proved himself to be, and therefore he will be retained as Principal of the institution until the expiration of the present term, at least.

PRESENTS.—Speaking of presents, what would be nicer than to present the better half with a new cook stove on Christmas morning? Nine times out of ten it would be better appreciated than a set of furs that cost thrice the money. John Briggs has a nice lot, which you are invited to examine as you are looking around.

FESTIVAL—WEDDING.—Among the other attractions offered by the Ladies' Festival this evening, (Thursday, 24th), we are informed that one of our most prominent citizens is to be united to one of Albany's fair daughters during the evening, and all those who attend will be bridal guests, of course. Hurrah for the Festival and wedding. (Cake expected.)

A NEAT ESTABLISHMENT.—Messrs. Sanders, Sternberg & Co. have one of the neatest salesrooms in this city, and their counters present an array of choice dry goods, &c., not excelled by any. Attention is called to their late new goods, just received, which they will dispose of at fair living rates.

PRESBYTERY.—The annual Presbytery of the O. S. P. Church convenes on Christmas day, at Brownsville, Linn county, Oregon, and will continue its session three days.

INJURED.—A man named Weise, living on the Santiam, was considerably injured by a kick, or being thrown from a horse, (our informant was not certain which), a few days since. No bones broken, and his recovery is confidently expected.

FIRE.—The alarm of fire given on Monday evening, created no little excitement, and some pretty lively running was done. The "burning out" of a chimney at the residence of Mr. J. R. Bentley caused the alarm.

LIVELY.—Business has been very brisk in our city of late, and those who advertise their goods and wares liberally have had the cream of the trade. Seasonable advertising always wins.

MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL.—We are informed that the ladies managing the Festival, that comes off to-night at Parrish & Co.'s hall, have secured the services of the Albany Brass Band, and those who attend the "festive scene" will hear some splendid instrumental music, for the "boys" composing the band are "musicians," and they will do their "level best" on the occasion. In fact, the ladies have spared no pains to provide a pleasant time for all who may attend—and we don't know of a soul who isn't going.

THE TUCKER'S SPRING BEDS.—These beds have now become household necessities, on account of their durability, economy and comfort. They will soon supersede all other kinds of beds. They can be seen at S. Denny's cabinet shop on Front street, Albany. Read the advertisement of Carter & Son in this issue, of whom all information in regard to this style of bed may be obtained.

PACIFIC HOTEL.—Mr. J. B. Sprenger, the jovial "boss" of the Pacific Hotel, has secured the services of that eminent artist, Mr. Curley, to sketch the hotel building. The sketch, which we have had a glimpse at, although but partially completed, will be the best work yet executed by Mr. C. It will be a fair simile of the Pacific, in outline and detail. Encourage the artist.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—By the politeness of our worthy Recorder, Mr. L. W. Doolittle, we are furnished with the proceedings of our City Fathers. We shall continue to publish these proceedings so long as they are furnished us, for the edification of our readers.

IN ADVANCE.—"Our folks" wishing to enjoy the holidays like other people, we issue two days in advance of the usual day of publication.

COLD SNAP.—The first cold snap of the season walked in on Monday night. A heavy frost greeted the optics of the early riser on Tuesday morning, but soon disappeared before the cloud-tears, that wet the face of nature completely, before the god of day retired behind the western hills. That's all.

NAVIGATION.—Willamette is in splendid volume, and no lack of steamers to this point. Steamers are also connecting onto Eugene, and will, so long as the river holds its present stage.

CABINETWARE.—Mr. S. Denny, at his salesroom on First street, has got up some splendid cabinetware, suitable for Christmas and New Years presents. Look in on him.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—We are informed that teachers and scholars of the district schools will be given holidays on Christmas and New Years days.

CONVALESCING.—The friends and acquaintances here of Judge Wm. Lair Hill, of Portland, will be glad to learn that his health is generally improving, and hopes are now entertained of a full restoration to health.

MEETINGS.—Meetings are being held at the Methodist Church in this city every night, and will continue to be held every evening through the holidays.

THE CELEBRATED FLORENCE SEWING MACHINES are on exhibition and for sale at the store of J. Barrows & Co., Albany, and are a very desirable holiday present to a lady friend, wife or mother. Call and see them.

DEAD.—An old gentleman named Harvey Spurlock, a member of the Dunkards, aged some fifty years, died during the night of Wednesday, 23d. We understand that inflammatory rheumatism was the immediate cause of his death.

OUT AT LEBANON.—We are informed by Mr. Cloughton, they intend having a Christmas tree at the Academy, music, and a good time generally, on to-morrow, Christmas.

ELECTION.—The stockholders in the Linn Co. Ag. Association are notified that an election will be held for seven directors, Jan. 7th, 1869, at the Court House in Albany, at 1 o'clock P. M. of that day.

0 WON.—The Standard published at Olympia, Washington Territory, says: The editor of the Albany Register, it appears, has been betting on the election; at least we infer so from the following significant paragraph: "\$6 or 0.—\$6 won. Make us "see" it. Cumtux?"

The explanation is, that the "party of first part" agreed to pay \$6—double price—or nothing, for subscription to the Register. We have had a little experience in the same line, which might be epitomized as follows: \$12 or 0. 0 won, and we have "seen it," to our sorrow.

EXPRESS DISCONTINUED.—Morgan's Brownsville & Albany Express is discontinued for the winter. Mr. M. expects to revive it in the spring.

PROMENADE.—To the ball, on Friday night, at Parrish & Co.'s hall.

The Grecian Bend.

As before stated in the REGISTER, never having seen the late new style called the "Grecian Bend," we were unable to give a description of it as requested by several lady friends. As this new and queer fashion still seems to hold its sway in the Eastern States, and may eventually secure votaries even in Albany, we insert, for the benefit of all concerned, the description of it as given by a correspondent of the New York press from Saratoga. The correspondent says:

The body and waist of the dress are remarkable in only one respect—the last is exceedingly tight, and the former rather loose at the top and exceedingly low. It is below the waist that what is monstrous in the custom first attracts and then repels the eyes of man.

A hoop of moderate dimensions, over-spread with an underskirt or two, and a dress of whatever fabric are worn. Underneath the rear of this hoop, just below the waist of the person designated, is bound a coil of wire from two to three inches in diameter, which "throws out" and elevates the upper portion of the dress behind, and forms the foundation, so to speak, of an exterior protuberance called the panier.

The panier is a bustle, more or less enormous, upon which, in successive folds or layers gathered up, or confined by a band encircling the dress from the stomach of the wearer around and beneath, an extra skirt reaching just below the posterior, hangs, or rather "wobbles" to and fro. The dress has a trail from four to six feet in length.

The posture affected in order to set off this attire is called the "Grecian Bend," a contortion of the body which, as it is highly improper in itself, I find it difficult to describe with propriety.

High-heeled shoes dispose the wearer to incline forward, and the high-heeled gaiters are adopted by the "belle of the season." She is thus the more readily enabled to elevate her hips unnaturally behind, enhancing the aspect of the panier, to contract her stomach, and to form an S-like curvature of her upper shape by thrusting out her chest, drawing back her shoulders, and bending forward her head. The latter is crowned by a hideous chignon, surpassing by several inches the thickness of the shallow feather brain.

So bent and deformed, the bell constrains her elbows against her sides; and, with horizontal forearms and the little gloved hands dangling from limp wrists, tilts painfully along. The profile of such a figure, and its ungraceful gait, are irresistibly suggestive of a lame kangaroo. When it is whirled and tossed about in a dance by one of the fashionable jumping jacks in broadcloth, who are here so numerous, and so much alike that you can hardly tell one from another, the sight—woman's panier and the agile sidelong leaps of the jumping jack across the immense trail piled on the floor is too exasperatingly ridiculous for laughter.

It has been confided to me by an elderly woman, with whom I conversed at a recent call, that the distortion of the shape known as the "Grecian Bend" is painful and quite wearisome, and that some girls adopt artificial contrivances to aid them in preserving the posture for several consecutive hours. "A belt is fastened about the waist, under the skirt. From this belt down either side of the hips, two straps, furnished with buckles, descend, and are attached to a strong band made fast to the lower thighs. As the buckles of the straps are tightened, the hips are drawn up and held in position.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—Council met on Wednesday evening, Dec. 23d. 1868. Roll called. Present, Mayor Norcross; Councilmen, Carter, Vining, Parker and Cheadle. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Messrs. Abbott & Brown presented bill of \$25 for printing, which, on motion, was allowed, and ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

J. Rankins presented a bill of \$4.50, for gravel hauled on the street, which was allowed, and ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

J. D. Price, Marshall, presented a bill of \$46.27, for gravel hauled on streets, which was allowed, and ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount.

Messrs. Patterson & Long presented a bill of \$31 for putting down one six-foot cross walk, extra length, and on motion, after some discussion, \$21 of the bill was allowed, and ordered that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount. On motion Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening, at 6 o'clock, Dec. 30th, 1868.

L. W. DOOLITTLE, Recorder.

"ITALIAN NESTLE."—The "Italian Nestle" is said to be superseding even the Grecian Bend, and from the description of it given in an exchange, we are inclined to believe that this "style," at least, will meet with no serious opposition from either sex. The description of the "Italian Nestle" runs about thusly: It usually attacks young people, and always in couples. The symptoms are a drooping of the head of the lady till it rests on the shoulder of the gentleman, and his mustache sweeps her forehead and his arm encircles her waist. It usually comes on in the cars, on the steamboats, and in other public places, and is said by those who have tried it to be very nice.

Sixty female physicians are practicing in Boston.

The Prussian demi-monde have a newspaper printed on rose-tinted and scented paper, which is called the Columbine.

An Ad. in that paper would be a Columbus ad.

A streak of lightning entered a school in Illinois recently and took a pair of boots from a little boy's feet and hurled them at the head of the master, much to the delight of the pupils.

A newspaper biographer, trying to say his subject "was hardly able to bear the demise of his wife," was made by the inexorable printer to say, "wear the chemise of his wife."

When Gen. Grant rose to speak at the Evans banquet, in New York, a salute of twenty-four guns was fired from miniature cannons mounted in the room.

Heavy charge of the light brigade—ges bills.

Laugh at no man for his pug nose— you never can tell what my turn up.

NOTICE: All persons indebted to the late firm of Settlement & Co., Albany, will please call at the Drug Store of Hill & Son, and settle up immediately.

THE LADIES OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church will hold a FESTIVAL, at Messrs. Parrish & Co.'s Hall, on Christmas Eve, Thursday evening, December 24th, 1868. All are respectfully invited to attend. Contributions thankfully received. Admittance and Supper, 75 cents. Albany, December 11, 1868.

Positively the Last Call. ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to the undersigned, are requested to come forward and make immediate payment. All accounts not settled by the first of January next, will be put into the hands of the proper officer for collection. W. W. PARRISH & CO. Albany, December 5th, 1868-1869.

MY BOOKS ARE CLOSED FOR THE YEAR 1868. Any persons knowing themselves indebted to me by note or book account, are requested to come forward and settle the same at once, as I wish to go away and must have my dues. I will take produce on all accounts due me. Come and settle. RAPHAEL CHEADLE. Albany, Dec. 5, 1868-1869.

NOTICE: I OFFER FOR SALE A GOOD TWO-SPOKE SPRING WAGON & HARNESS! A SUPERIOR LOT OF FURNITURE! Cooking Stove! With all the necessary cooking utensils complete, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.

THE OLD STOVE DEPOT! JOHN BRIGGS, DEALER IN STOVES, COOK, PARLOR & BOX, of the best patterns! Also—Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware!

TIN STORE! Repairs neatly and promptly executed, on reasonable terms. "Short reckonings, make long friends."

FURNING. -- TURNING. SPINNING WHEELS. I AM PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF TURNING: I keep on hand and make to order RAWHIDE-BOTTOMED CHAIRS, Spinning Wheels.

S. DENNY, UNDERTAKER and Dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE & CABINET WARE, MATTRESSES, ETC.

Under the "States Rights Democrat" office, FIRST STREET, ALBANY, [Oct 24 '68-7]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. P. W. SPINK. A. CAROTHERS. P. W. SPINK & CO., (SUCCESSORS TO N. W. MACK.) Dealers in Tin, Sheet-Iron, Copperware, STOVES! First, between Washington & Ferry-sts. ALBANY, OREGON.

THE undersigned having purchased the stock formerly owned by M. W. Mack, and having made large additions thereto, now offer to the public the fullest and completest assortment of first-class goods in our line, yet offered in this market, consisting of PARLOR, BOX, HALL, COOKING STOVES, of the following patterns: Black Knight, Golden Gate, Henry Clay, New Nation, Buckeye State, &c., &c., &c., from the best manufactories, which they are offering at lowest rates. Also, a large stock of French Saucepans, Ladles & Skimmers, Iron, Enamelled and Brass Kettles, Iron Tea-kettles and Ovens, Iron and Lead Pipe, Force & Lift Pumps, and a full assortment of COWAN'S PITCHER PUMPS! We will continue to keep on hand a large stock of NO. 1 TIN WARE! which we will dispose of to dealers at the lowest market rates. We are better prepared than ever to do all kinds of REPAIRING! in a neat and workmanlike manner, at short notice. Persons from the country will find it to their advantage to give us a call, as our facilities for manufacturing enable us to give a liberal discount. Terms—Cash, or marketable Produce.

POSITIVELY SELLING AT COST! THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY give notice to the public in general, that they will sell their WELL SELECTED STOCK

DRY GOODS! Boots & Shoes! CLOTHING! AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE! AT COST! Those desiring to make purchases will do well to Call Immediately! as we desire to close out Our Entire Stock! on the above terms, FOR CASH! OR MERCHANTABLE PRODUCE!

C. MEALEY & CO., DEALERS IN & MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE! CABINET WARE! Bedding, Etc., Corner First and Broad Albin streets, ALBANY, OREGON.

BLACKSMITHING! PLOWS! PLOWS! PLOWS! THE undersigned gives notice to the general public, that he is now manufacturing the Galesburg Patent Plow! and any other style of plow that may be ordered. Also, particular attention paid to Horse Shoeing, Wagon and Carriage Making, and General Jobbing.

F. WOOD. Shop on corner Ellsworth and Second streets, opposite Pierce's Ferry. Albany, November 21, 1868-11.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. L. SENDERS. M. STERNBERG. J. FLEISCHER. SENDERS, STERNBERG & CO., DEALERS IN

STAPLE DRY GOODS First street, in J. B. Monteith's Brick Building. ALBANY, OREGON.

THE ABOVE NEW FIRM TAKES PLEASURE in informing the citizens of Linn county that they have just opened a well selected stock of

FANCY DRY GOODS! BOOTS AND SHOES! GROCERIES! and a full assortment of General Merchandise! Which they will dispose of for CASH OR COUNTRY PRODUCE!

FAIR LIVING RATES! We respectfully ask the public to CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND PRICES! Before purchasing elsewhere, and we assure all that we will give Entire Satisfaction to Prompt Customers.

WE have a Branch House, long established, at SOUTH BROWNSVILLE, where we keep a large and well selected stock of GENERAL MERCHANDISE!

MRS. DUNNIWAY TAKES PLEASURE IN INFORMING HER numerous patrons that she has on hand, and is in regular receipt of the Latest and Choicest Styles of Goods —in the— Millinery Line!

REMEMBER, LADIES! If you purchase TEN DOLLARS' WORTH of Fall Millinery you will be entitled to the Demorest Magazine, for the year 1869, as a premium on the purchase! Dress and Cloak Making in all branches. Bleaching and Pressing in the latest and best manner. Goods Cheap and Patience Inexhaustible. Corner Main and Broad Albin streets, ALBANY, OREGON. November 7, 1868-9

JUST RECEIVED! PER LAST STEAMER, A VERY LARGE STOCK —OF— FALL AND WINTER GOODS! AT THE "CASH STORE," ALBANY, OREGON. R. CHEADLE. Albany, October 17, 1868-6

E GGS WANTED.—At R. Cheadle's Cash Store, for which 30 cents per dozen will be paid. Albany, Oct. 17, '68-6. BUTTER WANTED.—in exchange for goods, at 30 cents per pound, at R. Cheadle's Cash Store. Albany, Oct. 17, '68-6. GOODS SOLD AT THE LOWEST RATES in exchange for good butter and fresh eggs. Bring on your produce and take away the goods. Albany, Oct. 17, '68-6. R. CHEADLE.

J. BARROWS. L. E. BLAIR. S. E. YOUNG. J. BARROWS & CO., ARE CONSTANTLY RECEIVING Fresh Supplies of NEW GOODS!

LEGAL TENDERS BOUGHT AND SOLD Albany, Oct. 24, '68-7.