

News.

The Company incorporated by the last Legislature to build an underground railway in New York City, has surrendered their charter, the conditions being so stringent that capitalists dare not invest.

The Maine Legislature met on the 6th inst. The contest for Senatorship is close between Hon. L. M. Morrill and Hannibal Hamlin, with chances favoring the latter.

The U. P. Railroad track will be completed to Echo City in a few days.

In the U. S. Senate on the 5th, Terry, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, asking the President to transmit a copy of his late amnesty proclamation to that body with a statement of the authority by which it was issued.

In the House, on the 5th, Widom, of Minnesota, made a speech in favor of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Late news from Africa confirms the reports of the late Dr. Livingston. Supposition is that he is in the vicinity of Lake Nyassa, near the confines of Zanzibar.

Four of the insurgents of Malaga who fired into a party of refugees who were under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, have been arrested and punished by the General in command at Malaga.

Webb, the Republican candidate, was elected Mayor of Wilmington, (N. C.), on the 14th inst., over his competitor Chadbourne.

The troubles in Georgia remain unsettled. The troubles grew out of the negroes insisting on a distribution of the crops according to the contracts of last year, the negroes refusing to let the crops be removed until they received an equal share.

The opinion prevails that John Scott will be the Republican nominee for United States Senator from Pennsylvania.

The result of Democratic rule in New York is, that vigilance committees are being organized in most of the wards in the city, for the purpose of bringing rogues to justice.

Postmaster Lander, of Salem, (Mass.) is missing with about \$20,000.

The pews in Beecher's church, Boston, brought \$97,000.

From Spain we learn that the peasants of Andalusia, induced by poverty, have organized into plundering parties, pillaging the rich landholders.

An earthquake is reported on the 3d. in the city of Tabreez, Persia. The city contains 60,000 inhabitants. The shocks were violent, but no lives were lost.

The French sympathy with the Chinese Embassy is so great that it is predicted Minister Burlingame will meet with perfect success.

By fire in Portland, on Wednesday morning, four buildings were destroyed on First street east of Alder. The buildings belonged to Jas. M. Gilman, and were valued at about \$3,000.

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Locks at Willamette Falls.

Some weeks since we stated that a company had been organized under the name of Willamette Canal and Lock Company, stock subscribed and an assessment made preparatory to the commencement of work on this projected enterprise. A survey has been made and the cost of building a canal 2,500 feet in length and 40 feet wide, with three connecting locks, each 200 feet in length, is estimated at four hundred thousand dollars. It is now announced that work will be commenced as early in the coming spring as the stage of water will permit. One of the Directors of the Company is going East immediately, for the purpose of examining similar improvements there, that the company may have the benefit of any new system of engineering introduced in their construction. The completion of this great work will obviate the necessity of handling freight so often, thereby greatly lessening the rate of loss in transit, and of course enabling owners of steamers to carry freights at much less figures with as good returns as now. We have been informed that the wastage or loss in weight to steamboat companies on freights from this point to Portland, will amount to nearly a fifth of the gross freights. When the locks are completed, steamers can be loaded at our wharf for ocean steamers or sailing vessels at Portland or Astoria, thus doing away with the extra handling, and consequent wastage, at the falls. The time occupied in making the trips between the points above the falls and Portland will be lessened one-half, therefore a saving in the expense of running steamers, a consequent cheapening of fares, and affording an opportunity for lively competition during the freighting season. In fact the completion of this enterprise will inaugurate a new era in the navigation of the Willamette river, and will be productive of incalculable benefits, not only to the Willamette Valley, but to the State at large, by the cheap and improved facilities it will afford for transportation.

Telegraphic Summary.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 4.—Commodore W. S. Salter of the United States Navy, died after a lingering illness of rheumatism of the heart, on Sunday morning, aged 74.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Treasurer Spinner was taken quite ill this morning, and forced to retire from his desk in the Department.

The public debt statement will be issued about Friday. The amount of the reduction which will be shown cannot definitely be stated.

During December \$6,760,000 was issued to the Pacific railroad companies, \$4,840,000 being issued to the Union and the balance to the Central Pacific Company.

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—The Legislature meets to-morrow. Governor Hoffman's message will be sent in after the organization of the State Legislature, which will probably be effected without delay.

The Republican Assembly caucus nominated T. G. Younglove for Speaker. The following are San Francisco dates of Jan. 5th:

F. L. A. Pioche and M. Noel have patented a process for the reduction of ores by electricity. It is said to be cheap and simple.

S. P. Roberts who killed Klintings several weeks since, has waived examination and been held to answer. Bail was reduced to \$6,000.

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Letter From Dimmycrat Ann Spooks.

CANADA, (which is in the Forks of the Santiam), State of Oregon, Jan. 4th, 1869.

MR. EDITOR:

Their was egg-sight meant inn Canada. The day had bin hot and disagreeable. Everything had gone wrong. Jedediah Spooks had guzzled the hole of the last jug of whisky, that I had purchased with socks I had hood awl day inn the toe back-owe patch and on coming inn-two the house with a craving at my stomach which nothing butt the ardent could satisfy, and which the supper I prepared aggravated, I confess I did get mad! Their lay my voim representative as drunk as a door nail! The last drop of hard un-ed elixir was oozing from the end of his red, puggy knoags; and I, who had provided the same, as a woman should, for hour mutual benefit, I, who had borne the burden and heat of the day (I have toled you how hot it was) must go without a drop! Langur stole over my class-sick brow and I wood soon have slept my last long sleep, butt for a sudden change in Jedediah. He raised himself to a half sitting posture; owe-pened his swollen I's half weigh, or as near half weigh as they wood owe-pen and glanced at the distinguished companion of his bosom with a look of woe. "Dimmy Ann," "Dimmy Ann," I say, "Dimmy Ann" he heicpeup, "have yew-hic—heard about the nominations?" "What nominations?" said I, indignantly. "How can I no about such things? A woman ought to no her place and keep it."

"That's so,—hic—Dimmy Ann," said he. "Women and niggers have know write too manage polly-ties. Such —hic—is left too white men, which,—hic,—means intellectual bein's;" and the intellectual bein' roll-ed back on the floor with a grunt and slept the sweet sleep of a Dimmycrat.

My blood began too boil and I was just ready to bee-labor the old sot with a broom, when I was arrested by the wailin' sound of many voices. The door was thrown violently owe-pen and a procession of G Dimmycrats, awl veterans from Price's army, came with long faces and tear-streamin' I's a burstin' inn-two the rheum. The procession was headed by a strappin' young Dimmycratic Keruel who had sought refuge under hour roof from the fatiguing toils of war; and for more than 2 years he had honored our humble abode with his presents, sharing alike hour toe-back-owe, hour bored and hour whisky, (which last I I wood have bin' pleased too see him pay for.) With down east fee cheers the procession entered and seated themselves around the table with a simultaneous groan.

I forgot my anger; I forgot my fatigue; and when Keruel Spooky produced a quart bottle from the shaggy depths of his old grey cote (it was the first time he had ever furnished or offered to furnish any whisky) and I had taken a swig, I felt ready for any emergency. Butt I didn't forget that I was a woman; knot I. Sew I held my piece, (though how hard it was too hold none butt a woman nose.)

Old Elder Gray-Back, a fat and jolly-looking individual, who is well known hear-about from his searchin' sermon on the descendants of Cain, (he preaches it with startlin' effect 52 times inn a year) took a swig at the bottle. Square No-Land, a hungry I'd gentleman who lives buy borrowin' money, and who naturally goes for repudiation, took a swig. Deacon Spooks, my brother-in-law swigged. The 2 other veterans which for the present shall be nameless, swigged. I tried to swig again, butt, alas, the bottle was empty and furnished me know further consolation. Elder Gray-Back tenderly drew a soiled copy of the States Right's Dimmycrat from his heavin' bosom and began too read dispatches. He maid sloe work of it and the other tried butt failed. I impatiently snatched the paper and read in my most distinguished stile the tidings of the Dimmycratic Nominations. I finished. Every-body was dumb! It was evident hear was a poser! Each face looked as long as 2 faces. At length the Square found his voice. "Thunder and lightning!" he roared.

"Yew outrage my pious disposition" said the Elder. "Bee more milder." Deacon Spooks laughed uproariously; a forced laugh, that sounded like a—its useless! I can't describe that laugh. "Who's Scomeor?" queried one of the nameless veterans, inn buttoned apparel. "He's a true Dimmycrat," replied the Keruel, "or he woodn't have got the nomination." "Prove it," roared the Square, and the Keruel proved it. "Didn't he make a soothin' speech, too quell the New York riot, when the piece-able city-suns inn self defence burnt down asylums for nigger children. I was inn that riot and he took me by the hand called me 'friend.'" "If my memory

serve me write," said Elder Gray-Back, "he addressed the noble Dimmycracy inn there work of mercy as 'my friends.'" "Your reasoning is conclusive," answered the Square, "butt how about Blare? Inn the name of Jefferson Davis, answer me!" Again the august assembly was speechless; for 2 minutes knot a word was said. "He's a bitter pill, butt we must swallow him," the Keruel said, at last, inn a blubbering voice, and awl of us shed tears. "The caws is lost," said the Squire, "and we are un-done!" What war I to do? Their lay my votin, representative on the floor, drunk as a fool, and what could he do for the caws? Finally I raised my voice and said: "Friends and brethren this will never do: Awl is not lost! Keep up brave hearts. Bee merry. Prove yourselves bed-rock Dimmycrats, which yew can do if yew'll stand by yewer tickets." The effort was tremendous. Cheer after cheer rent the air and roused my Jedediah, who also cheered his noisiest.

After shakin' hands awl round a dozen times or more, just too make themselves believe there actin' was real, the party dispersed for 3 days, promising too meet again at hour house and draft sum Resolutions.

DIMMYCRAT ANN SPOOKS, which is Ant to the illustrious Pastor Petroleum Verdigris Nasby.

STATE ITEMS.

County orders in Benton county are at par with g. ld.

A joint stock company is forming at Corvallis to erect a large steam flouring mill.

Says the Advocate: Rev. Dr. Marsh, President of the Tuulatin Academy and Pacific University, reports that institution as in a highly flourishing condition, having more than 100 pupils in attendance.

Hon J. H. Mitchell writes from San Francisco to Judge Chenoweth denying the statement which has been made to the effect that Ben Holladay does not intend to build a railroad crossing the Wallamet at Corvallis.

The Congregational church at the Dalles has been undergoing repairs and receiving improvements. Among other things, a belfry is to be built for a new bell which is on its way thither from Chicago. This bell is given as a premium by the Advance for a list of 78 new subscribers obtained for the paper at that place.

Not long since, says the Unionist, a man came to town commonly dressed, and went to sawing wood about town wherever he found a job. The day before yesterday he went to one of the business men and desired to deposit \$1,500. This sum, he stated, had been carried on his person since he had been at work here, and he found it burdensome. He deposited his gold and went on with his work.

The editor of the Vancouver paper writes from Astoria: The late survey of the Columbia river has demonstrated that its mouth is not so dangerous as represented, and no worse than the entrance to New York harbor. So the Oregonians need not reckon the Columbia river as useless. Railroads, however numerous, cannot supersede river, navigation, or do away with the great highways for commerce that Nature has formed.

The Roseburg paper learns that Ulyman Abrahams, of Canyonville, who suffered the amputation of a leg last summer, is now suffering with the wound extremely—at times being thrown into spasms. A second amputation is thought to be necessary, and surgeons are already summoned for the painful duty.

The Roseburg Ensign is authorized to state that J. D. Bowen, of Douglas county, an old Pioneer in that section, and a life-long Democrat, has renounced his connections with that party, and will hereafter support Republican principles. The Democratic organization seems to be falling to pieces in Douglas county.

FRUITFUL TREE.—A correspondent writing to the Oregonian, from McMinnville, says that the Christmas Tree, at that place, had on it \$1,500 worth of presents.

BIBLES BOUGHT.—During the past 18 months about 5,000 Bibles and Testaments have been purchased from the Parent Society for circulation and distribution throughout Oregon and Washington Territory.—P. C. Advocate.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The exhaustion of the native population which has been going on for a great number of years, seems to be accelerated of late. During the last six years, there has been a decrease of over 9,000. The death rate among the natives is now about 1,500 a year over the births; an increasing ratio, this declination will work the extinction of the race in a quarter of a century. European but more especially California enterprise, already sways the development and the institutions of the islands, and the proximity and unequalled energy of our Pacific States must inevitably draw them at no distant day under the protection if not the possession of the Union.

MARRIED. December 30, 1868, at the residence of Mrs. M. Lines, by Rev. H. C. Jenks, Mr. L. C. Marshall to Miss Jennie Lines, all of Linn county, Oregon.

January 1st, 1869, at the residence of the bride's father, in this city, by Rev. R. C. Hill, Mr. J. R. Reem to Miss Charlotte Read.

January 2d, 1869, at the residence of Mr. Charlton, in Linn county, by Rev. E. C. Hill, Mr. Robert Moore to Miss Margaret H. Charlton.

DIED.

Friday, January 8th, 1869, at the Pacific Hotel in this city, of consumption, Charles B. Sprunger, aged 32 years, 4 months and 17 days.

Gone home! gone home: The door thro' which he vanished Closed with a jar, and left us here alone: We stand without in tears, forlorn and banished, Longing to follow where the loved has gone.

Charley is dead. This mournful intelligence will carry pain to the hearts and cast a gloom over countenances of his many warm and constant friends, who knew and loved him for his kind and loving heart, his many social virtues, and his strict integrity of character. It will be a source of consolation to them to know that he died happy; that he passed from earth peacefully and calmly, possessing in his heart that sweet, golden hope that reacheth out far—the hope of immortality beyond the tomb. While there is something melancholy in the awful ceremonial of consigning all that is mortal of a friend to the silent night of the tomb, there is consolation to our afflictions in the thought that we can perpetuate the memory of their virtues, and gather for their grave a garland which shall long flourish green in our hearts.

NEW TODAY. REPORT Of the Financial Condition of the City of Albany, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1868.

Amount received from former Treasurer, as per report (currency) \$274 00

Am't received from former Treasurer (coin) \$23 78

Am't received for House (coin) 734 00

" " " " (currency) 93 00

" " " " (currency) 30 00

" " " " (currency) 29 46

" " " " (currency) 52 58

Am't rec'd for taxes, 1868, (coin) 1,496 00

" " " " (currency) 101 06

Reduce the currency \$367 00

to coin at 73 cents, leaves 267 91

Showing total am't of money received during 1868, (coin) \$3,036 19

DISBURSEMENTS. Amount paid for printing Recorder's financial report for year 1867 \$40 00

Paid for building sewer 462 18

Repairing streets, bridges, &c. 68 00

Building and graveling crosswalks 269 66

Building bridges and lumber for same 524 49

Graveling streets 115 00

Graveling crosswalks, (done in 1867) 68 00

Collecting taxes 59 30

Collecting delinquent taxes for 1867 4 75

Collecting money due on sidewalks (1867) 4 09

Night watch 18 75

Grubbing streets 6 25

Selling hogs 2 50

Killing and removing dogs 21 00

Arresting prisoners 2 00

Boarding and working prisoners 15 50

Repairing jail 2 12

Table for Recorder and Council 4 50

Stationery 6 60

Judges and clerks of election 10 00

" " " " [for 1867] 4 00

Printing for 1868 100 00

Treasurer's percentage 22 69

Recorder's services 263 15

Cash remaining on hand Dec. 31, 1868 86 83

\$3,036 19

NOTICE.—All persons receiving their mail at the Post office at Lebanon, are hereby notified that the office will be kept open an hour after the arrival of the mail on Sundays, after which it will be closed for the day. The office will not be open until the mail arrives.

S. H. CLAUGHTON, P. M. January 9, 1869-18mt

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between J. E. Bentley & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. E. Bentley, Sr., will continue the business, assuming all debts outstanding against the late firm, and collecting all accounts due the same.

J. E. BENTLEY, Sr. J. E. BENTLEY, Jr. Albany, January 9, 1869-18mt

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W. W. Parrish & Co., Agents for Albany. Albany, January 9, 1869-18

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE! All persons indebted to the late firm of Settlemier & Co., Albany, will please call at the Drug Store of Hill & son, and settle up immediately. This time the money must come!

All open accounts on January 1st, 1869, will be placed in the hands of the proper officer for collection. R. C. HILL, G. F. SETTLEMIER, Ltd Albany, December 19, 1868.

Positively the Last Call.

ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEM-selves 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, 1868-13mt

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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, 1868-13mt

NOTICE!

I OFFER FOR SALE A GOOD TWO-horse SPRING WAGON & HARNESS!

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RAPHAEL CHEADLE. Dec. 5, 1868-13mt

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Ebbitt House, Washington, Dec. 5, 1866. Thos. J. FISHER, Esq., Pres. Tucker Manufacturing Co.—DEAR SIR: I have now in constant use your "Tucker Patent Spring Bed" in nearly all my rooms, and am gratified to write you that nothing could be better.

Very truly your obedient servant, C. C. WILLARD. Metropolitan Hotel, Washington, Dec. 6, 1866.

Thos. J. FISHER, Esq., Pres. Tucker Manufacturing Co.—DEAR SIR: Some two years ago the beds of this establishment were thoroughly refitted with your superior "Tucker Patent Spring Bed," which, since then and now, have given the patrons of this Hotel universal satisfaction.

Very truly, A. R. POTTS. These beds are now manufactured, by permission of Patents, at Albany, Oregon, and are for sale at all the principal furniture stores in Portland, Salem, Albany, etc.

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