

LOCAL AFFAIRS

San Francisco Legal Tender rates..... 74@74 1/2
New York Gold quotations..... 134 1/2

AGENTS.—Messrs. Skinner & Robb are authorized to act as agents in procuring advertising and subscriptions for the REGISTER in Portland, Oregon.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Again we are called upon to chronicle the sudden death of an old and respected citizen of Linn county. On last Monday evening Mr. Louis Churchill, living about eight miles from this city, attended church a short distance from his residence. After church was over, and when upon his return home, the night being very dark, Mr. Churchill fell over a stump or log, from the effects of which he died in about sixteen hours thereafter. Dr. Rice and other physicians were called in to administer to the wants of the sufferer, and although all was done that medical science and skill suggested to save life, nothing could be done to stay the hand of death; the fiat had gone forth, and after suffering the most intense agony till about the middle of the next day, the spirit of the poor sufferer was freed from its frail tenement of clay, and took its flight into the unknown future. Mr. Churchill leaves a large family and numerous friends to mourn his loss.

NAVIGATION OF LONG TOM.—The citizens of Monroe, Benton county, as we are informed by Mr. Backensto, are engaged in clearing Long Tom river of snags and everything that impedes navigation to that village, a distance of seven or eight miles from its mouth. The opposition has promised, as soon as the Long Tom is cleared, to send a steamer to Monroe and carry away surplus produce, and all those wishing to take a ride on a steamboat. Success to the river improvement, say we. Monroe is a thriving little town, and her citizens full of enterprise. They have a first-class water mill in full operation there, which is turning out a superior article of flour. Her citizens are determined to open the Long Tom to navigation, if muscle and money, liberally applied, will accomplish it; and it is thought no difficulty will be experienced by our steamers in reaching that point after the obstructions are removed. Bully for Monroe.

LEMON TREE HEDGES.—The Sacramento Record and the Los Angeles News agree in saying that there are no finer plants for hedges than the China lemon tree. Aside from the profit, the tree is umbrageous, comes to maturity in three years, and from its thorny character will effectually keep out cattle, etc. It can be grown from the cuttings and seed. There is said to be nothing more beautiful than a hedge of these trees laden with ripe fruit, and it is certainly more valuable than osage orange or cottonwood. As the osage orange has generally proven a failure in this valley, and as we are in about the same latitude with China, it is probable that the lemon tree would thrive well here. Fencing is a main item of expense in opening and keeping up farms in many places through the valley, and if this plant can be successfully grown as a hedge, it is an item of economy to our farmers to know it.

FAIR DAY'S WORK.—Speaking of game, there seems to be an unlimited amount of it in this valley. As for instance: A youth, living a short distance from this city, took down his gun, one day not long ago, and started on a hunt. He struck a little prairie at the foot of the hills, and coming toward him he espied a deer. He shot at and killed it. He had hardly succeeded in getting his gun loaded, when following in the first one's tracks appeared another deer, which he shot and killed; then a third deer stalked into view, which he likewise slew. Thinking three venison were enough for one boy, he took the trail for home, but was intercepted by a bear, which he killed and added to his stock of game. The time occupied in the killing was about twenty minutes, and it wasn't a very good day for hunting, either.

OUR NEW DESK.—We have a brand new office desk, presented to us by that prince of cabinet-makers, Charles Mealey, Esq. It is the neatest, handiest, shiniest office desk anywhere—just the thing we have been wanting for this long time. Mealey & Co. manufacture and have for sale all kinds of cabinetware, etc., which for durability, style and neatness of finish, are not excelled anywhere. They put up good work at astonishingly low prices, as all who call at their warehouses and examine the goods on sale, will acknowledge. Call at their manufactory, corner Broad Albin and First streets, and look through their stock.

SMALL POX AND SCARLET FEVER.—As the whole country is in a fever of excitement in relation to this dreaded, loathsome disease, which is now afflicting the inhabitants of various portions of our State, the publication of a preventive or cure will be hailed with delight by the public. Below we give a recipe, promulgated by the most scientific school of medicine in the world—Paris—which is said to be a sure panacea, both in small pox and scarlet fever, never failing in the former disease, even though the pittings are filling. When learned physicians have said the patient must die, this recipe has been used as a last resort, and has effected a cure in every instance. It is very simple, and perfectly harmless when taken by a well person. Here is the recipe:

Sulphate of zinc, one grain; fox glove, (digitalis) one grain; half a teaspoonful of sugar, mix with two tablespoonfuls of water. For an adult, one spoonful every hour; for a child, smaller doses, according to age. The disease will disappear in twelve hours.

PEST HOUSE.—The Committee appointed by the Mayor, consisting of Messrs. Hackleman, Comley and Mealey, to procure a suitable building for a pest house, have purchased a house and 12 or 15 acres of ground, of Jack Payton, about one mile and a quarter north-east of the Court House. It is a good comfortable house, containing four rooms, and plenty of water and wood on the premises. The price paid was \$275, which we consider cheap indeed. The Committee deserve the thanks of our citizens for the energy they have displayed in the matter. The house will be put in immediate order for the reception of patients.

[Since writing the above, we learn that the agent in whose hands the above property was left for disposal, refuses to make a deed to the city for the same, and that the city has only rented the property. This answers all practical purposes, however.]

PAID INTO THE STATE TREASURY.—On Wednesday last, Capt. Shields, our gentlemanly County Treasurer, paid into the State Treasury at Salem, the sum of \$7,000 coin, part of the State indebtedness of Linn county for the year 1868—leaving a balance of \$11,000 still due, which must be paid into the State Treasury by the 1st of February next. The Pomeroy trial seriously interfered with and delayed the collection of taxes by the Sheriff, otherwise the whole amount due the State by the county would have been paid in ere this. The taxes levied for the year 1868 amounted to 14 mills on the dollar, as follows: State, 5 1/2 mills; county, 6 1/2 mills; school, 2 mills. The Assessor's books show a decrease in the valuation of property since 1867, of near half a million dollars.

ACCIDENT TO STEAMER ACTIVE.—The steamer Active, of P. T. Co.'s line, on her way to Eugene City, met with an accident on Wednesday morning, at Bower's wood-yard, a little more than a mile from this city. In swinging out from the wood-yard she struck the body of a tree that projected from the bank and was under the water, tearing a hole in her hull. She was immediately beached, and the Fannie Patton came up and took off her freight, which received no serious damage. The Active, after being unloaded, proceeded down the river to lay up for repairs.

THE MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.—During the first year of the operations of the money order system the total transmissions were some \$6,000,000, while during the second year the amount increased to \$15,000,000. There are now probably 2,000 money order offices, and the business of transmitting money by postal or money orders is rapidly increasing. The fee for transmitting moneys by such orders has been reduced nearly one-half, now being but 25 cents for \$50.

HEALTH OFFICER.—We learn that Dr. Lister has been appointed Health Officer of the city of Albany, and it is made his duty by ordinance to board all vessels that may land at our wharf, immediately upon their arrival, and ascertain if any case, of small pox are on such boats. If cases of small pox are found on any steamer so arriving, said persons so afflicted are to be conveyed by the Health Officer to the pest-house provided by the city, and all other means used to prevent this dread disease from becoming an epidemic that he may deem necessary and proper.

FIRE MEETING.—Albany Fire Company No 1 held an adjourned meeting at the Court House on Monday night. The boys are awaiting patiently the action of the Council in relation to the purchase of a fire engine for their use. The regular meetings of the Company are on the first Tuesday in each month. BORN.—To the wife of J. E. Smith, on the 15th, a boy.

RETRENCHMENT.—The cry of Democracy has been for years, "retrenchment in the public expenses." This cry of "retrenchment" has been constantly and persistently used by the Democratic party to secure votes for its candidates. As a proof of the insincerity of Democratic protestations of economy, we refer to the proceedings of the City Council of this city, Thursday night, which will be found in this morning's paper. It is a fair sample of the honesty of Democratic protestations and promises. The Mayor and four Councilmen are supposed to be bed-rock Democrats; the two remaining Councilmen are Union men. Two bids were presented to the Council for executing the city printing for the ensuing year—one bid being \$75, the other \$50. If the law requires that all city work shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder, then it is evident that the \$50 bid was entitled to the contract for the city printing, as the city would thus save \$25. A motion to give the printing to the paper offering to do the same for \$75, was now made, and the only plea urged for thus virtually throwing away \$25, was that, "to the voters belong the spoils." The vote on the motion stood: Ayes—Cundiff, Conley, Nixon and Hackleman. Nays—Mealey and Marshall. Want of space compels us to defer further remarks on this subject at this time.

MONEY VS. LIFE.—From merchant at Albany to delinquent at Roseburg: ALBANY, Jan. 8th, 1869. Mr. McC.—Sir—I shall be under the necessity of enforcing payment by law, if my claims against you are not satisfied immediately. Yours, &c., C.

ROSEBURG, Jan. 14th, 1869. Mr. C.—Dear Sir—Enclosed I send the amount of my indebtedness to you, \$50 dollars in greenbacks at 75 cents. Yours, &c., McC.

P. S. I should have sent it sooner, but am just recovering from a severe case of the small pox. Merchant, horrified, drops the letter, and exclaims to his astonished clerk, "stick that d— letter and greenbacks in the stove. D—the fool, I wish I hadn't written to him. Confound it, I can't go home now, I have been 'exposed'!"

Next day a letter is received from Roseburg from Mr. McC., stating that he had not had the small pox, and hoped he never would; it was only a joke. "—, did you burn them greenbacks as I told you?" "Yes, sir." "Curse the luck!"

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.—A. N. Arnold, Esq., Clerk of School District No. 5, has kindly furnished us with a statement of the number of children in his district. The whole number of children in said district—the majority residing in Albany—between the ages of four and twenty-one, is 406. One hundred and ninety-eight of these are males; two hundred and eight are females—being ten more females than males. The increase in the total number since last report is thirty.

NEW ARRIVALS.—The wife of our friend and host of the Pacific Hotel, of this city, J. B. Sprenger, Esq., presented him with another pledge of her affections, in the shape of a bouncing girl baby, on Wednesday last.

LOST.—Mr. Wadsworth lost on Friday or Saturday of last week, a diamond, (for cutting glass) with white ivory handle. The finder will be suitably rewarded upon leaving it at this office or at his shop.

ENDED.—The second trial of the late Postmaster of Portland, E. G. Randall, for robbing the mails, ended last week. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

DENIES.—The Oregonian denies the statement that the ocean steamer, Continental, on her last trip to Portland, brought several cases of small pox to that city.

CALENDAR.—For a neat and handy calendar, issued by the Phoenix Insurance Company, we are indebted to Messrs. Russell & Elkins, agents.

Reports that one or more cases of small pox had reached this city, are false and without any foundation whatever. The health in this city was never better than at present.

DRAMATIC TROUPE.—The Salem Dramatic Troupe announce their intention of playing in Albany some night next week.

LETTER LIST.—The list of letters remaining in the postoffices of Lebanon and Scio, crowded out of our last issue, (forgotten) appear in our columns to-day.

Meetings continue to be held nightly in the M. E. Church of this city, with good results. Yesterday (Friday) was, in the main, a beautiful, genial, spring-like day. See outside—if you like.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. Council met pursuant to call of the Mayor, Saturday evening, January 9th, 1869. Roll called. Present—Mayor, Standard, Councilmen, Nixon, Comley, Hackleman, Cundiff, Mealey and Marshall. The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of speedily procuring a house outside of the city limits to which might be removed cases of small pox, if any should make their appearance in the city, and also to adopt measures to prevent its coming to the city.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Councilmen Hackleman, Comley and Mealey, were appointed to procure a pest-house, as soon as practicable; and in case of small pox occurring in the city, to take charge of such patient and remove him to said pest-house; to procure bedding and everything necessary for the comfort of said patient, and to procure medical attendance, and a suitable person to wait upon and take care of said patient. Council adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 11th, 1869. Council met pursuant to call of the Mayor. Present—Mayor, Standard; Councilmen, Cundiff, Mealey, Nixon, Comley and Hackleman. The Recorder being absent, Councilman Hackleman was called on to keep the minutes of the meeting. The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to be, to make some arrangements to employ a Health Officer. Moved and seconded that the Committee on Hospital be empowered to employ a Health Officer. Motion lost.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Councilmen Nixon, Marshall and Cundiff, were appointed to procure the services of a competent person to act as Health Officer until otherwise ordered by the Council. On motion it was ordered that Councilman Hackleman be authorized to have twenty-five copies of the following order printed and posted in conspicuous places about the city, to-wit:

AN ORDER.—To prevent the introduction and spread of small pox, or other epidemic diseases within the City of Albany, the following rules and regulations shall be observed until otherwise ordered by the Common Council: It shall be the duty of Health Officer to visit all steamboats that may land at any of the wharves in said city, and, before any person shall be allowed to come on shore, he shall proceed to examine the passengers, and if he shall find any one on board of said boat infected with small pox, he shall at once require the officers of said boat to leave the wharf and land the same at any point he may designate, where such person or persons so infected shall be removed to the Hospital; Provided, such person or persons desire to stop at this city. And, Provided further, if any citizen of this city be on board and is found to have small pox, the Health Officer shall have such citizen removed to his residence under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, or to the Hospital if it is desired by said citizen, and he shall require the relatives or friends of said citizen to use all possible means to prevent the spread of the disease. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to visit, at least twice a week, all Hotels and other public places within the city, and if he shall find any person diseased with small pox, he shall at once have them removed to the Hospital, using all possible precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. He should require all occupants of houses where any case of small pox may exist, to place a yellow flag in some conspicuous place where it may be easily seen by persons passing on the streets. Adopted by the Common Council, January 11, 1869. A. W. STANDARD, Mayor. L. W. DOOLITTLE, Recorder.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 14. Council met. Present—Mayor, Standard; Councilmen, Comley, Nixon, Hackleman, Cundiff, Mealey, Marshall. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The Committee on Printing reported that they had conferred with the two editors of this place in regard to the city printing; that Mr. VanCleve (of the REGISTER) proposed to do the same amount of printing that the city had done last year for the sum of \$50, and that Mr. Abbott (of the Democrat) had proposed to do the same amount of printing that the city had done last year, for the sum of \$75. On motion the report was received and the Committee discharged. On motion the contract for doing the city printing for the ensuing year was awarded to Messrs. Abbott & Brown, for the sum of \$75, to be paid quarterly, they to do the same amount of printing that they did for the city last year. The Recorder reported that he had made arrangements with Mr. Whitney for the use of the room now occupied by the Council, for the sum of \$2 50 per month. The Committee appointed to procure a Health Officer, reported that they had procured the services of Dr. W. Lister as such officer, as long as required by the Council. On motion it was ordered that Dr. Lister be continued as Health Officer until the next regular meeting of the Council, for which he shall be entitled to receive \$2 per day. Council adjourned. L. W. DOOLITTLE, Recorder.

The following note, dated U. S. Senate Chamber, Washington City, Dec. 24th, is published in the Portland Commercial of the 13th inst, with the following comment: "We have received from a friend the following letter for publication. It shows that there is something in the wind: DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your letter of November 12th, relating to the Postoffice in Portland. I am unable to say now whether a vacancy will occur or not, but in case one should, I have agreed to favor the appointment of Mr. Wakefield. Yours, GEO. H. WILLIAMS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. P. W. SPINK. A. CAROTHERS. P. W. SPINK & CO., (SUCCESSORS TO M. W. HACK.) Dealers in Tin, Sheet-Iron, Copperware, AND 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, and COOKING STOVES, of the following patterns: Buck, 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. P. W. SPINK & CO. Nov. 28, '68-12

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

THE OLD STOVE DEPOT! JOHN BRIGGS, DEALER IN STOVES, COOK, PARLOR & BOX, of the best patterns! ALSO—Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware! and the usual assortment of Furnishing Goods to be obtained in a

TIN STORE! Repairs neatly and promptly executed, on reasonable terms. "Short reckonings, make long friends." Front street.....Albany. Next door to Mansfield & Co. Dec 6-12

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. All work entrusted to me will receive prompt attention, and be executed in the best possible manner with good material. A share of public patronage is solicited. Shop on corner Ellsworth and Second streets, opposite Pierce's Ferry. F. WOOD. Albany, November 21, 1868-11

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. L. SENDERS, M. STERNBERG, J. FLEISCHNER. 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. ALSO—We have a Branch House, long established, at SOUTH BROWNSVILLE, where we keep a large and well selected stock of GENERAL MERCHANDISE! Albany, Nov. 14, 1868-10

POSITIVELY SELLING AT COST! THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY give notice to the public in general, that they will sell their WELL SELECTED STOCK OF DRY GOODS! Boots & Shoes! CLOTHING! AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE! from and after this date 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!

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned, are requested to come forward without delay, and settle their indebtedness, as we are determined to close our mercantile business, and collect our dues. W. W. PARRISH & CO. Albany, Nov. 28, 1868-12

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

PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO ORDERS OF ALL KINDS! in our line. October 31, 1868-8. FURNING. - - TURNING. I AM PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF TURNING! I keep on hand and make to order RAWHIDE-BOTTOMED CHAIRS, Spinning Wheels. Shop near the "Magnolia Mills." JOHN M. METZLER Albany, Nov. 28, 1868-12