

LOCAL AFFAIRS

San Francisco Legal Tender Notes..... 716/714
New York Gold quotations..... 13 3/4

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

\$15,000 to \$20,000 Worth of Property Destroyed.

The second time within a few weeks we are called upon to chronicle the destruction and consequent loss of valuable property by fire. On the morning of Thursday last, 11th inst., a few minutes before four o'clock, the fine frame hotel building, known as the Pacific, on the corner of Second and Washington, owned by J. B. Sprenger, Esq., was discovered to be on fire, and in a very brief time thereafter was a heap of smouldering ruins. This is the second time within two years that Mr. Sprenger has suffered loss of a hotel by fire on the same spot of ground. Owing to the extraordinary exertions of the members of our new Fire Company—who have not, as yet, been furnished with the necessary apparatus to extinguish conflagrations,—and the help of many citizens, a large portion of the furniture, beds and bedding, was saved, and many of the doors and window sash were secured and removed to a place of safety. We must do our boys the justice to say that we never saw men go into the business of saving property with more zeal and persevering industry, than was exhibited by them on Thursday morning. They went at the work with the coolness and deliberation of old firemen, without noise or confusion, and continued to work as long as there was any hope of saving property, and until the falling timbers, intense heat and dense, suffocating smoke, drove them from the devoted building.

Considerable alarm was manifested by persons living in close proximity to the Pacific for the safety of their dwellings, but as the wind was not very high, and blankets were hung on the exposed portions of the buildings and kept wet with water, little or no damage was done outside of the complete destruction of the Pacific and its outbuildings.

The hotel and buildings attached cost something over \$17,000, we are informed, and this, together with the destruction of furniture, etc., will bring the total loss up to some \$18,000 or \$20,000. There was an insurance on the building of \$10,000.

The fire first made its appearance in the floor and the petition between the reading and dining rooms, about the centre of the building, from whence the flames spread rapidly all over the building.

It is asserted by several who reached the scene of the conflagration in its earliest stage, that an efficiently organized "bucket company" could have conquered the flames in a few minutes, had they been on the ground. We are satisfied that had our boys been in possession of the engine they have been asking the City Council for ever since the commencement of the new year, the Pacific Hotel and contents would have been saved, with but a very small loss. Whose fault is it, then, that the building was not saved, and that an enterprising, hard-working citizen, who has invested all his means in erecting a hotel that was an ornament to our city, and the best and completest hotel building in the State, is to-day comparatively a beggar?

Had the wind been from the opposite quarter Marshall's stable would have caught, and the flames would have been communicated to the stores on Front street, and the entire destruction of the business portion of our city would have been accomplished on Thursday morning. The destruction of the Pacific will be seriously felt by the traveling community—it is a loss that our city could ill afford, and we fear that it will be long ere its place will be supplied.

The general opinion seems to prevail that the fire was the work of some dastardly incendiary. We would suggest that an ample reward be offered by the city authorities—to be increased, if necessary, by a purse raised among our citizens,—for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties guilty of such damnable wickedness. Hanging is entirely too good for such villains.

Owing to the absence of our regular "corpse" during the week, "we" have been compelled to act in the capacity of devil, editor, pressman, fireman, etc., which has so fully occupied our time that we haven't been able to "localize" any out.

CITY COUNCIL.—As the Recorder was not present on Thursday evening, we have no report from that quarter. From a member we learn that the contract for building cross-walks was let to George Patterson for the year at \$16 and \$26—4 feet and 6 feet walks respectively. Contract for graveling was let to Mr. Rankin at \$3 50 each walk. Committee on Pest House reported business satisfactorily completed, and an order was drawn for \$275 to pay for the building. City Marshal was authorized to do what was necessary in the way of drainage. Committee was appointed on Water and Fire, who are to report immediately in relation to procuring a fire engine for Fire Co. No. 1, and the cost of procuring water for the same. From the above it will be seen that our members are awake to the wants and necessities of the people, and for their prompt action as above they will meet with the hearty approval of their constituents.

[After the above was in type we received the report of the Council Proceedings made up by the Recorder. As our report embraces all the material portions of the business transacted, we shall not insert the report this time. However, we are under many obligations to the estimable gentleman who so well fills the office of City Recorder, for his kindness in furnishing us the report.]

FIRE COMPANY.—To show that the boys of Albany Fire Co. No. 1, mean business, we chronicle the fact that they have gone to work, at their own expense, and ordered hooks and ladders, etc., and by the end of next week will have them ready for business. Now if the property owners in this city will not aid by liberal contributions and words of cheer, the efforts of this Company to put themselves in condition to save property from destruction by fire, persons who will not now give aid and comfort, can not expect the Company to take much interest in saving their property. That's what's the matter.

RAILROAD MATTERS.—News comes from Salem that the East Side Company offers to connect onto Albany, provided the citizens will take stock in the road to the amount of \$30,000. The Albany town proprietors, Messrs. Walter and Thomas Monteith, have agreed to take \$10,000 worth of the stock, leaving \$20,000 to be raised by citizens, which, we are assured, has or will be taken immediately. Hurrah for the cars. We haven't learned whether Mr. Abe Hackleman has taken stock in the railroad, but suppose if he has not he will.

EXPLAINED.—The reason given us by members of the city council why our new fire company have not been furnished with an engine long since, is in the fact that several of our most influential and heaviest property holders have strenuously opposed the measure from the beginning. After the disaster of Thursday morning, we venture the assertion that there is not a man to be found in the city who thinks we can do without an engine, and who is not willing to be taxed to aid in its purchase.

THE TWENTY SECOND.—Don't forget to be on hand for the ball. All the arrangements are perfected for a grand time, and those who don't go or contribute to help the boys in their efforts to provide against similar scenes of Thursday morning, deserve to be set down in the catalogue of "failures." Help the enterprise by a few stamps, and you will feel the better for it.

MEDICINES.—The "Old Soldier," Dr. Murray, of Portland, called on us on Saturday last, and presented us with a bottle each of his Magic Oil and Lung and Liver balsam, both medicines of his own manufacture. The oil is a sure antidote to all kinds and shades of poisons, from the bite of a rattlesnake to the effects of poison oak; the balsam is used for all impurities of the blood, etc. Both medicines can be procured at G. F. Stetlemier's drug store.

RECEIVED.—The inside history of the Oregon Central Railroad Companies, with the reasons showing the Portland (or West Side Company) to be entitled to the U. S. land grant, a pamphlet of forty pages, has been received, and we shall take pleasure in carefully perusing it.

ERATUM.—In our article on the cultivation of flax, instead of \$40 per ton for straw, please read \$10, as that is all that flax straw at present commands. Mistakes will occur.

PERSONAL.—H. N. George, G. W. C. T., called on us Wednesday. He thinks Temperance at a low ebb in our city.

Albany Cemetery Association.

MR. REGISTER.—As the Albany Cemetery Association failed at its meeting on Friday of last week for want of a quorum to do the business for which it was called, perhaps it might be an item of interest to some of your readers to know the financial condition of the Association at the present time. When I was appointed Treasurer there was a debt balance for cleaning off Cemetery grounds, and for printing, of \$174 50, against the Association. That debt has been paid. There is \$71 16 now in the treasury, subject to be appropriated as the Board of Trustees may order, and the Association is free of debt. JOHN SMITH, Treas.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—The following transactions in real estate have transpired in this county since our last: Harvey Bonny to R. H. Duncan; 2 66.100 acres, North Brownsville—consideration, \$260.

Hiram Smith to M. C. Davis; interest in Harrisburg mill property—\$1,900. D. H. Pitman to John Moore; 1 acre, t 13 s r 2 w—\$40. D. Simons to M. Hodges; 150 acres, t 13 s r 1 w—\$600.

H. Fields to Cooley & Washburn; lot 1 in block 5, in Brownsville—\$15. H. Fields to J. H. Washburn and G. C. Cooley; east half of lot 1 in block 5, in Brownsville—\$10.

Joseph Earl to A. G. Marshall; about 134 acres in t 11 s r 3 w—\$2,500. A. G. Marshall to L. C. Marshall; about 134 acres in t 11 s r 3 w—\$2,500. S. C. Burkhardt to A. Payton; 124 acres—\$120.

M. F. Beeler to Wm. A. Paul; block 115, Seio—\$700. B. Robb to E. S. Altree; lot 5 in block 25, Albany—\$200.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—A lad named George Elliott, the son of Mr. J. M. Elliott, late a resident of this county, at present a resident of Mendocino county, California, accidentally shot himself with a pistol, in that county, on the 8th inst. The little sufferer, aged nine years, died in thirty hours after the accident.

AN ORPHAN.—By the fire on the morning of the 11th our "muck-a-muck" house was closed for the season, and we are thrown on to the cold charities of the world for our regular hash. Selah.

STORMY.—Probably the most terrific storm of the season passed over this valley on the afternoon and night of Tuesday last. The rain fell in torrents and the wind shook loose boards and signs up muchly.

PAST RECOVERY.—As we go to press we learn that James Redpath, of the firm of Harris & Co., of this city, is not expected to live. He has been sick for some days with typhoid fever. His wife is also seriously ill with the same disease.

EMIGRANTS.—We learn that Messrs. Woods and Rogers, old residents of Albany, (both first-class mechanics,) leave us soon, intending to pitch their tents at Olympia, W. T.

VALENTINES.—To-morrow is St. Valentine's day. Any valentines sent to the editor of this paper, with remarkably homely pictures onto 'em, will be vociferously frowned upon—you bet!

ABSENT.—Mr. J. B. Sprenger was absent from the city on the night of Thursday, having gone to Portland on Monday, but is expected back to-day or to-morrow.

PRESENT.—"Somebody" sent us some splendid fitting, bran new shirts, the present week. Thanks. We are full of "proud."

LETTERS.—For list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post Office at Lebanon, see to-day's issue.

LEGAL.—See administrator's notice of the estate of D. M. Bond, James Sherrill, administrator, and Russell & Elkins, attorneys.

NEW TO-DAY.

TUCKER'S CELEBRATED SPRING BEDS!

THE TUCKER SPRING BED IS SAID BY all who have used them to be the CHEAPEST and BEST now in USE.

We refer with confidence to all who have tried them. Read the following EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS: "Ebbit House, Washington, Dec. 5, 1866. TUCKER'S PATENT SPRING BEDS: 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. WILKARD. Metropolitan Hotel, Washington, Dec. 6, 1866. TUCKER'S PATENT SPRING BEDS: 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. For particulars address, E. CARTER & SON, ALBANY, OREGON. Dec. 26, 1868-16.

J. BARROWS & CO., ARE CONSTANTLY RECEIVING Fresh Supplies of NEW GOODS! DIRECT FROM San Francisco, which they will sell CHEAP FOR READY PAY! —THEY ALSO DO A— General Commission Business!

Legal Tenders BOUGHT AND SOLD Albany, Oct. 24, '68-7.

Flax Seed! Flax Seed! RARE CHANCE! PERSONS wishing to engage in the cultivation of FLAX the coming season, upon application at the office of Beach & Monteith, Albany, Oregon, will be furnished with the best variety of flax seed, on advantageous and easy terms.

Messrs. Beach & Monteith will contract with parties for all the seed raised by them next season. BEACH & MONTEITH. February 6, 1869-22.

For Sale. HOUSE AND FOUR LOTS! IN this city, a good new dwelling with all the necessary outbuildings, and four lots, about twenty minutes walk from the steamboat landing. For particulars inquire at the office of the P. T. Company, of J. B. MONTEITH. Albany, January 30, 1869-21.

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.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE, —CORNER OF— Front and Washington Streets, PORTLAND, OREGON. L. P. W. Quimby, Proprietor. (Late of the Western Hotel.)

THIS HOUSE is the most commodious in the State, newly furnished, and it will be the endeavor of the Proprietor to make his guests comfortable. Nearest Hotel to the steamboat landing. The Concord Coach will always be found at the landing, on the arrival of steamships and river boats, carrying passengers and their baggage to and from the boats free of charge. House supplied with Patent Fire Extinguishers.

Disolution 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. JOHN M. METZLER. Albany, January 9, 1869-18m1

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. DENNY, UNDERTAKER

Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of FURNITURE & CABINET WARE, MATTRESSES, ETC., Under the "States Rights Democrat," office, FIRST STREET, ALBANY.

P. W. SPINK & CO., (SUCCESSORS TO M. W. HACE.) 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, etc., &c., &c., from the best manufacturers, 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. Nov. 28, '68-12 P. W. SPINK & CO.

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, 1868-9.

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.

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, 1869-18m1

FURNING. -- TURNING. I AM PREPARED TO DO ALL KINDS OF TURNING! I keep on hand and make to order RAWHIDE-BOTTOMED CHAIRS, —AND— Spinning Wheels. Shop near the "Magnolia Mills." JOHN M. METZLER Albany, Nov. 28, 1868-12

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! —AT— 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

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. dec5'68-12

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