

A terrible fire is raging in the Rocky mountains back of Denver, destroying acres of valuable timber.

It is said that Seward's rheumatism in the arm was caused by hand-shaking and too great a flow of spirits.

Charles, a brother of Beecher, also a Reverend, is reported to have played a fiddle at the Peace Jubilee.

The health of Jeff. Davis is so poor that his return to this country is doubtful. He is at present in Paris.

During the election disturbances in Paris, a card was seen on a sign on the boulevard, announcing: "Windows to let for to-night's riot. Price, 20f."

The Mason House, Northampton, Massachusetts, has one patron who has boarded there, in the same room, without interruption for 25 years. Of course he is an old bachelor.

In his speech at Greenville, A. J. reminded his old neighbors that his first political office was Alderman of that village. Was this a hint that he was now free to occupy that post again?

A Memphis (Tenn.) jury, having found a man guilty of murdering a citizen who is alive and well, are deliberating whether to rescind their verdict or let the convicted man kill the citizen.

"Flibbertigibbet" is the title of a new English magazine that is announced for the avowed purpose of proclaiming war to the knife against humbug, snobbery, jobbery, corruption, sensationalism, extremes and extravagance.

A correspondent suggests that the inebriated person who proposed to escort his girl to see "Crossington Washing the Delaware," should do so on "Birthington's Washday."

The New York Times has heard from Washington of a Federal office for which there are six applicants—a bloomer woman, a loyal negro; a reconstructed rebel, a Republican Irishman, a wounded soldier and a red-hot politician.

John C. Breckinridge recently "thanked God for the old flag." The Detroit Advertiser says he has reason to, because under no other flag in the world would he go into a villainous rebellion for four years and come out unhung.

Latest Eastern papers say that in most of the States the yield of wheat will be good, though the heavy rains which have been reported in many sections may have greatly lessened the expected yield. A large deficiency in corn is looked for as certain.

On the 19th of April, information was received in London of the safety of Dr. Livingstone, the indomitable and undaunted African explorer. He had left Zanzibar, on the east coast of Africa, for England, intending to go via Egypt overland.

In a communication to the St. Louis Westliche Post, forty young Germans of Kansas City, Missouri, complain of a want of young women at the latter place, and insist marriageable, especially German, women to come there, promising to marry them right off.

There is in London a "Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs," in which unfortunate curs of all degrees are cared for. The report for 1868 states that during the five months of last year that the police regulations and arrangements with the "Home" were in force, 12,465 dogs were taken to the refuge.

In Queensland, what little tilling is required is done by the gentleman farmer's wife. While the lady is at work, her lord and master sits in a corner of the field, chewing sweet nuts. By his side is a big stick. If the husbandwoman is indolent, her old man gets up and whacks her.

BULLY FOR THE WID.—In Indiana a widow and widower, each with a large family, were married and united their households. At family prayers the old man asked a blessing on his own children, but did not refer to those of his wife, whereupon the lady rose and hit him over the head with a fire shovel, since which time he has made his petitions more general and inclusive.

The Marysville Appeal, one of the ablest Republican journals on the Pacific coast, has entered on its 20th volume. May it live a thousand centuries.

DECIDED.—Twenty-five States have ratified the Fifteenth Constitutional Amendment. Three-fourths of the whole number of States are required to ratify this Amendment to make it the supreme law of the land. There are thirty-seven States, therefore it will require the approval of twenty-eight of them. Three more States are requisite to make up the necessary number.—Rhode Island and Vermont will ratify it beyond a doubt, and as Virginia, Mississippi and Texas are required to ratify it as a condition precedent to their admission to Congress, with these three States the Amendment will have received two more than the required number, prior to the assembling of Congress in December next, when we may expect impartial suffrage to be proclaimed the supreme law of the land.

OREGON STATISTICS.—We have received from Salem a pamphlet of one hundred and twenty-eight pages, compiled by A. J. Dufur, Esq., and published at the expense of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, entitled, "Statistics of the State of Oregon; containing a description of its agricultural development, and natural and industrial resources, together with the physical, geographical, geological and mineral statistics of the State." The work has been compiled with great care and labor, from statements furnished by practical business men in various portions of the State, and can be relied upon as true in every particular. The circulation of this work in the Eastern States will greatly aid in disseminating needed information concerning climate, resources, etc., of our State.

INCREASE.—The vote for Delegate to Congress in Washington Territory, as officially reported for 1869, is 5,338; the vote of 1867 was 4,640, showing an increase in the two years of 698 voters.

GOLD DISCOVERIES.—New Gold diggings are announced to have just been discovered near Vancouver, W. T. The gold is coarse and heavy—said to be worth \$19 per ounce.

CHANGED HANDS.—The Portland Herald has changed hands lately, and for the better. T. Patterson & Co. now run that institution, and we notice a decided improvement in every department. Eugene Semple is editor, and W. H. Abbott, local.

SOMETHING NEW.—The newest thing under the sun is grafting potatoes. The mode of operation is to take two potatoes, one of each variety, the good qualities of which it is wished to combine. With a pocket knife cut all the eyes clearly out of one of them, and substitute in their place the eyes cut out of the other. The eyes to be inserted should be sprouted and cut of the same shape and size in the other potato; they are held in place by hair-pins, and bass matting or twine. The fit must be exact, and the rind of each must just meet. The grafted potatoes are then to be planted.

DEAD.—J. R. Watson, Esq., editor of the Territorial Republican, published at Olympia (W. T.), died suddenly at that place on the 8th inst. He was a young man of more than ordinary ability, and the Republican party of Washington Territory loses in him an able champion and an indefatigable worker.

HELPING PROVIDENCE.—The National Colored Executive Committee is of the opinion that "if it is a part of the providence of God to produce a new era in civilization, having its radiating point in our country," then more nigglers are necessary in office and other high places, or the thing cannot be done.

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.—A total eclipse of the sun will occur on the 7th of next August. It will be visible as a partial eclipse throughout the whole of North America. No total eclipse of the sun has been visible in any considerable portion of this country since 1834, and none will be visible after this year during the present century.

The Memphis Post says that the Tennessee Democracy "in casting about for a candidate for Governor, have made overtures to a popular colored clergyman to run for that office, hoping thereby to secure a portion of the colored vote from the Republican candidates. The Democracy are not napping."

The army worm is threatening Central Illinois, destroying whole fields of corn in Coles county; and chinch bugs are thick north of Charleston, and appearing in other places.

Fire at Corvallis

About two o'clock on the morning of Wednesday last, a destructive fire visited our sister city, Corvallis, destroying two entire blocks of buildings on the principal business street, causing a loss variously stated at from \$30,000 to \$75,000, on which there was an insurance of some \$16,000 to \$18,000. The burnt district comprises the block below (north of) the City Hotel on the east side of Main street and the block immediately opposite. The fire was first discovered in an empty building adjoining McConnell's saloon. We have heard no suggestion as to the origin of the fire. This is a dreadful blow to that flourishing little city, from which it will take her some time to recover.

Following is as complete a list of the parties who suffered losses by the fire, as we have been able to obtain at this date: Williams & Fisher, dry goods, insured for \$2,100; Stewart and Guirk's saloons, small insurance, on each; McConnell, saloon, insured for \$1,500; vacant house adjoining McConnell; Meidner, barber shop, small insurance; vacant building owned by Greenberry Smith; Masters & York, drugs, insured for \$4,000; Bidle & Co., drugs, no insurance, drugs saved; Holders, blacksmith shop; Simons & Kiger, livery stable, insured (just the day before) for \$2,000; Wells, livery stable; Hunt, saloon; Gearhart, blacksmith shop and dwelling, insured for \$2,000; McConnell's stable, no insurance.

The City Hotel caught fire three different times, but by great exertions on the part of citizens was saved, although damaged to a considerable extent.

Since writing the above, we are informed that the total losses will probably foot up \$75,000, upon which insurance had been effected in the sum of \$20,000, divided among the insurance companies as follows: Pacific, \$15,000; Union, \$4,000, and Phoenix, \$1,000.

INCIDENT INFIDELITY.—If Democracy, says the Marysville Appeal, is not a meaningless mummery, and not a glosy cloak for demagogism, then the Americans who are identified as Democratic partisans occupy a false and anti-Republican position. True Democracy, or Republicanism, invites all nations of the earth to come to our country and join the standard of self government. It knows no exclusiveness, and makes no distinctions between the human family. It proscribes no peoples' religious faith. If there is truth in the christian theory—if the New Testament is a true revelation—all men are equal among mankind, and all responsible to one common Head. Modern Democracy is inept infidelity.

THE MAGNIFICENT SOUTH.—It is stated that after last year's crop, with expenses paid, the south retained two hundred millions in gold. Furthermore it is announced that six hundred thousand dollars worth of manufacturing stock has been subscribed for a cotton mill at Columbus, Ga., and seventy-one others are in process of erection at Savannah and other points in the State for the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods. One factory at Augusta has a capital of six hundred thousand dollars, and last year turned out nearly six and a half million yards of cloth. The Arizona cotton factory, established in Claiborn parish, La., since the war, is now paying a net profit of twenty-four per cent. per annum. New Orleans is soon to have a cotton mill with ten thousand spindles. With these auspicious signs of prosperity before us, are we not warranted in proclaiming the South as magnificent? But she has sorely reached the threshold of her future wealth and grandeur, if her sons stop bothering themselves about politics and all put their shoulders to the wheel of the car fortune.

A PLEASANT FAMILY PARTY.—The N. Y. Herald, 12th instant, says:

A comprehensive family difficulty occurred in Cavendish Vt., the other day Mrs. Minerva Bent, after getting her husband Samuel's estate decided to her, got a divorce and tried to drive him out of the house. He held on to the lower part and brought a chancery action to recover his property. On Friday she fortified his house against him in his absence, barricaded doors and windows and formed herself, two sons and a daughter-in-law into a garrison. When Bent returned he was violently stoned, but smashed a door with his ax. His son George immediately cracked his head with a small boulder, his son Walker poured a pail of hot water upon him; his son's wife, Camelia, fired a revolver at him, and the row stopped. The next day the whole party, together with a drunken Frenchman who took part under the idea that it was a free fight, were arrested and bound over for trial.

[For the Albany Register.] Santiam Academy

Is located at Lebanon, about the center of Linn county. The building, which is large and commodious, was erected at a cost of eight thousand dollars. The surrounding scenery is most beautiful and the location healthy. The academic year, which closed on the 13th inst., has been a very prosperous one. At the closing exercises, on the evening of the 13th, the highest honors of the school were conferred on two young men who have completed the course of study prescribed.

The next session will commence on the first Wednesday in September, with additional facilities for acquiring a thorough education. A Commercial Course has been adopted for the benefit of those who wish to acquire a strictly business education.

We believe that this Institution now offers rare facilities to the youth for acquiring useful knowledge. Among these facilities is the

LIBRARY, which contains several hundred volumes of most choice reading matter, to which students have access under proper restrictions.

APPARATUS. The Academy owns complete Philosophical and Chemical apparatus; full sets of Wilson's Charts for object teaching; Cutter's Physiological Charts; Mattison's Astronomical Charts—Planetarium, Telluran Globe.

BOARDING. Arrangements have been completed by which young ladies can obtain board at low rates, in the family of the Principal, who occupies the Academy building. Young men can obtain rooms and board themselves at small expense.

The manners and general deportment of the students will be watched over by the teachers.

For further information address the Principal, W. D. W. Lebanon, July 22, 1869.

A NEW VIDEO.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The districts in the neighborhood of the Austro-Turkish frontier, which some years ago were infested by numerous hordes of brigands, have of late become the scene of frequent murders and acts of pillage, and the Austrian Government has ordered troops to be sent against the robber bands. Lazo Skundrich, one of the most celebrated and formidable of the brigand chiefs, who was for eighteen years the terror of the 'military frontier,' is now in the hands of the Austrian authorities. He gave himself up in 1865, after stipulating that 'neither himself nor his companions should be sentenced to death or imprisonment for life.' He was then employed, on the principle of 'set a thief to catch a thief,' as leader of the Austrian troops in their campaigns against the brigands; and he proved so successful in his new career that in a short time the country was almost cleared of robber bands. He was then tried in a civil court for his former offences, and was sentenced, together with his band, to eighteen years hard labor. As soon as it became known that he was in prison, however, the brigands again began to show themselves, and their operations have now become so formidable that the Government has decided to liberate Skundrich, and employ him as before, in the pursuit of his former comrades."

SHORT AS PEE-CRUST.—"Brevity is the soul of wit." The journeyman bakers of San Francisco take the palm; they met and said:

Resolved, That six days constitute a week's work.

Resolved, That twelve hours be constituted a day's work.

Resolved, That we demand weekly payments.

Resolved, That the standard of wages be as follows:

For last hands, \$15 per week; for peck hands, \$18 per week; foreman, \$24 per week; and jobbers shall receive \$1 per day addition. These wages are exclusive of board and lodging.

The Olympia papers say that fires are destroying vast quantities of timber, &c., in various portions of Washington Territory.

In Laporte county, Indiana, eighteen marriage licenses were issued in the month of April, and the Circuit Court for the same county granted twelve divorces.

On the 26th and 27th ultimo it was so hot in Suisun Valley (Cal.) that the bees of Peter Long was melted, drowning the bees, though the hives were ordinarily well sheltered.

Telegraphic Summary.

CHICAGO, July 17.—The Republican's special has positive information that Secretary Fish thoroughly endorses the scheme for the solution of the Cuban question by the Cubans purchasing the island for themselves, the United States endorsing the bonds for the purchase money. Information equally positive says that General Grant has declared his intention not to allow the iron-clads being built in this country for Spain to sail. The same special says responsible persons, representing the Government of San Domingo, have recently been to Washington to secure the aid of the Administration in their effort to negotiate annexation. They say this can be accomplished without the expenditure of money. They argue that the coffee and other products of the island will be more valuable to the United States than the products of Cuba. It is believed that the annexation of the island is only a question of time.

It is reported that the President is about to issue a neutrality proclamation, but the Chicago Tribune thinks it is not probable. Special dispatches from Minister Motley report his reception in the usual manner by the Queen, but failed to confirm the report that he had an unsatisfactory interview with Lord Clarendon, on the Alabama question. He says the British Government declines to release Col. Halpin or any other of the Fenians in whose behalf our Government made intercession.

MEMPHIS, July 16.—Captain George W. Gift leaves here next week for San Francisco and China direct, in the interest of the Arkansas Emigration Company, by whom he is provided with funds. If possible he will arrange for laborers in California, but designs visiting China at once.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—A tornado visited a portion of Clay and Lafayette counties, on Wednesday, doing a great amount of damage. In Lexington the Catholic church was wholly and the Presbyterian church partly unroofed. A number of private houses lost their roofs and were otherwise injured. Saw mills on the river were unroofed and chimneys knocked down. Similar damages were done at Dover, Waverly county. The corn and wheat fields, orchards and fences, throughout the country were seriously injured. Houses were torn to pieces. The devastation to the entire country is incalculable. In Clay county the storm was terrible. The wheat, corn, fruit trees, forest trees and fences went down before it. The country on its line of march is in ruin.

PACIFIC ROADS.—On the 19th ex-Senator Wade, of Ohio, had a long interview with Secretaries Cox and Boutwell, in regard to the Pacific roads. The substance of his conversation is that both companies have worked earnestly in pushing roads across the continent, and that both are still working with undaunted energy to bring the roads to the best possible condition. He recommended the immediate issue of the bonds still due the Union Pacific, to enable the company to keep a force at work the remainder of the season.

Ben. Wade applauds Secretary Boutwell's policy. He is sore over the result in Virginia. He thinks we ought to enter a wedge for the separation of Cuba from Spain. He says he will probably stump Ohio for Governor Hayes.

Advices from South America to June 23rd state that the revolution in Uruguay was increasing. The President had returned from Montevideo without hazarding an engagement with the insurgents.

CHICAGO.—According to a statement of the Chicago Tribune, 1,500 buildings will be erected in that city during the present season, at a cost of \$10,000,000.

It is said that John Russel Young is to become managing editor of the New York Commercial Advertiser.

"My dear," inquired a young wife of her husband, on his return from business, "have you seen the beautiful set of walnut furniture which the Smiths have bought?"

"Hem, no, my love; but I have seen the bill, and it quite satisfies me."

"Plantation Bitters" is what the Rhode Island papers call Sprague's speeches.

Chinamen are applying for admission to the public schools of Boise.

In England there is said to be an aquarium of performing fishes.

STATE ITEMS.

The Yellowjackets are eating up all the blackberries in Jackson county. "Umpqua Joe," of Rogue River, a half civilized Indian, and one of Fremont's party, on the 13th shot and killed a man named Morton. Cause—whisky. The Jacksonville Sentinel, from which we get the above items, says that a settler in Sam's Valley has found ten bee trees during the past month, some of them containing a large amount of honey. Last week a Mr. Tom Constant found and cut down a large tree, containing fully one hundred and fifty pounds of honey. A sweet neighborhood, that.

On the occasion of the recent visit of Bishop Morris to Jacksonville, while in the stage, riding between Canyonville and Croxton's, he was made the subject of brutal and vulgar jests by a person who rode in the stage with him. The Sentinel says that, "It is doubtful if indecency is admissible under any circumstances; but in presence of a minister of the gospel, when exhibited wantonly and with an insulting purpose, it reflects little credit on him who shows it. We feel sorry for a man so devoid of self-respect, as well as public decency, as to deliberately insult a clergyman of any denomination. The Stage Company might with propriety establish and enforce rules to stop blackguards from rubbing their slime on respectable people, while riding in their stages."

The State Teachers' Association will commence their annual session on the 27th inst., at Salem, and hold three days. The stages and the steamboats will charge but half fare on the occasion.

The Unionist says that a private letter from Washington states that the officers appointed in the Indian service in Oregon are to be retained.

Two dollars per day is said to be the ruling price for harvest hands in Polk county.

A nephew of Aaron Rose, of Douglas county, was killed on the 7th, while felling a tree. He had cut about half way through the tree, when it split, and a large splinter hit him on the head, killing him instantly.

At Oakland, on the evening of the 19th, the dwelling of George Mick's was destroyed by fire. The family had been gone all day. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The Salem folks are luxuriating on fresh ripe tomatoes.

The corn crop in Jackson county is reported as excellent, the dry weather not having affected it.

The Jacksonville News of the 17th has the following: Mr. Wm. C. Greenman arrived here from Goose Lake on Thursday last. He will remove to that valley, for permanent settlement, in about two weeks. The Goose Lake country is in a flourishing condition. Two stores have been established, and a steam saw-mill is being built in the valley. The Fourth was celebrated in an appropriate manner at Gen. Crook's ranch. No Indians are to be seen in the valley.

A party, consisting of some five or six families are preparing to visit the wonder of Oregon—Sunken Lake, or Lake Majesty, as it is sometimes called. One or two gentlemen will start for the Lake in a few days. Explorations will be made by boat and otherwise.

Bishop Morris, Episcopal minister, who preached in this place last Sunday, was engaged several days looking up a suitable lot upon which to erect a church and parsonage, the cost of which would be something near \$15,000.

FROZEN FACTS.—Besides the fact that ice is lighter than water, there is another curious fact about it which most persons do not know perhaps, namely, its purity. A lump of ice melted will become pure distilled water. When the early navigators of the frozen seas got out of water they melted fragments of those vast mountains of ice called icebergs, and were astonished to find that they yielded only fresh water. They thought that they were frozen sea water, not knowing that they were formed on the land, and in some way launched into the sea. But if they had been right, the result would have been all the same. The fact is, that water in freezing turns out of it all that is not water—salt, air, coloring matter and all impurities. Frozen sea water makes fresh water ice. If you freeze a basin of indigo water it will make ice as clear and as white as that made from pure rain water. When the cold is very sudden these foreign matters have not time to escape, either by rising or sinking, and are thus entangled with the ice but do not make any part of it.