The Albany Register.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1869.

INDIAN RAID.—Specials of the 3d announce an Indian raid on Sheridan, the western terminus of the Kansas Pacific Railroad.

RETAINED.—Hon. A. B. Meacham has been retained Superintendant of Indian Affairs, and will soon be in receipt of funds from headquarters. The agents at Grande Ronde and Siletz have also been retained. With these exceptions, the Indian agencies on this coast have been transfered to the military.

INSANE.—Dr. A. C. Loring, formerly member of the Legislature from Baker county, was placed in the Insane Asylum at East Portland on Saturday last. The Doctor once resided in Salem, but has been mining on Powder river for several years past.

NAME CHANGED.—S. A. Clarke, Esq., the new editor of the *Unionist* at Salem, has changed the name of the paper from *American Unionist* to *Oregon Unionist*. We observe considerable improvement mechanically in the number before us.

OCHOCO VALLEY.—The Dalles *Mountaineer* learns that new settlers are constantly arriving in this valley; that the entire length of the valley for twenty miles is already claimed; that Crooked river and its tributaries, for a distance of thirty miles from its mouth, is filled with settlers; and that two thousand head of cattle, and several thousand head of sheep, are now grazing in that vicinity.

CLOWNISH.—The daily morning papers of Portland pitch into the Coroner of Multnomah county rough shod because of his exclusion of their reporters from the inquest held over the body of A. D. Miller. The *Oregonian* quotes Hamlet onto him, and says: "We are not prepared to say that the Coroner derived his legal ideas from Shakspear's "first clown," but we are quite well satisfied that he did not get his authority for thus conducting a legal proceeding, quasi judicial in character, from the Oregon statutes."

McMINNVILLE.—A letter from Mcminnville informs us that only about four miles of the big ditch will be completed the present year, leaving fourteen miles to complete before it will be available for any purpose. The same letter states that times there are dull, and all improvements are indefinitely postponed—waiting the completion of the West-Side road to that place, which, the writer says, "*may* run here in ten years, and possibly never." They sadly need a railway on that side of the river, and we are still hoping that it will be built.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—Among other distinguished visitors from the East who have arrived in Portland during the week, we notice the name of Hon. Nathan Cole, Mayor of St. Louis, Hon. J. C. Orick, Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives, B. S. Pardee, correspondent of the New York *Times*, and several other merchants, etc., from the Eastern States, who are here on pleasure excursions, and to see and learn the character and resources of the Pacific coast. They are welcome.

HON. J. H. MITCHELL.—The Washington Territory journals speak in high commendation of the speech delivered by Hon. J. H. Mitchell, at Olympia, on the 4th of July. The speech, differing from all efforts of this character, portrays in truthful language the inducements held out by Washington Territory and the whole northwest coast to settlement and commerce. The speech is an able and interesting one, and does Mr. Mitchell great credit. It would be a first-class document to send East.

SHOULD BE CHANGED.—A month ago it was asserted that the public debt statement which appeared on the 1st of the present month, would probably show no reduction of the debt for July. But when the statement is published it is found that the debt is reduced some seven or eight millions of dollars—no mean sum, indeed. The disbursements during the month of July were unusually heavy. It is a cause of no little gratification that so considerable a reduction was made when none was expected. It is further stated that a still larger reduction may be looked for next month. The *Oregonian* remarking upon this state of facts, says: "The old maxim should be made to read hereafter—*Republican* honesty is the best policy.

State Teachers' Association.

The Oregon State Teachers' Association closed its session at Salem on Friday, the 30th ultimo. From a brief note from the Secretary, we learn that the session was interesting, instructive and well attended. The Secretary says: "The address of Hon. J. Quinn Thornton, on Ancient Literature and Modern Science, considered as means of mental culture, and the lecture of Dr. Rounds, President of the Wallamet University, on the union of Religious with Scientific Instruction, were masterly and conclusive." The officers for the ensuing year are: Hon. J. Quinn Thornton, President; Prof. T. M. Gatch, C. H. Mattoon, Esq., and Prof. E. P. Henderson, Vice Presidents; Prof. Clark Smith, Secretary; C. H. Mattoon, Esq., Treasurer; Professors O. S. Frambes, T. H. Crawford and Clark Smith, Executive Committee. The next meeting will be held at Portland, during the holidays—that is, between Christmas and New Year's day.

An American Atlantic Cable.

The telegraph cables at present connecting the two hemispheres across the Atlantic ocean, are wholly in foreign hands—their termini being on foreign territory, says the *Oregonian*. It is stated by Eastern journals that an American Cable Company is now in existence, composed of a number of wealthy financiers of this country, who have been engaged in working up a programme for a cable to proceed direct from New York City to Europe. For prudential reasons the European terminus is withheld from the public for the present. All the necessary financial arrangements have been made, and it is expected that the project will be advanced toward completion during the present year. This line, as we learn from the paper above quoted, will be worked with what are known in telegraphic circles as "sounder instruments"—that is, the alphabet is indicated by the galvanometer reflector system, as now used on cables, and can be operated three or four times as rapidly as can possibly be done by the present system. Two sets of these instruments were manufactured for this Company some time since, and have been thoroughly tested, both in America and Europe—in Europe through a circuit of 3,000 miles of insulated wire, and with the most perfect success. They are constructed on entirely new principles, and are so far wholly unknown to the public. It is expected that, by constructing a direct line from New York city, and working it on these improved plans, the Company will be enabled to do business at rates scarcely, if at all, in advance of the present rates on the American land lines.

Letter From Olympia.

OLYMPIA, July 24, 1869.

I stated in my last letter that John and I had concluded to try one more place before giving it up as a bad job, and I think now we have found a hole that fits us exactly. The place is Tumwater, two miles back of Olympia. It has a splendid water power—the only one on the Sound. There is already in operation a flouring mill, tub factory and tannery, and these concerns don't begin to use all the power, even in this dry time. We have announced to all that we intend to erect a sash and door factory, in connection with cabinet business, and that we are going to pitch in by hand, just to start the ball. We have rented a large wagon shop, owned by the son of the proprietor of Tumwater, at $8 per month—cheap enough. However, the young man would not feel it were he to give us the rent. His father is very wealthy—he gave, over a dozen years ago, $30,000 for the town site. The old gentleman hasn't an inch of land to sell to speculators, but is very reasonable in his prices to those who come here to settle. He and all the settlers think we can do well here. John gets a lot 60x120 feet for $50, on which he intends erecting a house for his brother's folks. We are bound to have a good lot for a shop, as I am sure we can never get it cheaper than now. If we had a "sticker" to get out sash, door stuff and moldings, we would be made. Moldings such as Wright & Althouse get up would sell well here, and Rogers tells me they would sell rapidly at Seattle. * * * Tinker, the painter, is here, runs a shop and has all the work he can do. Andrews, the stone cutter, is here, and many others I have seen elsewhere, all waiting to see the cars—but at Tumwater they don't expect the "terminus," and that is the place for me. Yours, ***.

STATE ITEMS.

Hon. A. B. Meacham furnishes the *Willamette Farmer* with the following items from Eastern Oregon:

In Grand Ronde Valley the crops will fall short at least one-half on former years. The farmers will be fortunate if they get enough to feed on during winter and seed next spring.

At the Umatilla agency the crops are a failure, and the Indians are fishing, hunting, and gathering roots for winter.

The Indians predict a very severe winter.

In Walla Walla valley (W. T.) crops are very short and the vegetation is drying up.

The fruit crop east of the mountains will be abundant.

The Burnt River Ditch Company has placed one hundred Chinamen at work to complete their ditch to Shasta creek mines.

The people in Eastern Oregon are organizing for the purpose of going before the next Congress and asking for a branch railroad from Promontory Point to the Columbia river.

Chicago runners are in Boise City offering goods for greenbacks at Portland coin rates.

John Haley's stage line is now making four-day time from Umatilla to Indian creek, on the C. P. R. R.

The last number of the Oregon City *Enterprise* informs us of the retiracy of D. C. Ireland as editor and proprietor. The *Oregonian* is informed that Mr. D. M. McKinney will assume control of the paper, and that its politics will be Democratic.

The Eugene *Journal* states that Hon. J. H. D. Henderson has growing in his garden several fine young fig trees, upon which there are quite a number of figs. The trees are about four years old, and seem to be in a flourishing condition.

The Jacksonville *News* says:

Last week flour advanced from two dollars per hundred—its ruling price for years—to three dollars per hundred, and will probably go up to four dollars. The short crop of wheat, and a lack of water to run the mills, has caused the rise.

The Wasco County Fair will commence on the 15th of September, and continue four days. The first two days will be devoted to the exhibition of articles of produce, manufacture, stock, etc., and the last two days to "agricultural trots"—trials of speed and bottom.

The Corvallis *Gazette* says there are over thirty farmers in Alsea Valley. The fall crops in the valley are reported good, spring crops light. The first thresher had just been taken into the valley by Russell & Holgate.

The editor of the Polk County *Times* speaks of being at a camp meeting of the M. E. Church, near Ellendale, last Sunday evening, and denounces the disgraceful conduct of a parcel of young men, from seventeen to twenty-five years of age, who made night hideous with their profanity, obscenity, blasphemy, and lawlessness, such as would have disgraced a prize fight. "Card playing was carried on during service under the pulpit and alongside the enclosure that surrounds the altar. Wrestling and gymnastic exercises were kept up incessantly within fifty feet in front of the pulpit, and other shameful performances that we don't care to mention, and all during the progress of divine service," and "when the meeting broke up, the scene of demoniac recklessness and blasphemous shouts that ensued, were actually appalling." If the editor has not overdrawn the picture, that quarter of Polk county is fast approaching barbarism.

The Portland *Commercial*, an evening paper, now employs two reporters, Charley Skidmore being the new quill-driver. Bully for Charley.

From the *Oregonian* we learn that on last Sunday a man named Claiborne Morris, the man who shot Cull Hess some few weeks since, was waylaid and killed while riding on horseback in Chehalem valley, Yamhill county. The shot came from the bushes at some distance from the road. No clue to the shootist.

Adolph Miller, a drayman of Portland, died very suddenly on the 2nd. He had, a few hours previous to his death, an altercation with Col. Gibson, and it is said the Col. administered two or three blows on the neck of deceased. A coroner's jury found that Miller came to his death from a disordered condition of the aorta, a large artery near the heart, which would eventually have terminated in death, even without external violence. Miller was insured in the New England Life Company for $5,000.

The catalogue for the Portland Academy and Female Seminary, for the year 1869, is at hand. The Institution during the past year has been under the following corps of teachers: T. M. Gatch, Principal, Teacher of Latin and Natural Sciences; Thomas H. Crawford, Principal of Commercial Department, and Teacher of Mathematics; Emily J. York, Preceptress, Teacher of English Grammar, and French; Carrie E. Jeffers, Primary Department; Jos. E. Sedlak, Teacher of Instrumental Music. Since the year 1859 there has been 29 persons graduated. The average number of scholars enrolled is, males 142; females, 111—total 253.

Telegraphic Summary.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The President inquired when the Conservstive Republicans would nominate their candidates in Mississippi, and when he was informed it would probably be about the first of September, he replied that he would see what kind of a ticket they would put in the field. His action would be influenced more or less by subsequent events and the course of affairs in the South. He added that he desired the payment of the public debt to be insured, and the integrity and honor of the nation to be rendered inviolate. When this is accomplished he will be satisfied.

Several prominent members of Congress recently in Washington, have expressed themselves in favor of collecting the income tax on Government bonds held in Europe, to be deducted on presentation of the coupons at the Treasury Department. They assert that it would be just to holders who now pay a tax which foreigners thus far have escaped. A bill is already prepared for this purpose, and will be introduced immediately after the meeting of the next session.

A special says there is semi-official authority for stating that the rumored removal of Gen. Canby to Mississippi and his supercedence by McDowell, is untrue. In relation to the administration of the test oath, it is understood Canby will be guided by instructions from General Sherman, who has the entire reconstruction of affairs under his control by law.

NEW YORK, August 2.—The *Herald* says it has been rumored at Washington that belligerent rights will be accorded to Cuba by our Government in ten days. Bets to that effect are offered. The rumor, however, has no foundation. The Cuban question has been before the Cabinet at least three weeks.

HAVANA, August 2.—It is reported that two slavers landed their cargoes on Wednesday last.

Five thousand negro insurgents attacked Puerto Principe, making a general raid through the city. The Spanish to the number of four thousand attacked them. A severe struggle ensued, in which the ground was contested inch by inch. The insurgents retreated in perfect order, having achieved the object for which they made the raid. They captured and destroyed provisions valued at fifty thousand dollars, and made good their escape. The Spaniards do not give any estimate of the patriot loss. Their own was four wounded. They were taken to the barracks. There is great dearth of provisions and consequently great misery in Santiago. A patriot band, which had been attacking plantations for some time past, defeated Spanish reinforcements that were sent to meet them. Col. Commos, commanding the Spanish forces, was wounded. It is stated that as soon as preparations are completed, the patriots will positively attack Santiago

The negro militia that made the raid on Puerto Principe enabled a number of families to escape from the Spanish. The investment of Puerto Principe is now expected. Sales of confiscated property take place at auction. It is suggested that the police make a requisition of the slaves of disloyal masters. More troops are demanded from the interior. The insurgents are increasing in numbers and activity.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—The public debt statement shows a reduction of indebtedness for the month of July of $7,435,744; coin in Treasury, $66,645,770; coin certificates, $3,672,584; currency in Treasury, $23,391,654; sinking fund, $11,932,147. The reduction is less than was indicated some days ago, for the reason that there had been advanced to the Pacific Railroad Company the interest on bonds, amounting to $636,861, making the total reduction over nine millions. In addition to this there was an excessive amount of warrants paid on Saturday, amounting to upwards of two and a half millions.

The statement shows the total debt less cash and sinking fund in the Treasury, and purchased bonds, to be $2,431,565,738 29.

ST. LOUIS, August 2.—The excitement at Pekin, Illinois, in regard to the killing of a Deputy Sheriff last fall while he was attempting to arrest two horse thieves, culminated yesterday, when a crowd from the country burst into the jail and took the leader, Gammon, and hung him to a tree. He some way gained possession of a clasp knife and cut several of the lynching party, one so badly that he will not recover. It was thought some more of the gang would be hung.

TWENTY YEARS.—Colored rioters, who interfered to prevent consevrative negroes from voting at the recent elections at Washington, have been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

DESTROYED.—Lately, a town on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, named Dayton, was destroyed by a storm, leaving the people houseless.

The Prince of Wales is the President of the Association which proposes a monument to Faraday.

THE BIG OX.—The big ox, named by his owner "Mt. Hood," on account of his color and size, is at present on exhibition in this city. He is a whopper, and no mistake, probably the largest ox on the continent to-day. He stands seventeen hands three inches in highth, girths nine feet one inch, weighs about 3,000 pounds, and is seven years old. It is thought by good judges that his weight could easily be brought up to 4,000 pounds. He is an immense beast, well proportioned, and shows what Oregon can do in the way of huge cattle when she lets herself out. He was raised in Umatilla county, and is part Durham and part Maury stock—the latter "blood" originating in this State. The cost of admission to see this fine animal is but a trifle, and none should lose the opportunity. Mt. Hood was raised by his exhibitor, Mr. F. M. Morris, who proposes to devote the proceeds of his exhibition to taking him to New York and other Eastern cities, to give the Yanks a sight at a genuine Oregon production. Go and see Mt. Hood to-day.

GRAIN RECEIPTS.—Wheat has been coming in rather slowly during the week. Our report is up to Thursday night, and is as follows: J. H. Foster & Co., about 6,000 bushels; Beach & Monteith, 4,041 bushels and 58 pounds; R. Cheadle, 250 bushels; S. S. Markham & Son, 1,190 bushels; A. Cowan & Co., 3,500 bushels—making a grand total of 14,981 bushels and 58 pounds.

REMOVAL.—Messrs. P. C. Harper & Co, have removed their elegant stock of dry goods, etc., to the fire-proof brick on First street, formerly occupied by Messrs. Mansfield & Co., where they invite old and new customers to call and price their goods. They are very reasonable boys to trade with.

PERSONAL.—Bro. Carter, of the Corvallis *Gazette*, dropped in on us on Monday.

Tony Noltner, Esq., of the Portland *Herald*, visited us on Wednesday. Tony is on the "recreate."

Mr. Tompkins, who has been traveling through the Eastern States for the past eighteen months, an old resident of Albany, returned to his old home on last Thursday.

THE ECLIPSE.—The total eclipse of the sun is advertised for to-day. Look out for a dark time. It will transpire about several o'clock, and continue until the show is over. Admittance free. To commence at 1.27 and end at 3.40 this P. M. Get your "smoked glass" ready.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT.—The Atlantic Cable brings news dated Dresden, August 3d, of a dreadful accident that happened on the 2d at Dresden. Over three hundred persons were killed outright in a coal mine. The accident is attributed to stormy weather.

KENTUCKY ELECTION.—The returns indicate the success of the Democratic candidates for the Legislature, with the exception of fifteen or twenty. A good deal of fighting occurred in Louisville, firearms being freely used, but no lives lost.

The verdict of the jury, in the case of Adolph Miller, at Portland, acquits Colonel Gibson of all blame in the former's death.

BIG ELK.—Our clever cotemporary, the Vancouver *Register*, says that an elk weighing eight hundred pounds and measuring sixteen and a half hands in hight, was killed recently a short distance north-east of that city.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Vallandigham, of Ohio, has donned his "fighting clothes" and is screeching against Rosecrans throughout the State.

Rev. C. Gibson, for ten years a missionary in China, lectured recently in Portland on the subject of—"Chinese at Home, and why they are here." His lectures are said to be very instructive and entertaining.

R. W. Raymond, U. S. Commissioner of Mines, now in California, is expected to visit this State shortly, to return East via Idaho.

The census of Wyoming Territory foots up a total population of 8,800.

The grain crop in Boise valley is reported the most abundant ever harvested.

A New Orleans widow of fifty years has eloped with a youth of two and twenty. A family of two married daughters and a son objected to the match.

Illinois has 92 cities, varying in size from the mighty Chicago to the petty village whose poll list contains but 157 names.