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November 26, 1870-12v3y

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KELSAY & HANNON,

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OFFICE—In Post Office Building, (up stairs). Albany, Linn county, Oregon. 9tfv3

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MERCHANT TAILOR,
ALBANY, OREGON.

JUST RECEIVED, A LARGE AND WELL selected stock of French Goods, consisting of Cassimeres, Beavers and Doeskins, and all manner of Fancy Goods of the best quality.

☞ Suits made to order.
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GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS MADE TO ORDER on short notice, and with neatness and dispatch.

☞ All Kinds of Repairing Done.
Albany, June 11, 1870-40

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PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Albany, - - - - - - Oregon,

OFFICE—ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN Street.
Albany, April '70.-32

N. S. DuBois,

CONSTANTLY on hand and receiving, a large stock of

Groceries and Provisions,

Wood and Willow Ware, Tobacco, Cigars, Confectionery, Yankee Notions, &c., &c., Wholesale and Retail, opposite R. C. Hill & Son's drug store, Albany, Oregon. jo40'70

W. J. HILTABIDEL. D. ANDREWS.

Hiltabidel & Co.,

DEALERS IN GROCERIES AND PROvisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Confectionery, Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Notions, etc. First street, adjoining the Bank, Albany, Oregon. v1

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JAMES A. WARNER,
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IS PREPARED TO DO SURVEYING AND Engineering. Uses improved Solar Compass. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Residence on 4th St., opposite Dr. Tate's residence, Albany Oregon. n19-6m

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GEO. W. GRAY, D. D. S.,

WOULD SOLICIT THE PATRONAGE of all persons desiring ARTIFICIAL TEETH and FIRST CLASS DENTAL operations. Nitrous Oxide administered for the painless extraction of teeth, when desired. Charges moderate.

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10,000 BUSHELS OF OATS, for which the highest market price will be paid, in CASH, at the store of

N. S. DU BOISE.

Also, Butter and Eggs, in unlimited quantity, for which the highest market price will be paid in cash. Call and see me.
Albany, Aug. 20, 1870-50

$20.00 A DAY!
TO MALE AND FEMALE AGENTS

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—$25 00—

BUCKEYE SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE!

STITCH ALIKE ON BOTH SIDES, and is the only licensed shuttle sewing machine in the United States, sold for less than $40, to use the celebrated Wilson feed, and are acknowledged by all to be the best family machine for light or heavy sewing, in the market. Outfit free. Address, MINER & PEARSON, Gen. Agts., Albany, Oregon.
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BANKING

—AND—

EXCHANGE OFFICE,

ALBANY, OREGON.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED SUBJECT TO check at sight.

Interest allowed on time deposits in coin.

Exchange on Portland, San Francisco and New York for sale at lowest rates.

Collections made and promptly remitted.

Refers to H. W. Corbett, Henry Failing, W. S. Ladd.

☞ Banking hours from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. ☜
Albany, February 1, 1871.22v3

C. MEALEY

DEALER IN & MANUFACTURER OF

FURNITURE!

—and—

CABINET WARE!

Bedding, Etc.,

Corner First and Broad Albin streets,

ALBANY, OREGON.

☞ PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO ☜

ORDERS OF ALL KINDS

in his line

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GEO. F. SETTLEMIER,

DRUGGIST.

(Successor to D. W. Wakefield,)

Parrish's New Building, First Street.

ALBANY, OREGON.

—DEALER IN—

Drugs and Medicines,

CHEMICALS,

PAINTS. OILS, GLASS, ETC.

All articles warranted pure and of the best quality.

Physicians Prescriptions carefully compounded
Albany, Oct. 17, 1868-6tf

LIVERY, FEED & SALE STABLES!

ALBANY, OREGON.

MONTGOMERY & BARTGES,

PROPRIETORS.

WE ARE PREPARED TO FURNISH the public with neat turnouts in the way of

Stylish Buggies & Carriages

—AND—

Fast Stock!

On the most reasonable terms. Our livery is all new and of the latest styles, and we shall take pride in giving our patrons as neat and reliable an outfit as can be obtained in the State.

Horses boarded at reasonable rates, by the week or month.

Hacks and Carriages furnished for parties, &c.

A share of public patronage is solicited.

MONTGOMERY & BARTGES.
Albany, December 17, 1870-15

CARD.

THE NEW ENGLAND MUTUAL LIFE Insurance Company of Boston is the only company on this coast, governed by the

Massachusetts Non-Forfeiture Law.

This company was incorporated A. D. 1835, and has accumulated assets of over $900,000 00.

The following lapsed policies have been paid on this coast under this law:

No. of policy.	Over due at time of death.	Amt. insured.
13054	6 months.	$ 5,000
33016	4 months.	10,000
38256	3 months.	1,000
29166	10 days.	2,500
36559	11 months	5,000

Had the above policies been in any other company, they would have been forfeited.

The above facts speak for themselves, and to the wise and prudent fuether comment is unnecessary.

EVERSON & MIDDLEMISS,
GENERAL AGENTS, : : SAN FRANCISCO.

L. FLINN,

Local Agent, : : Albany, Oregon.
February 25, 1871-25y

TURNING. - - TURNING.

RAWHIDE CHAIRS. SPINNING WHEELS.

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. 8, 1868-1

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—THE—

"REMBRANDT!"

Is the most popular style of Photograph now made. Call and see. A. J. WINTER,
Jan. 14-19] Albany, Oregon.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO STORE!

CORNER FIRST AND FERRY STREETS,

ALBANY.....OREGON.

Keeps constantly on hand a full assortment of

STOVES, PUMPS & TINWARE!

I will have for sale the celebrated

Diamond Rock

cook stove, and other leading styles.

—Also, manufacture all kinds of—

Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Ware,

in the best style, at lowest rates,

FOR CASH or COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Always on hand a full supply of

The Purest Wines and Liquors,

for Medicinal purposes only.

A well selected stock of

Groceries and Crockery!

will always be found at my establishment.

I will sell all goods in my house, for Cash or Produce on delivery, cheaper than ever before offered in this market.

☞ All kinds of repairing done, on short notice, and entire satisfaction warranted, at my Stove and Tin Store.

JULIUS GRADWOHL.
Nov. 19-11

BUILDERS, ATTENTION

SASH, BLIND AND DOOR

FACTORY!

S. H. ALTHOUSE. N. WRIGHT. J. F. BACKENSTO.

ALTHOUSE & CO.,

LYON STREET, (ON THE RIVER BANK),

ALBANY, : : : OREGON.

KEEP ON HAND A FULL ASSORTMENT, and are prepared to

Furnish to Order,

Doors, Blinds, Sash,

and

MOLDINGS,

—such as—

Crown, Panel, Band, and Section Mold of all sizes.

WINDOW AND DOOR FRAMES!

Flooring, Siding,

and all other kinds of

Building Material!

—ALSO—

Are prepared to do MILL WORK; furnish Shaker Fans, Zigzag Shakers, Suction Fans, Driving Pulleys, of any kind, at our Factory on Lyon street, (on the river bank), next below Markham's warehouse.

ALTHOUSE & CO.
Albany, February 0, 1869- 4

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.
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Fire! Fire! Fire!

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine!"

UNION

Fire and Marine Insurance Company!

Nos. 416 and 418, California street,

San Francisco, - - - California.

STOCKHOLDERS INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE

Cash Capital, in Gold Coin, $750,000.

Deposit in Oregon, $50,000.

Losses Promptly and Equitably Adjusted And Paid in Gold Coin.

THIS COMPANY having complied with the laws of Oregon, by making a deposit of fifty thousand dollars, is now prepared to effect insurance against Loss or Damage by Fire, and also against Marine and Inland Navigation risks, on liberal terms.

GUSTAVE TOUCHARD, Pres.
CHAS. D. HAVEN, Sec'y.

J. C. MENDENHALL,
Agent for Albany.
Albany, 1871-13

ALBANY BOOK STORE.

ESTABLISHED IN 1856.

E. A. FREELAND,

DEALER IN EVERY VARIETY OF Miscellaneous Books, School Books, Blank Books, Stationery, &c. Books imported to order at short notice.
Albany, Oregon, December 3, 1870.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CITY DRUG STORE.

A. CAROTHERS. R. SALTMARSH.

A. CAROTHERS & CO.,

DRUGGISTS & APOTHECARIES,

(Foster's Block, First street),

ALBANY, : : : : OREGON,

DEALERS IN

Drugs, Chemicals, Medicines,

PAINTS, OILS, DYE-STUFFS,

GLASS,

TOILET GOODS,

French and American Colognes,

HANDKERCHIEF EXTRACTS,

CONFECTIONERY.

Pure Wines & Liquors,

for medicinal purposes.

Fine Tobacco and Cigars.

☞ Physician's Prescriptions and Family Recipes compounded with care.
December 31, 1870-17

Discriptive List

—OF—

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE

—BY—

STITZEL & UPTON,

Real Estate Dealers, Albany, Ogn.

CITY OF ALBANY:

Lot 3, block 6—Good house.
Lots 3 and 4, " 2—unimproved.
Lots 1, 2, 7, 8, " 19—Good house and stable.
Lots 5 and 6, " 2—Good house.
Lots 5 and 6, 130— " "
Lots 1, 2 and 3, " 6—house and two stables.
9 Lots " 60— " " "
[Plenty of excellent fruit—a desirable homestead]
Lots 6 and 7, " 24—Good house.
Lot 1, " 14— " "
Lot 8, " 14— " "
Lots 2 and 3, " 3— " " and stable.
3 Lots " 44— " " "
Lot 7, 105— " " "
Lot 4, " 3— " " "
Lots 3 and 4, 20— " "
6 Lots " 16— " " "
9 Lots " 60—unimproved—cheap.
Lots 3 and 4, " 5— " desirable lots.
Lot 4, 118—box house.

7½ acres good timbered land, one mile from Albany, in Benton county.

Ten Homestead Lots, 6 acres each, ½ mile north of Albany Ferry, at $120 each.

For particulars apply to

J. C. MENDENHALL,
Real Estate Agent,
Office in Parrish Brick, Albany, Oregon. [40

NEW FIRM.

W. H. KUHN & CO.,

Having just received a Large and well selected Stock of

HARDWARE,

SUCH AS

FARMER'S & MECHANIC'S TOOLS

CONSISTING OF

ANVILS, VICES, BELLOWS,

Hammers, Hammers, Sledges, Sledges,

Saws, Saws, Saws, Planes, Planes, Planes,

Cross-Cut and Mill Saws,

Together with a large assortment of

IRON AND STEEL

Nails, Nails, Nails, Springs, Springs, Springs,

Axles, Thimble-Skeins, Bolts, &c., &c.

Also, a well Selected Stock of

Wagon Timber,

SPOKES, HUBS, BENT RIMS, SHAFTS, POLES, HICKORY AXLES, ETC.,

All of which we are now offering to the public at low rates. As we make the business a specialty, we can and will keep a better assortment at lower prices than any house in this city.

Receiving and opening a large and splendid assortment of

WOOD AND WILLOW WARE,

Which we offer at reduced rates.

W. H. KUHN & CO.
In the Monteith Fire-proof Brick, First-st.
March 12.-70-27

H. C. CLEMENT,

PAINTER.

ALL KINDS OF PAINTING, GRAINING and paper-hanging. Walls colored and whitened. Orders promptly attended to.

Shop over Adams' Wagon Factory. 31v3

SETTLEMIRE'S NURSERY,

Six miles South of Albany, Linn Co.,

Near the Railroad.

I SOLICIT THE ATTENTION OF ALL persons desiring to purchase Fruit Trees to call and examine my stock, which is composed of the largest and best selection in the State, consisting of Apples, Pears, Cherries, Plums, Prunes, Grapes, Black Berries, Currants and Roses.

Also,

Black and White Walnut, English Walnut, Hickory, Pecan, Redbud, Honey Locust, Hackberry,

and a number of other varieties of trees and plants too numerous to mention, all of which are offered at low rates. HENRY W. SETTLEMIRE.
December 17, 1870-15

CITY MARKET,

FIRST STREET, ALBANY, OREGON,

J. L. HARRIS. G. B. HAIGHT.

J. L. HARRIS & CO.,

PROPRIETORS. We shall endeavor to always keep on hand a full supply of all

Kinds of Meats!

all of which will be of the very best quality.

The highest market price paid for Beeves, Hogs and Sheep.

Third door west of Ferry, on south side of First street. J. L. HARRIS & CO.
Albany, Dec. 15, 1870-15

NEW TO-DAY.

MRS. VANVACTOR,

DEALER IN MILLINERY AND FANCY Goods, Lebanon, Oregon, has just received an elegant invoice of stock and goods to which she invites the attention of the ladies of Lebanon and vicinity.

☞ Produce will be taken in exchange for goods. E. VAN VACTOR.
May 13, 1871-36*3

J. D. TITUS,

Dealer in

WATCHES,

CLOCKS, JEWELRY, ETC.

☞ Repairing of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, &c., attended to. All work warranted. 31v3

A BARGAIN OFFERED!

A Slendid Drug Business for Sale.

WISHING TO RETIRE FROM ACTIVE business, owing to protracted ill-health, the undersigned offers his large and flourishing

DRUG ESTABLISHMENT

in this city for sale at a low figure for CASH. Apply soon, if you want a bargain, to

GEO. F. SETTLEMEIR,
Albany, Oregon.

☞ Daily Oregonian copy one month and send bill to this office. ☜ 27

Notice.

GREATER INDUCEMENTS!

Now offered to the trade than ever before, as we sell for

Cash or Trade!

In hand, and having dispensed with long credits can sell

15 per cent cheaper

Than any house giving 12 month's time, or any kind of a credit system, can offer to the trade. Come along with your Cash or Produce, and see what you can do at the CASH STORE of

R. CHEADLE & CO.

N. B. Cash paid for all the EGGS offered.

A Great Bargain.

THE FARM KNOWN AS "FARMOUNT Lake" is offered for sale at $10,000 in coin—$4,000 in hand, and the remainder in six equal annual payments, with interest from date. The tract is in good shape, being nearly a square, containing about 660 acres of rich soil; and is diversified with forests vast, fair lawns, lordly oaks, and willows sitting by the lake, the woodland and prairie so alternating as to make it one of the most attractive places in the State. It is situated on the west side of the Willamette river, within half a mile of Albany, which is known as being in the heart of the best agricultural portion of Oregon. The location is healthful. It has a good stone quarry, about 100 acres under fence, a two-story frame barn with shedding 90 feet square; a large and handsome new house two-stories high, thoroughly painted inside and out, the large cupboards and book-cases being fixtures, and the house having under its whole length a good dry cellar. In addition to these there is a neat well-house, a wood-house and all other necessary out-houses. There is a meadow, large pasture, orchards, garden, &c., &c. It is susceptible of being divided into four farms, all of them having good soil, fuel and rail timber, and three of them having stock-water.

For particulars address J. C. Mendenhall, Esq., Albany, or the undersign at Portland.

J. QUINN THORNTON.
Feb. 14th, 1871—24v3. Attorney at Law.

PACIFIC

FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY,

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Total Assets..... (Gold) $1,777,266.63

J. HUNT, President.
WM. ALVORD, Vice President.
A. J. RALSTON, Secretary.
A. BAIRD, Marine Secretary.

☞ The leading Fire and Marine Insurance Company on this coast.

☞ $50,000 deposited in Oregon.

☞ Losses Promptly and Equitably adjusted and paid in Gold Coin.

LADD & TILTON, Gen. Agents
For Oregon and Washington Territory.

JOHN CONNER, Agent,

ALBANY, OREGON.
March 4, '71-26y

NOTICE!

IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT I HAVE opened a

Livery and Feed Stable!

in the town of LEBANON, where I will be constantly on hand to attend to the wants of the people.

I will run a hack from Albany to Lebanon and Soda Springs, on Saturday of each week.

All business entrusted to my care will be promptly attended to.

W. B. DONACA.
Lebanon, Sept. 10, 1870 1v3m3

Potatoes! Potatoes!

500 BUSHELS POTATOES JUST RECEIVED and in store, for sale at $1 25 per bushel, by N. S. DUBOIS.
March 11, 1871-27tf

Patronize Home Manufactures!

BROOMS

At Portland Prices!

HAVING GONE LARGELY INTO the manufacture of

ALL GRADES OF BROOMS!

I am prepared to furnish the Oregon public with as good a broom as can be obtained on the coast, at Portland prices. Orders solicited.

Address all orders to BLAIN, YOUNG & CO., General Agents, Albany, Oregon.

W. D. BELDING.
Albany, December 3, 1870-13v

ALBANY BATH HOUSE.

THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD RESPECTfully inform the citizens of Albany and vicinity that he has taken charge of this establishment, and, by keeping clean rooms and paying strict attention to business, expects to suit all those who may favor him with their patronage. Having heretofore carried on nothing but

First-Class Hair Dressing Saloons,

he expects to give entire satisfaction to all.

☞ Children and Ladies' hair neatly cut and shampooed. JOSEPH WEBBER.
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Notice!

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY WARNED not to trust my son, Jacob P. Martin, minor, as I will not be responsible for any debts of his contracting from and after this date.

SELVIA MARTIN.
Harrisburg, Or., May 19, 1871-26.

The Albany Register.

The Price of Land in Oregon.

We find in conversing with parties from the Eastern States, who daily visit our office, that the present price at which land is held in Oregon, is above what they expected to find it when they started to this country, and some think above its real value. Now, we are not surprised at this state of things. It is just what we were expecting; it is the legitimate result of the system of over rating everything connected with Oregon, which has been practiced for the last few years, by parties interested in getting up a large emigration to this country, that they might profit thereby, regardless of the real interests of the country. Men in the Atlantic States have been led to believe that our best lands could be purchased at from $5 to $15, per acre; that plenty of government land could be obtained in favorable localities upon government terms, all of which they find, when they arrive here, to be untrue; and is it strange that "they become disgusted," as some of our local papers say they have done, in some cases, "at the high price of our lands?" We think not.

But is it true that our lands in Oregon are too high? Is it not just possible that these gentlemen, although disappointed in finding matters just as they expected to find them, are yet mistaken when they say our lands are now held above their real value? Let us look at this matter calmly a few moments, and see if this be really true. Improved lands in Linn county are now held at from $4 to $30 per acre, as per location, quality of lands, improvements, &c. Now take a farm which we hold for sale at $30 per acre, containing 392 acres. This farm would cost $11,760. 200 acres of this farm is in cultivation, the balance, 192 acres, in pasture, orchard, &c. Now let a man purchase this farm, put the 200 acres in wheat, and suppose it yield, 20 bushels to the acre, he would have 4,000 bushels; then suppose he sells at 75 cts per bushel, he will realize $3,000 for his crop, and in four years he will have $12,000, or $240 more than the whole farm cost him, saying nothing about what the orchard, pasture, dairy, chickery, garden, &c., might yield above the family expenses. But add to this calculation another year, and say that it takes five years to pay for his farm, which is clearly a safe calculation, and is this land too high at $30 per acre? We think not. If a man can buy a good $12,000 farm and make the money to pay for it in five years, and have the farm left, greatly enhanced in value at the end of five years, it seems to us he ought to be satisfied; and there is no vague speculation in this calculation—the thing can be done. This is not an extravagant calculation, neither is this an extraordinary farm. We have several such for sale, that a man can purchase at the price demanded, and pay for them out of the proceeds of the farm, in three to five years, provided he has most of the required labor within himself or under his own control; and if wheat was to remain at its present price, he could hire the work done—and we do not expect ever to see wheat as low in Albany as it has been in years past. We were then dependent entirely upon the Willamette river as our avenue to market, and that controlled by a monopoly, and always at its lowest stage of water during the latter part of summer and early fall, so that our wheat must necessarily go to the garner and remain locked up, while the other sections of the country were taking the cream of the market. But that day has passed. We now have the advantage of both river and railroad. We can now load from one side of our spacious mills or storehouses into a boat, or from the opposite side into the cars, and in from four to five days our wheat is in San Francisco, or four or five hundred miles out on the Pacific ocean on its way to a foreign market, and we are no longer living in a "hole in the ground" and forced to go to market when it suits the river to rise or the P. T. Company to send us a boat. But we now go when the market calls for us, and it suits our convenience to respond. No, our lands are not too high; they are worth every dollar that we ask for them, and in five years from to-day they will be worth from 25 to 50 per cent. more than they are now selling at. Make a note of this, and mark the result. We do not pretend to say that it is the richness of our soil that renders our lands so valuable, but it is the peculiar adaptability of the climate and soil to the growing of wheat, oats, flax, &c., and entire absence of deleterious influences, all of which combined enables the farmer to to count upon his crop with as much certainty as a banker counts upon the punctual payment of his well secured notes. We have seen much richer land than is found in Oregon, but in our travels from the St. Lawrence river to the Pacific ocean we have never met with soil that produced a good crop with as much certainty, or with so small amount of labor as in the Willamette valley. Go into the great State of New York and see a man work all Summer (a short one, it is true), pulling pigeon grass out of the corn hills of a ten acre lot, with his fingers, then sprinkling a spoonful or two of plaster or bone-dust around the little spires of corn, to enable them to get the start of the Canada thistles, and ask him if he had land that would bring him 20 bushels of good wheat to the acre, of which he could cultivate 100 acres with less labor than he bestows on his ten or fifteen acres of corn, whether he would take $30 per acre for such land. Go to the same man again in the month of January or February, at the hour of midnight, when he is out in the barnyard giving his cattle a little hay to induce them to stir about to prevent them from freezing, and ask him if he had a farm of such land as above described, in a climate so genial and warm that his cattle would be out feeding upon luxurious grass at that season of the year, whether he would think $30 per acre, with good improvements, was too much for it. Don't you think he would say, *no?* We *guess* he would. No, gentlemen, our lands are not too high, and had you not been misled in this matter, but had come to Oregon understanding just how land was rating here, you would probably have been well satisfied. But you were disappointed, and that was what disgusted you. It was not that you really thought, upon serious reflection, after fairly weighing all the circumstances, that land in Oregon is really held above its intrinsic value. An intelligent farmer has just left our office, who is now raising his tenth crop in Oregon. He says that his tenth crop would average over 20 bushels per acre, and that he bought a farm at $18 per acre and paid for it out of the products of the said farm in two years, and had a small margin left. He says further that, with wheat at $1 per bushel he can pay for any good farm at $30 per acre, in three years, out of the products of the farm. He is this year raising 300 acres of wheat, with the help of two boys able to do about men's work, and expects to hire a few days' work in harvest—that 300 acres of wheat will be worth $6,000 at harvest, unless wheat materially declines. Is his land worth $30 per acre? He thinks it is, and thinks he is not mistaken. But there are plenty of good farms for sale in Oregon for from ten to twenty dollars per acre; some of which might suit some men as well as the higher priced land; and there are still lower priced lands, upon which a good living could be made, with one-half the labor expended upon lands in some of the Eastern States. Government land is about all absorbed in the Willamette valley, but there are places in Oregon where excellent locations for stock raising, wool growing, &c., may be made on Government lands, if persons are willing to go into the frontier settlements, some of which are now being rapidly settling up, of which we may have more to say hereafter.—*R. E. Special.*

The other day we heard of a school teacher who killed herself for love of a boy thirteen years old, and now comes an account of an elderly man in Mississippi who blew out his brains because his laundress left his shirt buttoned at the collar and sent it to him in that outrageous condition. Poor old Mr. Hopkins, tottering on the verge of ninety years, got his head into the body of the shirt and his arms into the sleeves, and thus struggled for awhile against fate and buttons. He became frightfully enraged, cursed and foamed at the mouth, and at last, when the linen gave way, rushed for his gun, seated himself on the edge of his bed, placed the stock of the weapon so that he could pull its trigger with his toe, brought the muzzle to his chin, pulled, and blew his head off. Can that laundress be said to be morally responsible for this act?

General Phil. Sheridan expresses his opinion of William I., Emperor of Germany, in the following language: "The Emperor William is a fine old gentleman and a good gentleman. He possesses personal courage and bravery in an unusual high degree. I, myself, have seen him under the heaviest fire at Gravelotte. Far from being under the influence of Bismarck, he has a firm, determined will of his own, which he knows how to carry out, even in opposition to Bismarck."

It is reported that Albert H. Louis, a distinguished lawyer and journalist of London, for some time owner and editor of the London *Spectator*, has come to America, believing this country is to be the future center and leader of civilization.

A small stone has been discovered in the flesh of a Jacksonville fish, which it is thought may prove to be a diamond worth four or five thousand dollars.