Albany Register.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, 1871. OFFICE SEEKERS.

Congress opens in a few weeks, and in anticipation of the event our hotels darbeas corpus in the same. The War are crowded with office seekers from all parts of the country, who are preparing their claims to present to the different departments. The majority of them are here awaiting the arrival of their Member or Senator, so as to -be the first to receive any favors, if these distinguished individuals are disposed to grant them. Senators and Representatives will, no doubt, be thankful when all the offices are filled, as they are bored to death by the inevitable office seeker, and their private -sanctums are invaded at all times by the persistent applicant who will not be put off with no for an answer, but must have their names on their (the applicants') papers before they will leave; or their case must be made a special one, and the Senator or Representative is compelled to drop all other business, no matter how important, `and go to the Department and get the office, before he will be permitted to rest. Long John Wentworth, while a Meber, told your correspondent that "the d-d office seek; rs would not give him time to play," I knew of one Senator who was compelled to change his place of residence two or three times during the last session to get rid of these pests; he would scarcely get settled down in new quarters before they would be down on him like a pack of hungry wolves, and at last he demands of France. All deposits of was compelled to give up in despair and submit to the torture.

The old members, who have passed through the ordeal, and have been ini-Liated into the tricks and workings of these chaps, get rooms in Georgetown or some other out-of the-way place, and thereby manage to evade these sticking plasters to a great extent. No person can form an idea to what extent -office seeking is carried on, and what means the parties interested resort to to gain their object, money and women sometimes being freely used. It is a shameful fact that Senators and Representatives are compelled, at times, to recommend men for office whom they never saw before. Both houses of Congress, some time ago, endeavored to abelish the present system of recommendations, but were defeated in the good work for the want of time. Last sion they passed a bill creating the Civil Service Commission, whose duty, the bill stated, was to prescribe rules and regulations for the admission of persons into the civil service of the government ; but, up to date, the commission has failed to protect either the Departments or our law-makers. 1 have it from good authority, that an effort will be made during the coming session of Congress to pass a bill providing for the retention of clerks, etc., in office during good behavior. This will, to a great extent, do away with the nuisance. Some stringent measures must be adopted for the protection of Congress and the Departments, as the thing has become a disgrace to try of Hungaria on the northern this nation, and opens the way to fraud and theft. Merit, to-day, is not considered as a recommendation for a position. The Civil Service Commission might and could make itself famous and receive the applause of the American people, by breaking up the present mode of distributing public patronage. The President is still absent, in Boston, Mass. He went there the early part of last week, in company with the on his humble homestead at Caprera, Postmaster General, to assist in laying and his creditors threaten to sell his the corner-stone of the new post office that is about to be erected by the government in that city. He will not return until Saturday or Sunday next. General Sherman has obtained a leave of absence, to visit Europe. He will be accompanied by Col. Ander.reid, of his staff. While away the General will make a military inspection of the European armies and fortifications, and visit the late battle fields in France. The object of the visit is, no doubt, to ascertain the modus operundi of European warfare.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

On the 17th Inst. the President issued a proclamation declaring the counties of Spartanburg, Yerk, Marion Chester, Laurens, Newbury, Fairfield, Lancaster and Chesterfield, in South Carolina, to be in a state of in-

A PROCLAMATION.

surrection, and suspended the writ of Department is now making out the necessary orders to forward to the military commanders, so that they can act advisedly in the matter. The following

OFFICIAL ORDER

Needs no comment, and explains itself: Lieut. Gen. Phil. II. Sheridan, Chicago: The Secretary of War directs that you will give to the sufferers in Michigan and Wisconsin such aid as you may deem advisable. John Potts, Chief Clerk.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

A grand order of the War Office of Russia, directs the entire reorganization of the Imperial army, and calls to arms the whole adult population of the country. The total united strength of the forces of the Empire is 1,600,-600, when required for war purposes. Mail advices from England show that there is great fear entertained of a financial crisis. Bismark demands gold for the English subscriptions to the French loan. Bills on the Bank of England are being presented in London. The Court Journal says the only safety for the moment is to decline to discount the bills of Eismark in gold, and give him bank notes of England. We must stand against the Prussian invader who undertakes our overthrow through finances. There is no such amount of buillion as Prussia gold and silver in Europe and America are less than two hundred millions sterling ; that would not pay the indemnity. It is believed that Bismark intends to hoard the world's gold, and touch England's vitality through her finances.

An early change in the Ministry i contemplated in England.

Activity prevails in the reorganization of the English army.

The trial of Kelly in Dublin, Ireland, creates much excitement. The prisoner was cheered and the police hissed in going from the prison to the Court room.

More arrests of conspirators at Barcelona, Spain, have been made. Stores of arms, war like instruments, ect., have been discovered. The arrested were members of the International society.

President Thiers refuses to modify his ultimatum to England regarding the Commercial Treaty. The Emperor of Austria has formally accepted the resignation of the Hohenarth Ministry, and a new Cabinet will be formed by Earon Holesgethau. A letter from Eucnos Ayres, South America, says there is frightful prevalence in tlat country of small pox. During the past summer 26,000 deaths occurred from yel'ow fever in Buenos Ayres, and 30,000 deaths in the Province of Corrintes. A correspondent of the London Times writes from Berlin that during June and July the Russian Government invaded and annexed the counslopes of the Tean Chain Mountains on the Eastern boundaries of the Empire. The territory is twice as large as the island, is a rich mineral and agricultu: a! country, and has a population of two millions.

The Chinaman who commenced the shooting at Los Ange's, in the recent riot, was captured on the 25th of October. Four arrests of the rioters were also made. Some prominent rioters left the city. A special Grand Jury is ordered to meet on the 31st inst.

San Francisco dispatches of the 25th of last month, state that the cargo of the bark Whistler, which started for Portland and put back here with fire in her hold ten days since is still burning. Three men let down in the hold on the 25th of Oct., were nearly sufficiated, and it was found necessary to haul them out with ropes. Her hold will now be flooded, as all hope of extinguishing it otherwise is abandoned.

Two jurors of opposite sexes in Wyoming couldn't agree in finding a man guilty of grand larceny, but they stole each other's affections, went

out of the jury room and get a "squire" to ratify the transaction. There is some talk in Washington Territory of presenting the name of

Dr. Paker, of Walla Walla, for delegate to Congress.

A flouring mill costing \$15,000 is nearly completed at La Grande. Other valuable buildings are going up.

A man named McClellen, while on a bender in Portland la t week, fell upon the sidewalk, and fractured his shoulder blade.

A young man named Thomas Denimic accidentally fell from the ledge of a high bluff about one mile above Scottsburg recently, as we learn from the Roseburg Plaindealer. He first struck the rock about twenty feet from the top of the bluff, then bounding off he again came in contact with them thirty feet further on, and then fell fifty feet upon the moss and trash at the foot of the precipice, making about one hundred fect in all. Incredible as it may seem, he was not killed, and, although tertibly mangled, at last accounts was in a fair way to recover.

The same journal also has the following: A sad affair occurred near Oakland last Sunday. It appears that a little son of John Daniels was returning from a hunting trip with his brother, and when within a short distance from the house started to run a foot race. The hammer of his gun by some means caught, and exploded the cap, sending the charge through his thigh, just above the knee. The limb was so terribly shattered that amputation was deemed necessary in order to save the life of the unfortunate | to the Penitentiary. sufferer. Doctors Hoover and Palmer, of this place, and Dr. Cazad, of Oak-

escaped convicts as fast as captured, and then pardon those who refused to leave, on the ground of insanity.

Legislation is proposed in Washington Territory giving the right of action to relatives of d.unkards against the venders of liquor. This law has been in force for some time in Ohio, and works satisfactorily.

George Myers, of Wapato Lake, Oregon, has a hog which weighs 1,-300 pounds, and is a foot larger in the girth than the big hog exhibited at the State Fair.

George Edgar, coming from Canyon City to the Dalles, was stopped by a highwayman, and robbed of \$92 50. He had \$500 in greenbacks that the robber did not find.

The Vancouver Register says that a revolting case of incest has come to light in Cowlitz county, where a son is living openly and notoriously in adulterous intercourse with his mother.

An extensive mine of marble has been discovered by Churchill & Co., near Westgate, Nevada, on the overland stage road. The quality is prononneed superior to any in America. and can be delivered at the railroad for one dollar per hundred pouds.

From Pacheco, Cal., Oct. 28th, we learn that Patrick Sullivan, of Bay Point, was shot and killed to-day by his sister-in-law, the wife of James Sullivan. Jas, Sullivan, his wife and deceased were at dinner when some words passed between Mrs. Sullivan and deceased, when she rose, took a shotgun and blew his head off.

A man named Earrett was found murdered about eight miles from the City of Sult Lake last Saturday morning, with four bullets in his body.

The McMianville West Side says that John Standly, of North Yamhill, recently s'aughtered a sheep that weighed when dressed 150 pounds.

The same journal gives an account of the sudden death of the olde-t daughter of Mr. Buan, of Lafayette. She went to bed and slept percefully until about two o'clock, when she made an unnatural sound in breathing. This awakened her parents, who went to her bed-ide and found her dead.

Cayotes are getting thick and impudent again around Baker City, says the Democrat.

In Baker City, oats are 114c. per pound; barley do; butter 50 cts, and but little in market; eggs. 50c per doz. and scarce at that. Hay \$10 per ton, delivered; wood, \$4 50 and \$5 per cord.

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A special from Niagara Falls says that the woods within seven miles of Lockport have been burning since Monday, of last week.

Numbers of houses, barns, crops are destroyed. It is feared that the fire will spread to Batavia. Farmers are fleeing with their stock and furniture. The fire east of Oberlla is reported subdued, but another has broken out five miles north of that place. Loss since last Sunday, at Albinon \$50,000. Ten houses, two flour mills and 1,500 cords of wood were burned.

A Washington special says informa-tion is received of large fires in the woods radiating in all directions from the Cumberland mountains which are enveloped in smoke. Other mountain ranges report fires which are doing much damage. The bituminous fields are threatened.

Another special says that the fire in the woods south of Albinon, which stretched five miles, was entirely subdued by a rain. Five houses, seven barns, two flour mills and 5,500 tons of hay have been burned since Suaday.

The fire near Lakeport is confined to a tamarack swamp. Two children were burned in it.

The real estate operations of Tweed Connolly, Sweeney and Hall are published. Official records show that Connolly when sued in 1353 for debt, swore that he owned nothing. Since then he has bought real estate to the amount of \$2,300,000. Tweed, a bankrupt in 1866, has bought and sold real estate since 1863 to the amount of \$4,-474,000, and has engaged in other transactions to the amount of \$3,590.-000. Sweency's purchases in three years amount to \$1,459,000, and Hall's to \$1,100,000.

Charles O'Conor of New York says he can recover \$3,500,000 from Tweed in civil suits.

The Secretary of War has dismissed from the Military Academy, for vio-lence to other cadets, cadets Jno. W. Wilson, DeWitt Clinton, F. Santiago, T. Hubbell and J. L. Steel, and for the same cause has ordered cadets Miller and Hammond to be deprived of the next furlough and confined to the limits of the plain until the next year.

At a colored convention at Columbia, S. C., on Monday, 23d of October, a letter was read from Senator Sumner, urging colored people to insist upon rights denied, -equality in pub-lic conveyances, hotels and schools.

Gen. Thomas W. Bennett, of Indiana, is appointed Governor of Idaho.

vice Bowen resigned. The latest remarkable movement i the emigration from Iceland to Wisconsin of twenty-five families, who have taken up their abodes on Washington Island, at the month of Green Bay. These are but the pioneers of the new movement. Twenty-five thousand of the inhabitants of the frigid island are still to come, and they will, it is said, spread themselves along Utah. the line of the North Pacific Railroad

The New York Time: says Tweed has been busy the past few days in hiding away personal and real estate, and the stocks which he had has nearly all been sold or transferred. All his houses and lots in the city have been made over to his relatives. Over four million dollars worth of real estate has been transferred within the past few days. On the 25th, he transferred over to Richard M. Tweed, his son, real es-tate to the value of \$1,000,000, including his Fifth avenue residence. Complaint has been made against Tweel and others before Judge Laraed which demand judgment for the people in the sum of \$3,090,090 and bail in the sum of \$1,609,000 each is also demand. ed. Ingersoil, Garvey and Woodward have fled, leaving Tweed alone to answer the complaint. There was considerable excitement in political circles last night relative to Tweed's arrest. No trouble is apprehended.

The Committee of Citizens appointed by the Board of Supervisors, which has been ong iged many weeks in ex-amining the frauds in the city accounts, to day submitted a report of its labor, on the 23.h, with a summary of facts and figures. This report is the first authors is information on the subject vet for i hed. The amount charge! as the cot of the new u dinished Court House, County Court offices, repairs and furniture, is \$13,400,000. The whole cost of the completed building could not fairly exceed three millions. Of the immense sum charged, eight millions is indirectly charged to the Court House and furniture, 15.-252,000 is charged to County Court etflees with repairs and furniture, inch-ing \$141,000 paid for \$17,873 worth of furniture; \$\$4,000 paid for \$7,300 worth of plumbing; \$190,000 paid for \$70,000 worth of plastering. The sum of seven million dollars is charged for advertising, printing and stationery since the 1st of January, 1839, the whole is really worth \$175,000. These figures show a loss to the city of \$450,-000.000. This is the amount stolen and divided among the Ring thieves since January, 1833. The report conc'udes the work of the Committee, The Committee assert that in two years and eight months half of the entire revenue of the city and county has been abstracted.

The funeral of the Hon. Thomas Ewing took place at eleven o'clock on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Lancaster. Among the pall-bearers were Governor Noyes, Senators Sherman and Thurman, and Judge Walsh of the Supreme Court. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Young, the oldest Catholic Priest in the State, and Archbishop Purcell made a short address,

There were eighty-five deaths in Philadelphia, Penn., last week from small-pox, being a slight increase.

The paper mills of Framan & Co., six miles north of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were burned last Monday moraing. Supposed to be incendiary work. President Grant has appointed Geo.

C. Bates United States Attorney for The President, Sceretary of War and General Sherman are engaged rearranging the Military Departments. An order will soon be issued changing tl e geographical limits of the Departments and a change in the commanders thereof.

INDIAN BUREAU.

The position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs still remains vacant, notwithstanding there are hundreds of applications on file for the position, and numerous gentlemen are visiting the Secretary every day and attempting to convince him that they are the very men for the place, and could serve the government faithfully in that eapacity. The place was tendered to Mr. Brunot some time ago, by the President, but he positively refuses the honor. The position, is still held open, with the hope that he will be induced to accept the same on his return to this city. Mr. Brunot is now out West, on a tour of inspection among the various Indian tribes on our frontier. He wonki make an excellent Commissioner, as he is well acquainted with the wishes and wants of the red skins, and was very active in exposing the late frauds that were attempted in this Department some months ago,

Garibaldi some time ago invested what little money he possessed in Italian bonds, and they have declined so much that he cannot pay a mortgage house at auction.

The Hague, the political capital of Holland, is reported to be the wealthiest town, for its population, in the world. At least one-third of its citizens are said to be rich, enough to live entirely on their incomes.

SWAMP LANDS .- The swamp lands taken up in a large quantity by an agent of A. Goklsmith, formerly of Yreka, and J. Teal, of Oregon, two wealthy capitalists, for which they pay the State of Oregon but one dollar to the acre, are liable to come under the head of goverment land for the benefit of settlers, the Democratic State swamp land law to the contrary notwith-tanding. This land is only subject to overflow at certain seaso 13, when many other sections of public lands are liable

to overflow, and the swamp lands means only such as are continually submerged. This land designated as wamp land on Link River and the Klamath lakes is the best hay lands in Southern Oregon, and could be cultivated successfully with good crops. Jessie Applegate has a petition in circulation, headed by himself, asking Congress to throw this open to settlers, that it is not swamp land, and that Oregon has never gained possession of it as such from the Federal Government. There is a lot of land in Siskiyou of the same description, which a you of the same description, which a Democratic Legislature has thrown into the market for capitalists and wealthy men to gobble up, which if petitioned for to Congress, could not be claimed as swamp land. If such land can be claimed and sold at wholesale to land sharks at the rate of tifty cents or one dollar an acre, then whole counties along the Sacramento river, subject to overflow in the winter, ean

be bought up in the same manner.reka Journal,

steam whistle. land, performed the opperation, and at last accounts strong hopes were en-

tertained of his recovery. Several cases of robbery occurred in Johnson, arrested a short time since

Eugene last week.

The Portland Oregonian says that there are on exhibition in that city a number of rubies, picked up in Linn county. They are of the violet and brown varieties-handsom for jewelsets.

The same journal says a Fourth street screnader while singing and guitaring to his enchantress the other night, received a tumbler full of salt and vinegar in his mouth, nose and eves. He quit.

Brigham Young has applied to Hon. Wm. M. Everts for his services as counsel to defend him in nine indict ments by the present Grand Jury.

Joint Meacham, a Mormon, charged with the murder of Richard Yates, twelve years ago, was arrested yesterday, by the United States Marshal, at Round Valley, and brought to this city.

The penalty for the polygamous Mormon is imprisonment for not less than three years nor more than twenty, or fine of not over \$1,000, or both.

The entertainment at Salem for the relief of Chicago netted \$268 25.

The Los Angeles, California riot, is denounced very strongly by all classes, and its inevitable effect abroad is to be deeply deplored.

The Roseburg Plaindealer says that George W, Walker, indicted by the Grand Jury for embezzlement, plead guilty, and was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary. He is quite young, and bears none of the imprints of a hardened criminal.

The following from the Eugene Journal speaks for itself : If we are lost at the final day, for not attending church more regularly, we shall be half inclined to attribute our calamity to some persons who take their babies to church and allow them to scream incessantly during the entire services. We have endeavored to weigh the two punishments, and have concluded there is but little difference.

Chief Justice McKean, of Salt Lake, on the 23th of October, passed sentence upon Hawkins, convicted of bigamy. The sentence was a fine of \$500 and three years hard labor in the Penitentiary. A great crowd was present, but little or no excitement. Notice of appeal to the Supreme Court was given.

From Nevada we learn that fourteen out of the twenty-nine escaped convicts have been captured, killed or died from wounds received at the time of their break.

The Governor of Nevada thinks it would be a good idea to hang the 'Relief Fund,

From Salt Lake, October 31st, we learn that Mormon Bishop Aaron

at Springville by the United States Marshal, for murder, was released by Judge Strickland, at Provo, on \$10,000 bail.

The United States District Court has adjourned till the 3d of November, the same day on which the Grand Jury will assemble.

Two hundred dollars alimony was granted the polygamous wife of Wm. layton, who is sucing for a divorce. The application of Stout, one of the parties charged with the Yates murder, for release on bail, was granted. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of several other prominent Mormons under indictment; by the Grand

Jury. Joseph A. Young is still at large. Brigham is making his way south

with an armed escort.

The Grand Jury of San Francisco has indicted nearly one hundred persons for dealing in the Sacramento. Brooklyn, Woodland and other lottery

ticket2, or advertised them for sale. Hon. R. S. Greene, Associate Jutice of Washington Territory, has

been received by immersion into the Baptist Church.

Baldwin Sills, one of the carliest settlers in Rogue River valley, cied a few days ago, at the age of seventy-

The Salem Mills now pay \$1 20 for wheat.

The Jacksonville Times says that the result of frequent lovers' perjuries down there is that young fellows now go a-courting armed with a blank license and a preacher, and as soon as "yes" is said, the name is filled in the blank and the preacher forthwith does his duty ; and the girls set their faces as a flint against any wooer who has not his preacher and license with him.

At an election in Victoria a few days ago, Messra. DeCosmos and Bunster were elected to the Legislature. The entire vote of the district wa3 373.

A carpenter, named Smithson, in attempting to couple some cars at Kalama last Sunday, got his left hand crushed between the butting heads in a shocking manner. The flesh was torn from the bones and muscles, leaving them bare and separated ; but strange to say no bones were broken.

At Virginia, Nevada, Nov. 1st, when the shifts at the old Belcher works were changing, a dreadful accident occured by which Andrew Wilson was almost instantly killed and John Blakesly so badly injured that he may not recover.

The King of Belgium has made a donation of 2,500 francs to the Chicago

and through the country bordering the Red River of the North. The population of lesland was once 10,00°, but it is now probably not more than 70.000.

Col. Whitney, Chief of the United States Detective forces, on the 23th of October, effected the most important

arrest of counterfeiters ever made in this country. These notorious counterfeiters, one of whom is Ballard, are the only men in this country who posess the stock to munufacture Goverament fibre paper material. The capture includes a hundred thousand dollar transfer press, believed to be the only one outside of the Treasury De-

partment, full sets of steel and copper plates for \$1,000, \$20, \$10 and \$2 bills ; also full sets of plates of fractional cur-rency stamp; for the creasury s a', fac simile of types for raising notes, etc. General Robert Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumpter, died at Nice, France, on the 23th of October. He will Le

interred in this country.

From Washington, October 27th, we learn that the President has ap-pointed William M. Evarts and Mr Curtis as counsel before the tribunal of arbitration at Geneva, in addition to Caleb Cushing. Meredith declined the appointment tendered; Evarts accepted. Curtis is now on his way home from Europe.

At Jacksonville, Fla., William C. Scott was executed on the 27th of last month, for the murder of Rosa Carleton and two children in February last. At Indianapolis, Ind., on the same day, Jerome Brooks, the murderer of Staats, at Logansport, last April, was hanged. He manifested to the last

the same stolid indifference that he has maintained since his arrest, and placed the rope around his neck himself.

There is lat one leading journal in New York that shows sympathy for Tweed, and that is the Star.

A dispatch from New York dated Oct. 27th, has the following :

E. A. Woodward, has been sued for money alleged to be due the city, hav-ing absconded, Judge Darnard to-day granted application to attach his prop-

Reform Democrats, at the instance of Chas. O'Conor, to-day nominated Horatio Seymour as candidate for the Assembly in this city against the Tammany candidate, Tom Fields. Sey-motr telegraphs his acceptance. The arrest of Woodward, Garvey and

Ingersoll, will be made as soon as papers are received from Albany. In the Rosenwig case the jury re-turned a verdict of manslaughter in the

second degree. Recorder Hackett sentenced him to the State prison at hard labor for seven years, disregarding the recommendation to mercy by the

A dispatch from New York, dated Oct. 27th, states that Tweed is arrested and held to bail in the sum of ope million dollars. J. Gould and Commodore Garrison are his bondsmen,

jury.

Controller Green, of New York, has discharged 72 sinecure office-holders since he assumed the Controllership, saving \$82,000 annually.

The resignation of Governor Eulck of Georgia took place on the 20th of October, and Benj. Conlay, President of the Senate was installed as Governor on that same day.

Charles Dean, a prominent sitizen of Greenwood, Mississippi, while returning home from a Masonie lodge recently, was shot and killed by unknown assassing, who also fired on Harris Mullin, who was ac ompanying him, but missed him.

The President has ordered the issue of land patents to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, on the report of the Commissioners that a second sec-tion of thirty miles is completed.

Mr. Spry of Cedar Rapids went to the war in 1832, leaving a wife and children behind. He only returned ast month, and was joyfully received by his family, who had mourned him as dead.

Prof. James Hodges, of Massachu-setts, who was returning from a geoogical exploration of the country around Lake Superior, is supposed to have been lost on the steamer Coburn, which foundered in Saginaw Bay.

The public debt has been reduced \$3,959,490 during the month of October.

The President has appointed J. W. for Oregon to the Centennial Celebration of Independence at Philadelphia. The Ma ision House, England, funds

for the relief of Chicago sufferers, amounted to £45,000 on the 1st inst.

Baron Halsegetham having declined, the Emperor of Austria has invited Baron Kellerpurg, formerly Governor of Bohemia, to form a Cabinet.

The allies in Mexico were quiet on the 28th of October. Diaz was in the field. Nearly all the Governors of States had offered congrafulations and services to President Juarez. Saltilles was reported captured.

Deputy Controller Green, of New York, declined to pay the Police Justices and Clerks, on the ground that they have been over-paid, as the increased salaries they have been receiving under the vote of the Common Council, is not according to law .- Under this decision they will not receive any salaries for several months to

Judge McKean's course in admitting Mayor Wells to bail is admitted in all quarters to be wise and proper,

come.

