

LOCAL MATTERS.

WILL SEND HIS RESIGNATION TO GRANT.—A most worthy and talented Justice of the Peace, of Democratic proclivities (bedrock, at that, who resides not seven hundred and twenty-two miles southeast of Harrisburg in this county, not long since was called upon to mete out stern justice to a fellow creature, brought before him on a charge of theft. This noble old Judge, true to his Jacksonian-Democratic instincts, after hearing and thoroughly sifting the evidence in the case, found the prisoner guilty, and with great solemnity, showing that he felt the full force of the responsibility resting upon him as a Justice of the Peace, pronounced the sentence of the Court to be that the prisoner be incarcerated in the State Penitentiary, at Salem, for the space of three years. Some of the Judge's friends demurred at the judgment of the Court, intimating that the Court was exceeding its authority in the premises. The idea that the Court didn't understand itself made our Democratic official as mad as a wet hen; the dignity of the people of the great State of Oregon, in his person, had been outraged! He then and there, in the most forcible if not elegant language, asserted that he had as much right as any other Judge to send a man to the penitentiary; that there were always in any community, and the one he lived in was no exception, a set of dolts and fools who tho't they knew it all; but he intended to get even on 'em, as he would immediately send his resignation to the President, stating his reasons therefor, and then they'd catch merry —! We are not informed whether the Judge has actually put his terrible threat into execution, but we couldn't blame him if he has, for such unwarrantable interference with the rights vested in a J. P., most certainly calls for sudden and condign punishment!

ELECTED.—At a meeting of the M. E. Library Association on Monday evening last, an election was had for officers to serve during the ensuing year, with the following result: J. Y. Backensto, President; Mrs. J. C. Mendenhall, V. P.; Wm. Rice, Secretary; Dr. Lester, Treasurer. By the Constitution of the Association the pastor of the church is made Librarian. A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a building for the purpose of the Association. If the necessary amount of funds can be raised, a building suitable for a library hall, lecture room, etc., will be erected immediately on the church lots. We should be glad to see the enterprise succeed.

FOR CHILL.—On Wednesday morning four young mechanics took the cars for Portland, intending to take passage on the steamer advertised to sail on that day, en route for Chill. The four gentlemen above mentioned, all good mechanics and dextrate fellows, were Jo. Hoser, Thos. Ody, Chas. Klett and Chas. McMedam, the first two shoemakers, the third a blacksmith, and the last a tinner. They are all young, well-informed, industrious boys, and their love of adventure has induced them to try their "luck" in the poor man's paradise—South America. We wish them every success.

PRIMITIVE.—Not long since, so it is related to us, a young lady and gentleman from the fir districts visited a neighboring village to get spiced. The couple entered the burg on this gala occasion astride of one cayuse. Arrived in town they deliberately dismounted, "put up" their animal, partook of a sumptuous repast consisting of crackers and cheese, then repaired to the office of a worthy J. P., and were solemnly united in the bonds of matrimony. This matter disposed of to their entire satisfaction, the happy pair swapped spits, mounted their cayuse, and headed for their mountain home. Success to the primitive style, say we.

A SAFE RETREAT.—The East Portland Era claims to have more handsome women than any town in the State. In answer to this, the Corvallis Democrat calls out to the Era to bring on his beauties, and he will discount them. Now we have no boast to make on that head this week, but are pretty certain that for homely men, we can hang it to any town of like population this side of Bagdad. Come on with your homely men.

DELIVERY WAGON.—Mr. A. N. Arnold has purchased the nice little team and job wagon lately owned by Mr. Geo. W. Young, and is ready to deliver goods, etc., in all parts of the city, at reasonable rates. Mr. Arnold is one of the most accommodating of gentlemen, and is as prompt as he is trustworthy. Patronize him.

CHARRED.—Messrs. A. Carothers & Co., a day or two since received several cases of goods that were brought to Portland on the bark *Whistler*. It will be remembered that a fire raged for nine days in the hold of this vessel, but at last was extinguished, not before, however, great damage had resulted to the vessel and cargo. Among the cases of goods received were two containing alcohol. The wooden cases holding the cans were badly charred, showing how near the vessel and all on board came to being blown to kingdom come. The cases were marked "Fish Oil," probably through a mistake, but the mistake would have rectified itself had the fire been permitted to take its course a short time longer. Messrs. P. C. Harper & Co. have also received freight by the same vessel, badly smoked, showing its proximity to fire.

A HUGE CITY.—Chicago must have been by all odds the largest city in the world. St. Louis is reported to have extended hospitalities to 12,000 fugitives from Chicago; Cincinnati, 18,000 do.; Philadelphia, 1,500,000 do.; New York over 2,000,000 do.; and reports from other cities and towns, aggregating a total population of something over 37,500,000 for Chicago, have already been published, and still they come. But among all this vast crowd, so far as we have, by searching inquiry, been able to learn, only one proposes to erect a carriage manufactory! Strange "concoction," isn't it?

PERSONAL.—W. B. Carter of the Corvallis Gazette, made us a short call on Thursday. He didn't ask us for a loan, and from this we judge that either our looks discouraged the idea of attempting a "raise" in this way, or else he had recently printed some horse lib, and made a legitimate raise.

R. C. Clark makes a break for South America next week. Clark is one of the most useful men in the country, and we are sorry to lose him. May the winds blow softly and meander gently through the sunny hairs on his marble brow.

Mr. J. A. Winter gave us a call on Tuesday. He has fitted up a gallery in Eugene City, and will soon be giving the citizens there the benefit of his skill as a first-class artist. Superintendent Plummer has gone south to look after the telegraph wires. Mr. Boyes, of Halsey, and Mr. Ellis, of Brownsville, swapped a few words with us Tuesday afternoon.

PROMPT.—A few weeks since Mr. J. A. Winter had the misfortune to lose about two thousand dollars worth of pictures, cameras, photograph goods, etc., by fire in this city. By great good fortune he had an insurance policy of \$1,000 in the Union Fire Insurance Company. On the 15th inst., this prompt and reliable Company paid the amount of the policy, \$1,000, which, of course, is a big help to Mr. Winter. The Union is a safe and reliable Company. J. C. Mendenhall, Esq., is the agent for this city.

CARD.—Mrs. Bridgeman informs the ladies hereabouts that she has secured the services of Miss M. M. Johnson, one of the most successful of milliners, who will hereafter take charge of her millinery establishment on First street, near corner of Broad-alley, always ready to fill all orders for latest styles of millinery goods, dress making, etc., at moderate rates. An invitation is extended to all to call and see.

RE PROMPT.—W. J. Hiltabedel & Co. request all those indebted to them to come forward promptly and pay up, as they are closing out their business, and all bills that are not paid within the next thirty days will be placed in the hands of the proper officer for collection. See card.

NEW GALLERY.—A new gallery is being fitted up for Mr. Paxton in the Froman building, directly opposite the old gallery. In a few days Mr. Paxton will be ready to accommodate the public with any kind of work they may call for in the photographic line.

RECORDER'S COURT.—A miller named Blake was arrested, charged with an attempt to force an entrance into a house on the bank of the river west of the City Mills. He was found guilty and fined \$15 and costs, by Recorder Herron.

IMPROVED.—The West Side, under new management and new dress makes a fine appearance. The copy before us reads well, and we believe Handy, Snyder & Co. have the pluck that wins success. Here's our "L."

DANCING CLUB.—The young men of this city have formed a dancing club, electing R. C. Clark, President; Perry Raymond, Secretary, and A. C. Layton, Treasurer. They will give a soiree every two weeks.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The railway depot is receiving a new addition on the west, to be used we believe, as a woodshed.

PACIFIC COAST ALMANAC.—Compiled by Henry G. Langley, San Francisco, for the year 1874, has reached us. It is a work of 114 pages, replete with facts of great value to the business man and of interest to the general reader.

NEW DRESS.—The *Union Ensign*, published by Gale Bros., at Roseburg, Oregon, comes to us in a new dress, tastily gotten up and neatly printed. It proposes to do battle in the Republic cause as valiently in the future as in the past. Success to our Gales.

AFTER VENISON.—Messrs. Wm. Riley, Hank Mendenhall, Pat. Farrell and Chas. Menley started Thursday for the Cascade range to look up a load of venison. They expect to be absent ten days.

A LARGE VOLUME would not contain the mass of testimony which has accumulated in favor of *Wister's Balsam of Wild Cherry* as a safe, efficient and reliable remedy in curing coughs, colds and pulmonary disease. Many of the cures are truly wonderful.

Financial and Commercial. Gold in New York 103 1/2. Legal tenders 90 1/2. Laying, 91 1/2.

From the Portland dailies we learn that the *Oregonian* would sail on Thursday for San Francisco. The bark *Harrington* was loading with wheat for Cork. The *Alca* vessel will be ready for sea in ten days. The *John P. Kennedy* arrived on Wednesday morning—would have quick dispatch for Honolulu. The bark *Whistler* was receiving cargo for San Francisco. The ice-gorge in the Columbia was reported broken, and a steamer was to attempt the passage to the Cascades. Business reported very dull and expected to continue so for a month to come.

Portland markets continue quiet, with no advance in wheat or flour. We quote eggs at 55¢ per dozen, with good demand.

Portland markets show no change in price of grain—wheat, \$1. Our merchants are paying 40¢ per bush for butter, and 40¢ per dozen for eggs. There has been little if any good butter in the market for many days.

Reduction of Expenses in the War Department.

The following is from an article in the *New York Herald* of the 4th inst.: The total number of enlisted men now in the service is thirty thousand. The number of staff officers has been reduced, and line officers detached for staff duty have been sent back to their regiments. The financial figures show a gradual and a great reduction in the expenditures. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, they were over eight and a half millions, and 1871 about forty millions. For the next fiscal year the appropriations amount to a little over thirty-six and a half millions, and the estimates for 1873 are a little less than thirty-two and a half millions. These include the cost of river and harbor improvements. This it is shown that the reduction in expenses in the War Department during 1870-71 amounted to nearly twenty-three millions of dollars, and during the year 1870-71 there was a further reduction of over seven million and a half millions, while the subsequent appropriations and estimates point to a continued decrease in expenses. The Secretary suggests that the services of extra lieutenants, can be dispensed with, and that the positions now occupied by certain non-commissioned officers can be discontinued without injury to the service. While the troops have been well clothed and fed and comparatively well sheltered, he recommends that adequate appropriations be made to increase their comfort. Modifications and improvements are being made in our sea-coast and harbor defenses, in accordance with the requirements of modern warfare.

The new Attorney General, Mr. Williams, was most entirely unknown to national politics six years ago. An Eastern man by birth, and a lawyer by profession, he had moved to Oregon while it was yet a Territory, and engaged in practice at the bar. During the administration of President Pierce he was appointed Chief Justice of the Territory. In 1864 he was chosen to the United States Senate, and took his seat on the day of Mr. Lincoln's second inauguration—March 4, 1865. As it is customary in that body, the new comer was a quiet listener for the first year or more. His first speech was made in 1867, on the reconstruction measures, then pending, and it attracted a degree of attention during its delivery, and of praise afterwards, such as is seldom accorded to a novice in Senatorial debate. From that time forward he won his way, until the close of his term in March last he stood at the head of the list as a deep thinker, a close reasoner, and a profound scholar. We doubt if he left behind in the Senate a man as well qualified as himself for a creditable discharge of the duties of Attorney General. He will make a worthy successor of William Wirt and Felix Grundy.—*Edwardsville, (Ill.) Republican.*

The editorial profession is represented by eleven members in the House of Representatives. A Newark, New Jersey, manufacturer has just made a pair of silver-plated skates for a daughter of Baron Rothschild.

LATEST NEWS ITEMS.—Philadelphia is to have seven more fire engines. Louisville, Ky., hopes soon to have a public park. A citizen of Washington has collected ninety-eight different colored cats. A railroad company in N. H. has been indicted for charging extortionate freights. Eighty thousand men are constantly employed in rebuilding Chicago, and nearly as many are buying goods daily at Wood & Cleveland's Auction and Commission Store, cheaper than any house in Albany.

Latest News.

The Chinese have built a theatre in Portland, and give performances once or twice a week. The orchestra music is immense, says the *Bulletin*. The Chemeketa Hotel at Salem is "busted."

Two Coos county sportsmen killed forty ducks at one shot apiece.

The census shows 123 persons in Oregon who are disfranchised for having participated in the rebellion.

The difficulty between Spain and the United States is growing more formidable.

Philadelphia is to supply 500 locomotives to Russia.

The year's revenue from the Alaska post-office was \$73.

Erica took up in London on receipt of the news of Fisk's death.

The State Senate of Illinois has passed the Ohio temperance bill, making liquor dealers responsible for damages done by drunken persons, and requiring each dealer to give bonds in \$2,000.

Kossuth is expected in a short time to return to his Hungary.

A poor man in Sumner county, Kansas, has but \$1,000 head of cattle in the world.

Snow fifteen inches deep at the Dalles, with the thermometer at thirty degrees, and at Walla Walla thirty-three. There has been great loss of stock on the Tonder.

Noon-day prayer meetings are to be held in the Methodist church at Salem.

The *Jacksonville Sentinel* says that on last Saturday night some person supposed to be a Chinaman attempted to rob Mr. Adam Schmitt's claim, situated on the South fork of Jackson creek. As the thief mounted the silver box, the contents of a double barreled shot gun were poured into him. The thief left a hat, tools and profusion of blood, and was tracked down the creek by his blood, but was finally lost to trace of.

The store of Mr. C. Coleman, at Phoenix, was entirely destroyed by fire on the 10th inst. Loss \$9,000. Insurance \$7,000. The building was an entire loss.

A Fort Wayne (Ind.) woman who sued her husband for pay for fourteen years of service in his household, on the ground that there was a flaw in the marriage ceremony, has been awarded \$1,193 by the Allen county Circuit Court.

AN EDITORIAL SINCERE.—

Among the many sincere under the British Government is one which is connected with journalism. This is the editorship of the *London Gazette*, a semi-weekly paper which has been for two hundred years the official organ for all legal advertising, but contains no news nor editorial matter. For many years past, the salary attached to this nominal "editorship" has been £800 (or \$1,000) a year. Two years ago, on the death of the incumbent, Mr. Lowe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, wanted to abolish this office, but was opposed by Mr. Gladstone, who held that it was both right and expedient to reserve it as some way of rewarding gentlemen connected with the press, who have rendered important service to the Government. The decision of the Ministry was to retain the office, and the moment this was known, about two hundred candidates, all connected with literature or the press, competed for the vacant post. It was finally given to Thomas Walker, late editor of the *Daily News*, and a staunch supporter of liberal principles. The appointment is for life.

Mrs. Louisa Lossing of Adrian, Michigan, had a little niece living with her who didn't eat breakfast enough to suit, so the aunt crammed thick pieces of bread into the child's mouth, and seasoned them with pinches of red pepper. Then she whipped the little girl with a cane from an apple tree because she cried! The gentle aunt has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, and in addition will spend the winter at the Detroit House of Correction.

NEW TO-DAY.

Mrs. Bridgeman wishes to inform the ladies of Albany and vicinity, that Miss M. M. JOHNSON has taken charge of her Millinery and Dress-Making Store. She is prepared to do all kinds of work in that line. 237 CALL AND SEE. 23 Albany, Jan. 12, 1874-2011

Read This! ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to Hiltabedel & Co., are requested to call and settle their accounts immediately, as in a short time all accounts will be left in the hands of the proper officer for collection. We are closing out our business, and will collect all amounts due us in thirty days. W. J. HILTABEDEL & CO. Jan. 19, 1874-2014

JOB WAGON. HAVING PURCHASED THE INTEREST OF G. W. Young in the Delivery Business, I am prepared to do any and all kinds of jobs, on short notice and with quick dispatch. Terms reasonable. Packages delivered to any part of the city. Egg Look out for the BAY TEAM and JOB WAGON. A. N. ARNOLD. 204

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. CORNER OF FIRST AND BROADALBIN STREETS. ALBANY, OREGON. A. C. LAYTON, PROPRIETOR. I have always in store a full and complete supply of STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS. Which I will sell for cash as low as the lowest, or exchange for all kinds of marketable COUNTRY PRODUCE! Just received and in store 100 TONS ISLAND SALT, Which I will sell cheaper than ever before offered in this market. I extend a general invitation to all people in this and adjoining counties, to call and examine quality and prices of goods, as I feel confident of my ability to give all thorough satisfaction. A. C. LAYTON.

Blacksmithing AND General Repair Shop. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING RETURNED to Albany, and taken his old shop on corner of Edworth and second streets, announces his readiness to attend to all kinds of BLACKSMITHING MILL & MACHINE FORTING, ETC. Also, has on hand and for sale, the COQUILLARD WAGON, Strayer Force-feed GRAIN DRILL, STAR MOLINE, CAST-STEEL, and other PLOWS, which he will sell on the most reasonable terms. GIVE ME A CALL. All work entrusted to me will receive prompt attention, and be executed in the best possible manner, with good material. A share of public patronage is solicited. 227 Shop on corner Edworth and second streets, opposite Pierce's Ferry. T. WOOD.

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