IMPEOVING .- Under the cool and cloudless weather of the past week, the roads are rapidly improving. - Indeed they have not been as bad any time this winter as they were last.

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Mails have been very hregular for sometime past. What's up with the Oregonian? It often fails to reach us on time. Stir up the mailing clerk.

THANKS .- We are under obligations to Attorney General Williams 'and Senator Corbett for various public does.

BUTTER .-- A good article of butter has been unusually scarce for the last two or three weeks.

WEATHER .- Days cold and clear; beautiful moonlight nights, air sharp and frosty.

WILLAMETTE-Slowiy receding this cold weather, but still in good boating stage.

SATURDAY EVENING. - Regular monthly meeting of the members of the Rebekah Degree Lodge.

Fresh country cured hams at A. C. Layton's.

Soumambulism.

On Thursday night a singular case of sommanbells no occurred in this city, the victim being a young lady of eighteen, of good family and prepos-sessing appearance. She had the habit of getting up in her sheep and going about the house at night, after all had retired, always returning to her room, however, without disturb-ing the family. On the evening men-tioned, the fair sleep-walker arose about mid-sight, and with lighted hamp commenced to explore the house. In one room was a young man, a friend of her father's who had arrived that evening, and among the cham-bers visited was his apartment. The door leading into the room being un-hocked, the uncoascions young girl with a lamp in her hand, entered his clothes, coat, parts, vest and boots, eren to his hat-not leaving a gar-ment to clothe his frame, and depos-ited them all in the kitchen, turning the dish pan over the duds. Her fath-er, hearing the noise made by the handling of the pan, discovered the sommand ulist and witnessed the sin-gular proceeding, and without being detected followed the sleeping girl back to her room, stw her pit out the light, lock the door and retire. Com-prehending the situation at once, he On Thursday night a singular case light, lock the door and retire. Com-prehending the situation at once, he without notifying his wife, went to bed. The young man was called to breaktast next morning. He answer-ed the sammons from the closed door, but the family waited nutil the breaklat the family waited until the break-fast got cold, impatient at the length of time it took the young man to make his toilet. Mr.—enjoying the joke, and seeing the unconscious cause qui-etly seated in the dining-room, could keep in no longer. Going to the kitchen he lifted up the dish pan and exhibited the wardrobe of the tardy grant. It is unarcessary to add that guest. It is nanceessary to add that an explanation had to be made to the an explanation had to be made to the clothless young man up stairs, who had been searching in vain for the missing garments. There, was very little breakfist eaten Friday morning in that house, and of those about the table the sommunitalist was not count-ed in Statescille Result ed in .- Steubenzille Herald.

A NEW THING IN PHYSIOLOGY-WHITE MAN TURNING BLACK.-The San Francisco Economer says a gentleman of that city, about twenty-five years of age, raddy complexion and curly red hair, who had an intractable and painful nicer on his left arm, resisting all previous modes of treatment, y sldeg to the request of trying the effect of transplanting a piece of skin to the ulcer from another person. The to me ulcer from another person. The nlcer was prepared in the usual man-ner by his physician, and a bit of skin about an inch square was taken from the arm of a fine healthy negro man and immediately spread over the ugly nlcer, and then carefully dressed and bandaged. The skin transplation had the desired effect. Healthy granula-tion sprang up, and the unsightly ul-cor soon healed. A few months after-wards he went to his physician and tol him that ever since the sore heal-ed the black skin commenced to spread, and it was increasing. About oneand it was increasing. About onethird of his arm was completely ne-groed. The doctor himself is alarmed. groed. The doctor himself is airmed. The high probability is that the whole skin of this white man will become negro. This is a new thing under the sun. It would be rather difficult to explain the physiological process which takes place to bring about such a skin change as this. The problem is, how can the coloring matter of the skin he as radicitly changed? And skin be so radically changed? And how is this pigment change propaga-ted? It is certain that the law of capillary attraction plays no part in the spreading process. Gratting pears on apple trees has communicated to the apple a pear taste. A FRENCHMAN'S DETERMINATION.-A farmer residing in the hamlet of Villeleau Scheet-Oise, has, in a fit of mental aberration, deprived him-self of sight: that he might no longer be a witness of the occupation of his compress by the Demainer who has country by the Prussians, who had burned down all his property In his presence, a member of his family per-labing in the flames. He had often threatened that he would tear out his threatened that he would tear out his even, and everything that could be thought dangerous was kept out of his way. He, however, got hold of a book which described the Chinese method of binding offenders of high position by placing a portion of quick line over the eyes and tying it down with a wet bandage. He procured some line ; applied it in this manner, and destroyed his sight.

A tinusity Might. The Boston Post relates the following horror : A strange story, worthy of novel-istic treatment at the hands of Marryatt, comes from Newfoundland. In Chance Nook, a secluded nook in that somewhat secluded island, dwell a little company of fishermen, one of whom, who rejoices in the name of Barnacle Bill, has long been an object of suspicion, on ne-coust of his unsociable and bermitlike life, His hut was situated re-

mote from the others, upon a peak overlooking a dangerous reef called Gillienddy Breakers. These circumstances combined to fasten upon Baruacle Bill the suspicion that he had a penchant for wrecking opera-tions, and after the recent loss on the reef of the schooner *Albion*, none of the crew of which were subsequently discovered, dead or alive, it was determined to search the aforementioned hut. Accordingly, a detective having been procured, together with the requisite legal papers, a large deputation made an early call upon Barnacle Bill, and found that worthy in bed. Inas-much as be declined to get up and open the door for his surprise party, they let themselves into the house, when an appalling sight met their gaze. Fingers, wrists and ears, cut and torn from the bodies of women, evidently to procure the rings and other jewelry, were strewn around. Two boiled silk dresses were folded beside the hodies. In all, there were nine corpses. The inhuman wrecker, after having been taken into custody, confessed that he took the bodies from the wreck of the Albion and conveyed them, on a fish-barrow, to his cliff before dawn. The news has created the greatest excitement in St. Johns, where the majority of the ill-fated sailors re-

sided. TO BE AN EDITOR .--- Charleston, in his editorial poena, tells of an old farmer who made his way into his sanetum with a runt of a boy, who be-ing good for nothing else, the farmer thought he would do for an editor.

The poet tells the story : The editor sat in his sanctum, and looked the old man in the eye

Then glanced at the grinning young hopeful and mournfully made the reply :

"Is your son a small unbound edl-tion of Moses and Solomon both?

Can be compass his spirits with meckness, and strangle a natural onth?

Can be do an hour's work in a min-ute, and live on a sixpence a week? Can be courteously talk to an equal

and browbeat au impudent dunce? Can be keep things in apple pie or-der and do a half dozen at once?

Can be press all the springs of knowledge with quick and reliable And be sure he knows how much

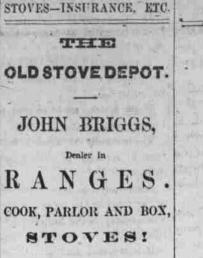
to know, and how not to know too much?

Does he know how to stir up his virtue, and put a check rein on his pride ?

Can be carry a gentleman's man-ners within a rhineros' hide? Can be know all, and do all, and be

vim? It so perhaps we can be making an editor outen o' him."

The farmer stood curlously listen-ing., while wonder his visage o'er-



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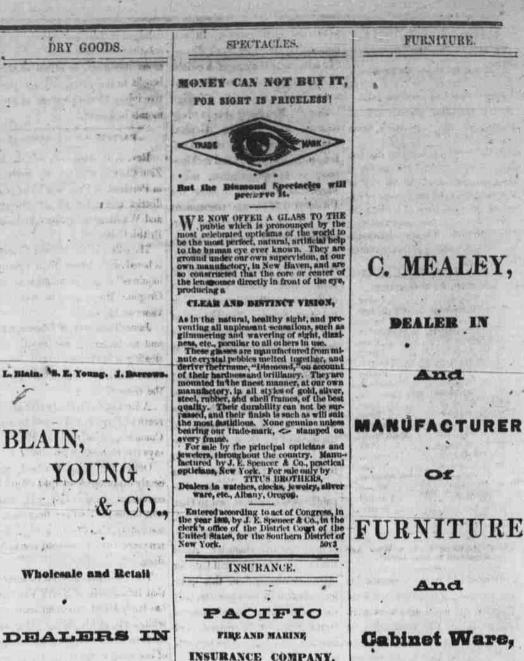
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And he said, "Jim, I guess we'll be

goin'; he's probably out of his head.

An Finglish paper suggests three methods of getting rid of rats: Intro-ducing their use as food, making their skins an article of commerce, or, as a final expedient, innoculating a number with small-pox and turning them loose to disseminate the disease among their kind. It is to be hoped that the first project will be inally abandoned be-fore the last is put in force, as to be obliged to eat rats which have died of small-pox would be extremely un-pleasant. pleasant.

This is what a St. Louis Councilman said when opposition was brought up in that body to extend to Alexis the In that body to extend to Alexis the freedom of the city: "I say no, sir. Thank God! we are as unspolled by withering conventionalities as are our broad and boundless perfore. Rough they may be—so are our buffalers. But they are children of natur' and of freedom, and their boastful answer to the despot and the tyrant is that their bright home is in the setten' sun."

A negro boy of eight has a picture primer to teach him his letters. One of the pictures is that of a bull chas-ing a boy, which the little darky watches from dayto day, gleefhilly ex-claiming : "ile basu't cotched him vet." yet."

According to the cheerful prediction of a learned Hindoo astronomer, blazing meteor will pass by the earth during the coming year, destroying every form of vegetation, and khiling millions of people, all in twenty-four minute:

The latest extract from "What I know about fugning." Catch your butterflies late in August. Select the deep yellow ones If you would get good, sweet, saleable butter.

The title of Gough's new lecture is, "Will it Pay?" As he gets \$200 a night for delivering it two hundred nights next season, it is fair to pre-sume it will

When Alexa hunts the buffalo over the plain he will be obliged if live in a shanty. We once knew of a King who always lived in Ashantee, and if a King could, why not a Grand Duke?

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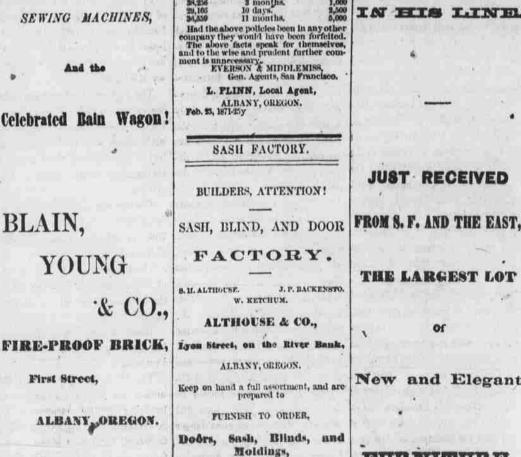
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