

IMPROVING.—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.

MAILS have been very irregular for some time 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 docs.

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.—Slowly 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.

Southernism.

On Thursday night a singular case of somnambulism occurred in this city, the victim being a young lady of eighteen, of good family and prepossessing appearance. She had the habit of getting up in her sleep and going about the house at night, after all had retired, always returning to her room, however, without disturbing the family. On the evening mentioned, the fair sleep-walker arose about midnight, and with lighted lamp 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 chambers visited was his apartment. The door leading into the room being unlocked, the unconscious young girl with a lamp in her hand, entered the room, and while the visitor was in the arms of Morpheus, gathered his clothes, coat, pants, vest and boots, even to his hat—not leaving a garment to clothe his frame, and deposited them all in the kitchen, turning the dish pan over the duds. Her father, hearing the noise made by the handling of the pan, discovered the somnambulist and witnessed the singular proceeding, and without being detected followed the sleeping girl back to her room, saw her put out the light, lock the door and retire. Comprehending the situation at once, he without notifying his wife, went to bed. The young man was called to breakfast next morning. He answered the summons from the closed door, but the family waited until the breakfast 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 quietly 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 guest. It is unnecessary to add that 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 breakfast eaten Friday morning in that house, and of those about the table the somnambulist was not counted in.—*Stonewall Herald.*

A NEW THING IN PHYSIOLOGY.—WHITE MAN TURNING BLACK.—The San Francisco Examiner says a gentleman of that city, about twenty-five years of age, ruddy complexion and curly red hair, who had an intractable and painful ulcer on his left arm, resisting all previous modes of treatment, yielded to the request of trying the effect of transplanting a piece of skin to the ulcer from another person. The ulcer was prepared in the usual manner 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 ulcer, and then carefully dressed and bandaged. The skin transplantation had the desired effect. Healthy granulation sprang up, and the unsightly ulcer soon healed. A few months afterwards he went to his physician and told him that ever since the sore healed the black skin commenced to spread, and it was increasing. About one-third of his arm was completely negroed. The doctor himself is alarmed. 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 be so radically changed? And how is this pigment change propagated? It is certain that the law of capillary attraction plays no part in the spreading process. Grafting pears on apple trees has communicated to the apple a pear taste.

A FRENCHMAN'S DETERMINATION.—A farmer residing in the hamlet of Villeau Senec-Oise, has, in a fit of mental aberration, deprived himself of sight; that he might no longer be a witness of the occupation of his country by the Prussians, who had burned down all his property in his presence, a member of his family perishing in the flames. He had often threatened that he would tear out his eyes, 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 blinding offenders of high position by placing a portion of quick lime over the eyes and tying it down with a wet bandage. He procured some lime; applied it in this manner, and destroyed his sight.

Last year San Francisco received 22,000,000 of pounds of wool, and shipped 22,000,000 of it to be manufactured abroad and brought back to us in the shape of coats and trousers and other articles, for which we pay double the cost of wool.

A Ghastly Night.

The Boston Post relates the following horror:

A strange story, worthy of novelistic treatment at the hands of Marryat, 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 account of his unsocial and hermit-like life. His hut was situated remote from the others, upon a peak overlooking a dangerous reef called Gillieddy Breakers. These circumstances combined to fasten upon Barnacle Bill the suspicion that he had a penchant for wrecking operations, 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. Inasmuch as he 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 bodies. 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 resided.

TO BE AN EDITOR.—Charleston, in his editorial poem, tells of an old farmer who made his way into his sanctum with a runt of a boy, who being 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 edition of Moses and Solomon both?"

Can he compass his spirits with meekness, and strangle a natural oath?

Can he do an hour's work in a minute, and live on a sixpence a week?

Can he courteously talk to an equal and browbeat an impudent dunce?

Can he keep things in apple pie order and do a half dozen at once?

Can he press all the springs of knowledge with quick and reliable touch?

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 he carry a gentleman's manners within a ruder's hide?

Can he know all, and do all, and be all with cheerfulness, courage and vim?

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

The farmer stood curiously listening, while wonder his visage o'er-spread:

And he said, "Jim, I guess we'll be goun'; he's probably out of his head."

An English paper suggests three methods of getting rid of rats:—Introducing their use as food, making their skins an article of commerce, or, as a final expedient, inoculating 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 finally abandoned before the last is put in force, as to be obliged to eat rats which have died of small-pox would be extremely unpleasant.

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

A negro boy of eight has a picture primer to teach him his letters. One of the pictures is that of a bull chasing a boy, which the little darky watches from day to day, gleefully exclaiming: "He hasn't cotched him yet."

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

The latest extract from "What I know about signing." 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 presume it will.

When Alex. Smiths the buffalo over the plain he will be obliged to 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?

The cattle plague—gnats.

STOVES—INSURANCE, ETC.

THE OLD STOVE DEPOT.

JOHN BRIGGS,

Dealer in

RANGES.

COOK, PARLOR AND BOX, STOVES!

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.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO STORE,

Corner First and Ferry Sts., Albany.

Keeps constantly on hand

A Full Assortment of Stoves,

Pumps, and Tinware.

And will have for sale the celebrated

DIAMOND ROCK COOK STOVE.

Also manufacture all kinds of

TIN, COPPER & SHEET IRON WARE.

In the best style, at lowest rates, for cash or country produce.

Always on hand,

Full Supply of Pure Wines & 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 store and tin shop.

Nov. 12-11 JULIUS GRADWOLD.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

"A Switch in Time Saves Nine."

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Fire and Marine Insurance Company,

Nos. 419 and 418 California St.,

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Stockholders Individually Liable.

Cash capital, in gold coin, \$750,000 00

Deposit in Oregon, 50,000 00

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, President.

CHAS. D. HAVEN, Secretary.

J. C. MENDENHALL, Agent, Albany.

Albany, 1871-18

NURSERY.

SETTLEMIRE'S NURSERY,

Six Miles South of Albany, Lin 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, blackberries, 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.

Dec. 17, 1870-15

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice of Copartnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of Bench & Montell, heretofore engaged in the milling business in the city of Albany, Lin Co., Oregon, did, on the 1st day of August, 1871, associate with themselves Henry Myers and A. S. Knox, in the milling business, under the firm name of Bench, Montell & Co. Albany, Or., Oct. 27, 1871-74w4



DRY GOODS.

BLAIN,

YOUNG

& CO.,

Wholesale and Retail

DEALERS IN

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GROCERIES,

HARDWARE,

BOOTS, SHOES, ETC.

Agents for All Kinds of

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SPECTACLES.

MONEY CAN NOT BUY IT, FOR SIGHT IS PRICELESS!



But the Diamond Spectacles will preserve it.

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As in the natural, healthy sight, and preventing all unpleasant sensations, such as glimmering and wavering of sight, dizziness, etc., peculiar to all others in use.

These glasses are manufactured from minute crystal pebbles melted together, and derive their name, "Diamond," on account of their hardness and brilliancy. They are mounted in the finest manner, at our own manufactory, in all styles of gold, silver, steel, rubber, and shell frames, of the best quality. Their durability can not be surpassed, and their finish is such as will suit the most fastidious. Some gentlemen unless bearing our trade-mark, << stamped on every frame.

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FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY,

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

Massachusetts Non-forfeiture Law.

This company was incorporated A. D. 1825, and has accumulated assets of over \$20,000,000.

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

No. of policy. Over due at time of death. Amount insured.

12,054 6 months. \$ 5,000

35,016 4 months. 10,000

34,236 3 months. 1,000

29,105 10 days. 2,500

34,859 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 further comment is unnecessary.

EVERSON MIDDLEMISS, Gen. Agents, San Francisco.

L. FLINN, Local Agent,

ALBANY, OREGON.

Feb. 25, 1871-27

SASH FACTORY.

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SASH, BLIND, AND DOOR

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S. H. ALTHOUSE. J. P. BACKENSTO.

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ALTHOUSE & CO.,

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Keep on hand a full assortment, and are prepared to

FURNISH TO ORDER,

Doors, Sash, Blinds, and

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Such as

CROWN, PANEL, HAND & SECTION

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