

LOCAL MATTERS.

STRONGER THAN EVER.—Last week we were compelled to chronicle the fact that a man named Douglas, incarcerated in our beautiful, symmetrical, two story brick, iron celled, ten thousand dollar county jail, only just finished and paid for, had so far forgotten the hospitalities thus tendered him, the honor conferred upon him as being the first occupant of said costly edifice, as to get up and get—leaving his friends, the Sheriff and Democratic county administration, to mourn for a time over the insecurity and uncertainty of jailors and jail contractors. But as mourning didn't succeed to any great extent in securing the early return of the down bird, the Sheriff donned his war clothes, and offering a reward of six bits or so to any one returning the "bloody thief," started on the scent himself. Of course the thief was no match for our "invincible," and he was soon overpowered, brought back and locked up in the beautiful ten thousand dollar "Cunliff hotel," which, according to the highest Democratic authority, had been made more secure than ever—as secure as more iron could make it. Democracy at once took a front seat, and while deploring the fact that the "weak" spot in the elegant and fascinating ten thousand dollar county jail had not been discovered sooner, and stoutly asserting that the aforesaid jail had been built exactly in accordance with the "plan and specifications," it took occasion to crow over the energy displayed in the early capture of the escapee-prisoner, and the fact that as the "weak" spot had been found it would immediately be repaired and made stronger than ever. Vainglorious boast! Read the mournful sequel! This weak, diseased and dying prisoner, Douglas, again becomes an occupant of our stronger-than-ever ten thousand dollar jail. After sufficiently resting from the effects of his tramp, he coolly proceeds to take measures to again escape. His plans completed, he quietly walks out of our stronger-than-ever ten thousand dollar jail on Saturday and—that's, the last of him! Is it any wonder that our country officials hate the sight of a ten thousand dollar jail—so costly, yet so insecure—in fact, worthless for all the purposes of a jail? And here a conundrum suggests itself: If our ten thousand dollar county jail is so much stronger on the second escape of a prisoner than it was on the first escape, how many "escapes" will it take to render a new ten thousand dollar jail necessary? The situation is truly embarrassing. The tax-payers will demand an explanation as to why so much of their money was used in erecting an edifice for the security of criminals, which, upon trial, proves to be so insecure!—a complete failure, although costing ten thousand dollars! They will want to know where the fault of this insecurity lies, with the contractor or with the draughtsman—if with the contractor, why was the jail accepted and the money paid therefor? If in the design itself, why did the Commissioners adopt such a weak affair? You see the situation becomes more embarrassing. Tax-payers dislike to see their money expended uselessly—without an adequate return. Say they: Had we not better return to the old log jail? It cost less, but, if anything, it was more secure than the new Democratic, iron-celled, patent-locked, palace-like, ten thousand dollar jail; and if a prisoner did escape from it, there was some excuse on the ground of insecurity! But the fact is, the matter is so distressingly embarrassing to our Democratic friends, that we forbear further comments on how to expend ten thousand dollars of the people's money in erecting an elegant jail that prisoners, no matter how weak and puny, can "go through" like shot through a sieve!

REPUBLICAN ASSOCIATION.—An association of gentlemen hailing from the Pacific coast has been formed in Washington, the main object being to afford a social rendezvous for all parties visiting Washington from the Pacific slope, where they may meet friends or learn where they are to be found. The Association is officered as follows: President, S. Garfield, of Washington Territory; Vice President, C. J. Hillier, of Nevada; 2d do., I. S. Tichenor, California; Secretary, G. W. Lee; Cof. Sec., J. E. DeFoster; Treasurer, L. S. Thompson, Oregon. The rooms of the Association are at 1213 Pennsylvania Avenue. Files of papers from all parts of the coast are received daily. Visitors from this part of the moral vineyard are invited to call at the rooms and register their names. This Association will doubtless prove a most agreeable and attractive feature of the Capital to strangers from this part of the world.

HOW ABOUT THAT FLY?—Our contemporary last week asserted that Douglas said a man could not elude the "vigilance of our invincible Sheriff unless he could fly," and yet, a few hours after he had been caught and returned to our secure, iron-clad, ten thousand dollar jail, he eludes the "vigilant" and "invincible," leaves the jail of iron cells without an occupant, and our vigilant Sheriff has been unable to find hide or hair of him! Can it be possible that this poor, weak prisoner, Douglas, who is so badly diseased that it was thought doubtful whether he would live until the next term of the Circuit Court, alone and unaided could break out of our iron celled, double-locked, ten thousand dollar jail the second time within the week, or is it true as asserted that he was wanted to assist in organizing Democratic clubs throughout the county, and that his escape was contrived at by the officials?

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.—The 14th of the present month comes on St. Valentine's Day, and will be appropriately celebrated at Ed. Freeland's. With a spirit of liberality that is commendable, and will doubtless be copied throughout the United States of North America, Esq., he will import from France or some other seaport, vast numbers of "volentines," comic, serio-comic, sentimental, and other styles; to suit the tastes of the most fastidious, any of which are warranted to captivate, coral and carry off the topmost huckleberry in the land. See to it, young ladies, that you let not this glorious occasion pass without "going for" a "feller." The boys will not forget the occasion, we will warrant. Selah.

LEAP YEAR SURPRISE PARTY.—On Tuesday evening, the young ladies of this city arranged a leap year surprise party for the benefit of Mr. R. C. Clark, who was to leave us on the morrow in search of wealth in "fur-rin'" climes. As Mr. Clark resided at the Rev. Mr. Sweeney's, there's where the party, consisting of eighteen couple, assembled, and a gay and festive occasion it was. It will long be remembered by Mr. Clark as one of the bright spots in his chequered life, always to be recalled with pleasure.

PERSONAL.—We were pleased to receive a visit from Rev. Mr. Hanna, of Corvallis, on Monday. Our genial friend from Sheild's, Al. Wheeler, Esq., put in an appearance on Monday afternoon.

Billy Carter, of the Gazette, en route for Portland, looked in a moment Monday evening. Mr. R. C. Clark and Frank Redfield took their line of march for Puget Sound on Wednesday.

Judge Boise was in the city on Thursday. Judge Williams, of Salem, came up on business Thursday.

BAIGAINS.—If you want to get bargains go to Weed & Clement's auction and commission store, as they have on hand and offer for sale a good assortment of family groceries, provisions, books and stationery, at wholesale prices. All kinds of country produce bought at highest market prices. Call and see for yourselves. At Hiltabedel's old stand, First street, Albany.

DOWN IT GOES.—C. B. Comstock & Co., through their agent, Mr. Wm. S. Newberry, offer for sale a large amount of choice seed wheat, of every variety, at greatly reduced prices. Now is the time to buy. They also have for sale bran and chop feed from pure wheat. Call at their warehouse, foot of Ellsworth street.

LECTURES.—At the M. E. Church on to-morrow evening Prof. L. L. Rogers will deliver a lecture, the second of the series, the admission to which will be just twenty-five cents. The Professor is the most entertaining and eloquent lecturer Oregon has seen for many a day, and a good audience should greet him on to-morrow evening. The Professor will also lecture on Sunday evening, at the same place, free to all.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Linn County Agricultural Association, held on Wednesday, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Abe Hackleman; Vice President, Spire Montgomery; Secretary, A. N. Arnold; no Treasurer elected, as the Directors "tied" on Messrs. Martin Luper and Jack Crouse. A meeting will be held Saturday, at which it is probable some one will be elected Treasurer, and somebody else Marshal.

LAISE SAVE.—A large new safe, for Mr. John Conner's new bank, arrived and was put in place on Tuesday. The safe weighs nearly ten thousand pounds, and is a grand affair, both in looks and capacity. If we had that safe full of twenty dollar pieces—well, we would issue an extra.

TROPICAL FRUITS.—For fresh oranges, first of the season, go to Gus. Layton's.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.—For the month of January: A. Kirk to W. Dole, \$1. Philip Ritz to O. P. Cashaw, \$75. James Mellargue to Eagle Woolen Mills Company, \$100. F. B. Kendall, adm'r., to S. P. Brock, \$495. Aaron Keyes to W. F. Alexander, \$1,000. Jos. Geer to W. F. Alexander, \$25. R. Montgomery to A. J. Warren, \$351. Albany Cemetery Association to Philip Lowe, \$15. J. D. Price to D. M. Jones, \$240. Philip Baltimore to J. R. Baltimore, \$400. H. Clement to A. L. Bridgfarmer, \$100. E. R. Geary, referee, to J. B. Roberts, \$45. P. L. Willis, guardian, to T. J. Beard, \$430. T. S. Summers to T. B. Rice, \$30. B. E. Rice to W. Nixon, \$95. T. J. Beard to A. F. Cherry, \$850. Elizabeth Blain to W. B. Smith, \$1,333. N. S. Morgan to Harriet Hess, \$1. N. S. Du Bois to John Conner, \$1,400. U. S. Patent to Thos. S. Kendall, Elizabeth Blain to John Wilson, \$50. Wilson Blain to John Wilson, \$25. Same to Stine, \$20. Geo. B. Cook to Montgomery & Nixon, \$1,100. E. Hays to Jos. Conner, \$200. S. Nixon to H. D. Kellogg, \$35. Jason Wheeler to Andrew Deckard, \$1,500. J. N. Smith to H. H. Smith, \$700. C. G. White to Jas. Martin, \$40. U. S. Patent to James Martin. S. Montgomery to O. C. R. R. Co., \$300. J. N. Gray to O. C. R. R. Co., \$200. E. H. Rolarts to O. C. R. R. Co., \$300. Walter Monteth to O. C. R. R. Co., \$25. Abe Hackleman to O. C. R. R. Co. (depot grounds), \$1. Harvey Smith to W. B. Donaca, \$300. Leon Sanders to P. H. Crawford, \$600. E. G. & E. K. Michael to John Curtis, \$1. W. H. Anderson to Hiram Smith, \$900. Moses Bland to David Smith, \$850. G. H. Bland to David Smith, \$4,500. J. W. Bland to David Smith, \$4,500. David McDowell to A. C. King, \$500. James M. Jolins to Peter Bilyen, \$500. C. M. Cartwright to Cyrus Westlake, \$7,000.

FALLING.—The price of wheat at present seems to be tending downward, and it seems to be the opinion of dealers that 75c per bushel will be the very top of the market here next week, although the present quotation is 90c. The price in San Francisco has been tending downwards for some time past, and there seems less probability to-day of an advance to the prices of two or three months ago than ever. It is even contended that if the crops in California prove as good as present prospects report them to be, wheat will decline to 60c. We hardly believe this, but it may be the case nevertheless.

SEWING MACHINES.—Messrs. Miner & Co. have received a large invoice of the popular Ducky Sewing machine, and have more on the way. They have also taken the agency for the Singer machine, of which they will soon have a full supply. They are bound to suit everybody in the style and price of sewing machines.

ALBANY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—The last half of the winter term will commence on Monday next, Feb. 5th. Classes will be reorganized and new classes formed, affording an excellent opportunity for those who desire to enter school.

WEATHER.—We are again enjoying misty weather; little rain, but plenty of clouds; ice entirely disappeared; good plowing weather which, will doubtless be improved by our agricultural friends.

MUSICAL.—Prof. Geo. B. Newel, pianist, and I. H. Stinson, Esq., violinist, with vocalists, are expected to visit our city in a short time, and give musical entertainments. The public may anticipate rich and splendid music.

SOMETHING NEW.—An Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will soon be inaugurated in this city, with nearly forty charter members.

FOR SALEM.—J. BARTON, Esq., took the cars for Salem Thursday morning, to attend the Republican State Central Committee, he being the member from Linn.

LECTURE.—Mrs. A. J. Dunway, of the New Northwest, lectured at the Court House in this city on Monday and Tuesday evenings to good houses.

SODA.—The elegant soda fountain of A. Carother & Co. is kept fully "charged," and you can get "let" or "zwei" glass for "eine bit" or "noax bit," or "call."

THE WILLAMETTE.—Is gradually getting "lower down," as is usually the case in "dry" weather.

SUM TOTAL.—The real estate transactions for the month of January foot up \$24,771.

EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS.—We have failed to receive a single exchange east of the mountains for several weeks, therefore we are unable to state the character of the weather in Eastern Oregon, Idaho or Washington. The latest dates we have seen were to the 14th of Dec. The weather in the Walla Walla valley was then lovely, farmers busily engaged plowing their ground, getting ready to put in crops. The prices of hay and feed had fallen, under the influences of genial weather and bright prospects. From Boise valley it was stated that up to that time (Dec. 16th) they had been singularly favored in exemption from visitations by the Storm King. While terrible storms have visited portions of Oregon, Montana, Utah and Nevada, Boise valley has enjoyed delightful weather—unusually good for the season of the year. We are in hopes that the reported loss of stock in Okhoco valley and other points are untrue or greatly exaggerated. We will doubtless receive full files of Eastern Oregon and Washington papers next week, when we will lay before our readers all the news we thus obtain.

THE SINGER MACHINE.—The ladies of this city and vicinity, who have been so long desirous of purchasing a new family Singer Sewing machine, can now gratify their wants by calling on Messrs. E. E. Miner & Co., who are agents for the machines in this city and county. MELVIN W. PARSONS, Gen'l Trav. Agt. for Singer M'g. Co.

MONOTONOUS.—It is reported that Douglas, the escaped prisoner, was caught to-day (Wednesday) at Miller's, some twelve miles from this city. We are in hopes that, if the news prove true, Douglas will be incarcerated in the city calaboose, if it is really the intention of the officers to retain him in custody. This thing of getting out of our new ten thousand dollar jail every day or two, to be caught and again given a chance to escape, is becoming monotonous. Let's have a change. Either turn him loose, or put him in a safe place.

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. to 23.

NEW TO-DAY. DOWN IT GOES. C. B. COMSTOCK & CO. HAVE ON HAND A LARGE AMOUNT OF Choice Seed Wheat of every variety, which they offer for sale at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. Wm. S. NEWBURY, Agt. February 2, 1872

FEED! FEED! FEED! C. B. COMSTOCK & CO. HAVE ON HAND A LARGE LOT OF BRAN, also a large amount of CHOP FEED, made from pure wheat, which they offer for sale at reasonable rates. Wm. S. NEWBURY, Agt. February 2, 1872

DISOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between E. E. Miner and M. Pearson, under the firm-name of Miner & Pearson, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. E. E. Miner will collect and receive all moneys due the firm, and will pay all indebtedness. E. E. MINER, M. PEARSON. Albany, Jan. 22, 1872

NOTICE! TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: ALL persons are hereby warned not to give credit to any person in my name without an order from my hand. JOHN ROBINETT. Lebanon, January 21, 1872

ROUNDS, WOODCOCK & CO., Proprietors & Manufacturers of HUNTER'S Grain Separator, JUNCTION CITY. Received the Diploma at the State Fair of 1871.

PRICE REDUCED TO FIFTY DOLLARS! These Machines are warranted substantially made, and are not to be surpassed in cleaning wheat for seed, and are equally as good for chaffing oats. We will warrant satisfaction. Address, ROUNDS, WOODCOCK & CO., Junction City, Or. Jan. 25, 1872

Mrs. Bridgefarmer WISHES TO INFORM THE LADIES of Albany and vicinity, that Mrs. 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. CALL AND SEE. Albany, Jan. 19, 1872

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 accounts due us in thirty days. W. J. HILTABEDEL & CO. Jan. 19, 1872

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. For Look out for the HAY TRAM and JOB WAGON. A. N. ARNOLD. 204

HARDWARE.—for Builders, for Smiths, and for Farmers—sold by Wheeler at SLEDD. 114

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &c. GROCERIES, GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, 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 Ellsworth and Second streets, announces his readiness to attend to all kinds of BLACKSMITHING, MILL & MACHINE FORG'NG, ETC. Also, has on hand and for sale, the COQUILLARD WAGON, Strayer Force-feed GRAIN DRILL, STAR MOLINE, CAST STEEL, and other FLOWS, 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. Shop on corner Ellsworth and Second streets, opposite Pierce's Ferry. F. WOOD.

WILLAMETTE Transportation Company! FROM AND AFTER DATE, UNTIL further notice, the Company will dispatch a boat from Albany to Corvallis on Tuesday and Friday of Each Week. Also, will dispatch a boat from Albany for Portland and intermediate places on same days, leaving Comstock & Co's wharf. Fare at Reduced Rates. J. D. BILES, Agent. Dec. 16, 1871-1872

OLD HORSE SALE. THE FOLLOWING LIST OF O. H. PACKAGES remaining on hand in the Albany Express office, over one year, undiminished, will be sold at public auction, at S. BAUC'S store in this city, on the 29th day of February next, to the highest bidder for cash: Addressed to— Package, M. W. Wilcox. 2 packages, C.O.D., \$3.15. J. A. Fike. Box, Wm. J. Conklin. Satchel, J. B. Smith. Castings, C.O.D., \$10.00. W. S. Lawrence. Package, W. H. Thompson. WELLS, FARGO & CO. Albany, Jan. 13, 72

Mountain Balm. TO THE AFFLICTED WITH COUGHS, Colds, or Liver Complaint, the BALM is invaluable, as many have been restored by its purifying effects on the system—many who have been called incurable. Recommended by many physicians of the country, and for sale by all druggists. Prepared and sold by S. K. RAYMOND. 127 3/4

Improved Band SAWS. Woodcut, Planers, Milling Machines, Mortises, and every description of Wood-working Machinery & Planing Mill supplies. Address, BERRY & PLACK, Machinery Depot, 113 California St., San Francisco. 1296

UNION INSURANCE COMPANY. AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of the Union Insurance Co. of San Francisco, an assessment of forty-five per cent. was levied to repair the capital stock, payable forthwith. This assessment, being made in strict accordance with the law, under the direction of the State Insurance Commissioner, and also agreeably with the wishes of the directors and stockholders of the Company, places the Union in a position, not only to continue in the highest rank on this coast, but also to assume a distinguished place among American Insurance Companies. 92nd

M. F. JONES, Auctioneer, 13 HALSEY, OREGON. 71

Lard Oil & Soap MANUFACTORY. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING COMPLETED and put in good running order their new Lard Oil and Soap Manufactory, in the city of Albany, are prepared to purchase, at the highest cash rates, all the Hogs, Rancid Butter, Soap-Grease, &c., delivered to them in this city. They are now manufacturing and have on hand Fancy Toilet and Common Soaps, in great variety, warranted equal to the best in market, which they offer to the trade at the most reasonable rates. Orders respectfully solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. For Parties having Hogs, Rancid Butter, or Grease of any kind, for sale, will do well to give us a call. E. CARTWRIGHT & CO. Nov. 11, 1871