

**Albany Register.**

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17, 1873.

Republican Candidate.

FOR CONGRESS,  
**HIRAM SMITH,**  
OF LINN.

Alexander R. Sheppard has been appointed Governor of the District of Columbia, vice H. D. Cook, resigned.

On the 10th the President accepted sixty-five miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad, in W. T., recently examined by the Commissioners.

The California State Board of Equalization have announced the rate of taxation for State purposes at five cents on \$100.

The 15th inst. (Monday) was the time selected by the planters of Cuba for the final meeting to discuss the proposition to be submitted to the Government of Madrid for the abolition of slavery in Cuba.

A gravel train while crossing Winchester bridge, between Roseburg and Oakland, on the 13th, was thrown from the track by a brace which had slipped from its place, breaking Mr. Hallett's leg, and otherwise injuring him. A Chinaman was also hurt, supposed fatally.

**HIRAM SMITH**—Our candidate for Congress, is one of the people, has always been more or less interested in agricultural pursuits. If elected to Congress, he will go from the people, thoroughly understanding their wants, and will apply himself diligently to securing them.

An express train which left Vittoria for Madrid Spain, while running at full speed ran off the track, killing 17 passengers and injuring 70. Scarcely a person on the train escaped injury. The Carlists obstructed the track from Saragossa to Pompeluna, and a train was thrown from the track, but fortunately no one was injured.

Gov. Booth's reception at San Francisco on the 13th, was a perfect ovation. He was received at the ferry-landing by an immense throng of people with music and transparencies, and escorted to the Grand Hotel, where he addressed over six thousand people, congratulating them on the victory of the anti-monopoly party. Many private and public dwellings along the line of march were illuminated.

A case of twenty years' standing, involving the right to over 40 acres of land in the neighborhood of Arcata, Humboldt county, California, was decided by the Secretary of the Interior on the 12th. The case, as it stood, was Hinsdale vs. Townsite of Arcata, and was decided in favor of Hinsdale, who was held to be entitled to enter the land under the Homestead Act. Another instance of the law's delays.

**A HORRIBLE STORY OF THE SLAVE TRADE.**—A telegram from London on the 12th, says that dispatches have been received at the Admiralty Office from the commander of the British steam sloop *Daphne*, announcing the capture in the Indian Ocean, near the Seychelle Islands, of a slave ship, upon which there had been terrible suffering. Smallpox had raged on the ship, and out of 300 slaves taken on board 250 had died. The remaining fifty were terribly emaciated from disease and want.

The *Olympia Courier* says: "The farmers of this portion of the Territory are menaced with a serious blow to their prosperity. The quantity and quality of the potato crop have always been our boast, but now the rot has made its appearance in Pacific and Chehalis counties, and in many places the crop is almost an entire failure. The vines grow luxuriantly until the potato is nearly ripe, when they begin to show signs of blight near the root, and in a week the whole vine will be dead. The tuber then stops its growth, and soon begins to decay."

The Board of Health announce the presence of yellow fever in Memphis.

The cry was, no more lawyers, no more doctors, no more professional politicians—give us a loyal, true man of the people; one whose former life and personal experience will be a guarantee that the wants and interests of Oregon will be his aim when he reaches the halls of Congress; one whose time will not be wasted in concocting bancombe speeches, and fixing up things for a re-election. In Hiram Smith the people of Oregon have the man demanded by the times; a man of the people; thorough, true, honest, faithful; a man who is self-reliant because self-taught; a man who has earned all he possesses by his own individual exertions; a man who has never made a business mistake; whose judgment is sound and clear; who has no vices to get rid of; who stands high in the estimation of all in his own home; whose long and industrious life with and among the people, enables him to thoroughly understand and appreciate their wants, and who will work with an energy and will that knows no defeat, for their accomplishment. We submit that the nomination of such a man was demanded by the times—by the people; and now that the cry of the people has been answered, it only remains for them to show they were in earnest by endorsing him.

**Balloon Failure.**

The *Graphic's* balloon, which was to leave on a voyage for Europe on the 12th instant, didn't leave. The inflation of this monster balloon had been continued until about 400,000 feet of gas had been pumped into it, when it burst, letting the large body of gas escape, which nearly smothered those in close proximity to it. Mr. Steiner, who had the contract for filling the balloon with gas, said the balloon was not made of proper material, and therefore it would be folly to attempt to fill it again. The enterprise is abandoned for the present. However, a telegram of the 13th says that "Prof. Donaldson, the aeronaut, who was to have sailed for Europe yesterday in the *Graphic's* balloon, says that immediately after the collapse of the first experiment Goodsell offered to begin at once the construction of a new balloon of silk provided Donaldson would engage to make the European trip in it. The offer was accepted, and the balloon will probably be ready for him about the middle of October. The car, life-boat and instruments which had already been provided will be used. Prof. Wise publishes a card denouncing the theory of a western air current, and announcing his readiness to start for Europe at any time in a gas-tight silk balloon. He also censures the attempts to turn a great scientific experiment and enterprise into a money-getting affair."

**Annual Conference of the M. E. Church South.**

The Columbia Conference of the M. E. Church South, met at Brownsville, Oregon, September 3d, and adjourned September 9th, 1873.

Bishop Doggett presided to the satisfaction of all.

There was an advance in all the interests of the church; never were the prospects so good.

Following are the appointments.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT—T. B. WHITE, P. E.  
Salem—E. J. Dawne.  
Corvallis—B. R. Baxter.  
Dallas—Dr. Goucher.  
Lafayette—F. W. D. Mays.  
Oregon City—H. C. Jolly.  
Albany—Jas. Emery.  
Lebanon—D. C. McFarland.  
Eugene City—E. S. Michel.  
Brownsville—J. W. Craig.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT—J. W. STAHL, P. E.

Roseburg—B. F. Oglesby.  
Oakland Mission—to be supplied.  
Jacksonville—J. W. Stahl.

UMATILLA DISTRICT—B. V. JOHNSON, P. E.

Grand Ronde—C. H. E. Newton.  
Powder River—to be supplied.  
LaGrande—to be supplied.  
Walla Walla—R. E. Johnson.

M. Belmontet, the well-known Parisian Ex-Deputy, was recently waited upon by one Boulpquante, who drew a revolver and menaced M. Belmontet with instant death if he did not sign three drafts, payable to his order, for 4,000 francs. M. Belmontet signed one of the documents, and persuaded Boulpquante to call on the next day for the others. Meanwhile, of course, the ruffian was arrested.

The new Catholic Cathedral of St. Patrick at Armagh, Ireland, which has been some 30 years in the course of erection, and has already cost about \$350,000 is now completed.

**ALBANY AND SANTIAM CANAL.**

The Albany and Santiam Canal Company would respectfully call the attention of the public, and especially the Capitalist, and those desiring to engage in manufacturing, to their gigantic water power and water privilege. Sixteen thousand cubic feet constantly flowing every minute, equal to 800 horse power, with from 8 to 30 feet fall, sufficient for the most extensive machinery, with ground on which to erect the necessary buildings, etc. The Company deem it but proper that the public should know more fully the locality of this great water power, its facilities and surroundings, in order that those unacquainted may form some estimate of its value.

The city of Albany is the county-seat of Linn county, located on the southeast bank of the Willamette river, about 100 miles south of Portland, by river, and 80 miles by railroad; south of Salem 45 miles by river and 30 miles by railroad, and north of Eugene City 45 miles.

Albany is located in a prairie of the same name, which is the great agricultural center of the Willamette Valley, and it is believed that upward of 500,000 bushels of surplus wheat will be received at that point, the present season. The most of it will find its way to foreign markets, either by boats or railroad to Portland, and from thence upon the ocean. The Willamette river is navigated by beautiful steamers, carrying from 80 to 300 tons, running as far as Albany some ten months in the year. Also, the O. & C. R. R., with its beautiful locomotives, is passing through the city daily. The city of Albany is located upon a high, rolling prairie, with the Calapoia, a beautiful creek, flowing into the Willamette river on the west, the water of which is used in driving two large flouring mills, situated on the bank of the Willamette river. The city is about one mile in length, running east and west, and from one-half to three-fourths of a mile in width, and is laid off with streets of good width.

The Canal, which is the subject and object of this communication, receives its waters from the South Santiam river, which heads in the great Cascade mountains, some 75 miles east of Albany; thence running westerly through a valley of the same name, to Lebanon, a village located near the west bank of said river, 13 miles east of Albany. The Canal receives the waters from the Santiam river at that point, thence running west to its terminus at Albany. The main Santiam flows northward, and empties its mountain waters into the Willamette river 10 miles northeast of Albany. The Canal is brought from Lebanon through a beautiful prairie for a distance of 12 miles, and empties into the Willamette river, forming on its way and in the city some of the finest water powers for manufacturing purposes found on the Pacific coast. There are but few, if any, points in the State which surpasses Albany now, for manufacturing facilities. Cheap water power and easy access, and convenient transportation, either by water or railroad, and the location beautiful and healthy.

The Canal Company offers liberal inducements to persons desiring to engage in the business of manufacturing, and will furnish water power upon the most reasonable terms. Manufacturing of all kinds is needed in Oregon, and could be made profitable. The Canal Company will agree to furnish, within sixty days, any water power needed, from a button factory to that of a locomotive.

Immigrants and others are earnestly invited and requested to visit Albany and examine for themselves. Real property can yet be procured on very reasonable terms, both in and out of the city. Our people compare favorably with the rest of mankind, morally, socially, politically and financially.

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L. ELKINS, President.  
D. MANSFIELD, Secretary.

"CAN SUCH THINGS BE," ETC.—Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, in the *Independent*, speaking of fashions, shoots her mouth off thusly: "Suppose, in short, that by one subtle, strong *coup d'etat* the thinking woman of America could make it fashionable to dress like rational creatures!" She proposes a conspiracy of "seven hundred, perhaps a thousand women," and that the leaders of the "Republican Court" shall be "let into the secret," with "Mrs. Grant for our President, and Mme. Demorest for our committee on design." She says that dress skirts shall be shortened from four to six inches, that the bias waist and corset shall give way to plaited gamp, that clothing shall be suspended from the shoulders, etc. Then she has a new issue: "Does either the essential modesty of feminine nature or the safety of society require drapery below the 'noes?'"

The courts in Utah are still at an absolute dead lock, and there is no possibility of relief under existing laws.

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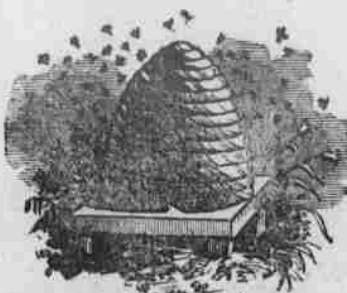
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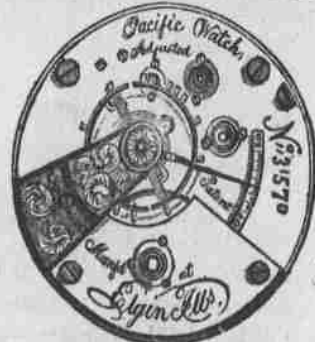
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