

Albany Register.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23, 1873.

Twenty-one thousand is Carpenter's majority in Iowa.

Seven hundred thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire in Blacksburg on the 10th.

The lessons have been officially notified to vacate the premises occupied by them in Rome.

Seven per cent. of the population of Calveston, Texas, have died of yellow fever.

The newly discovered gold diggings in the Cassiar country, British Columbia, are creating considerable excitement at Victoria.

The Spring Valley Canal & Mining Co. lately exhibited the largest bar of gold bullion ever made in the U. S. It was worth over \$71,000.

The remnant of the Modoc Indians passed through Yreka, California, on the 17th, en route to Wyoming Territory, under escort of Capt. Hasbrook's artillery company.

On the 30th, a tow of thirty-five canal boats on the Hudson river, loaded with grain, broke loose, and twenty-five or thirty were sunk opposite Stony point, with men, women and children on board.

TEN MILE RACE.—The great ten mile race over the half mile track at San Diego, California, on the 20th, was won by "Granger," in 30:41 1/2—the best time on a half mile track ever made in America.

In the western part of the city of San Francisco, great excitement was created last week by the appearance of ghost pictures on every window in a residence in that quarter. The pictures were said not only to be very distinct but were changed every little while.

SALMON FISHERIES OF OREGON.—During the past year there were seven salmon fisheries operated on the Lower Columbia, employing two thousand persons. The value of the salmon put up and shipped during the season aggregates the large sum of \$950,000 in coin.

Prof. J. W. Bailey made an ascension in a balloon inflated with hot air, at Wapello, Indiana, on the 25th ult. Soon after starting, the balloon took fire near the mouth, and after it had ascended 1,200 or 1,500 feet, the canvas from which the Prof. was suspended burned away, letting him fall. He reached the ground a quarter of a mile from the starting point, and when found was frightfully mangled, his legs being driven into the hard ground up to his knees!

BIG WORK.—G. Q. Stewart, of Yreka, was the operator detailed to manipulate the wire at Jacksonville during the absence of the regular operator, Mr. Turner, conveying the news of the Modoc hanging. From 11 A. M. of Friday to 6 P. M. of Saturday, Stewart got away with 28,000 words, for four and one half hours in succession averaging forty words per minute. He worked one continuous stretch of twenty-two hours. This is big work, and but few men can stand it.

MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE CONDEMNED.—The Commission of Engineers appointed by the war department to examine the Mississippi River Bridge, now in course of completion at St. Louis, Mo., have reported that they find the bridge as designed to be a serious obstruction to navigation, and as it is too late to make a change they recommend a canal on the Illinois side 125 feet wide, from a point 500 feet above to 300 feet below the bridge. They also recommend the prohibition of Arch trusses, like those of this bridge, in bridges over navigable streams.

A TIE.—The vote for County Judge in Solano county, Cal., is a tie. Gregory and Powers were the candidates.

A Return to Specie Payments.

An early return to specie payments is not only practicable but probable. It is patent to those who have given the subject a moment's attention, that for years past our exports have been gradually but surely increasing, while our imports have been decreasing in the same ratio. As the importation of foreign products has decreased, the drain of gold to foreign countries has been less, until now the tide has fairly turned, and to-day, instead of exporting large sums in gold to foreign countries to balance our account, we are importing gold in immense sums, the balance of trade being in favor of the United States. In other words, we sell many millions of dollars worth annually to foreign countries more than we buy. And it is evident that this will continue to be the case, in fact growing more and more in our favor from year to year, when the value of our exports are known. Competent authorities estimate that, during the present season, the United States will export three million bales of cotton, at least fifty million bushels of wheat, two hundred million gallons of petroleum, five hundred million pounds of provisions, and two hundred and fifty million pounds of tobacco, the total, deducting costs and charges, aggregating in value \$550,000,000 when sold in foreign countries. Added to this amount, other exports will make a grand total of over \$600,000,000 in the world's markets for the enroute year. This is simply the surplus products of our soil for one season—and every recurring year will witness an increase of this vast export value, while our imports will just as surely and certainly decrease. This great margin or balance in our favor must be settled in gold, which will be amply sufficient to send currency up to par, when, if thought necessary, specie payments can be resumed.

Election of President.

The agitation on the subject of a change in the Constitution with regard to the manner of electing the President and Vice President of the United States, which has been going on for some time past, will probably take definite shape next winter upon the meeting of Congress. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, at a meeting in New York on the first of the month, although announcing no definite conclusion, the majority of opinion favored a proposition embracing the following features:

- First, The abolishment of the Electoral College.
- Second, That the President and Vice President be elected by the direct vote of the people.
- Third, That each State shall be divided into as many Districts as the State is entitled to representatives in Congress, to be composed of contiguous territory, compact in form, and nearly equal in population as may be, and the person having the highest number of votes for President in each District shall receive the vote of that District for President, which shall amount to one Presidential vote. That each State shall be entitled to two Presidential votes at large, which shall be counted for the person having the highest number of votes in the whole State.
- Fourth, That the person having the highest number of such Presidential votes in the United States shall be the President.
- Fifth, These provisions are to be applicable to the election of Vice President.
- Sixth, Congress shall have power to provide for holding and conducting such elections for President and Vice President, and to establish tribunals for the decision of any contest as to the vote in any District or State, and make regulations governing the proceedings of those tribunals.

"Thirty-two cents!" echoed a Detroit woman when her grocer charged her that sum for a pound of butter. "Yes, um," he replied, with a bland smile. "You see the grocers can't carry much of a reserve, and we can't turn out our collaterals at a sacrifice. If the Government calls in the bonds due in 1874, and the imports of bullion tend to ease the money market a little, butter must find its level with every thing else. Butter is very panicky just now, but I think the worst is over." She paid the money without further growling.

OHIO.—The Republicans have elected their entire State ticket, with the exception, it may be, of Governor. Our Democratic friends crowded too soon.

England Comes to America for her Blood Stock and Beef.

It may sound rather odd, but it is nevertheless true, England now comes to the United States for her beef, and English stock raisers are importing from America blood cattle to better and improve English herds. It will be remembered that a few weeks since we gave an account of a large sale of blood stock that occurred at York Mills, Oneida county, N. Y.—the most famous sale that ever transpired in the world. On the occasion referred to, one hundred and fifteen head of Durham cattle brought the fabulous sum of three hundred and eighty thousand dollars! A seven-months calf sold for \$27,000, and a cow, the "Duchess of Oneida," was the subject of lively competition, the successful bidder giving \$40,000 for her. The cattle were owned and raised by Samuel Campbell. The principal buyers were from England, and nearly all the stock was taken back to the herds in England, whence most of the blood was originally imported. The importation of beef cattle from the United States to England by English butchers has been commenced the present season, and from present indications is likely to prove a grand success. A beef steer in good condition in the voyage between New York and London, it is said, loses about fifty pounds in weight, which is more than made up by a few weeks' grazing on the rich pastures of England. The Anchor line has about thirty-five vessels averaging probably one a day, and each steamer takes twenty-five head. This is a starter, and as the English admit the superior quality of American beef, the trade will certainly increase and grow with each recurring year. Thus each year opens up new branches of trade, increasing and swelling our receipts of gold from foreign marts, while we are rapidly becoming less and less dependent upon them for the luxuries or necessities of life.

EASTERN ELECTION NEWS.

The election in Ohio is still in doubt, the vote being so close that it will take the full official returns to decide whether the Republicans or Democrats have got away with the offices.

From Iowa comes the news that Carpenter, Republican, has been elected Governor by from 18,000 to 20,000 majority.

California Election.

The election for Supreme Judge, in California, resulted in the election of Judge McKinstry. The successful District Judges are: David Belden (R), 3d district; Ignacio Sepulveda (D), 17th; W. T. McNealy (D), 18th, and Judge Deering (R), of the 13th.

THREE MURDERS.—Caroline Hoget a young girl from Alsace, was killed by her father immediately after landing at New Orleans, on the 19th, because she had dishonored the family by intimacy with a Frenchman on board the ship. Margaret Bandin, an aged German woman, was found murdered in the second story of a tenement house in Pittsburg on the 18th, supposed to have been murdered for her money—Frank Shluneger and his two sons, living in the lower story, were arrested on suspicion. At Fort Hays, Kansas, on the 17th, a quarrel between John Hall and Patrick Cullen, members of the Sixth Cavalry, resulted in the killing of Cullen by Hall.

A Washington special says that Senator Carpenter is at Washington. His friends are predicting already that he will make a successful defence of the Loug Branch scandal, in which his name was so prominent. This is promised, it is claimed, to save the Senator from being deposed as the presiding officer of the Senate.

BISMARCK RE-CALLED.—A change in the Prussian Cabinet is rumored. Bismarck is to resume his position as President of the Ministry of State in place of Von Roon.

A youth of Salisbury, four years old, and his younger sister, saw a rat hasten into a hole in the barn floor. Said he, "Sis, the Bible says, 'Watch and pray.' You pray while I watch the hole, and I'll swat him across the snout when he comes out."

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH.

From the World's Fair.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, Aug. 20, 73. W. G. WILSON, Esq., President Wilson Sewing Machine Company, Cleveland, Ohio:—The Wilson Sewing Machine received the GRAND PRIZE MEDAL for being the Best Sewing Machine, and a Grand Prize (medal of honor) was awarded to the Wilson Sewing Machine Co. for manufacturing sewing machines in the best manner, from the best material, and by the best known mechanical principles. These celebrated machines are now on exhibition and for sale at the store of
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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 Calapooia, 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 bottom 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. Published by order of the Board of Directors, Sept. 8th, 1873.
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