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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1874.

Dr. Livingstone, the great African traveler, is reported to have died in June. He is reported to have died of dysentery, in the interior of Africa, while pursuing his explorations in that country. It is also reported that his body has been embalmed, and is now on the way to England. We are rather skeptical, and shall await further proof of the death of a man who has been reported dead so often in the past few years.

The latest from the Swauk diggings, a tributary of the Yakima, is that those who remained and prospected during the winter are full of hope that the diggings will pay well. A recent letter says: In digging a ditch to our claim, the dirt prospected ten cents to the bucket. The writer advises young men who are out of employment to come up and prospect, as they will be rewarded for their labor. We shouldn't be surprised if there was a rush for Swauk in the Spring.

Snow shoes for horses are in use in California. Following is a description of the shoe and its fastenings: It is 8x12 inches in size, made of maleable iron, and covered on one side with India rubber, which is well riveted to the plate. In the center of the plate on the other side is a horse-shoe of common size, and with sharp toe and heel corks. This is also riveted solidly to the plate. The snow shoe is fastened to the foot of a horse by means of a clasp with a swivel screw, and when fixed thereon the horse-shoe beneath the plate is fixed directly under the hoof of the animal.

As an indication that the Grangers' system of organization is bringing about the very best of results, we evidence their reported action recently in Wisconsin, where they succeeded in completely foiling the plans of a ring of wheat operators. It appears that the ring, which was purchasing wheat to store in railroad elevators, determined to pay no more than seventy-eight cents per bushel for wheat. This action of the ring was met by the Grangers, who promptly appointed men to travel through the country where this game was being played, in the vicinity of St. Croix, and, whenever necessity compelled a farmer to sell, to pay him ninety cents per bushel. At once the speculators offered ninety-five cents per bushel, and their nefarious attempt to swindle the farmers out of about twenty per cent. of the value of their grain fell through hopelessly. No such corrupt practices can succeed where the combined strength of the Grangers can be brought to bear for the protection of the farmers.

Police Superintendent, Matsell, of New York, charges that the fire in St. Bridget's church was the work of Communists, and he thinks other fires probable. He says they are thoroughly organized, and have made threats against churches and school houses, especially Roman Catholic institutions.

H. R. Leonard, of Portland, has invented an automatic car coupling. Railroad brakemen ought to present Leonard with a medal, as a token of their gratitude. One of the greatest dangers of railroading is the coupling of cars, and hardly a day passes without the killing of some poor devil while in the act of coupling cars.

Following is the latest report of the weather on the Upper Columbia river—Thursday, 29th:

Wallula—Weather cloudy; thermometer 46 degrees; river at a stand to-day.  
 Cascades—Weather cloudy and raining a little; thermometer 45 degrees.  
 Walla Walla—Cloudy; thermometer 43 degrees.  
 Umatilla—Cloudy; thermometer 46 degrees.  
 Dalles—Cloudy; thermometer 40 degrees.

There is not a single prisoner in the Umatilla County Jail. That speaks volumes.

Among the large number of custom houses maintained by Uncle Sam, there are at least twenty-nine that would seem to be superfluous—superfluous because they are a constant drain upon the country without corresponding benefit. The total receipts at these twenty-nine custom houses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, according to the report of the Supervising Agent of the Treasury, was \$60,508 94, while it cost the Government to maintain them \$133,286 90, or \$72,777 96 more than the receipts. The custom house at Pearl River, Miss., received a total of fifty five dollars and forty-six cents, while it cost the Government to run it \$2,250 73. While the custom house at Nautucket, Mass., had a revenue to report of \$82 87, the Government paid for its keeping \$1,836 23. It may be just possible that these treasury leaks can be stopped without prejudicing the interests of the country; and since the exigencies of the country at this time are so great, demanding retrenchment and an increase of tariffs, a "reform" in this matter might not meet with that strenuous opposition it otherwise would meet under an easier state of the finances.

The debt of New York city was increased \$9,000,000 during 1873. The city's indebtedness is now \$103,271,968.

The "gold" recently exhumed in East Portland turns out to be brass. The excitement has abated.

The Georgia Legislature has indefinitely postponed the resolution for a Constitutional Convention.

PARAGRAPHETS.

County Court convenes next week. The city police department is abolished.

The sale of the sock factory at Jefferson comes off next Saturday.

W. H. Dodd is agent for Moore & Parker's Central Discharge Wheel.

J. W. Williams, of Corvallis, smole a smile upon us yesterday.

Mr. Warren, late of Portland, is now a resident of this city.

There is talk of starting a skating rink in this city.

The Willamette is bank full, and still rising.

Mr. Eastbrook and family have been stopping in the city some days.

J. M. Metzler, of Jefferson, came up on Friday. John don't know if he's married.

Don't fail to see Vivian this evening—it's a treat not often afforded our folks.

Mrs. D. W. Wakefield, of Portland, came up during the week, on a visit to relatives.

For a large supply of excellent cake the REGISTER family bows acknowledgments to Mr. and Mrs. Sox.

Elder J. H. Stephenson lectures at the Court House to-morrow evening.

Wm. Windom, being adjudged insane, was sent to the Asylum on Thursday.

George Payne and K. Miller have gone to California, where they intend making their future residence.

Dick Williams has sold Fairmount firm, just across the Willamette from this city, to W. F. Allen, for \$9,500.

The Democratic State Convention meets in Albany on the 18th of March next. The county conventions will be held on the 7th of March.

M. H. Abbott, late of the Democrat, intends starting a paper at Pendleton, to be called the Tribune.

The Vivian troupe gave a concert last evening at the Opera House. Will give another this evening.

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MACHINES.	Sold
The Singer Manufacturing Co.	219,738.
Wheeler & Wilson Mfg Co.	174,088
Howe Machine Co. (estimated)	145,000
Grover & Baker S. M. Co.	52,010
Domestic S. M. Co.	49,554
Wesl S. M. Co.	42,444
Wilson & Gibbs S. M. Co.	33,529
Wilson S. M. Co.	22,966
Am-r. B. H. O. & S. M. Co.	18,330
Gold Medal S. M. Co.	18,897
Florence S. M. Co.	15,793

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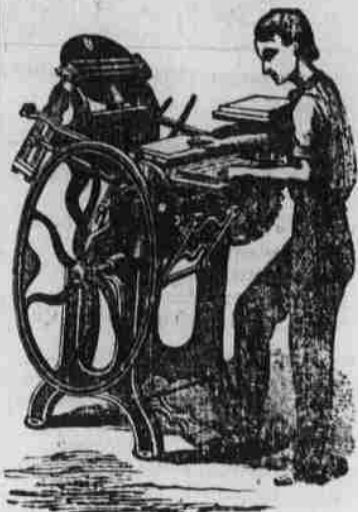
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