

# Albany Register.

U. S. Official Paper for Oregon.

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1874.

Ten fatal cases of sunstroke in St. Louis, Mo., since Saturday.

Later reports of the Pittsburg disaster reduce the loss of life to 150. Ninety bodies have been recovered.

The great destruction of life and property at Pittsburg on the 26th, is attributed to a water-spout.

Ohio and Kentucky have been visited with terribly destructive storms within the last few days.

R. N. Baskin is the fortunate man to receive the nomination of the Liberal party in Utah for Delegate in Congress.

There are now sixty-two Granges P. of H. in Colorado, with a total membership of 2,500, and the order is but started there.

Speaking of the "heated term" in Utah, an exchange says, that in some of the gardens in Salt Lake City apricots have been cooked on the trees. Whew!

The *Oregonian* charges that Ben Simpson, as Indian Agent, is defaulter to the Government to the tune of \$30,000.

Carlists obtained a victory over the Republicans near Olat. Report has it that they have shot 235 more Republican prisoners captured from Norvillas' column.

On the night of July 29th, the stage between Hamilton and Pioche, Nevada, was waylaid by two men, the treasure box taken out and rifled.

On the 28th, as we learn by London telegram, the steamer *Milbank* collided with the steamer *Hanknow*, off Dungeness, and sunk. Fifteen of the crew were drowned.

Lately a band of fifty Kiowas and Comanches killed five men near the mouth of Ute Creek, New Mexico, near Fort Bacon. Send the Peace Commissioners out there.

In a recent battle between the Carlists and Republican forces in Spain, two companies of the former who refused to surrender were cut to pieces.

On the 28th Tilton was arrested, on complaint of W. J. Gaynor, for libel of Henry Ward Beecher, but was released on his own recognizance. The probability now is that the whole matter will be brought before the Courts.

Heavy rains are reported in Arizona. A water spout struck the stage near Frank's station in the desert, and came near drowning the driver, who was considerably injured. The outlaw, Chunz, was being closely pressed by the troops and Indian scouts; many of his followers had surrendered, and it was thought he would eventually be captured.

The upsetting of a kettle of boiling lard at the Princess Dock, Liverpool, on the 28th, threatens to cause the destruction of the entire Dock. At 6 P. M. of that date all the landing stages had been destroyed, and the ferry business temporarily suspended. The inconvenience and loss will be great.

## THE TILTON-BEECHER SCANDAL.

At latest dates Henry Ward Beecher had not handed in his reply to the statements made by Theodore Tilton, published in last week's REGISTER. In a card to the newspaper press, Mr. Beecher emphatically denies every allegation made by Tilton. Mrs. Tilton also denies all criminality with Beecher. Mrs. Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony both throw in their mite. Both ladies profess to have been in possession of the substance of Mrs. Woodhull's statement, long before that statement was published. The substance of Miss Anthony's statement is, that while at the residence of the Tiltons one evening, Theodore came in, and angry words, regarding a separation in the afternoon, passed between him and his wife. Both became intensely excited, and in the heat of the discussion, each acknowledged to the other having broken the marriage vow. In the midst of these startling disclosures Miss Anthony withdrew to her room. Shortly after, she heard Mrs. Tilton dashing up stairs and Tilton following her. She flung open her bed-room door, and Elizabeth rushed in. The door was then closed and bolted. Theodore pounded on the outside door and demanded admittance, but Miss Anthony refused to admit him. So intense was his passion at that moment that she feared he might kill his wife if access to the room was gained. Several times he returned to the door and angrily demanded that the door be opened. "No woman shall stand between me and my wife," he said. Susan said: "If you enter this room it will be over my dead body," and so the infuriated man ceased his demands and withdrew. Mrs. Tilton remained with Susan throughout the night, and in the excitement of the hour with sobs and tears she told all to Miss Anthony. The whole story of her own faithlessness, Mr. Beecher's course, her deception and her anguish, fell upon the ears of Susan B. Anthony, and were spoken by the lips of Mrs. Tilton.

It would seem that the more this scandal is stirred, the more unfathomable it becomes. Tilton gives it as his opinion that the Committee will clear Beecher, as it seeks only favorable testimony; that to get a fair and impartial trial, the matter must be made the subject of judicial inquiry.

## Great Loss of Life and Property.

Eastern telegrams to the 27th give accounts of a terrible flood at Pittsburg and Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, on the night of the 26th inst. The whole of the upper part of Pittsburg was flooded, the water reaching the depth of fifteen feet. Whole blocks of buildings were swept away and destroyed. Two hundred and twelve lives were lost, and property destroyed aggregating one hundred million dollars. The search for bodies was being energetically pushed. On the same evening, the Presbyterian church at Wilkesburg was struck by lightning, the congregation being ignorant of the fact till after the service, when it was discovered that the roof was badly splintered. The Eastern States seem to be enjoying a season of fires, floods, hurricanes, murders and pestilences. The Pacific coast certainly is blessed in being free from these visitations.

## SENATOR MITCHELL ON RAILROADS.

A resolution passed the U. S. Senate in March directing the Select Committee on Transportation Routes to "inquire into and report to the Senate at its next session as to the nature and extent of the obligations existing between the railroad companies and the postal service, and whether any and what additional legislation is necessary to guard the postal service against interruption or injury by hostile action by any or all of said railroad companies." The Committee referred the whole resolution to Senator Mitchell, as a sub-committee, to examine and report. From a letter dated Washington, July 13, written by B. F. Dowell to his paper, the *Jacksonville Sentinel*, we find the position that Mr. Mitchell will take pretty fully outlined. He holds that railroads are common carriers, that they must carry the U. S. mails, a refusal to do so resulting in a forfeiture of their charters. The railroads may not say to the General Government we will not carry your mails, but they are at liberty to say we insist on a reasonable compensation for such service. In case any railroad refuse to carry the mails, the Senator holds that Congress, in the exercise of eminent domain, may lawfully take, for the purpose of the transportation of such public mails, without the consent of either the owner or the State, paying just compensation therefor, such railroad within a State, owned by a private corporation, and use it for such purpose. The report is conciliatory but positive, and, it is thought, will form the groundwork for a bill which will become a law during the coming session of Congress.

It is probably generally known that Mr. Vallard and others, representing the interests of the German bondholders—the parties who bought the bonds of the O. & C. Railroad Company, and thus furnished the wherewith to build and equip said railway—arrived in Oregon some days since, and have been over the road, taking a look at our country and making a thorough examination of the work. It would seem that they, after a thorough inquiry and examination into the conduct of the road, have deemed some changes necessary to the interests of the bondholders. Mr. Vallard, the immediate agent of the bondholders, deemed it best that the receipts of the road should go into the hands of a Receiver, and has therefore appointed Mr. Kohler to that position. Three of the old Directors were also decapitated, and Messrs. Kohler, H. Thielsen and Hon. S. F. Chadwick appointed in their places. Ben Holladay, we believe, remains as President, with a salary of \$7,200 per annum.

A woman, found guilty of murdering her grand-son, only 12 months old, was hung in London on the 29th of June. Mrs. Francis Stewart had been living with her son-in-law, but acted in so exasperating a manner, that he ordered her to seek a home elsewhere. Avowing her determination to have revenge, she left, taking the little boy with her and throwing him into the river Thames. Although recommended to the mercy of the Court, the crime was regarded as so heartless that no effort was made to stay the carrying out of the sentence.

This season nearly a dozen stones have been placed in the new Temple at Salt Lake City, at a cost of about \$1,000 apiece. Twenty years ago the foundation of the Temple was laid, and although \$2,000,000 have been collected abroad for the building of it, their walls have only been raised twelve feet above the foundation to this day. All this money has found its way into the hands of Brigham Young, and there it remains.

A London telegram of the 27th says, a special from Moravia states that the town of Azagaro has been destroyed by a torrent. Sixty-four houses were destroyed, and but few inhabitants escaped with their lives. Many vineyards were flooded, and the railway is badly damaged in every direction.

The *Bulletin* and *Oregonian* clubs played the second game of base ball at Portland on Saturday, the *Oregonian's* winning, the score standing 57 to 45. As the first game was won by the *Bulletin's*, the clubs are now a tie. We await the result of the "sugar" game.

In the northwestern corner of the Territory of Wyoming, "set like a gem among the mountains," is located the most beautiful lake on this continent, if not in the world. Adjacent to it are the sources of four of our most majestic rivers—the Yellowstone flowing into the Missouri at a distance of 1,500 miles; the Missouri itself, which finds its way to the gulf through the Father of Waters; the Columbia, which leads to the Pacific, and the Colorado, which, passing through the most remarkable canon in the world, discharges its waters into the Gulf of California. Grouped around this wonderful lake, and in the midst of this remarkable water shed, is the grandest display of cataracts, hot springs, guysers, mud volcanoes and natural architectural beauties anywhere to be found on the face of the globe.

The Sioux are up to their old tricks again. The *Bozeman Courier* learns that they made their appearance at the Crow Agency week before last and at Benson's, stealing six horses and firing at a heard, and are reported still in the vicinity. They have been seen several times during the week. It would not surprise us if they got away with a large number of horses. Besides Storie's herd of about 700 horses, there are various other small herds, and we know of nothing to prevent a good sized party of Indians just helping themselves. The Crows are not at the Agency, and the raiding party can act with impunity.

Nashville youths are economical. They take their dulcineas to ice-cream saloons and order one dish with two or more spoons as the necessity of the case require, and then eat most of the cream themselves, leaving the girls the bare privilege of licking the dish and smacking their lips at the evident enjoyment of their gallant.

On the 27th a land slide at Arran, Navarre, Spain, destroyed the village. Two hundred bodies have been recovered.

A German squadron has been ordered to cruise off the northern coast of Spain.

The old town of Tacoma contains two companies that have property assessed at over \$50,000.

Mercury 108° at Pendleton last week.

The *Umpqua Call* thus describes the town of Oakland: "Oakland, at times, presents a charming and romantic life-picture, especially to a new comer. Hog farmers cultivate herds of swine in the street. The hogs are so tame and well acquainted that they walk in to the shops and offices along the streets, seeking what they may devour—something. Then thousands of dogs, more or less, can be seen by day and heard at night. Cats here are too numerous to mention; in chorus with the hogs and dogs, the cats hold tea parties every night in the week. Fleas and other parasites are plentiful—they are necessary to keep the hogs, dogs and hotels, company. A striking feature is, there are no hoodlums in Oakland. The writer of this is well pleased with the highly romantic village, built like Rome, on seven hills, nestled among the vine clad hills of Umpqua, upon the classic bank of Calapooia creek. Future prospect here, we think, are very good—for about one-half of the people to starve. Business is lively—as a funeral procession. Time works strange mutations, and Oakland is not itself at all at all.

## How he got out.

"John" says: I met a man in California who would tell me a story. He said: "I knew a fellow in the States once, old Bill Smith; he was the worst old beat you ever saw. He'd chase a mosquito eight miles with a pair of lemon squeezers if he thought he could get one cent for the oil. He got married on tick, and has slept on tick ever since. He was so mean that once when he had a cent in his pocket, to keep his wife from getting it, he made his oldest boy swallow it, and that boy was a copperhead all through the war. Bill was going down the Mississippi on a steamboat. When the collection was being taken up, he got out on the guard to hide, and he fell overboard. The water was a hundred feet deep, and two miles wide, and the best water to drown a man I ever saw. Bill couldn't swim a stroke, but, stranger, he got out."

Says I, "How?"

Says he, "He just took and walked straight ashore."

Says I, "How could he walk ashore in water one hundred feet deep?"

Says he, "Stranger, do you want to know very bad?"

Says I, "Yes, I do, real bad."

Says he, "Well, stranger, that Bill Smith was such a big sponge he just soaked all the water up, and then walked right ashore."

The *Salem Statesman* of last Sunday, says: An extensive fire was noticed northeast of town yesterday morning, which caused considerable loss of property. Some boys, we are informed, set fire to some underbrush in that vicinity, which in turn communicated to a wheat field belonging to David Shannon, destroying fifteen acres of fine wheat just ready for the reaper. He also lost 1,500 rails, while other parties in the vicinity lost 4,500. Two cows with their calves were burned up in the brush, together with a number of swine. The loss is a severe one, and a penalty should be attached to setting fire to underbrush where personal property is endangered. The worst may not yet be known, as other property may be missed.

Eggs are eggs and 37½ cents per