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Gold in New York 109 3/4. Legal tenders 90 1/2 @ 91 1/2.

No change in the Liverpool wheat quotations since our last.

The Illinois Democracy have called a State Convention, to meet in Springfield, August 25th.

It turns out that the little boy found in the charge of a woman at Bennington, Vt., is not, as was first believed, Charley Ross.

B. F. Brown, after a trial at Salem, lasting through two days, has been acquitted of the charge of robbing Wells, Fargo & Co.'s safe.

The usual Nevada stage robbery occurred near Mineral Hill, on the 10th. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure box was taken, but the passengers were not molested.

An astrologist of Utah has prophesied that Brigham Young will pass in his checks on the 7th hour of the 7th day of December, of apoplexy.

The first section of the Seattle & Walla Walla railroad is about finished, and the iron for the first four miles is being shipped from San Francisco.

The grasshoppers have eaten nearly everything in northern and south-western Kansas, and in Nebraska they have totally destroyed the corn crop.

An exciting game of base ball was played by the Athletics and Red Stockings at Crystal Palace, London, on the 10th inst., the latter winning by a score of 17 to 8.

The Beecher-Tilton scandal still burdens the columns of the press. In fact the larger portion of the Eastern telegrams come burdened with "new developments" in the scandal.

Information has been received at Fort Laramie that the Cheyennes and Apaches are preparing for war, and that many Sioux will join them.

John Barker, while blackberrying near Oakland, encountered a grizzly. He gave him a charge of small shot in the rear, when his bearship got up and dusted.

A little eight year old son of Judge Page, of Portland, was drowned at Astoria on Tuesday. The father and mother are almost wild with grief at the loss of an idolized son.

The Democrats of the sixth district, Ohio, nominated Hon. Frank H. Hurd for Congress, on the 11th. In the ninth district, the People's Convention nominated Archibald Johnson, an old line Democrat.

On the 10th, at Bennington, Vt., a woman was arrested having in charge a child answering the description of Charley Ross, the little boy that was kidnapped in Philadelphia recently, and for whom the kidnapers have demanded of the father a large reward. Questions asked him, dictated from Philadelphia, were answered correctly, and it is believed that the lost Charley is found.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8th, 1874.

ALBANY REGISTER:—San Francisco is quite a lively city. Having recovered from the depressing effects following the completion of the Central Pacific Railroad, as also from her alarming shocks of earthquakes, she is now enjoying a season of prosperity, and is no doubt destined to be a great commercial city—evidently she's got the sand, and it her citizens have not the grit equal to any emergency, it is not because nature has not been sufficiently lavish of that important article, for it comes down fresh from the hills like drifting snow on every passing gale.

The weather here is never very hot. During the month of July the temperature was seldom above 72°. The mornings were almost invariably foggy, but not those low-hung vapory fogs, such as we sometimes have in Oregon, but more like our cloudy weather in summer. These usually pass away with the forenoon; then they have wind, sand and sunshine the remainder of the day, followed by cool nights.

California abounds in vegetables and fruits of all kinds, of good quality and cheap. While the grain crop is reported good throughout almost the entire State, the arrivals from the interior are as yet very limited in amounts. There are quite a number of vessels in the harbor under charter to carry wheat, awaiting cargoes.

The wharves are lined with hay, but never a bale of timothy do you see. It is all made from wheat or oats, wild and tame, often a mixture of all, cut green and baled. The volunteer crops and grain which, from any cause, fails to mature, are made into hay. Horses fed on it here appear healthy and strong. I think our farmers would do well to utilize more of their white flat land in raising this kind of feed, saving the good land for grain.

Oregon produce does not bear an enviable reputation here. Butter, perhaps not very good when made, does not improve any in coming here. Eggs are often kept too long, or are shipped in a careless manner, and do not arrive in good condition. And even wheat, the commodity which Oregon justly boasts, is sometimes not properly cleaned, or is put up in old sacks which burst with handling. These things cause our goods to be evil spoken of, greatly to our injury pecuniarily.

Mr. Barrows and family are domiciled in the city. John is fast learning the ways of the city, preparatory to business, which he, in company with Mr. L. H. Wakefield, expects to open in a few days, when they will be ready to furnish the citizens here with material for combustion in the shape of stone-coal, in any quantity desired.

Dr. E. O. Smith left here yesterday morning on his way East, flushed with hope, his pockets full of patent rights, and fortune and fame slightly in advance awaiting him. His enterprize rangurs well.

Rev. D. K. Nesbit, late of Corvallis, is spending a few days in the city, when he will resume his journey Eastward.

Mrs. Wm. E. Howell is at the Russ House in this city, and is almost worn down with watching over a very, very sick child. She expected Mr. Howell here by last

Portland steamer, but he did not come, for some unknown cause.

To our friends in Albany, or wherever this may go, greet them with a—our best wishes.

J. P. T.

Col. W. W. Chapman is out, in Wednesday's Oregonian, with a long address to the people of Oregon in behalf of the important project of the construction of the Portland, Dalles & Salt Lake Railroad. It will be remembered that during the last session of Congress Col. Chapman was in Washington, laboring with might and main, to bring his bill to a vote. Both our Senators and our Congressman testify to the earnest zeal with which he labored for the success of the enterprise. His appeal for aid and sympathy will doubtless meet with an earnest response from the people. Let the people of Oregon show that they are in earnest in this matter; that the improvement is one demanded by the country, a most important outlet, without which a very large extent of rich and productive country is cut off from communication with the rest of mankind. Let the question be but properly agitated between now and the assembling of the next Congress, and there is no reasonable doubt but that the bill granting aid to the road will become a law.

Hernando C. Stewart, Coroner of Umatilla county, with a pleasure party at Hot Springs in the Blue Mountains, one day last week went with another party hunting. The two men separated and Stewart got lost, wandered around all day and until some time in the night, when he fell over a precipice some 350 feet. Search being made the next day, he was found at the foot of the precipice, literally crushed to a jelly. His ground-up remains were taken to Pendleton, the county seat, and buried.

The Walla Walla Union has this in relation to an attempt at wholesale poisoning recently near that city:

About a week ago a man named Quimer, who lives at the forks of the Walla Walla river, came to town bringing his wife and two children with him, leaving his house shut up, but not so tight but that it could be easily entered. They returned the same evening, having taken supper with a neighbor. The next morning, shortly after breakfast, Mr. Quimer was suddenly taken with trembling and convulsions, his wife and two children were also taken in the same manner, and there were all the symptoms of poisoning by strychnine. The whole family immediately began to eat grease, milk, mustard and everything that they could think of as antidotes, and were soon cured. A little neighbor boy who had eaten breakfast with them was also taken in a similar way on his road home, but he was also saved. In order to try the quality of the bread they had eaten, some of it was given to a cat, and to the chickens, and all that partook of it so died. There seems but little doubt that some one had put poison in the flour. No accusation has been made as yet against any one, but as Mr. Quimer has been in trouble about some land which is in dispute, he naturally feels inclined to throw the blame in a certain direction.

The M. E. Conference opened at Portland on the 12th, Bishop Merrill presiding.

Miss Adda L. Ballou is doing the Sound country.

Moulton has made his statement in the Tilton-Beecher scandal, but it has not been published and probably will not be. On the hook of this announcement comes the report that there will probably be a compromise in which all the parties directly interested are to be satisfied. Mrs. Tilton is to acknowledge that she has been laboring under a "hallucination;" Beecher is to resign his pastorate with the understanding that the society will refuse to accept it, and Tilton is to accept the concession in full satisfaction for all damages to family and self, and will receive back to his aching bosom Mrs. Tilton. Another rumor is that Tilton will be willing to entertain a proposition of this kind when paving-stones begin to blossom into roses. We await with patience further developments from the front.

On the 8th inst., in Sprague river valley, William Brown shot and killed Oliver Hurt. Hurt is the man who killed George Brown, brother of William, last spring, and was acquitted on the ground of self-defense.

E. E. McKinney & Co., of Turner's Station, Marion county, are building a first-class warehouse and granary, 84x60 feet on the ground, and 30 feet high. It is being built in the most substantial manner, with solid stone walls on a stone foundation. It is fitted up with elevators and cleaning machinery, run by horse power, and is calculated to store in the best of shape 70,000 bushels of grain. The estimated cost of this building is \$4,000.

Professor Hayden is now engaged, with some of his assistants, in making special geological examinations along the foothills, and in the red sandstone formations in the vicinity of Manitou and the Garden of Gods, for the purpose of determining more definitely the true character and age of those formations, about which there has heretofore been more or less doubt. The formations in that locality are quite uncertain as to age, as there are few or no fossils at all by which their antiquity may be determined.

Three boys, "tramps," bound for Denver, appeared at Wallace station, Friday, and were fed and lodged by A. J. Dodge, the trader at that point. After being hospitably treated, free of charge, they stole a couple of navy revolvers and "pulled out" down the road. They were overhauled and returned to Wallace, taken to a barn, tied, and each one made to whip the other with a stout mule whip. Then they were released and told to "go west" and grow up with the mountains.

Rufus Clark, of Denver, generally and popularly known as "Potato Clark," has 150 acres of potatoes, which look well and will produce 25,000 to 30,000 bushels, if the season is favorable. Mr. Clark has expended over \$2,000 in preventing the ravages of the potato bug this year.

Alex. Mason, of Brooks, Marion county, on the 7th inst., headed in five hours time with a ten-foot header, 16 acres of wheat. Trot out your teams and beat it ye who can.

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