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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1874.

Houston was inaugurated Governor of Alabama on the 24th inst. Circuit Court in session over in Polk during this week.

The people in the vicinity of Drain Station, Douglas county, loudly call for a flouring mill. Twenty-three bodies had been recovered, up to the 24th, from the wreck of the steamer Empire, at New Orleans.

Ex-Congressman Elliot has been elected speaker of the South Carolina Legislature, which met at Columbia on the 24th inst.

London dates to the 24th inst., say there has been a general continental advance of the shilling on wheat, which will be good news so far as it goes.

Oliver Charlick, the Police Commissioner of New York City, over whom the papers of that city fought so fiercely a few months ago, is lying dangerously ill at Long Branch.

Marion county's new Court House leaks so badly that the county officials are raising Ned about it. This is worse than our ten thousand dollar jail.

A party of Spanish soldiers, twenty-five in number, that deserted Fort St. Hilario, Central Department, Cuba, have been captured, eleven of them shot and the balance empaneled.

A number of railroad accidents are reported in England, caused by the extremely heavy fogs which have prevailed there of late, rendering travel by land or water hazardous.

Heavy storms were reported, on the 23d, in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Rumor has it that forty persons were killed by the wrecking of a train at a bridge on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad.

G. B. Frink, editor of the Truckee Republican, was shot and instantly killed on Monday night, at Truckee, Nevada. He was supposed to be a member of the vigilance committee recently organized there, and it is supposed was shot by one of the Vigilantes through mistake or accident.

On the 22d, Tusculum, Alabama, was visited with a severe tornado that destroyed one-third of the residences in the place, including nearly every brick building there, destroying the Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad bridge over Spring Creek, and precipitating a freight train into the Creek and doing other damage. Twelve persons were killed. At Montevallo, Alabama, the same storm killed two persons, wounded many others, and destroyed a large amount of property.

From Port Colborn, Ontario, November 24th, we have this: The water in the Welland Canal has reached the level of Lake Erie and the lock gates have been thrown open by back water. This never has happened before. The water in this harbor has risen six or seven feet. The storm of last night was one of the most severe ever experienced here. The water dashed over the piers with such force that it was impossible to see the light-house. The keepers found it impossible to get out to light the lamps. Much damage was done to shipping and buildings in course of erection.

That important personage, Supervising Architect Mullett, in conversation with Secretary Bristow on Saturday, was not over choice in his language, and although he made due apology and doubtless was extremely sorry, immediately thereafter, the Secretary insisted on receiving his resignation. Mullett, with the greatest reluctance, after using all his own and his friends' influence with President Grant to induce him to interfere and save his head, without avail, tendered his resignation on the 24th. The name, Mullett, was sufficient to damn any man, but he had become so insufferably important and high-toned there was positively no living with him at all.

Yaquina Bay Railroad.

In "an appeal to the farmers of Polk, Marion, Linn, Lane and Benton counties," in favor of aid in building the Yaquina Railroad, Mr. B. W. Wilson, President of the Company, gives some data from which the value of the improvement, when completed, to the farmers and others in the counties mentioned, may be judged. He asserts that if the Railroad were now in operation, farmers would be able to sell every bushel of surplus wheat for 78 cents per bushel, coin, instead of 55¢/60 cents, the present price. Placing the aggregate amount of wheat in the five counties produced annually at 2,500,000 bushels, and computing the difference in price at twenty-three cents, producers lose, by the non-completion of this highway, \$750,000—more than enough to construct the entire line, as the highest estimate for such purpose that has been made is but \$500,000. He argues that the road will pay for the start, as the freight charges, at 5¢ per bushel, for moving the 2,500,000 bushels of wheat, will amount to \$125,000, while the other freights and passengers over the line would swell the receipts to but little if any less than \$200,000, or 40 per cent. of its entire cost. Shares of stock are but \$100 each, which can be paid in labor, land, or any kind of marketable produce at its cash value. The road has the right of way, 30 feet wide, is exempt from taxation for twenty years, and in addition is entitled to all the tide and swamp lands in Benton county. The road is certainly a necessity to Benton county, and would undoubtedly be a great convenience to all the counties adjacent, and we hope to see it completed and ready for business by the next harvest.

On the 25th the Earl of Durnan, Dr. Kingsley, Texas Jack and party, were passengers upon the coach from Missoula destined for Corinne. These gentlemen state that they were delighted with the scenery of Wonderland, and that thousands would visit the Territory if the means of conveyance were more convenient.

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATORSHIP.—The general impression is that the Legislature is a sensible, independent body, and that it will avoid the tedious and discreditable scenes that took place in connection with the election of Mr. Washburn. The Transcript says: "We have no doubt that the Republicans will take the United States Senator from their own ranks, but no timorous politician, whose chief fear has been the frown of the now prostrate back-pay champion need apply."

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The President has ordered the removal of the Surveyor General's office from Eugene City to Portland.

At the late election in New York, certain amendments to the Constitution were submitted for ratification, and it is believed the most of them were adopted. One of these amendments extends the term of the Governor for two years, and increases his salary to \$10,000 per annum. Another limits the Legislative term to 100 days and fixes the compensation, at \$1,500.

A Paris letter says that not long ago a gentleman on coming home from the theater was surprised at the hubbub in the porter's lodge. He soon learned the cause—his mother-in-law had suddenly expired. He invited the persons present to note that he had just returned from the theater, as he wished to be in position to establish an alibi.

The close votes in recent elections will make a curious record, when the record is made up. The closest district appears to be the Fifth New Jersey, giving Cutler 4 majority over Phelps; the next closest is the Second Illinois, giving Harrison 7 over Ward. The Erie (Pa.) District elects Egbert by 11 over Curtis. These are official counts. There are several other districts still waiting for the official.

Of the membership of the next Congress, the following were members of the Confederate States Government, or Congress, at Richmond: Alexander H. Stephens, Julian Hartridge and Wm. E. Smith, of Georgia; Thos. S. Ashe, of North Carolina; John H. Rhegan, of Texas.

On Friday evening of last week a bad accident occurred at Oakland. Mrs. James H. Mahoney was sitting before the fire, with a babe in her arms, when her clothing caught fire and the blaze burned her very seriously. She had the presence of mind to toss the child on a bed before it was injured.

The Boston Traveler, we are pleased to see, is giving evidences of the most extreme piety, as thus: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth joyous but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The Charley Ross business is pretty nearly run into the ground. Every other town, almost, in the U. S. and Canada is announcing that the great lost has been found within its precincts. Give us a rest in this Charlie Ross business.

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New To-Day.

There will be sold at the Opera House, on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1874, at Auction, General Merchandise, Furs, Cloaks, Dry Goods, Groceries, Wagons, Etc., Etc.

Consignments of Horses; Cattle, &c., solicited. W. H. DODD, AUCTIONEER.

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IT'S NO USE TRYING.

To specify. If you don't see what you want, ask for it; and if we don't have the

identical article called for, the chances are that we have something will do you better.

Come and see us, and bring along your Chickens, Butter, Eggs, Dried Fruit—anything that has a market value, and we will give you a fair swap; and if you have

grain, gold notes, or even good coin, we would like that rather than spoils trade.

First and C-streets, right opposite the Saddle Butte, Sheild, Oregon.

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