

The news from the new quartz mines recently discovered in Josephine county continue favorable. The Jacksonville Sentinel says that the new quartz ledge on Galice Creek has been traced and claims taken for several miles, and that it preserves an average width of one hundred feet, many places cropping out in cliffs and benches from ten to thirty feet in height. Frequently the full width of the ledge. Samples of the quartz are daily being forwarded to different places for assay. Taken of course, from different parts of the ledge on different claims, every man being anxious to know what fortune he has in store, and the result is very uniform, showing from \$80 to \$70 per ton, mostly gold. The only poor assay yet reported is from San Francisco and reads, "Silver, per ton, \$1.29; no gold," while a subsequent assay, from various parts of the same ledge, made in Marysville, California, shows from \$80 to \$400, in gold and silver, per ton. The excitement in that section of the State is still unabated, and parties are constantly coming from and going to the mines.

The grand outrage, perpetrated every winter on the Oregon public by the overland stage company, in spite of all that has been written and printed against it, still continues to be practiced. We refer to the matter of selling the Eastern paper mails by ocean steamer from San Francisco to Portland. By this piece of impudence and rascality the paper mail is detained ten days, and of course by the time it arrives is old and stale. The overland stage company contracted to carry all the mail matter, in either "wet or dry" weather, getting a good price for the service, and the company should be compelled to fill its contract on time or forfeit its pay. It is an imposition on the Government and the citizens of Oregon, and should be stopped now.

It is said that Mexico will offer special inducements to foreigners, especially to Americans, who purpose settling in that country with a view of aiding in its material development, regardless of what branch of industry they may engage in. A commission is on its way from the city of Mexico to establish a system of land laws by which foreigners can acquire perfect title to lands, mining claims, etc., and be protected in their rights, at any point within sixty miles of the frontier.

The House bill introduced by Mr. Nesmith for the construction of the O. C. P. Railroad and telegraph line was brought up on the 21st, but the House refused to consider the previous question by 60 to 103. Holman's resolution declaring against the policy of granting further subsidies to corporations, etc., came up also, but the House refused to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution by, yeas 149, nays 75.

On the 17th the steamer Japan caught fire and was abandoned, the next day, between Yokohama and Hong Kong. The captain and several of the crew and passengers arrived at Hong Kong, in boats of the steamer, on the 21st. Two boats and a raft had not been heard from. There were three cabin passengers—F. W. Crocker, R. M. Tindall and Mary Scott—and 425 Chinese in the steerage. R. M. Tindall, Surgeon Gates, several of the crew, and 40 others yet to hear from.

Gov. Osborne, of Kansas, estimates the number of destitute people in Western Kansas needing assistance at 20,000, many of them being now in an actual state of want. The articles most needed are food and clothing for the women and children. Donations may be sent to Lieut. Gov. Stover, Chairman of the Central Relief Committee, at Topeka.

A new civil suit has been commenced in New York against Boss Tweed and Edward Mariner for \$500,000, alleged to have been fraudulently charged by Mariner for supplies to street department, and fraudulently certified to by Tweed's Deputy Street Commissioner.

It is announced that the President will issue a proclamation, commanding turbulent and disorderly persons in Warren county, Mississippi, to cease transgressing the laws and repair to their homes within five days.

Charley Ross still continues to burden the telegraph. Efforts are now being made to induce the Governors of Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut to grant immunity to any one who will produce the child.

On the 17th, four masked men entered a farm-house twelve miles north of Clarksville, Ark., shot the farmer, choked his wife, and robbed them of \$800. At last dates citizens were in pursuit of the scoundrels.

S. B. Axtell has been confirmed Governor of Utah.

# Resumption of Specie Payment.

The estimate of the Director of the Mint shows a gain in specie and bullion for the last two fiscal years of about \$38,000,000. The stock of specie in the United States is estimated at about \$168,000,000, which, with an annual production of \$70,000,000 gold and silver, affords encouragement that the stock of coin may, with favorable legislation, accumulate sufficiently within a reasonable time for the resumption of specie payments to be undertaken with a certainty of success.

On the 21st, during a tremendous storm, lightning struck a powder magazine in Seaut, causing a terrible explosion, and killing and wounding over 200 persons.

The late Mayor of New York, Havemeyer, leaves a wife, six sons and two daughters, and an estate of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

It is announced that the O. S. N. Co. will reduce its present freight tariff between Portland and Dalles on the 1st of January.

At a saloon in Panamint, recently, a lively fight occurred, in which six persons were slain. Panamint is getting to be quite a lively town.

Carl Voght, the Belgian murderer, has been extradited by the U. S., and the warrant signed by the President. He sails for Europe to-morrow.

H. N. Morgan, butter merchant, and Treasurer of the Butter and Cheese Exchange, New York, has failed. Liabilities, \$100,000.

Jefferson River, one of the proprietors of the Congressional Globe, dropped dead of apoplexy, on the 20th, in Washington City.

A heavy snow storm is chronicled throughout the Eastern and Middle States, on the 20th, seriously interfering with telegraph communications.

The bill granting amnesty to Garibaldi, passed the Chamber of Deputies at Rome, by a vote of 207 to 25.

Lewis E. Parsons has been nominated U. S. D. Judge in Alabama, vice Richard Busteed, resigned.

D. L. Watson has been confirmed by the Senate as Collector of Customs for the Southern District of Oregon.

The Wigwag at Salem is to be turned into a skating rink.

The frame for the new flouring mill at Pendleton was raised last week.

At Paris the elections are held on Sunday; but politics are not much purified thereby.

Rev. Lewis Thompson organized the first Presbyterian Church on the Pacific coast at Clatsop Plains, Oregon, in 1846.

The Statesman says the benefit tendered Prof. Francis by the musical talent of Salem on Tuesday evening was an eminent success.

Mr. A. L. Stinson has been elected Recorder of Jefferson rice F. J. Crumlin resigned, and Mr. C. has been elected an Alderman of that city.

We learn that some quite extensive salmon fisheries will be carried on at Puget Sound next spring. Preparations are being already made.

The body of an Indian was found in the bay at Olympia last Saturday. It proved to be that of Doctor Jake, who was murdered in pursuance of a belief of his countrymen that he was responsible for the death of patients which he failed to cure.

At a regular meeting of Olympia Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: Wm. Billings, W. M.; J. C. Horn, S. W.; C. H. Hale, J. W.; Ben. Harrer, Treasurer; T. F. McElroy, Secretary; J. H. Munson, Tyler.

Mormon Delegate Cannon left Utah and went to Washington in spite of the fact that two indictments are pending against him. And now the District Attorney complains that Cannon has gone off without being discharged.

A gold watch, with chain and seal, the property of Dr. McCurdy, of Salem, was found and restored to him on Monday last, he having lost it while he was visiting a patient seven miles northeast of Salem in February, 1855. The watch was found in pretty good condition, covered with leaves and earth, where it was probably dropped, having lain there for 18 years. The watch was run down.

Austin E. Smith, a saloon keeper at Silverton, was tried last week and found guilty of selling liquor to a minor. The fine and costs amounted to the snug sum of \$127.

They have lots of fun in the mock Legislature at Pendleton. The latest measure was the impeachment of the temporary chairman because he appointed the standing committees.

Gen. Ord has received the following from Beaver, Utah, which was received by the commander of that post, Dec. 17: Indians have killed several persons in this county near Hico and Muddy. We have no arms and no troops for protection and that the Indians be punished. Ploche being in General Schofield's department, General Ord informed him of the trouble and offered to send troops from Fort Cameron to their assistance. General Schofield so requests, and two companies of infantry are now under marching orders for Beaver.

At Weston, Umatilla county, improvements of a substantial character are being made, and the town is fair to be a place of considerable business. A good brick store is now occupied. Wells, Fargo & Co. have an office there, the hotel is doing well and one sees new faces on the streets almost every day.

The little steamer Favorite will be ready to run on the waters of Puget Sound by New Year's day.

# LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the First Session of the Forty-third Congress, March 3, 1874.

Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Salvador, in pursuance of the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1874, entitled "An act to ratify the treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Salvador, signed at Washington March 11, 1874."

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a general treaty of amity, commerce, and consular privileges between the United States of America and the Republic of Salvador was concluded and signed at San Salvador on the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the original of which treaty, being in the English and Spanish languages, is word for word as follows:

**Article I.** The United States of America and the Republic of Salvador, desiring to make lasting and firm the friendship and good relations between the two nations, have resolved to fix, in a mutual and equitable manner, the rules which shall in future regulate the relations between the two nations, and to observe them with the same fidelity and good faith as they have observed in the past.

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