

A man named Bragg was buried at Independence last Saturday, who is said to be one hundred and ten years old. He crossed the plains in 1844.

Montana's Legislature has voted to aid the N. P. Railroad to the tune of \$3,500,000, which is extremely liberal considering that she is already pretty heavily laden with debts. This additional indebtedness will keep her people right "down to their knitting" for some years in the future.

Jan. Parton, the author, not long since divorced from his wife, "Fanny Fern," has married the daughter of his late wife, a daughter of Fanny Fern by her first husband. And it now puzzles the public to know when Parton spreads himself on the biography of Fanny whether he will call her his wife or his step-mother.

The N. Y. Herald, the paper first raising the cry of "Cesarism," declares its conviction that Grant does not want a third term, and gracefully retires. It will be in order, however, for Democratic journals, of high and low degree, throughout the country, to continue to assert that Grant is arranging his forces to capture the coming National Republican Convention, and force the nomination for a third term.

Silver seems to be a drug in the markets of the East, being from 2 to 13 per cent. below gold, or about on a par with greenbacks. The great yield of silver on the Pacific coast lately is said to be the reason of this discount. However, because silver is at a discount it is no reason why people should throw it away, as it still beats no money all to pieces. We are willing to take silver at par on subscription to the REGISTER, in any sums from \$2 50 up.

Gen. Colquitt, of Georgia, in a recent address, said: "To remove stamps from a field, all that is necessary is to have one or more sheet iron chimneys, some four or five feet high. Set fire to the stump and place the chimney over it, so as to give the requisite amount of draft at the bottom. It will draw like a stove. The stump will soon be consumed. With several such chimneys of different sizes, the removal of stumps may be accomplished at merely nominal labor and expense."

Again we are called upon to note the fact that the Overland Stage Company continues to draw its pay with unvarying promptness for carrying the mails, although it does not carry them, while the people still suffer the inconvenience of receiving their mails by steamer once in eight or ten days, instead of daily as the contract requires. How long is this people to suffer this infliction? Let our Postal Agent remain at his post and attend to the business of his office, or let him be dismissed at once, and an Agent appointed who will do his duty. "Let no guilty man escape."

NEW CURE FOR PALPITATION.—A cure for the arrest of palpitation of the heart has just been given to the world by a medical correspondent, an account of which we take from the Medical Times, of London. As a great many persons are subject to this disease, it would be well for them to take a note of what the correspondent advises: "Palpitation when not depending upon organic disease, may be almost immediately arrested by bending the head downwards, and allowing the arms to hang pendant." The correspondent further adds that "the effect is even still more rapidly produced by holding the breath for a few seconds, while the body is in this bent position." The above has been tried by a medical friend of ours, who is subject to the disease, and he says the effect is wonderful. As soon as he placed himself in the position described, the palpitation was immediately stopped.

WHY HE COULDN'T GO TO CHURCH.—"I wouldn't be such a Christian as you are, John," said his wife, as she stood in the doorway, dressed for church. "You could go with me very well if you wanted to." "How can I?" he half sobbed. "There's the wood to be split, and the coal to shovel over to the other side of the cellar, and no dishes washed for dinner yet." "Ah, I didn't think of that," she murmured, thoughtfully, and giving her new cloak a fresh hitch aft, sailed out alone.

The Eugene Guard man advises Carter of the Corvallis Gazette, to "fold his arms, if possible, to a sufficiently small compass to enable him to get on to a steambot," etc. Boys seem to have lost all respect for the heads of their family or any of his kind.

The women of Vancouver have petitioned the town council to allow one cow belonging to such family to run at large in the corporate limits.

OUR BROWNVILLE LETTER.

BROWNVILLE, March 1st, 1876. Editor Register:—The political excitement is beginning to be felt in this quiet little place, and before the next regular election takes place there will be quite an amount of life exhibited by each of the two great parties. I suppose there are now really only two parties, the other two being defunct.

The Republicans here propose to make it lively for the Democrats, and even at this early day I hear it intimated by some of the "faithful" that they very much fear that this district, the great Democratic stronghold, will go Republican, and officeholders under the "old regime" are beginning to feel that they stand on slippery ground, and realize that the day of their doom is at hand. Should their fears prove true, (and they are not groundless), this district will make itself felt on the Republican side in the coming contest. But their fears do not stop here. Some of them even go so far as to say that they believe that old Tim, the "Democratic Farmer County," will fall in on the side of honesty and right, and redeem her fast falling reputation. Should this be so, our Democratic friends, who have been holding "fat offices" at the Court-house, and have felt so safe and certain of future success, had better fear and tremble, square their accounts and prepare to "pass in their checks," for the day and hour when they shall be called upon to stand before the judgment bar is fast hastening on and is even now at hand. Let the Democrat who hath ears to hear, hear, and let him, listening to the voice of wisdom speaking from age and experience, give heed and reap his golden harvest while 'tis day, for the night of his political death approaches, when no Democrat can work.

The school taught by Prof. Bishop has just closed, but we have at least one other good school in progress. This school is taught by Prof. G. C. Blakely, who thoroughly understands his business. All his scholars love and respect him. His basis of teaching is a good one, and has a "firm foundation"—love and kindness—and he never attempts to govern and control by mere brute force, as too many do to whom the care and training of the youth are entrusted.

On Thursday last several of the boys had a sharp little "set to" but no serious damage was done, and peace once more reigns in Warsaw.

This is one of the best business places in Oregon. We have five stores, and expect another one to be opened soon; and all are doing a splendid business. I am sorry to have to add that we have a "grocery" also, which is doing a thriving business. This does not speak so well, and "pity 'tis, 'tis true."

But this will do for the present. O. R. EGON.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.—On Wednesday last, at Umatilla rapids, the scow belonging to Grant & Stone, in use removing obstructions and widening the channel of the Columbia river at that point, was blown up, about 10 a. m. of that day. One man was killed outright, two wounded so that they will not recover, and twelve others are missing. There were between twenty and thirty men in and about the boat at the time of the explosion. The explosion was so terrific that it shook the buildings in Umatilla, six miles distant. The explosion is said to have been caused by the igniting of a package of giant powder, used for blasting, stored too near the furnace. Following are the names of the missing men: Connelly, Hanson, Mangon, Sullivan, Fogg, Kruss, Hatlaway, Boulder, McMalley, Watty, Tenbrook, Newell and McCabe. Gray was badly burnt, and taken out of the water by the small boat. Up to last advice only the body of McCabe had been recovered.

A telegram from Umatilla, dated March 1st, says: Scow blown to fragments. Thirteen men missing. Coe, Bassett, Stone and Tabor safe.

Mr. Peter McKay, formerly station agent at Cheyenne, arrived there from the Black Hills on the 21st ult. He reports all the creeks frozen solid, except Spring creek, and that all mining operations have been suspended till Spring, except the Allen and Montana Mining companies, located on Spring creek, where the volume of water is so great that they are able to keep at work washing gold, and they are making as high as \$20 a day to the hand; they average fully \$10 a day to the man. He says that all throughout the Hills there are hundreds of miles of creek banks, and none of them but will yield from \$5 a day and upwards. He reports that so far but very few rich diggings have been found, but all are paying well. The discoveries on White-wood creek are such that \$5,000 is the price named for claims of 300ft. Dead-wood creek is particularly rich in gold.

Perhaps it is true that the nebulae are but the dust and debris of the great Artificer's workshop, but that isn't what a man thinks of who pears at the front door at 2 a. m. and hears his wife breathing through the key-hole.

STOCK POISONED.—Parties who set out poison to kill rats, squirrels, cats or dogs, should be careful to so place it that stock don't get it. A widow lady of this city lost a valuable cow the present week, supposed to have been poisoned.

"Charles," said a young wife to her husband, as they sat at the window watching the fashionables on their way to church, "when you die, and I get the insurance money I intend to have a fur cape and muff just like that lady has on there."

Vesuvius is once more in eruption. The bottom left in the crater by the eruption of 1869 has disappeared, and the mountain is smoking again. It is a peculiar result of modern life that an eruption of Vesuvius is always a great gain to Italy.

During the "cold spell" at Olympia, it is said the pumpkins which were frozen exploded when exposed to the air. Thereupon the naughty Bee says, "vacancies in the editorial staff in that city in consequence." The Bee doubtless knows.

According to the Bee, Portlanders commenced fasting and praying on Wednesday, and this "regimen" was to be continued forty days. They have been reading of the fate of those two ancient cities that were destroyed with fire and brimstone, we suppose, and propose to get out of it in this way.

The aerial lady who bestowed the broomstick in M. G.'s melody has a rival in a Pittsfield, Mass., woman, who, during the recent gale, took an involuntary ride across the street on a dry goods box.

The late Anthony Rothchild's son-in-law, a brother of the Earl of Hardwicke, is said to be the first Christian who has married into that famous family of bankers. The other daughter of the Helrew baronet is still single, and as £4,000,000 are to be divided between the two sisters, perhaps some other Christian gentleman may be found willing to sacrifice his prejudices on the matrimonial altar.

A California inventor has patented a contrivance for driving sewing machines which does away with the treadle. A number of springs are moved by clock-work and governed by a lever so nicely that the needle may be made to move at any desired rate of speed. The machine will run for an hour and a quarter with one winding up.

A German tailor at Des Moines has invented a novel piano, the hammer of which strikes bells instead of strings. There are in this piano sixty-six bells, varying from two inches to thirteen inches in diameter, all so adjusted that each bell shall give its perfect tone in response to the touch of the performer's hand on the keyboard.

Hon. E. N. Tolin, State Senator from Josephine county, died at his residence on Deer Creek, in that county, on the 22d inst. His death was not unexpected as his health had been injured for some time previous. He was a good husband, a kind father and a respected citizen.

The Cincinnati Star rises to a point of order on the paragraphing that is going on about Colonel McKee as a "journalist," and states its point as follows: "McKee, though a convict, never was a journalist. He owned stock in a newspaper, but that no more made him a journalist than owning stock in a railroad makes the owner an engineer." Drawing dividends from the earnings of a newspaper does not make a journalist any more than drawing dividends from a street railroad makes a man a mule."

A Troy (N. Y.) man has been trying to kill rats with bread covered with arsenic. The bread disappeared, but the rats didn't diminish, and finally he caught his thirteen-year-old daughter eating it. She confessed that she had disposed of all of it, and liked it better than anything she had ever tasted. It appears that the girl had fits a year ago, when she kept begging for arsenic and the doctor, thinking she was going to die any way, gave her some, whereupon she got well. Since then she has been given the deadly poison at different times, the only effect being to make her appear well, bright and cheerful. The case has been laid before several scientific men, all of whom pronounce it one of the most remarkable phenomena of the age.

Don Clark is reported to be en route for England.

Ought to be allowed to sit down—A merchant of forty years' standing.

Italy will send four hundred tons of goods to be exhibited at Philadelphia.

Markets have been unusually quiet during the week. Liverpool advices still show a declining tendency in wheat.

The bill for the sale of timber lands in the States of California and Oregon passed the Senate on Tuesday.

We hope our "O. R. Egon" will stick to his "knitting," and favor us often with his interesting letters.

It is proclaimed that upon the entrance of the royal army into Madrid, there will be three days' festivities, bull fights, etc.

Our New York letter is behind time wofully. All on account of the irregularity of the mails between this city and San Francisco.

Only one railroad passenger in 7,000,000 is killed in a year, and one in 1,000,000 receives any injury from railroad accidents.

James Lorimer Graham, United States Consul at Florence, is about to retire from that post on account of ill health.

The King of Spain proclaims that he, with 50,000 of his brave troops, will repair at once to Cuba to quell the insurrection there.

There are now 25 men engaged in graveling and leveling up the track of the railroad from Walla Walla to Wallula.

Gen. Crook has started with a force from Fort Laramie to hunt up and punish Sitting Bull and his followers. Sitting Bull is said to have 1,500 warriors.

Twenty-five years ago a boy left home and started out to become the President of the United States. That boy is now one of the best shoemakers in the Ohio penitentiary.

Captain Bogardus has been challenged by Ira A. Payne to shoot for the Captain's Laurel medal. The contest will probably take place out West in April.

A whisky flask has been invented which looks like a book. Henceforth book-worms and the worm of the still incur the risk of being considered identical.

They are telling pitiful stories of suffering from poverty in London, this winter. A barrister in good standing, who was an Oxford "honor man," was recently arrested for begging.

Don Carlos has surrendered himself to the French authorities, and the protracted struggle in Spain is probably at an end. Cuba will next receive the attention of Spain.

A recent letter from San Francisco has this: "It is estimated that thirty thousand men are here penniless and out of employment. Advise no one to come here now. Only by the hardest work can one keep above water; once beneath the surface, there is no resuscitation." Parties making calculations on going to California to get work or make a "raise," will do well to read the above.

The Bessemer saloon-steamer, that proved an utter failure, has been sold at a heavy loss by the company which owned it, and is undergoing the change necessary to its conversion to the use of a great floating bath, some distance down the Thames, England.

Gen. Babcock has been tried and acquitted. You will probably not be able to find a half dozen country Democratic sheets in the United States, however, that will not still persist in setting up their feeble judgment against the decision of the court, and with no other evidence than their own wishes, persist in declaring him guilty. This is their capital—all they have.

Great excitement prevails at Steamboat Springs, eleven miles from Reno, Nevada, over recent discoveries of cinabar. On Sunday last there was a great rush of people to that vicinity, and the whole country was "taken up." Dean & Wheeler sold one claim for \$10,000 cash, but refused \$120,000 for an adjoining claim. That these discoveries are valuable no one denies, but just exactly how rich they are no one knows.

We judge from the remarks of the Democrat that its editor is opposed to the nomination and election of Mr. Blaine to the Presidency. This much, at least, can be said to Mr. Blaine's credit.

A Mr. Taylor recently shod four horses at Rocky Bar, Idaho, with snow-shoes, and brought them a distance of fifty miles through snow so deep that they could not have traveled through it otherwise.

The freight tariff on Walla Walla and Columbia River Railroad is to be materially advanced.

They have another Oriflamme at Portland, the present one being a British iron ship, of 2,250 tons capacity, loading with wheat for Europe.

New Orleans has a debt of \$21,000,000, and is trying to compromise with creditors for sixty cents on the dollar. Extravagance in public works the cause.

The farmers Blue Gravel mine at Sucker Flat, Yuba county, Cal., valued at \$400,000, is to be sold at sheriff's sale on the 16th inst.

Fat cattle are scarce and much sought after in this market. More stall feeding will have to be done in the future—the grass business is failing.

Another motor man, one named Gary, has turned up in Pennsylvania. Where is the Thug, the gentle Thug, whose mode is simple, neat and snug?

Write your name by kindness, love, and mercy, on the hearts of the people you come in contact with, and you will never be forgotten.

A Wisconsin man named Welsh is to be credited with a novel suggestion concerning snuffage. He would give each man 21 years old one vote, and another when he reaches 42, and bestow a final one when he is 63. Age and experience, he says, produce patriotism, a sense of public duty, and political integrity.

The editor of the Boston Transcript thus describes a meteor: "A shaft of golden light was seen to shoot athwart the sky. After traversing a path which might have consumed a second the erratic body relaxed its speed gradually until it had become motionless. In an instant it burst into a shower of crimson and emerald brilliants, which descended in a luminous rain until they were extinguished." Then he sat down on the ottoman in the hallway, and his wife pulled off his boots.

A negro, known as "Uncle Ben," has been found on the Filson plantation, eight miles from Clappell Hill, in Washington county, Texas, who says he was a good sized boy, blowing the bellows in a blacksmith shop in Virginia, at the time of Braddock's defeat, in 1774. He lost his eyesight at about sixty years of age, but in the course of twenty years it returned to him, and he sees as well as anybody now. His hair turned white with age, turned black again, and is now white the second time. He now masticates with his third set of teeth. He had fourteen wives; is the father of eighty five children, and is hale, hearty and active. From his statements he must be one hundred and forty or one hundred and forty-five years old. The contention can have him if they want him.

New To-Day.

FRESH GROCERIES & PROVISIONS. NEW STORE! NEW GOODS!

JUST OPENED, in the building on First St., east of Ferry, lately occupied by H. Woods, a new and full stock of Groceries, Provisions, Etc. which I offer to the citizens of Albany and surrounding country at fair living rates. I propose keeping a good stock of everything in my line, in its season, and respectfully ask the patronage of the citizens of Albany and vicinity, promising low prices and fair dealing with all.

CHAS. BOURGARDES, WATCHMAKER & JEWELER, Corner First and Ferry Sts., ALBANY, OREGON.

Watches, Clocks, Silver and Plated Ware, and Jewels of every description and of the best manufacturers, on hand for sale at fair rates. For cleaning and repairing timepieces a specialty. For jewelry, etc., repaired and cleaned on short notice at living rates. Give me a call, and see for yourself.

Barber Shop! L. B. ROYAL HAS OPENED a Barber Shop on First street, one door west of Thompson & Irving's harness shop, where he will be pleased to meet all who wish work in his line. Thankful for past patronage, he hopes by close attention to business to merit a continuance of the same. Will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Perfumery and Hair Oils, the best assortment in town. Come and see me. Albany, Or., February 23, 1876-24.

WANTED.—An agent for this city and vicinity, for the sale of E. Hutterick & Co.'s celebrated and reliable patterns, for the purpose of cutting. Address: A. DEMING, 111 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.

NOTICE. TO THE LADIES OF ALBANY AND VICINITY:—Mrs. Upham and Mrs. Grubb have opened a dressmaking shop, one door west of Fox's store, and are now prepared to do any and all kinds of ladies' work with neatness and dispatch. Mrs. Upham is a thorough and accomplished dressmaker, having been in the business more than twenty years. Well, all we have to say is, try us and be convinced. Thankful for past favors, we ask a continuance of the same. MISS BOLDS and MISS GRUBB, at the same place, have a stock of Fancy goods, and useful and ornamental goods for ladies' wear, which they sell at low rates. They do all kinds of stamping on short notice at reasonable terms. Also, agents for the sanitary Corset, the most fashionable and best in use. Give us a call. Albany, Feb. 25, 1876-24.

REMOVED TO REGISTER BUILDING, Corner First and Ferry Streets. Just Received! A LARGE STOCK OF BOOTS AND SHOES OF EVERY STYLE & MAKE WHICH WILL BE SOLD WAY DOWN. I WILL ALSO PAY THE Highest Market Price, in exchange, for all kinds of Merchantable Produce. J. FLEISCHNER, Proprietor.



TITUS BROTHERS, DEALERS IN Watches, Clocks, JEWELRY, Silver & Plated Ware, and DIAMOND SPECTACLES.

AGENTS FOR THE Singer Sewing Machine, The Best Machine Made.

GRANGE UNION STORE! Corner First and Washington streets, Albany, Oregon. President, S. A. DAWSON. Superintendent, A. J. JOHNSON.

DRY GOODS! Chemical Paint, THE BEST AND CHEAPEST USED. Go To A. CAROTHERS & CO., FIRST STREET, ALBANY.

ALBANY FOUNDRY and Machine Shop, A. F. CHERRY Proprietor, ALBANY, OREGON. Manufacturers Steam Engines, Flour and Saw Mill Machinery, WOOD WORKING and AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Stoves & Ranges! FOR CASH, AT COST! PUMPS, HOSE, ETC. W. H. McFARLAND, Albany, Dec. 10, 1874-18. Notice Extra. THE METZLER CHAIR. POTLATCH!

NEW Furniture Rooms.

F. S. DUNNING. Please leave to announce to the citizens of this city and surrounding country, that he has opened a large stock of FURNITURE!

In the building lately occupied by Dr. Pinner's drug store, on First street, where can be had, on most reasonable terms, Parlor Sets, Bedroom Suits, Sofas, Lounges, Easy Chairs, Center Tables, Whatnots, Desks, Book-cases, Safes, Wardrobes, and in fact everything else needed to GO TO HOUSEKEEPING.

My goods are well made and of the very Latest and Handsome Styles. PRICES WAY DOWN. FURNITURE manufactured to order, at short notice. Furniture repaired and put in good shape on short notice. Give me a call. F. S. DUNNING, Albany, Nov. 26, 1873-1874.

REMOVAL. SOMETHING NEW IN ALBANY!

Dress Making! Millinery Goods! Ladies' Furnishing Goods!

General Emporium. Mrs. S. A. JOHNS, at 107 New Street on B. street, Albany, near the corner of second, offers the ladies a splendid stock of new MILLINERY and DRESS TRIMMINGS, of every description, all of the latest and most fashionable styles. She also has a complete assortment of Ladies' and Children's Furnishing Goods and Underwear!

Choice City Property For Sale! THE UNDERSIGNED, wishing to emigrate, is offering his property in Albany for sale, consisting of a good residence, located centrally and near the business part of the city, with two lots, in block 23, fronting to the north on Third street and to the west on Calipoola. The lots are enclosed by a nice picket fence, and there is a good barn and other outbuildings, besides a choice lot of bearing fruit trees and grape vines, with a fence built between the two lots, forming a nice little garden spot, which is in extra condition for gardening. Possession given on short notice. Any information given at the residence of J. M. BEACH, or as he is generally known, Mill Beach.