The Democrat.

FRIDAY.....JULY 22, 1881.

STEWART & GREY,
Editors and Proprietors.

O. & C. R. R. TIME TABLE.
Albany Station.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

BOUND NORTH.		
ALBANY EXPRESS Departs at		5:30 A. M.
FREIGHT TRAINS " "		9:00 A. M.
MAIL TRAIN { Arrives at		11:45 A. M.
{ Departs at		12:05 P. M.
BOUND SOUTH.		
MAIL TRAIN { Arrives at		11:45 A. M.
{ Departs at		12:05 P. M.
FREIGHT TRAIN " "		3:30 P. M.
ALBANY EXPRESS Arrives at		8:35 P. M.

All Trains daily, except Sunday.

NOTICE.—On and after this date regular tickets will be sold at our ticket office for following points on Columbia river: Upper Cascades, Dalles, Umatilla, Wallula, Walla Walla and Ainsworth.

WILL. B. RICE,
Freight and Ticket Agent
O. & C. R. R. Co.

Albany, June 18th, 1881.

THIS PAPER may be found on file at Geo. P. Rowell & Co's Newspaper Advertising Bureau (10 Spruce St.), where advertising contracts may be made for it IN NEW YORK.

OUR LOCALS.

F. M. French, jeweller.

Choice groceries at Meyer's.

Try the Star Brewery Beer.

Trade has been lively this week.

Go to Horlacher's for your steak.

E. R. Skipworth, lawyer, Albany, Or.

Bargains at Monteith and Seitenbach's.

Skidegate oil at C. A. Plummer and Co.

Watch repairing a speciality at French's.

Baton brown bread at Conrad Meyer's

Candies and confectionery at C. W. Osborn's.

Star Bakery.

Best oranges in the city at C. W. Osborn's Variety Store.

Go to Hoffman and Joseph for your cigars and tobacco.

A large stock and low prices at Montague's, Lebanon.

The Oliver Chilled Plow is the best plow for dry ground.

The river is falling and will soon be almost low enough to ford.

Common fish oil only 75c. per gallon at C. A. Plummer and Co's.

Ladies' corsets for 25 cents at Wrinkle & Co.'s new dry goods store.

Ballard Isom and Co. have 50,000 sacks to let. Call and see them.

Dave Horlacher always has the choicest meets and keeps a variety.

Several very desirable houses to rent. Apply to Stewart & Grey.

If you want a number one pair of eyeglasses call on F. M. French.

Plastering hair, a large supply and quality to suit, at Thompson and McCoy's.

Go to J. E. Sorbin's Palace Beer Hall to spend a pleasant social evening.

Cheapest place in the city to buy tobacco is at C. W. Osborn's variety store.

The Narrow Gauge Railroad starts in next week with a regular time table.

A great many of our people walk erect now on account of straitened circumstances.

Call at the DEMOCRAT office and see some of the finest specimens of flax ever raised.

Dunbar's shoes are all the rage at Samuel E. Young's fit, style and quality guaranteed.

Dr. G. Willis Price, dentist, office in Odd Fellow's Temple, over Plummer' Drug Store.

What is known as the McCully bridge is being rebuilt across Thomas creek, above Scio.

Give the Albany Market a trial when you want a first-class steak. Levi West, proprietor.

About the finest ladies' shoes ever brought to this market are now for sale at McIlwain's.

Groceries, vegetables, tobacco and cigars at Otto Saliager's First street, opposite McIlwain's.

Cookies, cakes, pies, doughnuts, fresh bread, etc., constly on hand at Meyer's Star Bakery.

Gus Englander's "Yerba Buena" Hair Restorative does the work thoroughly. Try a bottle of it.

Remember that you can always get the best of everything in the goocery line at Conrad Meyer's.

Premium lists for the next Linn County Fair can be had at the office of Burkhart Bros. in this city.

Blackberries are ripening fast up in the mountains, and crowds of people are wending their way thither.

Ballard Isom and Co. pay the highest price for wheat. And are always prepared to pay cash.

Ballard Isom and Co. are prepared to store wheat on as favorable terms as heretofore. Call and see them.

Remember you can only get the genuine Skidgate oil at C. A. Plummer's, as they are sole agent's in Albany.

Skidgate oil for machinery, warranted not to gum, only $1.00 per gallon, at C. A. Plummer and Co's.

E. D. Haven and H. H. Hewitt, Attorneys at Law, have removed their office to the Odd Fellow's Temple.

Brownsville now gets one train a day over the narrow gauge, and it makes the town bustle with business.

Remember that you can buy all kinds of furniture very cheap, and always get the best at Graf and Fromm's.

A water main is being extended from Sixth to Tenth street so as to let Thos. Monteith get water at his residence.

"Yerba Buena" Hair Restorative the best in the market and a home invention, at Gus Englander's Shaving Saloon.

A. D. Barker delivers milk either in the morning or evening, just as his customers desire. Try him for a short time.

L. E. Blain goes to San Francisco in a few weeks to purchase his fall stock. Look out for something fine when he returns.

Go to C. B. Montague, General Merchant, Lebanon, for your blouses, overhalls, shirts, hats and gloves for harvest wear.

If Charley Wilkinson asks you to subscribe for the DEMOCRAT be sure to do it. He is authorized to receipt for subscriptions.

A large lot of men's Alexis shoes will be sold at McIlwain's at 25 per cent below the [illegible]. Call in and see them.

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ing the Albany agricultural warehouses.

One young man at least has been reading the revised new testament, for we heard him say last Saturday that it was "as hot as Gehenna."

Thermometers of late have been as reckless in conferring their degrees on the community as some one-horse college on medical students.

Don't fail to look over the elegant display of fruits and vegetables in front of Hoffman and Joseph's grocery, when you are out marketing.

Some ornery cuss stole a new collar off that little black and tan dog of Baum's a few days ago. What is it that some people will not do?

It is useless for our physicians to argue against the short-sleeved dresses now in fashion. The constitution of the United States says: "The right to bare arms shall not be interfered with."

Monteith and Seitenbach are still offering great bargains in dry goods. Remember that now is the time to take advantage of their low prices.

Repairs on Foster's brick block are progressing rapidly and when completed Messrs Monteith and Seitenbach will have as fine a store as anybody.

Messrs. Huston & Roberts have dissolved partnership in the blacksmith business, and Mr. Wm. Huston will carry on the business alone at the old stond.

Knapp, Burrell and Co., the great farm machinery firm of Portland, guarantee the quality of Skidgate oil. It will not gum. For sale by C. A. Plummer and Co.

Buy you overalls, blouses, jumpers, buck gloves, eye protectors, tobacco and harvesting hats at the Farmers' & Mechanics' store; full stock at bottom cash prices.

New stock of buggy whips just opened at Thompson and McCoy's. Long sevenfooters, just the thing for Twine Binders. Go and get one before they are gobbled up.

Rubarts and Dubreille tried the seven-foot whips last year and found they were not long enough, so ordered 8 foot whips this year. They are just the thing.

The public should keep this in mind—Wrinkle & Co. have brought down the prices of dry goods fully 30 per cent. Do your trading there and keep them down.

No doubt about the fact that Monteith and Seitenbach are selling goods lower than any concern in the city. Their low prices are a bona fide reduction and no bluff.

Two large grain warehouses were burned at Drain's Station this week and all the wheat stored in them is a total loss. People should insure against such accidents.

Let all of our readers be revolving in their minds the necessity of establishing a woolen mill at this place, and also about how much they can afford to subscribe for such an object.

A. B. McIlwain is now receiving some magnificent new styles of dress goods and trimmings which literally "take the rag off the bush," when it comes to something stylish.

Redfield and Irving request all parties indebted to them to call and settle their accounts by Aug. 1st. After which date no goods will be sold without the cash or its equivalent.

Passing the Hebrew cemetery a day or two since we noticed it was smoothly mown and well kept in every way. Would it not be a good plan to give the city cemetery a little more care?

The Oliver Chilled Plow will run and do good work in dry ground when a steel plow cannot be kept in. They are just the plow you want for summer fallowing. For sale by Samuel E. Young.

Farmers and others who have any occasion to use lubricating oils should not fail to call on Saltmarsh and Langdon. They bought a large stock early in the season and can sell the best oils at the lowest figures.

Fox, Baum and Co. don't quote prices, but if you will come and examine their immense stock and select what you want they will sell you goods as low as you can buy them at any other place in the city.

The Magnolia Flouring Mills, owned by J. H. Foster & Co., have been undergoing a thorough repair and the work was just finished up last Saturday. They are now in splendid condition for another long run.

F. M. Miller Esq., of Lebanon, is the authorized agent of the DEMOCRAT at Lebanon. We have left the accounts due the paper in that vicinity in his hands and hope our patrons will oblige us by prompt payments.

Redfield and Irving have just received a large invoice of the celebrated C. B. Dupee sugar cured hams. These hams are by far the best ever brought to this market, and have a reputation all over the world. Don't fail to try them.

Messrs. Romily and Horne commenced pulling flax at Wheeler's place last week, working thirty-two Chinamen. Last Wednesday they moved out to the farm of James Marks where they have quite a lot of flax to take off the ground.

You may be tired and worn out and used-up, and all that when night comes this warm weather, but go down to the Star Brewery and take a glass of Bellanger's celebrated Star Brewery Beer and you will be surprised at its refreshing effects.

The excursion to Portland on Sunday, July 24th, under the auspices of the Albany German Aid Society promises to be a pleasant affair. The fare is certainly very low, being only $2 for the round trip.

Parties desirous of leaving for Portland on the German excursion July 24th, can get breakfast as early as 6 o'clock at the Depot Hotel. It is unnecessary for us to say that Mr. Gross always sets a good table, and those who breakfast there will fare well.

John Schmeer came up from Portland last Saturday. He took his bunch grass horses down there a few days before and disposed of all but one span. He will start over the mountains for Prineville to-day or to-morrow. His old friends have enjoyed his visit very much.

Hoffman and Joseph are among our most enterprising merchants, and this week have made arrangements to keep on hand constantly a supply of the best butter. They have a fine refrigerator, and the butter is kept on ice, preserving its sweetness and flavor.

Our manufacturing interests are now in their infancy and need the encouragement and support of our citizens. Go to Jas. Dannals and buy your furniture which is all manufactured here at home. He is constantly adding new features to his establishment and will sell goods at the lowest living prices.

Tom Alphin was in to see us this week and paid up for his paper. He says he is going to beat the whole county on potatoes and gooseberries this season. His gooseberries are going to be as large as watermelons, and his potatoes as large as nigger-head boulders. You can't come up to that you can't compete with him.

[illegible] Jame[illegible]? La[illegible]nnals, our popular furni[illegible]nufacturer, says his business is show[illegible]ed improvement and what is still [illegible]nds among his customers many [illegible]comers to this section. Nearly [illegible]e goods he has sold in the last [illegible] been to people who have re[illegible]

recently located here. We consider this as a hopeful sign, and certainly are very hopeful that they may continue to come.

Patronize your home merchants. C. B. Montague, of Lebanon, can sell you all goods in the line of general merchandise just as cheap as you can go away from home and buy them. He carries a large and varied assortment of all goods, is well prepared to exhibit them, and you can make just as good selections by purchasing of him. Remember the place—C. B. Montague's, Lebanon.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Resources of Oregon and Washington," a publication issued by Messrs. David and and G. W. Stoel, of Portland, Oregon. This issue is partially devoted to Linn county and is a valuable one to parties contemplating coming here. Such publications if freely distributed throughout the east would soon give people there an idea of our country and undoubtedly be the means of inducing immigration this way. The Messrs. Steele deserve much credit for the manner in which they are advertising the resources and needs of this coast, and their efforts should receive a hearty support from our citizens.

Ballard, Isom and Co. of the Red Crown Flouring Mills are inaugurating quite extensive improvements about their mill property and propose to be in shape to give their customers the best of storage and milling accommodations this season. They are giving their mill a thorough overhauling, repairing and painting, and will erect an addition one hundred feet long by twenty feet wide for storage. They are also adding another run of burrs, and considerable more mill machinery of the latest improved patterns. They propose to keep fully up to the times in introducing new and advanced methods and inventions connected with their business and the great popularity of their flour, more especially among home consumers shows how amply their progressive ideas are justified. When their contemplated improvements are completed they will have one of the best mills on the coast.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Jos Tyler paid Corvallis a flying visit last Tuesday.

Ed. Pentland, of Scio, was in town last Saturday.

Charles Wheeler of Shedds was in town yesterday.

Dr. B. M. Savage has left Salem and located at Halsey.

Mr. Perry Spink and family will start for the Bay Monday.

Capt Humphrey was down at Portland several days ago.

Joseph Nixon, Esq., of Lebanon, was in town last Saturday.

Miss Elva Dickey honored our office with a call last Tuesday.

W. W. Piper, an architect of Portland, was up here last Saturday.

Rev. I. H. Condit and wife are expected to return to Albany next week.

Albany is certainly the prettiest, cleanest and most business-like city in the valley.

We are under obligations to our friend, Nat Redpath, for some news items this week.

Judge John Burnett, of Corvallis, honored our sanctum with his presence last Wednesday.

Jas. McMahon was down from Halsey last Saturday. He has been over the mountains recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rice have broken up house keeping and are again boarding at the Depot Hotel.

B. W. Cundiff came down from Brownsville last Wednesday. He reports matters as very lively.

Miss Belle Putnam leaves Monday for Astoria where she will visit at her uncle's for some time.

Mrs. A. B. McIlwain returned home last Wednesday after a very pleasant trip to the Eastern States.

Our young legal friend, E. R. Skipworth, Esq., spent two or three days at Independence this week.

A whole bevy of young ladies were out riding on horseback last Friday. It was a fine looking procession.

The Carter and Holman boys from Soap creek, passed through this city on their way to Upper Soda last Tuesday.

Mrs. N. Baum and her children went to Corvallis last week and joined the Jacobs and Nugass party for the coast.

Samuel Robinson and Dr. Stewart returned from Lower Soda last Monday evening, having been absent a week.

The man who wanted to be Portland's mayor, and who may be yet, Hon Joseph Simon, was in town last Saturday.

P. H. Raymond and family start for Ochoco to-day to make a visit to Ed. Freeland. He will probably meet them in the mountains.

Mrs. L. Atkinson, of San Francisco, is canvassing this county for Jeff Davis's book—"The Rise and Fall of the Southern Confederacy."

Notwithstanding all the modern improvements of husbandry, the matrimonial harvest is still gathered with the cradle and thrashed by hand.

Geo. E. Chamberlain has purchased the Calloway property on Seventh street, and got a splendid bargain in it. The house was built by Chas. Bourgardes.

Our young folks bathe in the canal almost every evening now. It is great sport, but some of the ladies have hard work to keep their noses out of the water.

Pete Bilyeu was over last Saturday, for the purpose of selling his farm to an emigrant from Missouri. Pete is a jolly good fellow, but he don't go a cent on book agents.

Geo. Grant, special agent of the old and reliable North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., is now in the city. The company is represented here by Stewart and Grey.

Jos. Webber and family and Mrs. Mansfield and her daughter Anna started for the Bay yesterday morning. The outfit looked like an excursion train on a pan-handle railroad.

Bill Messer Smith called on us a few days ago. Several fellows have squatted on his land over by Black Butte and seem disposed to dispossess him. Bill will be a match for them.

Geo. Smith, of Portland, spent last Saturday night in room No 48 at the St. Charles in this city. George has many warm friends up here who would be glad to see him at any time.

Mr. Wilcox, of Portland, has been up here this week looking after the construction of the sewer for which he received the contract for putting in. The sewer will be completed this week.

Mrs. Ihrig, the mother of Mrs. F. L. Reis and Mrs. D. Horlacher, died at Seattle last Saturday. Her daughters received notice of her death only a few hours after they learned of her sickness.

The wife of J. O. Bushnell died at Seattle last Tuesday and her remains will arrive here to-day for burial. The funeral services will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Cline.

L. Kline, Sam Crape and Gus Kyle arrived home from the mountains last Monday evening. They caught some trout, but the nearest they came to killing any game was hearing Dutch George tell his bear story.

D. W. Claypool, of Prineville, was in this week and gave the DEMOCRAT a substantial call. He bought one of the celebrated McCormick twine binders and took it back across the mountains to work in the grain fields on the other side.

W. R. Bishop, agent for the Brownsville Woolen Mills in Portland, went up to his home in Brownsville last week. Mr. Bishop has been eighteen months in Portland, and this is his second visit home during the time. He will return in a few days.

Tom Curran had a bad time of it last week. On Friday he was thrown from a horse and skinned up considerably, and on Saturday, while handling lumber at the yards, he fell over the river bank, a distance of some twenty feet, and bruised himself up considerably.

A Shooting Affray.

Jesse McGhee, living near this city, received the following letter last Wednesday, in relation to a shooting affair in which his son Walter was one of the principals:

HELIX, Or., July 15th.

JESSE MCGHEE.

DEAR SIR: I write to inform you that your son Walter has met with quite a misfortune this evening. He got into some difficulty with a man and it terminated in a shooting affray in which Walter received two pistol wounds—one in the nose, ranging backward and the other barely grazing the skull. He is at my house and is well cared for. The Doctor says there is no danger, so you need not be alarmed.

Yours respectfully,
R. H. SIMPSON.

This is probably the same encounter mentioned among our "Pacific Coasters" as happening at Grasswood precinct between Switzer and Kinney. Kinney and McGhee are probably the same person as the time, place, and occupation of the two parties agree. Walter is a fine young man, honorable and peaceable, and we think he surely must be the wronged party.

LATER—The following from the Walla Walla *Statesman*, probably gives the particulars of the affray, but gets the name Kinney instead of McGhee:

For some time past a young man named Kinney, by profession a school teacher, and who bears a most excellent reputation among the settlers of Eastern Oregon, had lived and taught school at Grasswood, Umatilla county, and as young men have and always will do, naturally fell in love with and was finally engaged to a young lady who lived with and was partly raised by a man named Switzer, who kept a store and the post office in that section of the country. Now this man Switzer, says the Walla Walla *Statesman*, is overbearing and raised objections to the course of true love, and swore that neither Kinney nor any other man should marry the girl, but Kinney laughed at the idea of a man, in no wise related, intervening between two lovers, and like a brave youth determined to bring matters to a focus. He therefore on Friday evening last proceeded to the store kept by Switzer and sitting on the counter asked him if he knew or had heard anything against his character. Switzer replied that he knew nothing whatever. "Then," said Kinney, "why do you oppose my marrying the girl?" Switzer then said that he did not intend that anyone should marry her. Kinney then said that he understood that he said he was going to shoot him. Switzer said "Yes, I did and guess I had better do it now," and no sooner had he uttered the words when he pulled out his pistol and fired, the ball striking Kinney in the eye; this was followed up until the pistol was emptied, one other shot struck the already wounded man over the eye, the missle glancing around and coming out by the ear. During this time Kinney had been getting ready and having his pistol cocked in his pocket fired through it, the ball striking Switzer in the neck, who dodged under the counter; Kenney followed him up and reached over to give him a final shot when the cartridge exploded and the ball remained in the chamber which prevented any further use of the weapon. Switzer then left the store, and providing himself with an axe, swore he would chop off Kinney's head, but his amiable intention was frustrated by some bystanders who prevented him from using it. He was arrested and taken before the Centerville Justice of the Peace on Saturday and remanded. The doctors say that Kinney's wound will probably prove fatal, while his intended murderer will recover. As a general thing it is regretted that Kinney was not quicker with his own weapon.

ATTENTION:

Lower prices than ever before known in Albany or vicinity, at A. B. McIlwain's. Read what he has to say:

12½	yards cabot W muslin for	$1.
18	" printed calico,	$1.
10	" gingham,	$1.
13	" plain crash,	$1.
11	" linen crash,	$1.
10	pair ladies' plain hose,	$1.
8	pair fancy hose,	$1.
1	dozen fine handkerchiefs,	$1.
1	dozen fair "	87½c.
10	yards Washington dress goods,	$1.
10	" heavy Cheviots,	$1.
12	" heavy Canton flannel,	$1.

Dress linen, 12½c per yard. Good quality of bed ticking, 10c. per yard. Cashmere of all grades, from 33½c. upwards. All other goods in proportion. Summer hats of all descriptions at reduced prices. Highest cash price paid for produce. Call and examine goods; no trouble to show them.

Completely Sold Out.

Late in the present season the hardware firm of Peters and Sox took the agency for the Deering twine binder, and the special agent—O. L. Ervin, Esq—placed twenty machines at their disposal. The success they have met with is almost remarkable when it is known they had never handled such goods before. They sold out the entire twenty by the Fourth of July, have had to refuse quite a number of orders since, and have already taken several orders to be filled before the harvest of 1882. Besides this they have added very materially to their hardware trade and are now doing a large business. This shows what energy, fair dealing, good business rules and judicious advertising will do.

A Binder Smashed Up.

W. C. Morgan's wheat was all ready for harvest last Wednesday, and he got out his McCormick binder, oiled it up in good condition, put his boy up on the seat and started things to going. The horses scared at something and started off in a keen run and struck the stump of an oak grub, smashed the machine all to pieces, and threw the boy through the air for some fifteen or twenty feet, giving him the worst shaking up he has had for many a day, but not seriously injur[illegible] the first accident of the [illegible] the last.

The Flax Crop.

The flax crop throughout the valley is reported more promising than in past years. Several large fields in Linn county, sown early and on good soil, are said to have attained a growth that insures a heavy yield of seed. Flax grown for the fibre, which is a different variety from that produced for the seed, is not succeeding so well, probably on account of not being acclimated, as it has been but a few years since its production was commenced in Oregon.—*Telegram.*

Allow us to correct you by saying that such a favorable year for the culture of lint flax has never been known in Oregon. Lint or fiber flax from the Willamette Valley carried off the first prize at the Centennial Exposition in 1876, where it was in competion with samples from Ireland, Holland, Russia and Australia. If we remember right the specimen shown there was three feet long, and this season we can show over 150 acres in Linn county that will beat that measurement six inches. Besides that we can show fifteen or twenty acres that already measures *four feet nine inches* in length, and by the time it is ready to be taken from the ground it will in all probability be fully five feet long. This latter is an experimental crop raised by Sam'l Robinson, well known to newspaper men on this Coast, and is from some of the celebrated Riga seed imported by him from the old country last winter at a cost of about $10 per bushel. Mr. Jas. Thompson, the gentlemen who put this flax in, is an old Befast Irishman, and the remarkable success of the crop shows that he understands its culture thoroughly. Although the *Telegram* made a mistake in regard to our flax crop we know it will very gladly correct it, and thus assist in attracting attention to what will soon be one of the chief industries on the Northwest coast. We now have a twine mill in Albany which is just getting in shape and will do a large business this year, but we are confident that in a very few years linen factories will be more plentiful in Oregon than woolen mills. In Ireland the lint flax is about 28 inches long, and their soil has run down to such an extent that at the last annual meeting of the Belfast Flax Association the Secretary was ordered to correspond and ascertain where the culture of flax was most successful, so that the manufacturers would know where they could draw their supplies of raw material from in the future. It seems to us that flax four and five feet long is about what they are looking for, and if they should import a few cargoes from this country, we will soon have some of their mills over here. Already this season some two or three factories have been brought over from Ireland to the Eastern States, and they of course think it is profitable to make the change or they would not come. If it is profitable to work up flax in New York and New Jersey, and to import considerable of the raw material, paying a duty, as they do, of $30 per ton, how very much more profitable would it be to do the manufacturing here, where the best flax in the world is raised, and where the climate is peculiarly adapted to the working of flax fiber. We ask that the newspaper press of our State do what they can to get this matter before the world, and the result is sure to be of great benefit to Oregon. What we have said of the length and quality of flax now being raised here at Albany is absolutely correct as we will prove by sending samples this week to the Land Department of the O. & C. R. R. Co.

To Our Sportsmen.

Perhaps there is no better fish than carp and with our water facilities there is no better location than Albany in this State for the establishment of artificial fish ponds. If any one should feel disposed to try the experiment of fish culture the following from the *Oregonian* would be of benefit to him:

Hon. M. C. George, member of congress, has received from Prof. Baird, of Smithsoian Institute, a number of blank applications for German carp, which will be forwarded free of expense to any part of the United States, to persons making such request. Applications may be made through Mr. George at his office in Union Block.

Yaquina Bay Railroad.

The Salem *Statesman* learns from W. P. Keady, who arrived in that city on Monday, that the Yaquina Bay Railroad is assured and will be built, as the surveyors are already in the field—a party at each end of the road, and that the contract for furnishing the ties was let on last Saturday. The road will be of the standard gauge. Steel rails for the entire road from Yaquina Bay to Corvallis are already afloat. He also states that the improvements at the mouth of the Bay are progressing finely, and everything indicates prosperity at that point.

The German Excursion.

The railroad excursion to Portland, under the auspices of the German Aid Society of Albany, comes off next Sunday and gives promise to be a grand affair. The managers of it wish us to say that no disreputable or drunken charaters will be allowed to go, and that it was gotten up so that people could have an opportunity of going to Portland to visit friends at a very small cost, and at the same time not neglect their business. See their adv.

Grand Lodge A. O. U. W.

The following are the Grand Lodge officers A O U W, of the jurisdiction of Oregon and Washington Territory, elected for the ensuing year:

W. D. Hare, Astoria, Grand Master.
C. M. Bradshaw, Port Townsend, General Foreman.
J. P. Goodhue, Victoria, Grand Overseer.
R. Newcomb, Roseburg, Recorder
Hara D. Chapman, Walla Walla, Grand Guide.
I. R. Moores, Salem, Grand Receiver.

Church Notice.

The last quarterly meeting for the present Conference year will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, commencing on Saturday afternoon next at 2 o'clock with preaching by the Presiding Elder, Rev. W. T. Chapman. Elder Chapman will also preach on Sabbath morning and evening. All are respectfully invited to attend.

Death of Father Worth.

Old "Father Worth", as he was familiarly called, died at his home in Halsey last Monday night after a sickness of several weeks, aged about 83 years. He has been a pastor in the United Presbyterian Church for many years, and has lived for quite awhile in Halsey and Brownsville. The funeral took place on Wednesday, Rev. S. G. Irvine and Dr. G. W. Gray and their wives attended.

The Book Social.

The book social which was advertised to be given on Wednesday, Aug 3d, has been changed to Friday evening, July 29th Remember this date and attend, as it is going to be a fine affair.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF A. F. D.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Counsel of the City of Albany.

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with Sec. 18, of Ord. 40 regulating the Albany Fire Department, I have the honor to present to your consideration my annual report as chief engineer, showing the condition of the department at the end of my term: also the number of fires, and amount of loss therefrom, since the 1st day of July, 1880:

The department consists of 129 officers and men, 1 chief engineer, 1 assistant engineer, and 1 engineer for the steamer, who is also one of the nightwatches for the city.

The department is divided as follows: Albany Engine Co., No 1, has 55 active members, 1 second class Cowing & Co. hand engine in good servicable order, 1 two-wheeled hose cart, and 600 feet of good rubber hose; also 500 feet of unservicable hose. The house occupied by this company is owned by the city, and is the best building belonging to the department; the hall above the engine room is used by all the companies for meetings, and is fitted up in a very pleasant and comfortable manner. Lately water pipes have been put in thus supplying water for the purpose of washing hose, &c. In connection with this building is a first-class hose and bell tower.

Linn Engine Co., No 2, has an active membership of 46. This company has a fourth class Clapp & Jones steamer, to which there is attached, in the engine room, a first-class header, which keeps the steamer always ready for service; they also have a two-wheeled hose cart, with 950 feet of good rubber hose. The building occupied by the company's apparatus belongs to it, having been built by private subscription; the lot belongs to the city. The meetings are held in the hall of No. 1's building.

Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. has 28 active members, and has been in service about one year. They have a first-class Fred J. Miller iron frame truck with a complete outfit of fixtures, to which has lately been added a gong. This company has a truck room adjoining No. 1's building, which belongs to the city. The service this branch of our department has rendered during the past year has been a great advantage, and is an important auxiliary to the department.

The water supply of the city consists of 8 cisterns, of a capacity of 80,000 gallons, and 1 hydrant. On my last examination of the cisterns, July 11th, 1881, I found the following depth of water in each: Cistern at the junction of First and Washington Sts., 8 ft., and 9 in.; First and Ellsworth, 7 ft., 6 in.; First and Ferry, 8ft., 4 in.; Second and Baker, 8 ft., 6 in.; Second and Broadalbin, 9 ft., 9 in.; Fourth and Ellsworth, 10 ft., Fourth and Montgomery, 10 ft. The cisterns are all in good condition; but I would suggest that a lead trough be run from the canal into the cistern at the junction of First and Ellsworth streets, the supply of water from it now being insufficient and very easily exhausted. This cistern is an important one, as there is quite an amount of property adjacent to it. As an addition to our water supply, already furnished by the canal and cisterns, a first-class hydrant has been placed near the southwest corner of First and Broadalbin streets; these hydrants are great aid in time of fire, and should be placed throughout the city as fast as your judgment may deem necessary.

The expenditures of the department have been as follows: the allowances to each company and for salary of chief engineer being regulated by section 6 and 7 of ordinance 40. The amounts paid for engineer's salary, for steamer, and for repirs and supplies, have been by order of the council, the bills for the amounts being on file in the recorder's office:

Salary of chief engineer	$200 00
Yearly allowance of No. 1's	129 09
" " 2's	400 00
" " H & L. Co	60 00
" " board of del	20 00
Salary of engr. of steamer	200 00
Repairs and sup. for No. 1's	203 71
" " No. 2's	376 46
" " H. & L. Co	176 69
Pd for build, of H. & L. Co	261 50
" freight of truck	75 00
" gong and expressage	36 25
Total	$2,218 51

In this financial report, the amount expended for repairs and supplies includes what was paid for work on the engines, washing hose, &c. The salary of chief engineer has been reduced for this year to $100.

Number of fires during the year, 4; number of alarms sounded, 10; number of times department was in actual service, 3. Fire at St. Charles hotel: Alarm sounded at 7 P. M., Aug. 10th, 1881; the fire was a small one and soon extinguished; loss $15, covered by insurance. Supposed cause, cigar thrown in trash box on second floor.

Fire at the residence of John Foshay: Alarm sounded at 7 P. M., Feb. 10th 1881; the fire was extinguished without the aid of the department; loss $25, no insurance Cause of fire, paper sacks hanging near the stovepipe in the upper story taking fire.

Fire in Van Cleave's building: Alarm sounded at 1:30 A. M., Feb. 22d, 1881. The lower story was occupied by W. U. Baltimore, general merchandise; second story by "Register" office and Coll. Van Cleave as residence. Baltimore stock valued at $3,500, insured for $2,500; amount of insurance allowed, $1,400; loss over insurance, $2,008. Value of "Register" office, $1500; am't of damage allowed on building, $703.54, contents insured for $500; damages allowed, $206.34. John Brush, damage by removing goods, $10; amount paid by insurance. Cause of fire supposed to be incendiarism.

Schlosser fire: Alarm sounded at 2.30 A. M., March 30th, 1881; building owned by P. Schlosser, and occupied by Kwong, Mow & Co., general merchandise; building and stock destroyed. Building valued at $1,250, insured for $850; insurance paid in full; loss over insurance, $400. Stock vauled at $2,900, insured for $2,500; amount of insurance allowed, $959; loss over insurance, $1,950.

Amt. of losses during the year	$8,706 00
Amt. of insurance	7,375 00
Amt. of insurance paid	4,278 87
Loss over insurance paid	4,427 13

The losses from fire this year have been comparatively small; indeed our city has been unusually fortunate in this particular. That the losses have been small and the fires limited, is due to the promptness with which the fire department have responded to the calls and the energetic labors of its members. This has been highly spoken of by insurance agents, and each year they are becoming more efficient.

I cannot close this report without referring to a new feature in our fire department, and that is the Ladies' Coffee Club, the object of which is to supply the firemen, after their fatiguing and exhausting labors, with that refreshing beverage, which "exhilerates but does not intoxicate," a cup of good coffee. This is a noble work, and one which every member of the department appreciates.

In concluding my report, I would call attention to the matter of providing a suitable house for No. 2's. As before referred to, the building they occupy was built by private subscription, and is just large enough to store their apparatus. For meeting purposes they occupy the hall in No. 1's building. I would suggest that, as soon as practicable, a house be built for the company, so that they may have a home of their own.

In retiring from the office of chief engineer of the Albany Fire Department, I desire to return my sincere thanks to the mayor and council for their liberality in supplying the necessary funds for the expenses of the department; also to each and every member of the department for the kindness shown me during my term, for their promptness in responding to every alarm, and the efficient assistance they have rendered at all times; and for the Albany Fire Department I wish all the success and prosperity possible. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBANY, July 12. W. B. SCOTT,
Chief Eng. A. F. D.

FROM PALOUSE.

COLFAX, W. T., July 9th, 1881.

Editors Democrat:

My attention has just been called to an extract from a letter written at Farmington, twenty-five miles from this city, in which the writer gives a gloomy account of matters and things in this Palouse country. All his neighbors are at a loss to account for his dismal picture of the prospects of this country. Facts will not bear him out in any of his charges against the country in which he resides, but just the reverse is true in all respects. The prospects of good crops was never better than at this time. There will be more grain raised in his own township this year than there has been any year previous. As to grain, such as wheat, oats, barley and flax, there has never been even a partial failure in the Palouse country and this years crop will be immense as compared with the number of acres sown. Why any one should make such statements is more than I can understand.

As for vegetables this country excels any that I have any knowledge of. Last years crop of potatoes was not more than one-half gathered and preserved for use, and this spring they could not be sold at any price, and were left in the fields to rot where they were buried. As for cabbage, turnips, parsnips, carrots and other common vegetables, they certainly grow as well here as any spot on the Pacific Coast. Our market has been well supplied with peas, potatoes, and, in fact, all kinds of vegetables, since the middle of June. I was a resident of the Willamette Valley nineteen years, and can say without fear of contradiction that our vegetables mature as early in this Palouse country as they do in the Willamette valley.

The Palouse country is a good country for some people to emigrate from, but a better country cannot be found for an industrious, intelligent family to emigrate to.

Truly Yours,
E. N. BEACH

PRINEVILLE NEWS.

The following items we clip from the Ochoco *Pioneer*, of the 9th inst:

Last Sunday while riding in town, Louis Curl's horse fell with him, and the young man had his left shoulder dislocated.

As we predicted, our mail facilities are being cut off, instead of extended. Postmaster Thomas has received notification that on the 15th inst. the daily mail between here and The Dalles will be discontinued, and a tri-weekly line substituted. The Bake Oven has been entirely squelched.

Next week a number of families will leave for the blackberry patches of the Cascades. Among those getting ready are the household gods of G. W. Pickett and Jim Blakely. An exciting contest between these two noted experts will take place during the campaign, as Jim has wagered a pink-eyed, bald-faced cayuse against Bill's lame heifer, that he gathers the most berries in a six day contest.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's parent's, Upper Ochoco, July 7, 1881, by Justice Richardson, James C. Luckey and Miss Eunice Roberts.

Hot as Hades one day, cold enough for an overcoat the next is Prineville's weather report.

Oregon Wool

We clip the following from an exchange. It illustrates the fact that a little enterprise among our farmers and producers is well worth while. We would however much rather see them making an effort to bring the manufacturers here where the wool is produced, and believe it is only a question of time when they must come.

ROSEBURG, July 18.—The committee charged with selling the grange wool pooled at Roseburg and Umpqua declined all bids offered yesterday. This wool has heretofore brought the highest price paid for choice Oregon wools owing to its brightness of color and light shrinkage. Arrangements are now being made to ship this wool direct to the east. This is considered a move in the right direction, which will open a direct channel from the producer to the manufacturer. This shipment will amount to about a quarter of a million pounds of very choice Umpqua wool.

Meeting of Bondsmen.

The bondsmen of J. R. Herren held a meeting in this city last Saturday, at which time they filed a motion to strike out the complaint made against them on the groundthat it was not properly verified, which will have the effect of carrying the whole matter over to the October term of Circuit Court. The bondsmen believe the case is the result of some mistake made in footing up Mr. Herrin's accounts, and they have employed W. R. Bilyeu and C. E. Wolverton to inspect the sheriff's books and make a report as to the result of their findings.

Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Post Office, Albany, Linn county, Oregon, July 21st, 1881. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they were advertised.

Blodgett, R. F. Miller, Mrs. Mollie
Forster, F. Werum, A. M.
Weybright, Martin

P. H. RAYMOND, P. M.

CITY PROPERTY WANTED.

A gentleman wishes to invest not to exceed $600 or $700 in a house and lots in this city. Would rather have the property located somewhere near the outskirts of town. If you have such property for sale, call on Stewart and Gray, immediately.

DIED.

IHRIG.—At Seattle, W. T., on Saturday, July 16, 1881, MRS. MARY IHRIG—aged 48 years.

BUSHNELL.—At Seattle, W. T., on Tuesday, July 19, 1881, EMMA, wife of J. O. Bushnell.

FOURTH ANNUAL VICTORY

For D. M. Osborne & Co. Harvesting Machinery at the Oregon State Fair for 1881.

SALEM, Or., July 11, 1881.

This certifies that D. M. Osborne and Co. was awarded the first premiums on their Twine Binding Harvester, No. Six Combined Reaper and Mower, No. Three Independent Reaper, No. Two Front Cut Mower, and No. Five Rear Cut Mower, at the Fair of 1881.

E. M. WAITE, Sec.

The above speaks for itself. The