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A. B. McILWAIN.

Dealer in general merchandise, 14 and 16 First Street, Albany, Or.

Spring, 1885, Spring.

Our importations for spring and summer trade excel all our previous efforts.

We offer the public the following line of new goods at prices that will not be under-

sold:

Plain and fancy gingham.

Plain and fancy lines of various grades.

New line of French and American dress goods, all of the latest styles and colors.

Boots and shoes, -We have one of the largest lines in the valley in various grades.

Tobacco in all grades by the box or pound, at prices that defy competition.

Clothing in the latest style and patterns, at prices that will induce you to buy.

Call and see for yourselves. No trouble to show goods.

A. B. McILWAIN, Albany, Or.

Hoodlums on the Rampage.

Last Monday morning two boys of this city, each about fifteen years, one of whom was a party to the Chinese row mentioned in last week's Democrat, (one of the worst hoodlums this side of—well, San Francisco) provoked an innocent Mongolian living in the house just east of Deyoe & Robersons, and then when he took offense at their rowdiness, picked into him. While one held his arms the other struck him several times in the face with an iron, knocking four teeth out. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the boys, but they had decamped towards Tangent. Their parents paid their fines before they could be arrested, enriching the city \$10; but the poor Chinaman who lost his teeth got not a cent. These boys are both old enough to suffer the full penalties for an assault with a dangerous weapon, and certainly deserve such punishment. It is time a summary example was set. As long as the Chinese are allowed to remain here they should be protected the same as Americans.

Safe Across the Cascades.

A postal from Mr. Jas. Elkins, dated at Prineville, announces his safe arrival there with his band of yearlings in good condition considering the snow storm and amount of snow he went through, which extended from Sand Mountain to Cash Creek. On account of the light snow could get no grass until at Black Butte. He found the Fish Lake House crushed to the plates. The roads to the top of Sand Mountain were good. The southern river was low. On Crooked and Ochoco rivers brood crops had been sown, had not rain there for a month. The immigration seemed to be large towards the Harney Valley.

Strawberries.

Strawberries after all did not fare so badly as was expected, they very fortunately having got started sufficiently to avoid the effects of the severe frost. Only the blossoms were nipped. Monday several boxes of fine luscious berries were offered for sale on First street, and readily found purchasers at 25 cents a box. Mr. Shannon was the first grower to bring them to the city with business in his eye, leaving them with Read & Brownell; Mr. Peacock, though, left a few with Conrad Meyer for exhibition, but none for sale.

A True Fish Story.

On last Monday a gentleman living in Eugene City packed five carp ranging from five to eight inches in length, in a paper box lined with green grass and covered up the fish with moss and sent them by express to Mr. Conrad Meyer of this city, upon their receipt placed them in a vessel containing water when ten of them were found to be alive. Afterwards one more died. The distance of shipment was about 45 miles, which seems to establish the fact that carp are imbued with great tenacity of life.

Developing Speed.

The fair ground track near this city is being put in good condition for training purposes. Already two or three trainers are stationed there, and several horsemen begin to think that horses have considerable speed, and so some of them have. The development of horse flesh in Linn county is a matter of great importance, and the Democrat rejoices to see a live interest taken in speed generally by Linn county men.

Oregon Apples.

Mr. Reason McConell, living near this city, left at this office last Monday some apples of the American Pippin and Romanite varieties of last year's growth, which were not gathered at all, but left on the trees. They dropped to the ground and have remained out all winter. The trees are now full of fair grown fruit, while the old fruit is still picked up under the trees hard and solid, Linn county against the world.

Delinquent.

The county tax is now delinquent, and will be collected by Sheriff Charlton personally as far as possible. If parties who owe their taxes would save the expense of 10 cents a mile and expense of traveling to property they must come to time immediately. The tax has to be collected and it will pay all who are delinquent to attend to the matter now, as Mr. Charlton assures us it will be pushed.

Odd Fellow's Anniversary.

The Odd Fellows of this city celebrated the 63rd Anniversary of the institution on the order in America at Odd Fellow's Temple last Saturday evening by a social given by the Sisters of Rebekah. Lunch was served and an address was delivered by P. G. J. F. Backus, which was well received by the full of interest. A very pleasant time was had.

Foundry sold.

The foundry, machine shop and machinery, belonging to the estate of A. F. Cherry and to A. P. Cherry & Son, was sold at Executors Sale on last Saturday afternoon. The building and lots were bid off by Millard Hayes for \$2750, and the machinery for about \$1200, mostly by Mr. Hay-

OF ALBANY.

Albany, more than any other town in western Oregon, has suffered from the depression in business from which the whole country is just emerging. It is distinctly and entirely a farming town, and it prospers or loses just as the season is a good or bad one for the farmers of the surrounding country. The only industry of the place outside of the general business dependent on the country, has been that of making flour, and it will be remembered that both of the large merchant mills located here went to the wall early in the hard times season—A. H. in "Oregonian" and no person is well qualified to tell of the business of the different parts of a country as the commercial traveler. Were Mr. Holman to talk with a large number of those well posted men, he would find that probably no other city in Western Oregon suffered less from the depression in business matters than Albany. He says Albany is distinctively and entirely a farming town. It is less so than any other place in the valley; yet of course it is a farming town, the same as all places in the N. W. The only industry has not been that of making flour. The Thresher and Separator factory employs from ten to thirty men, we have two furniture factories which do the principal business of the valley, the largest foundry and machine shop in the state outside of Portland, an ice house, a chair factory, the leading wire work factory in the State, and a fruit dryer company, all representing a business of several hundred thousand dollars; there being put up sixty-five mounted grain separators and seventy fruit dryers last year alone, for which there was a ready sale.

Mr. Holman says the idea that there were only two merchant mills here, there were three, two of which went to the wall. The one remaining lone of the solid institutions of the Valley, doing so large a business that they are obliged to increase the capacity of the mill. Traveling correspondents of Portland papers will find a well to investigate more and write less from impressions and prejudices.

Another Chapter to the Story.

One of the persons who saw the piece of hammered gold mentioned in the "Blue Buckle Diggins" item of last week was Mr. W. A. Ferguson, of this city, from whom we have since learned additional particulars. The story circulated that a fabulous story circulated that one of the women of the party filled a blue bucket full of gold and fastened it to the hind end of a wagon. On looking for it afterwards it was not to be found. Mr. Peterson has great faith in there being gold there, the place can be found, and may, possibly, become one of the payers.

The Strike on the O. P.

The strike of Oregon employees, engineers and laborers, on the Oregon Pacific, we understand, is not yet ending, although negotiations are pending, as yet it is thought the affair will be satisfactorily arranged by the payment of a third of the amount due and a note for four months for the balance. The strikers are all quartered in Corvallis, where considerable feeling exists over the matter. The engine which was damaged by some of the strikers was repaired and accepted by the company. It is to be hoped the matter may be amicably arranged so that trains will run on time.

Floral Party at Corvallis.

Last Friday evening twenty-four young people of this city, all members of the Y. L. C. U., attended a floral party at Corvallis, given by the young ladies of the same society at that place, at the handsome residence of Mr. Thompson. They took with them as floral offerings a harp, diamond and pillow of flowers, each very beautifully arranged. A pleasant evening was spent, much to the mutual benefit of the young people of both places, those from here speaking nighly of the kindness shown them.

Free Sample.

Mr. J. E. Archibald has left at this office a sample from a field of 60 acres of fall wheat which excels anything we have yet seen. The sample is full four and a half feet in length and will not head out for a week or ten days yet. The day before receiving this sample we read of an account of a new storm in Colorado when the snow fell to the depth of twenty inches. Oregon against the world.

Will Meet Again.

"Good bye," said a laborer who had not matters completely liquidated, to a railroad official, the other day. "We will meet again."

"Ah, I don't know, where will that be," said the official.

"In 'h'—"

And now everybody thinks they have a good joke on the railroad official. Just where it comes in though we cannot say.

Got Part of the Insurance.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Edward Murry, of this city, received from a Colorado Life insurance company \$700, payment of a risk on her husband's life. As Mr. Murry was insured for \$2000 and premiums were paid on that amount, this sum is hardly a satisfaction. Let it be all the company consents to pay. People should steer wide from such companies.

A Boom for Linn County.

Cline, Monteth & Co. have been busy the past week, showing immigrants some of the fine farming and stock lands they have for sale. Parties having land for sale will do well to call on this firm as they are receiving letters every day from parties inquiring after land, with a view of purchasing.

Dance at Crawford's Hall.

The Albany City Band will give a dance at Crawford's Hall, to-morrow, (Saturday) evening, for their own benefit. Admission, \$1. First-class music will be furnished. A general invitation is extended to all.

Coffee Club.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Coffee Club next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at N. E. Eugene House. Business of importance. Every member is requested to attend.

Chinese Row No. 2.

The third contest with a Chinaman, within a week, all of which went so far as to cause arrests, occurred last Monday afternoon, in front of L. Campana's barber shop between The Marshall and a lean necked Celestial. As the case was taken into the Justice Court and a trial had to give as nearly as possible both sides of the case, on account of the great interest taken in the matter. It might be remarked that on account of so many cases having occurred within so short a time in which the Mongolians were oppressed, the sympathy was naturally against young Marshall, for while few love the almost yellow Celestial, the general sentiment is decidedly in favor of treating them respectfully as long as they are allowed to remain among us. As to this individual case, though, we have no comments to make, as there were peculiarly two sides to it, which it was for the jury, and not to decide, as to which was right. On the trial the testimony of the prosecution was substantially that Marshall and one or two other boys were sitting in front of Campana's barber shop, when the Chinaman in question came along. Young Marshall "dipped" a small bottle at him. "What for you call me a—of—b—" said the Chinaman. Young Marshall reiterated the epithet, and the Celestial said "you a—of—b—" Then the defendant either struck him with a stone or his hand or fist, and on the Chinaman's rushing for a stone three men came down and held him until the stone was taken away from him. This was one side; now for the other. Parties were in same position as when the stone was taken away, when the defendant rushed out to pick up something on the walk. The Celestial turned and said, "what for you do that you a—of—b—" Then the defendant arose and said, pointing his finger at him. "You call me that again and I will have you arrested." The Celestial answered by slapping him in the face, when the defendant gave him a push, and when the Chinaman rushed for a stone, three men came down and held him up, not caring to hurt him, as soon as the stone was taken away. There were two witnesses for the prosecution and six for the defense.

The jury after being out a few moments returned a verdict of guilty, and a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed on the defendant, amounting in all to \$30.15, default at which the defendant will have to serve twenty-five days in the county jail.

The result of the case shows a strong spirit, not to make the Chinaman better than white men, but to give him the same rights to protection. There is a lesson in the case which many may profit by, and which has induced us to give it as much notice as we have.

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HOMER AND ABROAD.

F. M. French, Jeweler.

It is time for pianos to catch.

The wind howled last Sunday.

The best harness at J. J. DuBouille's.

Pay your delinquent county taxes.

5, 10 and 25c counters at N. H. Allen & Co.

Fresh bread of all kinds at Conrad Meyer's.

A full line of fresh groceries at Conrad Meyer's.

J. P. Wallace, Physician and Surgeon, Albany, Or.

Try that new Electric family soap at Conrad Meyer's.

Cleveland is a man of an immense amount of money.

What's now 60 cents a bushel and flour is \$3 a barrel.

Green house plants constantly on hand by J. H. Townsend.

Fresh made candies always on hand at Read & Brownell's.

Conrad Meyer is dead—sure to sell all kinds of pastry cheap.

Portland street car drivers work sixteen hours a day and receive \$2 therefor.

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afternoon affray is said to have been driven out of Portland by the other Chinamen on account of a cutting affair he was in. Whether or not he was not a very law-abiding citizen. Of course this, though, does not affect his being protected by the law.

If you want your property advertised call on Cline, Monteth & Co., 125 So. 1st St. If you want your property sold call on them. It costs you nothing to advertise with this firm and very little to sell.

The first week a Democrat man witnessed the operation in Hoffman & Joseph's of lengthening a large mass of red and white candy into small twist sticks, making over 500 sticks ready for sale in half an hour and young children. Billie Taylor was the artist.

Most of the brick for the school house is already made by Joe Clark. Mr. Clark has been favored with uncommonly good weather for brick making. Lumber is already on the ground for building work on the building. Mr. Conn, the contractor, gives evidence that matters are going to be pushed right to the start.

At an informal meeting of the journalists of Oregon, held in the Oregonian editorial rooms on the 27th of April, it was resolved that a meeting of representatives of the Portland press be held on the 19th of May, in the hall of the Standard office, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a permanent association.

Communications received at this office with the name of the writer omitted, published. We do not want the name to publish it, but to know that it was written by a responsible party. We want news from all parts of the country, but in all cases we want the name of the writer. A communication from Crawfordville this week told us that the water became the name of the Williams river which can be reached by steamboat either during the entire or part of the year. At these points as well as at stations upon the lines of the Oregon and California railroad in close proximity to the river points, the railroad comes into competition with steamboats, and thus the rates of transportation by the former are naturally governed by the rates at which the latter carry. From such competition it is not easy to see how the railroad is to be able to carry its freight at non-competing points; that is, at inland stations.

As an example, last year 819 tons of freight were shipped from Salem to Portland, 53 miles, at \$2 a ton. From places north of Salem, 21 to 43 miles from Portland, the rate is \$1.20, and 4199 tons of freight were shipped last year. If this law is to be enforced the railroad would either have to raise the rate to \$2.20 or reduce the rate to \$1.50. If it did the former the river would get all the business, if the latter it would lose \$224 on this one division. Again, 791 tons of freight were shipped from Corvallis to Portland last year, and 2,488 tons from north of there, on the whole of which the postoffice claims the road would lose largely by the amount. This may prevent increasing freight rates in the future, but we predict will have little weight with the Court.

The principal argument against the law is the first one mentioned, and that has already been pretty well settled in several of the Eastern States in the negative. The move is an important one, hence we give the substance of the railroad's side of the question, without extended comment.

AN IMPORTANT PETITION.

R. Koehler, receiver of the O. & C. R. R., has petitioned the U. S. Circuit Judge, sitting in Equity, praying for instruction as to whether or not the petitioner sought to disregard the H. B. bill, an illegal, unconstitutional and void act, whether or not, and to what extent, he must comply with its provisions.

The document is long and of a very interesting nature, presenting the policy and practice of the railroad in a very plain light. It presents the stationary argument in reference to the obligation of the contract and is unconvincational. Also claims that under Davis State laws the corporation had the right to collect and receive such tolls and freights for transportation of persons and property, as it would be prohibited. We believe an untenable argument.

His allegation that the Road already loses money over certain parts of it in carrying passengers at its maximum rate, is already well known, and while it may touch the sympathies of some, will have little weight in the learned Judge's mind. The same may be said of the petitioner's argument in reference to carrying a greater proportion of freight in the winter than a longer distance in the same direction. His argument, interesting but weak, on this point, takes up the principal part of the petition, the gist of which is that both the east and west side divisions of the Oregon and California railroad have four points situated on the banks of the Williams river which can be reached by steamboat either during the entire or part of the year. At these points as well as at stations upon the lines of the Oregon and California railroad in close proximity to the river points, the railroad comes into competition with steamboats, and thus the rates of transportation by the former are naturally governed by the rates at which the latter carry. From such competition it is not easy to see how the railroad is to be able to carry its freight at non-competing points; that is, at inland stations.

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Common Council.

Tuesday evening, April 23rd, 1885. Present—All but Ridout.

Committee on accounts reported that the reports of the Receiver and Treasurer had been examined and found correct.

The Committee on Streets reported no in favor of side and cross walks on Fifth street, also referred petition for extension of Broadway street back to Council for action, also petition for sewer on Baker street, and grading of Fifth street.

Moved and carried that sewer on Broadway street be completed to the ditch.

Matter of sewer on Baker street deferred for one year.

Petition for grading Fifth street not allowed, also petition for building side and cross walks on bridge street.

Petition for bridge across the ditch on Ninth street, laid on the table.

Mr. John Brash asked leave to improve his property on Block Ten, Grand.

Chief Engineer Hoffman reported frame building being erected in Block five in the limits, also proposition to buy refuse fire hose. Referred to committee on fire and water with power to sell the same.

Recorder was directed to draw up fire ordinance to correspond with new charter.

Request of Mr. Lemmon for milk license referred to committee on license.

Complaint was reported from property owners on Lyon Street that ditch was damaged and fences along the same. Marshal was ordered to notify Mr. Crawford to repair ditch within 14 days, and if not repaired the Marshal would proceed to repair the same and tax it against ditch.

Recorder was ordered to draw up ordinance relating to the repairing of sidewalks, etc. Marshal was ordered to enforce this ordinance.

Recorder was ordered to advertise for bids for extending Broadway Street sewer, to be opened at next meeting.

The following bills were allowed: John Briggs, \$3.50; John Stewart, \$16.25; N. J. Henton, \$22.15; W. V. Watts, \$3.80; Henry Samsen, \$2.30; Geo. Burkhart, \$27.00; J. McDonald, \$32.00; J. A. Warner, \$12.75; W. N. Miller, \$2.

The following bills were referred: Geo. Burkhart, \$16.50; Peter & Stewart, \$25.25; Robinson & West, \$80.91; N. J. Henton, \$15.25; John Briggs, \$5.50; Murray, \$6.75.

Lost.