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Obscene Literature.

The new law passed at the last session of the Legislature amending section 653 of the code of criminal procedure of Oregon took effect May 20, It prohibits the selling, lending, giving away, distributing or showing any indecent magazine, newspaper, etc., particularly prohibiting the selling, showing, etc., to any minor of any publication principally made up of criminal news, police reports or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime. The law is strict and its object is clear as those of laws generally, sufficiently so that such papers as the "Police Gazette" and "News" are plainly within the proscription. The dealers of this city, looking at it this way, have discontinued selling the above papers, and they can no longer be found in Albany. As the fine is set at $500 to $1500, it will be well for dealers all over the State to be careful how they proceed in the matter. The law is a good one and should be enforced.

A Fertile Section.

The land all through the forks of the Santiam and the Willamette is noted for its fertility, a splendid thing to be said about a section of country; but while it is "perfectly immense" on wheat, it makes no distinction when it comes to weeds, everything has to grow. A few days ago Mr Thomas Alphin sent the DEMOCRAT office a bunch of French pinks, all from one seed, on which there were the large number of 805 pink heads This pest has multiplied so fast that it is now found sticking its many heads up all through that section of country, and withal has proven a great nuisance Its advent was an interesting one. The seed was originally ordered by Mr Crooks for his flower garden, but it has kept branching out until it has a very pernicious influence.

Harney Valley.

Mr. James Eikins returned from Eastern Oregon last Saturday. He reports times dull and no stock buyers in the country. Cattle, horses and sheep are all low. Some horses have been driven off to California and sold for moderate prices. Grass is excellent and stock fat and doing well, Sheep-shearing was about two thirds done. Wool will be low, will bring about 16 cents per pound. The Harney Valley excitement is not abating much yet. He says the valley is a large and beautiful one, but fit only for raising horses, sheep and cattle. It is too cold and frosty to grow grain. About two out of five who go there will take homes and remain. It is no place for a poor man. He must have stock to live there.

Blue Bucket Diggings.

Several weeks ago the DEMOCRAT gave several accounts of these famous diggings with anouncement of a departure for them of Mr J J Davis and several others. From Mr. Jas. Elkins, who has just arrived across the mountains we learn that the party reach the traditional grave in safety, where they sunk two shafts, but found no gold nor indications of gold, The party left the place satisfied the blue bucket was a visionary business, some going in one direction and others in another, Mr Davis searching principally for the festive deer. Though they may have found no gold, they certainly must have had a pleasant summers' trip, which was one of the inducements for them to start on the excursion.

The Democrat.

The DEMOCRAT is steadily increasing in popularity and circulation, Its proprietors are laboring to make it the paper for the people. It is now recognized as the best local newspaper in the valley. Let its friends help extend its circulation. See that every man who lives in your vicinity takes it. Specimen copies sent on application. Hand your own copy to any emigrant who comes into your neighborhood. Remember, any subscriber may send an extra copy out of the State to a friend for $2 per year, For six new subscribers, we send the paper one year for $2 each. Any one sending us 5 new subscribers and $12 cash will receive the paper one year free.

Potato Thieves.

It is strange that any of the genus homo should resort to potato stealing in a country where they are grown with so little labor, and yet such is the case, for the gardens of several citizens living in the eastern part of the city have been entered at nights lately and potatoes dug and carried away, This is exasperatingly annoying to the owners, so they have prepared themselves with a full supply of buckshot and one man whose garden was badly raided swears "by the eternal" he will give Coroner Peterson a job and make him think his office is worth having.

Against the Mortgage Tax.

The cases of the Dundee Mortgage and Trust Company vs. Samuel Parrish, et al., and the American Freehold Land and Mortgage Company vs. Sheriff Groves, et al., and of the New England Mortgage Security Company vs. Groves et al., were argued before Judge Deady, in the United States Circuit Court, Monday, These suits are brought in opposition to the provisions of the mortgage tax law. An immense array of legal talent is engaged on both sides of this question.

The Grain Crop.

The Northern Pacific Immigration Board received a number of grain samples from the farm of Dr, Bialock, near Walla Walla, Monday, The stalks were about four feet high and looked quite healthy, The grain is slightly "turned," showing that the recent rains were just in time to save the crop,

Music.

One of the pleasing and entertaining features at the rendition of "Among the Breakers" last Friday evening was the music furnished by the Orchestra under the leadership of Prof. Richards. Favorable comments were heard on all sides.

Special Meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Directors of O. F. H. B. Association, at the library in O. F. Hall, this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Let all members bear this in mind.

THE EXPOSITION.

Further Observations by Rev. T. B. White.

I beg your indulgence to write up some farther observations on the great Exposition recently closed in New Orleans. The multitudes who thronged the vast buildings and grounds from day to day were disseminators of intelligence and the observations made by them. Our own State received its share, as the plain, matter of fact exhibit, under the supervision of the genial, whole-souled Allen, had a ready and enthusiastic talker. Allen was eminently fitted for his work, and right well did he do it. Some degree of enthusiasm is necessary in any calling.

Albany—our own gem of the valley, was represented in the pincers of our friend Johnson, the axe handle of Mr Richards, while a ton of the Red Crown flour, sent by our enterprising millers, Isom, Lanning & Co., showed off well in that pyramid, I told many of his excellence. And now our friends with the new roller process may be expected to beat themselves, and challenge the world, Home enterprise and business test are worthy of mention. Well, the whole journey presented a series and congeries of scenes of instruction that can never be forgotten.

I thought when I got to Baltimore on my way to New Orleans, and was there mingling with those hospitable, intelligent christian people for about a week, that that was about the best place I had ever struck. Then when I went to Charleston and received the kind courtesies and hospitalities of that city of which I had learned when a school-boy, "the citizens are noted for their hospitality,"—thought, well, this beats Baltimore a little. Then when I got to Savannah, went in and out there a week or ten days, and saw the spirit and manner of that people, I thought well, if anything, this beats Charleston, Then when I got to New Orleans where I had lived and had a pastoral charge for three years, and fell into the bosom of old friends and relatives, mingling with those I love and respected, receiving their caresses and congratulations, and feeling the throb of their souls in the shake of their hands, I thought, well, if possible this beats Savannah. And so after I get back to the beautiful Willamette Valley, and receive the cordial welcome from so many friends, and have such a home like feeling, it seems to me as if it were getting better and better. I am constrained to say, there is so much of worth, beauty and loveliness in this world that I can repeat the line with emphasis: "Humanity is all akin" Its good and true and beautiful, far out balancing the evil. Thankful to a Divine Providence which, as with a fathers tender care, has guarded and guided me through all these travels, and observations, and with a heart of more sympathy for humanity and recognizing more and more the great leading and cardinal fact of Divine atonement for sin and present, future and eternal salvation as provided for all mankind, and that repentance unto life and faith unto salvation is the privilege of every human being—with a greatful heart I take up the ordinary thread of life's work.

Albany, Or., June 8th, 1885.

T. B. WHITE,
U. S. Commissioner.

"Among the Breakers."

This play was presented to the Albany public on last Friday evening in Crawford's Hall by Albany ameteurs, The house was crowded to overflowing by the theater going people of the city, who seem to have the good sense of knowing just how to appreciate home talent. The rendition seemed to fully meet the hopes and expectation of the friends of those who took part in the play. Mr. Fred Nutting represented David Murray the light house keeper. Walter Monteith, as Larry Divine, strengthened the favorable impression which he has heretofore made upon the Albany people. Thos. Wallace as Bruce Hunter, Mack Monteith, as Clarence Hunter, Geo. Foster, as Peter Paragraph, Mary Irvine, as Minnie Daze, Mattie Foster, as Bess Starbright, Minnie Monteith, as Biddy Bean all sustained themselves well. T J Overman, as Scud, seems to possess talents peculiarly fitting to the character which he assumed, His unrestrained and ever flowing naturalness seemed to please his audience. We mean no disparagement to the others who took part in the play when we say that Miss Courser, as Mother Cary, made an impression on the minds of her audience much more favorable than the average ameteur. Upon the whole the entertainment was a success, and the Albany people may justly feel proud of the Ameteurs.

Doome.

The Benton "Leader," unfeelingly dooms our 4th of July celebration in this manner:

"The people of Albany will expect us to help them make their 4th of July celebration a success; but for once they will be woefully out in their calculations. After they treated our firemen's picnic with such cool neglect and contempt they certainly cannot expect us to help them make their celebration successful. Sometimes people get too smart,"

Right, brother, right, but it is not always Albanians. As several wagon loads of citizens of this city attended the picnic it is difficult to tell what the writer is getting at in the above, It is possible a kick is meant at our firemen, who had to scrimp to get enough filthy lucre to attend the State tournament, "All the same," there will be an immense celebration here on the 4th without the help of the little hamlet up the river.

Complimentary.

The "Mercury" in speaking of Mr, Pettingill the new editor and proprietor of the "Standard" says:

"Mr, Pettingill is an old newspaper wheel-horse and one of the most diligent men that ever sat in an editorial chair; and in addition to this he is one of the most sincere of men and will never be found advocating any proposition that does not carry fairness and equity upon its very face. The writer of this article worked alongside of him for nearly two years and found him a conscientious fellow craftsman. He carries into his new sphere of editorial labor the good wishes of all newspaper men who already know him; and to those who do not, we can confidently say that he is a man who improves on acquaintance. Under his pilotage the "Standard" cannot fail to prove successful."

Grub Wood Wanted.

Those of our subscribers who have promised to pay for subscription in wood will please take notice that we now want wood. We prefer grub oak where it can be had. Let those who have promised us wood bring it in now, Wood taken in payment from any new subscriber.

NOTICE.

All farmers and others having hacks who will volunteer to take a load of the Iowa excursionists from this city to Corvallis on the morning of Saturday, June 20th will please report to C W Watts, committee on transportation as early as possible.

On Oregon.

Last Friday in an address to the business men of Oregon John Sherman paid the following glowing tribute to Oregon:

Gentlemen, the chief attraction about Oregon in early times, when I was a boy, and before Portland even existed, was the glamour romance that the genius of Washington Irving threw over all that he wrote about it. I read with boyish interest the Bonneville adventures, "Astoria," and the accounts of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and, feel that I was, thought I knew something about the country, and I undertook to write a lecture on Oregon, But I knew as much about Oregon then as you did when you first came here. I come now to see Oregon and it is a great country, unrivaled anywhere, I have traveled extensively through Europe and the greater part of North America, and for scenery it seems to me more beautiful than any country I have ever seen. Indeed I do not know of any finer scenery elsewhere than that around Portland and to be seen from the Oregon and California railroad,

Prophesying, he said:

You can make of this state of Oregon in the next thirty years, that is to say, within the lives of the young men here, one of the richest and most populous states in the Union, I urge upon the young men here especially to take hold and do their part in this work of developing one of the most important states of our country.

On the subject of manufactories and diversified industries he made the following pointed, sensible remarks:

I would call your attention to the importance of diversifying your industries, of building up manufactures, here and in every part of your great state, and not raise wheat only as you in Oregon have done, but to raise all the products of the soil. You have the agricultural areas to support a large population and have all the raw materials for manufacture. Manufactures will be of more benefit to you than any railroad or canal. The policy should be adopted by you of building up here in Portland and other towns in Oregon manufactories, shops for agricultural implements and mechanics' tools, and thereby give employment to men who will consume your produce here in your midst.

Pioneers Re-Union.

The pioneers of Oregon will hold their reunion at Oregon City on Monday, June 15th. The following is the program:

Procession will form under direction of the Grand Marshal, Col W L White, near the Railroad Station, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the following order:

Oregon City Brass Band.
President and Officers.
Standard Bearers.
Orators of the day.
Members of the Pioneer Association who arrived in Oregon prior to or in 1841, followed by thirteen divisions to 1855, each with appropriate banners.
Friends of the Association—men and women.

Procession will move as directed by the Grand Marshal, and on arriving at the park, exercises in the pavillion will be as follows:

Music by the Band.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev G H Atkinson, D D.
Opening Address, by the President, Hon J T Apperson.
Occasional Address, E L Eastham, Esq.
Music by the Band.
Annual Address, Hon Geo H Williams.
Music by the Band.
Benediction.

At the close of these exercises an hour will be spent in partaking of a basket lunch on the park grounds, where all citizens of Oregon City and of Clackamas county are invited and urged to provide surplus for pioneer friends and strangers present.

At 3:30 o'clock p. m. at the pavillion, annual election of officers.

Camp fire in the evening. Grand Pioneer Ball at the pavillion dancing floor.

No intoxicating liquors or games of chance allowed on the grounds.

School Meeting.

A school meeting was held at the Court House last Monday evening for the purpose of authorizing the Directors to borrow money to build our new school house. This authority was given by a vote of the district some time ago, but it was not legal as the law under which the authorization was made had not yet gone into effect. The directors were authorized to borrow $10,500 on the most favorable terms. The following are the resolutions authorizing the loan:

Resolved, That the Directors of School District No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, be and they are hereby empowered and authorized to contract a debt in the name of said District, not exceeding an amount equal to two-thirds of the cost of the proposed new school house for said District, by borrowing money in the name of the District, a sufficient sum necessary to complete said school house, with the money now on hand belonging to said District.

Resolved, That the Directors be empowered and directed to borrow the sum of $10,500 for said purpose at the best rate obtainable, and to issue the bonds of the District therefor. The same to be made payable as follows: $3,500 in three years; $3,500 in six years; $3,500 in nine years, interest payable semi-annually.

On motion the Directors were instructed to borrow the money and issue the bonds, therefor, as mentioned in the above resolutions, at as early a date as possible.

The Country Newspaper.

An exchange says that the country newspaper is the most useful of all the agencies which stamp the impress of progress upon villages and inland cities. Without the aid of local newspapers towns are, as a rule, thriftless and dead. It is common for small great men to speak with contempt of the local newspapers, but the village newspaper makes more great men out of less material—more bricks without straw—than any other factor in politics, and it is the one ladder on which men climb to local distinction as the beginning of wider fame. The advent of the local newspaper has always dated the increased thrift of the community. The local newspaper is the life of the locality, and the measure of its support, as a rule measures the advancement of the people.

The Iowa Editors' Excursion.

A meeting of citizens was held at No. 1's Engine House Wednesday evening to make arrangements to transport the Iowa editors' excursion from this city to Corvallis on their return to this city from Ashland. W S Peters was called to the chair and C W Watts was made Secretary. On motion the following committee was appointed to solicit signatures to a petition, asking the City Council to appropriate a sum not to exceed $100 to pay transportation to Corvallis: W M Ketchum, W R Rice, S S Train, N H Allen and O T Porter. C W Watts was appointed a committee on transportation. Adjourned to meet Saturday evening at No. 1's Engine House.

Grand Lodge of Masons.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons is being held in Portland this week. Following is a list of the delegates in attendance from this city:

St, John's Lodge—George Humphrey, Charles Wolverton and D Mansfield.

Corinthian Lodge.—E W Langdon, George Simpson and John Bryant.

Grand Master D P Mason is also in attendance.

A Mystery Explained.

Several days ago it was mentioned in the columns of the *Standard* that George Russell, a boy aged 15 years, and a pupil of Harrison street school, had been missing from his home since Sunday, May 31st. Sunday ast the Coroner was notified by two boys that a body had been found in the slough, half a mile north of City View Park. Clothes were discovered hanging on the limb of a tree. The Coroner brought the body to the city where it was identified by Benjamin Russell, the father, as that of his missing son, An inquest was held, the only witness of importance being John Wells, who testified that he and Mr Beno, on Sunday, while rowing on the river discovered the clothes hanging on a limb, and going to the water's edge saw a body in the river. Wells and Beno come to the city and notified the Coroner. The Coroner sent two of his employes to get the body, but they, on reaching it found that it was in such position as to be impossible to get it ashore. The body was therefore towed down to the Jefferson street ferry slip and from there taken to the morgue.

The supposition is that Russell with the two boys last seen with him, went in swimming near where his body was found, and was accidentally drowned, his companions, who are unknown, being afraid to tell of the occurrence, The jury rendered a verdict of accidentally drowning while in bathing. The funeral took place from the undertaking establishment of Coroner Cooke, Rev G M Pierce, of the Hall Street M E Church, conducted the services. The young man was a pupil in Class A, First Grade of the Harrison School, and was considered one of the best pupils in the school. His class attended the funeral in a body, and brought many floral tributes. The body was in such a state of decomposition that the coffin could not be opened to give the parents or classmates a last look, He was the only son of Mr and Mrs Russell.—*Standard*

The Slanderer.

There is no person who does so much harm to society at the slanderer. He is an enemy to society and to individuals. He will enter the sacred precincts of the home and there commit his devilry. He will steal the reputation, the most valuable possession a person can have. There is a savageness, a heartlessness in the conduct of the slanderer not to be met with even in the murderer. He deprives us of that which injures us most and does him the least good. He is to be spurned and scorned by every lover of truth and virtue. He should be made an outlaw in every community where he lives. A nation, aye, a race, should be reared up and educated to hate and despise his ways. He should be driven unceremoniously from society and civilization. He should find recognition nowhere. How sadly degraded must the community be that harbors such a deadly Upas tree in its midst. Let the heart and hand of every lover of truth and virtue be turned against the slanderer.

A Financial Statement.

Below is the report of the Financial Secretary of the Albany Dramatic Company, the receipts and expenses in connection with the rendition of the play "Among the Breakers" on last Friday evening, It will give the public an idea of what it costs to get up such an entertainment:

June 4th, Burkhart Brothers, printing	$ 1,75
N H Allen, mdse	.90
C W Watts, printing	2.00
C A Wass, Portland, rent for wigs	10.10
Chairs, rent for and drayage	2.30
J A Crawford, Hall rent	5.00
A B Woodin, organ	1.00
Peters and Stewart, screws and hinges	1.00
Richards' Orchestra	6.00
Monteith and Seitenbach, mdse	1.50
Henry Suerans, painting scenery	2.50
Books, 1 dozen at 25c each	3.00
Zeyas and Hochstedler	2.50
Cash on hand	2.05
Paid over to John Hoffman	45.00
Expressage on wigs from Portland	.25
	$86.75
June 5th, by door receipts	$86.75

As Miss Belle Sanders one of the orchestra was gone at the time of the payment of the above bills it was impossible to ascertain her charges so the above $2.05 was retained to pay her.

A Blue Blood in Albany.

Last Friday night Charles Francis Adams, jr., a son of Charles Francis Adams Sen., he a son of John Quincy Adams, he a son of John Adams, of the most blue blooded family in Massachusetts, arrived in Albany and remained here until Saturday noon. As few knew the gentleman was in the city no demonstration was made. Mr Adams represents the Union Pacific Railroad and is no stateman like his famous ancestors, but he has a fluent tongue and can make a speech. In one at Portland he prophesied thusly in reference to Oregon:

"I fully believe, from what I have seen, that in the not remote future, and I mean by that before the time when men of my generation will have passed off the stage—and it will be for us to take the fire next, for we are now in the front rank—I say that before the men of the generation now at the front shall have passed off the stage of active life, there will be here in the beautiful valleys which separate your mountain ranges, and along these noble rivers, the equal of which I do not remember elsewhere to have seen, and upon the sides of your mountains, developing their hidden resources, a population of more than a million,"

Be Awake.

You see that you know all that is going on. If you see two men engaged in earnest conversation go and stand near them so that you can get the drift of their conversation. If they are talking upon a subject of which you have knowledge, pitch in and help them discuss it. If they are talking private business you may learn something to your advantage by listening. If you go to church do not sit like a stoic, but look about and see who is in church. Turn around in your seat and gaze all over the congregation and see who is present. When you hear any one enter the church, do not wait like a sluggard until he comes in and takes a seat to see who he is, but crane your neck the moment he enters and see who he is. Yes, be awake.

Flowers.

All persons in the city who will, are requested to donate flowers to decorate the Depot Hotel on the occasion of the visit of the Iowa editors. All having flowers will please send them to the hotel early on the morning of June 18th. Also let each make a few button hole bouquets. Two hundred of them will be needed. Let all contribute freely.

To Correspondents.

Send communications so they will reach us by Wednesday of each week. Do not forget this. Give us nothing but news boiled down to a brief space. Be sure and sign your name or the communication will go at once to the waste basket. This rule must be observed, Write only on one side of a sheet.

HOME AND ABROAD.

F M French, jeweler.

Albany carpenters are busy.

All kinds of fruit at R & B's.

The best harness at J J Dubruilles.

Order 3 lb. box of starch at R & B's.

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

This has been commencement week at Corvallis.

The best breadstuffs of all kinds at Conrad Meyer's.

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

Haying has been begun in some parts of the county.

The American Star cigar at R & B's is a new arrival.

According to the *Astorian* young salmons are salmlets.

Fresh groceries always on hand at Conrad Meyer's.

G. W Maston, Physician and Surgeon, Albany, Oregon.

All kinds of garden products for sale at Conrad Meyer's.

Dr. Fahrney's magnetic blood vitalizer at Doyce & Robson's.

Several Plummer fruit dryers for sale at cost at John Briggs.

Hon S F Chadwick will soon be a resident of southern Oregon.

The Apaches have broken out in Texas and are being put down.

The taxable property of Eugene City amounts to $843,644.

See beef, cattle and mutton sheep notice in another column.

Walla Walla is making preparations for celebrating on the Fourth.

Nine hose teams will participate in the tournament at Astoria this week.

The Iowa press association will be in Albany one week from next Sunday.

The eagle will spread its wings terrifically on the 4th of July all over Oregon.

The "City of Salem" which sunk about three weeks since has been raised.

For all kinds of ladies and childrens' hats and bonnets, call on Miss Schubert.

Rev E McAllister of this city is to deliver the 4th of July celebration at Alsea.

Crops in Jackson county will not be up to the average, though good in some parts.

Rev A M Acheson, of Oakville, will preach in the U P Church next Sabbath morning.

D C Ireland has sold his printing business in Portland and bought the Yamhill *Reporter*.

Ladies, go and see Monteith & Seitenbach's spring stock, great varity in every department

Tweedale keeps a nice line of tin and copper ware, and does repairing in good shape.

F M French, agent Singer Manufacturing Co., opposite Odd Fellows Temple, Albany, Or.

There are 70,000 lawyers in the U. S, about one sixth of which are in New York State.

We see that W. C. Tweedale has just received another lot of new styled parlor stoves.

Grasshoppers have made their appearance in Jackson county and are doing some damage.

Dr. M. H. Ellis, physician and surgeon Albany, Oregon. Calls made in city or country.

Now is the time to get sugar by the keg, but before buying ask Read & Brownell their prices.

Fishing tackle, cuttlery, sewing machines and notions, cheaper than ever, at Will Brothers.

A good and large assortment of lumber at the yard of Eli Carter always on hand. Give him a call.

Sweet Clara Louise Kellogg is to be in the Northwest sometime this coming summer. She sings.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has rendered a decision declaring the Scott license law unconstitutional.

A Chinaman looks out from behind the County jail bars. Cause, stole a watch from another celestial.

Burkhart Bros. will advertise your land for sale free of charge. Give them a call if you want to sell.

Miss Schubert wishes to announce that she is now able to resume work at dressmaking, cutting and fitting.

Go to Prashaw's new Drug Store for pure drugs, patent medicines, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded,

Ye editor had a pleasant ride into the country last week with Fred Burkhart behind his spanking bay.

A full blooded five year old Jersey bull for sale. For particulars, address Hamilton Bros., Oakville, Oregon.

A disastrous water spout occurred near Lagos, Mexico on the 6th inst., causing the death of over 200 persons.

C H Hewitt, lawyer, formerly of this city was married to Miss Mary A Wilson, of Vancouver on last Monday.

Window shades, lace curtains, oil cloth, carpets, and wall paper. The nicest stock in town at Monteith & Seitenbach's.

The Eugene City hose team passed through Albany Monday on their way to Astoria They are a fine looking set of men.

A photographer from Astoria was in Albany on Friday of last week drumming business among firemen for the tournament.

Mr Fred Graf has just brought on a splendid line of baby carriages, with the latest improvements. Call and see them.

The two vacant stores between Foshay & Mason's and John Briggs have been renovated and put in condition for renters.

All persons wanting Osborne binding wire will please call by July 1st on Doyce & Robson and leave orders for the same.

State Firemen's tournament at Astoria this week. About thirty Albany firemen, including the hose team, are in attendance.

Pendleton has voted a ten mill tax towards a school house and authorized its school directors to issue bonds for $12,000. This is business.

It is estimated by some that the wheat crop of Oregon and Washington Territory will be 4,000,000 bushels in excess of that of last year.

Ladies', misses' and children's fine shoes, also coarser grades, can be found at Monteith & Seitenbach, at prices in keeping with hard times.

Mattresses and lounges for sale, and all kinds of upholstering work repaired at J E Hayes, just east of Doyce and Robeson's, Albany, Oregon.

A public clock in the new school building would be a great convenience as well as city attraction. Why cannot Albany have one. Think about it.

The young members of the Band of Hope held an interesting and enjoyable social for their own benefit at W C T U Hall on last Monday evening.

Any party wishing to purchase a good farm, either for grain or stock will do well by calling on A R Cyrus & Co., Real Estate Agents, at Lebanon, Or.

Next Sabbath will be Children's Day at the M E Church. Prof Wycoff will speak at 11 o'clock. An interesting program will be rendered at 2:30 p. m.

Herbert Foote Beecher, a son of Henry Ward Beecher, has been appointed Collector of Custom's at Port Townsend, W. T., for the district of Puget Sound.

The Iowa excursion will pass through Albany about the middle of the afternoon Thursday, June 18th on its way to Ashland and return to Albany Friday night.

The District Conference of the M E Church South, will be held at Junction City June 18th, commencing at 3 p. m. Delegates will pay full fare going and one-fifth returning.

There is a case of small-pox at East Portland, and it would appear from the *Oregonian* that the city authorities are very careless about controlling the matter and fears are entertained that the disease will spread.

The Iowa Press Association left Omaha June 9th 200 strong. They are guests of the Union Pacific R. R., and will be away about 18 days. They will reach Portland Sunday.

Burkhart Bros., have several cash customers for small pieces of land of from 24 to 80 acres. If farmers will be willing to divide their land into this size tracts we can sell them.

The building of the new residence of Hon J K Weatherford on the lots next south of Mr A B McIlwain's, has been begun this week. The cost of the building will be about $3000.

D W Prentice has laid on our table the June number of "Prentice's Music and Home Journal," which is replete with choice miscellaneous reading matter and instrumental and vocal pieces of music. Price, $1 per annum.

Next Sabbath is "Childrens' Day" in the Congregational Churches of the land. In this city, the morning service will be a children's service consisting of songs, recitations, etc. All are cordially invited.

The Benton *Leader* in speaking of an accident to a boy in Corvallis says *both* bones of the humeris were broken. Look at your physiology again, brother, and see how many bones the humeris has.

At last, after a long appeal, Sweet Home people have succeeded in getting an appropriation for a bridge across the Santiam near that place. Bids will be advertised for building the same immediately.

At a school meeting held in Salem Tuesday evening last, a motion to authorize the directors to borrow $16,000 to finish the East Salem school house was voted down. The impression prevails that the house will not be completed this season.

If you want your property advertised call on Cline, Monteith and Co., immediately. If you want your property sold call on them. It costs you nothing to advertise with this firm and very little to sell.

In National base ball matters the New York club is leading for the League championship, having won nine games and lost two while the St. Louis Club is ahead for the American championship, with a record of fourteen games won and five lost.

Whatever of improvement may be observed in the local columns of the DEMOCRAT this week is accounted for in the fact that the local editor is off to Astoria with the fire laddies attending the tournament.

The Democrats at Portland made the following nominations for the city election Monday. Mayor, S Pennoyer; Councilmen, first ward, J J Gailagher; second ward, John Donnerberg; third ward, Eli Morrill.

Nine out of ten boys will steal cherries, when they could get them much easier and with a clearer conscience by simply asking for them. Few boys seem to realize that cherries can be stolen as well as money.

The East Portland *Vindicator* is making a spirited war upon a movement in progress in that city to have the Governor pardon Carrie Bradley. The *Vindicator* is right. This woman should be made to suffer the full sentence imposed upon her for her crime.

Now is the time to sell your land, place it in the hands of Burkhart Bros., they have better facilities for advertising and selling land than any other agents in Oregon send them your name and they will send you their Real Estate Paper for one year free of charge

Suit has been begun in the Circuit Court by the O R C Co. (limited) against the O R and N Co. asking for an injunction against the defendant commanding it to pay taxes due in Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Lane and Linn counties. $2294 remains unpaid in Linn county.

A neat catalogue of the University of Washington Territory located at Seattle, has just been received at this office, with the compliments of Prof L J Powell, President of the University. It shows 259 pupils in all of the departments of the University, which seems to be in a very prosperous condition.

Observant farmers are not satisfied with the present condition of the growing wheat crop. They fear that what they have been calling rust my prove to be a disease. The wheat blades are said to be fired nearly to the top of the grain. A kind of mold is said to exist about the roots of the stocks in some localities and it is feared that it will prove damaging. We hope their fears will not be realized.

Jack Hodge, living across the river in Benton county, was hitching a horse to a cart last Sunday when the horse became frightened and ran away catching Jack in the wheel and whirling him around quite lively. He was bruised considerably but no bones were broken.

A campmeeting will be held on the Calapooia near Mr Blevins, in Linn county, beginning the 25th of this month and continuing over the following Sabbath. The Corvallis, Albany and Shedd circuit people are requested to attend and jointly endeavor to make the meeting a success. The meeting will be under the auspices of the M E Church. Public is generally invited. No huxters will be allowed.

Everybody in Albany should attend the Commencement exercises at the College Chapel next week. The program as published in the DEMOCRAT last week will be carried out, and will no doubt be a very interesting one. The Albany Collegiate Institute is one our citizens have reason to feel proud of, and hence deserves all the encouragement possible.

A race was arranged for last Friday at McMinnville between F T Merrill, of Portland, on his bicycle, and William Martin, of McMinnville, on foot, the former to have ten feet in which to mount. Distance was to be 200 yards. The race was declared off. Merrill can ride a quarter of a mile in 42 seconds, Martin can run 200 yards in 21 seconds. Who would probably beat?

Six or seven years ago a young man in the East told the writer that he would sometime kill himself if things did not go right. A paper has just been received with a full account of the suicide of the young man. He left a note stating that he had been tired of life for years. The case shows how a foolish person can stick to a purpose through long years, the poor, cranky young man.

By some means Mrs Duniway has succeeded in raising quite a row between State Senator Rinehart, of Union and a number of his lady constituents. Mrs Duniway alleged that these ladies said that the Senator promised to vote for women suffrage in the last Legislature. Of course the Senator did not promise anything of the kind, hence strong words like "lie," etc., were indulged in. The ladies did not wish to contradict their leader, but the Senator made it so hot in his paper that they were all compelled to come out in the *Sentinel* and deny making the statement which seems to leave the great leader of woman suffrage in an awkward predicament.

J M Horne, of Corvallis, writes a long letter to the *Oregonian*, scorning the Oregon Pacific management in the strongest terms. He makes the statement that the road is indebted in that county for $300,000, that its script will not sell for ten cents on the dollar, and that it has no property which can be attached. Whoever is to blame for the present condition of affairs certainly it is a fact that financial matters in Benton county are low, while at the Bay business is completely paralyzed.

The state board of agriculture, from official and private dispatches received from the principal wheat states, estimates the probable shortage at 180,600,000 bushels, as compared with a five years' average. Of this shortage 118,000,000 is found in six great winter wheat states—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and California, which on a five years' average yield 208,000,000 bushels. As compared with last year the shortage is over 220,000,000 bushels. The June crop report in Illinois estimates that the yield of wheat in Illinois this year will be less than 10,000,000 bushels, compared with 32,000,000 bushels last year.

Last Friday the body of George Weller was found in the Willamette River at Portland, near G. Street, in an advanced stage of decomposition. The body was taken to the Morgue, where it was recognized by a son of the drowned man. Mr. Weller disappeared on May 20, notice of which was made in the DEMOCRAT, his mind being at the time, it is claimed, in a wondering condition. It is supposed that he fell into the river. Mr. Weller was a resident of this city for several years, leaving here about three years ago. He was 52 years old, and a member of Safety Lodge No. 13 A O U W of this city.

Papers in a suit brought by the State of Oregon against the county of Multnomah have been filed in the office of the County Clerk of that county. It seems that heretofore the county has always paid the State the full amount assessed against property for State tax purposes whether they collected it or not. For the year 1883 the taxable property of Multnomah county was set down at $17,653.105, and the State tax on this as returned to the Secretary of State amounted to $98,875 38. Of this but $92,649.51 was collected, leaving $6209.87 delinquent or uncollectable. The State has demanded this money, and being refused payment, have commenced suit for its recovery. The Sheriff has been unable to collect quite a portion of the delinquent tax on account of double assessments, restraining orders, etc. Should the State win the suit, the money will have to be taken from the county taxes. The decision of this question will be of interest to every county in the State.

CLOTTY COURT—JUNE TERM.

(J. J. Whitney, Judge; A Condra and David Meyers, Commissioners.)

Scrapers allowed Road Supervisors George Shepherd and D F Robinett.

The proposition of J W Slavens to erect a bridge was indefinitely postponed.

D W Rumbaugh resigned the care of the Emerson family, which was transferred to W B Donaca.

In the matter of an application for a county road by J L Henness and others, J B Trask, Jas Wells and D M Pace were appointed viewers, E T T Fisher Surveyor.

Ordered that Supervisor use lumber out of the old Muddy bridge to repair culvert near Blevins' bridge.

The Supervisor of Dist 8 was ordered to repair bridge with road work in that district

A plow was allowed Road Supervisor Mark Huibert.

Fees allowed in State agt Hatcher.

The application for the repair of the Jennings bridge was indefinitely postponed.

Resignation of Scott Ward as Supervisor of Dist 26 accepted, and W K Temple appointed.

Ordered that H Farwell, Treasurer, be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed $8 a month for the relief of the Heffron family, until further order of Court.

In the matter of building a bridge across the South Santiam River at Sweet Home, ordered that notice be given for sealed bids to build a span 120 feet in the clear, the bents on the north side to be ten feet in Light, with no approaches.

The matter of building a bridge over the North Santiam river at Mehama was continued for one month.

Warrants were issued for the following purposes:

C L Morris, keeping Co poor	$107.00
St John & Stone, building bridge	523.00
T C Sloper	9.64
L M Wheeler	36.00
J W McDonald	6.88
Robt Glass	18.82
N Shanks	9.20
W Wiley	22.63
Robinson & West, lumber	47.16
H Farwell, Co. Treasurer	459.00
J K Charlton, Sheriff's fees	50.60
John Doane	8.00
J L Cowan, mdse	10.35
L Douglas, mdse	11.60
Jas Laurent, work	110.55
J M Irving, postage	4.00
R R Humphrey, lumber	12.91
Drs W F Alexander and Wallace, and J K Weatherford, services in insane case, each	5.00
J D Kennon	5.00
Sam Cooper, witness	2.50
J Perry	2.80
Noah Shanks	4.67
Preston Munkers	7.25
N B Sprenger, work on C. H	11.38
A J Houston	13.86
Johnson & Shelton	17.92
J L Cowan, mdse	44.00
C G Burkhart, Constable's fees	9.30
Mrs C Houck, keeping poor	8.00
Dr J P Wallace, medical services for poor	2.00
John Donaca	4.50
Geo E Chamberlain, as prosecuting attorney	5.00
S W Dodd, medical services for Cole	15.00
J C Goodale, lumber	31.20
R S Strahan, Atty's fees	100.00
C W Watts, printing	15.50
J J Whitney, Co. Judge	75.00
A Condra, Commissioner	16.60
D Meyer	16.20
J K Charlton, Sheriff	8.00

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Judge Bryson, of Corvallis, was in the city Monday.

Hon F A Watts was in the city the first of the week.

Miss Ollie Mulkey, the belle of Philomath, is visiting in the city.

Miss Emma Gormon, of Salem is visiting with friends in the city.

F I Smith, traveling agent for the Oregon Short Line, was in the city last week.

Joseph Moist and wife have gone to Seattle where they will remain sometime to improve the health of the latter,

R A Rumpy, druggist, of Harrisburg, was in Albany Monday, while here favoring the DEMOCRAT office with a call.

Mrs E F Sox and daughter, of Seattle, W. T., are visiting with friends in this city. They will remain here several weeks.

Mrs Duniway, a well-known citizen of Portland, author of "Womanhood Crowned," arrived in Albany last Monday morning.

Capt Shields, A Deckard and C O Barnes, all old citizens, are very sick. The babe of "Wid" Bilyeu has been quite sick, but is getting better.

George Simpson and wife, and T P Hackleman and mother, started over the mountains last Saturday for Prineville. They will be gone about three weeks.

Congressman Hermann passed through Albany Monday on his way to Portland, but no one seemed to be aware of the fact. Not even a ripple of agitation occurred.

Watt Monteith, Jim Murry, Harry Parker and Tom Curran left last Saturday for a week's fishing excursion on the streams of Linn county. Look out for big stories, strange experiences and reports of a jolly time.

Jos Webber, Jr., arrived in Albany last Friday from an extended trip in Southern