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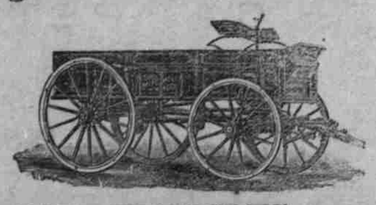
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Repairing of sewing machines, musical instruments, guns, etc., neatly done.
ALBANY, - - - - OREGON

A CLOSE CALL.—Last week in order that Dr J L Hill, who was at Lebanon, might reach the train for Tangent to visit a patient there, Mr Al Nickerson, of Lebanon, brought him to the city on a railroad bicycle, reaching here just before the train left. Taking the bicycle off the track a block or two south of the depot they started on a run for the cars. Young Nickerson slipped at the culvert near the water tank and fell, knocking him senseless and bruising his face badly. Dr Hill hailed the train which was getting ready to start, and hauled him from the track in a stupid condition. He was taken back to Lebanon, and is now all right, with the exception of a long bruise on his face. Dr Hill boarded the train for Tangent just as it started.

ALBANY will begin work at once upon a new two story sash and door factory. It is evident that Albany is the coming city in the valley.—Astoria Pioneer.

The above item is a pointer. It means that every new industry here attracts attention and does much to make the world very properly know that we are growing. The general opinion is becoming as stated by the Astoria paper, and we have only to build more factories and keep building them to take the front rank among the valley cities. There is a big field in Albany for operations.

A JACK RABBIT HUNT.—Umatilla county's snow storm was a mild affair as a jack rabbit killer compared to the following from the Prineville News: "A match hunt occurred on Thursday of this week between Ora Poindexter and John Templeton on one side, and Perry Poindexter and Dave Stewart on the other side. The parties went together in one vehicle, Leslie Vanderpool acting as wagon master. Ora Poindexter killed 50 jack rabbits and his partner, John Templeton, killed 41. Dave Stewart killed 57 rabbits, while his partner, Perry Poindexter, killed 43. The four hunters, it will be seen, killed 191 rabbits. We call this a masterly day's hunt."

IT IS ROTTEN.—The members of the American Building and Loan association in Albany, have now abandoned payments in the same. 35 shares of stock were held here and $277 was paid to the concern. The members think they will get $175 back. The association has been shown up to be very rotten and has been run on a villanious plan, and there is talk of suppressing it. The truth is the plan is about the same as all national associations, and it is not safe to invest in any of them. Deal only with local associations, which are known to be safe.

THE CENSUS.—The census takers will begin business June 1st. It will require seven or eight men in Linn county, and already several are ambitious to be the ones who do the work. It will of course be of great importance that they be men who are thorough and reliable. As the time is nearly here and the census will be rushed it will be in order not to do much boasting until after its completion, and then some localities should have their excuses well prepared.

THE Willamette Valley has had snow enough this winter for good sleighing and enough cold weather to make good ice for next summer's use. That's about what we've had here.—Prineville News.

Yes, they had enough snow in Dakota for sleighing and ice to put up. But there are different degrees of these things, and the degree in the valley is very small, so small that we didn't catch the ride, nor see the ice put up. An old Crook county man says he never knew a Prineville paper to tell the truth about the weather.

DISREGARDED.—There are several laws in our statutes that are entirely disregarded. Here is one, passed with some agony at the last session of the Legislature: "Every supervisor shall erect and keep up at the forks of every highway and every crossing of public roads within his district, a guide or finger board containing an inscription in legible letters, directing the way and specifying the distance of the next town or public place situated in each road district."

WHERE NEEDED.—Oregon, Washington and British Columbia constitute a grand lodge jurisdiction of the A O U W, with a membership of about 4,500. During the calendar year just closed there have been fifty deaths upon which the order has paid beneficiaries of $2,000 amounting in the aggregate to $100,000. This $2,000 beneficiary payment in nearly every instance has gone to families, who often otherwise would have been left in very straitened circumstances.

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.—The annual encampment of the G A R and W R C convention will be held next month, beginning the 12th. It is expected that a very large crowd will be in attendance, delegates and visitors coming from all parts of the state. The members of those organizations in this city are preparing to entertain their guests in the best manner possible.—Eugene Register.

A RARE BIRD.—Last Thursday a rare looking bird was discovered in the water near the S P freight depot. Chas Hagen, Ben Barker and several others attacked it with stones, resulting in Mr Hagens hitting and killing it. Bird experts were called into counsel, and it was ascertained that the bird was a genuine mummy hen, a very rare thing here.

WILL BE THERE.—Saturday night's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Astoria and South Coast Railroad was the most important that has been held yet, and the results attained were greater than even the most sanguine expected. It is now certain that the road will be here by the time contracted, September, 1891, for William Reid has agreed to give bonds for its completion.—Transcript.

ILL-PROPORTIONED.—Patti gets $5,000 a night for singing, and many men think themselves fortunate if they can get that amount in five years, and it takes many ten years to earn it. One night to ten years. The difference is too great; but it illustrates what a peculiar world this is.

MONEY PAID.—Last Friday T J Stites, Recorder of Safty Lodge No 13 A O U W of this city turned over to Mrs Mary Ellen Dorris, widow of the late J J Dorris deceased, a warrant for $2000, being the amount of death loss paid by that order on the death of a member.

OVERDONE.—This grippe business has afforded a fruitful field for puns by the newspapers; but the list is about exhausted and as nearly everybody has lost their grippe, something else will probably develope for the public's consideration.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Mr W H Greenwood has sold his photograph business in this city to J B Comely. Mr Comely informs us that his son, Adrian, will learn the business from Mr Greenwood and hereafter conduct it.

CARD OF THANKS.—The undersigned wish to return thanks for favors extended during the recent illness and death of Mr William Conn, at their home in Albany

ROBT CONN AND FAMILY.

COAT STOLEN.—Last week, some one probably a tramp, entered the wagon shop of Mr A J Anslyn and stole an overcoat belonging to Mr Anslyn's son. He did not leave his card. As this is overcoat weather [illegible]

FINE ACTING.—About two hundred attended the theater last week to witness The Merchant of Venice, and they were treated to some of the finest acting ever witnessed in Albany. Mr Bandmann's interpretation and presentation of the part of Shylock was admirable and the famous character presented new interests, particularly to Shakesperean students, of whom there were many present. His support is generally strong. Miss Oliver as Portia does some fine acting, and came up to the writers ideal of that noble character. Bulill suited to the part was that of her lover, Bassanio. Mr Huebner looks to much naturally like Iago for the dignified part of the Venetian, though no doubt the gentleman is fine in his part. Parrish is a splendid Gratiano. Launcelot Gobbo was perfectly sustained. Lorenzo, Jessica, Nerissa, Antonia, old Gobbo and Jubal were all strong. Among the finest of Shakespears productions The Merchant of Venice is a play it is a privilege to witness, and the DEMOCRAT noticed the fact was appreciated by some of our most cultured citizens.

GREAT MEN SECURED.—The Salem Journal is to be run in a metropolitan style. It has just secured an editor in chief, Ernst Hofer, who comes with a recommendation from Senator Allison of Iowa as one of the leading young men and journalists of Iowa, and A F Hofer, jr., who has the recommendation of the great and only J S Clarkson. Mr Mitchell will be city editor. It is really a strong team. The above reminds the writer that when he came to the Coast several years ago he had six or seven soaring letters of introduction from some Eastern Honorables to Stephen J Field and some of the other boys. He felt so small beside the recommendations that he locked them up and they are under key now. He's been striving for years to deserve them and if when he is fifty years old he approaches the hub he'll publish them. It is a great deal better to go up, even like a snail, than to offer a chance to go the other way. Of course, though, the Hofers will keep ascending as far as the ladder will permit. Not many rungs left though.

NEVER SAW IT.—The Statesman's discussion of the bridge question has awakened Albany and she is already talking of building a bridge across the Willamette. The DEMOCRAT looks longingly at Salem's bridge and pronounces the Statesman's remarks on the subject as being "dry and cynical" and says Albany is actually not jealous of Salem's magnificent prosperity. Good. The truth is, a free bridge would be a grand thing for Albany.—Salem Statesman.

As a matter of fact we do not think the correspondent in the DEMOCRAT ever saw the Statesman's bridge discussions. That paper should have its hands full of taking credit for Salem's prosperous movements without claiming credit for every idea of progress among its neighbors You'd better go to work on the railroad subscription before it dies entirely.

WILL IT STOP.—The Marshal has very properly ordered the Celestials to quit selling lottery tickets to white men, but if anybody thinks that white men will stop buying tickets in Chinese lotteries they will find themselves mistaken. They have been doing it for years here and elsewhere and will probably continue to, using more caution. So far as this goes though, gambling is gambling, whether done in a saloon facing four aces, or in a Chinese den facing spots, or facing spots on little cubes anywhere, or in putting dollars into Louisiana lottery tickets, for which there is a regular agency here. The history of gambling is interesting. It was done thousands of years ago and has never been stopped yet, and whenever one head of it is cut off another like the fabled monster springs out again. Of course it is wrong; but no one has ever learned how to stop it.

SHERIDAN WANTS IT.—Persuant to call the citizens of Sheridan met recently for the purpose of listening to the report of the committee sent from Sheridan to Salem and Albany to confer with the citizens on railroad matters. A committee of three on statistics was appointed, consisting of R B Branson, D C Coleman and H B Sommerville. This committee was instructed to furnish both the Salem, Astoria & Eastern and Albany & Astoria railroad companies such facts and figures as would show the advantages of running their lines of road via Sheridan. A committee of three, composed of Dr W Smith, I P Mayes and C S Clark, appointed to ascertain how much stock Sheridan would be asked to take in either railroad providing it is built to Sheridan. Several enthusiastic speeches were made and all were warmly in favor of the roads.

BE PATIENT.—At present large quantities of delayed mails both from the east and California are arriving, being literally tons of it. It will be utterly impossible for railway mail clerks on the several lines to handle or "work" this mail as fast as it arrives. Therefore if your favorite newspaper from the east or some particular letter which you have been expecting for a week should be carried on past your postoffice and brought back next day, be patient for this is absolutely unavoidable. It cannot be remedied except by time. The same may be said of the post masters. They cannot work the large mails arriving now in the usual time. Be patient, if you can, a all events wait a week before growling.

TILLAMOOKITES.—The breezes seem rife with railroad gossip these days, and if Tillamook gets half the roads that are talked up she will have no reason to complain The matter of a railroad from Albany via Tillamook to Astoria seems to be a foregone conclusion, we all believe that project to be a settled fact and that the early spring will witness lively times along said line, but the latest fad is the Salem, Astoria & Eastern railroad and we have no doubt but a railroad from Salem to the sea will be a grand scheme for Salem. Now the question arises; has she the enterprise to go through with it.—Watch Tower.

AT THE ASYLUM.—Caleb Davis, a pioneer of 53 died at the insane asylum on Jan. 21, at the age of 69 years. The deceased was taken there from Pleasant Hill, Lane county about two years ago. Mr Davis resided in Linn county for several years. His son J F Davis, of Harrisburg, took the body yesterday to that city for burial. The deceased was at one time a man of considerable means, but he went as security for several of his friends, and they failed, and he lost all he had. He grieved over the matter until his mind became deranged. He had been married three times and the father of twelve children, eleven of whom survive him.

GOOD BYE, ISABELLE.—A few days ago the little steamer Isabelle, which has been a familiar sight to Albany people for many years was sunk near Selwood. Capt Smith run the boat for a number of years and several excursions were made from Albany on it. Its principal field though was in handling logs and doing a kind of a "pickup" business.

MARBLE BUSINESS.—Mr S A Riggs, of Salem, has been in the city settling up his tomb stone business, which was run here by J A McDonald. Mr Riggs has sold his stock to Eagen & Acheson, two rustling young men, who will conduct it hereafter.

A GOOD BEGINNING

An Orphans Home and Hospital Assured.

In response to the call issued by Mayor Cowan an enthusiastic though not a large crowd gathered at the Opera House, and did some very effective work towards securing an Orphans home and hospital at this city, an institution universally admitted to be needed here, one that will be a credit to our growing city.

Mayor Cowan called the meeting to order and stated its object in a stirring speech, after a short prayer by Dr Irvine.

On motion Mayor Cowan was elected Chairman of the meeting.

Mrs Dr Kelly, President of the Ladies Aid Society, under whose charge this movement is being made, read an interesting paper on the history of the society and its present and future purposes. According to the paper it was founded twenty years ago by Mrs J H Foster, Mrs Dr Geary, Mrs J F Backensto, now deceased, and Mrs Walter Monteith and Mrs McMeekin. Soon after they were joined by Mrs S E Young, Mrs L E Blain, Mrs Dr Crawford and others, and still later by Mrs Opp, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Gee, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Geo Turrell and others. The Ladies Aid Society has done a great deal of good in a quiet way in our city; but Albany is growing and the work needs to be centralized. Mrs Kelley thought $2000 would erect a building sufficiently large to begin in, one with a couple dormitories, for an Orphans home and hospital department, for the young and sick and needy.

A short address was made by Rev T J Wilson, and in response to calls short remarks were made by Judge Flinn, Rev Condit, John Foshay, Mrs L E Blain, Mrs Walter Monteith, Mrs John Althouse, Geo W Wright, F P Nutting and L E Blain.

The last named emphasized his remarks by subscribing $100 for the Home, and Mayor Cowan, Judge Flinn and S E Young did likewise, others following with smaller amounts, enough to insure the building of the Home, providing a suitable location is secured.

Interspersed through the program were well rendered vocal solos by Mr C E Barrows and Mrs J H Remington, and a piano solo by Prof Lee.

ECONOMY IN BREAD MAKING.

Valuable Baking Powder tests made by the Government Chemists.

Dr Edward G Love, the Analytical Chemist for the Government, has made some interesting experiments as to the comparative value of baking powders. Dr Love's tests were made to determine what brands are the most economical to use, and as their capacity lies in their leavening power, tests were directed solely to ascertain the available gas of each powder. Dr Love's report gives the following:

Name of the Baking Powders	Strength: Cubic inches Gas per each ounce of Powder.
"Royal" (absolutely pure)	127.4
"Patapsco" (alum powder)	125.2*
"Rumford" (phosphate) fresh	122.5*
"Rumford" (phosphate) old	32.7*
"Hanford's None Such," fresh	121.6
"Hanford's None Such," old	55.35
"Redhead's"	117.0
"Charm" (alum powder)	116.9
"Amazon" (alum powder)	111.9*
"Cleveland's" (contains lime)	110.8
"Sea Foam"	107.9
"Czar"	106.8
"Dr Price's" (contains lime)	102.6*
"Snow Flake" (Groff & St Paul)	101.86
"Lewis'" Condensed	98.2
"Congress" yeast	97.5
"C E Andrews & Co's" (contains alum)	78.17*
"Hecker's"	92.5
"Gillets"	84.2
"Bulk"	80.5

*In his report the Government Chemist says:

"I regard all alum powders as very unwholesome. Phosphate and Tartaric Acid powders liberate their gas too freely in process of baking, or under varying climatic changes suffer deterioration.

Dr H A Mott, the former Government Chemist, after a careful and elaborate examination of the various Baking Powders of commerce, reported to the Government in favor of the Royal brand

Prof McMurtrie, late chief chemist for the U S Department of Agriculture at Washington, says:

"The chemical tests to which I have submitted the Royal Baking Powder, prove it perfectly healthful, and free from every deleterious substance.

ANOTHER MAN HUNG—His "stocking by the chimney with care" and was tickled almost to death to find that his good wife had anticipated his near at hand wants and filled the stocking with Stanard Seeds, grown and put up by D M Ferry & Co, Detroit, Michigan, who on application, will mail you free a copy of their Seed Annual, for 1890. This is the most useful of all seed catalogues, not only for experienced gardeners, but for the novice as well. Send your name and address for a copy to D M Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan.

LEBANON.—Mr D Andrews has bought a half interest in A F Hamilton's store at Sweet Home, where he intends going as soon as he can get well enough to take charge of the store. He will not move his family up there now.

Mr Ben Barker has closed his billard and pool hall. We suppose the reason was that it was not paying enough.—Express.

A NEW LEBONITE.—Stephen Bach who has acted as head clerk at John Hughes' grocery store for sometime past, has signified his intention of resigning and will launch out in business for himself at Lebanon. Mr Bach will establish a general store and carry a nice line of goods. He is a gentlemanly business man and will be a good addition to the city of Lebanon. It is rumored also, that Mr Bach will soon investigate the doings of matrimony and may conduct the two businesses together. That's a correct idea, Stephen.—Salem Journal.

FARM SOLD.—Saturday at administrators sale the N. ½ of the John McCoy farm was bid off, after a short contest, to Mr Robert L Smith at $28.50 an acre. It consists of a fraction over 305 acres, and is one of the finest farms around Oakville. Messrs Jas McCoy and F M French are administrators of the estate.

THEIR WEATHER.—Mr Jos Cox has shown us a letter from Mowery, on Crooked River, Crook county, in which it is stated that the snow was fourteen inches deep, and two feet deep on Beaver Creek. Stock was suffering and it looked as if half would go. The outlook was that there would be a lot of poor people there.

"A THE LADIES ONLY.—I am now prepared to do all kinds of stamping, and have over two thousand designs to choose from. Also keep a nice line of embroidery materials, such as arrasenes, crewels, No. 1 and 2 embroidery chenilles, princess chenilles, etc., etc., and the finest pompons, tassels, crescents, cords plushes, felts and fancy work materials ever in the city. Zephyr is going at 5 cent an ounce. Miss Minnie Colwell has charge of this department, and has had several years experience in all kinds of fancy work and stamping.
G. W. SIMPSON,
Albany, Oregon.

CENTER TABLES.—A large and elegant shipment of center tables, in new designes finest stock in the valley, just received at Postmiller & Irving.

ALBANY AS IT IS.

We are in receipt of a letter from a gentlemen living in Taylorville, Ill. who says:

"I have been seeking for some time to obtain some detailed information about Albany Oregon. A subscriber to the DEMOCRAT here tells me that if I will write to you for specific information you will furnish it. If you will do so, I would like to have light on the following points: Location; population, as to numbers and quality of citizenship; manufacturing facilities as to power etc.; schools, colleges, churches, surrounding country as to agriculture, horticulture etc.; climate; amount of rainfall; business outlook for the town; what facilities for transportation; character of business men with reference to the spirit of enterprise and progress of the town and such other matters as would be of interest to a young man who desires to locate in a thrifty growing town." We hear much said about Oregon and that Albany is destined to be one of the best towns in that state. If your report is favorable you may look out for several additions to your town from this part of the "Sucker State."

As we get so many letters similar to the above, we deem it advisable to answer through the colums of the DEMOCRAT. Albany, as will be seen by reference to any good map of the state, is situated on the east bank of the Willamette river in Linn county, of which it is the county seat. It has a population of about 5000 people. The great bulk of the population is American born, though there is quite a fair share of Germans, English, Irish, Canadian, etc. The citizenship in point of character is excellent, being enterprising, industrious and law-abiding. The facilities for manufacturing are excellent, a magnificent water power furnished by the Albany and Santiam canal, constructed from a point on the south Santiam River to Albany, a distance of fourteen miles and with a capacity of 20,000 running feet per minute, and this supply may be doubled with very little expense. Already a new woolen mill lately constructed at a cost of $75000, is run by this power. Besides, there are four flouring mills, an ice factory, electric light plant, two furniture factories, iron foundry, web wire factory, grain storage houses, sash and door factories and others run by this power and yet there is abundant room for further utilization of this power. On account of this vast water power excellent transportation facilities, easy access to unlimited quantities of materials, Albany is destined to be and will soon become, the great manufacturing Lowell of the state As to the surrounding country with reference to agriculture and horticulture, we can frankly say that it could hardly be better. In all directions from the city are vast expanses of prairie lands, level, skirted here and there with timber and brush lands, very productive of wheat, oats, and barley. Potatoes, cabbage, turnips and in fact all kinds of vegetables with proper care and cultivation are grown in great abundance.

Apples, pears, plums, cherries, prunes, grapes, and other fruits grow in great abundance, It is safe to say that nowhere do apples, pears, plums, cherries and prunes do better than here in the Willamette valley.

In a generel sense there may be said to be but two climatic seasons here, the dry season and the wet season. The wet or rainy season begins usually about the first or middle of November and continues up to the middle of April, during which period it rains a great deal. Of course there are days, and even weeks, at times, during this period, that are dry, sunshiny and very pleasant. Strange as it may appear to persons raised in other and different climates, this season is very healthy, and the more continuous the rain the better is health.

We do not have the same degrees of heat here that people who live in the same latitude east of the Rocky Mountains are subjected to. And when the thermometer here marks 90 degrees, the heat is not so oppressive as the same degree in the Mississippi Valley, for, as a rule, when the thermometer reaches the above indicated degree here, by four or five o'clock in the evening of such days the weather has moderated through the influence of sea breezes, which at that hour begin to sweep over the valley, that a woolen coat is often required. The nights are refreshing and invigorating. Scarcely a night during summer but that one or more blankets are required while sleeping. The thermometer marks 20 degrees above zero ordinarily in the coldest days of winter. Once in the history of the country (winter of 1874-5) the thermometer marked 10 degrees below zero This filled the oldest inhabitant with amazement. One winter subsequent to the above the thermometer marked zero. These are the "hard winters" to which Oregonians refer when discussing the weather. But on neither of these occasions did the cold last more than two days. Sometimes quite heavy snows fall here, but they soon melt away under the softening influence of a chinook wind.

The average yearly rainfall here is about 45 inches. One year with another it rains much more in Illinois than in Oregon.

For transporation faculities, Albany is remarkably fortunate and well supplied, with prospects fair of still better. It is on the line of the Southern Pacific connecting Portland, Oregon, with San Francisco. It is on the line of the Oregon Pacific in course of construction from Yaquina Bay, on the Pacific Ocean, to Boise City, Idaho, where connection with some one of the trans continental routes from the east will be made. This road is already completed from Yaquina Bay to Albany and thence on east from Albany, a distance of 60 miles, or 145 miles from Yaquina Bay. This road makes close connection with a line of Ocean steamers plying between the Bay and San Francisco. Besides this we have connection with Portland by steamboats that ply the Willamette river, A branch line of the Southern Pacific connects with Lebanon, a very thriving town, fourteen miles east of Albany. A company has been duly organized, and a route surveyed, for a railroad from Albany to Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia river, work on which, we are assured, will begin early the coming season, Thus it will be seen that Albany is destined to be a railroad center for the Willamette Valley, which, of itself, is an earnest of rapid, prosperous growth of the city, The real estate transactions in Albany last year were very large amounting to an estimated aggregate of $700,000. The improvements by way of construction of business, manufacturing, and dwelling houses amounted to about $400,000. Highly creditable as this showing is, it is insignificant in comparison with the progress and improvements which are foreshadowed in the preparations for the coming year. Without extravagance, we feel safe in saying to our Illinois friend that Albany is unquestionably the coming city of the Willamette Valley, Our business men are fully imbued with that energetic spirit of pluck and enterprise so essential to the building up of a great manufacturing and commercial city. The citizens of this place have, in times past, contributed as bonuses $175,000 for the encouragement of railroads, woolen mills, etc, They are fully alive to their interests. The city has an excellent fire department, being two engine companies and a hook and ladder company. The department has two well equipped steam engines with the use of which, on account of the great abundance of water, the city has suffered but very little from fire. The owners of the Oregon Pacific railroad have invested largely in real estate here which is an assurance that the company will use its extended influence in building up the place. Already the company has built a round house, and will in the near future establish their machine shops here, as well as build a large, commodious brick building to be used as the principal offices of the company. Already the city is lighted with a good electric light system which will be extended and enlarged from time to time as the demands of the city may require. A system of street cars has already been inaugurated, and will be kept up to the public need.

The city is well furnished with educational institutions. We have a large commodious public school building built at a cost of $20,000, in which are employed eight teachers. We have, also, a college under the control of the Presbyterian church, though entirely non denominational in its conduct and management. It is well supported and flourishing. We have also an academy under control of the Sisters of the Cathodic church, well patronized and prospering. Besides these, there is a number of private schools including two Kindergartens Educational interests are looked after closely by our people. The following religious denominations have congregations and church buildings here: Congregational, United Presbyterian, Presbyterian, Universalist, M E Church, Evangelical, Baptist, Episcopal, M E Church South and Christian. As indicative of the business of the city we would say there are four hotels and a large number of private boarding houses and restaurants, three banks, one national and and two private and all doing a healthy business, eight real estate firms, two newspapers, both issuing daily and weekly editions, three job offices and a great variety of other businesses such as would find their way into a thriving energetic town. The cash value of the taxable property of the city aggregates about $5,000,000. We have thus attempted to answer in a general way the questions asked, and in conclusion will say that we have no hesitation in saving that if our Illinois friend should come to Albany to "grow up" with a prosperous, growing town he will not have come in vain, and will never have cause to regret the choice he has made.

NEARER THE FACT.

Sam Clark evidently erred in his communication to the *Oregonian*: A writer o the Salem *Statesman*, who signs himself "Correct," says: "A correspondent of th *Oregonian* says the late M G Lane an James G Blaine were children of the sam mother, different fathers. This is a mise take. The mother was never married but once, and had no husband but Blaine, the father of both M G and J G Blaine. The fact is well-known here, and Prof Lane has told scores of persons about it."—*Welcome.*

It is said by parties in Salem when the late M G Lane first made his appearance in that city that his real name was Blaine and that he was a brother of J G. It was said his reason for changing his name was that an indictment had been brought against him by a St Louis grand jury, and that he left before trial and found it convenient to assume another name.

The manufacture of attar of roses furnishes employment to hundreds of persons A visit to the rose fields is something one will remember a life time. The largest rose fields in the world are at Kezan Lik, in Bulgaria. There the roses from which the perfume is made are cultivated most extensively. The rose district extends for miles and miles, and the entire country is a solid mass of flowers. The district is, I should judge about one thousand square miles. In procuring the attar of roses nothing but the leaves are used. It takes 6,000,000 of leaves to make one pound of the attar. The rose leaves are picked in the proper season, thrown into piles and then taken up and placed in large copper kettles for the purpose of distilling the pure oil or attar. The kettles are arranged one within another and the leaves are taken through twenty five or thirty distillations. Good attar of roses can be had for from $12 to $15 per ounce at wholesale. It sometimes retails for $50 to $60 an ounce.

Duluth, the "city of the unsalted seas," so satirized by Proctor Knott, has a great deal more than realized the expectations of its founders. Some idea of its business activity and enterprise is furnished by the statement that one of its corporations has contracted for 3,000 tons of steel ship plates. They are to be used in the construction at Duluth of seven great vessels, of 30,000 tons aggregate capacity, all of which are to be built this year.

M Pasteur has a remedy for the influenza. He reccommends that "men and women quit smoking tobacco and smoke camphor instead, and they will probably escape the disease." There is little doubt of it. No case has yet been reported in which the influenza attacked a person after death.

The destruction of human life by our railways is attaining truly alarming proportions. According to the estimate of the Inter-State Commerce Commissioners the mortality from this cause in a single year is as high as 5,693, while for the same period the number of persons injured in railroad accidents reaches 27,898.

General Butler has been stolen and a reward of $100 has been offered for his recovery. Unfortunately, the General Butler, in this case is not Benjamin F., but a valuable St Bernard dog.

Protection for beans was the cry before the ways and means committee yesterday. What is the matter with putting might have beens and used to bes on the list, too? The Republican party is a party of splendid memories.

In tanning by electricity the ordinary tan liquid is employed, and the hides revolve slowly through it, while the current from a dynamo traverses the vat and helps the tannin to combine with the gelatine of the skin,

The electric lights have reduced the average time of vessels passing through the Suez Canal from thirty seven hours fifty seven minutes to twenty two hours thirty two minutes.

In the Western States the magnitude of the wheat crop is being felt all the more, as the mild weather of the Winter thus far has permitted a minimum consumption of corn on and near the farm by Western feeders.

It is bad enough to pay for coffee and get chicory; but now our consul at Stettin reports to the State Department that of the German chicory sent to this country two thirds is burnt beet root.

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