The Democrat.

Mr. Slauson's Washington Letter

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec 19 —Special—Few people, not residents of Washington, or who at least have not visited here, can understand the righteous indignation which has filled the breasts of the people of this city at the proposition to use the magnificent new library building on Capitol Hill, which has cost eight millions of dollars, and is unsurpassed by anything in this western world, as a place for holding the inaugural ball for President McKinley.

The superb magnificence of this building, bursting in all its glory upon the senses of the visitor first entering the grand rotunda is in itself an appeal not to be delivered over to the vandalism of such a mob of unfeeling and soulless people as experience in the past has shown are regular attendants upon the quadrennial national balls.

Vandalism seems a very harsh word to apply to people dressed faultlessly in the most fashionable attire, who are able to pay $10 each for an entrance ticket. Yet there is no other word which will express the seemingly insane desire of people who come from abroad upon such occasions, and even of people who reside here continually, to possess some little souvenir of any event that is likely to become a matter of history.

The houses of many people in this city contain collections of all sorts of odds and ends of utterly valueless articles which have been gathered here and there from historic scenes or dwellings. As such things are not to be had for the asking, these collections in nine cases out of ten, represent the fruits of some one's stealing. It must be by no means understood that the person possessing these worthless articles to which value is attributed because of the place from which they came, themselves did the stealing. On the contrary, in most cases, they have paid good round prices for them to those people who did steal them; and there are collectors in this city who make a business of supplying such historic relics to people who can find no better use for their money, who are, and who know themselves to be receivers of stolen goods. If one cannot possess the whole of any article of historic value, the next best thing is a piece of it, and here is where the vandal and thief of Washington thrives and flourishes. He finds it easy to chip pieces off the stone steps of the Capitol, off the corner of the Washington monument, from the great gilt frames that surround the magnificent oil paintings, from the lace curtains in the executive mansion, or even from the upholstery upon the furniture in the Presidential parlors. A glass pendant from the great chandeliers in the east room of the White House is considered an especial prize, probably because they are placed so high above the heads of the crowds that only one or two persons have succeeded in obtaining one of these coveted pendants. Removed from their place these pendants differ in no wise from those which encircle an ordinary $3 50 hanging lamp; but it it has once hung within the White House walls, it becomes immediately, like Katisha's elbow, a thing worth traveling miles to see.

Thousands of dollars have been spent in renewing curtains, carpets and upholstery in the White House that would never have been necessary had it not been for the pen knives of audacious vandals who flock to the Capitol city upon all occasions of public moment and carry home with them, for themselves or their families, some momento of their visit. How a person can exhibit a piece of lace curtain, or a bit of velvet carpet and declare that he or she obtained them from Mrs Cleveland's parlors, when it must be known to everyone that they could only be had by mutilation of the floor covering or draperies, is hard to understand. But people do it, in free America, by the hundreds every year.

Even the vast collection of valuable bric a brac, works of art, and relics of pre-historic ages, in the Smithsonian Institute and in the National Museum, are not free from these attacks. Experience has taught the government that it is necessary to maintain a large force of guards in these buildings. These keep careful watch upon every article that might be stolen or even defaced. People are not searched when they enter these places, but their canes and umbrellas are taken away from them, and let a person but place his hand upon anything in the building and he will find a guard standing immediately by his side, who warns him that that is not permitted. So far as possible, everything of any considerable value is kept in glass cases with the doors always locked. In dozens of places are to be seen framed notices, calling attention to an act of congress which provides a penalty of a $1000 fine and a years imprisonment for the stealing of anything from either museum. In spite of all these precautions and warnings, however, scarcely a year passes that there are not a half dozen thefts discovered, and whenever one can be traced, a vigorous prosecution and full punishment follows.

President Cleveland has been greatly censured by many people because he has closed all the gates to the magnificent semicircular grounds to the south of the white house, and has excluded the public from them except on occasions when the marine band has given concerts therein. No other President ever did this before, and the lowliest citizens of the nation might at all times sit within the shades of the magnificent sycamores at any hour of the day, winter or summer, and enjoy a view of one of the prettiest of parks, with its green lawns, fountains and flower beds that any nation has given to gladden the eye of its most honored citizens.

It is, perhaps, not generally known why Mr. Cleveland came to close the gates and make these public lawns and walks private ones. It was due to one of these self same vandals, at the time when little Ruth was being trundled about in wicker baby carriage by her faithful nurse. Many ladies would go to the white house grounds in the afternoons in the hope of catching a sight of the President's baby. There was no effort to check this open admiration, until one day a woman, who had several times evinced the most warm praise for the beauty and brightness of little Ruth, attempted, at a moment when the nurse's back was turned, to clip from the infant's head a lock of her silken hair.

That settled it. From that day to this the grounds have been closed. The president's family takes its outing in solitude. There are now as many nurses as there are children and as many policemen as there are nurses. An anarchist with a bomb would stand as good a show of getting up to the rear of the white house now as a well dressed woman with a pair of scissors. One could write columns of stories about vandalism committed and attempted by visitors to this city. A. B. SLAUSON.

The U. S. produces one-fourth of the gold of the world.

Our anti-trust laws are all right: The trouble is with the men paid to enforce them.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, more blessed to pay one's debts than either.

Corbett and Fitzsimmons will now have another big fight with their mouths, at which they are adepts.

The price for a quarter-page advertisement on the outside of the cover o McClure's Magazine is $3,600 for a year or $300 for each and every issue.

Has congress the power to recognize the independence of a nation, that is the question that may cause a conflict between congress and the president.

Maj. McKinley went to church Sunday, looked straight at the preacher, dropped a coin in the collection box and then shook hands with the people.

Now we will see how many commissions will be abolished. The last session didn't even have the decancy to give the public a new deal of railroad commissioners.

Schillings tea ads. are attracting attention. They have snap in them. They have been heard of clear to New York City. By the way Schillings tea is all right too.

A gas trust has been formed in New York. That is a small matter compared with the coal oil trust which affects the poor people most. Both trusts, though, ought to be fired.

Maceo is undoubtedly really dead. This is a peculiar country when it takes over a week to find out whether a man is alive or dead. The field for electricity is not yet exhausted.

The president returned yesterday from a duck hunting trip to South Carolina. Wonder what Maj. McKinley will hunt when he is president. Nearly all presidents hunt something.

"Just everything's wrong in this world," observed the fellow who always finds fault. "When its 100 in the shade and you simply can't live without ice you have to mortgage your house to keep your refrigerator filled, and when it goes down to 15 or 20 below and nobody wants ice, every ditch and frog pond is full of the cold stuff.—Ex.

A man in Cleveland, Ohio, submitted to the painful ordeal of having 24 square inches of skin removed from his left thigh in order that the life of his wife might be saved, she having been badly burned in a gasoline explosion. That woman surely has cause for congratulation. With her life saved and a husband who has proven his faith by his sacrifice, surely she should be content.—Ex.

A special to the Sun from New Orleans says: From a gentleman just arrived at Mobile from Guatemala it is learned that work on the Panama canal is again in progress. When the informant arrived at Panama from Colon he found 3000 laborers, not including the engineer force, actively engaged. The work is being done unostentatiously and without any of the spread eagle display connected with De Lesseps' regime. It could not be learned under whose auspices this work is being done.

Advertisements have their special opportunities. When the signs of a revival or an awakening of trade are showing themselves, and it is certain that business activities will be renewed on every hand, it is then, and just then, that the advertisement has its special opportunity. The fisherman drops his net when the fish begin to move, the spider spreads his web when the buzz of the gnat and the fly is heard in the air, and the wise man in business never fails to prepare for what is coming or to use the best methods of letting the people know that he is doing so.—Age of Steel, St. Louis.

For five years New York has not been worthily represented in the senate, and, with the single exception of Mr Evarts, who slipped in between two warring factions, it has had no senator fit to represent the greatest state in the Union since Roscoe Conkling resigned fifteen years ago. The Millers and the Hiscocks on one side, and the Hills and Murphys on the other, have been cheap trading politicians or small factional leaders — Oregonian.

After all they compare pretty well with the senators from the other 44 states, and in point of ability Hill is head and shoulders above most of them. Otherwise there is considerable truth in the Oregonian's statement, but just where in the DEMOCRAT man's former home state a statesman would be found at this writing we are unable to tell.

Here's Weyler.

A vivid pen picture of the man who is charged with the terrible responsibility of suppressing the Cuban insurrection was written by Mr. Rappleye, an American correspondent:

"My journey through the forest of gold lace terminated before the closed door of General Weyler's official abode. There an adjutant more bedizened than the rest of the dazzling multitude, trod softly to the portico, gently opened the way, retired again without saying a word and we were alone in the presence of the man.

"And what a picture! A little man. An apparition of black—black eyes, black hair, black beard—dark, exceedingly dark complexion; plain, black attire. His eyes, far apart, bright, alert, and striking, took me in at a glance. His face seemed to run to chin, his lower jaw protruded far beyond any ordinary indication of firmness, persistence or will power. His forehead is neither high nor receding; neither is it of a thoughtful or philosophical man. His ears are set far back; and what is called the region of intellect, in which are those mental attributes that are defined as powers of observation, calculation, judgment and execution, is strongly developed. Weyler is lean, diminutive, shriveled, ambitious for immortality irrespective of its odor, a master of diplomacy, the slave of Spain for the glory of sitting at the right of her throne, unlovable, unloving, exalted."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fail to cure. 25c.

Hall's Hair Renewer is pronounced the best preparation made for thickening the growth of the hair and restoring that which is gray to its original color.

If our work and stock isn't as represented, you can get your money back. Simply the printer

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Buy from Dawson, he sells cheap

Accountability.

Following is one of the poems of Dunbar, the Negro poet who is attracting considerable attention in the East. He is an educated, bright man, but decidedly black:

Folks aint got no right to censuah uthar
folks about dey habits;
Him dat giv' de equir'ls de bush tails
made de bobtails fu' de rabbits.
Him dat built de grea' big mount'ns hollered out de little valleys.
Him dat made de streets an driveways
wasn't shamed to make de alleys.
We is all constructed diff'rent, d'aint no
two of us de same;
We can't he'p ouah likes an' dislikes, ef
we'se bad we aint to blame;
Ef we'se good, we needn't show off, case
you bet it aint ouah doin',
We gets into su'ttain channels dat we
jes' caint he'p pu'suin'.
But we all fits into places dat no othah
ones cud fill,
An' we does the things we has to, big er
little, good er ill.
John cain't tek de place o' Henry, Su an'
Sally aint alike;
Bass aint nuthin' like a suckah, chub
aint nuthin' like a pike.
When you come to think about it, how
it's all planned out it's splendid.
Nuthin' done er evah happens, 'dout
hit's somefin dat's intended;
Don't keer whut you does, you has to,
an' hit sholy beats de dickens—
Viney, go put on de kittle, I got one o'
masah's chickens.

Some Pingree Plans.

Governor-elect Pingree is a man of energy and ideas, and he proposes to make things hum at Michigan's capital this winter, says the Cleveland Plaindealer. He has announced an elaborate program of reform, and will leave nothing undone to accomplish his purpose.

No. 1 on the governor's program will be a 2-cent railroad fare. He believes that it is unjust to allow one man to travel a mile for 2 cents and charge another 3 cents, but that is being done when a 1,000 mile ticket is sold for $20. The governor claims that with lower fares traffic would increase, and the railroads would not suffer.

No. 2 on the program is the reform of freight rates. On this point Mr. Pingree says:

It is largely for the interest of the farmers that I want to secure a law regulating freight rates. High freight rates are an injustice to them. Every extra cent it costs to get their produce to market is so much out of their pockets. Competition would do the work if we had enough competition in railroading, but we haven't.

The legislature will be asked to pass a state law applying some of the principles of the interstate commerce act to the state railroads.

No. 3 in order, but not in importance, relates to taxation of railroad property and corporation property in general. On this subject Mr. Pingree says:

Do you know of any legitimate reason why the poor laboring man should pay city, county and state taxes on his cottage and lot, while the big railroad corporations pay no city taxes and get off almost scot free from state taxes? When I was down east a while ago they looked at me in blank amazement when I told them that our railroads never paid any city taxes. There ought to be a law to compel them to pay the same rate of taxes on their assessed valuation as any man pays on the valuation of his property, say the farmer of the laboring man.

Including in this part of the program will be an attack on the trusts and other monopolies.

The newly elected governor has still other plans, but the above outline indicates the most important measures which he will champion.

Another Scheme.

Mr Treloar of Missouri is reported to have introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution so that the terms of representatives shall be increased to four years; of senators to eight years, and of the president to eight years, making the latter ineligible for re election. In Mr Treloar's opinion the commercial interests of the country demand this change. He hopes that every business man and voter in the country, regardless of politics, will notify him whether or not he favors the proposed amendment. He wishes to lay these letters before the committee and desires that they should be short and to the point.

The purpose to extend the official terms of the executive and congress for the periods specified has the appearance of a well planned scheme on the part of the combines and trusts to place the people in their power should the scheme prove successful. Let the voters who have any consideration for their rights to make such changes as may be deemed for their interests, make determined opposition at once to any such change in term of official position as proposed. Once in power, they would hold all in their own hands.—Globe.

The following comes from Portsmouth Ohio: "In a flashlight photograph taken of the office of Attorney W. B. Grice, of this city, Mr. Grice is seen sitting on a chair, together with a newspaper that was on the chair's back. The clerk was sitting against a safe, the outline of which is shown through his body. It is very similar to an X-ray photograph, and a number of proofs of the photograph have been taken, to be sent to scientific papers."

The Greencastle, Ind., Star Press has struck the same chord the DEMOCRAT has been pounding at. It says: Greater economy, and not increased extravagance and consequent addition to the burdens of tariff taxation, is what the people demand. If McKinley and the McKinley congress proceed on the lines now laid down, the republican party and its ideas of extravagance will be hurled out of power and buried beneath an avalanche of public indignation at the next general election.

8000 candidates for U S offices under McKinley in Ohio alone. As there are now only 800 offices to be given to all kinds of politicians there will be a wail of disappointment go up after March 4.

It was being reported awhile ago that Rockefeller was to start a big iron works near Chicago in opposition to Carnegie. Now it is being learned as the DEMOCRAT man surmised then, that the two men are both interested in the movement Depend upon it, it will end in a trust.

That $100,000 bill for a new government building at Salem is being considered again. It gives the Salem hog a chance to grunt for awhile; but it will end in grunts. The government is already so extravagant it has been running behind, and it needs to draw the line on small government buildings that are ordered as a back-scratching affair.

Go early
To see Will & Stark's holiday goods.

Use Dawson's furniture polish.

MISFITS.

Sam Bailey and Job Howard were fined $100 and $25 respectively for gambling. It looks tough to single out two men with hundreds doing the same thing daily.—Roseburg Review.

The Newburg Independent says that a Portland firm sells $15 and $18 English worsted suits for $12.50, while a clothing store in Newburg sells the same article for $8.50.

The Holmes Business college foot ball team defeated the Portland Business college team in Portland Saturday 12 to 0. The cause is plain. Mrs. Holmes advertises most extensively.

Everybody has been mispronouncing Maceo. Here is the correct way: Emphasize the first syllable, M-a, and give a the same sound it has in "Martha," then finish the word with "theo;" thus Ma-the-o.

The Butte City foot ball team passed through Albany last night for San Francisco, where they play the Olympics on Christmas. As they were all snoring Albany escaped any serious disturbance.

A. W. Moore, the ex-God's Regular Army man, has been in the city again trying to bilk people with one of his usual subscription papers. For "gall" this man Moore surpasses all competitors.

It would be a very pleasing thing if more American fathers had the regard displayed by Virginius for the honor of his daughter Viginia. In this age and nation, though, instead of killing Virginia it would be eminently proper to slay a few Appius Claudiuses, and there are some right in this beautiful Willamette valley.

A nice Christmas idea comes from Desmoines, Iowa: A year ago Postmaster Edward H. Hunter received a letter from a poor little girl addressing Santa Claus and telling of her wants, which consisted of a doll for herself and a pair of mittens for her little brother. She said her father was dead and her mother could not buy any presents. The case was looked up and found to be genuine. Mr. Hunter thought that there must be others. So he raised some money, hunted them out and had Christmas presents sent to over 200 children. He is repeating it on a larger scale this year The carriers look up worthy cases and deliver presents on Christmas eve and morning. Several hundred dollars have been subscribed by business men for the purpose. Scores of letters have been received from poor children telling what they desired Santa Claus to bring them.

At the council meeting last night no reference was made to the short term councilship from the 2nd ward. The new council will hold its first meeting on January 4, when the new members will be sworn in. Mr. Hogue has his certificate of election; but in order to make everything straight it is probable a vacancy will be declared and at the meeting on January 12 Mr. Hogue who will then have been in the ward over 90 days, formally elected by the council to fill it. The votes cast for Mr. Hogue were all legal ones and are not questioned. The illegibility is with the candidate not the votes. The indications are now that there will be no contest over the matter.

More Goods.

More new goods just received from the Albany Woolen Mills store at Portland, by Wilson R Blain, two doors north of opera house. They consist of boys suits and men's pants and will be sold at the low prices all his goods are going at, about half of wholesale prices. Examine his goods and get his prices before buying.

Election is over but not the demand for good meat. This is the season when it is needed particularly. Haight Bros. are handy and keep a fine supply. Step in.

It is nobody's fool who buys something to eat when he is hungry. When you are hungry and want something nice in the meat line just step into Haight Bros., who know how to please you

EVERYBODY
Has to Buy
GROCERIES.

Where to do it is the question. Albany people have learned from years of experience that
Parker Brothers
Can be depended upon. They keep standard groceries, fresh produce and the best fruits. Their baked goods are the best made and give satisfaction. Their prices are right.
Buy your groceries of them.
Buy your produce of them.
Buy your fruits of them.
Buy your baked goods of them.

New macintoshes and box coats, guaranteed waterproof—
At
L. E. Blain Clothing Co's.

See French's thousand dollar show window.

Try Dawson once on school books.

Pure Drugs, Fred Dawson's.

MARRIED.

POINDEXTER—GRIGGS. — On Wednesday, Dec 23., 1896, at the home of Sheriff Gaines, in Albany, by Geo. D. Barton, County Judge, Mr. B. A. Poindexter and Miss May Griggs.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of about twenty relatives and friends. Warm congratulations followed for the worthy young couple and a fine wedding dinner followed. Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter are two of the best young people of the Forks. They have the best wishes of many friends.

BORN.

MANSFIELD.—In Albany, on Saturday, Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Mansfied, a son.

When any part of this body isn't doing the work that nature intended it to do, it puts the whole system out of tune—out of harmony. When all of the parts do not work well together, none of them can work just right. Sickness in one part of the body is likely to run into all parts of the body. It isn't necessary to be sick all over the body, in order that you may feel sick all over. When children stand a row of bricks on end, they knock the whole row down by upsetting one brick. That is exactly what happens to the health when the bowels fail to perform their proper function. Constipation makes trouble all along the line—puts the liver out of order, is bad for the kidneys—bad for the stomach. It holds in the body poisonous matter, and because it cannot go any place else, it gets into the blood. The blood carries it all over the system. That makes sluggishness, lassitude, bad breath and foul taste in the mouth, fills the stomach with gas and causes windy belching, stops digestion in the stomach, causes sour stomach, heartburn and flatulence. It makes pimples and blotches and causes sick and bilious headaches. Nine-tenths of all human ailments are due to this one seemingly trivial cause. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They really *cure* it. Nobody becomes a slave to the use of the "Pellets." They cause no griping and are as mild as they are efficient. At any drug store. Look out for the druggist who tries to sell you something which he says is "just as good." There is nothing just as good. There is nothing that is nearly as good. Anybody who tells you there is is mistaken—or worse.

A GREAT MEDICAL WORK FREE.
We have arranged to give away absolutely free 500,000 of Dr. Pierce's great book, "Common Sense Medical Adviser." It contains 1008 pages, and more than 300 illustrations, some of them in colors. 680,000 copies of it have been sold at the regular price, $1.50 per copy. The profits on this immense sale have been used in publishing the present edition, a copy of which will be sent to any address on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing *only*. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

TELEGRAPHIC.

The State's Assessment.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22 —The state board of equalization today made a formal demand on the secretary of state for a certified transcript of the Marion county assessment roll. The secretary, in turn, made a demand on the Marion county clerk. Assessor Coffey completed his roll today, and will respond to the clerk's demand tomorrow.

The total valuation of all the state's property, as returned by the county boards, including Marion county, is $142,337,189, which is $16,482,541 less than the county boards returned last year, or $2,108,237 less than the equalized value of last year.

Longest Mileage in California

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 —The annual statement of construction to be published by the Railway Age this week will show that during 1896 only 1802 miles of railway lines were built in the United States. This is one mile less than the total reported for 1895, and the smallest mileage built in any year since 1875. Track was laid in 38 of the 44 states and territories. The longest mileage was built in California—187 miles, on eight lines.

Weyler Moving.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says:

That General Weyler is going into the field again is confirmed tonight by passengers on the Havana boat. Preparations are being made with secrecy for a forward movement. Three battalions of newly landed troops left by water for the east. It is supposed this is a part of Weyler's campaign. Gomez is advancing rapidly, and it is thought Weyler will, if possible, prevent his coming to the gates of Havana.

Prosperity Trouble

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The failure of Angus & Gindele, general contractors; the American Brewing, Malting & Elevator Company, the George A Weisse Malting & Elevator Co., and George A Weisse, individually, all of these being due to the collapse of the National Bank of Illinois, and small runs on three banks were the echoes today of the bank failures of yesterday. Runs were made on the Garden City Banking & Trust Company, the Hibernian Savings bank, and the Illinois Trust & Savings bank, but none of the runs were of much importance.

Switched Off

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Vest's anticipated speech concerning Secretary Olney's attitude toward the Cameron resolution filled the senate galleries to overflowing today. Minister Hatch, of Hawaii, was among the early arrivals. Disappointment was expressed when it became known that Vest would not continue his remarks which were cut short by an objection yesterday.

A Great Fall

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—John L Sullivan, the pugilist, sat in the poor-debtors' session of the municipal court today to explain why he had failed to settle a florist's bill. The case will be further heard January 11.

Two Drowned.

HOOD RIVER, Or. Dec. 21.—Charles Bell, Carl Woods and W W Edgerman, working on the flume of the irrigation ditch where it crosses Hood river, about 12 miles from town, built a boat to be used in carrying lumber over at that point. The river is very rapid, and, while crossing this afternoon, the boat became unmanageable and started down stream, striking a rock, capsizing and throwing the unfortunate men out and at the mercy of the cold, rushing water. Bell, being an old log driver, managed to reach shore in safety. Woods and Edgerman were drowned.

Weyler Again

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The Commercial Tribune special from Key West says:

Havana advices tonight are that common rumor in that city states that General Weyler had been commanded from Madrid to take the field again, supposedly to attempt to stop General Gomez in his march through Matanzas and Santa Clara provinces, where Gomez is overrunning the country and keeping the Spanish garrisons uncomfortable.

Fatal Explosion.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 21.—A terrific explosion occurred this afternoon in Baltimore shaft, No. 2, of the Delaware & Hudson Company. Over 20 miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour tonight 14 had been rescued alive, and there was hope of releasing the others before the deadly afterdamp claimed them as victims.

Favoring Cuban Independence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Senator Cameron today presented to the senate the report of the foreign relations committee favorable to the adoption of a joint resolution recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba. The report is an exhaustive review of this century's insurrection by people claiming independence by right of revolt and intervention by any other nations. It was continued until after the holidays.

Result of Extravagance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Carlisle in his annual report on the state of the finances shows the revenues of the government from all sources to have been $409,475,408, and the expenditures $4[illegible]678,654, which leaves a deficit for the year ended June 1, 1896, of $25,203,245.

The expenditures for the coming year are estimated at $472,293,120, leaving an estimated deficiency for the year of $64,500,000.

Plenty of Burglaries.

SHERIDAN, Or., Dec. 21.—Burglars broke into the warehouse of Foster & Co., general merchants, last Friday night. Entrance was made through the trap of the water closet. Very little booty was secured, as they were overheard by persons sleeping close by.

Overrun by Insurgents.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—A Commercial Tribune special from Tampa, Fla., says:

Passengers from Cuba state that reports are openly accumulating that Matanzas province is overrun by Gomez' advance forces. Numerous bands of insurgent guerillas also have created a reign of terror among the Spanish garrisons in the smaller towns, who hardly dare venture outside their picket lines.

All news from the east side of the island is that the insurgents do as they please in the hills beyond the trocha.

A Bad Wreck

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 20.—A special to the News from Shreveport, La., says:

About 5 o'clock this morning there was a bad wreck on the Texas & Pacific railroad, near Sodus, La. Although no information is given by railroad officials, it is learned from private sources that three men were killed and seven badly injured. It appears that, as a westbound freight was bound up a steep grade, a collision occurred at the foot of the grade, the crash splintering several cars.

Very Important

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 —Attorney-General Fitzgerald has filed a sensational demurrer in the United States circuit court in the case of the Southern Pacific against the board of railroad commissioners in California. The document raises a point of vital interest to the Southern Pacific Company, as the attorney-general attacks the validity of the company's charter and denies its right to operate its branch roads in this state.

Cleveland's Style

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The explicit announcement is made that Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, has telegraphed to his government that he has had a conference with Mr Olney, the secretary of state, in the course of which the latter assured him that Spain might rest tranquil until March 4 at least, since, despite the attitude of congress, President Cleveland would not recognize the independence of Cuba.

Will Be Ratified.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A special from Caracas, Venezuela, says:

The is no doubt that the Venezuela congress will ratify the Guiana boundary arbitration treaty with England, negotiated by the United States; that President Crespo is entirely satisfied with it is known officially. Your correspondent has talked with the governors of four states of the Venezuela republic, and all favor the ratification of the treaty.

The Proper Thing.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20.—The People's political club, at a meeting last night passed a resolution demanding that the legislature, upon convening, make rigid investigation to ascertain if any members are in possession of passes over any transportation line, and if so, that such members be summarily expelled.

is a book every Oregonian should have. The introduction is by the celebrated Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus and the sketches by Oliver W. Nixon, D. D. The book is printed from large, clear new type, on extra laid paper, bound in vellum cloth, stamped in gold, gilt top, illustrated with 16 full-page half tones and retails at $1.75. Any subscriber paying a year in advance for the weekly or 6 months or more for the daily can have it for $1 extra.

WISDOM

You possess, if you select something among the many useful and ornamental articles we carry in stock and especially such as we have secured for the Holiday season.

Fancy Baskets, Rockers, Tables, etc., etc.

ALBANY FURNITURE CO.

New and Elegant Designs in Crockery Ware at CONN & HUSTON'S

See it

Waverley BICYCLES. Highest of High Grades.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of J F Price, deceased has filed his final account in said estate with the county clerk of Linn county, Oregon, and the county court has fixed Monday, the 25th day of January, 1896, at the hour of 1 o'clock p m, of said day for the final hearing of said account and the settlement of said estate Any and all persons having any objections to the same are hereby notified to be present at said time and present the same.

J A PERRY Admr.

WEATHERFORD & WYATT, Attys for Admr.

Notice for Publication

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR. Dec. 8th, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on January 25th, 1897, viz: Christian Neubold; Pre D S 7974 for the S ½ of N E ¼, Lots 1 and 2 Sec 3, T 10 S R 4 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C I Henkle, B T George, Gilbert Kratzer, C B Gaiser, all of Niagara, Oregon.

ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County court of Linn county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Joseph C Myers, deceased, late of said county, and he has duly qualified as such and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to me at Albany, Oregon, properly verified as by law provided, within six months from this date.

Dated at Albany, Oregon, this 16th day of December, 1896. D W MYERS, Administrator

WHITNEY & NEWPORT, Attys for Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that P Y Duncan has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of A D Knox, late of Linn county, Oregon, deceased, by the county court of Linn county, Oregon, and that he has duly qualified as such, all persons having claims against said estates are hereby notified to present the same to me with the proper vouchers under oath at the office of W R Bilyeu in Albany, Oregon within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1896.

P Y DUNCAN, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

I have this day filed in the County Court of Linn county my final account as administrator de bonis non of the estate of James Knox deceased and the judge of said court has appointed the 5th day of Jan. 1897 for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

Dated Dec 3rd, 1896

G. B. HAIGHT, Administrator of James Knox, deceased.

CITY TREASURERS NOTICE NO. 12.

Notice is hereby given that funds are on hand to pay outstanding warrants of the issue of 1896, from No. 453 to 533, inclusive, interest on such warrants will cease with the date of this notice.

Albany, Or, Dec. 23, 1896.

E. A. PARKER, City Treas

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Linn county, Oregon, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Jane Fanning, deceased, late of Linn county, Or. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with the proper vouchers to me at Albany, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

ELKINS & CANNON, Attys for Admr. SAMUEL E YOUNG, Administrator with the will annexed

Albany, Oregon, Oct 6, 1896.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of Nancy Biggers, deceased, has filed in the county court of Linn county, Oregon, her final account as such executrix and that said court has fixed Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1896, at the hour of 9 o'clock a m at the court house in Albany, Oregon, for hearing objections to said account if any, and the settlement of the same.

D R N BLACKBURN Atty for Ex'rix. M J HANRAHAN, Executrix etc.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR. Dec. 24, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Linn county at Albany, Oregon, on February 5th, 1897. viz: Mrs Abigal Olden; H E 11032 for the E ½ of S W ¼ and W ½ of S E ¼ of Sec 23, Tp 10 S R 3 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: L C Ives, A T Ives, V G Danforth, Mrs A M Tillotson, all of Detroit, Oregon.

ROBERT A MILLER, Register.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been duly appointed by the Hon county court of Linn county, Oregon, executors of the last will and testament of Herman Arnold, deceased, late of said county, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the said undersigned at Albany, Oregon, properly verified within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Albany, Oregon, this 9th day of December, 1896.

CONRADINA ARNOLD, ROBERT ARNOLD, Executrs.

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