OFFICIAL PAPER For the Counties of

Baker and Grant.

FOR CONGRESS,

## COL. JAMES W. NESMITH.

OF POLK COUNTY.

ELECTION NEXT MONDAY.

Let everybody go and hear Col. Nesmith, at Baker City, on next Friday at two o'clock, P. M.

IMMIGRANTS. -Dr. N. G. Blalock. late of Mount Zion, Macon Co., Ill., called on us last Monday. The Doctor visited this section of country last year, looking out a location for himself and a number of his neighbors who were anxious to change their places of habitation; and now the Dr. with the van of the colony have arrived and will go to Walla Walla Valley to winter. The Doctor informs us that those who are with him are well pleased with the country, and if they find no place which suits them better it is probable that they will locate on the Malheur or Willow Creek. They will take their families to Walla Walla and fix them comfortable, and then proceed to look for a suitable location for a permanent residence. The parties who are here with the Doctor and family are Robt. Montgomery and family, S. W. Cox and family, Robt. J. Widick and family, W. J. Mariner, son of Professer Mariner of Mount Zion, B. L. Gillispie, Samuel Stephenson and David Allen-the last four named are young men who have come to the Far West to seek homes for themselves and their famlies in prospective.

The company have enjoyed good health and are well pleased with their trip across the plains. The Dr. informs us that the ladies, especially, of the company have improved in health, and that some of them who, when they started on the trip, would have been greatly fatigued by walking one mile, can now walk ten, fifteen and twenty and enjoy it as a luxury, because it is a sign of good health. Two families stopped on account of necessary sickness, but are now enroute again. Several of the company passed through our city some eight or ten days in advance of the Dr. and those with him. We are pleased to note the arrival of citizens such as the above and hope they may conclude to settle in our vicinity.

ABROAD.

The good opinion of those abroad is a thing to be coveted, and when gained is generally deserved. The Democrats of Oregon are running a man for Congress who has a national reputation. They may well be proud to hear him spoken of by a journal so pre-eminently high and influential as the New York World, as iollows. We copy from the World of September 15th:

J. W. Nesmith, who has been nominated to Congress by the Democrats of Oregon, represented that State in the United States Senate from 1861 to 1867, and his integrity and ability was never questioned.

FRUIT.-Mr. B. D. Jett, of Burnt River, left at our office a sample of apples from his orchard. He has about one hundred apple trees, and a few pear, plum and cherry trees. The apples laid upon our table are as fine specimens as we have ever seen grown in any country, and convinces us that we have a fine fruit country-equal to any on the coast. The apples, we are informed, are about an average, and they will weigh about one pound each; we think they are of the Baldwin species. His trees are eight years old, and this is the first season that they have born any amount of fruit. The age of the tree before bearing is, according to rule, a sign of long lived trees.

A special from Jacksonville of October 3rd says: The Modoc execution took place to day at Fort Klamath. Two of them, Barncho and Sloluck, were reprieved last night, to be imprisoned for life. Four of them Capt. Jack, Sconchin, Boston Charley and Black Jim were hung.

Letter from the Public School Superintendent.

POCAHONTAS, Oct. 1st, 1873. Mr. EDITOR:-The Board of Education, of the State of Oregon, having adopted a series of text books for the use of common schools in this State, I have been instructed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to give notice as required by law, I desire to use the columns of the DEMOCRAT for that purpose. The text-books adopted by the Board are as follows:

Pacific Coast: First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Readers. Hopkins Manual of American

Ideas. Pacific Coast Speller. Geographies-Monteith's Introduction, Physical and Intermediate, Pacific Coast Edition.

Grammars-Clark's Beginners, Clark's Normal.

Arithmetics - Thompson's New Mental, Rudiments (written) Practical (written) Brook's Normal Men-

Brook's Algebra, Brook's Geome-

Steele's Fourteen weeks in Chemistry, Steele's Fourteen weeks in Philosophy, Steele's Fourteen weeks in Physiology.

Wood's Botanist and Florist.

Anderson's General History.

Hart's Element of Composition. The law requires that the above series of text-books shall be introduced into all the schools of the State, on or before the 1st of October .-But the Board have extended the time to the 1st of March, 1874. Itis the desire of the Board, however, that the new series be introduced as soon as possible, and the purchase of any other books than those already mentioned is strictly probibited. Arrangements have been made with W. F. McCrary to turnish ed Lower Cascades. Here we met books to the schools of this county at wholesale prices for the next three months. It is hoped that the opportunity thus offered will be improved, and that the schools of this county will all be supplied before that time expires.

Yours Truly, C. L. MEANS, Sup't of Schools Baker Co., O'gn.

We take the following news items from the Sacramento Union of Oct.

Important improvements are to be immediately made upon all the fortifications of France, so as to connect them in a chain of communication with Paris.

France is divided in 18 military departments, with a General to command each.

Fope Pins is invited by the high clergy of France to come over and consecrate Chambord as Henry Fifth,

John Bright has been made Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. and so becomes a Cabinet officer un-

Cholera is on shipboard both at Liverpool and London.

A financial crisis is feared in Berlin. Some stocks have receded twenty per cent.

Aspinwall and Jamaica are to have a second telegraph cable to connect them in November.

A dispatch from Boston states that Admiral Winslow, of Kearsage memory, died at Boston Highlands, formerly Roxbury, Sept. 29.

The New York Exchange was opened yesterday and business was carried on as usual.

In New York Henry J. Brookes, leather merchant, has suspended owing to the present financial troubles.

Four hundred and two million nine hundred and twenty three thousand dollars is the amount of United States currency now outstanding.

Secretary Richardson replies adversely to the call made upon him by the New York Produce Exchange the same number of peach trees, also for Government aid in the existing crisis. He says there is no law to authorize him to do what is asked.

John B. Baldwin, who was the Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives, died yesterday at Stanton, Va.

About 2,000,000 salmon eggs are being sent from this coast to the

East this season. Report says Benicia is to be made a permanent military station on this

at Pekin, arrived by the steamer China yesterday, on a visit to his old

ADVERTISING .- All persons wanting advertisements inserted in the DEMOCRAT will please give us their orders to that effect. We are not in the habit of inserting advertisements in our paper, or sending our paper to those who do not subscribe, and then make them pay for their means of education, is conducive to sitting in the saloon at once arose advertisements or the paper, because the welfare and interests of Salem. they do not order the one out or the There are several newspapers pub-MR. S. G. FRENCH and Mr. Mc. other stopped. We are opposed to listed here, all of which bear 300d accepted the invitation and stepped Daniel, of the Cove, are in our city. this system of black mailing.

#### OUR SALEM LETTER.

SALEM, O., Sept 2nd., 1873. EDITOR DEMOCRAT:-Leaving La Grande August 19th we commenced our journey toward the State Capital. The impressions we received on the way, by the diversity of scenery and multiplicity of objects, were pleasing and agreeable in the extreme. We arrived at Umatilla and found that place torn down, dilapidated and nearly deserted. On the 26th day of August the boat steamed grandly around the point just before coming to Umatilla, and soon moved up to the wharf. We here sprang aboard and in another instant the "Ring of Life" heaved and swayed and then plunged and plowed the Not from metal alone the perfectest, mirror lipid waters of the great and grand "River of the West" -Columbia .-The trip from Umatilla to the Dalles Instruments blending together yield the diwas somewhat monotonous, not being diversified enough to kill and break up the dull silence and extensive sand banks and rolling hills .-We arrived at Celilo, where we found the cars in waiting, in which we were soon seated. Leaving this lonely, yet wild, place, we were soon rolling and rushing on. The scenery here, of the river, is grand and sublime, and beyond all description of our feeble pen. The

Dulles City we found alive and active. The old burnt portion has been rebuilt and now presents an improved and spac. Raftered by firm-laid consonants, windowed ious appearance. There are many pleasing features and attractive residences in the Dalles. We passed one night here, and early in the morning we steamed away for Portland From here to Upper Cascades the diversity of scenery is unsurpassed in the world. We will not attempt any description of scenery as seen here. Passing over the portage, we reach-Thos. Condon and Prof. Le Conte, of California University, who were here on a geological tour, and had made some interesting discoveries. Stepping aboard the boat we again resumed our journey to Portland .-Vancouver has many attractive and beautiful features. The old military post is still here, and the trees which line the streets are beautiful

Metropolis just in time to miss the evening train for Salem. This gave us an oppertunity of viewing the burnt district which we find rapidly being re built by temporary houses. Great enterprise is manifested on the part of the citizens in endeavoring to relieve those who suffered in the late calamity, which blighted many happy homes and bright prospects. Such is life, and all vicisssitudes. No one is seenre for an instant from the ravages of calamity and pestilence .-While wandering amid the ruins and ashes, with the sounds of industry and happy existence, the contrast is certainly striking, and has a strange effect upon a stranger. There flourishes prosperity and happiness; while here reigns ruin and destruction .pulsive and active life in other portions of Portland, and here reigns silence, broken only by the click of resurrection goes on. Portland will rise again from her ashes, and it is to be hoped that she may never of improvements, among which are street cars, which are very useful for pedestrians. The small pox scare has subsided. In the morning, at Spreading o'er ledges unclimbable, meadows 7 o'clock, we left Portland for Salem. The route lies through a beautiful and highly enitivated country, which Therefore it is that I praise thee and never was uniformly pleasant to behold. We arrived at the

State Capital

at 11 o'clock. Salem certainly is un- I will not covet the tull roll of the glorious excelled in natural beauty by any Luscious and feeble Italian so formal and city we have ever seen. There is a freshness and cheerinlness about it that is not to be found in any of the large cities. The streets are broad and lined by beautiful shade trees. The new Court House is a magnificent structure, but it is surmounted F. F. Low, United States Minister | by a curious figure supposed to Le Story. justice, which certainly needs reconstruction in many particulars. Salem is the "City of Churches," as and neither credit it to to the paper nearly every portion of it has a church edifice. There is in course priate it as his own, but simply start of construction here the State Capitol, which, when completed, will be the most magnificent structure in the State. The Willamette University, with its efficient faculty and Professor, take a drink." Six men reputations. The society is good, in.

and everybody seem to be happy.

Wheat has gone up to 80 cents, and farmers are nearly all doing well in consequence. There are many other things of which we might make mention, but we forbear for the present.

Yours, &c. INCOLAS.

POETRY.

Published by Request.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. Give me of every language first my vigorous

Stored with imported wealth, rich in its natural mines— Grand in its rhythmical cadence, simple for household employment-Worthy the poet's song, fit for the speech of

is shapen, Not from color is built the rainbow's ærial vinest music So unto thy close strength is welded and bea-

Iron dug from the North, ductile gold from So unto thy broad stream the ice-torrents in the mountains Rush, and the rivers pour brimming with

sun from the plains. Thou hast the sharp clear edge and the downright blow of the Saxon,
Thou the majesticle march and the stately Tho the cuphonious swell, the rhythmical roll of the Greek,

Thine is the elegant snavity caught from sonorous Italian, Thine the chivarte obeisance, the courteous ing Court and on other business, grace of the Norman— Thine the Tentonic German's inborn gutteral strength.

by opening vowels, Thou securely art built, free to the sun and Over thy feudal battlements trail the wild tendrils of fancy Where in the early morn warbled our earli-

est birds; cience looks out from thy watch tower, love whispers in at thy lattice, While o'er thy bastions wit flashes its glittering sword.

Not by corruption rotted nor slowly by ages Have the sharp consonants gone crumbling blocks chiseled by Egypt,
Just as when Shakespeare and Milton laid
them in glorious verse.

liver, Blending thy various streams, stately thou flowest along, Bearing the white-winged ship of Poesy over

Laden with spices that come out of the trop-Fancy's pleasuring yacht with its bright and flattering pennons,

Logic's frigates of war and the toil-worn to gaze upon. We arrived at the | How freely art thou obedient unto the poet

When, in a happy hour, thought into speech

he translates; Caught on the word's sharp angles flash the bright hues of his fancy-Grandly the thought rides the words as a good horse-man his steed.

Now, clear, pure, hard, bright and one by one like to hail-stones. Short words tall from his lips fast as the first Now in a two-fold column, Spondee, Iamb, and Trochee. Unbroke, firm set, advance, retreat tramp-

ling along Now with a sprightlier springiness bounding in triplicate syllables Dance the elastic Dactylics in musicial ca-

dences on, Now their wluminous coil intertangling like huge anacondas Roll overwhelmingly onward the sesquipedalian words.

Flexile and free in thy gait and simple in all thy construction, Yielding to every turn thou bearest thy rider

Now like our backney or draught-horse serv ing our commonest uses, Now bearing grandly the Poet Pegasus-like to the sky.

We can hear the very rings of im- Thou art not prisoned in fixed rules, thou art no slave to a grammar, Thou art an engle uncaged scorning the perchandence chain,

Hadst thou been fettered and formalized, thou hadst been tamer and weaker, the mason's trowel as the work of How could the poor slave walk with thy grand freedom of gait?

Let me grammarians rail and let foreigners sigh for thy sign-posts, Wondering lost in thy maze, thy wilds of magnificent growth again suffer from the terrible fire Call the incongruous, wild, of rule and of reason demant,

fiend. We noticed quite a number I in thy wilderness a grand freedom can So with irregular outline tower up the skypiercing mountains,

Rearing o'er yawning chasms lofty precipi-

and slopes of green smoothness, Bearing the flowers in their peaks in the

can cease from rejoicing, Thinking that good stout English is mine and my ancestors' tongue; Give me us varying music, the flow of its free modulation

tireek, stately, French with its nasal disp nor German inverted and harsh

and wonderful voices Play on the soft flute of love, blow the loud trumpet of war,

its full diapason Shake all the air with the grand storm of its pedals and stops .- Poems of Wm. W.

PURE MEANNESS. - The "Scissors" who would steal and original item from which it was taken or approit out in the wide world, without friends or even a mother in law, is -is a 'scoundrel, a liar, and a horse thief,' and should be sent 'West.'

Scene in Denver .- Hello! come, and came forward, while a bootblack whose stand was just outside the door and a passing corn doctor smillingly

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. H. Slater called on us last week, looking well and hearty.

E. S. McComas, Register of the State Land Office at La Grande, called on us last Monday, and looks as natural as ever.

Thos. O'Brien, "mine host" of the Mountain Exchange Hotel, at La Grande, called on us on Monday.

W. B. Morris, Gen'l Superintendent of the N. W. Stage Co., visited our sanctum on Monday. We are pleased to see him looking so well. He will return home to Boise City in a few days.

Judge L. L. McArthur and W. B. Lasswell come over from Canyon on last Saturday evening. They enjoyed their trip hugely. Our citi-

zens were pleased to meet them. S. Ellsworth Esq., of La Grande, Out of a myriad flowers sweetest of Honey come up to our city on last Satur-

> J. H. Reed Esq., of Portland, arrived here last Thursday evening. Sheriff Barry and John Jump of Lembi County, Idaho, called on us last Saturday on their way to Pendleton. We were pleased to have a call from these old mountain acquaintances. They were looking

Our city is full of persons attendwhose names will be found in the list of arrivals at the Western Hotel.

THE BAR. - The attendance of attorneys at the October term of our Circuit Court includes quitean array of talent. The following gentlemen are in attendance: J. H. Reed of Portland; S. Ellsworth, M. Baker and J. H. Slater of La Grande; W. B. Lasswell, District Atty, and Gilbert Reynolds of Canyon City; L. O. Sterns, I. D. Haines, A. J. Lawrence away from our words; Virgin and clean is their edge like granite and T. C. Hyde of Baker City. All of the above appear to be pretty Ever Offered in this Market, which they are busy. The docket is a large one, Fitted for every use like a great majestical and will, we think, take the most of the two weeks allowed for the length | Than any other House in Eastern Oregon,

> "Jury," said a western judge 'you kin go out and find a verdict. If you can't find one of your own, get the one the last jury used." The jury returned a verdict of suicide in the ninth degree.

"Were you guarded of your conduct while in New York?" asked a father of his son, who had just returned from a visit to that city .-·Yes sir; part of the time by two po-

A \$50,000 libel suit has been commenced against the Chicago Times bp a young lawyer whom it called a sbyster, and eleven more suits are to

A little girl came home one day much excited, and exclaimed: "O father, I saw where they make horses!

"Make horses?" "Yes, father, I saw the man in the shop driving the last nail."

A minister walked six miles marry a couple lately. He said he felt sort of fee bill like. The groom

Advertising begets wealth.

### Died,

At Bluff Station Ada Co., I. T., October nd., Mrs. Nancy E. Foster, wife of Elder J. B. Foster, late of baker County, Ogn.
Pacific Coast Advocate and McMinnville Courier please copy.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Teacher's Institute. There will be a TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

Held in Baker City, commencing on Wedlesday, October 22d, 1873, for the Counties of Baner and Union. Ad Teachers who design teaching in the Common Schools of this County, the ensuing year, and the friends of education generally, are urgently request ed to attend. The State Superintendent will be present. C. L. MEANS,

County Superintendent. Baker City. Oct. 7, 1873.-223

## DRESS MAKING!

Mrs. R. C. Shepherd & Co., Respectfully inform the Ladies of

Baker City and vicinity, that they have opened an establishment, at the Not waile our organ can speak with its many | residence of Mrs. R. C. Shepherd, in Baker City, where they are prepared to Cut, or Cut an Make all kinds of Sing with the high sesquialtro, or drawing Ladies & Childrens Clothing. They are prepared to furnish all styles and

kinds of Materials, Trimmings, &c., as cheap as any other Establishment in Eastern Oregon, and all of the very best quality and lat-

All orders from the surrounding Towns and Country will be promptly attended to, at the same prices that our City customers are Stamping for Embroidery and

Braiding, done to order. LATEST FASHIONS

Received every month, direct from New Mrs. R. C. Shepherd

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Baker City, Dec. 1, 1872.n30tf

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DEALER In Gold Dust.

GOLD AND SILVER BARS.

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### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Grand Ball

La Grande. THOMAS O'BRIEN of the Mountain Exchange Hotel, will, on the Evening of

The 15th of Uctober, 1873, (the Evening of the Dedication of the Masone hall), give a Grand Ball. A general invitation is extended to all to attend.

1874. 1873. THE

Fall & Winter Campaign! New Store Building

New Goods, In J. W. Virtne's New Bank Block.

# Wholesale and Retail

DEALERS, Enter the Field this Winter with the LARGEST STOCK

#### OF **NEW GOODS**

determined to sell for

Smaller Profits Our Stock embraces every thing in the line of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Groceries,

and Everything pertaming to a Complete

General Merchandise. Our Stock of Liquors Is well supplied with the Best Brands of

Tobacco and Cigars,

BRANDY, WINE, etc., etc.,

And we offer the same at Lowest Figures. TO THE FARMERS!

Farmers wanting anything in the line of Reapers, Mowers, Threshers, Feed Mills, Wagons, Horse Rakes, Harrows, Plows, or

OTHER AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY will find it to their advantage to give us a call. Wholesale Department

Is kept in our New FIRE PROOF CELLAR Give us a Call at Virtue's New Bank Block on Front Street, Baker City, Oregon. BAMBERGER & FRANK Baker City, Oct. 1, 1873 .- n21tf

# FURNITURE WAREROOMS.

Patronize Your Home Manufacture

J. W. Cleaver Respectfully informs the citizens of BAKER CITY AND VICINITY, That he now has a Large and Complete At-

Furniture, Of his own Manufacture, embracing every-

thing necessary for housekeeping, both useful and ornamental. All kinds of Office Farniture manufactured to order. In fact, he is prepared to make anything and everything is his line, in the best style and at reasonable prices.

CHAIRS Of every description manufactured of the very best material, and warranted to be so perior to any other in the State. Job Turning done to order. Give him a call and examine his asso

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Some of the males old enough for seris Also, a few POLAND CHUNA.

The Berkshires were all sired by Paris Prince, a pig of the famous Imported 8/4 "RAMFORD BELLE," Owned by S. G. REED, of Portland

The Sows were selected from the stock one of the test Herders of Illinois. venient for the purchaser.

S. G. FRENCE.

Cove, Ogn., Sept. 9, 1873.-n19tf

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Business that will Pay from \$4 to \$8 per day; can be pursu your own neighborhood, and strictly orable. Particulars free, or samples will enable you to go to work at once where the property of the control of the cont J. LATHAM & CO.,