

# WEEKLY CORVALLIS GAZETTE

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## IMPROVED TEXT BOOKS.

Better text-books than those now in use are wanted in several branches of study. Many at present in use, fail to answer the requirements of progressive instruction, or to respond to the want of class manuals which treat their subjects comprehensively. It is impossible to specify what is lacking at length, but improvements in school arithmetic are suggested, and we find that the new series has recently been published, which promises to respond to the want.

It is by Prof. Wm. J. Milner, an experienced educator and at present Principal of the State Normal School at Genesee, N. Y. It comprises two books, elementary and practical, which are upon the inductive plan, and propose a plain and attractive means of becoming familiar with the science of numbers. The pupil is led up to the rules by short and easy steps, but in a way which presents them in a clear and logical order. When he reaches a rule he knows all about it practically, and therefore it becomes merely a succinct statement of what he has learned, in form easily remembered. This is rational instruction. Another feature of these arithmetic is their profuse pictorial illustration of various exercises, by which the eye is addressed as well as the mind. Make every study attractive—the more so, the better—and the art of education will be the gainer thereby, whatever some teachers may profess to believe.

A Grammar School History of the United States by John Clark Ridpath, A. M., Professor of History and Belles-Lettres in the Indiana University, is another new school text with many attractive features. It is well written, in style and arrangement, it is simply inimitable, while its profusion of incident and certain opulence of verbal illustration, are charms which few writers know how to impart to their productions.

We learn that the works above noticed are offered at a very moderate price, and that such offer, together with their merits, has introduced them to use in schools throughout the country. In type, binding, and all the minor details of elegance these books outrank all their competitors. They are published by Jones Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Chicago, who will doubtless add additional particulars to such as desire them.

## PRINTERS' BANQUET.

The Salem Statesman, of the 24th ult., has the following near announcement of a printers' supper, to be given by Mr. E. M. Waite, who will soon close up the State printing work of 1878. It will be a grand affair, as S. F. Matthews, "mine host" of the Chemeketa, knows just how to "do the handsome" by the boys. His elegant parlors and spacious dining hall will ring with "wit and wisdom" on that occasion, no doubt, as all the printers and journalists of Salem will be present:

The time-honored custom of having a grand supper and banquet upon the completion of the State printing, is we are glad to be able to announce, to be repeated this year. All the State Printers have done the handsome thing by the boys, and Mr. Waite, with the generosity which ever characterizes the craft, will not allow his administration to be any exception to the rule.

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DEATH OF MR. HIRSCH.—The following notice is from the Oregonian of the 3d inst.: "Mr. J. B. Hirsch, brother of Hon. Sol. Hirsch, State Senator from Multnomah county, and Ed. Hirsch, State Treasurer, died at his home in Salem on Wednesday, after a long illness. Deceased has resided in Salem for many years, where he has been engaged in merchandising. For some time past Mr. Hirsch has been in poor health. He was a most estimable citizen, strictly honorable in all the relations of life, and greatly respected by all who knew him. Deceased leaves a wife and several children to mourn his departure from the walks of men. In respect to the memory of the departed, the large wholesale house of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., was closed yesterday."

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The above item has been going the rounds of the State exchanges for several weeks past—and yet Mr. W. B. Hamilton, president of the W. V. & C. R. R. Co., one of the gentlemen referred to, is at home in this city. The fact is, that the arrangement for the "immediate purchase of the iron for the Yaquina Bay Railroad," was fixed before Col. Hogg left for San Francisco. The money, however, and the iron and rolling stock for the first division of the road will, doubtless, be shipped from New York by the 20th of this month. The money for the iron is all right, and the "cars will run."

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See notice of Thos. Horning, in another column, relative to a lost note.

A very nice assortment of Holiday goods for sale, at RAY'S.

Supreme Court is in session at Salem, and a number of our attorneys are in attendance. O. P. Jaycox, of the firm of Sheppard & Jaycox, started for Portland last Monday.

Interesting revival meetings in progress at Philomath, under the auspices of the U. B. Church.

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The "lull of fare" for the printers' banquet, in Salem, as published in the Statesman, of the 5th inst., is a gorgeous, as well as decidedly "mixed" affair.

Messa. Carillo and Wallace, of this city, have been engaged in putting up ice, during the past week. Good time to prepare for the "dog-days."

The holidays passed off pleasantly—the weather has been delightful—the schools are again in full blast, and business matters are usual.

Mr. A. Parker, of Albany, passed through the city, last Monday, with his family, en route to Omakota Mills, which is to be their future home.

Last Tuesday the family of Mr. Loretz, the comb-maker, started for Albany, en route for Creswell, where they are to join the husband and father.

New, R. A. Pensell gives notice, under this week," that he has three well improved farms for sale, at Yaquina Bay. Here is a chance for bargains.

We are requested, by the Secretary, C. H. Whitney, to announce that the State Temperance Alliance meets at Albany, Feb. 19, 1879—at 1 o'clock, p. m.

Ladies who have nice dresses, and wish them made in the best manner, should go to Mrs. I. A. Miller, Third, between Washington and Adams streets, Corvallis.

Mr. Pygan & L. L. L. are first-class teamsters and courageous drivers, and are prepared to do all kinds of freighting between Corvallis and Albany, or elsewhere. Give them a call. Terms reasonable.

Dr. Watts had a grand time, and with splendid success at Eugene last week.

On Thursday evening he organized a Blue Ribbon club with 153 members and on Friday evening 147 more joined.

Stages have been making good time, since the freeze-up, and Albany has been lively—but boats are exceedingly scarce. The river is unusually low for this season of the year.

The drawing class will meet Prof. Royal's school room this evening. Any persons desirous of acquiring the art of sketching from nature, or of pencil drawing for other purposes, should join the class at once.

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Rev. G. W. Bennett will preach on the 3d inst., at the Salem Sabbath, in January, at (eleven o'clock) a.m., in the M. E. Church, and then, and hold a Praise and Prayer meeting in the evening of the same day. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

D. G. Clark, of Albany, gave us a pleasant, but brief, call, Tuesday—and handed us \$5 in coin, for the renewal of his own, and a copy of the GAZETTE, for his sister, Miss P. Clark, in Frederickburg, Wayne county, Ohio. Many thanks.

The scholars have made great advancement in singing and writing.

By giving this a space in your valuable paper, you will greatly please our community and school. MARION H. PARKER, Teacher.

TEMPERANCE.—Dr. Watts is doing a noble work in the temperance field in this State, and we hope, are long to have the pleasure of a visit from him in Corvallis. Last week he was in Eugene City. The Journal gives him the following send-off: "Dr. Watts, 'which was postmaster,' delivered a series of interesting lectures in this place, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. His subjects the first evening was Alcohol—its effects on life. He treated his subject from a scientific stand-point and illustrated it with charts prepared expressly for the purpose. The Doctor has a mass of facts and statistics on intemperance, and presents them in a plain matter-of-fact way that convinces the judgment and persuades the feelings. His gesticulation is awkward, and his posture on the floor is ungraceful, but one can overlook form while hearing substance. Good audiences greet the Doctor on tour of philanthropy."

TWELVE MURDERS.—Crime, in this State, is surely meeting its reward, which is a good omen for the future morals of our young commonwealth. An exchange in speaking of the death-sentence, says: "There are twelve men under sentence of death in Oregon, including the four Indians at Pendleton, convicted of George Coggin's murder; J. D. Whitney, at Salem; James Cook, The Dalles; Johnson and Brown, and two Chinamen, Charley Lee and Ah Lee, of Portland. Sward will soon be tried for murder, also the Indian Jackson, for killing Dennis Spellman."

We are grateful to our friends for the numerous words of cheer and encouragement, relative to our management of the GAZETTE, which come from every quarter of our State—and especially for the very substantial remembrances that are continually showered upon us, given in a most wonderful way to go forward and do our best—even though that may be foolish. Only \$2 50 per annum, in advance, for the GAZETTE, the official State paper.

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## FROM THE BAY.

**ED. GAZETTE:** The New Year comes on, and you are feeling good over the prospect of the Westside R. R. We who are anxious to see one road, rejoice with you who seem likely to feel the salutary effects of too. Be prepared, however, for the usual subsidy. It seems impossible to disconnect railroading from that idea of levying contributions—they beat the Salem churches for that. And to those who have not often asked, "Why don't Col. Hogg bind himself so and so?"—Corvallis, give us a few thousand and we will do well to call. That's business; at least, it is the usual course. Now, whenever we complete the ten miles of the W. V. & C. R. R., then it will be time to abuse Col. Hogg, provided he should need it. Let us do our part, and then see if he will. I think not. Your town will be the railroad approaches, but as soon as Junction is reached Corvallis becomes a way station. Then your business men will see and feel the great importance of the coast line. So, don't give up the ship! The western half of Benton County is alive with people seeking to buy farms or lots government land, all excited over the railroad news.

We are pleased to see the GAZETTE "shed off," and take its place with the liveliest and best journals in Oregon.

By the way, the "investigators" of the Democratic party, have found it rather difficult to get to the bottom of the whole affair. What Grover wanted to do, he could guarantee the broadest and most sweeping legislation, and what he did was to make up for it by his own personal greediness, and the fact that he was a tool of the Southern Confederacy.

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## FOOD FOR REFLECTION.

### WHAT GROVER WANTED TO DO.

One of the chief actors in the story that follows, furnishes the Statesman full details of the way a joint convention was broken up in the Legislature of 1872, all for the purpose of feathering the nests of Grover and pete, as he, by that means, had the appointment of commissioners to superintend \$100,000, set aside for completion of the State Capitol and also the appointment of all the minor offices of the State Government, usually elected by the Legislature in joint convention:

The Senate was Democratic and if that body refused to go into joint convention none could be held. It was supposed that one Democrat would vote with the Republicans and to prevent this that, on the approach of the election, the Senate was approached by the leading Democrat as security, whose word was as good as his bond; and got him to give his verbal pledge that in case the convention was broken up the \$300 should be promptly paid.

Our informant happened to know that the Senator in question had concluded not to go into joint convention, had just heard as much from him as he could get, and the Republicans were out of sight and dropped into the Belleville to take a quiet game of pedro, never troubling himself about the anxieties of the Grover dynasty any further. While he played his little game, the Senate, after having voted to go into joint convention, which was of course broken up as he had just guaranteed it would be, and the legislative adjourned without a single voice.

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