

GOV. GROVER'S DEFENSE.

The telegraph, some weeks ago, announced that Ex-Gov. Grover, from his seat in the U. S. Senate, had "raised to explain" certain charges of the Legislative investigating committee relative to the official acts of his State administration.

In the Congressional Record of Jan. 9, we find the "explanation" or answer to the charges, but have not space to give the same in full, but will give that portion relating to the school fund matter.

THE NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS. Is stated to be "deficiency" in school-funds in the hands of Thomas H. Cann, who is clerk of the board of school-land commissioners.

THE SCHOOL FUNDS. The school funds of Oregon are in the hands of the State treasurer and of the several county treasurers, and are under the general supervision of the board of school-land commissioners.

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TULLIS MURDERERS.—Troy Dye and Anderson, two of the murderers of the old man Tullis, in California, have been found guilty of murder in the first degree—but, upon some technicality, their cases have been appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

STRAIGHT NOMINATIONS.—A San Francisco dispatch dated 15th inst., says: "The executive committee of the regular Republican county committee, P. B. Cornwall, chairman, held a meeting this evening and decided to issue an address to the Republican voters of the State urging straight Republican nominations.

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Mr. Koehler Returned!

GLORIOUS NEWS!

O. C. R. R. Extension

Surveyors in the Field!

THE WESTSIDE RAILROAD A FIXED FACT

Bright Future for Corvallis!

The "Good Time, Coming!" Nearly Come to Benton County!

Let the People Shout for Joy!

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It will be remembered that Mr. Koehler, agent for German capitalists who are interested in the O. & C. R. R. and O. C. R. R., was called some months ago to Frankfort-on-the-Main to report at a meeting of the bondholders, upon the general affairs of the road.

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portance. This company, controlling an immense aggregation of wealth, becomes a power in the land for good or evil. When that power is used for the benefit of the people, all well; but when it assumes to become a political engine, or uses its power and influence adverse to the best interests of the people, then its acts become just subjects of criticism through the press, in the halls of legislation, and elsewhere.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

SALEM, JAN. 18, 1879. EDITOR GAZETTE:—This is one of the days that causes one to wish for some outdoor exercise and is inclined to bring on an attack of the spring fever.

We are pleased to learn that the Presbyterian Church, of this city, are perfecting arrangements for a series of public lectures the first of which will be delivered by Dr. A. L. Lindley, of Portland, on the evening of the 21st inst.

And now Col. C. A. Reed has made a new departure, and, together with Prof. Diamond, is making arrangements for a grand masquerade ball to be given at the Opera House on the evening of Birthington's Washday, February 21st.

Some weeks ago, I contemplated giving you, in this letter, an account of the execution of John D. Whitney for the murder of Hibert, near Silverton; but in this instance, as in many others, man disposes but God disposes, and Whitney still lives on, hoping for the best.

The principal event of a public nature that has transpired in our midst since I last wrote you was the public installation on Tuesday evening of the newly elected officers of Olive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., conducted by Grand Master H. H. Gilfrey, assisted by the following elective and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge: Daniel Norcross, D D G M; Frank E. Hodgkins, R W G W; T. Orin Barker, R W G S; I. R. Mores, R W G T; M. L. Chamberlain, R W G Conductor; and J. L. Parrish, R W G Chaplain.

The Corvallis GAZETTE rejoices itself with great complacency while it chronicles the fact that the Columbia river is blocked once in four or five years, with ice.

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not sit still, and all hands, in fact, from the foreman to the devil, ate and drank as though they had fasted for weeks, while "we us," outside the ring, enjoyed seeing others so supremely happy, and, at a reasonable hour, all went home duly sober.

Magnire's Dramatic Troupe visited Salem last Friday evening and favored us with a presentation of that magnificent French drama "Diplomacy," with Sam Pearcey in the leading role.

THE LASWELL MYSTERY.

Some time since we published in the GAZETTE, an account of the sudden and mysterious disappearance of W. B. Laswell, from his home in The Dalles. A late number of the Inland Empire, of that City, says:

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PROTEST AGAINST CHINESE LABOR.

Hon. J. F. Caples, Prosecuting Attorney for the fourth judicial district, has taken a bold and decided stand against the employment of Chinese labor on public works, and the enforcement of the Anti Chinese Act of the last Legislature.

Mr. John Quigley, a young man aged about 22 years, died Saturday morning at St. Vincent's hospital, after a brief illness.

STILL ON HIS TRACK.

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PACIFIC COAST.

The State Temperance Alliance meets at Albany Feb. 19th.

John P. Moore, the party wounded recently in the shooting affray with Backenstos, at Portland, has fully recovered and resumed his regular employment.

THE EXTREME PENALTY.

APRIL 20, 1879. The State of Oregon has been convicted of complicity in the murder of whites last summer, was hanged here to-day.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 15.—The Democrats in caucus to-night nominated Gen. James Shields for the senatorial seat term over David H. Armstrong.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator Booth has returned from Savannah with other members of the congressional committee which accompanied the remains of Representative Hartridge to their last resting place.

ICE BLOCKADE RAISED.

THE PORTLAND PAPERS announce that the ice in the Columbia river has disappeared, and that the boats of the O. S. N. Company have commenced making regular trips.

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