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Corvallis, Jan. 24, 1879.

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 com mittee relative to the official acts of his State administration. Mr. Grover,

proceed to do it seriatim." from the Senate proceedings:

THE NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS Is stated to be "deficiency" in school-funds in the hands of Thomas H. Cann, who was clerk of the board of school-land commis-His accounts were all duly settled 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. Those officers negotiate the public loans with as much care and agent for under as strict provisions of law as realestate loans are made in any other State, and there has been no greater depression of real-estate values in that State than in any other. It is the merest demagogism to attempt to cast upon any set of public officers in any worth fifty cents on the dollar is grossly and

I have myself had one of these loans but it was based on the soundest security, and has been fully repaid, with interest. been interested in two other loans of this kind as a stockholder in corporations conhad any connection with were duly made and fully secured according to law, and were duly reported to the Legislature of 1876, which elected me a member of this body. Had there been anything wrong in any of these matters I could not have been elected.

Mr. President, this committee, though composed of persons of known hostility to myself, are not chiefly responsible for this report. They were selected as persons ca-pable of being manipulated by men who for years have been my personal enemies; who, having failed to defeat me in open field and fair contest, seek-now my destruction by discharging this missile of their venom from

secure ambush in the distance. But their work is overstrained and it will fail. The State of Oregon, sir, is in as good financial and economic condition as any State in the Union, and in far better condi tion than a great majority of States.

Its current expenses are paid by a tax of four mills on the dollar of taxable property. It has no bonded debt of any kind, either State, county, or city, while its outstanding warrants on the treasury do not exceed \$200,000, with \$100,000 usually carried in the treasury as a margin on various accounts. This treasury statement is not exact, but it is approximate. The State is virtually out of debt, except limited liabilities which were contracted to be paid out of internal improvement and swamp-land sales, which are in course of liquidation in that way.

The State capital and penitentiary erected. These buildings are of ample size and permanent and enduring structure. We have schools and churches everywhere. The people are vigorous, industrious, enterpris-ing, fragal, and happy, and they look for-

Tullis Murderers.-Troy Dye and Anderson, two of the murderers of the old man Tullis, in California, have been found guilty of marder in the first degree-but, upon some technicality, their cases have been appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Clark, the saloon partner of Dye, is on trial for murder in the first degree also. Both convicted prisoners eat and sleep well. Anderson shows perfect indifference to his fate. Soon after his conviction be hung. Put Clark on my right and Dye on the left, cut the rope and let us all go together."

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. The ing next week."

The steamboat Champion became disabled by striking a snag, a short distance above Albany a few days ago. Her passengers were taken to that city in a skiff.

GLORIOUS NEWS! O. C. R. R. Extension Surveyors in the Field!

"Good Time, Coming!" Nearly a "free press." Come to Benton County!

Let the People Shout for Joy!

The following glorious news, rela when the dispatch, containing the tive to the IMMEDIATE extension of charges was read, remarked: "Mr. the O. & C. R. R., (westside) is from President: It is a duty which I owe the Daily Oregonian of the 22d inst., to this honorable body as well as to and gives new life and energy to the myself to meet these charges as spe- people of Benton, and in fact, all the cifically as they are made, and I will westside counties. It is generally understood, although not officially In the Congressional Record of announced, that the O. C. R. R. is to Jan. 9, we find the "explanation" or be the main line of travel from Juncanswer to the charges, but have not tion to Portland-hence the superior space to give the same in full, but will quality of rails, rolling stock, etc., give that portion relating to the already purchased for this line. The school fund matter. That the school reason for this is obvious. It is the funds of the State, during the Grover- most direct line and avoids the Har-Chadwick-Cann administration were risburg bridge, which, by many, is most recklessly managed, no tax not considered a safe structure, and payer of this State, who is at all would not be policy in the company posted, can doubt. Whether or not to build a new one, when a better the explanation given below will sat- and more direct route would be scisfy the people of Oregon that "hon- cured by avoiding this enormous exesty and capacity" have characterized pense. The bright and prosperous the school fund management, we future, for which we have been paleave our readers to judge. We com- tiently "waiting and watching" for mend it to the careful perusal of eve- more than a quarter of a century, is ry reader of the GAZETTE. It is no now dawning upon Corvallis-and garbled extract, but quoted, in full, more than merely the bright gleams of the approching morning are now visible to the most skeptical-and for these reasons we may be indulged in tossing our tile in the air, while our readers are joyously perusing the folbefore the Legislature every two-years while I was governor, and found correct. He lowing cheering lines. Corvallis is writes me that his accounts are correct now. not dead and the Yaquina railread is not a myth. "Clear the track, the engine is coming." But read as fol

It will be remembered that Mr. Keehler, 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 bond-holders, upon the general affairs of the road. Mr. Kæhler returned by the steamer Or gon It is the merest demagogism to attempt to east upon any set of public officers in any State the fault of depreciated securities, which rest mainly for their support upon the general prosperity. Yet the statement that or O. C. R. R. to Corvallis, a distance of fifty miles from its present terminus at Saint ing her stockings. There now, Joseph, in Yambiil county. He further in- that ain't complimentary of the fair forms us that while in New York on his return from Germany, Mr. Villard and himself contracted for steel rails, the same in pattern an effort to pay them a tribute. and weight as those on the Central Pacific road between Sacramento and San Francisnected with them, but all the loans which I co, and for all the necessary rolling stock and motive power. The rails were completed at the rolling mills at Philadelphia on the 21st inst., and will be shipped for Portland immediately. Since his return Mr. Keehler has contracted for ties, and has put in the field a locating party, which is now busy in the vicinity of McMinaville. The road will be and Whitney will it go by way of Amity and Dixie. Grading will commence as soon as the right of way

THE PORTLAND POSTOFFCE.

ing a lively squabule over the post-Hillery Cason, janitor of the U.S. things taken into consideration. Postoffice at Portland, Oregon. The substance of Mr. Cason's charges are, ture that has transpired in our midst that employes in the office destroyed, since I last wrote you was the public by burning, great numbers of Sena- installation on Tuesday evening of tor Mitchell's speech, entitled: "The the newly elected officers of Olive Columbia river. Its freedom must Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., conducted be Established; the Monoply of the by Grand Master H. H. Gilfrey, as- to act. Oregon Steam Navigation must be sisted by the following elective and Broken; the Canal and Locks at the appointed officers of the Grand Cascades must be Completed." De Lodge: Daniel Norcross, D D G M; livered in the U. S. Senate, May 29, Frank E. Hodgkins, R W G W; T. 1878. During the time that these Orin Barker, R W G S; I. R. Mores, ward to a pleasing and flattering future of a great State, and I repel this slander upon them and me.

packets were being placed in the R W G T; M L Chamberlain, R W grates, as fuel, Postmaster Cole was G Conductor; and J. L. Parrish, R daily in the general office, says Mr. W G Chaplain. The following are Cason, and it would not have been the newly installed officers: X. N. possible for the said packets to have Steeves, N G; John Minto, V G; J. been destroyed without his knowl T. Gregg, RS; Emanuel Meyers, PS; edge of the fact.

sent to different individuals, free, but ercises. Daniel Norcross, Grand it is just as much the duty of the Post- Representative of California, delivermaster, or his clerks, to deliver them ed an able address, at the conclusion as any other mail matter. If, there of which supper was announced. fore, the charge of "burning" these which was partaken of by about six documents be sustained, it becomes hundred people and kindsy relished a very serious matter. The speech by all. The affair was voted a grand he said: "I am perfectly willing to referred to attacked one of the most success throughout. traved the wrongs, injustice, and op- at Emerson's cozy restaurant. The county committee will hold a meet- postmaster there, does not concern countenance of the host of the eventhe people of other localities, but ing was wreathed in continual smiles, whether or not the O. S. N. Co., shall Keady was unusually brilliant, Northis State is a matter of grave im- ditto. McClane felt so well he could That's all.

for the benefit of the people, all well; the ring, enjoyed seeing others so subut when it assumes to become a po- premely happy, and, at a seasonable litical engine, or uses its power and hour, all went home duly sober. influence adverse to the best interests Verily, verily, we say unto you, when of the people, then its acts become two or more printers are gathered to-THE WESTSIDE RAILROAD A FIXED FACT just subjects of criticism through the gether, there you may look for fun, press, in the halls of legislation, and for they are bound to enjoy them our government, "free speech," and may.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

SALEM, Jan. 18, 1879.

EDITOR GAZETTE:-This is one of he days that causes one to wish forome outdoor exercise and is inclined to bring on an attack of the spring fever. The sun is shining warm and bleasant and the air feels as balmy as spring. A glance at the calendar as sures us winter is more than half one, and we trust he will not long inger in the lap of spring when the usual lapse of time bids him depart. The young people of Salem are im proving the warmth and sunshine and are rambling about the city in quest of health and recreation. Mind you, however, the above complimentary notice of the weather alludes only to the present moment, for, recognizing the fickleness of the Oregon weather clerk, it would not surprise me in the least were it to rain or snow before this letter is completed. We all know how easily it rains in Webfoot and it will never do to predict what the weather will be at this season of the year not to exceed fifteen minutes thead of the present moment. Forunate it is, by the way, that the average Webfoot cares but little what he state of the weather may be. n most countries an Oregon mist would keep the ladies housed up from one week's end to the other. Not so with an Oregon girl, however, she will don her water-proof over-shoes, and, with the protection of a gingham umbrella, sally forth in high glee e the storms of heaven however severe. Neither will she go out of her way to avoid a puddle of muddy wa ter, but, grasping her skirts with one sex I'll never again indulge in even

Some weeks ago I contemplated giving you, in this letter, an account for the murder of Hibert, near Silverton; but in this instance, as in many es, and Whitney still lives on, hoping for the best. A stay of execution has been granted until the appeal now pending before the Supreme Court has been disposed of, and with The Portland papers are now have that august body, in case a new trial s denied, rests the responsibility of office in that city, and charges, of a fixing the time for carrying out the very serious nature, are made against fearful death penalty. There appears Postmaster Cole, by an affidavit of but a slender hope for mercy, all

The principal event of a public naand G. W. Pallais, Treasurer. The These speeches, like other "Parts hall was crowded with spectators and

of the Congressional Record," were no little interest manifested in the ex-

grinding monopolies that ever cursed | On the same evening Prof. E. M. our fair State, and was in the interest | Waite invited the State printers and of the people. It graphically por a few outsiders to indulge in oysters it takes it seriously to heart with tears a pression of this stupendous monopoly, spread was substantial, and differed and for that reason, we suppose, was from occasions of like nature in that broadcast over the State, and espe- than coffee, owing to which fact, percially among the reading, thinking, haps, was due the absence of toasts. honest, working classes of Portland All hands, however, did justice to the and Maltnomah county. The matter bivalves and cigars, and a generally

WEEKLY CORVALLIS GAZETTE. Mr. Kehler Returned! portance. This company, controlling not sit still, and all hands, in fact, becomes a power in the land for good and drank as though they had fasted or evil. When that power is used for weeks, while "we uns," outside Bright Future for Corvallis! elsewhere. The grandest pillars of selves be the circumstances what they

> Magnire's Dramatic Troupe visited Salem last Friday evening and favored us with a presentation of that magnificent French drama "Diplo macy," with Sam Pearey in the lead ing role. It was a first class enter tainment in every sense of the word, and it is to be regretted that there was not a larger turnout. There is no use denying the fact, the citizens of Salem do not patronize amusements as they should. The only thing in that line that they really apprecito be wondered at that we are seldom favored with first-class dramatic or concert tioupes, nor will we be until the stigma of non-appreciation now resting upon us as a city is removed, and we convince professionals, of all classes, that genuine worth and hard earned talent is appreciated and patconized as it deserves.

> 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. Lindsley, of Portland, on the evening of the 21st inst; to be followed by others of like nature. This is a move in gave a sociable at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patterson on Wednesday evening last, which provattended. The host and hostess were guests feel at home, and right well they succeeded.

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, which no doubt will prove a brilliant success.

Harry E. Crandall, of this city, is of his pedal extremities. He con templates walking a hundred mile race against time. He shows considerable speed and endurance for a young man and already walks, with apparent case, his eight miles an hour. Salem has another spasmodie attack of the railroad fever and has al ready commenced the structure of several-on paper. The latest is the one from Springfield, Lane county, to this city. It is to be a narrow gauge -if any-and, according to the Statesman, the line will soon be surveyed and work commenced in earn-

est. We sincerely hope such may be the case, but we have seen so many such flashes in the pan during the past ten years that we have become the least bit skeptical, for Salemites are not considered very enterprising or public spirited. Keep the ball rolling, however, and make it suc ceed if possible. Salem has the capital, and lacks only the courage

Mrs. J. H. Hackleman, of this city, died of consumption on Thursday last. She was a lady highly esteemed by all who knew her. At her request her daughter Nellie, was mar ried to John D. Belt, of this city, only a few hours previous to her death. Her remains were taken to Albany

Dr. J. R. Bayley, of your city, was in town during the week. The State taxes are coming in very fast. Benton county sent down her first installment last week. Jos. Swards, one of the trio interested in the murder of young Joseph, in Portland, last Summer, has been taken to the penitentiary to serve out a life sen-

The Corvallis GAZETTE rejoices itself with in four of five years, with ice. That paper pours oceans of sympathy upon us all, when we are soundly frozen in, and when a ship gets on the sands at the mouth of the river crocodile might envy .- Portland Bec.

Beg pardon, Mr. Bee, but it seems very strange that you can't distin not a proper document to be spread no beverages were provided strong er guish between sympathy and rejoicing. Far be it from us to "laugh at the calamity " of others, or "rejoice" in the fact that the Columbia river is frozen over. We simply improved of the Portland postoffice, or who is social time was the result. The 7x9 the opportunity of calling attention to the fact that Yaquina Bay, (with-

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 Mrs. John Hackleman died at Salem on the last Legislature. The following the 16th, of consumption. protest has been presented to the City Conneil:

Respectfully calling your attention to an act of the Legislature of this State entitled an act. "To prohibit the employment of Chinese laborers on the improvement of streets and public works in this State," approved October 16, 1878 and by its terms taking effect from and after its approval by the Governor, I beg leave to suggest, that since the taking effect of said act Chinese laborers have been and still are employed in several instances under contracts made with the city for the improvements of streets and other public works therein, in violation of the terms of said act of the legislature. I instance as examples a contract for the improvement of Salmon street, made with the city on or about the 17th of November, 1878; also a contract for the improvement of Yamhill street about the same date, besides other contracts not herein particular-

ate being negro minstrelsy. It is not rights of citizens' labor, but in violation of the statute above referred to, I, as district attorney of the fourth judicial district of Oregon do hereby enter my protest against the payment of any money upon and against the legal recognition of any contract by your honorable body upon which Chinese labor has been thus performed.

J. F. CAPLES, Dis't. Att'y. Portland, Jan. 13, 1879.

THE LASWELL MYSTERY.

Some time since we published in the GAZETTE, an account of the sud-W. B. Laswell, from his home in The Dalles. A late number of the

Inland Empire, of that City, says: Since the strange disappearance of this gentleman, more than two weeks ago, we without mail facilities. causes which led to his singular absence. So far as the story of his being defaulter in the right direction and we trust the a heavy sum to a Portland firm, for whom venture will prove successful. The he made some collections at Canyon City, there is nothing in that. He turned over ladies of the Presbyterian Church all but \$50 to his principals, and they kindly such time as he could pay it. It is thereted suicide from that cause. Nor could it have been from anything connected with his ed a very pleasant affair and was well domestic life, for he was devoted to his young wife and anticipated all her wishes. attended. The host and hostess were our theory of the case is, that he has been untiring in their efforts to make their murdered for his jewelry and his body thrown in the river or concealed in the sand heach. The idea that he absconded from here, or even wandered away in a demented

STILL ON HIS TRACK.

For several years past secret enefor a time, clouds were cast upon him. But he nobly met and vanand record, public and private, are burden of Gen. Howard's offence, in tian gentleman," and requires dignity tion. At about dusk Rath and an Indian manner of appointing census supervisors. and sobriety of his subordinates. In tried to get her to leave with them, but she \$6.956.350. speaking of his traducers the Ore- refused to do it. Rath was armed with a goniun of the 20th just., has the fol- him about his conduct he pointed the gun at the treasury department that he assumed

owing:

Recently there has been a statement in you would not kill me, would you?" circulation to the effect that citizens of Eastern Oregon and Washington were preparing a patition to be forwarded to Washington City requesting the transfer of Gen. Howard from the command of this department. It has been well understood that Rath and his Indian accomplice are under in coin at the pleasure of the United States, private resentment is at the bottom of it. private resentment is at the bottom of it. But there is no information that any considerable number of persons have been induced to sign the petition; and the following dispatch from Walla Walla to the Oregonian, received on Saturday evening, corroberates information which had previously come to us:

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 18. The only circular for the removal of General Howard that has come to public view is signed by fictitions and counterfeit Indian names, and is looked upon by prominent citizens as a stupendous farce. The circulars that are here were received from Rinehart, a U. S. Indian agent at Malheur reservation. The public laugh at the idea Howard's being removed, and can think of nothing to warrant such a step.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION. No more zealous and efficient body

of workers for the Master can be found upon this coast, than compose the above organization in Portland. Their open temperance and gospel meetings have been the means, under God, of saving hundreds from drunkards' graves and lives of infamy and disgrace. The sacrifice and self-denial, to say nothing of the actual labor and expenditure of means neces sary to carry forward this noble work, is far greater than most outsiders have any idea. But the good work goes bravely forward, souls are saved and God is honored. For sevgreat complacency while it chronicles the fact that the Columbia river is blocked once our mite, in the way of furnishing the GAZETTE regularly in their reading rooms. The following brief letter explains itself:

Y. M. C. Association Rooms, Portland, Or., Jan. 18, 1879. PUBLISHER GAZETTE :- Dear Sir-On be alf of the Board of Managers of this Association, I have to thank you for your valuable paper, and for them solicit your continued favor. Many read and appreciate your journal, and you certainly have the best wishes of this Association for your continued prosperity. Yours truly,
M. C. Wilkinson,

There are nearly 75,000 bushels of wheat out the aid of balloons) presents a stored in Monroe warehouses, two-thirds of good harbor, within 60 miles from the heart of the Willamette valley, Reader are producing from 100 to 150 bar-

PACIFIC COAST. Oregon.

The State Temperace Alliance meets at Albany Feb. 19th

There has not been a single case of diph-Lish Applegate has

A man on the Dakota was arrested for muggling opium.

Mails were lately sent to Southern Oregon via San Francisco. Mrs. Mary Evans, age! 88 years, near Wilbur last week

Several persons were arrested last week in

Fall sown wheat looks well in Wasco ounty, and stock are doing better than in JMr. John Quigley, a young man age

St. Vincent's hospital, after a brief illness. The Oxegon Steamship company, and also the Pacific Steamship company, have advanced passage to and from San Francisco. The Mountaineer says the store of Hodge Wilson, Prineville, burned with all its

John F. Moore, the party wounded recently in the shooting affray with Backen-stos, at Portland, has fully recovered and Tuesday a party of soldiers for resumed his regular employment.

James Kazerta Mercer, sentenced to the ashed with an easy job. He has been ap- ground. It is supposed that they were pointed to the position of horse collar stuf-

Diphtheria still rages at Walla Walla, when dother, Pendleton, La Grande, and in fact, everywhere. From all quarters of the globe comes the doleful sound: " Death, diphthe-

T. N. Snell, a merchant at Sheridan, has received a letter from St. Louis amouncing the death of an aunt, and that by it he beden and mysterious disappearance of came the possessor of an estate valued at

Steps have been taken to procure an extension of the Table Rock mail route 12 miles further to Thomas' sawmill. The extension is much needed, and will accommodular tension is much needed, and will accommodular tension is much needed. date a large number of citizens who are

Daily Oregonian: It is the opinion of Col. Gillespie and others versed in such matters, who have observed the movement can of Idaho county, president. The county of Idaho county, president. The county of Idaho county of Idaho county of Idaho county of Idaho county. of the bars at the Columbia that in a few cil stands 7 Republicans and 6 Democrats. years at the most the main channel will be The members of the assembly stand 12 Rebetween Sand Island and what is known as the middle sands. The bar across this bers are absent and will not be present, so channel is gradually washing out, and light it takes 14 for a quorum. The Demorats draft coasters now occassionally come in have formed a pretended organization by that way, the water being thirteen feet at taking in two outsiders from Oneida county Chinook point and is almost straight from hold regular certificates and ask to be recog-Should the depth become great enough in this new channel the terrors of the Columbia river bar will have almost entirely disapfrom day to day for want of a quorum.

And now Col. C. A. Reed has made a new departure, and, together seen bim. It is a very distressing case.

condition, is absurd. No man was better week, from a brief visit to his father in known and somebody would pertainly have lowed, from a brief visit to his father in Cincinnati, Jan. 20.—An effort will be made to adjust the fiancial troubles of Archivisited the "old folks at home" for 29 bishop Parcell, which have been creating years. The Captain is of the opinion that a visit to the Eastern States will cure an Gre-olies of this city, by placing a large portion conian of "homesickness" very suddenly. of the church property in the hands of five He greatly enjoyed his visit, but is fully trustees, who will issue bonds payable at mies have been hounding the steps With ice on the Missouri river fifteen or the bonds to bear five per cent. interest. It of Gen. O. O. Howard, commander twenty inches thick, and the wind blowing is expected that these bonds will be taken of Gen. O. O. Howard, commander cold enough to freeze the limbs off of the largely by those having deposited money of this military department. At the oak grubs, and corn at thirteen cents per with the archbishop. It is now ascertained East all sorts of ridiculous charges were trumped up against him, and, good states for farmers to emigrath from are being made to have the pobe decline to In the eyes of the Captain it is an unpardon- receive his resignation. able sin to be discentented in Oregon.

The Jacksonville Sentinel reports that on Eri Sebring was shot and killed on Jackass Idaho. Rath and an Indian woman who lived with named Steve went to Sebring's house and replied "No," and hardly were the words. uttered when he shot Sebring, the balt striking him just below the left nipple. glancing upward above the heart and inflicting mortal wound. He was buried on Sunday.

THE EXTREME PENALTY. [Special dispatch to the Oregonian.]

PENDLETON, Jan. 17, 1879, VIA WALLA WALLA, 18th.

Aps, the remaining Indian who was con victed of complicity in the murder of white last summer, was hanged here to-day. The same precautions were taken to prevent any trouble. A number of whites and Indians attended the execution. Several prominent Indians addressed the whites and Indians. assuring them of peace in the future. hours before the execution Aps bade farewell to his people. He said he died as an innocent man; he had killed no one. He solemnly adjured his people to profit by his fate; to always remain steadfast friends to two years. - Salem Stat sman whites, and not hold ill feeling toward them In an interview with the principal chiefs, all displayed great anxiety to have it under stood that they had no intention to retali ate; but would remain peaceful. They ask for even justice, and that the wholesale and gave a familiar old chat concernplandering of their horses by lawless whites mg the affairs lately under investigabe stopped. Regarding Commissioner Hayt's endation to remove them to another locality, the Indians express partial willing-Washington and arrange their fature with

Coos Bay.- The speech of Senator Mitchell, Dec. 19, upon our table, n favor of his till appropriating tion, and from the many little schemes \$100,000 for the improvement of the entrance to Coos Bay harbor, was as eloquent and forcible as it was logical. Mr. Mitchell has a happy faculty of collating facts and figures, which gives his efforts, on the floor free from ice this winter at Sioux of the Senate, unusual weight. His City later than at any time since 1863. speeches are always heard with atentive interest, and make their mark.

the president himself.

and papers announce that the ice in first or second week in December. the Columbia river has disappeared, and a few years ago it closed on the and that the boats of the O. S. N. 18th of November, Company have commenced making regular trips. We sincerely hope that navigation on the Columbia river will not again be suspended this win- It is called the Berra Alta Railway, ter. Wouldn't it be a good scheme is 125 miles long, traverses a rich-

for Portland capitalists to give the and populous district, and forms a Yaquina railroad a lift, next summer, Lisbon and Paris. It is estimated to bia river to every other section of this State is a matter of grave in
ditto. McClane felt so well be could b

TELEGRAPHIC.

COMPILED FROM THE DAILY OREGONIAN

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 15,-The Demo crats in caucus to-night nominated Gen.
James Shields for for the senatorial short
term over David H. Armstrong. The vote was 88 to 37. The nomination for the long term was postponed until to-morrow.

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

Surveyor General Wagner has arrived to give personal attention to the Gardner charges against him, and also, it is understood, to confer with Secretary Schurz Canyonville for disturbing a religious meeting and fined \$15 each.

Grover to-day introduced a bill to remove the political disabilities of Wm. T. Welcker of California, incurred by reason of participation in the rebellion.

Mitchell introduced a bill to establish a post route from Jacksonville, via Sterling and Uniontown, to Wright's, or Big Applegate, Oregon.

Mitchell to-day made an argument before the senate committee on Indian affairs is advocacy of the bill to open the Umatilla reservation to settlement by removing the In-Loss, \$15,000; insurance. \$10,dians. He opposed Commissioner Hayt's proposition for their removal.

CHEVENNE, Jan. 16.-A passenger on a coach from the north to-day reports that on of two unknown men near the Fort Laramie and Fort McKinney road. One was hangmitentiary for fifteen years, has been fur. ing to a tree and the other was lying on the horse or cattle thieves hanged by ranchmen, who being short of rope, hanged one, and when dead cut him down and hanged the

Norwich, Conn., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Kate Cobb, who has just been convicted of murder in the second degree, published a statement to-day through her counsel, solemnly convicted on perjured testimony.

Boise City, Idaho, Jan. 15 .- The legislature is sti 1 in statu quo. The council per-fected a temporary organization on the 14th, of Boise county, secretary, and Orlando Robbins, of Ada county, sergeant-at-arms, The channel is true west from who ckim the seats of two members who southernmost point of Sand Island. nized by the council, which the council re-Capt. L, S. Scott returned to Salem, last day, at a dead lock.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. - The president quished his accusers, and his name the evening of the 10th inst. a man named to be chief justice of the supreme court, of

without blot or blemish. The great Samuel Rath. On the morning of the 10th census, in a joint meeting to-day, substantially rgreed upon all the main features in him as his mistress, had some trouble, and the bill introduced by Representative Cox, certain circles is, that he is a "Chris- the latter went to Sebring's house for protec- excepting the provision in regard to the Subscription to 4 per cent. loan to-day,

R. B. Harrison, superintendent of the rifle, and when Sebring remoustrated with Helena, Montana, assay office, reports to him, threateningly saying he was going to the duties of his office on the 8th, and has commenced the purchase of gold bullion Rath with greenbacks at par.

The bill introduced to-day by Cockrell provides, among other chings, for the retirement and cancellation of all outstanding legal tenders and national bank notes and isue in their place treasury notes redeemable ment dues; and except such obligations as are excessly payable in coin by statute. It also proposes to make these new notes interchangeable with standard silver dollars, and to require the secretary of the treasury to pay silver dollars in the redemption of rament bonds in the exercise of his rightful option for the benefit of the people.

OUTCK TRIAL. - In the State circuit court Thursday afternoon, at Portland, the case of State of Oregon vs. Lynch, indicted for larceny, was called up for trial. The jury Two was empaneled, the case tried and argued submitted, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and the prisoner sentenced to the penitentiary all within one hour and a half." Lynch was sentenced to the penitentiary for

> Mr. Galloway .- We acknowledge a call from Hon. William Galloway one day this week, who sat down tion at the State capital. Galloway is, he always was plain spoken and very forcible in his convictions of what he sees to be right. The story he tells is a rich one and exceedingly interesting to the taxpayers. He says that the true state of affairs in the nest of corruption, beggars descriphe has portrayed to us that could not be put in print in the committe's report, we believe every word he says: -Yamhill Reporter.

THE Missouri remained open and It was not entirely closed this winter on Christmas, and heretofore it ICE BLOCKADE RAISED .- The Port has generally been frozen over by the

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