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" PROGRESS OF OREGON."

Under the above caption Mr. Wm. Reid, secretary of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon, gives a very graphic and able review of the rapid growth of our young State during the last decade. This interesting and exhaustive review of the rapid growth witnessed; from 1868 to 1878, in population, production, exports, ocean and river trade, fisheries, value of fands, increase of live stock, public improvements, etc., occupies over three and a half columns of fine type in the Daily Oregonian of the 1st inst. It is too elaborate for our col umns, but well worthy a careful perusal. Mr. Reid's facilities for procuring reliable data eminently fits him for writing understandingly upon these various subjects:

In speaking of the railroads built and in progress, Mr. Reid has the following, which is of special interest to our readers: A system-or network of railroads located

in an agricultural country will certainly bring future prosperity. The people of Oregon, and especially the farming community, whose farms have increased so much in value by the present railroads, should feel much indebted to the pioneer railroad men—those German's who now control and have invested many millions of dollars in the Oregon & California and Oregon Central railroads. These two enterprises in 1870 opened up and developed Western Oregon, making what was considered prior thereto a wilderness, one of the most favored valleys in the United States. The systematic manner in which the gentlemen now in charge of these railroads attend to the wants of the people, and decline to interfere with the politics of the State, charging as they do moderate freights, is very commedable, and entitle them to the respect of the people. Since 1871 no new railroad has been constructed in Oregon except the Dayton and Grande Ronde narrow gauge road, which has opened up to Port-fand a fine farming country, and which road is now being built to Dallas, in Polk county, a distance of 36 miles. The intention of the owners of the west side railroad is to continue that road to Corvallis from St. Joseph this year, a distance of 55 miles, while on side of the Willamette valley a new road is projected on the narrow-gauge system to extend from Springfield in Lane county along the foot hills of the Cascades on to Silem, a distance of 75 miles—open ing up a country which has suffered hither want of transportation facilities, and which railroad will eventually be continued lands and the increased products to be de-rived from the various farms located in the swell our annual exports and commerce with foreign countries and increase our popula A railroad (narrow gauge) is also projected from Umatilla to Graud Ronde val-ley, Union county, 1:0 miles which is much ted to open up one of the finest agricul have not demonstrated their plans to the public. One instance of the benefits conthat in 1869 only 105,000 bushels of wheat as, in 1877 the quantity raised therein was 673,676 bushels. But beyond these local

It will be noticed, in the above extract, that in speaking of the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay railroad, Mr. Reid simply mentions it as a "ten mile road" from Corvallis to Philomath, and does not speak of Yaquina Bay, at all, Perhaps this was an oversight on the part of the writer; or perhaps he is not aware that Ya quina is an officially surveyed harbor, and one of the best between San would also suggest to Mr. Reid, in weather, the point extending farthest surveyed by government and is, beyond all question, the best and most refuge on our "rock bound" coast.

It cannot be possible that a gentle-Corvallis is destined, in the near fubusiness places south of Portland, and one of the grandest elements in her future success is found in her proximity to Yaquina Bay. "Facts are stubborn things," and no sophistry, or aggregation of capital can thwart Nature in her grand designs, That "ten mile railroad," instead of being simply a "feeder to the Oregon Central," will eventually become a trunk line to the "sounding sea," Portland and Astoria to the contrary, notwithstanding. The Willam-ette valley and Coast (Corvallis and Taquina) railroad, is a fixed fact. The iron and rolling stock have been ordered for the first ten miles, which we hope will be completed by the 4th of July-and the remainder will follow in due time.

LAND GRABBING AND SUICIDE.

During the past year certain parties have been very officious in the matter of looking out defects in the day, on a weekly newspaper even, aptitle of lands, especially in Marion pears to come very often in this seccounty, using the same, in some in- tion of country, and a correspondent stances, for levying blackmail. Among has no more than time to spit on his the victims of this gang of land- hands for a new hold after his letter grabbers, was a Mr. Settlemeir, who is finished, than he is compelled to lives at Woodburn Station, Marion make active preparations for another county. Coming to Oregon at an epistle. The week under review has early day, by industry and forgality, been devoid of a single piece of local

defect in his title, perhaps a clerical Merchants and clerks alike jump from and fairly. The land-grabbers being I do for you?' The customer insucceeded in appealing from court to cube sugar, sterine candles, bacon Mr. Settlemeir was obtained in the the merchant to fairly beam with United States Supreme Court, which golden anticipations. The customer literally robbed him of his land and expresses a desire to purchase the his affectionate wife, who had, with of the enormity of family expenses him, so faithfally and persistently They consult prices and quibble over were just beginning to enjoy the tion ends in the customer ordering ington, committed suicide, by blow more promptness than he pays his leaves several children to mourn lier sudden and tragic death.

There is no effect without a cause; and if this effect tollows the actions four cents a pound and potatoes at O. & C. R. R. near Junction City; a of those who sought through a mere quibble or technicality, to deprive this family of their home,-their all, on earth-can the parties to it be guiltless? Will not the blood of this innocent wife and mother, and the cries of those worse than orphaned children rise up in judgment against them? Can they appropriate these ill gotten gains without realizing that furniture dealer, and yesterday his they are the price of blood?

PORTLAND.-Last week business called us to the metropolis, and not to Portland via Oregon City and the west withstanding we are a constant eral times heretofore and some way side: These railroads will in no way compete for freight, because wide apart from reader of the daily papers of the city, we could not fully realize the rapid growth that Portland is making. district through which these roads pass will During the entire winter building much worse condition, and it is sup has been steadily going forward- posed by many that Holbert is finan-A ten mile railroad is also expected something unknown in former years, cially a wreck. After all, however, row or broad gauge railroads from or will become a feeder to the Oregon Central and with the opening of spring, we in each case of failure there has been (broad gauge) Railroad when constructed to expect to see Portland rise, like other and sufficient cause rather than magic. No one will rejoice over her a dearth of business, and the misforprosperity more than the editor of tune may in each instance be attribthe GAZETTE. While Portland is in uted to some unfortunate habit in ferred on Douglas county by the Oregon and California Railroad to Reseburg is the fact With a railroad to Yaquina Bay, and and oats were raised in that county, where- the various other railroads now in ness circles; their course throughout contemplation, throughout the State, enterprises the greatest need to Oregon is Portland is destined to continue the lantic States, the prospects of which in the great financial and commercial center near future do not seem so favorable as we for years to come. A liberal, enterprising policy, on the part of her capitalists, will tend to increased prosperity, while a sordid, selfish policy will drive hence capital and population. The Yaquina raffroad and a harbor of refuge at Cape Foulweather, with the proposed railroad connections, could not, possibly, in

juriously affect Portland. VINDICATED. - Sometime since the papers of this State and Washington Francisco and Puget Sound, We Territory, contained accounts of the arrest of S. W. Hall, of Olympia, W. this connection, that Cape Foul- T., and his return to Illinois. He was, apparently, arrested as Geo. H. west into the Pacific ocean, has been Holliday. Upon arriving at Carlinville, Illinois, Mr. Hall applied for a writ of habeas corpus. A Carlinville practicable location for a harbor of dispatch dated January 30th, says: " Judge Charles L. Lane presided at the trial, vesterday. The Hon. John man of such extended information as Mayo Palmer for Hall, and the Hon. that possessed by Mr. Reid, can be S. T. Coon for the State. A large ignorant of the advantages of Ya number of witnesses were examined, quina Bay as an outlet to the Wil- and were nearly manimous that S. lamette valley. A glance at the map W. Hall was not George H Holliday. must convince him that this is the The Judge discharged Hall from cusmost natural and direct outlet for the tody, and thus ends a remarkable case. produce of the Willemette valley. The court room was crowded with parties from every portion of the country. ture, to be one of the most thriving All unite in saying that Hall is not Holliday, and Hall's vindication is complete."

> THE BLACK PLAGUE.-In our dis patches will be found distressing accounts of the plague in Russia. It has also made its appearance in South America, as will be seen by the fol lowing dispatch, dated Rio Janeiro, Feb. 2: "It is reported that the black plague has made its appearance in the province of Ceara. Five doctors have been sent there,"

be a great convenience to the people of that section, and thinks that such an institution would be a paying enterprise.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

SALEM, Feb. 26, 1879. EDITOR GAZETTE: - Publication he had raised a family, improved his intelligence worthy of notice. It has land, and was enjoying a pleasant been a dreadfully quiet week, and all home, little dreaming of the trouble in this section of country have been and anguish that was in store forhim. obliged to content themselves with a These land grabbers, in their quest | nice quiet little business, and hope on of ill gotten gain, discovered a slight hope ever that times will improve. error, and as we learn, demanded a their seats around the stoves on the sum of money, or the alternative of entrance at the front door of their vexatious and expensive law suit, store, and visions of liberal profits Mr. S. determined to stand by his dance before their eyes. Smilingly rights, feeling conscious that he had they step forward and with their gained the title to his land honestly pleasantest urbanity ask, " What can versed in the technicalities of law, quires the price of golden syrap, court until an adverse decision to flour and beans, causing the face of home. The shock was too great for goods at wholesale, and talks glibly struggled all these long years, and the difference, and the whole transacfruits of their labors, and in a mo- two bits' worth of washing compound ment of temporary insanity, produced which he desires to have charged by the paralyzing news from Wash- and delivered at his door with much ing her brains out with a shot gan, bill; and ve urbane merchant retires The terrible deed was perpetrated to his seat beside the stove vaguely the first part of last week. She wondering at the frailty of human expectations, and the customer passes on mentally calculating the difference between the price of white beans at seventy-five cents a bushel, and wonders which will be the cheapest in the

> Some way or other the past year nas been a disastrous one to Salem merchants and among those who have been driven to the wall, we might mention Thomas Cunningham & Co., E. F. Thompson, stationer, John Gray creditors closed ap J. G. Holbert's confectionery establishment. The latter, however, has been closed sev or other has managed to stem the tide and start in again. His affair we learn this time, however, are in a that ever occurred in Oregon busiall honorable minded business men, dragging down with them, as they and conscientions citizens.

The Supreme Court has been grind-

ing away all week and several im

portant cases have been heard, Among those, on which decisions have been rendered, was the appeal from Multnomah county in the Johnson and Brown murder cases, wherein the judgment of the lower court was affirmed and on your publication day (Friday) they will have to swing for their crime. Petitions are being circulated praying the Governor to commute their sentence to imprisonment for life. This, however, does not meet with much support masmuch as that too often means an executive pardon within a few years. Were our laws so changed as to take the pardoning power out of the hands of the Governor, in cases where prisoners had been convicted of murder in either the first or second degree, methinks capital punishment might be abolished with more general satisfaction. We can recollect how, a few years ago, when Gerrard was lying in the Marion county jail awaiting execution, the press of the entire State revolted against it and so strong was the pressure brought to bear on Gov. Grover that he interposed executive elemency and the sentence was commuted. The aspect of things has changed, however. Murder, robbery, rape, and like bein ous crimes have run riot in our State until something must be done to stop t. Hence public sentiment clamors for the blood of their fellow man. Executive elemency would not to-day satisfy public sentiment which facil-A Roseburg paper says that a bank would along. Whitney's case will probably

earthly hopes of another victim to anoffended le. This reminds me of a

little incident related to me a few days since. Our Sheriff, J. A. Baker, as popular a chap as Marion boasts of, while he will not shirk from duty is not particularly "stuck after" hanging Whitney and, as far as he is personally concerned, would much pre fer conveying him to the penitentiary Some chap living near Aumsville having an eve to business, addressed worthy of careful perusal: a note to "Joe" volunteering to "take A few days ago we published a commun his place" and take the job off his

hands for \$50; adding that he had been informed "Joe" felt a trifle weak-kneed. Joe's reply went out on the return mail, wherein he assured the Aumsville youth that he it are backed by an array of testimony which certainly is of a convincing kind. desired no assistance in his line, but that if he really desired to take some one's place on that occasion, he had no doubt that Whitney would give him \$50 to take his place. Nothing drink is permanently removed. It is even further has been heard from him in The report of the Investigating Committee, together with testimony and tabular statements, has been carefully copied and the manuscripts nicely bound and filed with Governor Thayer. It will be ready for distribution in a short time and abounds in richness rare. Some of the more somania, as it is called in the language mportant testimony will be pub-The articles of incorporation of the Western Oregon Railroad Company been made of some cheap accessible has just been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, with Jos. Brandt, Jr., R. Koehler and J. N. Dolph, of Portland, as incorporators and a capital stock of \$2,000,000. Its purpose is the construction and equipment of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland via McMinnville, Amity, ard; and therefore the journal before quot Corvallis, to a connection with the branch from St. Joseph to a point on

on the heels of hisunfortunate debtor W. C. Griswold, Esq., against whom he holds a \$30,000 judgment, and he is giving the county records close search, attaching and garnisheeingeverything he can get hold of either belonging to or owing to Griswold, even to the amount due him from his

Oregon City, and also a branch from

B. F. Dowell is in the city, close

Forest Grove to Astoria,

water customers.

relation to the matter.

lished in a few days.

RAILROADS. ED. GAZETTE: Our people in Western Oregon are waking up to the importance of different lines of narnear Portland, southward. The west part of this business will commence when side railroad from St. Joe to Junction will assuredly be constructed shortly and put in running order. The Corvallis and Yaquina road is a necessity tive. It was our in bility to find his indusnarrow gauge railroads are proposed, but cressing in wealth and population, it the lives of those who had charge of long felt, and the signs of the times trious, frugal, patient, counterpart, that is certain that every portion of the the same. Cunningham's failure was indicate that this road will be built. one of the most disgraceful affairs A narrow gauge road from Springfield, in Lane county, to Salem, or fourteen years' residence in the county afsome point north of it is greatly fords my memory not a single instance of a erected a neat little frame building between southern provinces of Morocco will have being such as to bring upon them the needed, and from present indications well-merited rebuke and censure of that road will be built. The question concerning that road is, who have the capital, brains, experience and enterdid, many of our most industrious prise to do this work? All these items are essentially necessary to do this work. I have lately traveled all along this proposed route for the last named road, and know that it will accommodate a long stretch of su- always ready and willing to follow trades up a new building for a market. Other imperior farming lands, water power, timber and hill lands that would become settled rapidly, if such road be made. Along this route there is now an immense amount of fine growing

> All these roads and such steamers as ply between Portland and Harris burg will be needed to transport to market the vast amount of grain, lumber, stock, etc. produced in Western Oregon. I must be permitted to recur again to the Corvallis and Yaquina, and the west side railroads, which will run through Corvallis. I have not seen this city for thirteen again availed ourself of the healthyears past. She has been isolated giving pine and hemlock vapor baths most of these years. But her vent of Messrs. Heslop & Chattin, which and South Yambill rivers. The depot to the Bay, and to the north and are peculiarly adapted to various grounds are laid out at this place, and the south, and situated as she is in the forms of chronic diseases which can center of this great valley, and in one not be reached by medicine. Some of the best farming districts in Ore- of the cures performed are really gon, with a large area of choice wonderful, and their business is in prairie and timber lands, water power, creasing rapidly. Since our last visit item from coal, and pasture lands, she must soon they have added a new steam boiler, show a city of ten thousand persons, and additional bath tubs, which prosperous and well to do. The greatly increase their facilities for company who have undertaken this healing patients. The following very Bay road have a particular task to complimentary notice of this institu- butcher in this place, and for many years perform-doing the work and com- tion is from the P. C. Advocate, of a resident of this county, was dead. We peting against the O. S. N. Company recent date. Persons suffering from are glad to be able to contradict this rumor, and Portland capitalists. But all interests in our favored Oregon should pull tegether, not pull down any one. DAVID NEWSOME.

Corvallis, Feb. 3, 1879.

satisfy public sentiment which facil-ates and meets both extremes, from time to time, as ages roll their years along. Whitney's case will probably be decided to-morrow when, if a new trial is denied him will sink the trial is denied him, will sink the worse,

IS DRUNKENNESS CURABLE?

If the above question could be positively answered in the affimtive, and an infallible remedy discovered, the discoverer should receive a princely reward from our government. The subject is receiving much attention from the secular press throughout the country. The Dialy Oregonian. of Jan. 30th, has the following well timed article on the subject, which is

cation on this topic, setting forth the virtues of a discovery made by Dr. D'Unger, formerly of Minneapolis, now of Chicago, said to be an infallible cure for drunkenness, a isease which is worse in its results than all other diseases combined The Chicago Inter Ocean has recently had many articles on this liscovery, in which the effects claimed for The remedy is a preparation of chincona rubra, or red Peruvian bark. Taken as he prescribes, he asserts that it will cure the iseased nerve-cells of the brain of alcoholic inflamation, so that the desire of strong claimed for the remedy that it will create such an indifference to drink on the part of law relating to the storage of powder in the oldest toper that he can take whisky in stores. his mouth and have no desire whatever to swallow it. Dr. D'Unger is a physician of old the school, and he appeals to his brethren of the profession to put his claims to the severest test before believing them. He has invited them to send him some of the most nveterate cases for trial, and it is said not a failure has occurred. Some of those whom he has treated have stood the test for nearly a year, and show no signs of a relapse. Th iscoverer holds that drunkenness, or dipwriters who treat of it, is a disease of the sensorial nerve cells of the brain. This may not be a correct judgment, but matters little, if it be really true that an effective remedy has been found. If a discovery has by which drunkards may be actually cured, it is one of the most valuable discoveries in the whole history of mankind. There are in the stream repairs cannot be made. few, indeed, who are slaves to this appetite, who would refuse to avail themselves of such a remedy. Upon men of all classes this fatal disease fastens itself. With our high-pressure sort of life in these days, when steam is beginning to be thought slow, and with our miserable habit of treating, everybody is in danger of becoming a drunk ed is right in saying that "the remedy, if one has been found, ought not to remain professional secret a single week. The gen eral government ought to make a suitable compensation to the discoverer to make it the O & C. R. R. between Salem and known at once to every inhabitant of the earth. It makes appropriations to investi-gate the causes of the yellow fever, hog cholera, epizootic and potato rot, but here is a disease, or vice, as you prefer, that transcends all forms of pestilence that have transcends all forms of pestilence that have which refers to "imprudent conduct," toever affected mankind, sweeping into our poor houses, hospitals, prisons and graves, the fairest and best as well as meanest and kind, most depraved by the thousand every week throughout the year."

THE CHINESE QUESTION. EDITOR GAZETTE: By late dispatches we

are informed that congressional aid is at hand to relieve the Pacific Coast of the Chinese incubus. Properly State Legislatures could do nothing but memorialize on the matter, and action at this time by Congress will not object, but with their peculiar and it remains to be seen if "John" receives any kinder attention employed at \$49 per month, than he did at \$20. The serious the restriction goes into effect. Poor people cried out against "John" filling THEIR places. Will they fill John's PLACE? That's a question that must be answered in the affirmafields, trad s, and finally in our way. Clearly, somebody must do this work. And as coming" in Corvallis. Work has been com- men. boy learning an unprofessional trade, 1 am Dr. E. H. Taylor's office and Drake & loth to believe we are educating entirely too Grant's tailor shop, which is to be occupied count of the scarcity caused by last year's FINE. It is questionable, at least, if our system of graduating does not work an injury? We graduate too Low for eminence, and too HIGH for the humble toil of life. Often the Sol. King's livery stable and W. A. Wells graduate turns his back on the honorable occupation of his farmer father, and after a building back, and is creeting a new front. occupation of his farmer father, and after a building back, and is erecting a new front, is thus given: A Cossack returning from the modern cry of "Divide," "Divide!" has bought the Empire Market stand, and which she were two days and sickened with The Germans, well educated, generally, are as soon as the weather will permit, will put and humble avocations; are taught to believe labor honorable; hence we find them at an early day. Building material is in contented, seldom connected with that other great demand. Three cheers for Corvallis. modern curse, "labor strikes." A disposition we would do well to encourage. We are interested in the M. D.'s war go-

ing on through the columns of the GAZETTE. As both gentlemen bear hard on the pen, we hope they will give it to us in "broken doses." Capt. Ludjins is working briskly on his schooner. Mr. James Surman, who keeps a rain gauge, reports 333 in hes rain since the first rains last fall. This is unusually light for the Oregon coast.

Newport, Oregon, Feb. 3, 1879.

THE SANITARIUM.

While in Portland, last week, we rheumatism, no matter how long, should give the Sanitarium a trial;

The Sanitarium Bath-rooms of Dr. Heslon and Chattin are constantly in operation. Nothing of the kind has ever effected such Nothing of the kind has ever effected such wonderful cures in this city as the baths of this establishment. The lame has actually been enabled to walk, who for years had been deprived of that privilege, and whose ailments had previously baffled the treatment of the most skillful physicians. Dr. Hes'op has shown himself master of his profession. Besides his treatment of rheumatic affections, he has so successfully treated typhoid and other fevers as to secure for

PACIFIC COAST. Oregon.

McKay creek, near Pendleton, has been rmanently bridged.

Dr. Watts has organized ince society at Scio. Hay is scarce in the Eugene

selling at from \$15 to \$18. The Marshfield city government does owe a cent and has on hand nearly \$400. The snow was thirty inches deep in the ricinity of King creek, Jackson county. Mr. David Newsome, of Marion county, attends Dr. Watts on his temperance cru-

A scow loaded with match wood swamped in Coos Bay, last week, and most of the cargo was lost.

A six foot vein of fine coal has been discovered above tidewater on the south fork Sixty-seven marriage licenses were issued

by the clerk of Jackson county during the vear 1878. About a thousand head of cattle are being fattened for market in Surprise Valley,

Jackson county. Prof. Rice is painting a panorama of cenes in Eastern Oregon, which he proposes to exhibit throughout the eastern states. Albany firemen who don't want to be blown up, are endeavoring to enforce

The captive Indians from Camps Harney and McDermott, who are to be quartered on

A correspondent writing from the upper Wallawa valley says : We are expecting an age of Indian war in the spring, and are prepar-of the ing to meet it as best we can. But few of militia.

> The bridge across the Luckiamute at Da-vidson's is impassible owing to the fact that the water has worn away the bank and carried away a bent of the bridge on each side of the river. Owing to the height of water

Salem Statesman : We learn from a gentleman who has recently been traveling through Linn, Lane and Benton counties that the frosts have not in the least injured the wheat. That everywhere the wheat looks green and thrifty, promising a heavy harvest the coming year.

Pendleton East Oregonian : New mines are being discovered along Snake river, near Salmon Falls, which are very rich. The deeper the better. Nine dollars per day has en made to the man at Payne's ferry; two men with a small bench machine an a few sluice boxes have been averaging \$15 to the man ever since they started up last February. The river banks are rich with fine gold.

wit: "Cases of neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct, indulging simul tempers or words, the buying, selling or wages were deposited with the two prelates. using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, Claims to the amount of over \$1 000,000 dancing, playing at games of chance, at-tending theaters, horse races, circuses, dancing parties, or patronizing dancing schools, or taking such other amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral has a market value of not more than \$800,tendency, or disobedience to the order or discipline of the church."

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will be cheerful news. The Chinese now This is the report from every locality in this ors considerable im atience at the delay aptness to "civilize," they will "strike" most successful farmers on the whole west- suits are be inning to be heard. side gives it as his opinion that the crop throughout the valley will be increased five bushes to the acre in consequence of the ter conducted the battle badly. The bodies freeze, and our farmers generally are in of his officers, save four, were found lying cheerful spirits over the result. Grain is together and apart from the private soldiers, not killed out by the frost so easily as some showing bad organization. Dr. Lord, and imagine. Unless the ground be very wet, Lieuts. Sturgis, Harrington and Porter were so that the freezing and thawing process not found, and may be captives. moves and displaces the roots from the soil. there is no danger.

IMPROVEMNTS. - Already the music of hammer and saw is heard in various parts of There was no reason to believe Custer and the city, as a harbinger of the "good time his officers disgracefully abandoned their by M. S. Woodcock as a law office. Cv. Powers has bought the property formerly occupied as Buford's barbor shop, between saddle and harness shop, has moved the old up a new building for a market. Other improvements, also, will be pushed with vigor, at an early day. Building material is in

WESTSIDE RAILROAD.

EDITOR GAZETTE: The grading on the extension of the Oregon Central Railroad will streets where the plague reigns from the begun as soon as the right of way is te cured through this place. In answer to the cured through this place. In answer to the question, how soon he intended to begin the Russia is almost incredible. Every class work, Mr. Koehler said: "I would begin and station in life have petitioned for an to-morrow if I had the right of way."

Your correspondent has had several talks with Mr. Koehler in regard to the road. The iron is now loading, and as soon as vessels can "double the horn," and get here, track-laying will begin. Some of the vessels are on the way and may be expected about the 1st of June. The surveying is done, and the bridges located on the North first ripple of actual confidence is just beginning to be felt in business circles that there is no humbug this time. As your citizens are greatly interested in this enterprise. if agreeable, I will drop you an occsiona DOWN THE LINE. McMinnville, Oregon, Feb. 3, 1879.

Nor DEAD .- Some time since a painful rumor was circulated in this community, to the effect that Wm. E. Dyer, formerly a but regret to learn, from a private letter from Mrs. Dyer to her brother, Andrew Emrick, of this city, that Mr. Dyer is suffering, and entirely helpless, from para'ysis. They are now living in Tillamook county, and the family are in destitute circumstances, depending almost entirely upon strangers for help. As soon as the snow in the mountains will permit, Andy Emrick, or one of the brothers, will visit the distressed family and minister to their needs. The neighbors are doing all in their power for the family, but being generally poor, can

TELEGRAPHIC

COMPILED PROM THE DAILY OREGONIAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31.—The alms house situated five miles south of this city was this morning destroyed by fire, origin of which is unknown. Three hundred and forty persons were in the place at the time, nearly all of whom escaped. James Ridley, an imbecile, was burned fatally, Fred Meyer, in escaping, broke his neck, Henry Kehler perished in the flames, Thomas Dixon was killed by a fall, Nathan Caldwell is seriously hurt, and Mrs. Johnson was severely burned, and will probably die. The exit scene is described as horrible in the exit scene is described as horrible in the extreme, but the marvelous feature is the small loss of life attending. Nearly all the inmates were aged invalids, imbeciles and cripples. The age ranged from 18 years to

New York, Feb. 1.—Gen. Sherman is receiving many attentions from southern peo-ple along the old line of march. At Chattanooga ex-confederate General Cheatham turned back on the train to call on him and talk over times when they were forty-niner Californians.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.-Cash in the treasury, \$382,450,695; gold and silver certifi-cutes, \$201,971,880; U. S. uotes held for re lemption of certificates of deposit, \$40,.

The secretary of the tressury to-day makes another call for the redemption of \$20,000,000 of 5 20 bonds consols of 1867, in equal proportions of registered and cou-pon bonds. Interest will cease May 1st. Chief Joseph and the interior department

have arranged for the cession by the Nez Perces of about 4,800 square miles in Idaho. The eight annual session of the Oregon State Temperance Alliance will meet in the city of Albany on Wednesday, February 19th, 1879, at I o'clock P. M.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—It is difficult to say what game Russia is playing. While the czar is pacific the press again breathes fire. The Golos says that England is an implaca-The Gotos says that England is an implaca-ble foe, and calls for the strengthening of the Caucassus and the reorganization of Central Asia, at the same time pointing out that the present operations of the British are intended to develop that power as a protector of Asiatic Turkey. Troops continue to replace those which leave Turkish territory, though the czar assures England of complete evacuation of Roumelia. Meanwhile the Bulgarians are arming all hands, and showing bitter hostility to the Europe an commisson. The belief is growing that there will be a vast rising against the Turks when the Russians go. This is said to suit the diplomatic plans of Russia. It will create a new situation. She will then make fresh demands on Turkey, while the British operations in Asia will be an excuse to go once again for Constantinople. Russia moves slowly, though looking far ahead. It is learned from a private source that an army of 15,000 men is getting ready to leave February.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 .- The Tribune summarizes a Cincinnati special thus: Further examination into the entangled finances of Archbishop and Bishop Purcell at Cincinnati reveals a most unfortunate and denlorable prospect for creditors, mainly persons whose hard-earned savings have already been presented, and the liabil ities of the archbishop will aggregate not less than \$1.150,000. The property in the hands of the trustees to meet those demands Yambill Reporter: The crops have p-ssed through the frosty season and are uninjured —in fact the frost has been a great benefit.

discipline of the church."

coming with which to liquidate all claims. While there is no hint of any reflection upon the integrity of the venerable Catholic dignatary, there is manifested among credit-

Lieut. W. S. Edgerly, 7th Cavalry, testified that Reno's conduct was excited when he first saw the Indians. Custer's firing was distinctly heard from Reno's headquarters, and lasted three quarters of an hour.

y starvation and disease on perished drought.

LONDON, Feb. 2.- The Times states that erpool, and 10,000 more are out of work in consequence of slackness of trade.

Loxpon, Feb. 3.—The origin of the plague all the symptoms of the plague and died. During the following four days other memdied and the remainder were unable to bury the victims. Then, when the epidemic had assumed serious dimensions, energetic means were taken for preventing its spreading, and strict quarantine were estiblished. Firstly in the towns and vil ages, shutting off streets where the plague reigns from the ing the villages with troops, so that nobody entire ce sa ion of all intercourse, even pos-tal communication between the rest of Rus-sia and the Volga.

Letters sent from Astrachan and Zaritzin

are not received by the persons to whom they are addresse! Some people even rethey are addressed. fearing that fused to take paper money, germs of the infliction may be communicate: through it. It is almost impossible to describe the terror which has taken possession

of the people.

The Russian sanitary commission has proposed to shut off the Volga line from all inercourse with western Russia and permit communication only under quarantine. Russian railway cars are not adm.tted to Ger-

man territory.

Export of grain from Poland will suffer severely from this restriction. The Roumanian government is discussing the expediency of prohibiting the transit of Russian provisions sent to victual the Balkan army.

VIENNA, Feb. 3.—The porte announces that Russian ports will be quarantined against all Turkish ports on the European coast and Black Sea. The East Roumelian commission has proposed the same measure along the coast from Custenje to Baurgas. Roumania has decreed a similar course in the delta of the Danube and the coast of Dobrudscha and has issued regulations dentical with those put in force by Austria in regard to traffic and importation of goods cross the Russian frontier.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.-An official messenger says the governor general of Mos-cow contradicts reports of the appearance of the plague in a village near that city.

VIENNA, Feb. 3.-The German ambassa rnment that the plague is spreading rapid-

The rain of Wednesday night was very welcome. Clear days and frosty nights are not well adapted to "Webfoot." Oregon-