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CITY ADVERTISEMENTS.

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FOR SALE.

These lands are cheap. Also claims in unsurveyed tracts for sale. Soldiers of the late rebellion who have, under he Soldiers' Homestead Act, located and made final proof on less than 160 acres, can dispose of the balance to me. ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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Which we will make up to order in the most approved and fash onable styles. No pains will be spared in producing good fitting garments.

Parties wishing to purchase cloths and have them cut out, will do well to call and examine our stock.

DRAKE & GRANT.

Corvallis, April 17, 1879.

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Boarding and Lodging. Philomath, Benton Co , Oregon.

GEORGE KISOR. RESPECTFULLY INFORMS THE TRAVeling public that he is now prepared and in readiness to keep such boarders as may choose to give him a call, either by the

SINGLE MEAL, DAY, OR WEEK. share of public patronage solicited. Give us a call.

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Corvallis, Oregon.

CONCERNING PARSONS' WIVES.

no time nor strenghth.' family of eight; and that as each one of these ladies was slender and somewhat feeble, the care and service they gave their families were enough, and they ought to be excused from some of the church work and forgiven if they were sometimes sick.

"Excused" aried Mrs. Mullet "I bought my first cow Descent in its way a blessing; for the parish no longer expects her to attend every meeting, and the ladies content themselves by petting me as much as possible, and saying spitefully, "What a previous warning, a marvellously brilliant star, almost in conjunction with the had a wife worthy of him."

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"Excused!" cried Mrs. Mullet. "I think, Mr. Buttles, a parson's wife orto realize the responsibility of her position. If I was sot in a candle-stick on a hilltop I'd shine, and not give a poor smoky light neither. What's housework and sewing to the cause of Zion!"

By this time I felt pretty glumpy, so I said I did not see how Zion could get on without these old-fashioned professions, and then I walked home. I had been in a deep meditation on the plagues of Egypt, but my thoughts were entirely diverted from this interesting subject, and concentrated on the parson's wife

and her relation to the parish. I think the parson, like other men, considers only his own happiness in his marriage. I know that when I courted Mary Jane Bobbs, now Mrs. Buttles, I never once thought whether she could lead a female prayer-meeting, run a sewing society, or make a speech at a missionary meeting. I did once ask Mother Jones if Mary Jane was a good cook. A clergyman needs food for his brain, and it was therefore natural that I should think of such accomplishments; but I did not think it necessary to inquire if Mary Jane could do a dozen things at called upon to perform and found fault with for not doing. I married Mrs. Buttles just after I settled in my first parish, at Betsev's Corner. the same time, a feat she has often be parish, at Betsey's Corners. I thought
—alas for the foolish imagination of
youth!—now shall I have my Mary Jane
all to myself; but I soon found that
about seven-eighths of her was claimed

you will be a power in Zion, and not block the wheels of the Lord's chariot."

Mary Jane blushed and stammered, and hoped she would not, and the old lady went on—
"The Sewing Society, for the relief of the inhabitants of Niggerderwigger, will meet to-morrow at Sister Twogood's, and we expect you to be present. Our minister's wife is always present. It is her duty to cut out the work, and to take home and finish the work left at each meeting. There are ten pairs of pants and six waistcoats waiting to be cut." "I can't cut out such work, and I al-

ways did hate sewing," cried Mary Jane.

I saw the widow's eyes open wide and her mouth shut up tight as a reserved clam, so I said soothingly, "I am delighted at your proposal, Sister Bates.

I'll fetch Mary Jane to Mrs. Twogood's myself, and you shall teach her to cut out breeches for the Niggerderwiggers without delay.

The next caller was Mrs. Biddlecome.

wife of the Sunday-school Superintend-ent. "Sister Bates," said she, in a very grum voice—she had bronchitis—"the minister's wife always has charge of the infant class. We expect you to take Mrs. Plunkett's class next Sunday. She was our late pastor's wife, you know. We expect you to enter into this work with all your heart and soul. Sister Bates and myself will always be at hand and

Before Mrs. Biddlecome left, Mrs. Professor Bangs, wife of Professor Philetus Bangs, once a missionary to the Potta-wotamies, appeared. "Now that our minister has a helpmeet," said she, "there is some one to take the place of poor Mrs. Plunkett in our circle. I do hope you, Mrs. Buttles, will do better than she did. There is no reason why our circle should not succeed, if our

minister's wife has any energy."

Then came Mrs. Deacon Bullhead, who was always full of feeling. who was always full of feeting.

"I hope, Sister Buttles, you are spiritually minded," said she, in a thick voice.

"I feel there's a great deal depending on you. The old ladies have a weekly prayer-meeting, and we feel that we must have you to lead it."

Mrs. Belinda Slicer, Secretary of the Grand United Water-workers; Mrs. Tulula Tittlepaw, President of the Society for Culture of the Brain; Mrs. Bushwhack, President of the Society for Pro-

whack, President of the Society for Pro-viding canal-men with Scripture mot-toes, and many other ladies, all officers of something, called, and invited Sister

an anxious and obscure sort, distasteful to men, is very naturally performed by women. So in church work the parson's Not long ago Mrs. Mullet, an old lady women. So in church work the parson's wife supplements the parson's women. So in church work the parson's wife supplements the parson's wife supplements the parson's wife supplements the parson's wife supplements the parson's women. So in church work the parson's wife supplements the parson's wife tles, why is it that parsons' wives are so housework and sewing, I really did nor good-for-nothin'? Look at 'em here in see how she could supplement me, and I Griggsville. There isn't one on 'em did not insist upon it. The Griggsville does what she ort to for the cause of church, however, made the usual de-Zion. And they all hev the same excuse; mands upon her, and I should no doubt to time nor strenghth."

I ventured to reply that Mrs. Shouttin, ere this if she had not caught a the Methodist parson's wife, had twins six months old, that Mrs. Waters, the snow-storm to attend a meeting to pro-Baptist parson's wife, had an invalid mote the spread of the gospel in father-in-law on her hand, and that Mrs. Abyssinia. That cold resulted in a three Buttles washed, baked and sewed for a months siege of rheumatism which has family of eight; and that as each one of proved in its way a blessing; for the

When I bought my first cow, Deacon Budge took me all over the country to look at beasts, white, red, black and brindle, short-horned and muley, and as were riding home the Deacon, after a long period of silence, said abruptly, "Mr. Buttles, hev ye any idee, now, what sort of a critter would suit ve?"

what sort of a critter would suit ye?" There are eleven churches in Griggsville, ten of which are Protestant, so I Jupiter and Saturn in the year of the have had considerable opportunity to City Rome 747, and that in the following observe parson's wives, and I have never seen, as yet, one who quite pleases her husband's parish. One lady dresses too much, and one not enough. One is too domestic, one is too officious in church work. One never speaks in meeting, one talks to the exclusion of some of the his suppositions were true, then the star sisters who are gifted in exhortation. Therere is always a fly in the ointment. When I hear the criticisms made upon these worthy ladies, whose only sin is laws, the magi, anxious to investigate that they are parsons' wives, I am some-times tempted to ask critics, as Deacon Budge did me when I could not find a cow, to my mind, "Hey ye any idee what kind of a kritter would suit ye?"

As the parish will not let the parson's wife alone, nor allow her the same free-dom in the pursuit of liberty and happi-ness it permits to other women. I think each sect ought to establish training schools where young women who con- historian-another proof of the correcttemplate marrying parsons can be educated to please the parish. Unprepossessing female orphans could be utilized to advantage by such institutions, and comet of Charles the Fifth of Spain. We spinsters so inclined could be worked off have traced the wonderful visitant as far

incurring the dreadful risk of marrying called from appearing at the time of the a worldly young miss, could look quietly abdication of that monarch was the over the department roll of the training-school of his sect, visit the chapel at morning prayer and make his selection, elevation of 75 degrees, the tail stretched confident that his wife is warranted to

Of all the plans that have occurred to me this appears most feasible. The cost of these schools would be inconsiderable, for the faculties could be made up of deacons, old ladies and spinsters, who would so delight in their work that salary would be to them of secondary consideration. Each church could have a society to raise funds for the necessary expenses, and at least three ladies could hold office. The supply of young women trained could be carefully regu-lated by the demand, and the peculiar tastes of certain churches could be suited by the special and individual training of

elect students. This plan I offer especially to the consideration of my brethren in the ministry, feeling confident that it will be carried out if it would relieve them of much worry, and their wives of much worry, and though its means alone will be found that bird rare, that Phœnix among woman, the parson's wife who pleases the parish.—Christian Union.

A Theatrical Joke.

In the "good old days" at the Haymarket Theater they were running the
musical farce of No Song, No Supper, and
the exigencies of the piece required a real
boiled leg of mutton every night, which,
according to the law of "property," or
rather the "property-man's" law in a
theater, went after performance almost
untouched to the official named. But the
"flymen" perched up above did not like
Oneen in ruff in flowing hair, was sold "flymen" perched up above did not like this, which occurred night after night to their growing dissatisfaction; for they, too, had wives and families to whom a boiled leg of mutton free of charge would have been a thing to be remembered. So they hit upon a plan, and one night William Farren, who had the carving of the aforesaid leg, was solicited to fix a hook that would be let down from the "flies into the mutton and leave the rest to them." the mutton and leave the rest to them."
Farren, always ready for a practical joke, consented at once, and as the scene was coming to a termination deftly fastened the hook into the leg, and "left the rest to them." As the "scene-shifters" were preparing to "close in" and the property-man stood at the wings ready to seize on his perquisite, the leg of mutton was seen slowly to ascend, without any visible agency. The audience laughed, my father (who, as "Endless" was watching the maneuver from his sack) laughed too, and the Buttles to join.

Mary Jane was about sixteen when we were married, and had been brought up by indulgent and rather worldly parents. Of self-denial, resignation and humiliation she knew very little, and she met the demands of the parish with so much spirit and independence she incurred the displeasure of nearly every person of any consequence in it; and, though she yielded to my commands and their demands, and attended about half the meetings at which the minister's wife always presided, and spent three-fourths of her time at church work, she could not please the people of the Corners, and I had to find a new charge.

When I was installed in Griggsville, Jonathan Edwards was about eighteen months, and Isaac Watts, our second son, was, I think, a month old. Nature and theology give women a back seat.

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The great work of the world is performed by men; but there yet remains much that must be done, and this labor, which is of madder by enjoyment.

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A Party From Deadwood.

NO. 25.

The Coming of Christ.

Mount Vernon Place Church was

crowded last night, the subject chosen by Rev. Dr. Harrison for the discourse

being one of unusual interest—"The Star of Bethlehem; Is it coming in 1881?"

Dr. Harrison first gave the ordinary

opinion about the star which appeared at

the birth of Chirst, that it was directed

lingered till 750, A. U. C., and then disappeared soon after the birth of the

Saviour. Acquainted with astronomical

this phenomenon, were led to Bethlehem

and to the Saviour. In these facts is

found a perfect key to the seeming mys-teries attending the birth of Christ. It

has recently been found that the Chinese

have well authenticated astronomical

tables going back for thousands of years; and these Chinese tables say that in 750

grandest astronomical visitant ever seen.

grand sweep of the heavens from 11 to 5

like Kepler's or Tycho Brahe's, that flash-

ed out at midday in its superb splendors,

foundation for the footsteps of the man who believes on Jesus Christ—which was

the moral of the doctor's sermon .-

SALE OF OLD COINS .- At a recent sale of

old coins in New York, Anglo-Saxon pennies brought from \$3 to \$2 75 each. The

Queen in ruff in flowing hair, was sold for \$925. In the Stuart coins, a James I

gold rose rial, in superb condition, brought \$14. The pound of Charles I. (1642)

Restoration brought \$20; the two-guiner piece (1664) sold for \$26 50; a silver medal of the battle of The Hague, (1692) \$13; a George III. and Catherine (1761,) gold,

some ten years ago, and unknown to col-

TEXACHUMOR.—An eminent divine from

New England, traveling in Texas for his health, impaired by arduous clerical duties, upon arriving at one of the towns, went in search of the barber's shop for

lectors there, brought \$10.

Washington Post.

A Brooklyn boy, who had spent some six months in the Black Hills, struck home last week and sauntered up Fulton street. He was dressed in an antelope skin shirt, a pair of black tail deer skin pantaloons, beaded moccasins and a white felt hat with a brim like a wagon wheel. He wandered into a saloon, by God to guide the steps of the magi to thumped his fist on the counter and howled for tan juice with a glittering

the birthplace of our Savior. Some persons asserted it was a direct miracle. He eye. "Will yer jine me, strangers?" he said then referred to the investigations of the great Kepler, in the wonderful astronomical phenomena which commenced to appear in 1603. In the fall of that year there was a conjunction of Saturn and there was a conjunction of Saturn and the was a conjunctio

Jupiter, and in the spring of 1604 Mars come up. They approached the bar, and all took beer, except one, who took cider, ex-plaining that he never touched spirits in

his life. "Wall, I'll be dogged!" roared the skin decked traveler. "Ef yer was with me whar I hang out ye'd be inter a hole. 'Cause thar's whar yer got ter drink, whether yer drink or not. 'Sluck!" and

he poured in the poison.
"Where are you from, if I might ask?"
inquired the cider man. "From! right from the gulch. The clean up put me a few thousand ahead lect to an astronomical solution of the question. He found a conjunction of and I'm wanderin' to see the sights. You

"From the mines?" spring Mars joined the conjunction. It occurred to Kepler that perhaps the star that blazed into such sudden and unex-"Straight from jist whar yer reckon I was, stranger. I been inter the hills. Panned out big and now I'm in for a re'glar old he. You bet!" pected brilliancy in 1604 appeared in the fall of 748, and, if so, the exact date of Christ's birth could be determined. If "How are things down in the Hills

now? Is business depressed or are things flourishing?" "I don't know nothin' about them big words, but ef yer want fer ter know how things is, they're thar; right thar. I seen twenty millions o' money taken out o' my mine in fourteen hours. That's trade. That's hittin' gilt every wash, and don't you forget it; you bet!'

"How does Custer City seem to progress?"
"I ain't no business with no Custer

City—I'm a miner, I am."
"I saw in a recent paper that a number of troops have been moved to Fort Meade. Do they think there is any dan-A. U. C. a star or comet came in view in the very place indicated by the Biblical ger from Indians!" ness of the evangelical account. It has been surmised by some that the Star of Bethlehem was the same as the famous "Injuns! Injuns, pard! Why there's more'n seven millions of 'em setting

around on the rocks waitin' for a chance to lite in. Injuns! Why you don't know nothin' about Injuns here. I by my church.

The evening after our arrival at the Corners in stalked the Widow Bates.

"I hope, Sister Buttles, you realize your position," she began. "It is a very solemn and responsible one. We expect you will be a power in Zion, and not block the wheels of the Lord's chariet."

as third and fourth wives to the widowers wives who don't suit could be sent to one of these schools for a few months, and return to be the delight of their husband's flocks.

The single minister, instead of running the gauntlet he now does, and also incurring the dreadful risk of marrying block the wheels of the Lord's chariet."

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"Deadwood must be rather a dangerous locality. I had no idea it was so ex-

With its nucleus at the meridian, at an posed." "Deadwood! Danger! Say, stranger, if yer ever learn to gamble, jist put your money on the statement that Deadwood is dangerously placed. Yer'll win, pard. oclock, occupying one-quarter of the heavens with the sweep of its gigantic tail. If, indeed, it were the "Star of Yer'll scoop the pot each tussle, or count my judgmt deuce box."
"Going to be in Brooklyn any length

Bethlehem," no wonder that the soul of Herod was shaken to its center by the of time?" portentous phenomenon. It is possible, but not probable, that next year the comet of Charles V. may come. It is very probable that we shall have the triple conjunction of Mars, Saturn and triple conjunction of Mar

Jupiter. It is possible that another star | proud of yerself. "I don't think you'd find me a very good guide, for I've been here a comparatively short time, but perhaps one of my friends, who reside here, would—" may join the grand conjunction. Atmospheric disturbances may accompany, these celestial phenomena; electrical per-"Don't belong here? Whar yer from,

stranger? Whar's yer tepee?"
"I live in Deadwood," responded the stranger. "I'm only—"
If the young traveler will come around and pay for those drinks all will be forturbations may occur; volcanic eruptions may cover fair spots of earth with flowing lava; earthquake shocks may destroy cities and shake the solid globe to its center, but there is, in any event, a sure

given.

The Sierra Snow Breaker. The loose snow drifts deeply between Truckee and Sierraville. The mail is

carried tri-weekly, hence the road has to be traveled one way each day. During the heavy winter weather the sleigh which carries the mail is drawn by three horses driven tandem. By this means a single broad path is beaten in the middle of the road. When the storms are of the road. When the storms are raging it is necessary to carry the mail on horseback. Its average weight is from one hundred to one hundred and fifty pounds each trip. The mail bags are strapped on two horses, which are led by the driver, Sol Rosseau, who rides a third horse. A fourth horse, with only a halter on, is turned loose to break the road. The horse is kept for caused some excitement among the bidders, and was finally knocked down at \$35, with the half-pound at \$17; the No 107, Oliver Cromwell's crown, a fine proof, brought \$22; a Charles II. medal of the break the road. The horse is kept for the sole purpose, and is called the snowbreaker. For six years this animal has traveled the Sierra Valley road. Turned loose at either Truckee or Sierraville he will at once set out upon his weary journey. The winds obliterate all traces of the narrow path, but with marvelous George III. and Catherine (1761,) gold, \$30. In the coins of Scotland, a Henry Darnley and Mary, (1566,) in fine con-dition, sold for \$1,675, and a gold thistle noble of James VI. (1716,)brought \$25. In Nova Scotia money, a brass farthing, found by Professor Anthan in Halifax, instinct the horse follows its every turn and winding. Sometimes the huge drifts bewilder him for a moment, and, missing the hard-beaten path he sinks out of sight in the loose snow. Out of sight is used quite literally, for it frequently occurs that his body is completely covered, and his head alone is above the surface. If he knows on which side the trail lies, he will plunge and struggle to regain his foothold. If, as sometimes occurs, he is cnofused as to the proper direction, he possesses the wonderful instinct of keeping perfectly quiet until the driver dismounts from his horse and repairs and improvements. On entering an establishment of this kind, he ob-served a big double-barrelled gun leaning

the driver dismounts from his horse and comes forward to point out the road. By means of a long stick the driver finds the trail, and beating a path for a few feet in front of the discomfited snow breaker, speaks an encouraging word to the poor animal. Every nerve and muscle is immediately strained to regain the lost path, and the horse again resumes his task as guide. This snow breaker seems to possess almost human intelligence. against the wall. Having a constitutional awe of fire-arms, he hastily asked the barber if the gun was loaded. A half-shaved native, who occupied the chair, turned round his lather-beaten face and turned round his lather-beaten face and exclaimed: "Stranger! ef you're in an all-fired hurry, you'll find a six-shooter what is loaded in my coat-tail pocket!" This recalls another story of an English tourist who proposed to visit Arkansas, and asked a citizen if he ought to provide himself with a revolver. "Wall," replied the citizen, "ye mout not want one for a month, and ye mout not want one for three months, but ef ever ye did want one, you kin bet you'd want it almighty sudden!"—[The Hour. to possess almost human intelligence. Neither darkness nor storms ever daunt him or cause him to be misled more than

a few feet. When in doubt he will take little short steps, scarcely six inches in length, and each foot feels for the hard beated ledge which forms the path.

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