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WHO'LL be governor?

How do you like the ticket?

Now for the republican state ticket.

HAVE you seen the "new" opera house? It is the old one re-modeled—it is better than a new one.

It was a poet who said: "I am saddest when I sing," but it was a saw-log that remarked to the saw, "I am sawdust when you sing."

A LEADING Chinaman in New York, being chafed on his custom of spreading a splendid feast to Joss, replied with a broad Celestial grin: "Chinaman feedee his God; lazy Christian man waitee for his God to feedee him."

BISMARCK should not mind his going out of office. It is nothing when one gets used to it. Gladstone, Boulanger, and Cleveland have all experienced the sensation, and Governor Penneyer will shortly be given a chance to describe it.—Ex. Yes; and likely by a defeat of a few thousand.

BISHOP POTTER, speaking of the rush of our modern life, says: "Well nigh everybody in a great city is driving an engine. He is running himself on a schedule, and the demand upon him all the time is to crowd just a little more work or sport or excitement into the day than his nervous machinery will stand."

BISMARCK's capacity for tobacco is fully as wonderful, though not so celebrated, as his capacity for wine, beer, and brandy. Ever since his university days he has been known as a "chain smoker" (kettenraucher); that is, a smoker who connects his breakfast and his dinner with an endless chain of cigars, each lighted from the stump of the last one. "Happy man!" Gambetta once said of him, "happy man! Beer and smoke agree with him."

FORGERY is regarded as an almost unpardonable crime in China, and the method of punishing forgers is a severe one. He is rolled up in a mat and stood on his head until every dollar obtained by forgery is returned with compound interest. Just what the result is when the money is all spent and the criminal is unable to repay, is not stated.—Ex. A law like that wouldn't do any good here in Oregon. Men stand so nearly every day in order to make money, and sometimes their head is in a perfect swim, wondering how they can get another dollar into their vaults.

## THEY DON'T SEE IT.

Does it ever strike these croakers who are always bemoaning the "decay of agriculture" and the ruination of mortgage-plastered farms that if agriculture, followed by a man that attends to his business instead of loafing about the street and organizing reform parties, does not pay, the money lenders of the country would not be lending farmers money on mortgages? No decaying business can raise money by loan on the security of their doing business. If farming cannot be made to pay, the man is a fool who will allow a farmer to unload his worthless land on him for hard cash.

## HOW—WITH.

"But for the tariff," says the free trade oracle, "people could build cheaper houses and buy their own libraries." How much cheaper can the English buy than his American cousin? How many houses does he own? How many libraries has he bought or accumulated in his home? With what raiment does he clothe himself and with what delicacies does he pamper his stomach? There are harder shadows in the answers to these questions than in anything that can be extracted from the industrial and economic conditions of America. The American workman earns wages that enables him to live in comfort.—Ex.

## THAT "FOOL"

ED. GAZETTE.—Your very pungent criticism of the Review's remarks upon John Minto brings to mind the fact that it is likely the young man is striking back for having the wind taken out of his sails by Mr. Minto when he was

here at Salem as captain of the Prohibition ship, loaded with democratic designs to get complete control of the state government. Mr. Minto met and answered the young man on several occasions when he went out among the farmers to speak his piece. The young man's grandfather would never have spoken so of John Minto. In fact, Gen. Lane, on his last visit to Salem, paid Mr. Minto the compliment of saying that he always read what he (Minto) wrote with interest. You say that Mr. Minto could fill the gubernatorial chair in a more able manner than the past three governors have done.

The statement brings to mind a reminiscence of the only other person or paper within the knowledge of the writer who has treated Mr. Minto with disrespect. More than twenty years ago the Oregon State Agricultural society gave a bonus of eighteen hundred dollars to induce the publishers of a paper devoted to the farming interest on condition that the society select the editor for the first year. Mr. Minto was their choice. Mr. Penneyer (now governor), then in control of the democratic Standard, editorially said, "The directors of the State Agricultural society have elected John Minto to edit the Willamette Farmer. Who is John Minto, and what does he know except Merino ram?" Three years ago Governor Penneyer, in his address of welcome to the Oregon State Grange, used the U. S. statistics for 1880 to show the farmers the immense difference in the rate of profits from manufacturing as compared with farming, by the relative value of the output from the capital invested. Of course the difference was immense as the finished manufactures contained all the raw material sold from the farm, the forest, and the mine, and really represents the nation's earnings for a year.

The governor's speech was criticised by a leading democrat in the Statesman over the signature of "Adam," as demagoguery, but it is probable that it was ignorance. At all events the governor used the figures for a year in political speeches, and said "they had not and could not be questioned." In his address to the grange in May, 1888, he talked in the same strain as in his address of welcome, and advised farmers to buy their goods in Europe, where they sold their grain. Mr. Minto, at the request of the master of the State Grange, replied to his excellency. I enclose you a copy of the reply. It was immediately published and sent out as a campaign document in defense of American industries. Governor Penneyer has never used those statistics since, it is believed. You will see good reason why, when you note that in the list of twenty-four leading manufacturers the first item, "Flouring and Grist Mill Products," has a home market for the American miller for about five times the value of the wheat shipped to Europe.

I send you also a copy of the address made on the occasion of the presentation of the full-length portrait of Dr. John McLaughlin to the state during the last session of the legislature. The governor's address is a credit to him, but certainly Mr. Minto need not fear a comparison. Senator Cauthorn, of your county, moved the printing of 2,000 copies of them, and in the house the order was made to print it in its journal.

FARMER.

SALEM, March 29, 1890.

## NO IMPROVEMENT.

An old lady who witnessed a production of "The Merchant of Venice" many years ago, went again recently to see the story of Shylock enacted upon the stage. Upon her return home she was asked how she liked it. "Well," said she, "Venice seemed to have been spruced up some since the first time I saw it, but Shylock's just the same mean, ordinary thing he was forty years ago."—Harper's magazine.

Squire Massie Bearley, who lives at Aberdeen, Ky., has tied the marriage knot for 4076 runaway couples in nineteen years. His fees have ranged from "Thank ye" to \$50.

The American eagle is said to be dying off fast. A late estimate places the entire visible supply in the United States at 300.

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## GETTING THERE

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## BOTH FEET!

## CORVALLIS TO THE FRONT.

## The Southern Pacific Co.

Have ordered their road extended south from this city to a junction with the main line. This means that the OVERLAND trains will be running into Corvallis the present summer, bringing THOUSANDS of home-seekers, capitalists, and investors here: Corvallis in 1880 had a population of 1,200; she has to-day 2,700; and, by 1891, WILL have 4,000. The

## Improvements for 1890

Are: Extension of the Southern Pacific Railroad; construction of Street Railway; building of a large new Flouring Mill; grading and drainage of the city; establishment of Woolen Mill; erection of another large Dormitory

at the Agricultural College; and, in addition to the above, a large number of fine business blocks and private residences are contracted for.

With the Southern Pacific and Oregon Pacific railroads now forming a junction here, and the completion of the Corvallis, Brownsville, and Eastern making its terminus here, Corvallis is certain to become a railroad centre of no small importance. The

## State Agricultural College

Is the most important educational institution in the State, and is located here, bringing hundreds of students from all parts of the state. Corvallis offers to-day greater inducements to investors than any other point in the Willamette Valley.

## JOB'S ADDITION!

The most elegant Suburban residence property, joining the city on the Northwest, and within ten minutes' walk of the new Public School, Court House, and Agricultural College, and fifteen minutes from the business centre, offers to-day greater inducements to the investor than any other property now on the market, and

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solid

1. It is within easy distance of the colleges, schools and business centre.
2. Every lot is high, dry and level.
3. It has perfect natural drainage.
4. The City Park is directly in the centre of the addition, and will be handsomely improved the present summer.
5. The Corvallis Street Railway Company have rails now on the way for the construction of their road from the post-office to this property, and cars with 5 cent fare will be running before the end of May.

6. Because more lots have been sold in the past sixty days than in all other additions combined.

7. A large number of cottages will be built the present season, work having already begun.

8. With every lot purchased the owner receives a ticket entitling him to one chance in the drawing for an elegant residence and five acres planted in choice fruits immediately adjoining the addition.

For Above and Many Other Reasons

## YOU can make MONEY

By investing now. Lots 50x100 feet. Prices. \$125 for inside, and \$150 for corners. Terms: One-fourth cash, balance on installments of \$10 per month. No interest. Maps and full descriptive matter to be had of

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