THE EUGENE CITY GUARD

EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

Postal Decision.

The Postoffice Department was recently informed of the loss of a sum of money which was being transported in a registered mail package to Helena, Montana, and asked if the contractor of the coach route where the loss occurred was not responsible for it. The Postmaster General rendered a decision on the subject, in which he says that the report of the Inspector for this department who made an investigation would indicate that the loss was accidental and without fault of the contractor, but were it otherwise and it could be shown that the loss was attributable to negligence or even fraud of the contractor, it is not perceived that any right of action would thereby accrue to this department, nor does the loss of mail matter without fault on the part of a contractor constitute ground of forfeiture as agreed upon. The facts as presented do not afford this department the means of repairing the loss referred to.

Senator Platt.

Senator Platt, who by grace of Roscoe Conkling, has just been elected to represent the Empire State in the United States Senate, was in Congress for some time, and served on the Pacific Railroad Committee, but is not believed to have ever opened his mouth in the House. He was business manager of the third-term paper, The Republic, during its brief and inglorious career in New York, and he is said to have had charge, at one time, of the circulation of the Tribune. He was also once a canal contractor. Such is the man whom Bossism has so exalted above his fellows in a State that contains a larger and perhaps an abler population than is to be found in any other State in the Union. Is it possible to believe such a result attainable except by the corrupt patronage? With a Civil Service out of politics, no such man as Platt would be Senator from the great State of New York.

National Bank Charters.

The charters of national banks under the national banking law will begin to expire next year. These charters only run for twenty years. The question of extending the charters or granting new ones will be a subject for Congressional decision. In the meantime some of the banks have discovered an ingenious way of evading the law. The plan consists in first going into liquidation as a national bank, reorganizing as a State bank, and then forthwith applying to be converted again into a national bank, with a new charter for twenty years more, but with the old title. This scheme has been successful in several cases. In one case a bank in a single week figured as a national bank, a State bank and a new national bank.

President Hayes, so to say, is prudent in business matters, even drawing his salary in advance. There are two circumstances in evidence of his wisdom, first place, he might die before his term of office expired, and some other de facto might get it, or more reasonable, perhaps, he may fear that Mr. Tilden might file his salary actually due him. Let not Republicans wonder at this unprecedented action of Mr. Hayes for, he has always doubted his title and had apprehensions as to the tenure of his office acquired by usurpation. Quiet those nerves of thine, expiring excellency, for whilst Tilden was elected President he cared not for the salary.

Negro labor is not found as useful in the Southern cotton factories as in the plantations. Field hand are not nimble or cautious enought to take care of machinery. The greatest difficulty in the way of the building of more mills is said to be the want of laborers. When this want is supplied mills will go up as by magic. Those already in operation pay handsomely on the money invested. The South is making a strong demand for the reduction of duties on cotton mill machinery.

The value of punctuation was never more forcibly illustrated than in the case of an apology which was made in parliament years ago by an Irish member, who, when addressing the speaker, said: "I called him a liar, it is true, and I am sorry for it." This the careless clerk punctuated in such a manner that it read as a reaffirmation, thus: "I called him a liar; it is true, and I am sorry for it."

Abandoned Fort.

For many years the ebb and flow of the throbbing ocean at Columbia Gateway, has been making erosions upon the land on the south side, with wonderful rapidity. Efforts have been made time and again to stay the ravages of the sea by building sea walls of stone, brush, etc., but the first half-dozen tides would send the sea walls out of sight in the quick sand. Thousands of dollars have been wasted in attempting to stay the ravages of the sea in vain, and at last Uncle Sam wearying of the expense has ordered Fort Stevens abandoned, as the sea now surges at high tide within a very few feet of the moat which surrounds the fort and magazine. The fort will be dismantled at once. The works and parapets are composed of wood and earth and the timbers not having been renewed for many years are in a badly decayed and ruined condition. While visiting the fort about a year ago we were informed by the commander of the garrison, Major Throckmorton, that he dare not load the heavy guns and fire them as it would knock the whole business down, and this being true it is just as well to abandon the position. We were also informed by Col. W. D. Hare, while standing upon the parapet and looking out over the restless ocean that not many years before a fine house surrounded by a fine orchard and broad wheat fields, stood one mile from the fort directly out in the ocean. Each year sluiced the land away until the farm was abandoned to the ruthless waves and swept out of existence.

The Wheat Surplus.

As far as heard from, the following statement includes the surplus wheat and flour now on store in the Willamettee vallies, as given in tons: Albany, 4200; Independence, 5100; Salem, 6000; Corvallis, 5700; Derry, 1200; McMinnville, 900; McCoy, 360; Gervais, 3900 Roseburg, 3000; Hubbard, 750; Carlton, 360; North Fork, 900; Forest Grove, 210; Cornelius, 900; Hillsboro, 1500; Springfield, 90; Bolston, 900; Dayton, 240; Eugene, 3000; Cottage Grove, 600; Marion, 504; Goshen, 300; Lincoln, 720; Dallas, 240; Templars, 640; Junction, 126. Total, 43,580 tons. In Portland there are 18,840 tons stored as follows: O. R. & Co's. dock, 1415; O. & C. R. R. Co's. dock, 7100; Greenwich dock, 5000; Lewis & Flanders' dock, 3000; Morrison street dock, 5000; Pacific dock, 825; American Exchange dock, 1000. This makes a total, so far as received, of 52,420 tons. Estimating the amount of wheat in other interior towns not heard from authoritively on reports obtained in the city and the aggregate amount of wheat now in the State, does not exceed 82,000 tons. This includes that at the mills and in these there are 2174 tons of flour stored.

Shipments of sewing machines are continually being made to Europe by steamers leaving New York and Boston. It will be asked how this can be done at a profit, when sewing machines for which $40, $50 and $100 are paid here, can be bought in London and the other continental capitals for $10, $15, $25 and $50. Either these sewing machines must be sold in Europe at an enormous loss, or the profits made on those sold here are literally extorted from the people by combinations and monopolies, who, when they want to get rid of an oversteck of product which would depreciates values on this side, sell to Europeans some 50 to to 100 per cent cheaper than to Americans, who are furnishing them with the entire profits of their manufacture.

During the year 1880 taxes were paid on the manufacture of 414,000,000 gallons of beer. This quantity would furnish six hundred glasses to every male in the United States over twenty-one years of age. At five cents a glass the cost of it would be $7 50 per capita for every man, woman and child in the country. With the cost of wine and whisky added, it must be confessed that Uncle Sam's liquor bill is pretty stiff.

The Home rule members of Parliment have addressed a manifesto to the people of Ireland begging them, while maintaining the agitation for their rights, not to commit any breach of the peace so as to bring them in conflict with the English forces.

The saddlery establishment of Smith & Dean, at The Dalles, was robbed on the night of the 16th inst., of about one hundred and twenty-five dollars worth of silver plated bits, spurs, etc. Officers are on track of the thief.

The attempt to introduce into the country the German carp, one of the best of food fishes, is proving highly successful, and promises to yield valuable results. The carp grows very rapidly, and singular to say is found to grow twice as rapidly in this country as it does in its native land, or to speak more exactly, its native waters. It thrives best in ponds and sluggish streams. Old Isaac Walton in his "Complete Angler" gives a dainty essay on carp and carp fishing.—Ex.

Mountaineer: A few weeks ago Mrs. C. S. Miller had her bridge, which crossed the DesChutes river near its mouth, all swept away except two bents in the middle of the stream. She immediately took steps to have the bridge rebuilt, and had raised eight bents on the east side, when a few days ago, another flood came and carried away all of the new work. She has again commenced to rebuild and will continue the work until completed.

The Erie Canal last year carried 6,642,290 tons, the largest business ever done on that water route, and the revenue was $1,164,367, an increase of $338,823 over the previous year. The day of canal navigation is certainly not past, and the tendency is to make available for Western producers all necessary water ways to the seas.

There is a vacant scholarship in the State University to which Wasco county is entitled. Application for the same must be made to the school superintendent before the first of March.

Creditors Notice.

All persons indebted to us for meat are earnestly requested to call and pay up. We must have what is due us. A fair warning is sufficient.

McCornack & Renshaw.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FARM FOR SALE.

A FARM of 356 acres, 390 of which is prairie and 230 in cultivation, is offered for sale. It is situated one mile west of Springfield, and 2½ miles east of Eugene. Good buildings and outhouses, and all under fence. For terms apply to ROBERT CAMPBELL,
At the premises.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed Executrix of the estate of J. H. Powell, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Lane. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at her residence in Lane county, Oregon, within six months from this date.
February 25, 1881.
MARTHA POWELL, Executrix
JOSHUA J. WALTON, Attorney.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Lee M. Baker, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane. All persons having claims against said estate are notified hereby to present them to the undersigned at her residence in said county within six months from the date of this notice.
February 5, 1881.
MARY F. BAKER, Administratrix.
JOSHUA J. WALTON, Attorney.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN GIVEN that Charles Lauer has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of James Goodchild, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will present the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the Administrator at the office of G. B. Dorris, at Eugene City, within six months from the date of this notice.
CHARLES LAUER, Administrator.
G. B. DORRIS, Attorney.
Eugene City, Or., Feb. 5, 1881. 6:

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Isaac Coulson, deceased, by the County Court of Lane county, Ogn, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to him with proper vouchers attached at his residence in Siuslaw Precinct, Lane County, Oregon, or at the office of Thompson & Bean in Eugene City within six months from the date of this notice.
Dated Jan. 10, 1881.
JOHN SIMPSON, Administrator.
THOMPSON & BEAN, Attorneys.