

NEW THEORY EVOLVED.

Charges Made That Baron Reimach Was Murdered.

His Family Demand an Inquiry. PARIS, Dec. 27.—Le Figaro professes to have information to the effect that Dr. Brouardel, who had charge of the post mortem examination of the body of Baron Reimach, has reported to the government that Reimach died of poison taken eight hours before death, and that the Reimach family has demanded a judicial inquiry to establish the fact that he did not commit suicide. The belief that he was murdered is based on the known fact that within the time of the taking of the poison into the stomach and death he made strenuous efforts to stop the attacks of the press and seemed much cast down when he found it impossible to do so. It argues that he would not have particularly cared about the attacks had he been conscious of the fact that he would be a corpse within a few hours. The fact is called to mind that two others who possessed damaging knowledge also disappeared mysteriously and suddenly. It is well known that these deaths were a great relief to certain persons.

MURDEROUS NEGROES.

Four Killed and Several Others Badly Wounded.

Desperate Fight at a Dance. DOVER, Ky., Dec. 27.—At a dance at the home of Walter Green, colored, a terrible and fatal shooting and riot occurred, as the result of a dispute over a trifling matter. In the general melee four negroes were shot. Ruth Fields was wounded with a shot gun by Green and is dying. Green's intention was to shoot Charles Whaley, and the woman stepped in the way to protect Whaley. The latter was afterwards dangerously wounded. Charles Perry got three bullets in his body, and another negro was fatally shot. Green's house was stoned, the windows and doors broken. Peace officers who attempted to arrest the rioter met with resistance and a large number of shots were exchanged, in which a number were wounded. The rioters finally escaped.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27.

Counterfeit pieces reported in circulation. Robberies are reported plentiful in Portland. Dr. Smiley was able to be about the streets a short time today.

Newport is to have a weekly paper again in the near future. John Holland brought a couple of loads of dressed hogs to town today.

Dr. J. W. McAfee, aged 69 years, a pioneer physician, died at Salem, Christmas day.

Jailer George Croner is moving his household goods into the residence portion of the county jail.

Thirteen sacks of delayed Eastern mail were received at the Eugene post-office by last night's overland train. It was in the blockade of the Union Pacific railroad, which was raised yesterday.

Harmful Notes.

The X'mas tree was a success. Fairmount has a woman blacksmith. The stone quarries are to be worked extensively the coming season.

The business of our post-office has doubled since it was first established, eight months ago.

The exercises of the literary club given every Saturday evening at the hall, affords instructive amusement for our young people. The spelling school which meets on Friday evenings, also affords attractive features, as all seem very much interested.

The public dinner given by the ladies on Christmas day was enjoyed by about one hundred and fifty persons, after which Rev. Riddle delivered an able and interesting sermon. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the programme was thoroughly pleasing to the participants.

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—Thousands of people from the City of Mexico and other cities are in attendance at the most successful Christmas coaling parties and bull fights. All the leading bull-fighters of Mexico display their prowess in the fights of Mexico. Three banderos were severely gored and several others killed.

Roseburg Review: Ugly rumors are spreading over Oregon that female patients in the insane asylum have been outraged by attendants. The Review speaks for the people in demanding thorough and complete investigation. Hanging is too good for the inhuman wretches if these rumors be true. Governor Penoyer, Secretary McBride and Treasurer Metcham do your duty.

The new navy is building a ship to be called "The Minneapolis," and the city of Minneapolis is going to choose by popular vote the young woman who will christen the ship when it is launched from the yards of the Cramps. That will be a very high honor and we suspect that all the young ladies in Minneapolis will break their fathers, their brother and their sweethearts in buying votes to secure the honor.

Bull's-eye windows are being placed in the south side of Dunn's store building.

JESSIE AND FRANKIE.

A Mother's Unswerving Love for her Wayward Daughters.

Portland Sunday Welcome. "This is my baby and I am going to have her. I will work and starve but that man shan't have my child. They stole the other from me and ruined her, and now they are trying to take my Jessie, but I won't let them." Such was the piteous pleading of a heart broken woman. It was an affecting picture that the news reporters looked upon in the ante room of the court room of the police court Tuesday afternoon. The central figure was a tall care worn woman of forty years. Sitting on her lap, with her head nestled close to a mother's heart, was her youngest daughter, while weeping at her feet, bitterly weeping, was an elder daughter and the meeting of the three in such a place was one surrounded with more than usual sadness. The pale faced woman was Mrs. Bush, the others, her two wayward daughters who had left mother and came here to lead a life of folly. Jessie, the younger of the girls came here from Eugene three weeks ago in company with Lulu Dodson a girl,

AS WILD AS HERSELF.

And both were arrested and placed in the Refuge home. Last summer Jessie had become acquainted with John Buckley, a notorious character who sought her ruin and when she was taken in charge by the officers of the Boy's and Girl's Aid Society she was found in the saloon where her lover was employed as barkeeper. It was an easy matter for him to get the girl out of the Refuge, under the loose management, and Thursday of last week he did so, taking her to Vancouver in company with Mauser Lewis, George Powers and Bob Graham. There they were married by Justice Snodgrass, Buckley stating the girl was nineteen years of age, compelling her to substantiate the lie, and the justice seeking only his fee, tied the nuptial knot that led the child to an unscrupulous and cowardly villain. Returning to Portland he forced the girl to take her abode in a notorious brothel for a few days and then took her to a room in the Art's house, on Third street. On last Monday morning after recovering

FROM A DRUNKEN DEBAUCH.

He threatened to kill her and fearing he would do so she caused his arrest, told her story in the police court and the inhuman monster was placed under \$1000 bonds to keep the peace. Unable to give the bond Buckley is now in jail and will stay there during the present term of the circuit court, and his wife has gone with her mother. She says it is her desire to go back to her old home in Dakota and live with a brother there, but it is doubtful if such intention is honest on her part, as, although young years, she has got a taste of the wild life she started upon and without the restraining influence of a mother her future is plainly to be foreseen. Mrs. Bush and her two daughters came to Oregon three years ago from Webster, Dakota, and before leaving there she was called upon to pass through a similar experience with her daughter, Mary Francis Bush, who was stolen away from her home by a man named Charles Davida. She and her husband came to Portland and made their home in Albina where he got work in a mill at \$60 a month, while she did house work for their board. It was but a short time after arriving here that Davida developed a tendency to seek the

COMPANY OF OTHER WOMEN.

Neglecting his life and refusing to provide for her in any way, all the money he received being squandered on the women he associated with. In dire distress the woman sought a living as best she could, taking it washing, in order to provide clothing for her unborn babe, and was so engaged up to the little one's birth. Seven months more of continual abuse followed, when she determined to leave the ungrateful man, and from that time Frankie Bush has been following a sporting life, taking up first with a gambler named Homberg, then with others and at all times leading a precarious existence. Today she is without a dollar and without a real friend save the heart broken mother, who still has a parent's love for an erring child, but is unable to provide for her, being totally without means herself. On Tuesday she surrendered the custody of her infant to the Boy's and Girl's Aid society, and a home will probably be found for it. She is now occupying a room on First street, ill health, without the means

OF PROCURING A MEAL.

Save through the kindness of others and bitter indeed must be her reflections as she views the past and sees how her young life has been blasted and yet, sad as is the story of these girls, it is by no means an uncommon one here in Portland. It is becoming an incident of almost every day life, and the wonder is that parents can be so remiss in their duties as to stand idly by and see their young daughters going headlong to ruin. There has been a score or more of such cases brought to the attention of the authorities but it seems as though nothing could be done to save them. The half is not

of Lane and Douglas counties residing within the proposed new county of "Mineral," feeling assured that they will believe that the interests of the taxpayers, only, of the new county, have been considered and that the cooperation of all taxpayers will be heartily given to the enactment of the proposed bill.

- Signed: A. H. SPARE, Chairman. E. P. REDFORD, GEO. WHITSETT, H. C. VEATCH, D. P. BURTON, JAS. M. MARTIN, B. E. HAMMILL, N. H. MARTIN, J. P. CURRIE, J. C. STOFFER, W. W. OGLESBY, Committee.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

This Festival Observed Appropriately Celebrated by the Churches.

Daily Guard, Dec. 26. The Christmas exercises of the different churches were mostly held on Saturday evening except the Baptists, who had a tree with an appropriate programme on Friday night.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian church was an unique feature in the way of a Dutch windmill, in charge of a miller which ground out the presents for the members of the Sabbath school.

At the Episcopal church an excellent programme was prepared in connection with a tree laden with presents.

The Universalist society held a yuletide social in Rhinehart's new parlors at which they had a booth where holiday goods were for sale. Each lady received a present, but the only prize offered to gentlemen was for the handsomest one and was taken by Will Stevens.

The First Christian church had a tree and an enjoyable programme while the Mount's Hall Christian church had an imitation of Noah's Ark as a receptacle for presents in connection with their programme.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church had interesting Christmas exercises and three trees.

At the United Brethren church an appropriate programme was accompanied by a Christmas treat for the members of the Sabbath school.

At the Catholic church was erected a structure similar to the one which contained the manger of Christ's birth and this was beautifully decorated with presents both inside and out. The exercises were also very appropriate to this occasion.

At the M. E. church Saturday afternoon was given to charitable purposes in a manner similar to that of the public schools the day previous. The contributions were abundant and appropriate.

Yesterday the pastors of the various churches preached sermons particularly commemorative of this festival occasion both morning and evening. They were made unusually interesting by some of the churches by the addition of a special musical or praise service.

Revival.

Daily Guard, Dec. 27. The revival at the Methodist church constantly increases in interest. Christmas day fully 50 were at the altar seeking a higher life and thirteen were converted. There was a great crowd last night and the interest was intense. The presiding elder, Rev. John Parson, preached a masterly sermon. It cannot be said when the meetings will close. Forty-two have remained for church at the altar. Great solemnity rests on the audience. No whispering or laughing is seen. Everyone feels that this work is not of man. Last night the pastor of the U. B. and C. P. churches were there and many of their members. Everyone feels at home and the pastor constantly reminds the people that this is not a Methodist meeting but for all.

Daily Guard Dec. 24. SURE.—Attorney George B. Dorris this morning commenced a suit against John Maxwell in Justice Kinsey's court for \$250. Mr. Dorris and associates some time since got Maxwell out of a bad scrape, the will case, and now that party refuses to pay for the services so valuable to him. Maxwell seems to have little gratitude, and the courts will compel him to disgorge the money, although he has deeded all his property to his wife.

BAVARD HANDY'S LATEST.—The New York Journalist contains the following: "A new paper was started in Portland a week ago by a man by the name of Handy. It was called the Spectator. Handy furnished the experience and J. P. Fuller the capital. One issue was got out, and then Mr. Handy skipped, leaving Mr. Fuller in possession of the expenses—and badly Handy-capped." He is the individual who got up the illustrated edition of the Register.

HIS INJURIES FATAL.—Sunday's Albany Herald says: News was received here yesterday that Rev. M. O. Ligon, who was hurt by the falling awning at Corvallis on Wednesday, had died from his injuries. This is the first fatal result reported from the storm.

A CORRECTION.—Yesterday we stated that Messrs F. E. Dunn and A. L. Hampton had formed a partnership and would open a general merchandise store in Eugene. This is a mistake. Mr. Dunn will be sole proprietor of the new store, while Mr. Hampton will be his chief clerk. They both go east to buy the stock of goods.

AT THE RIVER.—The river yesterday evening rose quiet rapidly for an hour or two, since which time it has been receding. The highest stage indicated by the gauge was 11 feet above low water mark.

MARRIED.—At the residence of R. L. Willoughby in this city Monday evening, December 26, Mr. John Young and Miss Della Ryan, Rev. H. L. Bates officiating.

MINERAL COUNTY.

A Committee Reports a Bill for its Creation, Also Present Argument in Favor of a New County.

At a citizens' meeting held in Cottage Grove, December 14, 1892, to determine the boundaries of a new county, a committee was appointed to make a statement to the taxpayers as to the advantages and benefits to accrue to the residents of the proposed new county, should such county be formed. Therefore, the committee submit herewith as a part of their report the bill to be presented to the legislature at the next session.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon.

Section 1. That all that portion of Lane and Douglas counties in the state of Oregon, and included within the following described boundaries, be and the same is hereby created and organized into a separate county by the name of Mineral, to-wit: Beginning at the township corner, between townships 21 and 22 S., and Ranges 6 and 7 W., Willamette Meridian, thence east 12 miles, thence South 6 miles, thence East to summit of Callipoona mountains, thence in a South-easterly course following said summit to or near Township corner of Townships 23 and 24 S., Ranges 1 and 2 W., thence South to Township corner of Townships 25 and 26 S., Ranges 1 and 2 W., thence East to the summit of the Cascade mountains, thence following the summit of the Cascade mountains six miles, thence following the summit of the Callipoona mountains 16 miles to the divide between the Middle Fork of the Willamette river and the Lower river, thence following said divide in a Northwesterly direction to the intersection of Range line between Ranges 1 and 2 W. in Township 20 S., thence North to Township corner of Section 24, Township 19 S., Range 2 W., W. M., thence West 5 miles, thence South 15 miles to the River.

Section 2 provides that the county shall be subject to the laws and restrictions governing other counties; that the Governor shall appoint county officers to hold office until the general election in 1894.

Section 3 provides that Cottage Grove shall be the temporary county seat and at the general election in 1894 the question of the location of the county seat shall be submitted to the electors, and a majority of the votes shall be required for a choice.

Section 4 provides that the new county shall be entitled to one representative and one state senator.

Section 5 provides that the county of Lane and Douglas shall make no assessment of the delinquent taxes on real and personal property within the new county from the year 1892 and the same shall be payable to Mineral county, the first collected being payable to the treasurers of Lane and Douglas to the amount of the state tax due from the property within the new county. The transcripts of suits between parties in Mineral county shall be made and furnished the officers thereof, at the expense of Mineral county.

Sections 6 and 7 provides that Mineral county shall be attached to the 2nd judicial district, that circuit court shall be held on the second Mondays of June and December. County courts first Mondays of July, October, January and April.

Sections 8 and 9 provide that the county judge shall receive a salary of \$1000 per year and county treasurer \$100 per year.

Section 10. The county of Mineral, within one year after its organization by the appointment of its officers, as herein provided, shall assume and pay to the counties of Lane and Douglas a just proportion of the indebtedness of Lane and Douglas counties, after deducting therefrom the value of the public property of Lane and Douglas counties, and the county judges of Lane, Douglas and Mineral counties are hereby appointed a board to determine the value of such property and the amount of indebtedness to be assumed by said Mineral county. Said judge shall report at the county seat of Lane county on the first Monday in April 1893, or within ten days thereafter and proceed with the work and when completed file a report of their conclusions, in triplicate, with the clerks of Lane, Douglas and Mineral counties. Within thirty days after the filing of such report in Mineral county, either county may appeal from the decision of said board to the circuit court of Lane county by serving a notice of appeal upon the clerk of the other counties; upon perfecting of the issues in said circuit court either county may demand a change of venue to any other county of the Second judicial district of the state of Oregon, which may be agreed upon by the counties, or in the event of their disagreement, which may be designated by the judge of said district, the trial may be by jury and the judgment rendered may be enforced as other judgments against counties; if the county appealing fails to recover a more favorable judgment than the finding of said board by at least \$500 it shall pay the cost of the appeal. If no appeal be taken by either county within the 30 days above provided, the finding of said board shall be conclusive. The said county judges constituting said board shall receive for their services the sum of \$3 per diem for each day actually employed in work for which they are appointed, and mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile, going to and returning from said county seat of said Lane county, and such expenses shall be borne equally by Lane, Douglas and Mineral counties.

Sections 11 and 12 provide that the county judge of Mineral county shall let the contract of transcribing all records of Lane and Douglas affecting real estate in the new county to the lowest responsible bidder. That a proportion of the school fund be paid to the county treasurer.

Sections 13 and 14 regulate fees of the sheriff and clerk.

THE COMMITTEE'S ARGUMENT.

In the proposed new county no long and expensive bridges will ever be needed. We question if there is a county in Western Oregon the size of the proposed county that requires as small a number of large bridges. Still, if the county is formed, we believe the bridges will be built there actually needed. The amount spent, \$35,000, on one bridge near the county seat of Lane county would build all the bridges in

the new county for years to come. In the new county there will be no long and expensive roads to construct to remote settlements. It is practically a valley county, and, while there is much undeveloped country, what will be for the interest of one part of the county will equally effect the whole county. The entire county will improve in an equal degree.

There will be no large towns to overshadow the whole county. It will be a county of farmers and they will control county affairs.

In large counties rings are formed and the whole county is taxed for the benefit of a small portion. The fees as fixed in the above bill are a reduction upon an average of fifty per cent. of fees paid at present in the old counties. Therefore the estimate as given hereafter of the expenses of conducting the affairs of the new county are in the opinion of the committee more than sufficient to confirm the estimate given.

Within the limits of the proposed county of "Mineral" there is by a conservative estimate not less than one million dollars of taxable property. There is twenty-seven and one-half miles of railroad track, also two telegraph lines running the entire length of the railroad. By a recent decision of the supreme court of the state, railroad lands have been made taxable, and under that decree the Southern Pacific railroad have agreed to pay taxes on all their lands at about an average tax valuation of twenty-five dollars for every hundred acres. There is about one hundred thousand acres of railroad lands within these limits. To show that one million dollars is more than a sufficient amount of taxable property to successfully carry on the government of a county, we name the taxable property of certain counties in Oregon taken from the state treasurer's report of 1890, session laws 1891:

Table with 2 columns: County Name, Taxable Value. Includes Columbia Co. (\$945,849), Curry (\$48,251), Gilliam (\$87,402), Josephine (\$77,079), Malheur (\$88,391), Sherman (\$678,466), Tillamook (\$591,703), Wallowa (\$725,418).

The above counties are all in successful operation and their people are prosperous and contented. The state requires all counties to levy a certain tax for state and school purposes. These taxes must be paid and there will be no difference to the taxpayer whether they are residents of a new county or remain in the old counties, the same rate of state and school tax will be levied.

The probable expenses per year of the proposed new county will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Includes County Judge (\$300), County Commissioners (\$88), Sheriff (prin. compensation fees) (\$30), County Clerk (\$72), School Superintendent (\$200), Assessor (\$400), Coroner (fees only), Stock Inspector, Surveyor (prin comp. fees) (\$100), Jury fees, mileage two terms (\$800), Witness fees and mileage (\$400), Paupers (\$250).

Total \$2,736. Add 50 per cent for contingencies 1,368. Total expenses \$4,104.

Exclusive of state and school taxes a tax of ten mills on the property which must be paid by all assessable property in the state within the limits of this proposed county will yield an annual revenue of ten thousand dollars. As the estimated expense of the proposed county will be \$2,736 and adding 50 per cent for contingencies, which is a liberal estimate, the total expense of the county will be \$4,104, which will leave a fund of \$5,896 to be appropriated for the building of roads, bridges and public improvements. Comparing these figures with the small benefits received in the past by the taxpayers of the proposed new county, from the old counties, it is readily seen that it is to the interest of all concerned that strenuous efforts should be made to effect this most desirable division.

The financial statements of the state treasurer for the past eight years show that the smaller counties of the state have made a greater per cent of increase of taxable property than the larger counties. By said statements, Tillamook in 1882 had \$143,389 of taxable property, in 1890 the taxable property had increased to \$591,793, an increase of 312 per cent. Josephine county in 1882, had \$315,682 of taxable property in 1890, \$777,079, increase of 146 per cent. Columbia county in 1882 had \$97,510 of taxable property, in 1890, \$945,849, an increase of 137 per cent.

During the same period Lane county increased in taxable valuation only 29 per cent., Douglas county increased 29 per cent. It can be demonstrated, the larger the county, the greater the expense in proportion to the county business transacted. In all counties certain officers receive salaries, others are paid by fees of which mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile is one of the greatest expenses to the taxpayers. In all criminal cases, this mileage has to be paid by the county and the larger the county the greater the mileage. The grand and petit jury must be summoned from all parts of the county, and in large counties Lane and Douglas the cost of expenses for mileage are very heavy as every taxpayer knows.

There is no economy in the administration of affairs in large counties. They must have large and costly court houses, costing from \$30,000 to \$100,000, expensive jails, luxuriously fitted offices and high priced county officials. The great revenues of large counties begot a recklessness of expenditure for costly bridges and other improvements in the near vicinity of the county seat.

The objections that may be urged by many that the estimate for county expenses are insufficient, are unfounded. The taxpayers have heretofore been accustomed to paying extravagant salaries and fees, greatly in excess of the amount required to secure competent persons to conduct the affairs of the county, and meet reckless expenditures of county officials, therefore it is almost impossible for taxpayers to realize the fact that the county government can be administered on an economical basis and at small expense. We submit the above report to the careful consideration of the taxpayers