The Portland Telegram, owned by the Oregonian Publishing company, is now busily engaged in attempting to read President Cleveland out of the democratic party. It is plainly to be seen that the Oregonian, for political reasons is dictating the course of its evening edition. While the GUARD believes in the free and unlimited coinage of silver, still it does not for an instant think that President Cleveland is controlled by Wall street or any other combination of bankers. He is merely carrying out his honest convictions and is perfectly willing that other democrats may advocate the reverse proposition, and still be good and true believers in the democratic faith. In fact, the financial question should not and will not be a political question. The sooner it is eliminated from the pool of partisanship, the sooner it will be settled. President Cleveland is still as firm a tariff reformer as he ever was and is in favor of repealing the McKinley bill, and most of its predecessors. He is also in favor of repealing the Federal election laws, which have deprived a large number of the American citizens of their right to the ballot. He is a grand, fearless man, notwithstanding the opinion of the Telegram, owned and controlled by H. W. Scott.

Eighty-six years ago Robert Fulton was ascending the Hudson river for the first time by steam power. The "Clermont" steamed from New York to Albany in thirty-two hours. Two years ago the Empire state express ran on the New York Central railroad from New York City to Buffalo, a distance of 436½ miles, in 426 minutes. These are two notable events which have transpired through the inventions applying to steam power. They cover the entire period of locomotion by means of steam, less than one century. To traverse 140 miles on the Hudson in 1807 it took Fulton thirty-two hours, or less than four and one-half miles an hour. The Empire express in 1891 traversed 436½ miles at the average rate of more than a mile a minute.

The English consul in China reports that there is a large accumulation of gold in China, mostly in bars. It is estimated that many provincial governors and other officials have more wealth than they care to have the government see, and gold bars are a condensed and therefore easily concealed form in which to keep it. If Asiatic nations ever reach the stage of commercial development at which banks are freely used an incalculable store of gold will be released for use as currency.

The London Economist says: The fact is that most American railway bonds are sound securities, and hardly any other of equal merit can be obtained which will yield, say, on an average, about 4½ per cent. The majority of them are protected by a big margin of safety, even in those cases where dividends are not paid on the ordinary shares, for often bonds are strengthened rather than weakened by net revenue being withheld from the shareholders and employed in "betterments."

R. G. Dunn & Co. say, in reviewing the business situation: "Improvement has extended from the banks to the mills." On the same subject Bradstreet's says: The beginning of the upward swing of the pendulum reveals advances in prices this week."

Miss Klumpke, a young American girl, has won for herself recognition in France as being one of the most learned astronomers in that country.

ODD FELLOWSHIP.—From the report of the Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., which met at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week it appears that the increase in the membership of the order during the year 1892 was over 50,000, an increase unprecedented in the history of the order. At the end of December, 1892, the total membership numbered 869,743. Estimates based upon reports place the membership now at 900,000. The annual revenue of the order is over $8,500,000.

Smithfield Items:

Sept. 26.

EDITOR GUARD: As no communication from this place has appeared in your newsy columns for some time, we take the liberty of jotting down a few items.

Threshing has been greatly retarded in this vicinity by the late rains, but will be finished in a couple of days.

Cart loads of Junctionites, mostly of the "old rye" type, attended the dance here last Friday night and made their entire stay conspicuous by giving open air concerts at stated intervals, which, with the assistance of "old rye" were decidedly entertaining.

It is rumored that the literary society organized here last spring will resume work in a week or two. We heartily endorse the movement and pledge our united support in its behalf.

The school at this place commenced on the 18 inst. with Mr. P. W. Davis, of Fairmount, in charge. The enrollment the first week numbered 24, but this number will be greatly augmented as soon as the fall work is completed.

S. H.

Speaking.

Reformers take notice, that there will be a public meeting of the Industrial Legion of Lane county held at the Gross school house Saturday, Sept. 30, at 7 o'clock p. m. Thomas J. Elliott, and others, will address the meeting. All are invited.

HENRY PATTERSON, Sec.

AN ATTRACTION.—The San Francisco Examiner publishes a picture of Geo. Miller's skycycle, and says: A "skycycle" to fly through the open air from Portland, Oregon, to this city is one of the latest announcements of novelties billed for the mid-winter fair. Bicycles for use on land and water have proved a success, the former especially so, and now Oregon, the webfoot, mossback state, is trying a new field for the wheel. Fred T. Merrill, a bicycle expert of Portland, has a new machine which is intended to navigate the air. It is called a "skycycle" and was invented by a brother of Joaquin Miller, the poets of the Sierras, who resides at Eugene, Oregon. Mr. Merrill is making arrangements for the manufacture of the new machine, to be commenced as soon as a few minor changes have been made. He gives a partial description of the machine on which he is now experimenting, and from his statement these experiments have met with considerable success.

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SCORES OF TRAMPS.—Tramps are more numerous if possible than two months ago. This is the season when the professional tramp lies himself away to the dry climate of Southern California. Eleven in a gang were kept off the local train this afternoon at Shedds, and the freight crews southbound are kept continually fighting to keep the trains clear. This is a time when every householder and the city police must also use increased vigilance.

DELEGATES ELECTED.—F. T. Whitcomb and E. K. Henderson have been elected representatives of Helmet Lodge of this city to the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Oregon, which convenes at Heppner in two weeks.

Failures and Resumptions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Statistics compiled from official data show that from January to September, this year, 560 state and private banks in the United States failed, and 72 resumed business. In the same time 155 national banks failed, 70 of which have resumed. Of the state and private banks, 25 suspended in California and 18 have resumed; in Oregon 16 suspended and 9 resumed; 14 suspended in Washington, of which one has resumed.

Fighters Fined.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 25.—Frank Kelley, Dud Evans, Lees Cohn and Mark Shire, recently convicted of engaging in a prize fight, were fined $1000 each today. The cases will be appealed to the supreme court.

TRULY A HOP CENTER.—Eugene will ship more hops than any city in the state of Oregon. For years we have maintained said position, and will ship more bales of this product this year than ever before.

Three or four years ago a citizen of Harrisburg invested $3000 or $4000 in real estate. Today he refuses a yearly rental of $1500 for the same; and still there are men who say there is nothing in agriculture.

THE NEW P. O.—Albany Democrat: The U. S. postoffice boxes for the new room in the brick being built near the Democrat office, have been ordered and the contract has been let to Mr. Wm. Fromm to place them in position on their arrival. It is intended to have the P. O. room ready for occupancy on Nov. 1. It will be one of the finest P. O.'s in the state.

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MARRIED.—Mr. William Matthews and Jemima Milne were married at the Cumberland Presbyterian parsonage at 2 p. m., Sept. 27th, Rev. G. A. Blair officiating.

Pendleton E. O.: Repetta's two-year-old colt, Morrow, has been in bad shape from a peculiar disease that manifested itself by swelling of the body, and Mr. Matlock is in doubt about saving this promising animal.

Every business man in Eugene should have an advertisement in the DAILY GUARD. Printers ink pays every time.

Personal.

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Mrs. A. K. Patterson went to Portland this morning for a few days visit.

Charley Baker expects to leave for his home in San Francisco tomorrow.

W. L. Cheshire, who is teaching the Fir Butte school, spent last night in the city.

Mrs. M. I. Underwood and Mrs. Longfellow are visiting in Tacoma, for a few days.

Mrs. G. Bettman and child went to Portland this morning to visit friends and the exposition.

Miss Belle Millican started this morning for Monmouth to attend the normal school this winter.

Mrs. Frank Craw, of Albany, came up on this afternoon's train on a short visit to relatives and friends.

S. E. Brown left on the overland this morning for a visit to the world's fair and friends residing near Chicago.

Miss Verna Weaver, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Wolcott, for several days started on this morning's local for a visit with relatives at her old home near Washington, Pa.

Mrs. Johnson, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Biddle, and family for several weeks, started this morning on her return home to Palouse City, Wash. She will visit the Portland exposition on her way.

Hon. R. A. Irvine and wife, of Linn county, spent last night with their daughter, Mrs. L. Bilyeu, in this city. They have just returned from the Kitson springs and Mr. Irvine's health is much benefitted by the use of the same. They left for Albany this morning.

LOOKS CROOKED.—Mr. J. F. Hardy was engaged with Messrs. Weaver & Walker, of Junction, in the handling of agricultural implements for the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company. This partnership lasted until the latter part of last June, when it was dissolved, and Hardy started on his own account. He went on selling goods, letting them go at a discount, until September 11, putting in his pocket the cash he collected. It is said that he collected what he could and left Eugene on the midnight train September 11, going to California, since which time nobody has been able to hear anything from him. A. H. Black is now in this county in the interest of the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company, of Portland, endeavoring to get a settlement of the company's business here.

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NO ACTION TAKEN.—The meeting of the board of trade called for last evening, to take into consideration the appointment of a number of delegates to appear before the state railway commissioners, at Salem, Monday, October 2, to protest against the recent raise in freight rates, being rather slimly attended by our most important shippers, it was resolved to adjourn until next Friday evening, before taking action. It is to be hoped that every shipper in Eugene will be present at that time, as this is a most important question for Eugene and vicinity. The right kind of a protest will make the railway commissioners come to their senses.

THAT TRIP.—The Corvallis News says: In conversation with Receiver Hadley, of the O. P., regarding the item published in Saturday's News taken from the Santiam Lumberman, we were informed that the item was in substance correct and that a party will be taken across the Cascade mountains, providing Mr. Hadley had the time. He has already sent a man ahead to ascertain if there is snow of any note in the mountains. Should the trip be made the receiver will return here from Burns instead of going direct to New York as before reported. This would seem as if something is to be done on the extension of the road eastward before many months roll by.

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DIED.—At Fairmount, near this city this morning, from a complication of diseases, Mrs. Joseph McBee, aged 45 years. The lady was a widow, her husband having died about six years ago. She was a sister of Mrs. James Odell, of this city, and she leaves five children. The funeral will take place from her late residence in Fairmount tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to the Eugene I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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DISMISSED.—The charge against J. D. Sellars, for obtaining money under false pretenses, was dismissed today. It appears that the arrest was caused by a misunderstanding of the import of an order.

The government snagboat has gone down the river to remove two snags at Walker's island, which have been causing considerable annoyance and have at last been located. They are two huge logs which do not appear above the surface. The boat Cascades attempted to remove them but was unable to get them out, so the Corvallis was ordered down. After removing these snags the Corvallis will go up the Cowlitz to take out some snags there, and will then return to the work of improving the Willamette river above Salem.

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 27.

Wid McGhee is still acting as policeman.

Travel is reported as becoming better on the railroad.

Quite a crowd is reported at the Linn county races.

A large amount of wheat is now being hauled to town.

Curry county's debt is $30,668.05. In 1890 it was $8,945.45.

Hop sales are light. Growers appear to be holding for better prices.

The supreme court will again convene next Monday. It will have a long docket.

Stephen Sneed shipped two car loads of hops to the Weaver Bros., Milwaukee, yesterday.

Oregon has received more medals in the fishery department of the world's fair than any other state.

Geo. Cumming has posters out for an auction sale at his place on the McKenzie river seven miles east of Springfield on October 13th.

The cattle buyers have driven from 700 to 800 head of beef cattle from Grant county ranges in the last few days, paying about $24 to $28 per head.

Ora Vaughan, a former Linn county school teacher, who was tried in Portland on the charge of stealing $30 from Mrs. W. Kuykendall, has been acquitted.

There will be a meeting of the state executive committee of the peoples party at Oregon City the 19th of October at 10 o'clock a. m. There is important business to transact.

The S. P. R. R. has been summoned to appear before the Lane county board of equalization to show cause why their assessment should not be raised on their tracks and lands.

Geo. E. Bloomer, the defaulting Jackson county treasurer, has been indicted. However, it is thought he is safe in a foreign land. A reward of $500 is offered for his capture.

Five more Los Angeles, Cal., Chinese have been ordered deported by Judge Ross. Attorney General Olney says the money will be forthcoming to carry out the orders of the court.

W. M. Killingsworth has been sued on a note for $2736 by the Merchants' National bank of Portland. Mr. Killingsworth was formerly a resident of Eugene and is now an Albina capitalist.

A delegation of anti-Chinese agitators drove fourteen hop pickers from a yard near Cove, Oregon, yesterday. A couple of Chinese houses were burned in Cove; loss $1600. The sheriff has arrested the crowd.

Clearing up again.

The hops keep rolling in at a lively rate.

Drummers becoming more plentiful daily.

Several immigrants arrived on today's train.

The county board of equalization is still in session.

The Swift-Haskell case is still being heard by the referee.

Representative Wilkins, of Coburg, was in Eugene today.

New students are being enrolled in the State University daily.

Over 1000 bales of hops already stored in one of the three warehouses in Eugene.

The government has a fair weather flag up this afternoon. Will it bring rain?

Ed and Tom Matlock will ship 100 head of common horses to Iowa from Pendleton Saturday.

The Commercial National bank, of Portland, Oregon, is authorized to resume business by Comptroller Eckles.

Our business streets now present an appearance somewhat similar to what they did previous to the panicky times.

One thousand men have been put to work in the silver mines of Coeur D'Alene regardless of recent legislation.

Waldo Cheshire one day this week lost a gold watch a few miles west of this city. It was found and promptly returned by a son of Mr Pratt's.

The grand commandery, Knights Templar, meet in Eugene Oct. 12. Ivanhoe commandery, of this city, is making arrangements for their proper entertainment.

A farmers's two-horse wagon and team left standing near the express office, suddenly left westward bound just after dinner this afternoon. We were unable to learn further particulars.

The Albany Woolen mills has just received a contract for 4,000 army blankets for the U. S. government. They are now making 1000 blankets for the Oregon militia.

The Portland exposition will be formally opened with appropriate exercises tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Hon. B. B. Beekman, a graduate of the State University, will deliver the address upon the occasion.

Glen Powers killed a five point buck at the McKenzie bridge last week that after being disemboweled weighed 184 pounds. Mr. Powers possesses considerable skill as a taxidermist and will mount the animal entire.

BETSEY BAKER.

From [illegible] far away,
Dared [illegible] employing,
How happier I spent each day,
Content and [illegible] enjoying!
The birds sang not more merrily than I
As I trudged along to my work,
I never knew what it was to sigh
Till I saw Betsey Baker.

At church I met her, fair and neat,
One Sunday in hot weather,
With love I found my heart did beat,
And we sang psalms together.
When church was over, out she walked,
But I did overtake her.
Determining I should not be balked,
I spoke to Betsey Baker.

Her manners were genteel and cool,
And in her conversation
I found she had just left boarding school
And finished her education.
Yet love made me speak out quite free,
Said I, "I've many an acre.
Will you give me your company?"
"I won't," said Betsey Baker.

All my entreaties were in vain,
And I was forced to leave her.
I suffered a most intense pain,
For love brought me a fever.
The doctor came, he smelt his cane,
With a long face like a Quaker.
Said he to me, "Where lies your pain?"
Said I, "In Betsey Baker."

Because I was not laid enough
He dosed me and he pilled me,
And if I had taken half his stuff
I think it would have killed me.
So I put an end to all the strife
Between him and the undertaker.
And what do you think did save my life?
Why, thoughts of Betsey Baker.

I then went to Betsey went,
Once more with love attacked her.
But meantime she had got acquaint
With a ranting, mad play actor.
If she would have him, he did say,
A lady he would make her.
He pummeled her to run away,
So I lost Betsey Baker.

—Boston Transcript.

A TREACHEROUS MAID

Mme. Loufourcade, the wife of an army officer during the French revolution, was applied to by the wife of another officer to afford concealment for her husband.

Mme. Loufourcade lived a short distance from the city of Lyons. She had four servants, and the main difficulty, provided the officer could reach her dwelling without discovery, was how best to guard the secret from them.

It was finally decided that one of the females should be taken into her confidence and that the officer, who was a rather effeminate looking man, should come disguised in female attire and be passed off as a cousin of Fanchette.

So Fanchette, a rather pretty girl, was made acquainted with everything.

Captain Lavergne made his appearance in due time, disguised as a woman, and so well did he look and play his part that he was not suspected by the other servants of being different from what he seemed. In order, however, to incur as little risk as possible, he pretended to be greatly fatigued by his journey, and was, soon after his arrival, shown to a private room on the upper floor, which he did not leave again for a week, it being given out that he was quite ill.

At the end of the time mentioned some eight or ten soldiers made their appearance at the mansion and demanded the person of Captain Lavergne.

"If you think there is any such individual under this roof, you can make your search," replied Mme. Loufourcade.

When the servants were called together, the lady perceived that Fanchette was pale and trembling.

As soon as the officer saw her he exclaimed:

"Well, wench, did you tell the truth or not? If you did, it's all right with you, and you needn't be scared; if you didn't, it's my honest opinion you'll soon be a head shorter."

"What is this?" cried Mme. Loufourcade, in astonishment.

"Well, I don't care!" said Fanchette, assuming an impudent manner. "It's time the aristocrats was put down and made to know that other people is as good as them. I heard there was a reward of a thousand francs offered for this man, who's dared to come here and pass himself off as a female, and I thought I'd just as good a right to the money as anybody."

"And for this you have sold your soul," groaned her mistress.

"Don't come any religious talk over me!" cried Fanchette. "I know more of what's been going on than you think. Religion's been swept away by a decree, and death's an eternal sleep."

"That's all true, girl," chimed in the officer with an emphatic oath. "But while we're talking the man may get away. Here, guard, seize and bind all these parties."

There was no resistance made by the mistress and her terrified servants, and in a very short time all except Fanchette were secured with cords.

"Now, girl," said the officer, with a coarse laugh, "show us the way to your sweet female cousin."

Captain Lavergne meantime was not entirely ignorant of his peril. From his window he had seen the approach of the soldiers and rightly conjectured they were in quest of himself. His apartment was so situated that he could not go down stairs and escape without being seen by some of the servants. He was alarmed, and his mind became active to devise some means of defense or escape. He had in his possession a brace of loaded pistols, and his first idea was to barricade his door and sell his life as dearly as possible, but in looking about the apartment he noticed the fireplace and discovered that the chimney was large enough to admit his person. He could see the light at the top, and it occurred to him that perhaps he might escape, and he resolved to make the trial.

Taking his pistols with him, Captain Lavergne hurriedly pushed his way up the chimney, with the view of getting on the roof, but when he had ascended some eight or ten feet he discovered to his agreeable surprise that there was a kind of recess, such as were sometimes left in old fashioned chimneys for the purpose of opening another flue when-over it might be wanted, large enough to conceal him from the view of any one looking up from below.

Hastily getting into it, he breathed a little more freely, though still with a good deal of nervous apprehension. He feared that in coming up he had shaken down a sufficient quantity of soot to betray his manner of escape and give a clew to his place of retreat. But a glance downward at his clothes convinced him that he had little to be alarmed about in this respect—for this flue had never been much used, his garments were not badly soiled, and he could not perceive dirt enough below to attract attention.

He had not long to wait before he heard the soldiers enter the room, led by the treacherous girl.

"Ha! he escaped!" exclaimed the latter in alarm.

The officer swore some terrible oaths and fiercely demanded which way.

"Either up the chimney or into some other part of the house," said Fanchette. "He was here a few minutes ago."

"Quick, men, fly about, he's not up here," cried the officer, looking up the chimney. "Two of you run out and see if he's on the roof, and the rest ransack the house! If we don't find him, we'll burn it down!"

A hurried search was apparently made of the room they were in, and then Captain Lavergne heard the soldiers in different parts of the house opening and banging doors, shouting and cursing. He felt his situation now to be very critical indeed, for should the house be fired he feared there might be no escape for him. After awhile the noise and tumult subsided, and every moment he was in trembling expectation of hearing or seeing something to indicate that the building was on fire, and he now resolved to make another bold effort for his life. He reasoned that those sent outside to see if he was on the roof had already rejoined the others, and he now resolved to gain the roof, and if he could do so undiscovered to venture a leap among the thick shrubbery at the rear of the mansion.

In the course of two or three minutes this dangerous feat was successfully executed, and Captain Lavergne found himself once more on the ground outside considerably scratched and bruised, but not seriously injured. He now heard loud voices inside and hurriedly stole away through the shrubbery.

The searching officer, not finding any trace of the man he sought, at last became enraged at the treacherous girl and accused her of deceiving him. This impression was soon strengthened into conviction by Mme. Loufourcade and the other servants, and the whole affair ended in the release of the prisoners and the arrest of Fanchette, who was herself marched off to prison, where she died.

After the soldiers had gone Captain Lavergne returned to the mansion to assure Mme. Loufourcade of his safety and then set off to make his escape from the country, which he accomplished and lived to return at the end of the Reign of Terror.—Exchange.

Ancient and Modern English Guns.

Nelson's ship, the Victory, was designed to carry 104 guns, consisting of 32, 24 and 12 pounders, ranged on her upper, main, middle and lower decks. She was also armed with a few 68-pounder carronades. The weight of her one broadside of single shotted guns was 1,104 pounds, which was considered prodigious in those days. In the account of the battle of Trafalgar, in which action this ship played so prominent a part, the broadside that she poured into the French Bucentaure is described as terrific, dismounting 20 of her adversary's guns and killing and wounding no less than 400 of her officers and men.

Compare this with our guns of the present day, when a single gun of the Nile or Trafalgar throws a projectile 100 pounds heavier than the whole broadside of the Victory, while one of our 101-ton guns discharges a projectile weighing no less than 1,800 pounds! It may be of interest to know that while only 325 pounds of powder were expended in the discharge of a broadside from the Victory as much as 3,000 pounds weight of powder is consumed in firing the broadside of the Victoria or the Sans Pareil, two of our modern ironclads!—Good Words.

The Problem of the Cradle.

Ever since the world began mothers have been rocking cradles and singing lullabies. From time immemorial the problems have existed. What can we do with this baby? Where can we put it so that it will be safe? How can we manage to secure a few intervals of peace and tranquillity? How can we still its cries and whines? How can we teach it to walk? In a word, how can we emancipate ourselves from the absorbing tyranny of these sweet babes, our offspring?

The solutions which have been invented by the solicitude, the ingenuity and the instinct of mothers have taken the form of cradles, swaddles, leading strings and gocarts. The variety of these inventions is considerable, and a description of them would form, perhaps, a curious chapter in the history of hygiene and domestic economy.—Harper's Bazar.

A Bit of Jewish Wit.

A striking commentary was recently made by a Russian Jew on the judicial corruption which sustains his country. He passed the law courts in one of the cities of his empire and noticed a fine statue placed in front of the building.

"Whom does this statue represent?" he inquired of a passerby. "Why, Justice, of course!" "How sad," exclaimed the Jew, "that justice should be relegated to the outside of the edifice and be altogether excluded from admission within."—Rabbi Adler in Fortnightly Review.

Why Snakes Are Harmless.

A great [illegible] particularly in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, encourage the presence of snakes in their neighborhood [illegible] destroy vermin. [illegible] they do [illegible] and frogs, there are [illegible] from the [illegible]