

The police authorities in Pittsburgh have declared against football under the present rules, and say that in future no such brutal and degrading exhibitions will be permitted there. It is also stated that the authorities in other cities will take similar action. This will be quite a set-back to the growing popularity of this game.

We are told that the exhaustion of the bank reserve in New York was due to democratic policy, and now we are told that the surplus of accumulation of cash in the bank vaults of that city is another proof that the democrats are ruining the country. It would be a curious event which would not convince a republican that democratic rule meant destruction.

Farmers will heave many a sigh for more gravel on the roads between this and spring as they slowly trudge their way to town. Every man who travels the road could well afford to spend a week every fall hauling gravel with a team to put on the roads. It would be a big saving in the wear and tear of vehicles and teams to say nothing about the satisfaction of riding over a good road when the weather is bad.

Portland Sunday Welcome: Oregon wool is worth about 7 cents now. Within a year it will sell at 14 cents. Before Cleveland packs his grip it will very likely reach the 20 cent notch. And this because of the new tariff. We'll import wool now, that, mixed with Oregon product, will make valuable fabrics. Valuable fabrics will sell readily at good prices. The Oregon wool grower ought to be happy.

Ex: The fact that Oregon, appropriating only \$60,000 for an exhibit at Chicago, took so many medals, is truly surprising to a Californian, says the California Fruit Grower, but the fact that there was anything left from an appropriation, is a thing that he can not possibly understand. The story is accepted on authority, however, as is that of Jonah and the whale. There are a good many other things about Oregon beyond the comprehension of our neighbors on the south, as a result of which they always sadly misrepresent our state to strangers. The Fruit Grower concludes that: "Those old fashion people up in Oregon, with their cranky governor, are, after all, a happy lot and may well be envied."

Excluding Alaska the United States may be said to be non-volcanic, states Mr. Ralph S. Tarr, but it has not been so long. A chain of volcanoes extends from southern South America into Mexico, then there is a large break, and the interrupted chain begins again in Alaska, curves southward, and joins the chain of Japan. The intermediate non-volcanic area has just emerged from an era of stupendous activity. Future resumption of such activity is not improbable, for in the West are volcanoes so recent as, like Mt. Shasta, to retain their conical form, and some of these perhaps are no more dormant than was Vesuvius before the fatal year 79, when it buried Pompeii and Herculaneum beneath the most terrible storm of stones and ashes ever known to man. In the Canon of the Colorado, in the deserts of Nevada and Utah, and in New Mexico, exist small lava flows that must have been erupted in very recent years, probably since the white man's discovery of the continent. These seem to record the death throes of the country's latest volcanic giants. The eruptions have played a part in bringing up stores of metals, and the richest mines are found in the volcanic districts of Tertiary times.

AN ALBANY MAN INDICTED.—Sunday's Albany Democrat: Upon information that an indictment had been found against him by the U. S. grand jury, J. L. Cowan went to Portland this morning to give himself up to the U. S. marshal. The Oregonian says four indictments were found and not made public until arrests were made, three for smuggling and one for embezzlement.

A GOOD DEED REWARDED.

A Lady Remembered the Man Who Saved Her Life.

Left His Daughter \$20,000

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 11.—Some three years ago Mr. Russell Hill, of New Orleans, but well known in Kentucky, was in Philadelphia and while walking along Market street, in that city, saw an old lady reel as if about to fall at Ninth street. Mr. Hill ran forward and caught the strange lady and took her to a store, where she was placed in a carriage and subsequently taken to her home. From her plain dress and unaffected way Mr. Hill supposed the lady was in moderate circumstances. He heard from the lady several times, and she persuaded him to let her adopt his motherless little daughter, Maude, who is a niece of the late General John H. Morgan, of Lexington, Ky.

Imagine the surprise of Mr. Hill, while in Philadelphia last week, to learn that the lady had left his little daughter \$20,000. The good-hearted lady who never forgot her protector was Mrs. C. M. Shalleross. Mr. Hill is a nephew of the late A. P. Hill, who was a well-known officer in the Confederacy. Mr. Russell Hill is quite well known in Kentucky, where he has relatives who will be pleased to learn of the good fortune of his little daughter.

Buncoed the Negroes.

BERMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—Felix Drew, a half-breed, claiming to be an Indian chief and the head of a powerful tribe in Indian territory, has just buncoed the negroes of Birmingham out of several thousand dollars and skipped. He appeared here about a week ago. His first move was to make himself solid with the negro preachers, and they announced that he would lecture at certain churches on the subject of colonizing the negroes. In his lectures he said his Indian tribe had held a big pow-wow, and as the result sent him to Alabama to induce the down-trodden and oppressed blacks to go to the territory and become part of his tribe. He said the lands were the richest in the world and gold could be had in plenty. He was going to run an excursion train from Birmingham to the territory, and the only cost would be \$5 railroad fare which he said would have to be paid in advance. He promised to meet the emigrants at the depot on a certain night. Many negroes sold their furniture to get money to give to him. After collecting thousands of dollars this modern Moses folded his tent and stole quietly away. The authorities are looking for him, and if the negroes who were buncoed could lay hands on him it would not be healthy for him.

Sensational Escape.

SEBASTIA, Mo., Dec. 11.—United Marshal Dave Adams, arrived here this forenoon from Muscogee, I. T., with four prisoners sentenced to confinement in the Columbus, O., penitentiary. Marshal Adams had five prisoners when he started, but one of them, John Jennings, convicted of introducing liquor into the Territory, made a bold and successful break for liberty near Rockville, south of this city. Jennings, securely shackled, was permitted to go to a closet and while the train was running at the rate of 30 miles an hour he jumped head first through the window and escaped. The train was stopped and Deputy R. Lindsay was left behind to hunt for the prisoner. Jennings' shackles were found this afternoon a mile from the railroad, and the search for him was given up. Marshal Adams left with his remaining prisoners for the East to-night.

Heir to a Fortune Found.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 11.—After many months of searching, Attorney Edward Long has located the heir to 10,000 acres of land in Lyons county, worth \$150,000. His name is Arthur G. Wheeler, and he was found in Seattle, Wash. In 1879, when Wheeler was 7 years old, an uncle, Frederick P. James, of New York, deeded him the land as a gift. It was considered swamp land at that time, but as the country has settled up since it is found to be farm land of the best kind. Soon afterward young Wheeler's parents died and he became a wanderer. Detectives tried to find him but were unsuccessful. The land, in the meantime, was sold for taxes, and is encumbered by the tax deeds, held by Daniel Butterfield, of New York, but Wheeler, who is 21 years old, will have a handsome fortune left after redemption.

A Walla Walla Suspicion.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the directors of the Walla Walla Savings bank this evening it was decided to go into liquidation and the doors will not be opened Monday morning. Applications will be made for a receiver. The paid up capital is \$100,000. President Edmiston states that all depositors will be paid in full. The embarrassment is due to the general stringency in the money market and the low price of wheat. ©

If the state and federal grand juries at Portland keep up their work there will be few citizens of the metropolis not under indictment.

Judge Bellinger proposes to try the whites and Chinese indicted for smuggling Chinese into this country in a batch. It will be a mixed up crowd.

The new Broos comet is now visible in the morning sky due east and about twenty degrees above the horizon at 5 a. m. in the constellation Coma Berenices.

Out of the horrible jumble of Hawaiian affairs comes one clear note intelligible to the feminine soul. Liliuokalani has sent to San Francisco for a coronation robe.

The gold bugs who were going to flood this country with gold after the repeal of the purchase clause of the Sherman act cannot be found. They are wanted to explain why gold, instead of being imported, is exported.

The reported change in the running time of the California overland trains would be a welcome one at Eugene. At present trains arrive at very unseasonable hours. It is almost equal to staying up all night to catch either train.

Search lights in action may not be all that is claimed for them. When the rebel warships ran the blockade of the forts at Rio Janeiro a broadside or two so enveloped the ships in smoke that the search lights could not penetrate it.

A tariff reform bill will be passed by this congress. While it may not be all that could be desired the tariff for revenue policy will be adhered to in the main. Large reductions will be made in the McKinley prohibitory law.

It is not often that white men and Chinamen are leagued together but in the operations of the Portland emuggling ring no attention was paid to nationalities. The white men did the initial work and Chinamen secured the opium and their fellow countrymen.

With good roads the farmer could keep the source of supply generally even, preventing those fluctuations in the quantity on hand which retailers are so prompt to make the excuse for an advance of price. Without them, however, he allows many of his food products to rot in his cellar or store house while city customers must pay higher and walk further for the reduced quantity they receive.

Brazil is still deep in the throes of a revolution. One peculiarity about the South American conflicts is that it is so hard to tell which is the government and which is the rebels. If the nation is so unfortunate as to possess a navy, the vessels are sure to take sides "against the government." Those semi-civilized people down there are only subduing the wilderness for a race of sensible citizens who can settle their internal disputes without cutting each other's throats every few weeks.

The Oregonian is aware that the coal mining of the United States is, in the main, done by a class of foreign laborers compared with whom the Chinamen are upright Christian gentlemen, scholars and philanthropists. Yet that paper hypocritically bewails the great wrong that would be done the laboring men by admitting coal free of duty. The coal miners of Pennsylvania, according to the best authorities, are little better than cattle, and their millionaire owners, whom alone protection of coal benefits, treat them worse than brutes. Protection of American labor, forsooth!

Comparative tables show how signally the law permitting deductions of indebtedness has failed to increase the total amount of taxable property in the state, says the Corvallis Times. When the rolls of all the counties shall have been received it will probably be shown that, in spite of the fact that a large amount of property has been assessed twice, the total taxable property of the state has been diminished rather than increased. The chief argument advanced by its advocates for the repeal of the law was that it would increase the total valuation largely, and to a corresponding degree diminish the tax levy. It has failed to do signally what was claimed for it, and the levy unless tampered with for political effect will be no smaller than usual. The result will be most disastrous to those, and there are many of them, who have been assessed not only on what they own but upon what they owed, and when they are compelled to walk up to the counter in tax collecting time and pay, as they will have to in many cases, double the amount of taxes they ought to pay, the true inwardness of this unrighteous law will come to them.

Cottage Grove Items.

Times, Dec. 9.

Revs. E. Gittins, J. C. Templeton and J. L. Taylor, in connection with earnest christian people, have been doing a wonderful and most successful work at the M. E. church in this city for several weeks.

At a regular convention of Juventas lodge, No. 48, K. of P., the following officers were elected: A. O. Yeager, C. C.; J. S. Medley, V. C.; W. P. Lockwood, P.; J. K. Barrett, M. of W.; B. Lurch, M. of E.; A. D. Lueolin, M. of F.; J. A. Benson, K. of R. and S.; H. H. Petrie, M.; Geo. Wall, trustee.

T. A. Starns left for his home at White Salmon, Wash., Tuesday. He will return in a short time to this city, accompanied by his family and his brother-in-law and family. Mr. Starns has purchased 30 acres of land from J. H. McFarland on the edge of town and will go into the fruit tree nursery business. This a splendid location for that business.

A. W. Millard and Ira Millard, Jr., of New London, Wisconsin, have left for their homes. They and H. P. Briggs, accompanied with their families, expect to return to this city in February. These gentlemen were here to invest largely in timber land and took a good look over the timber land districts of Oregon. They say that the timber east of Cottage Grove is not only superior to any that they have seen since they came to the coast but is far more valuable than any timber they have ever seen.

Probate Matters.

Guardianship of A. J. Keeney; R. F. Keeney, guardian, files annual statement. Approved.

Estate of V. S. McClure; J. W. Bond and A. C. Jennings, executors, files semi-annual statement. Approved.

Estate of Moses D. Baldwin; Mrs. Susan A. Baldwin appointed administratrix, with bonds of \$500; sureties, S. R. Williams and B. D. Paine. Value of estate, \$200.

Will of Wm. McConnell admitted to probate; Mrs. Maria McConnell appointed administratrix, without bonds. The will bequeaths to each of his sons and daughters the sum of \$5, and all the residue to his wife, Maria McConnell.

Estate of W. K. Jones; H. J. Jones appointed administrator with bond of \$1400, sureties, J. H. McClung and T. D. Linton. C. W. Young, M. H. Harlow Jr. and E. Terpening appointed appraisers. Probable value of estate, \$650.

MORE INJUNCTION SUITS.—Salem Statesman: The papers have already been drawn and will probably be served in a few days seeking to enjoin the location of the proposed soldiers' home at Roseburg, and the branch insane asylum in Eastern Oregon. They were placed in the hands of James McCain, district attorney on Thursday afternoon and on Friday the bond in the case was being made out. The complaint was blank up to Friday evening, but it was the purpose to insert the name of a rather prominent Salem man as the complainant. These few minor details arranged, the matter is ready to go before the courts, providing the parties taking the initial ve do not change their minds.

BILLS INTRODUCED.—Congressman Hermann has introduced a bill in congress providing for the continuing of improvements at the mouth of the Situkaw river and appropriating the sum of \$100,000 therefor. Also for improving general navigation of the Willamette river between Portland and Eugene, removing the bars at Rose Island and Clackamas rapids below Oregon City; scraping the bars, protecting banks and avoiding the breaks at Independence, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Harrisburg and Eugene and intermediate points, \$100,000 is asked.

GLADYS MILLER AGAIN.—Union Scout: I. W. Miller, of Summerville, whose daughter, little Gladys Miller, disappeared from his home nearly two years ago, has been called to Ohio, where a child resembling his long-lost daughter has been detained by the authorities pending Mr. Miller's arrival. The child is in possession of a band of gypsies who can give no satisfactory explanation of her presence with them. A photograph taken there and forwarded here has been identified as little Gladys, not only by Mr. Miller, but many neighbors as well.

SKELETON FOUND.—A skeleton, supposed to be the bones of an Indian whose soul has long since been receding in the happy hunting grounds, was found on Joe Myers' place near the State University last Saturday. The changing of the river channel caused by the last storm had washed the bank away until the skeleton was revealed some distance beneath the surface. The skull and other portions were saved in good condition and presented to Prof. Thomas Couden.

A CORRECTION.—Sunday's Oregonian: The report of the indictment against C. E. Lockwood, published in yesterday's Oregonian, was incorrect. Mr. Lockwood was not indicted for perjury, nor for representing himself as T. C. Alcock as was stated, but for aiding and assisting and acting as attorney in the prosecution of a claim against the government while he held the position of assistant United States district attorney for Oregon.

As the holidays draw nearer to us the thoroughly live business man uses printer's ink plentifully in telling the people the bargain he is offering.

A Remarkable Discovery.

Albany Herald: Frazier Wallace, a brother of T. L. Wallace of this city, recently leased a piece of hop land of an old Maxwell farm on the Santiam bottom seven miles east of Albany. The land grew hops so well that he included to purchase a small tract in that vicinity, and found what he thought would suit him in an adjoining piece, but after diligent search could find no owner. He began searching the records and found that it was government land, and contained 42 acres of the richest land in the Santiam bottom. He lost no time in going to Oregon City and filed a homestead upon it. The land is worth perhaps \$2000.

It seems remarkable that the land would have lain vacant so long, especially as it is between and adjoining 80 of the oldest farms in Linn county. The Lewis Cox farm on the west have been settled upon in 1849.

Mr. Wallace has built a house upon it and considers himself lucky in obtaining a fine little farm free of cost.

Still Washing.

Daily Guard, Dec. 8.

The land owned by Joseph Myers near the mill dam still continues to wash badly, notwithstanding the river is only at a medium stage. Yesterday it was cut off at least a distance of fifteen feet, and the bank being nearly pure sand it is still crumbling away every hour. It now seems quite probable that it will wash until the water above the dam is tapped, as it only has to eat away about seventy-five feet to thus damage the water power owned by Messrs. Edris & Son badly. In fact, if such is the result, it will compel the gentlemen to build a flume nearly 1000 feet to preserve their water power. The next few days will determine the question.

Real Estate Transfers.

COUNTRY.

State of Oregon to Ida L. Davidson, 160 acres in T. 15 S., R. 8 W.; \$200.

EUGENE.

J. W. Green to K. C. Smith, lot 9, block 34, F & H's addition, and lots 1 and 2, block 66, F & B's part of Florence; \$75.

FLORENCE.

Geo. M. Miller to Sara Richmond and Effie May Forgy, lot 1, block 2; \$250.

A NEW FISH HATCHERY.—George Hoffman & Co. have been awarded the contract for erecting a state fish hatchery on Knowles creek, in Lane county, for which \$2000 was appropriated by the last legislature. The six bids for the work were opened Wednesday at the office of State Game and Fish Protector McGuire, and were as follows: J. J. Butterfield, \$1850; Chapman & Davis, \$1590; John Callart, \$1825; George Hoffman & Co., \$1575; H. C. Martio, \$1924; George O. Knowles, \$1775. Hoffman & Company's bid was the lowest. The work will be commenced at once and finished in ample time to have the hatchery in operation next season.

DIED.—Z. W. Shields, a farmer, who has been confined to his bed almost a year with consumption, died Saturday at Cottage Grove. The services were held by Rev. J. H. Sharp at the Christian church at 11 o'clock Sunday. The remains were then taken to the Shields cemetery and laid to rest. Mr. Shields was about 40 years of age, and well liked by all who knew him and leaves a wife and five children.

HAD TO PAY.—Corvallis Times: Geo. Waggoner, Dr. Lee, N. B. Avery, Thomas Samuels and about thirty others who hazarded \$10 each on the experiment of boring for gas on the farm on John Wyatt west of town more than a year ago and got no gas, are "penitent and plucked." The last court gave the gas digger judgment against them and this week they are called upon to square up for their experience.

TO REMOVE THE TIMBER.—As will be seen by the proceedings of the Commissioners' court, County Judge Fisk has been authorized to sell the timber just east of the Eugene bridge, the same to be removed. Quite a number are of the opinion that such action will benefit the bridge, while others are of just the opposite way of thinking.

MARRIED.—In Portland, Oregon, December 1, 1893, by Justice of the Peace McDevitt, Miss Mabel C. Fuller of Eugene, Oregon, to Mr. E. Wald teufel, of San Francisco, Cal.

Given Another Chance.

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—The First National bank of Port Angeles, is to reopen on Monday, under instructions from the comptroller of the currency; five per cent is to be paid to the depositors on opening and five per cent every thirty days thereafter.

In the Law's Grasp.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 9.—Information was filed today against county commissioners Wm. Jauman, H. J. Wilsterding and J. A. Beal, charging them with the collection of illegal fees and asking for their dismissal from office.

Hard on the Tramp.

BERLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 7.—At Eau Claire, Wis., a negro tramp crawled into a car of lumber bound for this city and lay down on top of the pile. He fell asleep and the lumber being wet, swelled up, crushing him against the roof of the car. When the car arrived here today the dead body was found.

In some parts of Oregon unprincipled parties have been passing off Confederate bills for United States money and have succeeded in victimizing some people. As the Confederate bills are genuine there is no law that will reach the party who is guilty of passing them.

Personal.

Daily Guard, Dec. 11.

Kola Neis is in the city today. Prof. Reid was in Albany yesterday. A. C. Woodcock spent Sunday in Astoria.

C. C. Cherry of Tacoma, Wash., is in Eugene.

Rev. John Parsons returned home to Salem this morning.

Marion Beck went to Marion county on the local this morning.

G. W. Wright, an Albany attorney, was in Eugene yesterday.

Deputy Sheriff Day returned home on last night's overland train.

Wm. Mayer and wife are expected home from the East in a short time.

Sam Vench is now running on the freight between Junction City and Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller arrived home from a visit in Linn county this afternoon.

Dr. J. C. Gray returned from Florence Saturday night. He came via Yaquina Bay.

Cyrus Watkins is confined to his room with sickness. He thinks he's taking the measles.

G. W. Davis, of Salem, clerk of the board of school land commissioners, spent Sunday in this city.

Rev. W. A. Ferrier, of Seattle, preached at the Congregational church yesterday returning home this morning.

Miss Grace Foster of Medford who has been visiting friends in this city for the past week, returned home Saturday night.

Prosecuting Attorney Condon returned home from Roseburg yesterday morning, where he had been attending circuit court.

D. W. Coolidge, secretary of the state board of equalization, spent Sunday with his family in Eugene, returning to Salem this morning.

Rev. Hetzler preached at the First Presbyterian church yesterday in the interest of the American Bible Society and left for Albany this morning.

Athena Press: Dr. G. W. King performed a delicate surgical operation on G. Chester Osburn in relieving a part of the soft palate from the back part of the mouth near the throat. Osburn is suffering from pharyngitis and the doctor found it necessary to perform the operation to relieve him.

The receivers of the Union Pacific, after cutting down the salaries of clerks, petitioned the court to have their own pay raised to \$1500 a month each. The court would not stand the raise.

We are over two thousand miles from Hawaii and can have no adequate information as to the state of affairs pending there. Reports are colored as may suit the purpose of the provisional government or royalists.

Chicago is reaping the aftermath of the world's fair. Thousands who were drawn there while the exhibition was in progress are left penniless and destitute and must depend on charity for food and lodging.

The gripe or influenza that accomplished such fatal work two years ago is again epidemic throughout the country. It has the faculty of making one feel bad all over. It will not probably be so severe as formerly for epidemics run their course and lose virulence with age.

The mistake of electing incapable men to office because they are popular is exemplified in the case of Sheriff Massie, of Columbia county. The reports say of him that he "was a very kind hearted man and often relieved the wants of his friends with the county money." His office now shows a deficit of \$2200 and he has left the country, even abandoning his wife and five children, although not "intentionally dishonest." In some cases there is not much difference between the knave and the fool, and this is one of them.

Economy should be the watchword of the hour, and this should be followed in national, county and municipal affairs. During these times of financial depression taxes to bear the ordinary expenses of government are sufficiently burdensome, without the burden being increased by outlays for unnecessary improvements. In a few years money may be easier and business better, and then will be an appropriate time for liberal expenditures; but at present tax outlays which may increase the burden of taxpayers.

A letter from Grant Thompson, Hartney county, says they have been having an unusual quantity of rain in that section this season. Grass is green and stock looking well. A large amount of hay was put up and stock men are well prepared for the winter. Grain of all kinds sells at 2 cents per bushel, potatoes 1 1/2 cents per pound and hay \$2 to \$2.50 per ton.