

SATURDAY, DEC. 16.

Pendleton has nineteen saloons. A beautiful December afternoon. Clackamas county is in debt \$123,000.

B. D. Paine visited Harrisburg today. A large number of farmers in town today.

Attorney Geo. B. Dorris visited Junction today. S. A. Hullin's family have removed to Harrisburg.

Hon. E. P. Coleman of Clatsop was in town today.

W. G. Gilstrap returned from Roseburg this morning.

The north-bound overland train was 50 minutes late this morning.

County Clerk Walker is sick with the la grippe and confined to his room.

Dr. Edward Bailey is now in Europe and will take a position in a hospital.

The editors of the Sunday Mercury were again indicted yesterday at Portland.

The public schools of this city will give a week's vacation during the holidays.

A. C. Woodcock came up from Salem this afternoon to spend Sunday at home.

Isaac Cook, who died at Junction City last week, leaves an estate valued at \$10,000.

Superintendent Stevenson visited the Junction City public schools yesterday.

George W. Pickett leaves tonight for San Francisco, where he will visit several months.

The jury in the civil case of Smith vs. Hammond disagreed. The case will be tried again next Monday.

Dr. P. K. Watters is practicing his profession at Watsonville, Cal., and is building up a good business.

Miss Daisy Ogden left for Salem this morning, where she will enter the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The Odd Fellows of Irving will have a public installation of officers the first Saturday afternoon in January.

County Clerk Walker, this morning, granted a marriage license to E. C. Morgan and Minerva D. Hyland.

It is said that Representative Hermann will accept the republican nomination for governor if his election is sure.

Another child of Palmer Ayres, who resides about three miles north of Eugene, is reported quite low with the measles.

Miss Nora Jones of Harrisburg, who has been visiting her cousin, Etta Owen, returned home on this morning's local.

Joe Miller and wife arrived in Cottage Grove Monday from Washington, and expect to become permanent residents of that place.

A Chehalis, Wash., merchant has purchased 100 copies of one of the local papers for a year, to be used as a premium to purchasers of goods.

Mrs. M. L. Pipes, who has been visiting her son John, who is attending the State University, returned to her home at Portland this morning.

G. O. Yoran and P. E. Snowgrass have been appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Oregon midwinter fair exhibit. All should subscribe liberally.

Rev. G. M. Weimer went to Albany this morning and will preach there tomorrow. His pulpit here will be occupied by Rev. L. Y. Bailey, of Lebanon.

A. F. Snelling, formerly of the Lakeview land office, now a resident of North Yakima, Wash., has just been appointed register of the land office at that place.

Cottage Grove Leader: J. M. Sherwood, proprietor of the Sherwood House, is having a new building erected on the first block south of the hotel, the first floor to be used for wood and the second floor for bedrooms.

The committee appointed to solicit funds for the improvement of the threatened dam on the Eugene water power, was at work today. Up to the time of going to press they had succeeded in raising a little over \$100.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church has elected officers as follows: President, L. H. Johnson; first vice, Jessie Melting; second, Mable Fisk; third, John Gray; fourth, Clide Fogle; secretary, L. G. Hullin; treasurer, Fred Chambers.

Lebanon Advance: J. A. Roberts and family came down from Springfield Saturday and stayed a few days. The whole Roberts family will remove to Springfield, leaving here today. Lebanon sustains a great loss in these excellent people.

The 10 per cent increase on the rate of premiums made by the Pacific Insurance Union on account of the valued policy law prevailing in Oregon, has been repeated by contract between the companies forming the Union. The insured who have already paid the increase are out in the cold.

Ashland Tidings: W. A. Owen, of Central Point, was summoned to Healdsburg, Cal., by a telegram received Tuesday evening, informing him that his son Glenn, aged 20 years, was seriously ill at that place with pneumonia fever. He took Wednesday's south express.

Here is some more wild figuring by the Statesman of Salem. About 4000 Oregonians visited the world's fair, and it is safe to say each spent \$200 on the trip, making a total of \$800,000 taken out of the state. And this estimate is low enough. And then the state of Oregon spent \$40,000 in addition to this.

DIED.—Near Cottage Grove, Dec. 12, 1901, Mrs. Hiram Lee, aged 81 years and 10 days. The funeral was conducted by Elder J. H. Sharp. The remains were laid to rest in the Shields cemetery, east of Cottage Grove.

SUSPENDED.—Albany Democrat: Quong Sing & Co., who have been doing business for a long time in this city have suspended, owing as they say, to the hard times and "banks no pay." The company have been doing business in Albany eighteen years.

MARRIED.—In Camp Creek precinct at the residence of J. H. Smith, parents, December 13, 1901, by Rev. L. D. Dyer, Mr. M. M. Male and Mary E. Campbell, all of Lane county, Oregon.

AN OLD CLAIM.

The State of Georgia Wants a Settlement.

\$100,000 to \$200,000 Involved. An Old Claim.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—The legislature today unearthed a claim against the general government growing out of an act of 1802. The general assembly has passed a resolution looking to an investigation into the facts about the ceiling of property which now comprises Alabama and Mississippi with a view to getting a settlement of the unpaid balance which it is alleged is due from the general government. Under an agreement made in 1802 this territory was ceded to the United States, the consideration being \$1,250,000. It is claimed there is an unpaid balance of between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Several efforts have been made in the past to secure a settlement, but they have been futile. The resolution empowers the governor to appoint a special attorney to pursue the matter at no expense to the state, he to receive a contingent fee. An effort was made to push this claim in 1811, but the war of 1812 cut it short. Another effort was eclipsed by the Mexican war, and just before the civil war the state was preparing to press its claim. The superstitious may think this last move portends another flight of some kind.

To Suppress Them.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 11.—The United States Postoffice authorities have determined to suppress the bond and investment companies which are operating all over the country. Postoffice Inspector Stuart received from Washington today a list of over 50 concerns operating in much the same manner as the Guarantee Investment Company of Chicago, whose officers were convicted in Judge Greenup's court. These companies have been pronounced by the Assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department fraudulent and not entitled to the privileges of the United States mails. The inspectors are instructed to notify postmasters not to deliver registered letters or money orders to these concerns, and if possible to secure evidence against the companies, to prosecute them under the law forbidding lotteries and the net forbidding the use of the mails for swindling purposes.

Impeachment Probable.

DESVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Now that an extra session of the legislature seems inevitable in spite of the general sentiment against it, the citizens generally are hoping that the members will adjourn as soon as the session organizes. Others hope that some reason may be found to bring a suit of impeachment against the governor. The local papers all unite in discussing and urging this matter and in all probability some cause will be found upon which to bring impeachment charges. That a majority of the legislature would vote in favor of such a course is generally believed. The punitive matter is sufficient cause for such charge. No one knows just what Governor Waite will recommend in his message, but no money scheme of his will receive support; in fact the public sentiment is so strong against the governor that it would not be polite for the members of the legislature to endorse his views.

The Newspaper Prospering.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 12.—The Democratic Times, Charles Nickell, editor and proprietor, will be issued semi-weekly after January 1. Mr. Nickell began the publication of the Times in 1873, and the enterprise under his management has been a marked success financially.

In the circuit court, George Caldwell was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The defendant's attorneys have made a motion for a new trial, and sentence has been suspended until the motion has been argued and passed upon by the court. The case of Jackson county vs. George Bloomer et al. was on trial today. The evidence was all taken and the arguments of counsel postponed until after the holidays.

Legislative Vacancies Filled.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 16.—Sixteen members of the legislature to fill vacancies, were elected Thursday. The elections took place in the strongest populist counties in the state, and the returns indicate that every member chosen is a democrat. In Pontotoc and Attala, the two strongest populist counties in the state, the opposition fight was against the national administration on the money question. The democrats nominated administration men who upheld the president on every stump and they are both elected by decided majorities.

A good joke is told on a tonsorial artist not a great many miles from here. He had a customer in the chair and remarked that his hair was getting thin. "Yes," was the reply, "but it was thinner thirty years ago." "Why, you don't look any older than that now," said the t. "Correct, I am yesterday."

IS HIS FATHER'S SON.

Count Bismarck Attacks Von Caprivi's Policy.

Commercial Treaties Debate.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The debate on the third reading of the commercial treaties began today in the reichstag. Count Herbert Bismarck attacked the policy of Chancellor von Caprivi, saying the chancellor's recent utterances gave the house the impression he had become a free-trader. Farmers, especially the smaller ones, had been left in the lurch by the manufacturers, regardless of the necessity which both were under to advance hand in hand.

Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, secretary of state for home affairs, denied that the treaties implied an invasion of the protection system. The German farmer would not be a whit better off if the treaties were rejected, while the workman would lose his present wages owing to the inevitable loss which trade would suffer. He declared that Count Bismarck's speech failed to prove the treaties were a prejudice to husbandry, and that the proposal to limit the treaties to one year was ridiculous.

CRIME OF TWO TRAMPS.

A Young Girl Falls a Victim to Their Hostility.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—About 2 o'clock this morning two tramps entered the home of Samuel Logan, three miles east of Toledo, Linn county, drugged his stepdaughter, and, after removing her across the river in a boat, brutally outraged her and left her lying, partially bound, near the railroad track. The girl, whose name is Cora Mays, is 16 years old. Her parents had gone to Toledo to pass the night, leaving the children alone. The girl's elder sister and two children were in the house when she was abducted, but they heard no outcry nor heard any one enter or leave the house. After being left by the villains she wandered along the track until she reached a house, where she was cared for. She was in a pitiable condition, being clad in the scantiest of undergarments with an oilcloth coat about her, and barely able to give an account of the dastardly deed. This morning two ugly-looking tramps boarded the east bound Oregon Pacific train at Chitwood. They were put off at Nashville and officers were directed to arrest them. Indignation is high and it is not unlikely they will be lynched if identified as the guilty parties.

The Texas Gold Fields.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—The new gold district in the Organ, 50 miles north of this city, is beginning to turn out some rich gold ore from different properties and two 10-stamp gold mills have been ordered on by Ernest Wald, who had purchased the Alabama Belle for a Birmingham, Ala., syndicate, and the other by G. W. Wood and W. R. Eall, of Las Cruces, N. M., owners of the Sun. The camp now numbers about 200 souls and considerable development work is being done.

Bitter County Seal War.

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 18.—The county seat of Crawford was awarded this evening to English. This is after 25 years' contention. The remonstrants will appeal to the supreme court. They have filed a bond of \$5000. Yesterday the commissioners counted but 60 names. Owing to much disorder kept up in court, they concluded to hold court in a private room today and the Leavenworth crowd, organized under the leadership of Nathan Collins, town marshal, tried to enter the court house forcibly, but were deterred by the timely arrival of 100 deputy sheriffs from the back part of the county. The commissioners left Leavenworth under guard. The end is not yet.

Willamette Valley Attacked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—W. A. Swinerton, assignee of a number of claims, aggregating \$15,200, had an attachment for this amount issued in the sheriff's office today against the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company. On the arrival of the steamer Willamette Valley, she was boarded by the sheriff's deputies and keepers placed in charge. Swinerton also had all the funds of the company in the California bank garnished.

Real Estate Transfers.

EUGENE.
William Johnson to John W. Purkerson, lot 5, block 2, F and H's addition; \$60.
O W Young to Mary W. Young, s. 1 lot 6, block 4, Skinner's donation; \$1.
U S to Henry Bangert, 42.50 acres in t 17 s, r 4 w; \$106.40.
O W Lucas to Nettie Lucas, 40 acres in t 17 s, r 5 w; \$1.
Horace E M Watkins to T J Wilson, 60 acres in t 18 s, r 3 w; \$2000.
Henry Bangert to J B Dunham, Benj Albee and Geo Brownson, 42 acres in t 17 s, r 4 w; \$1000.
Cornelia Straub to Geo M Miller, interest in 600 acres in donation land claim of Wm and N A Smith, and 160 acres in t 18 s, r 4 w; \$1.

There is a complaint in Massachusetts that the laws of that state allow females to marry at 12 years of age. The emigration of school marms, however, would seem to indicate that the law is practically a dead letter.

Portland Sunday Welcome: Arsenic, borax, camphor, coal tar, cork wood, ice, crude India rubber, iodine, soap, whalebone, etc., by the adoption of the Wilson bill will be admitted to this country free of duty. The more we study that bill the more we apprehend that upon its passage the native industries of Oregon will go up the spout.

It is beginning to dawn upon the republican press that the employment of armed force for the restoration of the queen of Hawaii has never been a part of the policy of the administration. The fact was clear enough from the beginning, but now that it has been seen by the republican press it may be considered as universally recognized.

By far the most fatal of the contagious diseases which afflict the city at this time is diphtheria, says the N. Y. Sun. The reports for the weeks of this month have given for the week of Nov. 4, 143 cases; for the second week, 189; for the third week, 108; and for the fourth, 150. The deaths from it in these weeks were 213, or a ratio of nearly one-third of the total number of cases. Only two other diseases, consumption and pneumonia, neither of which is ordinarily considered contagious, were destructive of more lives than was diphtheria in the month. The deaths from typhoid and scarlet fever, small pox and measles during the month did not number nearly one half as many as those from diphtheria. The world waits for some effective means of dealing with this malignant and destructive malady.

The success of salmon canneries near Blaine this season is said to have had the effect of attracting the attention of many Fraser river cannerymen to that point, where all the salmon must pass in making their way into the stream. According to an exchange, the result will probably be that two more canneries at least will be removed there before the opening of another season, and eventually the majority of Fraser river canneries will be massed at or near Point Roberts. It is said that one cannery cleared \$25,000 this year, and the two institutions packed about 75,000 cases. Though at the present time Puget Sound is not reckoned as computing the salmon output for the season, this will soon be changed, the pack this season having passed the 100,000 mark. Those who have anticipated great things from the wealth of fisheries in our waters are not to be disappointed, and the time is not far distant when we shall see their hopes verified.

By the dispatches we learn that Congressman Binger Hermann is in tears over the proposed reduction of the duty on hops from 15 cents per pound to 8 cents, as he says it will bring ruin to the hop growers of Oregon. Binger's tears are dry ones and Lane county hop growers cannot be fooled with such statements. They do not care a cent whether the duty is 0 or \$50 per pound, and therefore are not a bit alarmed over the proposed reduction, for they are aware that the United States annually exports about 12,000,000 pounds of this product to England, while the imports are only about 2,000,000 pounds. Without a foreign demand hops are not worth their picking. Our friend Binger will also become alarmed soon, we are certain, because the duty on wheat of 25 cents per bushel is to be reduced. He will be certain that such a reduction will "ruin" our wheat growers. The producers, some day, will become tired of such demagoguery.

The Lafayette Ledger has made its appearance again. A sign that times are improving in the pioneer town of Yamhill county.

It is said you borrow trouble when you borrow money. In fact, many people find much trouble in the very act of borrowing money.

The photographs of this Oregon have been smashed. The secretary has made a painful explanation in which he says the demand for plate glass has been very tight.

Seventy-five per cent of our exports are agricultural products. The McKinley law compels a farmer to buy in a closed market while he fruits of his toil must be sold in competition with the world.

The lesson of charity taught the children of the public schools is a noble one. There are poor in our midst and the clothing and provisions donated will make some hearts happier on Christmas day.

There is every prospect that Utah will be admitted to statehood by the present congress. Polygamy is practically dead and no valid objection can now be raised against the admission of the territory.

The American Express company is resorting to extreme measures to protect its property. It now offers a reward of \$1000 for each robber shot dead and \$5000 for each one shot and crippled. Train robbers ought to decrease in the face of these conditions.

Senator Vorhees wants to have the silver seigniorage in the treasury coined at the rate of \$2,000,000 per month and after that is exhausted resume purchase of that amount monthly. He also favors an international monetary conference.

The charter held by the Louisiana lottery has expired. It is said the future home of the lottery will be in Honduras. The people of the United States are to be congratulated upon the removal from her soil of this demoralizing gambling institution.

There is plenty of money in the country for all purposes if those who have possession would put it in circulation. There is no better time than this to improve your property. Labor will not again be so cheap, besides the work would relieve laboring men and make times easier.

The assessment rolls filed with the secretary of state show substantial gains with the exception of a few counties. Clatsop county has the most accommodating assessor the net valuation having decreased over two million dollars or 40 per cent from that of last year.

J. A. Parshall, of the Delhi, N. Y., Gazette, has set type in the same room for fifty-five years, during which time he has never been absent more than two weeks; his case has been at the same window for more than twenty-two years. Mr. Parshall has set over one hundred and thirteen miles of type.

Meat packers nowadays find it more profitable to cure bacon with the ribs in it than to cut out the ribs as our paternal relatives used to do. This shows the wisdom of the modern pork packers, for by so doing he receives some 12 or 15 cents per pound for the bones which our forefathers received but four or five cents for.

Some special agents of the treasury department report the discovery of counterfeit \$10 greenbacks. It was ascertained that the Anglo-Californian of San Francisco had accepted quite an amount before detection was recognized. The bills were printed from an old plate which was stolen a few years ago. About the only way to detect the fraud is the paper which is deficient in the silk threads, which define the genuine bills. Look out for them.

Estimates for the gold production of 1903 make it \$145,000,000, an increase over last year of \$60,000,000. In this estimate the United States is credited at \$35,000,000, an increase over last year of nearly \$2,000,000. The principal increase is in the English territory of South Africa and is an English product. The American product of silver has not only diminished in quantity for the year, and the showing in American precious metals for the year will be a poor one in contrast with previous years.

The complete collapse of the efforts to raise money for the purpose of erecting a monument in the honor of the late James G. Blaine illustrates and emphasizes the truth that Americans are not a monument raising people. Subscriptions were solicited in Maine among friends and neighbors of the dead statesman, among the voters who year after year placed the state at its back in any political enterprise in which he might lead. Yet it is reported that the sum total of the subscriptions does not exceed \$115,400. \$100 came from a wealthy New Yorker.

OREGON PACIFIC R. R. SOLD.

Purchased by the Bondholders for \$200,000.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 15.—The Oregon Pacific railroad was sold this afternoon at 2 o'clock for \$200,000. The purchaser was Phibbs Clarke, of New York, representing the bondholders committee, of which John I. Blair is chairman.

The property consists of right of way, depots, franchises, lands, railroad tracks, engines, cars, tools, leases, balances due on claims, books of records, the steamboats Three Sisters, Wm. M. Hoag and N. S. Bentley, the steam tug Favorite and Resolute and the steamship Willamette Valley, machine shops, tools, etc., and also all their property of every sort and description used as the construction plant and outfit for the construction of the said Oregon Pacific Railroad, and all the articles of property of every sort and description thereto belonging, whether the same be the property of the Oregon Pacific Railroad Company, or of the Willamette Valley and Coast Railroad Company.

Remarkable Occurrence.

A Boise City, Idaho, grocery store was recently the scene of a remarkable occurrence. While the store was crowded with customers the air became powerfully charged with electricity and everybody in the building was shocked. A large mastiff was the first to feel the effects of the phenomenon. He came snuffling about the store when he received a shock that caused him to topple over. Hastily picking himself up he broke for the door and when he reached the door plate he felt the force of a bolt that knocked him down again. Two Chinese came chattering into the store, one with rubbers on and the other without, when the Celestial minus the overshoes suddenly pitched forward and fell down as if he had been struck from behind. His imprecations, couched in forcible Chinese dialect, were fearful to listen to. Other enterprising customers felt the force of the electricity and hurried from the building. The probable cause of this curious phenomenon was a wire that had some abnormal contact with the building.

DOWNWARD COURSE.—Portland Sunday Welcome: Indications begin to point to a downward career for Lawyer Dittburn. If he keeps up his present lick he may go the way of other transgressors. It would be better for him that he apply the brakes at once.

No whisper of the Portland custom house ring trial has yet been heard in the editorial rooms of the Oregonian.

The jury that tried Chris. Evans found him guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life. The cold blooded murderer was lucky to escape pulling hemp. He richly deserved that fate.

The stench and stink developed in the trial of the Portland custom house ring of smugglers grow stronger daily. No wonder the Oregonian refuses to mention it editorially. The facts already disclosed effectually down the present leaders of the republican party in the state. It was a case of making all they could of the opportunity.

It is said that many places East of the Cascades are too wet for plowing. If this be a fact there will be one of the largest crops of wheat next year that was ever produced in the inland empire. If the ground is too wet now there is sufficient moisture in the ground to guarantee a crop even if it were to rain no more until next March.

The attempt to pass a dog law in Georgia has been made several times, but has invariably been defeated by the politicians, who are afraid of the influence of the cur, says the Atlanta Journal. In some parts of Georgia sheep raising could be made a profitable industry, but it is now impossible to carry it on without such ravages from the dogs as will make it a losing business. The "yaller" dog is a power in Georgia.

The way of the transgressor is surely hard if he encounters the Vermont liquor law. Here is the case of Harry O'Neil known as the jug case carried to January term of supreme court. The jury ordered that he pay a fine of \$10,000 and be imprisoned in the house of correction for 38,000 days. The case will be taken into the United States supreme court if necessary. This sentence of 38,000 days is equivalent to one hundred and four years, one month and ten days.

Lane county is admirably fitted for diversified farming. Grains, fruits, hops and vegetables grow in profusion, and all kinds of stock thrive on account of the mild climate. Some farmers have one or two hundred acres and some have five or six hundred. Many with large tracts of land have come to town and have a large vegetable, fruit and stock raising place of five or six hundred acres. Such farmers generally fail and they serve nothing else.