

THE INDEPENDENT.

HILLSBORO : : : : : FRIDAY.

Free of Postage.

Under the new postal law subscribers in the county will not have to pay postage on their county paper, so send in your names for the INDEPENDENT.

A Railroad to Astoria.

For nearly a month has the Columbia river been blockaded with ice preventing ships from coming to Portland to discharge their cargoes and stopping the ocean mail. In this condition of things the people naturally turn their minds to some means of communicating with the world that neither ice nor snow would blockade. It is generally conceded, we believe, that a railroad should be built from Winemucca to Eugene City, but even this road, would be subject to blockade in winter. The only reliable channel for continual communication with the world is a railroad from Astoria to this county, connecting with the O. C. R. R. in this county, thence running up the west side of the Willamette to Eugene, communicating with the O. & C. R. R. at Eugene, and being continuous with the Winemucca railway. Such a road would have been in operation now, and we would have had communication with the East as well as the open seaboard at Astoria, had not a Democratic Legislature basely bartered the rights of the people of this State to Ben Holladay. This is a fact that there is no use of denying. A Philadelphia company representing a capital of one hundred millions had representatives out here at that time who were enthusiastic about building the Astoria branch of the road, in view of getting the rich lands and the vast forests between Forest Grove and Astoria. But that is spilled milk now, yet we can't help grinding our teeth when we know that by villainy this enterprise for the immense benefit of Oregon was surrendered to a man who has used the gift to debase our politics, monopolize the fruits of our industries and retard our progress.

Telegraph to Astoria.

Lately the Portland papers have been discussing the project of building a telegraph line from Portland to Astoria down the Columbia river. Some \$8,000 have already been subscribed for the purpose as we understand, but the most feasible route is what troubles the projectors. They have a sort of insane notion that there is a good route somewhere down the river over those high bluffs and through the swamps, sloughs and bayous of the Columbia and we expect that they will ultimately be foolish enough to attempt to put up a line along that uninhabitable route. We would simply suggest to the Portland folks that there is a good route by the way of Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove, thence over the Nehalem mountains and down the Nehalem valley to Astoria through a country which will be settled in half a century, and a good route for a telegraph line. Twenty four miles of the line are already built and of no use at present. Eight thousand dollars would go a long way towards building the rest of the line.

Give Us Your Hand, Gaston.

The Bloody Chasm Bridged.

We can now shake hands with friend Gaston across the bloody chasm. He denounces the monopoly of the telegraphic news by the Oregonian and calls on the Grangers to put down monopolies. Hillsboro, Forest Grove—Washington county! sends greeting and wishes you God-speed in your noble work. (It makes all the difference in the world whose Bull-stin is gored, don't it Gaston?)

QUERY.—Why does the Daily Bulletin come out on the ears in the afternoon now-a-days? Isn't it because that establishment has to wait until the Oregonian is issued before it can get its "Special Dispatches?"

The three convicts who escaped from the Penitentiary at Salem this week have been captured and returned to confinement. Their names are J. D. Brown, Thos. McLane and James Murphy.

Gerrard's Case.

We have no patience with the mania sentiment that demanded the commutation of young Gerrard's sentence on the ground of opposition to capital punishment. The same class will be petitioning the Governor in a twelve month to pardon this bloody-handed youth, and turn him loose among the people to again glut his thirst for blood when his savage propensities find another victim. There were palliating circumstances in his case which, together with the petition of the Judges before whom he was tried, led the Governor, justly we believe, to commute his sentence. He is only 18 years old and the murder he committed was unpremeditated, and then there were aggravating circumstances connected with it that extenuate somewhat the deed. So that if any mercy is just in these capital offenses Gerrard was entitled to it.

But the more we consider the question of the punishment of great criminals, the more we incline to the use of capital punishment as the just corrective for the prevention of crime. As the individual has the right to protect himself with society and the punishment should be inflicted more with a view to the future safety and well being of society than as an expiation for crime committed. There is a conviction growing stronger in the minds of some of our best thinkers that our great criminals should be killed off and thus free society of any possible harm from them in the future, and reduce the expense of courts and prisons. It is objected that society is largely responsible for these felons and therefore should be lenient with them. But society has a greater responsibility than this, and that is the ample protection and purification of its members. That mercy which would shield criminals to the detriment or danger of society is the worst of crimes.

Logic.

"Girls with bloodless skins and intelligent faces may be seen any day by those who desire the spectacle, among the scholars of our higher and normal schools; faces that crown and skins that cover curving spines, which should be straight, and neuralgic nerves that should know no pain," says Dr. Clarke. No one will pretend to say that this picture is overdrawn, but tell us truly, O, worthy doctor, is all this not attributable to the sexual slavery that their mothers, ignorant of physiology, and educated in the belief that they were born to be in subjection to their husbands, endured, and to the constant and severe labor that left these mothers no time for books, rather than to the severe mental application of the daughters?—Dunnway.

The jackass could not appreciate the nightingale's voice, nor could it be expected that a masculine woman would know anything about motherhood. Old mother Gander does not seem to understand that what affects a mother's daughters would affect her sons also; so that if the class of girls in the higher and normal schools that Dr. Clarke speaks of were affected with diseases consequent on the "sexual slavery" of their mothers, as Dunnway asserts, then would the sons, the conditions remaining the same, in the higher and normal schools be afflicted with like maladies; which is not the case.

Such are some of the profound arguments with which Henpecker and her class of loose thinkers assail Dr. Clarke.

On the Ragged Edge.

It is proven that Gaston, ostensible editor of the Bulletin, was the author of one of the Independent "Calls" last Spring urging the people to come out from the old parties and hurl the rings and corruptionists from power. But Gaston is a Radical now of the straightest sect. Bread and butter has a powerful influence in moulding men's politics these hard times, don't it Gaston?

Dunnway says that we were dug up under a rose-bush in our mother's garden, for such a consummate fool could not be born of woman.

Dunnway evidently grew up in her father's cow-lot and is a species of vegetation called by botanists, fungi, or, plain—toad stool, (and she belongs to a species that has not been improved by natural selection either.

ONLY A COUNTRY WEEKLY.

It is only a country weekly! Yes, that is all. But do those who alude to it with an intentional sneer ever reflect upon the duties and mission performed by the poor, obscure country weekly, which is as much, nay more, to its few hundred readers in the country as is the great metropolitan daily to its thousands of readers in the city? Oh, no, they never think of placing any estimation upon the worth of a country paper; it has none within the narrow limits of their superficial and contracted brains. They will not admit of the utility of any form of a newspaper save one which is crammed full of telegraphic dispatches, giving the minute details of some revolting and nauseating social scandal; the hour at which the chamberlain of the imperial palace at Ispahan put his most serene and mighty highness the shah to bed; that the savage Gallas of Abyssinia had abjured the tenets of the Coptic faith, and had bowed down in adoration at the shrine of Mecca's prophet; that the poor, unoffending Paupan of the Celebes were being slaughtered by the Dutch invaders from the neighboring island of Maassar, and so on, in an infinitive variety of detail, all of which is read with an avidity that betokens the importance of these things to a city gentleman. But the financial, commercial, agricultural, religious, and social condition of the millions of his fellow-citizens residing without the environs of his mighty empire of a few miles in area is a sealed book he has never opened its pages to enquire within; he knows nothing of it; put him to the test and you will find he knows more about the condition of the Berbers of Northern Africa than he does about the people in the neighboring county. We turn away from the contemplation of this human superficiality, of which there are thousands, to the practical and common-sense man, who wishes to be informed as to the pursuits, condition, and prospects of the people of his own and immediate State and county. He finds in the rural paper the information he seeks. The county organ is to him the camera lucida which faithfully portrays all that occurs; it is in a great measure the reflex of the character of the people comprising the country wherein it is published. But what is the interest which even he derives from it, compared to that which is felt and entertained by the country people themselves? It is everything to them. In it is found news which they alone probably, can appreciate and understand; information regarding their friends and neighbors, the condition of the crops and market quotations, which to the farmer and tradesman in the country is of primary importance; matters of local consideration wherein they are interested, and a hundred and one different things which affect and interest them, both privately and publicly. The county organ performs another function which can only be effectually done by it. As a medium for advertising it offers facilities which are unsurpassed. By it the farmer, the laborer, and the mechanic become acquainted with the goods and wares of the tradesman; they learn where they can purchase what they desire, and at the lowest prices. The county newspaper is to a county what nutritious food is to a convalescent; it helps to build it up and develop all that is good in it. The county that is without one is like a waste plain without elevation, from which a person desiring to examine the surroundings can make no observations. San Mateo (Cal.) Times.

The Sun's Parallax.

In the recent transit of Venus, says a London dispatch, four calculations were made independently, which gives the sun's parallax as being respectively, 9.6 sec., 9.45 sec., 9.25, and 9.20 sec., the mean being 6.25 seconds. These computations were made by Prof. O. Henricus of University College; Frederick Cutrie, of the Royal School of Mines and Art; and Messrs. Dunkin and Ellis, assistants at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

Based on this information an American astronomer says that the sun's parallax being 9.24 seconds, the sun's distance from the earth is 88,443,726 miles, or 6,926,274 miles

less than the distance made out by Prof. Encke from observations of the previous transit, and three or four millions less than results obtained by more recent measurements. If this ratio were constant, we should require 1,440 years to overcome the entire distance, and fall into the sun; but, as it is certain that our centripetal motion would be vastly accelerated as we got closer within the sphere of the sun's attraction, unless his force should be proportionately decreased or his volume reduced, it is also probable that we should consume very much less time than above given in making the tremendous journey.

Increase of the Public Debt.

The public debt statement for January shows an increase of \$1,308,000; currency balance \$10,343,000; coin balance, \$69,465,084; coin certificates, \$24,655,300; special deposits to secure certificates on deposit, \$45,405,000; outstanding legal tenders, \$382,000,000.

BORN.

At the Columbia Academy, Jan. 29th, to the wife of Curtis P. Parker, a son, At Forest Grove, Jan. 31, 1875, to the wife of Dr. W. H. Saylor, a daughter.

DIED.

Near Centerville, Jan. 30th, 1875, of puerperal fever, Raoda, wife of Levi E. Smith, formerly of Tazewell Co., Illinois. Near Gaston, Mrs. Dixon wife of Joshua Dixon. Near West Union, Jan. 26, 1875 of consumption, Jennina, wife of I. J. Morris, aged 29 years, 9 months and 1 day. Mrs. Morris had moved out to this county recently with her husband for her health but the fatal disease cut her life short. She leaves a little boy and a bereaved husband to mourn her early loss. Mr. Morris herewith expresses his gratitude to the people of West Union for their kindness to his family in their affliction. He especially thanks Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. Bosco, Mrs. Mrazey and Mrs. Lennox.

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Unsettled county, Oregon. All persons having claims said estate are hereby notified to present them with proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the undersigned at the office of Thomas E. Humphreys, Hillsboro Washington county, Oregon, or at my residence six miles northeast of Hillsboro. DAVID LENOX. Nov. 14th 1874.

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