

THE INDEPENDENT.

HILLSBORO, THURSDAY, Dec. 2.

Failure of the Russian Harvest - Its Effect on Prices.

The New York World, on the authority of a German paper of wide circulation and good repute, makes the announcement that the harvest in Russia this year is almost a total failure. This general statement is followed up by details which imply the certainty of a famine in many districts unless relief is provided by the Government.

People who lived in California in the notable famine year of 1864, can imagine what would have been the measure of our distress if the State's population had then been five millions instead of five hundred thousand souls. It was with the greatest difficulty that the wolf was kept from the doors of the poor of the farming districts, even with our thin population.

The cattle starved by tens of thousands on the plains, and but for the tulle pastures we should have been as destitute of meats as of grain. At the low estimate of five bushels a year to the inhabitant, it will require 300,000,000 bushels to feed the 60,000,000 people who inhabit the country of European Russia.

A failure to produce half the amount of these figures would be enough to cause a famine in many districts and very general distress throughout the Empire. The Government of Russia is always short of money. It is a vast country, rich in rivers, in lands, and counting more population than any other two of the greatest nations on the continent of Europe; but it is poor in resources and in money.

The masses have just emerged from serfage, are lacking in enterprise—agriculturists without machinery, of the ancient Egyptian order, plowing with sharpened sticks and harvesting with sickles. Commerce and manufactures are in the incipient stage. Such a nation, when stricken down by a great calamity like this, becomes stolid, and succumbs to fate without an effort.

The Government must stretch forth its hand to aid them, as the English did the Hindoos two years ago, or they perish. The rule in a despotism is to find out about how much taxation the subjects can stand, and then collect it inexorably. And when, as now in Russia, they can stand little or nothing, the Government must borrow both to sustain itself and to feed the starving.

Local Option or Nothing.

Gov. Ferry of Washington Territory has signed a law amending the license law of that Territory so that the applicant for a license will have to get an actual majority of all the legal voters in the precinct before his petition can be granted.

Now if the friends of temperance would quit frittering and fooling away their time trying to get a prohibitory law and concentrate their efforts on amending our license law they might accomplish something for the good of the rising generation.

ELECTION RETURNS. THE STATE-OFFICIAL. Table with columns for Counties, Votes, and Candidates.

Wheat. LONDON, Nov. 29.—The Mark Lane Express' review of the grain markets for the past week says England has had a dragging trade with occasional decline, owing chiefly to the want of condition in samples in Holland and Belgium.

RED CROSS.—The Supreme Convention of the order of the Red Cross have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Supreme Commander—A. C. McDougall, of California.

H. W. SCOTT, Collectors of Customs for Portland, O N Denny, Collector of Internal revenue, Ben Simpson, Surveyor General, and several other U. S. officials at Portland have gone to Washington City.

The wreck of a schooner named Sunshine was discovered near Cape Hancock at the mouth of the Columbia river last week. It is supposed that the Captain and crew are lost.

O. H. Kelley, secretary of the National Grange, says that granges are being organized now at the rate of about eighty per month; that would be an increase of about two thousand and four hundred members for every thirty days.

OREGON ENTERPRISE!

THE OREGON FURNITURE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

What Energetic Persistence, Business Ability and Patient Labor, are doing for the City and State.

In the midst of the general complaint of dull times, it is encouraging to know there is, at least, one company of energetic men who are doing their utmost, by practice and example, to lead the business interests of the State toward a period of independent prosperity.

A few minutes' walk from the warehouse and sales-rooms, in a four-story brick and stone building, 50x100 feet, at the corner of First and Yamhill streets. The first street front is finished with magnificent French plate glass windows, in one of which a whole suite of furniture may be displayed.

The company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon, with a nominal capital of \$100,000, but they are actually employing more.

The works are situated at the corner of Front and Madison streets where the company own and occupy half a block of ground, with a fine water front. The grounds are improved with lumber sheds, dry hoyses and other out-buildings, while the main building, built of brick, is three stories and basement 30x80 feet on the ground.

In the rear of the main building fronting the river is a large, two-story building, on the main floor of which the varnishing is mainly done. On the floor above, the moldings, brackets and carvings, manufactured by the company, are finished and stored till wanted in other departments.

A comfortable office invites attention near the front entrance. Polite and attentive clerks await you as you enter the building, and take pride in escorting you through the establishment. It makes no difference whether you are seeking to buy anything or not, you are cordially welcomed to look through the whole of the building, examine and admire everything to your heart's content.

The main floor is really the bee-hive of the establishment. Here a three-inch plank is handled, planed, cut and turned about by the powerful machinery as though it were a match. The heaviest plank or the lightest piece of bracket stuff are handled and brought to the required shape with equal facility.

The merchants and tradesmen of all kinds in the city should lend their kindly influence and assistance to this enterprise. In fact, assisting such enterprises in our midst is helping ourselves.—Portland Daily Bee.

out below and giving them the first impressions of the finishing process. The company employ a skilled draughtsman and pattern-maker, who acts also as foreman of this department.

The fourth floor is occupied by the carvers, four or five of which are constantly employed, and the finishers. The gluing and veneering are also done here; and the veneer "dryers," heated by steam coils are so arranged as to insure the most perfect uniformity in the work.

Entering the basement we find all kinds of the cheaper goods made by the company, in the "knock-down" form, assorted and stored in such regular order that any piece can be taken out; and yet the place is so full that nothing more could apparently be put into it.

An elevator takes you from the basement to the fourth floor, where all goods are first received on coming from the factory. Everything is inspected here, and nothing allowed to go into the sales-rooms till it is known to be perfect in make and finish.

Descending to the third floor you arrive in a very palace of splendor, filled with sofas, lounges, tete-a-tetes and easy chairs of oriental magnificence. Chamber suites meet the eye in black walnut, ash, maple, spruce and balm of gilead—all but the first named Oregon wood—made from the most graceful and chaste designs, and finished to a perfection that would cause the most fastidious to exclaim with delight, "How complete!"

The upholstery and mattress department is in a building to the rear and outside of the main building, and greater safety from danger of fire from the light material used is thereby secured.

The street floor is properly divided into two departments. On one hand are displayed the more commonly called-for articles of household use. "A place for everything, and everything in its place," though not ostensibly displayed, is evidently the motto of the house, for everything is arranged with nicety, so as to occupy the smallest possible amount of room and at the same time show itself to the best advantage.

A comfortable office invites attention near the front entrance. Polite and attentive clerks await you as you enter the building, and take pride in escorting you through the establishment. It makes no difference whether you are seeking to buy anything or not, you are cordially welcomed to look through the whole of the building, examine and admire everything to your heart's content.

The merchants and tradesmen of all kinds in the city should lend their kindly influence and assistance to this enterprise. In fact, assisting such enterprises in our midst is helping ourselves.—Portland Daily Bee.

THE STATE.

The new Masonic Hall, Dallas, will soon be ready for occupancy. It will be the finest in the county. A letter from Weston to the Spirit says: "There has been more wheat sown in this vicinity this fall than ever before and hundreds of acres are broken and ready to sow when the little winter that is now upon us shall succumb to the bright rays of a warm sun."

The Superintendent of the Oregon Quartz Mill and Mining Co., on Galice creek, reports about 4,000 tons of pay ore in sight. The new mill had commenced crushing, and would reduce 10 to 12 tons per day. It is estimated the ore will work from \$20 to \$35 per ton.

The whole number of legal voters in Tillamook county is 162; males 21 and over 145; do under 21 and over ten years, 58; do under ten years, 87. Females 18 years and upward, 93; do under 18 and over 10 years, 48; do under ten years, 80. Total population, 528. Acres under cultivation, 1,732; bushels wheat raised, 537; oats, 275; barley, 1,136; potatoes, 2,309; apples, 5,000; rye, 20; tons hay, 1,740; pounds wool, 2,427; No. sheep, 902; hogs, 626; horses, 330; cattle, 1,311; pounds tobacco, 814; feet of lumber, 211,349; baskets oysters, 850; pounds cheese 300; do butter, 22,675.

In Clatsop county the number of voters is 552; males 21 and upward, 572; do under 21 and over ten years, 159; do under ten years, 210. Females 18 years and upward, 326; do under 18 and over ten years, 167. Total population, 1,546. Acres under cultivation, 1,578; bushels oats, 5,250; do potatoes 3,200; do apples, 6,430; tons of hay, 1,091; pounds wool, 4,730; bushels corn, 20; sheep, 1,091; hogs, 111; horses 77; cattle, 942; cases salmon, 80,000; feet of lumber, 1,500,000; barrels salmon 700; pounds cheese, 200; do butter, 14,409.

The census report for Josephine county, shows as follows: Legal voters, 334; males, 21 and upward, 340; do under 21 years and over 10; 150; do under ten years, 178. Females 18 years and upward, 184; do under 18 and over 10 years 95; do under 10 years, 185. Total population, 1,132. Acres under cultivation, 6,269; bushels wheat, 16,000; oats, 9,280; barley 3,046; rye, 50; corn, 5,710; potatoes, 10,575; apples 10,326; tons hay, 2,888; pounds wool, 19,349; sheep, 2,917; hogs, 1,988; horses, 793; cattle, 4,010; mules, 30; pounds tobacco, 635; feet lumber, 45,000; pounds butter, 8,500.

A lazy man's chair has been invented in Vermont. It is adjusted to a wagon, and all a man has to do is to drive down for the mail, and when he gets back the butter has come. A witty eastern journal thinks it will be a bargain for whatever city gets the next National Democratic convention.

"Come, my little fellow," said a Washington gentleman to a youngster of five years while a large company were assembled: "Do you know me?" "Yeth thit!" Who am I? Let me hear." "You thit the man who kithed mamma when papa was in New York."

"I wasn't so very late—only a quarter of twelve." How dare you sit there and tell me that lie? I was awake when you came in and looked at my watch—it was 3 o'clock. "Well, isn't three a quarter of twelve?" Examiner (Divine of the Old School)—Name an instance of benevolence and design united in the native productions of a specified soil. Candidate—The growth in Spain and Portugal of the cork-tree, coincident with that of the vines yielding port or sherry. Examiner—Very good indeed, sir. I trust that you will be a bishop. [Candidate passes with flying colors.]

They were husband and wife, and as they stood before the Soldier's Monument she asked: "What's that finger on the top?" "That's a goddess," he answered. "And what's a goddess?" "A woman who holds her tongue," he replied. She looked sideways at him and began planning to make a peach pie with the bits in for the benefit of his sore tooth.—Detroit Free Press.

As one of the dozen old women who drive milk carts around Detroit was crossing the Campus Martius yesterday afternoon, a chap, wearing lavender pantaloons and a bright blue necktie, motioned for her to stop, and then approached her and enquired: "Do you put water in your milk?" "Yes sir," was the prompt reply. "Ah, ha! So you own right up, do you?" he asked. "Yes sir." Her prompt reply rather staggered him, but after some hesitation he asked: "And what makes you do it?" "Because thit's much healthier for calves when half and half," she retorted. She waited for him to ask another question, but he couldn't think of any.

ELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

From London comes more rumors of war, to grow out of the Eastern question. The British fleet in the Mediterranean will be increased.

England has bought of the Khediva \$20,000,000 of the Suez canal stock. The London Times favors the purchase of the whole of it, more as a political than a financial advantage to the Nation.

At a big Indian Council at Standing Rock Sunday, the Missouri Indians, who are 70 per cent of the Black Hills tribes, resolved to sell to the whites—convinced that they will take the country anyhow.

A London telegram of Nov. 10th says: The estimated damage done in London and neighborhood by high tides to-day will reach half \$5,000,000. Woolwich Arsenal Grounds are partly submerged.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—A Washington special says the political ax will fall in the Interior Department to-day. A great number of removals will be made for cause. In the Indian bureau alone about 20 clerks will be dismissed. This embraces all whom recent investigations have led Secretary Chandler to suspect have any connection with rings of any sort. There will be many removals in all other bureaus.

Missou, Jan. 28, November, 27. —Quite a heavy shock of earthquake was experienced here at half past four o'clock this morning. The earthquake had the effect of bursting the water pipes running through town.

A lamp explosion in Casden N. J., Thursday night caused Laura Clew, aged 18, to leap from the second story window, by which she was killed; her mother was burned so badly that she died, and her brother was also severely injured by the flames.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—6 A. M.—A special from Vienna reports that no reassuring news from Kholand was received at St. Petersburg yesterday. It is feared that the majority of the smaller Russian garrisons have already been massacred and that Kholand is surrounded by the natives.

JACKSONVILLE, Oreg., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Caroline Briggs, convicted at the June term of the circuit court in this county for the murder of John Delaneter, was taken, in company with her son, David Briggs, to the penitentiary at Salem, to-day. Mrs. Briggs' case was taken before and affirmed by the Supreme Court in September. David was tried here at the present term of court and sentenced yesterday to five years imprisonment. His mother's sentence was the same.

A special from Oleson to the Times asserts that the battle at Riva really resulted in a positive defeat for the Turks, who, in their official dispatches of the 17th, claimed that they routed the insurgents.

The Journal of Education says: "It does not matter so much what you call it, only so that you organize some gathering and bring the people out and together. It may be a singing school—a debating club—a reading club—a legislature—a court—anything so as to get together for mutual improvement and a friendly fraternal interchange of opinion. Let original and selected pieces be read, some recitations be given and good will be done. The Patrons of Husbandry are doing a good work in this direction."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wm. Pfunder, APOTHECARY AND CHEMIST, Ankeny New Market Theatre Block, Cor. of First & Ash Streets, Portland, Or. dec1m6.

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL. The Winter session will commence MONDAY, Dec. 6th, 1876, for a term of twelve weeks. Tuition \$5 00. D. M. C. GAULT, Principal.

Notice. OWING TO AN UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCE I will be indefinitely detained in Hillsboro and any of my friends wishing my services while remaining here will find me at my place of business as usual. JOHN VITE, M. D. n25d

Estray Notice. STRAYED FROM MY PLACE A HORSE sorrel filly with a white strip in the forehead and one white hind foot and a year and a half old. Any person who will send me word of her whereabouts or bring her to me at my farm will be liberally rewarded. HANS RASMUSSEN. Reedville, Nov. 23, 1876. n25d

LOOK HERE! If you want anything in the Grocery line, from a barrel of Sugar down to a Nut Meg!

NUTS, CANDIES, CRYSTERS, CRACKERS, CANNED FRUITS, Or anything kept in a First-Class Grocery Store. Call at the Post Office and get them cheaper than ever. I Mean Business. Mary A. Brown.

TOWN ORDINANCES. ORDINANCE NO. 17. An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain streets and avenues in the town of Forest Grove. The People of the Town of Forest Grove do ordain as follows: SECTION 1. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Ordinance No. 16, passed April 19th, 1875, the following assessments are made against the lots and parts of lots named and numbered as follows, and the Receiver is instructed to enter the same in the "Docket of the Town Lists."

Lot No. 1 and south half of Lot 2 in Block No. 7 owned by Malachi Johnson, assessed \$25; Lot No. 3 in Block No. 8 owned by T. A. & P. U., assessed \$13; Lot No. 4 in Block No. 8 owned by H. Lyman, assessed \$25; Lots Nos. 1 & 4 in Block No. 19 owned by Montgomery, assessed \$25; Lot No. 4 in Block No. 20 owned by Clark heirs, assessed \$5; west half of lots 3 & 4 in Block No. 21 owned by Percy Keeler, assessed \$7; Lot No. 4 in Block 22 owned by Geo. Chandler, assessed \$3; lot No. 1 in block No. 23 owned by H. Black, assessed \$10; lot No. 4 in block No. 23 owned by H. Black, assessed \$8; lot No. 1 in block No. 24 owned by Wills, assessed \$5; lot No. 2 in block No. 25 owned by H. Black, assessed \$10; lot No. 27, assessed \$7; lots No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 in block No. 28 owned by J. Parker, assessed \$20; lot No. 3 in block No. 29 owned by J. Washington, assessed \$5; lot No. 1 in block No. 30 owned by unknown, assessed \$13; lot No. 1 in block No. 31 owned by E. Matthews, assessed \$5; lots nos. 2 & 3 in block No. 32 owned by T. A. & P. U., assessed \$4; lot No. 4 in block No. 33 owned by T. A. & P. U., assessed \$3; lot No. 3 in block No. 30 owned by O. Eaton, assessed \$5; lots nos. 2 & 3 in block No. 38 owned by S. H. Marsh, assessed \$2; one fourth of lot No. 2 in block No. 39 lying west of part of said lot owned by S. H. Marsh and supposed to be owned by R. Welch, assessed \$5; lot No. 4 in block No. 40 owned by unknown, assessed \$5; lot No. 1 in block No. 41 owned by T. A. & P. U., assessed \$5; west half of lot No. 3 in block No. 41 owned by N. Martin, assessed \$10; west half of lot No. 3 in block No. 41 owned by W. M. Cloud, assessed \$8; east side of Oak Avenue adjacent to lands owned by T. A. & P. U., assessed \$5; north 200 feet of lot No. 3 in block No. 1 in Walker's Addition owned by S. H. Marsh, assessed \$2; lot No. 1 in block No. 5 in Walker's Addition, owned by J. N. Campbell, assessed \$4; lots nos. 2 & 3 in block No. 2 in Saylor's Addition, owned by John Gleason, assessed \$15; lot No. 3 in block No. 3 owned by H. Lyman, assessed \$3.

SECTION 2. If any person owning the lots or grounds against which the foregoing assessments are made, shall within thirty days make the improvements on the street or streets on which said lots or grounds are in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 13, such improvement shall be accepted in liquidation of the above assessed lots and grounds; otherwise said lots will be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the Amended Charter of the town of Forest Grove. A. O. S. WATTS, Pres. Board Trust.

A. L. JOHNSON, Recorder.