

THE INDEPENDENT.

Thursday, January 11, 1877.

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.

Latest dispatches from California confirm the general opinion that the State must suffer a disastrous drouth this year. Already in portions of the State the wheat and even grass has died and is dying, and the grain will have to be re-sown should rain come, for a crop. On the Coast below San Francisco stock are suffering and some stockmen are killing their stock to save them from drouth starvation. The thermometer on the 6th inst stood at 83° in the shade in interior counties, and it was unusually warm at San Francisco. Should no rain fall this month, even though with rain in February or March the crops will be light and Oregon will have a market in California for all her surplus grain. And should there be a war in Europe, which is somewhat doubtful now, wheat will sell next fall at \$1.50 a bushel. With a drouth in California it will not be much less than a dollar a bushel. Our farmers are very active and hopeful in view of the present price of wheat—\$1.25 per bushel—and are sowing every available acre in wheat. We have had more than a month without rain all of which time the plows have been running and Washington county will have a larger acreage this year than ever before. This activity among the farmers presages good times next fall, even if wheat should bring but 75 cents.

PETITION TO THE CITY FATHERS

With wheat and grass burning up under a summer sun in California, and snow a foot or more deep and the thermometer below zero in the Eastern States, Oregonians ought to feel content with the grass and grain growing and the plows running in January. A gentleman who moved into this county last fall, says, "why even Oregon mud looks good!" and he intends to send for his family and urge friends to come to this paradise. This gentleman's preference is offset however, by an immigrant living in Hillsboro who is disgusted with the country and sighs for the clime where the stormy winds blow and the deep snows fall. Like the wife who after her husband died did not feel right because she no longer received her weekly basting, this immigrant having thawed out in W. boat long for his regular freeze. Now we hereby petition our City Fathers to levy a tax on Hillsboro to buy a refrigerator for this individual so that he may be able to freeze his extremities once a week during the remainder of the winter. But then he would be dissatisfied next summer without the Eastern heats, and it would be necessary to erect a hot house for his benefit; and likely he would want to go on Arctic exploration to chat wicicles off of the North Pole next winter, all of which would be expensive.

The Walla Walla Watchman of Dec. 20th says: "As we go to press the first snow of the season is falling and the merry jingle of sleigh bells is heard on our streets. We have had for the last three weeks the most remarkable frost that was ever known in the valley. The air for some ten miles around our city is thick with fog, which settles down creating frost until it has become almost like snow. The telegraph wires along Main street are as large as a two-inch rope; at Dayton, Weston and up on the mountains, the air is clear and our neighbors are basking in the sunshine, rejoicing that they are not wandering in darkness like the Walla Wallians. This very peculiar and disagreeable weather appears to be confined to a small belt from Walla Walla to the Columbia river. The thermometer has ranged all the time from 8 to 12 above zero.

A letter from Sheridan to the Reporter, says: "There is considerable sickness in this vicinity, and the gloom of death is upon many families. Mr. Ed DuVal, of Gopher valley, has two children down with diphtheria; Mrs. Dargherly is very low with typhoid fever, and Uncle Jack DeLashmutt, of Sheridan, is lingering along betwixt life and death with the latter disease.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 4.—The Montreal express on the Grand Trunk railway was drenched in snow about 50 miles from here this morning, and several persons badly hurt. None of the passengers were killed or seriously injured, but were badly shaken up.

Ripe raspberries were picked from the bushes at Olympia on the 2d inst.

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF HORRORS.

Over One Hundred Persons Launched Into Eternity.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Times Cleveland special says: About 8 o'clock this evening an express train on the Lake Shore Railway went through the bridge a quarter of a mile east of Ashtabula station, where the road crosses Ashtabula creek. The train included eleven cars and was drawn by two engines. A blinding snow storm was falling and driven before the furious gale, making it impossible to see more than a short distance. Of the eleven cars, six were coaches and contained diningroom cars, all of which went down the plunge of seventy-five feet. As far as can now be learned, there were 175 passengers on the train, of whom between 30 and 40 were killed outright. A special train, with the officers of the road and all the physicians that could be hastily summoned and appliances for the care of the wounded left Cleveland at 9 o'clock. The Conductor of the train was in the baggage car, and is safe. The driver of one of the engines, Folsom by name, had his leg broken. No cause for the accident can be ascertained.—The train while moving slowly broke through the bridge. The cold and storm are very severe and the work of recovering the bodies progresses slowly. The scene is described as terrible beyond precedent.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Tribune's special from Ashtabula says: The proportions of the Ashtabula horror are not approximately known.—Daylight revealed nothing save that two out every three on the train are lost. Of the 170 whom the Conductor reports as having been on board, but 59 can be accounted for. The disaster is dramatically complete; no element of horror is wanting; first the crash of the bridge, the agonizing moment of suspense, as seven laden cars plunged down the fearful leap to the icy river bed, then the fire which came to devour all who had been left alive by the crash, then the water which gurgled up from under the broken ice and offered another form of death, finally the biting blast, filled with snow which froze and benumbed those who had escaped fire and water.—The iron work was a single span, 159 feet long, crossed by a double track, 70 feet above the water. The descent into the valley on either side was precipitous, and as the billboards are piled with heavy drifts of snow, there was no little difficulty in reaching the wreck after the disaster became known.

As the bridge fell, the driver of the locomotive in front had given it a quick-head of steam, which tore its draw head from the tender and liberated the engine, which shot forward and buried itself in the snow; the other locomotive was drawn backward by the falling train and tumbled over the pier and fell, bottom upward, on the express car behind. Engineer Folsom escaped with a broken leg. There is no death list to report; there can be none until the list of missing ones who travelled by the Lake Shore road on Friday is made up. There are no remains that can ever be identified. Three charred shapeless lumps were recovered up to noon today, but they are beyond all hope of recognition. For the rest, there are piles of white ashes, in which glister crumbling particles of calcined bones, in other places, masses of black, charred debris, half under water, which contain fragments of bodies, but nothing of human semblance.—It is thought there may be a few corpses under the ice, as there were men and women who sprang into the water and sank, but none are thus far recovered.

Another Catastrophe.

Long Island, Dec. 30.—At 4 a. m. the ship Circassian went ashore on the bar of Bridge Hampton, on the South Shore of Long Island, and was entirely broken up by the south easterly gale and lost, together with 29 lives. The Circassian went ashore in a storm on the night of the 11th inst. At that time the crew and officers were saved. The storm of yesterday caught 34 men employes of the Coast Wrecking Company, on board, and a short time after midnight the ship went to pieces with an awful crash. According to account four survivors washed ashore this morning, most dead than alive, on fragments of the wreck. No one of the remaining 34 have been seen or heard from up to the present time, and there is little doubt all have perished.

THE OREGON CASE.

Cronin Tells how Much he was Paid.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Cronin, the Oregon elector, testified before the Senate committee to day. He said he had made no arrangement with any person whereby certificates were to be handed to him by the Secretary of State; he was convinced he was lawfully appointed in place of Watts, and put the certificates in his pocket because he was afraid they would be taken from him by Odell and others. He had refused to come to Washington as messenger unless he should receive three thousand dollars as expenses, and the money was furnished him. He supposed the money was raised among Oregon Democrats by subscription.

Bellinger, chairman of the Democratic committee, informed witnesses the day before he started for Washington that the (Bellinger) had \$2,800, and in addition to the \$2,000, the \$3,000 required was raised, and a note signed by Bellinger and witness which was deposited at the banking house of Ladd & Tilton, at Portland, Oregon. Tilton is a New Yorker, and his politics are unknown to witness. Know a man named Patrick; met him in the office of Judge Strong at Portland. Patrick lives at Omaha. Bellinger met witness on the street at Portland about 10 days previous to the meeting of the electoral college and informed him that a gentleman wished to see him (Cronin) at the office of Judge Strong. He refused to go, and told Bellinger that whatever was done in this electoral matter must be done by one other than himself. Witness afterwards went to Strong's office and met Patrick, who said he had heard witness had said if a certificate of elector was issued to him would not act, but witness informed Patrick he had changed his mind, and Patrick said witness if Tilton is President, he will give you anything you want. Witness informed Patrick that if he (Patrick) was acquainted with Tilton, he might tell him he had nothing to give which he (Cronin) wanted. Witness was a little angry at Patrick for talking in such a manner. Patrick informed witness he supposed reason Patrick had been sent to Oregon was that he was the farthest one West. Witness didn't know what Patrick meant. He had heard that Patrick is superintendent of a mine in Colorado. Patrick said nothing about money in his interview with witness; witness never saw Patrick, except on the occasion before mentioned, and had no conversation with Bellinger about Patrick. Witness has read no messages from the East in relation to the election matter before seeing Patrick. Witness knows of a Dinon in New York; thinks he is a banker. After the electoral college has met and adjourned, witness saw a dispatch, signed Bristow, which said: "It is important that the returns of Oregon should be promptly made up and sent to their destination. Ladd & Tilton have a banking house at Portland, and Ladd & Bush have one at Salem, and E. & C. E. Tilton, of 115 Liberty street, New York, are correspondents of the Oregon Lumbering house above mentioned. Witness received a draft for money for expenses, between 4 and 5 o'clock P. M. on the 8th of December, in Ladd & Tilton's bank, from Manager Quackenbush. There were three drafts, one on New York and two on California banks. The \$2,800 was not tendered witness in cash. Dinon's name is mentioned in the draft on New York, which is for \$2,100. Witness did say at first he would not act as elector if the certificate was given him, but changed his mind after looking up the law, and after hearing of the actions of the South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana returning boards. In answer to Kerman, witness stated he canvassed the State with Watts, and they closed the canvass together at Portland. Watts being postmaster had been mentioned in both the affidavits in a joice way at public meetings. Witness knew Watts was ineligible as an elector before the election, but said nothing about it.

W. M. Turner on the Stand.

William M. Turner, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office, Jacksonville, Oregon, was the next witness answering. He says that he saw the man whom he supposed was Patrick pass through Jacksonville on the stage, on the 26th November. Klippel lives at Jacksonville, but witness did not know of Patrick and Klippel's meeting at Jacksonville. Senator Morton then asked: Do you know of any dispatches in relation to Patrick having passed over your wire? Witness—I cannot divulge anything passing on the wire. Q.—What do you know about \$3,000 being transmitted from New York to Oregon by telegraph? Answer—I don't know anything that I can divulge. Q.—Did a dispatch in regard to Dimon pass over your wire? A.—I decline to answer. Q.—Did Dimon telegraph to Ladd & Tilton, of Portland, to draw \$3,000 on him, between Nov. 25th and first Wednesday in December? A.—I decline to answer. Q.—I ask if you know anything in regard to another sum of \$1,700 telegraphed previously to the \$3,000, and from A. E. and C. E. Tilton, of New York, to this same firm at Portland? A.—I decline to answer. Adjourned.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed and qualified in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, executor of the last will and testament of Thomas Francis, dec'd, all persons having claims against the estate of said dec'd are hereby required to present them with the proper vouchers to me at my residence near Corvallis, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. January 31, A. D. 1877. WM. REEVES, Administrator. jan11

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been by the Hon. County Court of the County of Washington, State of Oregon, duly appointed Administrator of the estate of J. L. Hicklin, deceased, of said county. All persons having claims against the estate above named, are required to present them to the undersigned at his residence in Washington County, Oregon, within six months of the date hereof. W. C. HICKLIN, Administrator of the Estate of J. L. Hicklin, dec'd. Hillsboro, Dec. 8, 1876. Dec. 14th.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for Washington county, administrator of the estate of Geo. N. Barrett, late of said county, dec'd. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them within 6 months from this date with the proper vouchers to the undersigned administrator for allowance at his residence in Hillsboro in said county and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. MARY BARRETT, Hillsboro, December 4th, 1876. G. N. HALE, Administrator of the estate of Geo. N. Barrett, dec'd. T. W. Pittenger, Att'y for Estate. dec21wd.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS BEEN appointed by the county court of the State of Oregon for Washington county, administrator of the estate of John Vite late of said county, dec'd. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them within 6 months from this date with the proper vouchers to the undersigned administrator for allowance at his residence in Hillsboro in said county and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. G. N. HALE, Administrator of the estate of John Vite, dec'd. T. W. Pittenger, Att'y for Estate. dec21wd.

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