

ORNEY REED, who murdered Jas. Ryan at Fort Bidwell, Cal., on Christmas night, was on trial at New York last Monday in the multiple murder trial that place on the 9th.

JONES BOND, the well-known ship builder, died at New York last Monday of cancer. Alice Oates, the well-known opera singer, died on the same day at Philadelphia.

SEVERAL of our Oregon contemporaries issued special holiday editions, which were quite excellent. The new-year number of the Oregonian was the best ever issued on the west coast.

GEOVANNI P. FLORES was inaugurated on Wednesday, in the presence of a large audience. His inaugural address was a very able and quite original one, full of good sense and of valuable suggestions.

ATLANTA GENERAL GARLAND has refused to allow the two-hundred bill of the republicans to pass for a vote in the senate. He has also refused to allow the bill to pass for a vote in the house.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is very queer that wool brought a less price in 1887 than the tariff upon it, and that now with a less duty of 10 per cent. on it than in that year the price has almost doubled.

SENATOR THOMAS STEWART rises to remark on the solemnity of a staff of law, that "people are impressed with the idea that American industry should be protected." But good heavens, man, it is left over 40 per cent., maintained for twenty-four years, doesn't afford "protection," what would it afford under the highest tariff in the world?

SENATOR McPHERSON made a very effective argument in favor of free raw material in citing the prosperous condition of the silk manufacturing industry at Patterson, N. J. With the advantage of free raw material, he said that the silk manufacturers at that place were in a most flourishing condition, and that they were selling silk even in Lyons, France, the very heart of the silk manufacture.

BLANE had 900 majority in a caucus, and now the Democrats carry it by the 2000 for governor and congress-man. Blane had 40,000 in Minnesota and now the Republicans have 2000. And so we might go through the whole list and show conclusively that Democrats carry the caucus, while Republicans carry the election.

WASHINGTON discloses some secret history which will prove of interest to the public. The conspiracy of certain anti-Democratic forces, formed to discredit and break down the administration of President Cleveland, is fully exposed, and the personal grievances which resulted in the discreditable course explained. Mr. Cleveland has himself explained the matter, and when that party shall be restored to the White House, its integrity, preferring his own self-respect and the confidence of the people to the puffs of editors who want to fill the offices and run his administration. It will be seen in his denunciation that the people are not fools, and will not take part against honest and able executive that the spies of the dispartiment are as they are.

THE NEW VESSELS are to be made out of American material, except in one item which is not manufactured in the United States. Responsible American firms are to build them, and the cruiser will be able to cruise, the war vessels to fight. They will be better vessels than those of the same class in European navies. The eagerness with which such firms as the Cramp of Philadelphia, and the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, except the bids show that these American firms have confidence in their own ability and integrity. Secretary Whitney has the plans for the largest war ship in the world, and is having torpedoes and dynamite vessels built. This is the Democratic record. Compare it with the record of the party that in 16 years spent \$400,000,000, and left a navy that ranks for fighting purposes with the navy of the Sandwich Islands, and far behind those of China, Japan, or any one else.

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SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

The following decision of the supreme court, says the Salem Statesman, in a case appealed from Clatsop county, will be found to be of interest to those who have dealings with sheriffs. It settles the question of constructive fees. The facts of the case are stated in the opinion:

The only question presented in this case involves the construction of the following provision in the act of the legislature of 1855, p. 121, fixing sheriff's fees: "For all suits of money actually made on at process and returned to the clerk, under \$100, three per centum on all sums over \$100, two per centum."

In this case the plaintiff had in the property, and the amount of his bid was credited on the execution, so that no money was in fact paid except about \$74. This included all costs and disbursements in the case, except the sheriff's commissions on the sale. The question presented is: Is the amount of money bid by the plaintiff at the execution sale a sum of money actually made on at process and returned to the clerk? If so, then the sheriff is entitled to the commission claimed. Otherwise, he is not.

It seems to us that there is no sum of money actually made, nor was there any sum actually returned to the clerk. Both of these conditions must exist before the sheriff is entitled to a commission. In other words, there has uniformly adopted the rule of strict construction, as applied to laws and costs, and in such cases the statute must be construed in favor of the party not making the claim.

In this case the sheriff charged and received the sum of \$74, and returned it to the plaintiff. In such a case, the sheriff is not entitled to a commission. The plaintiff is entitled to a return of the money, and the sheriff is entitled to his costs.

By the end of this week, it is expected that the bill will be laid to rest. In a short time, the Oregon stage will be a thing of the past, in coming through by special conveyance from the railroad.

Scoble's train of teams which returned from Willamette to Edgewater, passed through here again for Willamette Creek last Thursday loaded with tools, tents, Chinamen and other apparatus required for the Yreka route owing to the wheels going to the hubs in the ground above the railroad road, over the red hills.

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RAILROAD NEWS.

Rails have been laid some distance this side of Starvation, and very little grading is needed the balance of the distance to Shasta river, which will be performed by those connected with the construction following along as the track is put down. The grading from Shasta river to Klamath river is being hurried along as rapidly as possible, as timber, cement and other materials are required before any progress can be made in building the bridge at Shasta river.

The late rain storms have softened the ground to render slow work in grading, especially in the adobe region between Willow Creek and Klamath river.

We anticipate that work will soon be commenced at the Oregon terminus, now that the Southern Pacific Co. has secured the Oregon road. The Oregon road was undoubtedly certain of falling into the hands of the Southern Pacific, when railroad work was resumed above Delta, and the incentive for completing the road between San Francisco and Portland. With this road completed, the Southern Pacific will be able to deliver freight and passengers in Portland at same rates as the Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific, which will eventually raise the Northern Pacific to build a road between San Francisco and Portland.

Some of the men who returned from the Yreka route, and secured local business on a new route where no other line is built.

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THE MARKETS.

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