The Democratic Times

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THE legislature will adjourn one week from to-morrow. How long, oh! Lord, how long!

THE death of J. B. Montgomery of Portland, a member of the lower house of the legislature, is expected, if it has not already taken place.

THE legislatures of Oregon and Washington have recommended Henry Failing to the president as a fit person to succeed Secretary Windom. We second the motion.

WHAT is troubling the Republican bosses is the fact that the high tariff robs poor Republicans as well as poor Democrats. If it only robbed Democrats it would be a grand thing and no questions asked.

THE house has passed a bill appropriating $50,000 for the world's fair, and the state senate will also act favorably thereon. The amount should be doubled, as it will not be possible to make much of a display with the above sum.

GREAT will be the waste of paper and ink, to say nothing of brain tissue, during the present session of the legislature. The number of bills which have been introduced up to last Monday was only 503—220 in the senate and 283 in the house.

SAN FRANCISCO still cherishes the hope that one day it will have the benefit of competition with the Southern Pacific system. It is once more reported on seemingly good authority that the Santa Fe company has secured an inlet to the bay city.

FRED. DUBOIS' seat in the U. S. senate is threatened, many claiming his election is illegal. A majority of the Idaho legislators are of the same opinion, as they have elected Judge Claggett to succeed him. The Democratic members all voted for the Judge.

THE silver men are "in the dumps" because Speaker Reed and his lieutenants are doing everything to prevent a vote on the free-coinage bill in the house, and because the president threatens to veto any bill providing for the free coinage. The gold bugs seem to be in the saddle.

THE house has passed a bill amending the assessment laws of the state. It is quite voluminous and makes some radical changes. The state senate will doubtless engraft numbers of amendments, so that it is impossible to tell now what the provisions of the law will be.

A VERY successful tableau entertainment was recently given in New York, the subjects being taken from illustrations in the current magazines. The idea is a simple one, and if the subjects are well chosen it can be made very interesting. The *Century* Company has prepared a list of suitable pictures with suggestions for any one who wishes to get up the entertainment. They will send it free on request.

GUATEMALA is preparing to resume hostilities against San Salvador, and with this end in view has perfected the alliance, offensive and defensive, with Honduras. The Central American republics are never happy unless engaged in active hostilities, and as their little disagreements do not affect the rest of the world, to any great extent, not much interest is taken outside of their territory when they prepare for a new skirmish.

THE petition asking the legislature to memorialize congress to institute a new land office district, to be composed of Klamath and a portion of this county, was not circulated through this section from some cause, although it received more than 300 signatures in our neighboring county on the other side of the divide. The district may be divided in the near future, but it is safe to say it will not be on the lines laid down in the petitioned named.

SHOULD there be a full crop of fruit on the many young orchards in this valley the present season, there will be urgent need of a cannery in the county, and we trust that active operations will be begun immediately looking to the construction of one in this vicinity. What's the matter with having a cannery right here in Jacksonville, now that we have the railroad? There is no more convenient location from which to conduct it, and it would give employment to numerous idle persons during the summer months.

THE bills of Representatives Merritt and McCall, respectively appropriating $6000 and $5000 for wagon-roads leading from Jackson county to Klamath county, have passed the lower house of the legislature and will doubtless be favorably acted upon in the senate. Whether the governor will veto the measures remains to be seen. It is quite likely that he will allow them to become laws without his signature. The amounts are not nearly enough for the purpose intended, as it will require even more than those originally asked for.

THE TIMES was a little premature in criticising the Democratic senators who voted at first to retain the Simon amendments to the Australian ballot bill. It seems that they were anxious to have a law regulating primaries, and when that was secured they all voted to recede from the aforesaid amendments. It was a fine piece of legislative finessing. The bill in question has now passed both houses and will soon be a law, as Governor Pennoyer will without doubt sign it. In 1892 Oregon will vote by this system, which has been tried elsewhere and not found wanting.

SENATOR RALEY has introduced a bill appropriating $400,000 for a portage railway between The Dalles and Celilo, and it passed the senate on Monday. Even Senator Veatch, the great objector, voted aye. It is to be hoped that the house will take the same view of the matter, although a large sum is asked for. The measure would give the vast section known as eastern Oregon a commercial outlet, something it badly needs. At present it is the prey of the Union Pacific railroad company. Senator Raley is a liberal-minded, industrious gentleman and an efficient legislator, and the TIMES hopes that his pet bill will become a law.

JAY GOULD and Sidney Dillon took a bath at the Mountain Park hot springs in North Carolina the other day, and the press of the country heralded it from one shore to the other. It really begins to look as if there was a dearth of legitimate news in the country, or as if the inborn tendency towards sycophancy was getting beyond control. Mark Twain's satire on the memorable bath of the friar in the Valley of Holiness would come into good play in just such cases as this. The American people may be addicted to mangio-mania and such trifling illiness; but we opine that when it comes to loading the associated press dispatches with such twaddle as the particulars of Jay Gould's baths, there will be complaint coming from every source.

IT is now established beyond a doubt that there is a systematic movement on foot in Republican circles to prevent Harrison from securing a renomination in 1892. All his party leaders and the most influential of his party organs are working to secure the nomination of some other man, who, they fondly imagine, will be more easily controlled in the matter of dispensing patronage. The president has on more than one occasion deliberately outraged the feelings of at least four members of the Republican national committee, Quay, Clarkson, Dudley and Fessenden, and they are not only not averse to shelving the Indiana idea, but are bent upon doing so. In short, they are rabid and all so violently opposed to his renomination that the only apparent method by which he can hope to procure it will be by working up the feeling of antipathy and distrust towards them that is already prevailing through the Republican ranks. The Democratic bosom is pervaded with the most serene content at this pleasing spectacle of "dog eat dog."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE storms of the past fortnight have been so severe in the states east of us that many have lost their lives through the intense cold. And the end does not seem to be yet.

REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS' bill to repeal the usury law met with an ignominious defeat in the lower house of the legislature, a majority of which is composed of farmers. Messrs. Merritt, Miller and Snider of this judicial district were among the 16 who voted for the bill.

THE home office of the Union Pacific railroad company has at last authorized the payment of the company's obligations to its workmen on the northern extension to the sound cities, and an agent of the company has been in Portland during the past week settling all obligations to date, with a view of proceeding at once with the work of construction.

IT is not likely that the railroad commission, which has been nothing but a leech on the public purse, will be abolished. It is proposed to prolong its life by giving it new and more extensive authority. Representative Miller's bill to that effect having passed the house. Heretofore the members did nothing but draw their salaries. Will they do anything more in the future?

THE war between the pre-emptors and the swamp-land holders in Lake county reaches over into the present administration, the pre emptor claimants have gotten up a long petition asking for the removal of Receiver Snider, while the swamp-land men want him retained in office. As the row is all in the Republican camp this time, Democrats view the wool-pulling with equanimity.

ACCORDING to a dispatch to the Paris *Temps* from its London correspondent, the latter affects to know that Gladstone has given the required assurance which will justify Parnell in retoring from the leadership of his section of the Irish parliamentary party. Dillon, the correspondent adds, will replace McCarthy as leader of the McCarthyite section and will be selected as the leader of the re-united party.

SENATOR MITCHELL has introduced and had passed a resolution directing that the secretary of the interior transmit to the senate a copy of an agreement consummated with the Rogue River Indians in the state of Oregon in 1851, for the accession of a portion of their reservation lying south of Rogue river, which agreement was not finally ratified by the senate. There is only one copy of this agreement, and the senator wants to have it made a public document.

TIMES continue dull in southern Oregon, but will probably brighten up very much, should we be favored with good crops of all kinds. Business in Portland is reviving rapidly, according to the *Sunday Welcome*. Discount rates are falling and money is becoming plentiful. In other words, the situation is just what is regarded as the harbinger of a heavy trade in real estate and improved property. Men who have held on to Portland dirt during the winter are about to reap their reward.

THE president has signed the new apportionment bill, and it is now a settled fact that the house in the fifty-third congress will consist of 356 members, of whom California will have seven. No state loses a representative. Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin gain one apiece; Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas each gain two; and Nebraska gains three. This is considerable of a gain for the Republican party, in whose interest Supt. Porter conducted the census.

THE Chilians have gotten fairly at work, butchering one another on the high seas, and the world will probably see the destruction of one of its best navies in the course of the next few weeks. The insurgents thus far seem to have had the worst of the struggle for supremacy, but do not give up easily. President Balmaceda has also been handling the regular troops to good advantage on land, and the rebellion may be as short-lived as a Cuban insurrection. The Chilians are fighters by profession and are well equipped for a long war. From humane and trade considerations this country hopes for an early cessation of hostilities.

THE first well authenticated case of hydrophobia on this coast has been exercising the medical fraternity during the past week. The victim was Chris. Buckley, a farm hand living near Redding, Cal., who was bitten by a dog some three years ago, and who was taken suddenly and violently sick one day last week at the Yank ranch near there and lived but two days, suffering the most excruciating agony until his death gave him relief. All the symptoms of the disease were present, and the coroner who held the inquest over the remains pronounced it a clear case of hydrophobia. The climate of the coast was formerly supposed to be unfavorable to the development of the malady.

AFTER all the handsome things that the press has said about the wife of the explorer Stanley since the coming of that lady to America, she has had the extremely bad taste to say a number of most uncomplimentary things anent her American sisters in an interview intended for publication. Out upon such bad breeding, say we. The lady might have had the forbearance to refrain from her unfavorable comments until she was safely across the water, at any rate. It would seem as if she had been lionized enough to gratify anyone's vanity, on account of her distinguished husband, of course; but it appears she is of too exacting a nature to be content to treat her honizers with the most ordinary courtesy which custom has decreed shall be accorded by a guest to her hostesses, and the American women owe it to themselves to let her severely alone in the future.

PARNELL seems to be on top again in the O'Shea-home-rule controversy in Irish-English circles, and announces his intention of yet making home rule an accomplished fact. The public does like to see a stiff fight the world over. Parnell realizes this fact, and by his lusty endeavors in his own defense has once more entrenched himself in Irish affections. He is now engaged in dictating terms to Gladstone and the McCarthyites, and will brook no interference with his plans. He shows no inclination to marry as yet. Parnell's present attitude is well described as "haughty" by his quondam foes, who would now like to be numbered with his friends. He is a broth of a boy, and for statescraft seems to be peculiarly well qualified.

THE question of the hour among the Republicans is, whom will the president appoint his new secretary of the treasury? There perhaps has never been a time when a president of the United States has been called upon to determine a more delicate question at a more critical time for himself than Mr. Harrison is deliberating over just at present. The scarcity of financiers is not what is troubling the president, but the scarcity of financiers who will be acceptable to the silver men in the Republican party. There are a number of born financiers, who are admitted to be such even by their enemies) who would willingly relieve the administration of its embarrassment; but unfortunately they are all wedded to the mono-metallic idea, and would not be in any way acceptable to the silver men. Gossip has been rife during the past two weeks with the names of half the leading Republicans in the land in this connection, from Jay Gould down to Henry Failing of Portland; but all have come up only to go down before the wrath of the silver barons or the charges of inefficiency. In his dilemma, the president has turned from the mighty men at home to the mighty men abroad, and it is reported that he has cabled Gen. John C. New, consul-general at London, to come home forthwith; also that he has seen fit to recall John F. Swift from his ministerial duties at the court of Japan to help him in his quandary. It is quite evident that the policy of the administration will be to appoint some one who is to some extent allied with the silver men, and yet who can be relied upon to thwart the efforts of the silver advocates whenever the occasion calls for such attention. Meanwhile Harrison's erstwhile friends among the party leaders are calmly watching to see him "get his foot in it," at any rate.

MEDFORD'S CORPORATE LIMITS

The following bill, introduced by Mr. Cameron, has passed the legislature:

WHEREAS, by an Act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon mentioned in the title of this Act, and approved February 21, 1889, it will extend the boundaries, corporate limits and jurisdiction of the town of Medford, in the county of Jackson, and state of Oregon, as to include and to embrace within the limits of said town of Medford all of the territory included within the limits of said town as in this Act provided; and whereas, by mistake and oversight, an error occurred in the description of the boundaries of said town in said Act, approved February 21, 1889, by omitting one line of said boundaries therefrom, whereby the boundaries of said town are rendered indefinite and uncertain; and whereas the said town of Medford and the board of trustees thereof have exercised jurisdiction over all of the territory embraced in the limits of the boundaries of said town, as described and amended in and by this Act, and has, among other things, attempted to vacate Johnson's addition to the town of Medford and the plat thereof, which said addition is situated within the limits of said town, as in this Act described and amended, and has exercised various other acts of jurisdiction within said limits; and whereas the validity of said acts of said town and of the board of trustees thereof are rendered doubtful and uncertain by reason of said error and omission in said description in said Act of February 21, 1889; therefore be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:

SECTION 1. That section 2 of article 1 of an Act entitled "an Act to incorporate the town of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, and limiting its powers and defining the duties of its officers, and to repeal an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, approved February 24, 1885," approved February 21, 1887, and section 2 of an Act entitled "an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, and limiting its powers and defining the duties of its officers, and to repeal an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, approved February 24, 1885, and also an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Medford, approved February 24, 1885," approved February 21, 1889, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. That the boundary of said town shall be as follows: Beginning at the south ast corner of section 25, in township 37 south, of range 2 west, in Jackson county, Oregon, and running thence west 60 chains; thence north 80 chains to the north line of section 25 in said township and range; thence west on said north line 640 feet more or less, to the center of the county road, running northeasterly along the northwest side of what was formerly Johnson's addition to the town of Medford, hereinbefore mentioned; thence northeastwardly along the center of said county road to the southwest corner of the John S. Miller donation land claim; thence east along the county road and one chain east of the east bank of Bear creek; thence southward parallel with and one chain distant east from said creek to a point due east from the intersection of the south line of east Twelth street, of the town of Medford, with the center line of the stage road running along the east side of the original town of Medford; thence west to said intersection; thence south 26¼ degrees east along said road 13 60 chains to the northeast corner of a piece of land belonging to J. D. Whitman, and described in a deed recorded in book 12 of deed records of said Jackson county, Oregon, at page 532 thereof; thence south 72¾ degrees west 36 30 chains, more or less, to the west line of donation land claim number forty-four, in township 37 south, of range 1 west of the Willamette meridian in Oregon; thence south along the said west line of said last-mentioned donation land claim the south line of section thirty in said last mentioned township and range; and thence west to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the said act of the said town of Medford and of the board of trustees thereof in so vacating Johnson's addition to the town of Medford aforesaid, and all other ordinances, resolutions, by laws and acts of said town of Medford which were otherwise authorized by the charter of said town of Medford and of the board of trustees and officers thereof, passed, adopted or done within and in any manner affecting or relating to the premises properly within the corporate limits of said town of Medford as hereinbefore described, since the 21st day of ——, A. D. 1889, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid and binding upon all persons whomsoever to the same extent and in like manner as if the said section 2 of of said Act approved February 21, 1889, had originally been made to read as by this Act amended.

THE HORTICULTURAL COMMISSION.

Senator Veatch, Oregon's great objector, made a speech against the continuance of the State Horticultural Commission, which was not only unkind, but unjust at the same time. Here is an excerpt therefrom:

I think this commission tae most innocent and unobjectionable of all, as it doubtless the least; but my objections extend just as far as the amount which it costs. I cannot see what the commission has done. There are just as many wormy apples, scale bugs, codlin moths, woolly aphis and cherry slugs in Oregon as there ever were. They say, "spray your trees." I have heard that ever since I was a boy, and there is not a single thing which they recommend which was not well known to orchardists long before we had such a commission. I beg pardon for saying that the commission has not done anything. I do remember that, when they made a trip down in southern Oregon, I received their spraying two young orchards, and the orchards died; also that a man, who was using a spraying machine, was too near when it burst, and had both eyes put out. Now, to sum up, we have to show for our horticultural commission two dead orchards, a blind man and taxes.

Mr. Veatch is not posted, or he would not talk in such a cruel manner. This commission did much good during the past two years, and it would have done much more had it been invested with the proper authority. The legislature should give the commission further powers to proceed against refractory horticulturists, and then its benefits will be apparent.

TWO CONGRESSMEN FOR OREGON.

Congress having decided that Oregon shall have two congressmen after March 4, 1893, the Republican managers have fixed up the following bill for the purpose of electing two of their political complexion, as follows:

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KLAMATH COUNTY ITEMS.

The suckers are running in Lost river.

W. A. Hall has left Langell valley for other scenes.

Keno paid tribute to the measles during the past week.

Grant Childers is convalescent once more, we are glad to say.

Alvah Beal, the blacksmith, is visiting his mother at Canyonville.

Coyotes are reported too numerous in some sections to suit the sheep men.

Capt. John Siemens is still plying the razor with all his old-time skill in Linkville.

Bill Barrett, of stage-time fame, is wintering at "hungry hollow," near Alkali valley.

The ice had almost disappeared on the big Klamath lake before the freeze of this week.

Bonanza people express the utmost confidence in having a flouring mill in a short time.

Dr. Wright attended Miss Lizzie Teters of Keno, while she was ill with diphtheria last week.

The Keno roller mills are still idle, and there is no immediate prospect of their starting up again.

Mrs. A. D. Carrick of Linkville was again confined to her room by illness during the past week.

R. G. Galbraith has donated ground at Lost river whereon the Methodists will soon erect a house of worship.

Misses Minnie and Camilla Walker of Bly have been visiting relatives at Ashland during the past week.

Henry Grigsby is wintering in Jackson county, but will return to Klamath in the course of a few weeks.

S. B. Cranston has had his fruit trees and shrubbery nicely trimmed by a Jackson county horticulturist.

Linkville has been for some weeks without a mujister; but we trust that such will not long continue to be the case.

Linkville has a new barber in the person of J. T. Roberts, lately from Pettis county, Missouri, and a brother-in-law of John Marsh.

Hon. G. W. Smith is preparing to fit up a fine hall in the upper story of the Grand Central hotel, where he has abundance of room.

Steve Currun has returned from his recent trip to Siskiyou county, and once more has charge of the stock in the Dairy stage stables.

F. S. Stanley has completed preparations to open a second-hand and produce store in Linkville. He is a rustler and deserves to succeed.

The measles reached Linkville in their mad career last week, and many of the little folks and some of their elders now know just what ta;c're like.

Troop B, O. N. G., is doing excellent work in the drill line, and is looking fierce and warlike in appearance since the Indian outbreak in the Dakota region.

Chas. Graves and Chas. Dupee, who have been engaged in prospecting in Josephine county, returned home this week. Living was too high for them there.

Thos. Kelliher hied himself away to the south after selling out, leaving numerous creditors and other admirers and friends to mourn his unannounced and untimely departure.

The "star" last week reported that a mining company, incorporated as the Tellurium mining company, had filed claims on the mineral ledge on which the town of Linkville stands.

Judge Parker has been in the Willamette valley on business. He will soon leave Jackson county, Cal., to assist in the prosecution of the Langeli valley horse-thieves.

John Wells returned from San Francisco last week, with a well-filled purse, resuming from the sale of a band of mules which he took below. Mrs. Wells accompanied him on his return.

Bannister, Dixon and Sylvester, who are charged with the larceny of stock in California, as well as in this county, will soon be tried at Susanville for the crime they committed in that section.

The freezing weather afforded fair skating on the lakes for Young America, but the ice king's reign was short. Spring will be here in earnest after the present fall of snow disappears.

Sam. Summers last week butchered 75 head of as fine hogs as one could wish to see. The time is when this county will have to import its supply of bacon are numbered, and everybody knows it.

Rogers & McCoy, the sawmill men of Clear lake, are making preparations for the approaching building boom in that region, by getting ready for market a large quantity of superior lumber.

Klamath county has her full quota of representatives in the "third house" at Salem during the sessions of the legislature, and if she does not get her dues at the hands of legislators our lobbyists will be most grievously disappointed.

Considerable snow was visible and otherwise present on the higher hills and lower mountains in the Klamath section during the week. But little solicitude is felt by stockmen, however, as the season is so far advanced as to render serious stock losses highly improbable.

Everyone who can should avail themselves of the opportunity to secure a few of the grape cuttings brought from Rogue river by Curly Webb for experimental purposes. Those who have given the matter attention say that the Klamath basin is well adapted for raising grapes of the highest quality.

The county commissioners having agreed to appropriate an amount equal to the sum of all subscriptions to the improvement of the road from Bonanza to Bly, in addition to the regular road tax. Parties interested have been engaged in soliciting subscriptions of both money and work during the past two weeks and have met with most gratifying success. There will be available for the work the sum of not less than $1000, which it is thought will place the road in excellent condition.

The ground in almost every part of the basin is in excellent condition for planting and plowing, and spring work is in actual progress in some sections in spite of the light snowfalls we have been having. Every large area will be seeded to grain in Klamath county the coming spring, which, in connection with the unusually heavy fall planting, is certain to produce an extra heavy crop of cereals this season. Klamath basin will be prepared to export grain and flour in quantities to suit after the coming harvest.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY ITEMS.

Prof. Jas. G. Clark is in Portland.

W. I. Wadleigh of Waldo spent the week in Seattle and vicinity.

Prospects were never more favorable than at present in the crop line.

An attempt is being made to chent Grant's Pass out of its usual March election.

J. Davidson of Williams creek is at work with his brother, building a flume near Sisson.

Judge Brower's health is slowly improving, much to the gratification of himself and friends.

The well-known figure of J. T. Flynn, the townsite agent, was seen on the streets of the Pass last week.

Judge Parker of Linkville spent several days in Grant's Pass last week on business about the court-house.

The remains of Mr. Baird, the Grant's Pass butcher, who died last week, were taken to California for interment.

Dr. Chas. W. Beacom, formerly of this valley, is now practising dentistry at Crescent city and Smith river corners, Cal.

A grand masquerade ball is announced for this evening at Merlin, in honor of St. Valentine. A number will attend from Grant's Pass.

The land sold by Sheriff Moss at the courthouse last Saturday, in the case of Gibtardella vs. Johnson, was bid in by the judgment creditor.

There is a general feeling of confidence prevailing in all parts of the county that the coming season will prove to be one of prosperity in this section.

Dr. Parson of Ashland was summoned to Grant's Pass last week to attend Jas. Porter's little child, who has been very ill with catarrhal fever, but is better now.

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The case of J. H. Haulcum vs. Jasper Chapman, et al., involving some valuable water rights in Williams creek district, will probably be appealed to the supreme court. Judge Webster's decision was in favor of the defendant.

The freight on the 5,000 lb. water wheel received last week by the Light and Power company was a trifle over $300, about half of the amount being for carriage from Chicago to Portland and the balance from Portland to Grant's Pass.

Candidates for city offices are uncertain whether they will make the race in March or May this year, as the time for holding the city election will depend on whether or not the proposed new charter is put through the legislative assembly.

It was decided at the meeting of the board of school directors recently held that the project of building the proposed new school-house should not be considered at the coming meeting of the board. This means an indefinite postponement of the plan.

The proposition to extend the corporate limits of Grant's Pass one-half mile on the east and to the centre of section eight on the north was favorably considered by the council at their meeting last week, and the extension will in all probability be made as desired.

The library association ladies are preparing for presentation to a Grant's Pass audience in a short time the stirring drama "Nevada," with a splendid cast of characters. The entertainment will be looked forward to with much interest and the performance will be attended by all.

[illegible] pointed on seemingly good authority that the projectors of the ditch from Rogue river intend to consummate their plans the coming season. We trust that it will prove to be the case, for this section will derive inestimable benefit from the ditch whenever it is an established fact, and the work of getting out the water cannot proceed too rapidly to suit the residents of Grant's Pass.

The most important wagon-road bill so far as Rogue river valley is concerned, that has yet been discussed, is that introduced by representative Miller, calling for an appropriation of $20,000—since scaled down to $16,000—for the opening of a good wagon road down the river to Gold Beach. This would prove of immediate and lasting benefit to the entire valley, and should by all means go through.

Much interest is taken in the proposed concert to be given by the band boys on the 23d, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of new uniforms for the band. Our citizens are proud of the degree of proficiency already attained by the boys, and will do all in their power to encourage still further improvement. A neat uniform will add vastly to the appearance of the band when on parade, and the boys should by all means procure a handsome one, regardless of cost.

Among the benefits hoped for from the adoption of the new city charter, not the least will be the fact that we can then provide adequate protection against fire, which we cannot hope to do until we are enabled to exceed our present charter indebtedness of $2,000. Should the charter go through it will mean cheaper insurance rates, as the Water, Power and Light company will be ready to supply us with an efficient water-works system as soon as we are able to bear the expense of maintaining it.

A remonstrance against the charter amendments, which has been numerously signed by the citizens of Grant's Pass, has been forwarded to Salem. A large majority are opposed to the scheme of allowing the town council, instead of the people, to choose all the officers. If necessary, the governor will be asked to use the veto. Such an appointive power is not delegated to the council of any other town in the state. It would be a monumental outrage to bestow it upon the council of Grant's Pass. The next change in our charter that we expect to hear of is the one that our council shall be allowed to elect itself.

The closing of the barber shops of Grant's Pass on Sunday was inaugurated this week, and while it will be productive of annoyance to some of our citizens until they become habituated to shaving on Saturday evening, all agree that the tonsorial fraternity are perfectly justifiable in setting apart a day of rest for themselves as well as for the rest of the community. It is rumored condentially that one of our leading artists in that line was in hourly danger of tongue paralysis, had the change not gone into effect when it did. When it is considered to what awful strain a comparatively few muscles of a barber's anatomy are subjected to continually, it is not to be wondered at that outraged nature cries out for a respite at least once a week.

AFFLICTED FIFTY YEARS.

AND THE METHOD MR. CHAMBERLAIN ADOPTED TO GET RELIEF—MR W. S CONE'S EXPERIENCE WITH DR DARRIN

For the Oregonian: We often fail to secure to ourselves the results of the operations of a system, by requiring too much of it, or listening to others or allowing ourselves to find fault with those who operate or represent the same. I had consulted for many years physicians successful in treating 'acute disease,' but found no relief for kidney and liver trouble and neuralgia of the stomach of over fifty years' standing until I came under Dr. Darrin's 'Electric treatment.' But, thanks to Divine Grace, by its use these troubles are a thing of the past. If others care for particulars affecting my illness I will answer their questions in behalf of those afflicted.

E. B. CHAMBERLAIN,
Woods, Tillamook county, Or.

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BAY CITY, Or., Jan. 13, 1891.

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W. S. CONE.

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Trial bottles free at all drugstores.

That Terrible Cough

in the morning, hurried or difficult breathing, raising phlegm, tightness in the chest, quick, rapid pulse, chilliness in the evening or sweats at night, all or any of these things are the first stages of consumption. Dr. Acker's English Cough Remedy will cure these fearful symptoms, and is sold under a positive guarantee.

BORN.

RADCLIFF—In Ashland, Jan. 31, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Radcliff, a son.

HELMAN—In Ashland, Feb. 4, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. John K. Helman, a daughter.

VAN DYKE—In Ashland, Feb. 4, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Van Dyke, a daughter.

HAMAKER—At Bonanza, Feb. 2, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamaker, a son.

WILSON—In Grant's Pass, Jan. 30, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, a daughter.

KNOX—On Applegate, Jan. 30, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Knox, a son.

DIED.

GRIMES—Near Lakeview, Feb 3, 1891, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimes.

KNOX—On Applegate, Jan. 30, 1891, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Knox.

BAIRD—In Grant's Pass, Jan. 31, 1891, I. E. Baird; aged about 30 years.

LUELLEN—In Jacksonville, Jan. 31, 1891, Reason Luellen; aged 77 years, 1 month and 24 days.

Mr. L. started from Iowa for California in the year 1864, but was captured by the Indians at the headwaters of the Missouri river and held a captive for 18 months. He then drifted into the Umpqua valley, from which section he left for Iowa in 1876. In 1888 he returned to southern Oregon and resided at Jacksonville until he was gathered to his fathers. Mr. L. was highly respected by all who knew him and is mourned by a large number of friends and relatives.

A. L. W.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

MEDFORD SQUIBS.

Take a look at Nickell's addition.

Miss Maggie Tice spent last week visiting in Ashland.

Nickell's addition to Medford is attracting much attention.

Tom Harris made a flying trip to Grant's Pass one day last week.

Mrs. J. W. Barkdull returned home to Medford during the week.

Lewis Shidoler has enclosed his lots adjoining Dr. Geary's premises with a neat fence.

Francis Fitch, Esq., yesterday returned from his trip to the Willamette valley.

School Clerk Hamilton announces that school taxes will be delinquent after the 15th instant.

Haller, the new jeweler from San Francisco, is deserving of a good share of public patronage.

This place will soon number among its societies a Good Templars' lodge, now being organized here.

The railroad to the county-seat adds much to the importance of Medford as a distributing point.

Mr. Creed and his wife (nee Miss Maggie Louden) have gone to Mr. C.'s former home east of the Rockies.

Don't fail to buy a lot in Nickell's addition to Medford. The tract adjoins the western boundary of our town.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson, which was dangerously ill for a while, is now convalescent.

J. W. Short, W. G. Cooper and Frank Fryer attended to mining interests on Sardine creek during the week.

Medford is going to make a big jump forward during 1891. Many improvements will be made during that time.

If you want anything in the grocery, fruit or confectionery line, call at the bakery. The best is always kept there.

Dr. Pickel's neat cottage in south Medford comes from the hands of the painters this week and is about ready for occupancy.

Among the Eagle Point young ladies attending school at Medford are Misses Laura Nichols, Anna Carney and Mible Howlett.

Miss Emma Tolman of Ashland has organized an art class at Medford, which she instructs during several evenings each week.

Mrs. Brown last week returned to her home in San Francisco, after spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. I. J. Fulton.

A. Anderson, recently from Kansas, last week bought the Guches farm on Griffin creek, A. S. Johnson of this place negotiating the sale.

The Rogue River Valley R. R. will build a neat and cosy depot at this place immediately, and have invited bids for the construction of the same.

C. H. Wallace and family will soon leave this place. They have many steady friends during their residence among us, who will regret to learn of their departure.

Treasurer Haskins advertises that town taxes of Medford for 1890 are due and will be delinquent after March 1st next. As should pay up and avoid costs.

The Monarch saloon at Medford, under the management of H. H. Wolters, is provisioned to satisfy the most critical epicure. The best of everything in that line is kept there.

J. O. Johnson and Spencer Childers, Sr., are contemplating an early return to Medford from Whatcom, Wash., where they have spent the winter with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Allberry desire to cordially thank their neighbors for the prompt assistance rendered during and after the fire which almost destroyed their home.

West's addition to Medford will soon be thrown on the market, J. S. Howard being now engaged in completing the plat of same from notes taken in his survey last week.

Work on the distillery buildings goes on steadily but quietly forward, and it is hoped that early in the spring will be in readiness for handling the next crops of rye, corn and barley.

P. B. O'Neil returned from his trip to California last week and reports the country living in anticipation of a drought and correspondingly light crops the coming season.

The completion of the R. R. V. R. R. is a matter of much importance to us, as it centers a large amount of business, which has heretofore been done at other points, at Medford.

Mrs. J. B. McGee arrived from San Francisco last week to rejoin her husband, who is engaged in developing the Cinnabar mines. They will probably make Medford their future home.

Dr. Demorest, the popular dentist, is always kept busy. He does first-class work and his charges are reasonable. Mr. Wilkinson, of the Enterprise, proves an apt scholar and is learning rapidly.

Rev. G. W. Black of Grant's Pass was in Medford several days last week, assisting at the protracted meeting in the Baptist church here. Much interest was taken in the work and numerous accessions to the church resulted.

A number of our citizens went to Jacksonville on Monday to attend the trial of Mr. M. Jordan, who was charged with assaulting Wm. Clark. They were disappointed however, as the prosecuting witness had left for other scenes, and the case was dismissed at his cost.

Hon Willard Crawford was sent to Salem last week by our board of trade to secure, if possible, the defeat of the special legislation contemplated by Mr. Merritt's bill granting the exclusive lumbering franchise to the Klamath tributaries to the owners of the Central Point Sugar Pine Flume Company.

H. H. Wolters, the mixologist, has removed his saloon to the building next door to C. W. Palm's barbershop, on Front street. He has supplied the bar with the finest wines, liquors and cigars, and a fine billiard table can also be found there. Give him a call, for he will treat you well.

A Child Killed.

Another child killed by the use of opiates given in the form of Soothing syrup. Why mothers give their children such deadly poison is surprising when they