

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

White of Maine denies that he was concerned in bribery and claims to have emerged as "White" as ever from the dirty puddle.

"Do you know," asked one of our school girls just started in astronomy, "why that old sun bonnet is like a planet?" "No," was the reply. "Because its Mar's."

A Republican exchange predicts a total eclipse of the Democratic party in 1880. Not by any means! It eclipsed itself so effectively by the disreputable Maine business as to be beyond the reach of planetary influence.

If children were taught to say "mother" instead of "ma" the blood-curdling cry of a young goat in the adjoining field would never cause an anxious parent to rush out to see what was the matter with her darling.

The friends of Orange Jacobs in Washington Territory are anxious that he be appointed Governor of that Territory. It would be an appointment most fit to be made, but it seems the Judge is not anxious for it.

A contest in Congress for a seat from an Arkansas district has disclosed the fact that when the Democratic contestant lacked some votes the deficiency was made up after the polls closed. That is one of the methods of Southern solidification.

Two of our merchants have lately received small quantities of freight from San Francisco, the tariff on which was two cents per pound by steamer to Portland, one cent by rail from Portland to Roseburg and three cents by wagon from the latter point to Jacksonville. This exorbitant freight is, of course, paid by the consumer and it is not strange that our people grumble.

The "Oregonian" is very much mistaken in its opinion that the assessment law is a bad one. The law is a good one; it is the criminal negligence or ignorant stupidity of assessors that makes it inoperative. The law requires the assessor to "swear" every one, and on refusal to assess the property himself. If this were done in Portland as strictly as in Jackson and other rural counties, there need be no complaint against the law.

Crime is becoming so common in the Willamette valley that the assessment is no longer startling. The "Statesman" of the 6th notes a first-class murder, a profitable highway robbery, and an infanticide, and referring to the latter the paper jocosely remarks: "We think people should be careful how they throw children around in the wet, or they might get lost." Crime is not a subject of jest; but of the most serious reflection, and as a late attempt at highway robbery, near Salem, was by a pardoned convict, it is well to enquire how much the wholesale abuse of the pardoning power by Governor Thayer, has to do with the boldness of criminals. It seems the penitentiary has no terrors for the evil inclined.

WHERE WAS "OPHIR?"

The "Scientific and Mining Press" thus sets the vexed question at rest: "A question which has been revived in our day, and is still mooted without reaching a solution, was over two centuries ago definitely settled by this old writer, Webster, whom we have quoted heretofore. Even in his time it was a matter of debate as to the location of the Ophir from whence Solomon obtained so much gold. After devoting some pages to the subject, he says he will lay down that proof that may demonstrate that the land of Ophir or Uphaz was the Peru's now known to Europe. For that text is so plain, that no reasoning can be able to overthrow it. For it is said in the text: 'And the gold was the gold of Peru.' And all men know that the Hebrews put 'a-in' in the dual number, as Peru being the singular number, when 'a-in' is added to it in the dual it makes Peruain.' After this let this vexed question be at rest; for, has he not written that 'no reasoning can be able to overthrow it?'"

THE WAY THE MONEY GOES.

The "Statesman" in denouncing the exorbitant charges for keeping paupers in Jackson county, does injustice to the present County Court of this county. Under a contract made by a former county court an allowance of \$3 per day for keeping non-resident indigent persons was made, an arrangement to which the present commissioners, Messrs. Anderson and Magruder earnestly objected, but they had no power to annul the contract. It is probable that the day of "Palace hotel prices" for keeping the county poor is about over.

A farmer writes: "I saw in a paper that a Western farmer planted flax with potatoes, and it kept the bugs off. I planted flax with potatoes and the flax came up first and the bugs roosted on it, waiting for the potatoes to come up."

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS.

The Portland press is seriously agitated just now on the subject of assessments, and it is quite evident that a radical change should be made in the manner of assessing property. The total value of taxable property in Multnomah county for 1879 is \$10,629,190; that of Jackson \$1,466,952 and there is little doubt not only that the latter is much nearer the mark, but that the former should be doubled. The Bee very happily calls the present system in the city of Portland the "pass the hat" mode, where the asses sor pressed with the extent and magnitude of his duties is satisfied to take without question whatever is offered him.

In Multnomah county, we learn, an assessment under oath, as required by law, is the exception while in Jackson it is the rule, and if officials do not, themselves conform to law they cannot expect others to. It is reported here on good authority that there is more money on deposit in a single bank in the city of Portland than there is in all Jackson county, and when a single block, in that city, sells for nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, it is worthy of remark that the assessment roll of Multnomah county is only seven times greater than that of Jackson county and not much more than double that of Linn which is a purely agricultural county. We believe that \$40,000,000 would be a fair valuation for Multnomah county, and if properly assessed even at the low rate of values usually adopted by assessors, at least double the amount of taxes now paid in that county would be assessed and the city of Portland made to bear its just share of the public burdens.

UNFAIR CRITICISM.

While defending the right of the press to criticize all public officers within proper limits, we regret the continued attacks on the Supreme judiciary of this State by the "Independent." It answers no good purpose to shake the public confidence in the bench by innuendoes, that indicate marked unbelief in the personal integrity of the judiciary. Judge Prim, for twenty years judge of this circuit is the main object of attack, and we must repeat that we have all confidence in his personal and official incorruptibility. He may commit errors of judgment, but, had he been venal he could have retired with a competence many years ago. We can say the same of Judge Hanna whose name is now connected with Judge Prim's, and we will add that his appointment was accepted only after earnest solicitation by leading citizens of Jackson county who were opposed to him in politics. If the Supreme bench, as alleged, is corrupt, venal, partial, or governed by personal considerations, let it be so proved and let impeachment and dismissal from office follow. The Legislative Assembly, is the proper tribunal to try the judiciary, and until such proof as will convict them is obtainable, we believe all criticism of their decisions, impugning the motives or integrity of of the bench, contrary to public policy and outside of the duties of the press.

CRIME HANDBOOK.

The "Statesman" (Salem) of Friday morning last contains an account of the murder of M. Crossley near Monmouth by Dick Johnson on the 5th inst., the murderer making his escape and also the following account of a bold highway robbery:

"Yesterday Mr. S. T. Northcut, living one and a half miles East of Wheatland, in Marion county, was waylaid and robbed on his way home from the ferry landing, and under the cover of a double barreled shotgun robbed of \$3,800.75 about the hour of noon. Mr. Northcut was on his way home from Portland, having been down and sold his wheat to Messrs. Allen & Lewis, and started home on the steamer "A. A. McCully," which landed him on the East side of the river opposite Wheatland, from whence he had a mile and a half to walk home. Soon after leaving the river he met some Chinamen going towards the river, and soon after passing them a masked man raised from behind a fallen tree and covered him with a double barrel shotgun and demanded his money. Mr. Northcut seeing there was no chance to escape dropped his money and passed on. The robber gathered up the sack and disappeared in the woods. It is not known who the robber is but steps have been taken to capture him."

Moss of the "Mercury" in announcing his "democracy" says: "of Southern parentage myself, I could not be anything but a Democrat." The fact that the South is solidly Democratic is thus explained and no one should object to Republicans attempting, by the same rule, to solidify the North. We take Democratic organs at their own word and it is a bad rule that wont work both ways.

ROAD MEETING AT KERBYVILLE.

At a meeting of the citizens of Josephine county, held at Kerbyville on Saturday, Feb. 7th, for the purpose of organizing some definite plan for obtaining subscriptions to aid in the construction of a wagon road from Waldo to Crescent City, Dr. D. S. Holton was elected chairman and Chas. Hughes secretary. After a free and full expression of opinion the meeting unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS—Subscription papers have for some time past, been circulated in Jackson and Josephine counties asking the people to subscribe to a fund for the purpose of building a wagon road from Waldo, Josephine county, Oregon, to Crescent City, Del Norte county, California.

Resolved—That a committee of five citizens of this county be appointed by this meeting; that said committee open a correspondence with like committees to be appointed in Jackson and Del Norte counties; that said committees be authorized to meet at some time and place, to be by said committees determined upon, and then there organize a company, to be incorporated under the laws of Oregon and California. That they invite subscriptions to the stock of said company at such rate per share as they may deem for the best interests of said company and for the completion of said road. Whereupon, Chas. Hughes, Newell Delamatter, W. A. McPherson, Wm. Narcke and J. W. Wimer were appointed as such committee.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to forward the proceedings of this meeting to the newspapers of Jacksonville and Crescent City for publication.

FLOATING ISLAND.

Among the many natural curiosities of this county it is not generally known that there is a "floating island." Up in the "Siskiyou's," lying like a pearl in the great mountain chain is Squaw lake, a beautiful sheet of water now utilized by a mining company as a reservoir. For many years the lake has been a favorite and delightful resort for fishing parties and contains nearly in its center an island, comprising about an acre of ground covered with luxuriant grass and a growth of willow and alder. It was never dreamed that the pretty little island was not terra firma, but when the bulkhead across the outlet of the lake dammed up its waters, the island rose slowly until it had been elevated fully sixteen feet above its original level. It would be a question for the naturalist rather than the geologist to determine the age of this floating island, as it is evidently made up entirely of decayed vegetation. Perhaps at some remote period the roots of a tree, uproot by a mountain storm and drifting out in the lake, formed the nucleus from which the island has grown, but it seems singular that it should have remained anchored and unchangeable in its position. The locality is much frequented by pleasure seekers who will hereafter notice the increased elevation.

The United States Consul at Dublin writing to the State Department, says: "In Ireland there is a low state of production, chaos, discontent, and a want of industry and thrift. This is due to the very limited ownership of land in Ireland. For centuries the laws and customs have tended to discourage the existence of a numerous proprietary in Ireland, and to accumulate land in the hands of the few. The cost of emigration, instead of being borne by the British Government, is really drawn from the Irish laborers in America, who in twenty years realized \$65,000,000 to Ireland in aid of relatives in poverty or desirous to emigrate to the United States."

We have received the San Francisco "Journal of Commerce" containing a tabulated statement of exports and imports of San Francisco for the past 12 years, a valuable and complete review of the commerce of that leading Pacific port.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

Every person indebted to the Estate of John Kahler either on account, note or judgment, must pay up immediately or the legal means will be used to enforce payment.

C. W. KAHLER, Administrator.

Horses Lost.

FROM THE FARM OF THE SUBSCRIBER, living three miles east of Jacksonville, on or about April 15, 1879, two mares four years old this Spring. One is a brown mare, with snip across the nose and also a white strip running down fore head, is 15 hands high; the other is a dark bay, star in forehead, with white on feet, 15 hands high. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of each of them.

JOHN W. DOLLARHIDE.

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A FIRST-CLASS STOCK OF STOVES

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE I am receiving and have constantly hand a full and first-class stock of

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READY MADE CLOTHING,

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Everything sold at reasonable rates.

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HATS OF ALL STYLES,

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HATS AND CAPS,

TOBACCOS & CIGARS,

HARDWARE AND

CARPETS, TINWARE,

ALL KINDS PAINTS,

—ALSO—

WINDOW GLASS,

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A FINE ASSORTMENT

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LADIES' HATS AND

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That Defy Competition.

The highest price allowed for country produce.

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A full assortment from the finest to the most common.

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The finest lot of Spectacles and eye glasses ever brought to the market and Watches and Jewelry of every description.

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Cut nails, wrought nails, clout nails, latn nails, finishing nails, fencing nails, horse nails, and iron and steel horse shoes at John Miller's

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Ladies', Mens' and Boys' Saddles, a Specialty.

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HE HAS SOLD OUT HIS

stock of American sewing Machines

a number of times, but has another lot of

them on hand. This is the latest and

most rapid running, as well as durable

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This is the place to buy good watches,

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