

One of the greatest crimes of the Republican party on record, one which will blot it in the future history of this country, is that inaugurated in a partisan conspiracy against the free constitutions of the southern states, and deliberately and willfully put the suffrage of the free white men of these states into the hands of the former negro slaves of the south.

The following estimates have been submitted to the House Committee on appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886: Pension, \$60,000,000; Military Academy, \$393,344; fortifications, \$7,363,000; consular and diplomatic expenses, \$1,623,176; navy, \$30,654,000; Postoffice Department, \$56,099,164; Indian Bureau, \$7,328,049; army, \$26,110,489; Legislative, Executive and judicial expenses, \$22,366,504; Agricultural Department, \$699,110; sundry civil expenses, \$32,326,402; District of Columbia, \$1,740,072; improvements on rivers and harbors, \$8,177,400; total, \$254,820,797.

As to the origin of petroleum, or coal oil, as it was formerly known, scientists are by no means agreed. In the early period of oil gathering in Pennsylvania, the question much debated was whether it was of animal or vegetable origin or both. Of late, however, a theory has been started that the oil is not due to the storage of organic remains under the surface, but that it originated from chemical combinations of carbon and hydrogen in the interior of the earth.

It appears from recent tables on the labor situation in Germany, that 58 per cent of the population earn less than \$100 per year; 34 per cent earn from \$100 to \$250; 4.6 per cent make from \$250 to \$500 per year, and 17.8-930 or 1.7 per cent, make earnings of \$500 to \$1,000, while those who have in excess of \$1,000 a year number only 98,937, or less than 1 per cent of the population. It is getting nearly as bad in the United States.

It is understood that Governor Cleveland will send in his resignation to the New York Legislature at its first session in January. He will then be succeeded as Governor by Lieut. Governor David B. Hill of Elmira. Lieut. Governor Hill is 40 years of age and a bachelor, he is considered one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and an adroit politician. He was the Democratic leader in the New York Assembly during several sessions.

Emigrants are pouring into California at the rate of 1,500 per week. The southern portion of that State still contains the larger proportion, but the emigration associations are directing the new comers to the northern counties bordering on Oregon. The State now contains fully 1,000,000 people. The same spirit which built up California could double the population of Oregon in the next five years.

John H. Mitchell

Together with other papers throughout the State we copied the item mentioned below, never dreaming of anything else but that it was a fact, but we now hasten to make the correction in Mr. Mitchell's own words. That gentleman has many warm friends in this end of the State and we hope to see him re-elected to the position he once filled with so much honor to himself and credit to the State: WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17, 1884. EDITOR SUNDAY MERCURY:—I am to-day in receipt of the Oregon State Journal, published at Eugene City, Oregon, in which, to my great surprise, I find the following item copied from and credited to the Mercury:

"The following will be read with regret by many: A gentleman who has recently returned from Washington, informs us that ex-Senator John H. Mitchell is suffering with what is considered an incurable dropsical complaint, and that when last seen was bloated to almost twice his natural size. He is now at Berkeley Springs undergoing treatment, and it is thought will never be able to come again to Oregon, nor take any active part in her politics."

In the many misrepresentations to which I have been subjected by a portion of the Oregon press, I think there never has been any that has contained so many falsehoods in so short a space, and were it not for the fact that this item, which I understand is being copied in many of the Pacific Coast papers, tends very strongly to injure me in my profession by preventing those who believe it, and who otherwise commit business matters to my hands from forwarding such business, I would be slow to notice it.

Inasmuch, however, as such a paragraph, extensively copied and believed, does tend materially to injure me in that respect, I have concluded to depart from my usual custom of not noticing newspaper misrepresentations and correct these misstatements. In the first place, I never have suffered and am not suffering now, from anything in the nature of an incurable dropsical complaint, nor has any person who knows me now, or who has ever known me until this publication, ever suspected or intimated, so far as I know and believe, that I was afflicted in any such manner; and most assuredly I have never for one moment suspected any such thing.

In the second place, I am not now, nor have I ever been "bloated to almost twice my natural size," nor have I ever been, nor am I now, bloated to any extent whatever, by reason of any dropsical complaint or any other cause. In the third place, I was not during the past year at Berkeley Springs undergoing treatment, nor have I ever been at Berkeley Springs in my life, and in the fourth and last place, an swearing categorically the gross misstatements and assassin like threats in the item referred to, while it may be true that it is "thought" and perhaps even hoped by some that I "will never be able to come again to Oregon, nor take any active part in her politics," I simply desire to state that I personally am not among the number who think or believe I will never be able to come to Oregon again, although as a matter of course we must all admit that in the vicissitude of human life such a contingency is possible; and while my professional engagements will prevent me from returning to the State before next Spring, when I keep and expect to return, there certainly is no thing in connection with my present state of health that would prevent me from coming at any time; and furthermore, while at present I have neither inclination nor intention of taking any active, or other part in Oregon politics, I certainly am not at present, nor was I at the time the item above referred to was written, incapacitated in any respect whatever by ill-health from doing so, in case I desired to. I cannot but believe that you were egregiously imposed upon by some one in the publication of these misrepresentations.

Had the Mercury stated that I had been seriously ill during the past summer with what three of the most eminent physicians of this city pronounce typhoid fever—a very dangerous and prevalent disease in this city—and by which I was confined to my bed about seven weeks, between July 25th and Oct. 19th, and which left me about the latter date to about three-fourths my usual size and weight; and that I had fully recovered my health and strength and was busily engaged in attending to the duties of my profession, it would have told the truth. While it is true the public have no general or special interest in the state of my health, or that of any other private citizen, except in exceptional cases it is a fact that I have an interest in the correction of a gross and widely circulated misrepresentation in regard to my physical capacity to give attention to the business, which is calculated to seriously injure my business. In conclusion, for the special information of the editor of the Mercury and that of the cowardly sneak who, with intent to injure, quickly spread, if he did not actually write the item referred to, and who, by the way, is not a person connected with your paper as editor or otherwise, I beg to say I never was in better health in my life than I am now.

Very respectfully, JOHN H. MITCHELL.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. F. WILLIAMSON, ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR-AT-LAW MEDFORD, OREGON.

All business in my line will receive prompt attention.

Christmas Ball!

—AT— LAVENBURG'S HALL, PHOENIX.

The undersigned will give a grand ball at Lavenburg's Hall in Phoenix on Thursday, December 25th. The best of music has been secured and the supper will be up to its usual excellent standard. Everybody is invited. Mrs. D. LAVENBURG.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, ROSEBURG, OR., November 25, 1884. Notice is hereby given that John Herberger whose postoffice address is Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon has this day applied for patent for the following described placer mining ground, viz: The N 1/2 of S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec. 31 T 37 S R 2 West of the Willamette Meridian containing 20 acres. The location of this mine and the transfers by the locators to John Herberger are recorded in vol. 16 page 457 of mining records of Jackson county, Oregon, dated December 15, 1877. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said mining ground are required to file their adverse claims with the Register of the United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon during the sixty days publication hereof or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statutes. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson county. In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, the administrator of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased, has filed in the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, his final account as such administrator, and by order of said court, Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1885, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., is set for hearing. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear and file his objections to said account on or before said day. Published by order of Hon. C. Peatt, Judge of said court. GEO. M. LOVE, Administrator of the estate of Mary A. Chambers, deceased. Dated Dec. 6, 1884.

WORDS FAIL.

"Words fail to express my gratitude," says Mr. SELBY CARTER, of Nashville, Tenn., "for the benefits derived from

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Having been afflicted all my life with Scrophula, my system seemed saturated with it. It came out in blotches, Ulcers, and Mattery Sores, all over my body." Mr. Carter states that he was entirely cured by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and since discontinuing its use, eight months ago, he has had no return of the scrophulous symptoms.

All baneful infections of the blood are promptly removed by this unequalled alternative. PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists; 25, one bottle for 25.

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

It heals nearly every disease peculiar to the scalp, checks the falling out of the Hair and prevents it from turning gray, and is an unequalled dressing and toilet article. PREPARED BY Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists.

Summons.

IN THE Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Jackson, Martha Eddy, plaintiff, vs. John Eddy, defendant, Suit for a divorce.

To John Eddy. In the name of the State of Oregon: You are required to appear in said court and answer the complaint of said plaintiff filed against you, on or before the 8th day of December, 1884. And you are notified that, if you fail to answer said complaint as above required, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: For a decree dissolving against you and for the change of the name of said John Eddy to Eddy and the costs and disbursements of this suit.

By order of L. R. Webster, Judge of said court, dated Nov. 3, 1884. E. F. DOWELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Administrator's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Frederick Heber, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, a sitting in Probate, administrator of the estate of Frederick Heber deceased.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle the same immediately, and those having claims against the estate will present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, residing in Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Wm. M. TRUBER, Administrator of said estate. Dated Nov. 15, 1884.

Organ for Sale.

The undersigned offers for sale on easy terms a good party's business. Taylor organ, 10 stops, being used but a few weeks. For particulars enquire at this office or address the undersigned at Phoenix, Arizona, Or. GEO. CORSS, 1884.

YOU CAN FIND THEM

—AT— E. C. BROOKS' New Drug Store, Jacksonville, Or.

—AT— Clocks. A fine assortment of 8-day clocks, with and without alarm.

Watches. Gent's, ladies' and boys' gold and silver, hunting-case, open-face and skylight watches, from \$5 to \$150.

Bracelets. A fine lot of ladies' gold band and bangle bracelets.

Finger Rings. Diamond and ruby rings, cameo stone, emerald set with diamonds, cameo set with pearls, garnet and pearls, turquoise and pearls, and onyx rings with hidden notices, solid gold band and bangle rings, plain and ornate California rings.

Jewelry. Diamonds in every shape. Ladies' sets of jewelry, from the 50-cent black set to the \$200 bird sets of diamonds. Gent's and ladies' gold chains, lockets and charms.

Pins and Buttons. Gent's gold scarf-pins, scarf-slides, studs and collar-buttons. Silver and silver-plated knives, forks, spoons, napkin rings, silver sugar-spoons and tongs in cases.

Miscellaneous. Gold and silver trinkets; gold, silver and steel spectacles; and a full stock of everything in the jewelry line. A full assortment of perfumery, toilet soaps, etc. A lot of steel engravings and pictures for children. In short, a complete and first-class line of

HOLIDAY GOODS. All to be sold at the LOWEST PRICE! Also accordions, violins, banjos, and the best line of violin, guitar and banjo strings. The best sperm oil for sewing machines. A full line of Drugs and Medicines. Prescriptions carefully compounded. E. C. BROOKS.

NEW SADDLER SHOP MEDFORD, OR., Madison Rodgers, Proprietor.

DEALER IN HARNESS, SADDLES, BRIDLES, HALTERS, Etc. Etc. A Boot and Shoe Department is also attached. Call around and enquire prices and I will promise satisfaction. MADISON RODGERS, Medford, Or., July 23, 1884.

NEW TOWN OF MEDFORD!

Lots for sale at low prices and on easy terms. Apply to J. S. HOWARD, Agent, at Medford.

Also, in the Railroad addition to the town of ASHLAND. Apply to M. L. McCall, Agent, Ashland, PHOENIX.

Apply to M. V. B. SOULE, Agent Phoenix. GOLD HILL. Apply to M. E. P. GUE, Agent, Gold Hill. GRANT'S PASS. Apply to S. M. WILCOX, Agent Grant's Pass. Or to GEO. H. ANDREAS, O. & C. R. R. Co., Portland Or.

DAVID LINN, GENERAL UNDERTAKER, AND DEALER IN COFFIN TRIMMINGS.

COFFINS FURNISHED ON THE shortest notice and cheaper than at any other establishment in Southern Oregon. Furniture of all kinds kept on hand or made to order.

Farm for Sale.

The undersigned offers for sale one of the best stock farms in Rogue river valley. It is located on Dry Creek, on the other side of Rogue river, contains 160 acres of good land, with good barn, etc. on the place, and will be sold at a bargain. For further particulars call on or address HENRY WYDERMANN, Jacksonville Oct. 18, 1884.

Settle Up!

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE undersigned by note or account are requested to call and settle up forthwith. Parties knowing themselves indebted to me will do well to heed this notice, as I am determined to enforce payment where it is refused or neglected. H. PAPE, Sr. Jacksonville, Aug. 2, 1884.

Settle Up.

All persons indebted to the undersigned at the date of Sept. 1st, on book account are requested to settle the same before the first of October or costs will be made by placing my accounts in the hands of attorney for collection. This is the last call and I mean just what I say. S. P. IANNA, Jacksonville, Sept. 6, 1884.

Hogs Wanted.

The undersigned has a number of mules which he desires to trade for hogs. Also one jack that will be exchanged in the same way. Apply at my farm near Jacksonville. Wm. BYRDE, Jacksonville, Or., 1884.

CRONEMILLER & BIRDSEY, JACKSONVILLE.

ME Pogue Gold Hill, AGENTS FOR

LABELLE WAGONS, BUGGIES AND HACKS, LANSING RIDING HARROWS WITH SEEDERS COMBINED, BUFORD CULTIVATORS AND SPRING T.O.TH HARROWS, McSHERRY GRAIN DRILLS AND BROAD-CAST SEEDERS, BUFORD PLOWS, ALL STYLES, COLLINS CAST-STEEL PLOWS, RANDALL PULVERISING HARROWS, CIDER MILLS, FANNING MILLS, CORN SHELLERS, HAY CUTTERS, FAIRBANKS SCALES, COOPER'S ENGINES AND SAW-MILLS, CHALLENGE WIND-MILLS, CHALLENGE GRAIN CRACKERS, Etc.

EXTRAS SERVED ON SHORT NOTICE.

We would respectfully ask our patrons and friends to call and see our line of goods before purchasing elsewhere, as we feel sure we can sell as low if not lower.

CRONEMILLER AND BIRDSEY. Jacksonville, Oregon, May 9, 1884.

CASH STORE!

Times Building, Jacksonville, Oregon. OUR MOTTO IS "How to the Line, Let the Chips Fly where they Will!"

A Full Line of Merchandise CONSTANTLY ON HAND. GOODS SOLD ONLY FOR CASH BUT ON AN ACTUAL CASH BASIS.

We buy at a discount and lose no bad debts and propose to give our patrons the advantages of this policy. J. W. MERRITT.

J. NUNAN, Dealer In

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES. GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, TOBACCO, CIGARS, CROCKERY, GLASS WARE, ETC.

Produce taken in Exchange California street, Jacksonville, Oregon.

MAX MULLER, P. O. Building, Jacksonville. Dealer in General Merchandise.

THE UNDER-SIGNED TAKES pleasure in informing the public that he has purchased L. Solomon's interest in the

POST OFFICE STORE. Which will be kept stocked with a complete and first class assortment of general merchandise. I will

Very Reasonable Rates. Give me a call and see for yourselves. MAX MULLER.

Notice. LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR., October 23, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Josephine county, at Korbville, Oregon, on Saturday, December 6th, 1884, viz: Andrew J. Gimes, homestead No. 2924 for the N W 1/4 Sec. 8 T 37 S R 5 West. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Jasper Weatherbee, Jasper Strong, Lewis Strong and Charles Bradford, all of Murphy, Josephine county, Oregon. Wm. F. BENJAMIN, Register.

Jacksonville--Crescent City Mail Route. P. McMahon, Proprietor. Stages leave Jacksonville every Monday Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 A. M. arriving at Wadsworth in the evening, where connection is made next morning for Crescent City. When the new wagon road is finished—about January 15th—through tickets to San Francisco will be sold for \$18 by this route. Express and order business done at reduced rates. P. McMAHON Proprietor.

Settle Up. All persons indebted to the firm of Solomon & Mensor by note or book account are requested to call and settle as we will have trouble and costs. SOLOMON & MENSOR. For Sale. Five hundred bushels of choice Winter apples for sale. Apply to MRS. S. E. ILL. Jacksonville, Or., 1884.

THE GEM SALOON. MEDFORD, - OREGON, Kenney & Winters. Having opened our saloon in the new brick building of Byers & Co. at Medford we are now prepared to furnish any kind of a drink that can be called for, made with liquors that are acknowledged to be the best in the market.

A Fine Billiard Table Will also be found at this house and on the tables you can find the leading pictorial and sporting papers of the day. Give us a trial. KENNEY & WINTERS.

The Bishop Scott Grammar SCHOOL. A Boarding and Day School for Boys. The seventh year under the present management will begin September 21. Boys successfully fitted for College or for business. Five resident and three visiting teachers. Discipline strict. For further information and for catalogue containing list of former pupils, Address J. W. HILL, Head Master, 2nd a28 Drawer 17, Portland, Or.

CITY BARBER SHOP CALIFORNIA ST., Jacksonville, - - - Oregon. The undersigned is fully prepared to do all work in his line in the best manner and at reasonable prices. GEORGE SCHUMPF.

Saloon Business for Sale. The undersigned offers for sale the New Era Saloon and Billiard Hall. This house is new and fitted up in first-class style throughout having in use one of Brunswick & Balke billiard tables; size 4 1/2 x 2; size of building 20 x 40 with office 12 x 16. Situation first-class fine trade good opening for a live man. Reason for selling, on account of other business. Will also sell the property without the stock. GEO. CROSS. Phoenix, Or., Sept. 20th, 1884.

Settle Up. Having changed my place of business to Ashland and requiring all the money due me in fitting up my new store I hereby give notice to all those indebted either by note or book account to come forward at once and make settlement. I need the money and must have it. HENRY JUDGE. Ashland, Oregon, May 10, 1884.

Settlement Wanted. The undersigned having been burned out, and needing the money due him on account, he asks all those indebted to come forward at once and make a settlement. Don't be backward as the money must be forthcoming. J. S. DEAN.

CITY DRUG STORE CALIFORNIA STREET, MERRITT & ROBINSON PROPRIETORS.

Will keep on hand the largest and most complete assortment of DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES & CHEMICALS, PURE WINES & LIQUORS, PAINTS, OILS, ETC.

To be found in Southern Oregon. Also a full stock of STATIONERY, SCHOOL BOOKS, FINE CIGARS AND CONFECTIONERY, TOILET SETS.

And a great variety of Perfumery, common and Toilet Soaps, etc. Prescriptions carefully prepared by Dr. J. W. ROBINSON. Dr. Robinson's office in Drug Store.

NEW CASH STORE!! CARO BRO

Has just opened a fine stock of General Merchandise —AT— Phoenix— His motto is Quick Sales and Small Profits.

And he feels assured that all who favor him with their patronage will be satisfied with his prices and the quality of his goods. He keeps GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, and everything usually found in a first-class General Merchandise Store.

He will give his customers the benefit of the reduced freights caused by the advent of the railroad, and will advise under sold by anybody. M. A. BRENTANO, Manager. Phoenix, Oregon, Feb. 25, 1884.

THE S. F. VARIETY STORE,

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF J. R. LITTLE, PROP. JACKSONVILLE. WILL BE KEPT WELL STOCKED with the choicest CIGARS, JEWELRY, GROCERIES, CANDIES, NUTS, PIPES, CARDS, NOTIONS, CUTLERY, STATIONERY, ALBUMS, TOBACCOS, CIGARETTES.

Gent's Furnishing Goods, Fishing Tackle, &c. And everything usually found in a first-class variety store. My goods are the best and guaranteed to be as represented. Prices low, as we do not propose to be under sold. Give us a call. J. R. LITTLE.

JACKSONVILLE NURSERY A. S. Johnson, Pro. As the demand for fruit trees is so great in this valley I have started a Nursery in this place and will raise nothing but the finest varieties. This year I will sell from the Woodburn Nursery as usual and also from the celebrated Alameda Nursery, Oakland Cal. The following are some of the leading varieties I will keep: Peaches. Early York Briggs Red May. E and L Crawford's Numpy World. Walsley's early Salway. Amsden Susquehanna. Alexander Mary's Choice. Orange Gling Yellow Berge. Lemon Gling and many more.

Fruits and Plums. Petite Prune d'Agne Peach Plum. Italian Prune Yellow Egg. Golden Prune Coc's Golden Drop. Grosse Prune Bradshaw. Cathrine Prune Japan Plum. Cherries, Nectarine, Apricot, Quince, Apple, French Gooseberry, Oregon hanger, rague Berries, and all kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

NEW SADDLER SHOP, Jacksonville, Ogn. Thomas J. Kenney, Prop. HAVING OPENED OUT A NEW saddle shop in Langell's building, opposite Masonic Hall, I am fully prepared to do any work in my line with promptness and dispatch. Will keep on hand a good assortment of saddles, bridles, harness, bits, spurs, etc. None but the best California leather used. Job work a specialty and prices to suit the times. Give me a trial. T. J. KENNEY Jacksonville, July 16, 1881.