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Will attend to all work in his line, consisting in part of Carpenter and Joiner work

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SMITH & MARSHALL, Black-Smiths and Boiler Makers Corner of Main and Third streets, Oregon City Oregon.

Blacksmithing in all its branches. Boiler making and repairing. All work warranted to give satisfaction.

JOHN SCHRAM Manufacturer and Dealer in

SADDLES, HARNESS, &c., &c., Main street, between Third and Fourth, Oregon City. THE attention of parties desiring anything

in my line, is directed to my stock, be-

fore making purchases elsewhere.
(1y) JOHN SCHRAM. A. LEVY. Main Street, at the Telegraph Office, Oregon City Oregon.

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Toys, etc. BARLOW HOUSE,

Factory, Oregon City Oregon. Wm. Barlow, Proprietor.

The proprietor, thankful for the continued patronage he has received, would inform the public that he will continue his efforts to EMIL FRESE, Wholesale Druggist, public that he will continue his efforts to

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MAIN STREET. Nearly Opposite Woolen Factory. W. L. WHITE, Proprietors. T. W. RHOADES.

Oregon City, Oregon. We invite the citizens of Oregon City, and the traveling public, to give us a share of their patronage. Meals can be had at all hours, to please the most fastidious.

Imperial Mills. OREGON CITY.

KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND FOR SALE : PLOUR, MUDLINGS, BRAN AND CHICKEN FEED! Parties wanting feed must furnish

OREGON CITY Paper Manuf's Co.

Manufacture, and have constantly on Grandly I rise, but to sink again. hand, a very Superior Article of Straw Wrapping Paper.

Orders will receive prompt attention.

22.1y J. D. MILLER, Secretary. I murmur my music to every boat,

PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY! TT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO LET THE public be informed that

JOHN HELM, ARTIST, Has removed to the Photographic Rooms on Main street, lately occupied by Morrison C. Athey, where he is prepared to execute better work than ever. For Children's Pictures the best hours are between 9 and 12 o'clock A. M.

OREGON CITY BREWERY!

HENRY HUMBEL, Having purchased the above Brewery, wishes to inform the public that he is now

prepared to manufacture a No. 1 quality of LAGER BEER! As good as can be obtained anywhere in the State. Orders solicited and promptly filled. Oregon City, December 28th, 1866. 19tf

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Dealers in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Groceries, Hardware, etc., etc., Which they propose to sell as cheap as any

Oregon City, October 23, 1866. CLARK GREENMAN,

City Drayman,

OREGON CITY. All orders for the delivery of merchandise, or packages and freight of whatever description, to any part of the city, will be executed promptly and with care,

PONY SALOON.



Main street, Oregon City, Adjoining the Brick Store of S. Ackerman

JAMES MANN, Propr.

This popular saloon is always supplied with the very best quality of Wines and Liquors, Ale, Porter, Beer and Cider, Cigars and Tobacco. Give me a call.
7:1y JAMES MANN.

Fashion Billiard Saloon. Main street, between Second and Third,

Oregon City.

J. C. Mann, Proprietor. THE above long established and popular only the choicest brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars are dispensed to customers a share of the public patronage is solicited.

(Iv) J. C. MANN.

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West Side Main Street, between Second and Third, Oregon City.

GEORGE A. HAAS ---- Proprietor.

The proprietor begs leave to inform his friends and the public generally that the above named popular saloon is open for their accommodation, with a new and well assorted supply of the finest brands of wines, liquors and cigars.

Mayer's Market! IN MOSS' BUILDING. Main Street Oregon City.

The undersigned will keep on hand all the varieties of

fresh and cured meats : Poultry, Vegetables, Corned Beef and Pork. Bacon, Hams, Lard, Tallow, &c A liberal share of patronage is solicited. as I expect to keep as good an assortment,

and of as good quality, as the country affords, which will be delivered to purchasers at any reasonable distance in the city.

B. MAYER.

THE BEST SELECTION And largest assortment of Ladies' Gents', Misses', Boys' and Childrens'

BOOTS and SHOES. Can be had at the PHILADELPHIA BOOT

AND SHOE STORE, No. 112 Front street, Portland, opposite Walter Bros. Carpet store, where new goods of the latest styles are received by every steamer, direct from the east, enabling 'us to sell cheaper than any other store in the city. KAST & CAHALIN.
14.) 112 Front street, Portland.

THE BEST remedy for purifying the Blood, Strengthening the Nerves, Restoring Main Street, one door north of the Woolen | the Lost Appetite, is FRESE'S HAMBURG TEA. It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, if used timely. Composed of herbs only it can be given safely to intants. Full directions in French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT!
For sale at all the woolesale and retail

held at Madison this year. Sole Agent, 410 Clay street, San Francisco.

Sighs, Smiles, and Sketches.

Here is the whole poem on a great theme, which may be taken as an example of poetic

Waves, do ve talk as ye dance on the sea? Fain would I what learn your words may be I've heard ye murmur, and whisper, and roar, I've heard ye sigh as ye swept the shore.

THE BREAKER. Over the rocks I come foaming in. Mocking the winds with my ceaseless din; I shout to the storm-come blow, come blow. And I'll wash in the bones from the wrecks

THE BILLOW. bear the ship on my heaving breast, And the sea-weeds float as I lift my crest; I say to the sailor boys-cheer, lads, cheer, The breezes are fair, and your port is near.

THE SWELL. Slowly I roll o'er the ocean's face, The albatross makes me her resting place; I sweep in silence over the main,

THE RIPPLE. Gaily I dance in the merry moonlight, And the mackerel shine midst my wavelets bright :

And I lull the fishers to sleep as they float We blanch the hue of the pilot's cheeks, When our angry roar from a lee-shore speaks; We cheer with a smile the maiden's brow, As we sigh to the sands with our whispers

We thunder against the dark cliff's side, And the nautilus floats on our gentle tide; Like passions that play in the human breast, To-day we revel, to-morrow we rest.

M. Feyrnet gives the readers of the Paris Temps a curious anecdote in regard to Day & Martin's blacking, which has been advertised throughout the world, and even on the Egyptian Pyramids:

One afternoon, Day, then a poor workman, was drinking his mug of half-andhalf in a London ale-house, when a poor and ragged individual entered, and addressing himself to those present, said,-"Who will give me'a pint of ale for good recipe for blacking ?"

"I will," said Day, and he ordered the pint of ale for the new comer. "Now let us have it," said he, and his. new friend gave him the desired docu-

"Good!" said Day; "now I will give you another pint," which the unknown drank and then took his leave.

The next morning Day sought one of his friends, a commercial traveler named Martin, and showed him the recipe. They made a quantity of the blacking, and filled all the old bottles they could obtain with the mixture.

This done, a friend of the partners went to all the grocers and blacking merchants of London, and addressed to each one the question, "Have you Day & Martin's

And all the shopkeepers naturally enough answered " No."

The next day another friend went the rounds, and to each merchant he propounded the question that his predecessor had done, and in each case he received the same answer. The next day another friend went to each merchant, but this time the question was, "Would you like to buy some Day & Martin's blacking ?"

And all the merchants answered, Saloon is yet a favorite resort, and as "Willingly." And the fortune of the house of Day & Martin was made. They adopted for their labels a picture of a cat enraged at seeing his image reflected in the polished surface of a boot, as in a mirror, and this label has become worldfamous. It only remains to be said that Day, on the occasion of his daughter's marriage, was enabled to give her as a wedding gift, the nice little sum of two hundred thousand dollars, which was a good deal in those days.

us, the murdered wives hung in a line in | An immense amount of this kind of fraud the mysterious chamber? The orginal of was perpetrated. Bluebeard, it seems, was one ferocious old Chevalier Daval, who was, in truth, an it is thought by some, will be quite atrocious old bigamist, and lived in this likely to hasten the new looked for crash; castle so long ago that hardly any thing but we do not see in the past any special except tradition in regard to him yet re- ill luck in that particular figure 7. That his life for the purpose of leaving enough mained. The excursion is a delightful old Whig pet, the United States Bank, was to give his children a start in the world, as one, and you may reach the ruins either supposed to have been an especial bless- it is called. Setting a young man afloat by a road which conducts through a ing to the country in 1827; matters went with money left him by his relatives, is charming rolling landscape, or by the smooth then. We find, in 1817, there was like tying a bladder under the arms of one pretty little River Erdre, which winds ro- a little derangement in finance by the curmantically northward from the centre of tailment of the circulation of the United the town. Just outside the primitive vil- States Bank, together with that of the lage of Jardiniere, immediately upon the sloping bank of the stream. you encounter some crumbling walls, so thickly covered with moss, ivy and brush, that you can hardly discover them, and in the midst of a pretty wood-and this is all that still exists of Bluebeard's eastle. They undertake to place you on the very spot where the murdered wives were transfixed; for tradition takes strong hold of the ignorant, of bank notes and bank credits that the superstitious minds of those French peasants, and I doubt not that the old woman who shows the ruins for a few cents thoroughly believes in the story from beginning to end."

The State Fair of Wisconsin is to be

Panies Forty Years Ago:

The country is told to look out for a terrible financial crisis in 1867, because the figure "7" has always brought disaster upon this people; and the believers in the mysterious influence of that numeral, point to '37, '47, and '57, as proofs of the power that particular sign exercises over destiny. We find, however, as far back as 1817, no panic in that year, though there were the results of contraction and expansion which attend paper money banking. From an inspection of the files of the United States Gazette and the Philadelphia Gazette, from 1821 to 1831, the financial expansions and contractions were

about as follows: of the year. The effects of an expansion, cent. in a few weeks. Bills on London ricated from raw material drawn on this apparently commenced in the spring, began to be felt in June or July, and by October the spirit of speculation is toler-

1822-A reaction commences in May, the effects of which are felt through the rest of the year. 1823-The bank of the United States receives the notes of all its branches, and

ably active.

begins to extend its operations. 1824—The banks increased their issues. and the spirit of speculation is excited. 1825—The consequences of the great reaction of 1818-19, are not over in the interior, but on the seaboard the effects of the expansion begun in 1823 and continued through 1824, are felt in the rise of property and general briskness of business. In July and August of this year, a violent

reaction commences. 1826-The effects of the reaction are felt through the greater part of the year. 1827—Money plenty; the United States commenced issuing branch drafts for small

1828-Sudden and alarming scarcity of money in May, and again in September. 1829-Money scarce until July; it after-

ward becomes plenty. 1830-Money plenty. 1831-Money plenty until October ; then reaction begins.

1832-Money scarce. Toward the close

of the year the pressure abates in the commercial cities, but it has not apparently diminished in other parts of the country. The panics of 1837 are well remembered. We find no parallel to them in any period in the history of the country before that time. These panies were the results of an inflation of currency, or rather of a plethora of paper money, which induced speculation of all kinds, but mainly that of land. Corner lots were the rage. It was about this period that the morus multicardis, or silkworm fever, broke out. The mulberry tree rose in price as rapidly as

did tulips during the tuffp mania, in Holland, two hundred years ago. This mulberry tree speculation ran very high in 1837, and thousands went into the plantof them and were ruined. Paper money banking was the basis of all these bushes. The West and the South went largely into the banking business at that period, and the price of real estate in the West rose enormously. The wild cat banking system of the State of Michigan was the great financial farce of that period. State Commissioners traveled from one bank to another to examine the specie on hand; as in those days there were no railways, their stages were slow, and the gentlemen not at all inclined to hurry. The consequence was, that as soon as the boxes of specie had done duty at one bank, and while the gentlemanly officials, who had certified to the soundness of institution No. 1, were taking their dinners, a smart pair of horses attached to a wagon, in the rear of the bank, received the said boxes and made good time over the road to institution No. history 2, where the specie was again "on show," in time for the State officials, who as duly certified to the soundness of No. 2. These ten boxes of specie represented all the wild-cat banks of Michigan, and the farce was kept up until millions of paper was made to flood the West, when they all collapsed. The passage of the Bankrupt Act of 1841 produced a great reaction in 1842-43, but we had no money panic or commercial revulsion of very grave character until 1847. The crisis of 1857 was Runs of Bluebeard's Castle .- A tour- a serious one, yet the wiping out of the ist writes from France: "There are cer- \$400,000,000 of debts, by the passage of tain localities in the vicinity of Nantes | the Bankrupt law, was productive of more which are well worth a visit. For instance, wide-spread disaster, for it was taken ad-I imagine not a few of our little folks in vantage of to the extent perhaps of a hun-America would like to have joined me in | dred millions, by dishonest men, who an excursion I took the other day to the transferred, temporarily, their property, ruins of Bluebeard's castle that very and made oath that they were not worth identical castle where, the story-book tells | a dollar, and their creditors were swindled.

The passage of the Bankrupt Act of 1867. country banks. An old writer on finance, in 1817, uses language which might well be used to-day:

"As banks are the creatures of government, all the evils they produce must be ascribed to the government. It is to afford opportunities for speculations to themselves, their personal friends and political partizans, that our law givers establish banks. It was through the attempt to carry on the war (1812 to 1815) by means suspension of specie payments was produced. It was through the connivance of the Government that the suspension of specie payment was so long continued. It was through the issue of treasury notes that a large amount of public stock might | accordingly off she went.

be absorbed that a bank was instituted | A Check upon Home Woolen Manuwith a capital of thirty-five millions (the U. S. bonds) when there was not room for

a credit bank with a capital of thirty-five

spread commercial disaster to the country, cottons, carried ruin into England. The close of the year 1825 was said to be the most unfortunate period England had ever experienced, commercially. So much for of the natural wealth of their country panies of forty years ago. We appear to have learned nothing from past experi- upon them to encourage the production of ence, and are rushing into another finan- such commodities as they require, and for cial and commercial calamity with all the | which there is a constant drain of treasure speed possible.

the Democrats in the coming election in portant branch of domestic manufacture, California, the Express says:

Democrats of California are not entering the opening canvass to battle for things past and gone, but mean to take up the live issues of the day and hour, and fight for white man's supremacy over negro and mongrel inferiority-for a white man's government for their children-for principle-for national honor-tor national

greatness and prosperity. the spoils," which has been the grand cohesive "principle" of the party too long to be abandoned even after six years of defeat and hungry longing. The Democratic journals are trying to drag the labor question into California politics. Most journals of the State deprecate this course. and advance the opinion that this question has nothing to do with politics and is chiefly availed of by demagogues for their own purposes. Some of the Union papers have broken ground in favor of a resolution looking to the amendment of the State Constitution so as to permit impartial suffrage. Those journals that have spoken stitute machinery for manufacturing woolon the subject approve the amendments submitted by the last Legislature.

"A Nation Expunded.—After fifty years of wrangling, misrule and rebellion, Po- pected that the Southern States, entirely land has ceased to exist. The very name has been blotted out, and will never again | come large purchasers. Unfortunately, appear upon the revised maps of Europe, If its internal economy, and social and political characteristics had been better understood in this country, there would have been much less of sympathy, and far less of romance and fine spun sentiment, wherever her name was mentioned. Poland for half a century has been a continental

The above is the commencement of an editorial in the Bulletin, which called out a set of resolutions," at a meeting of Polish exiles, of which the following are samples: That the editorial article referred to is gross misrepresentation of facts, and a

shameful perversion of the truths of That we, exiles, share with our brethren home the fullest faith that the Romanoffs can neither "dub" nor "expunge" our nation out of existence, and that, though ever so terribly tried, the same national fire which burned in a Sobieski before Vienna, and blazed along the line of the American army with a Koscinzko and Pu-

laski, will yet show the Polish honor unstained, the Polish flag still flying. THE ST. PATRICK RIOTERS.—The New York Grand Jury have found indictments against six of the marshals of the St. Patrick procession. Two of the parties are charged with malicious assault, with intent to kill ; one of them, Bernard Clark, who used his sword so fiercely, having three indictments against him of this nature. The newspapers are now calling for an exemplary punishment of the culprits who shall be proven guilty, and they are making this call in a tone that indicates to the judicial authorities that they are expected, as in the case of the jury, to do their duty, and their whole duty, in premises. The public will not be satisfied with any Michael Connolly method

of administering justice in this matter. Self-Dependence. - Many an unwise parent works hard, and lives sparingly all who cannot swim; ten chances to one he will lose his bladders and go down to the bottom. Teach him to swim, and he will not need the bladders. Give your child a good education. See to it that his morwhole nature made subservient to the laws ployers can maintain themselves in busiwhich govern man, and you will have given what will be of more value than the wealth of the Indies. You have given him a start which no mistortune can deprive him of. The earlier you teach him to depend upon his own resources and the blessing of God, the better.

BOTH PRODUGALS. - A young wife remonstrated with her husband, a dissipated spendthrift, on his conduct. "My love." said he. " I'm only like the prodigal son; I shall reform by and by." "And I will that the amount of bank notes in circula- be like the prodigal son, too," she replied, tion was immediately increased. It was "for I will arise and go to my father," and ibrium that must always be maintained be-

factures.

From the Alta California. In the past eighteen years the California Here was language used half a century | market has been the receptacle of tons ago three years after the close of the war | upon tons of machinery and manufactured of 1812, which would exactly suit our case goods of every quality and description. to-day. History does indeed repeat itself. The sale of the vast quantity of merchan-We find a surplus of bank paper in 1821 dise imported has enriched thousands of and 1822, and at the same time commer- manufacturers abroad, and its distribution cial disasters. The Nile's Register men- has given an impetus to trade here, while tions the failures of forty-two Boston mer- the equivalent in exchange for it has chants in thirty days, and the causes were | drained the State of millions of its nativeapparently the same that exist with us to- born wealth, from which no future benefit day, shocks in trade, vacillations in busi- can be derived. The constant increase in ness produced by sudden changes in values. our midst of enew manufacturing enter-Certain kinds of cotton and woolen goods prises, and the general disposition shown 1821-Business dull in the beginning are mentioned as having fallen 50 per to patronize the production of articles fabwhich in February, 1822, were quoted at | coast, are matters of ordinary notoriety, 111@112, fell in the course of a few and latterly have given assurance to the months to 1046 108. This unsettled state hope that within a reasonably brief period of things continued up to 1825, when in of time the State would become almost the fall of that year it culminated in wide- wholly independent of other States or countries for the supply of certain classes and in consequence of the wild specula- of manufactured goods, into which the stations in American mines and American ple articles of home growth might largely

> If the prosperity of a people depends on their ability to retain a large proportion within its boundaries, the duty devolves to procure abroad. It is a matter of serious moment that the realization of the An Omission .- Concerning the policy of rising hopes in regard to at least one imwoolen goods, will, in consequence of a combination of unexpected events, be deferred perhaps for years. Mention was made in the Bulletin several days ago of the discharge of a large number of hands employed in the Mission Woolen Mills. for reasons which it was then supposed would be of only temporary duration. But we regret to learn that rivalry and competition in trade, the inducements to purchase held out by depressed markets in The Express forgot to add-" and for other places, and the existence of disturbing influences which militate against the system of labor required for success in this ne of business, will, in all probability, operate as a check and drawback for a long time to come. One half the number of sets of machinery heretofore in operation in those mills will not be used in future, thereby reducing the quantity of raw wool consumed from 200,000 to 300,000 pounds to half that quantity; and the same contraction will take place in the Pioneer from the unexpected closing of the natural market for their fabrics.

tate of affairs originated in the Eastern States. At the beginning of the war, all the New England Mills which could suben instead of cotton goods, did so. the war lasted the demand kept down the supply; but the latter did not dimnish with the close of the war, because it was exdestitute of such manufactures, would beall are aware how fallacious such expectafour times as many mills as were needed have been continued in operation, producstocked with them, and immense quantities have been thrown upon the market by parties determined to realize. A glutted market in which goods must be disposed ways attracts speculators, as well as legitimate traders, and representatives of San en gains. We understand that, within a few months, several millions in gold and the proceeds of not a few shipments of wheat and flour from this port have been ly those descriptions of woolen goods which are manufactured in our own mills. We have heard that the amount expended in uch purchases approaches \$7,000,000. There have been quite recently several sales of woolen goods, manufactured and otherwise, where the amount disposed of in a single sale has reached between \$200 .- Capital stock, \$7,000,000. Shares, \$100. 000 and \$300,000. The immediate result of these operations is that there is, in the opinion of those best qualified to form one, enough woolen manufactures of all descriptions, here and in transitu, to supply this market for a space of three years to come, and to be sold for less than they can be produced here. The fact is now patent to those most concerned by it, that we have no means of counteracting the realts of cheap labor in the Eastern States. This business of woolen manufacture requires a large capital, careful nursing and continual fluctuations in the prices of the raw material and the manufactured goods, and requires a heavy outlay for chemicals, amounting to thousands of dollars. In \$30,000 were required to keep up the permanent stock in the dying department. and from fourteen to fifteen thousand dollars were paid weekly for wages. With all these drawbacks, to which may be addit is offered, not as the Eastern manufacturers do, buying from day to day, as they. completed within four years. The bonds lease, the prudence of Mr. Donald Mc- to be paid in six years. We further un-Lennan and his associates, in curtailing the derstand that the stock is to be offered to operations of their mills, is commendable. We are assured that all the mills would be obliged to cease operations altogether, but for the low price of Chinese labor; and yet there are found persons, who are acquainted with the subject, who do not hesttate to exclaim against the employment of that kind of labor by which alone its emness and contribute so much towards the development of other pursuits, by providing a ready market at home for the commodities they produce. If all the mills had continued in full operation they would have taken probably two-thirds of the entire wool clip of this year. What quantity they may require will be materially affected by circumstance arising from the facts above stated. The immediate consequences of this derangement are reductions in the price of wool and throwing out of employment of a number of workingmen. Both may be traced partially to the insane clamor raised by prejudiced, ignorant parties who have blindly disturbed the equiltween capital and labor.

The Labor Question.

From the Boise Statesman.

Eight hour labor strikes are becoming common in the large eastern cities, but they have vet been unsuccessful in every case. Employees refuse to consent to the reduction from ten to eight hours for a day's work. The subject sis attracting some attention from State legislatures, but it has much the appearance of being from political consideration rather than a desire to subserve the public good. Legislatures are liable to become very reformatory when votes are depending. We strongly suspect that to be the moving power in the discussion and passage of resolutions on this subject. The bran bread school of philosophers who claim that earth should still be Eden, and man have little to do but pluck spontaneous fruit and eat, filling up the balance of his time practicing the water cure and studying physiology, are thoroughly in earnest and seriously think that eight hours should be a day's work. The principle is no doubt good enough, and the practice too, for all such as can afford it. If any man's circumstances are such as that he can make a living or enough more to satisfy his desire for enlarging his wordly possessions by working only eight hours a day, there is no good reason why he should not govern himself accordingly. But this enforcing the eight hour system by law has the appearance of being premature just now. It does not meet with that cordial support from all classes of people that the ten hour system did some years ago, It would be very fine if people were compelled to labor only so much as necessary if there were an equal division of labor among all classes of persons. But that millennial day is a long distant yet. The world owes too many war debts, and governments are too extravagant and wasteful, for the people to retire upon the performance of a mere nominal day's work. The majority of men in business work much more than eight hours a day : some from choice, but many more from necessity. Farmers, as a class, put in nearer sixteen

hour's labor than eight : and these artisans, mechanics, and operatives, who are now clamoring for the eight hour system would, if they could all go into their various branches of business on their own account. be found in a short time toiling more than twelve hours a day, if they did not use up the better part of Sunday in the bargain. Woolen Mills. In fact, all alike will suffer | It matters not whether they did this from the pure love of gain or from necessity, they would do it, and the world generally The moving cause for this disastrous does it. When the war debts are all paid and fighting shall be diminished; when armies and navies do not have to be supported and recruited; when civil government shall be administered with sensible regard to economy, and when extravagance and intemperance do not eat out the substance of the people, then they can

begin to live with less labor. The Valley Raifroad.

We learn from a gentleman direct from tion has proved. The consequence was that the Willamette valley, says the Roseburg Ensign, that Mr. Elliott, who a few years ing four times the quantity of goods re- ago made a preliminary survey from Sacquired. The country is completely over- ramento to Portland, recently returned from the East in company owith a Mr. Brooks, for the purpose of making arrangements for the immediate construction of at rates ruinous to the manufacturer al- of a Railroad. He claims to represent an abundance of Eastern capital, and to have Francisco circles have availed themselves | a power of attorney from a Railroad conof the favorable opportunity to reap gold- tractor by the name of Cooke; and that the persons for whom he is acting have on hands, in New York, a supply of Railroad iron and rolling stock, which they designexpended in Eastern markets for precise- ed for Government use during the war. and are now seeking a market for. On the arrival of Elliott and Brooks at Salem, articles of incorporation were filed by Geo. L. Woods, J. H. Moores, S. Ellsworth, E. N. Cooke, Isaac R. Moores and Jos. Smith.

weth and Mitchell Directors, under the title of Oregon Central Railroad Co. A contract has been made with the said Cooke, through Mr. Elliott acting under his power of attorney, for building 150 miles of the road-to commence at Portntelligent management; it is subject to land; thence to Oregon City-French Prairie, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, through Eugene City. The price per mile is \$35,-000, including rolling stock. The road is the Mission Mills, for instance, as much as to be built in sections of twenty-five miles each, and as fast as a section is completed the company will give Cooke a mortgage on the road to secure bonds given for its construction; which bonds draw interest ed the necessity for purchasing wool when at seven P cent. per annum. The work is to be commenced immediately, and to be

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dent; I. R. Moores, Vice President; J. H.

Moores, Treasurer ; J. A. Clark, Secretary,

Messrs. Smith, Cooke, Ellsworth, Cheno-

the people of Oregon. With that amount constructed, it must

then shortly reach this valley and hence to California. We view this Railroad enterprise as the proposed financial salvation of this part of the country. It will become the nucleus of vast fortunes, not only of the projectors, but also of merchants, and others who invest in stocks, or who even locate permanently on the line. While it will add largely to the worth of real estate. it will no less enhance the value of all kinds of transportable property; the current of wealth, which will flow into these valleys through this avenue, will in a few years lead us to quite forget that we ever

had dull times in fertile Oregon. When the bell of the Locomotive shall awaken echoes from these quiet hills. which now reverberate only the sound of the tinkling bells of grazing herds, or the axe and rifle of the pioneer, then will we. indeed, be a happy people. Energy and the consequent thrift and prosperity will infuse new life into every avocation, and "hard times will come again no more."

