

ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

The Weekly Enterprise.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

THE CASE.—On Tuesday last we spent three hours among the business men of Portland. We regretted that we could not stay longer—think we might have learned something by so doing—at all events as expected, we ascertained that the times are not so very dull, after all. It has been said and done, while at Corbett & Macleay's that firm sold one bill of goods to the amount of \$3,000, for the upper country. They have an immense stock on hand, suitable to the wants of the trade in their line. Mr. Jacob Mayer, late of the retail trade, has opened a fine assortment of general merchandise, which he has brought direct from Eastern markets, and offers at wholesale. Such an enterprise as his cannot fail to prove remunerative, and undoubtedly it will be appreciated by the retailers. We found the large store of E. J. Northrup & Co., filled from the cellar up—just as is used to be in the good old days of yore—only more so. In fact we failed to discover any points to base calculations upon for a crash, unless it be that the small middle dealers who "concentrated" in Portland have mostly vanished. That and nothing more; but those have undoubtedly found better quarters, and we should believe they will live, wherever they are.

POOR "ECONOMY."—Saturday's *Oregonian* dubs the "fat" and "unprofitable" craft at Milwaukee, doing a transporting business for the Road Company. *Economy!* Yes; and poor economy that! If the metropolitan directors of the Portland McAdams Road Co. will listen to the words of a ruralist we will venture to tell them that the *conceits* they have instituted in other directions, adapted to driving travel in other directions, in the form of a long land-laid Saturday in a carriage, were thirty-five minutes at the ferry. No blame for this delay can be laid to John. He acted with all possible diligence. The boat carries but two teams. On last Tuesday seven wagons, in one squad, passed the office door for Portland. Now suppose the drivers all wished to get to Portland that night. They reach the Milwaukee ferry together. At the rate time was consumed in crossing one buggy those seven teams would be *two hours and ten minutes* passing over the river at that point. The steam ferry boat would put them all over in 15 minutes, and the only extra cost to be taken into account would be the wood. It requires no more help to run the *Milwaukee* than it does to run the cheap and nasty craft that is now in use.

GOVERNMENT WAGONS.—We were pleased to see Messrs. Wallace & Miller, wagon makers on Front street, Portland, busy at work on Government contracts. They are getting up 40 heavy wagons, calculated for 6,000 or 8,000 lbs. each, six spring ambulances, and six heavy carts. They employ at the present time some 18 or 20 men. Ten of the wagons were delivered before called for by the contract, and ten others are now ready. They are made of good timber, and are better than Eastern work.

WORTH A PRIZE.—Mr. J. H. Schram, saddle and harness maker of this city, has lately completed ten pairs of reins from one hide, the longest of which measured eight feet and six inches, the last one being eight feet in length. Such a hide is rarely if ever seen. The leather is fine, no cuts or bad places appearing in the lines as made. The hide was dressed at the Milwaukee tannery, but we are not sure where, or by whom, the ox or cow was killed.

WASTE OF GRAIN.—We wish for the credit of our people, that persons who sack grain for market in Oregon would do a better job. It is absolutely a shame to see the useless waste of so much choice wheat, oats, and other grains, for want of proper care, as may be daily witnessed at the docks in this city, while the sacks are in *transit*.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Active preparations are making for many fine large buildings to be erected in Portland this season. The foundations for several of them have been already started, while the material is on the ground for others. Mayor Holmes lead off and has a neat two story brick building about ready to be enclosed, on Alder street.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday evening last Mr. Abel Mattson of this city, met with a serious accident, having had both bones of the left arm broken by the fall of a tree. We are pleased to learn from Dr. Barelay, however, who attended the patient, that he is doing well. The base ball club will regret to lose the services of Mr. Mattson for the time being, as he is among the best of their players.

CON.—Why is Oregon City like a modern lady of fashion? asked our friend Isaac a few evenings since, of the Pope and several others, who were viewing the new walk and street above the Barlow House. "Give it up," was the usual exclamation. "Then I will tell you," said Isaac. "It is because she sports a huge waterfall."

UPPER.—At the regular meeting of Clackamas B. B. Club, May 21st, 1867, A. J. Apperson was elected Empire for the season. The Club met for field exercise every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 4 o'clock, P. M. A general invitation is extended to all to participate.

WHEN TEAMS QUIT.—The *Denver News* says teams quit crossing the Missouri river on the ice, between Omaha and Council Bluffs, on the first of April. They generally quit passing between Portland and Oregon City after a rain storm.

NEW DISCOVERY.—Mr. Harry Neilson, of White Bluffs, informed us a few days since that quartz of exceeding richness has been discovered interior from that point, but prospectors are not yet prepared to make the exact locality public.

LUMBER FOR LAFAYETTE.—The Canemah Lumbering Company are now busily engaged in filling an order for lumber for Lafayette. Yamhill county. We understand the material is to be used in the new Lafayette School House.

EXHIBITION.—The exhibition advertised to take place in this city on two evenings of next week, is recommended highly by many who have witnessed it in Portland. The programme shows that it is both intellectual and amusing.

A NEW COAT.—Everybody who is able to wear good clo's seems so proud of them, that Doc. Apperson has decided upon giving the Imperial Mills a new coat.

SCIENCE.—Mr. Thomas Waterbury, an old resident and citizen of Clackamas county, committed suicide one day last week south of this place.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. P. S. Knight of Salem, will discourse in this city to-morrow, we presume at the Congregational Church.

THE BULK.—We believe we lead off in the matter of exposing the *peculiar practices* of "J. J. Knowlton & Co." of San Francisco. Since we published our notice of the scamp, the *Albany Democrat*, *Amador Democrat*, *Democratic Standard*, and other papers in both California and Oregon, have ventilated the scoundrelism of the rogue, Knowlton. Pass him along, brethren of the press. We clip the above from the *Lafayette Courier*. After so much being said, to show that the firm alluded to were gross swindlers, the publisher who is *beat* by them should not expect much sympathy. Knowlton & Co. have received cash, from all advertisers whose business they had in hand, but that does not help the case of the publisher. Our advice to publishers is this: accept of no ads. from San Francisco except they come through the hands of L. P. Fisher, 629 Washington street; then all applications for lease of your columns in that quarter will be paid promptly. This is our experience, and we think every publisher who has had business with Fisher will be ready to testify to the same.

VEGETABLE POEM.—At a tabernacle exhibition in Auburn, New York, the following vegetable poem was produced:
Onion garden bed reclining
Beets a yoneth his aching head;
Cauliflowers? Lo, weeds confront me!
Celtuce honest, he sadly said,
Carrots out the steepest manhood,
Peas my weary soul doth need,
Bean, O! strife for me hereafter,
Else my heart will go to seed.

THE ROADS.—Since the date of our last issue we have passed over the roads between this city and Portland twice, but we have not time to mention the memoranda we made "by the way," in detail this week. It would not flatter the citizens of Portland, nor this county (owning the Carson bridge) very much, for us to do so. We presume the condition of the roads is well known to all—but now that the public are interested in the bridge, and would undoubtedly like to see it patronized, a few matters ought to be suggested with respect to its care.

ALLEY IMPROVEMENT.—Notice has been given of the proposed improvement of the alley through block 24, passing the county jail. It will be graded and McAdamsed.

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