committee of the whole on the matter set from the table. The same was agreed and passed

On motion of Mr Fatherree the committee of the whole on road bill; the same was amended and passed

HOUSE

Dec 17

Mr Miller introduced a bill legalizing the acts of the sheriffs of Jackson Co

Mr Perkins presented a petition from J L Parish and others for changing the name of Scion to Chemawah

Mr L B Thompson presented the report of the commission to memorialize Congress in regard to the delivery of the Umpqua The memorial was adopted by Messrs Grover and Bates and adopted

Mr Farrar offered a resolution requesting the P M General to appoint an agent to establish the mails for Oregon as the memorial adopted

Mr Bennett offered a resolution for the relief of the heirs of the late Hon S R Thurston

The bill providing for locating Co seat of Benton Co passed

The resolution for adjournment was adopted (yeas 17, nays 9

Mr Hoskins reported and misdemeanors bill was read.

The afternoon session was mostly occupied in reading the code

HOUSE

Dec 19

Mr Perkins presented the petition of R [illegible] and others for changing the name of Yoncalla to Yoncalla

Mr Hoskins presented a petition of C [illegible] and others, for changing the name of Scio to Centralia

The bill changing the office of supreme [illegible] was read second time and [illegible] committee on judiciary

The bill providing for the location of the county seat of Benton Co, read second time and referred to committee on roads

The bill to incorporate the Umpqua navigation and manufacturing company was read and referred to committee of the whole

Mr Bennett introduced a bill defining the northern boundary of Lane Co This bill defines the southern line of Lane Co to the Calapooya Mountains, thus including in Lane county the Russian possessions

Mr Moffitt introduced a bill to create the office of inspector of fish

Mr Shook introduced a bill for the relief of the poor and insane; read first time

Mr Crews moved for a consideration of the memorial in relation to the delivery of gold mails at Umpqua river. The speaker said that the memorial had not passed, but the report of the committee upon the subject was adopted and that the memorial came up now on its second reading On motion of Mr Grover, it was referred to the following select committee: Messrs. Grover, Lane, Coon, Miller, Ambrose, L. B Thompson, and Martin.

C B to change the name of Marysville to Corvallis, read first time.

The house concurred in council amendment to Tillamook road bill.

On motion of Mr. Grover, a special committee was appointed to report a bill in relation to crimes and misdemeanors. Messrs. Grover, Bates, Perkins, Coon, and Miller, committee.

Mr Rose, from judiciary committee, reported back amended the Scio bill.—The amendments were concurred in and the bill passed.

Afternoon.—The speaker presented the report of the commissioners to erect a penitentiary; referred to committee on judiciary with instructions to report whether the acts of the commissioners have been in accordance with law.

The speaker presented the accounts of individuals of Clark county, for keeping prisoners; referred to committee on claims.

The account of G. D. B. Rigd, keeper of the penitentiary, was presented and referred to committee on claims.

On motion of Mr. Miller, the vote upon the bill in relation to crimes and punishments, was reconsidered; yeas 16, nays 9. The consideration of the bill was postponed until Wednesday.

Mr. Jackson introduced a bill to more effectually prevent the sale of liquor to Indians, Half-breeds and Kanakas.

Mr. Humason gave notice of a bill defining the northern line of Yamhill Co.

COUNCIL.

Dec. 16.

Mr. Kelly presented the petition of Geo. W Jackson, for divorce; referred to judiciary committee.

Mr Kelly, from judiciary committee, reported a bill for the preservation of clams and oysters.

A bill to regulate proceedings in actions at law in district and supreme courts, from code, read first time.

The bill to change the name of Marysville to Corvallis, passed.

The bill to re-locate the road from Salem to Lafayette, was amended by the committee on roads and highways, so as to change a portion of it in district No. 10 and No. 1, and as amended, read twice.

Afternoon.—The joint resolution for the relief of the heirs of the late S R Thurston was passed

The joint resolutions in regard to special mail agent, referred to committee of the whole

The Jackson Co. sheriffs bill was read first time

Mr Humphrey introduced a bill to amend an act in divorce Bonna Marvin from Harrison Marvin, read twice and referred to committee of the whole

Mr Kelly, from joint code committee introduced the following bills: A bill regulating actions concerning real estate, a bill concerning the laws of evidence, &c., a bill regulating proceedings in certain counties, &c

Mr Fatherree introduced a bill to charter the Rickreall academy, read twice and referred to committee on education

The council concurred in amendments to various bills

HOUSE

Dec 20

Mr Perkins, from the committee on elections, reported back amended the bill to locate the county seat of Douglas Co The chief amendment was to substitute the second for the first Monday in March as the day for holding the election The amendments were concurred in and the bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow

Mr Rose presented the petition of Veronica Manning for divorce from her husband, Francis A Manning The petition assigns drunkenness and abandonment as reasons for the application

On motion of Mr Perkins, referred to judiciary committee

Mr Hadley, from committee on corporations, reported back amended the bill to incorporate the Umpqua navigation and manufacturing company

On motion of Mr Farrar, the bill and amendments were laid on the table

The bill to change the name of Marysville to Corvallis, passed

The bill changing the numbers boundary of Lane county, passed

Mr Colby introduced a bill appointing temporary officers for Tillamook county

Mr Booth offered a joint resolution instructing the President of the Council to transmit to our delegate copies of all memorials that have been passed, and copies of others that may pass, immediately after their adoption After a little spirited debate in regard to etiquette and the proper course to pursue in communicating with the general government and the delegate, which was participated in by Messrs Perkins, Grover and Chapman, the resolution was adopted

The bill to create the office of inspector of fish, was read a second time

Afternoon.—Mr. Grover, from select committee on the memorial in relation to the delivery of the mails at the Umpqua river, reported back the memorial amended. The amendments were concurred in and the memorial passed.

Mr. Perkins presented the petition of Hugh Cosgrove and others, in relation to land claims, and praying the legislature to memorialize Congress for a modification of the land law and the immediate granting of titles; laid on the table.

Mr. Hadley, from committee on corporations, to whom was referred the petitions for changing the name of Salem, reported that of the various names presented they preferred the name of Chemawa as being the most original and appropriate.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the petitions were referred again to the committee with instructions to report by bill.—Statesman.

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New England Celebration.

On the 22d of December the descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers assembled at Portland in accordance with the previous announcement, to celebrate the memorable event of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock.

The procession formed at 10½ o'clock in front of the Columbian, to the order that was announced in the Committee's advertisement. The procession, preceded by the Vancouver Band, proceeded to the Methodist Church. (It might be proper to state here that the meeting was participated in by the citizens generally, not a small number of whom are actually New Englanders, and quite a number of strangers from other parts of this Territory and Washington.)

The oration of the day was delivered by Wm. H. Farrar, Esq., a son of New England. It was ably written and deeply interesting, and to us instructive. We were much pleased with it and if we had any fault to find it would be that it was a little too emphatic in its declarations.

The choir being composed of ten persons, executed in excellent time the praise assigned. And here was one and only female voice that we noticed above all others indeed we were almost enchanted. The voice was full and clear and must admired for both its volume and tone

Our enjoyment was not a little heightened by the music discoursed by the brass band; the first that we have heard since we have been in Oregon We almost felt as if we were a soldier when we first heard the band, and when we heard the able address of Mr Farrar, we almost fancied ourself a Yankee

The procession formed again at the church, and marched to Dennison's building, where was collated in bold array and superb style three tables, the full length of the building, which groaned under the more than rubra fowls and other dainty viands It was the richest table and presented the finest appearance of any thing that has ever come off in Oregon It was decided by the most spiritual affair that has been witnessed in this country

Near three hundred persons were seated at once at the tables

It was truly an interesting meeting and was well conducted throughout We thought some of the speeches too long — The occasion was one well calculated to make even a Southerner, feel like a "live Yankee"

The meeting adjourned at a reasonable hour in good order to meet one year hence in Portland May the Sons of New England be made years to pay an annual tribute to the leading of the Pilgrim Fathers

Coal on the Pacific.—Mr Benham of San Francisco has been over in Washington Territory examining the coal mines He reports very favorably of them I from we are indebted for the information contained below In Bellingham bay Mr Benham informed us, there is a mine of 16 feet in depth, with a dip of 45 degrees The vein is of solid coal, with the exception of two streaks of clay one of 4 the other of 5 inches These it is thought will disappear as the mines are sunk to The vein juts upon the bay, running off from the shore in a north easterly direction The bed of the mine is 40 feet above high water mark Preparations are being made to develop these mines at once Over 100 tons of this coal has been placed in the San Francisco market and it commanded within $1 of the high est market price

This mine is situated within 1 ¼ of a mile of deep water, and 1 1 2 days sail of the outward mouth of the straits

Koose Bay.—We have been informed that some 700 or 800 tons of coal have been taken out at Koose bay, preparatory to shipment to San Francisco We shall be pleased to learn authentic information respecting the coal when it is fairly tested.

The necessity for shipping coal from the Atlantic side we presume will soon be superseded by the development of mines on this coast We have entertained such an opinion for some time, and we rejoice that discoveries here already been made to strengthen our belief. We need something to offset the continual heavy drain upon our circulation

☞The new Screw Steamship Peyton, Jas S. Nash, commander, arrived at Portland on Sunday evening, with 80 passengers and a large amount of freight The Peytona will run regularly between Portland and San Francisco. And for the accommodation of the public, a letter mail will be kept open until the hour of departure, at both ends of the route. On the first trip up to the Columbia river, only 18 pounds of steam was carried

The Peytona was built for the N. York and Providence trade, but it was found she drew too much water. She will regulate her time of running to suit the arrival and departure of the U. S. Mails.

The builder and principal owner is W. P. Williams. Burden 800 tons; length of keel 180 feet, beam 27½ feet, hold 17 feet 3 inches, the cylinders being 44 inches in diameter, with 30 inches stroke, and has a power of 400 horses. The diameter of wheel 40½ feet On her trial trip upon the Delaware she ran 38 miles in 2 hours and 4 minutes. We are indebted to the Purser for the above particulars.

☞The Rev. Dr. Yeatis will lecture on the subject of Temperance in the Methodist church on to-morrow (Sabbath) evening As he is an able lecturer we bespeak for him a full house.

Blackwood's Magazine.—This renowned publication is on the tapis, too. It is highly interesting to the storer set, and is full of amusement and instruction

The Wallamet went up the river on a pleasure excursion on Thursday.

Local and Personal

Trial of Convention Stamp.

Two Treasons or Conspiracy Cases.

A special term of the District Court for Clackamas County was called by Chief Justice O'Bellen for the purpose of bringing to trial Convention Sharp and his wife charged with the crime of murder, committed in Oregon City on the body of Robert McArthur, alias Bob Summers. The court commenced on the 20th inst. The principal part of the day was occupied by the grand jury in finding a bill against the prisoners.

The prisoners were interrogated by the court as to whether they had employed counsel, or whether they felt able to employ counsel. Three answers were registered. The court told it to them to choose. Three persons were named, and Hon. O. C. Pratt, being the only one in attendance, the court appointed him to defend the prisoners

Dec 21.—Court called. Alexander Campbell appeared on behalf of the Territory, and O. C. Pratt for prisoners. The indictment having been read, the defence plead informality in the charges, but the court overruled the objections, and the trial proceeded.

The challenges were then set forth by the Territorial counsel as contained in the indictment.

Dr Barclay was first called to the stand and was duly sworn.

He testified that he went to the house of Convention Sharp upon the night of Dec 6. Upon the floor of the north room of Sharp's house he found a man lying, who, upon examination, he found had a large wound in his left side. He was on fifty years of age of fair rational attention, but at 8 or 9 minutes he said he knew he must die; and when he was asked again as to his wound he replied, "Let me alone, I must die." Witness said he had made no statement to him as to his condition that he (he was in danger, but now, upon a cursory examination, he could do nothing for him. He remained 3 4 of an hour, when he left for home to get some medical instrument. Returned back, was absent about 1 2 an hour The wound was of a jagged shape and, in the belief of the witness, caused his death between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, and was, he thought, a gun-shot wound. He found some of the large blood vessels cut; he bled profusely and the wound was in a vital part of the body The witness considered the discharge of some pieces of capacity Did not discover any appearance of intoxication The room was dark when he first arrived, but the prisoner appeared to be lying just as he fell The situation of the house was described as having two rooms, one designated as the south, and the other as the north room. McArthur was found in the latter The front door enters into a small passage way; the door to the right leading into the south, and the one to the left into the north room.

Christian Neal was next called, and sworn.—Witness testified that he was present at the time that he went there to stay all night; went into the south room where Mr Sharp was sitting. Mrs Sharp having conducted him into that room, and then she repaired to the north room, the chamber, and closed the door, as women supposed, to go to bed with McArthur; had been there some 15 or 20 minutes, when Mrs Sharp he thought, sprang to her feet and rushed into the south room, exclaiming, "This fellow is taking undertakers with me that he has no business to." Sharp cried out, "Where is he? let me at him," and rushed up to the mantle, a double-barreled gun hanging under it. The prisoner is not able to walk, not has he been for some time] His chair was moved to the door, and with gun in hand he ordered Mr Arthur to leave the house. He said "If I must, I must," and he shut the door as said Sharp's feet. Sharp pushed the door open with the muzzle of the gun—the north door was open; the prisoner turned him return to leave; McArthur appeared peaceable; had nothing but his chair on, and was standing with his left hand on the latch of the door, in a quiet attitude. Here the witness repeated that the deceased had been taking undertaker with him he had no business. Was down at Sharp's entire day at noon; he said Sharp had his gun loaded with shot for the purpose of meeting the legal Went to Sharp's between 9 and 10 o'clock that night, stopped at the door, and then at the window of south room; he was admitted. She said, "You came late," and witness replied, "And to stay all night." She headed him into the south room to "sit with the old man." There was a light in the north room. Sharp went before him to the door—called about 2 minutes for him to leave the house. Mr Arthur shoved the door, which Sharp pushed open again with the gun and fired it. He experienced behind Sharp in the east room. Witness went for Dr Barclay.

Dr. A. H. Steel was called to the stand. He testified he was called upon some time in Dec.—had forgotten the date; he found McArthur lying on his left side, with his head to the fire-place. The deceased appeared sensible. Some one called him if he knew who shot him, and he replied that he did; and when the question was repeated he replied "That crippled devil shot me." The witness thought the wound was caused by some sharp body—larger than a ball, and from the appearance of the wound thought it was made by shot wrapped up, or as if the gun was very near his body when discharged. Had no conversation with Mrs S.

Jas. P. Bixby was next sworn, and testified that he was called upon to go and see McArthur; he went, found Sharp in the south room and his gun by his side. I asked what he shot that fellow for? S. replied that the rascal had been there before and had stolen some little articles; he ordered him from his house; he refused to go, but insisted on staying; he refused him; still he remained and would not leave. Sharp said he had shot and did not care a damn; he had been in hell for the last 3 years, and it was of little consequence what became of him—that he might as well be dead as alive. Never knew Mr. Sharp before that night.

Lot Fellenger was next called up, but his name not appearing on the indictment his testimony was ruled out.

J. M. Watt and J. M. Moore were called. The latter stated he knew him for four or five years—since '47. He thought him rather a harmless and [illegible] man, and possessed of rather weak faculties [illegible] along in business. He had been, to a great degree, helpless for the last two years, or so as to the last year, or so, he knew very little of him. But a little more than a year ago he noticed him with his team to come down to the door that he might go there for medical aid—and that has pe-

[illegible] read-ing stores had been down to [illegible] by Watt testified he had known [illegible] with the Fuit of '48

Mr Moore was re-called and corroborated what early set he had heard of his threatening to shoot Solomon Fields The witness heard him utter complaints against Mr Fields, but did not remember to have heard him say that he intended to shoot said Fields.

Mr Watt resumed he knew the prisoner after the year of '48, that he considered him harmless a fault, yes reluctantly so, as he would not resort to it. As to his general character he thought him harmless and inoffensive. Witness thought he married his wife in '50, as well as he could recollect, and the marriage took place at Linn City. The ceremony having been performed by Judge Boon south. He has resided on the opposite side of the river for the several years. He knew him at Fort Hall, but very little of him there. Witness made a trip to the mountains last fall, on his return found his home in town in quest of a house. He was still in very poor and in a destitute situation at time of that he could furnish him a home, free of rent, he family being in such destitute circumstances. Said complaint was lodged against his family by disorder, which caused their immediate removal.—Circumstances have led him to think of late the was harboring evildoers.

Wm Holmes sworn testified. His general opinion he thought was that of a sane, quiet man. He knew him personally in '48. He knew him a greenwich in Missouri—he attended to his business well. He thought him inoffensive, and did not think there was any viciousness about him. He knew nothing of him for the last two years—nothing of his characteristic habits.

A. L. Lovejoy was next sworn and testified to know the prisoner in '46 or '48. But knew nothing of him for the last year or more, excepting within the past few months—never knew that he was violent man, but heard he entered arms, harbored of his keeping a disorderly house, but knew nothing of the fact personally Here the testimony closed.

The case was argued pro and con as the circumstances and after the charge of the Judge it was the jury's keeping for the night; to be reported in the next morning

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. At the request of the defence's counsel, the names of the jurymen were called over, and the question asked each separately if that was the verdict they agreed upon. They all answered in the affirmative

The prisoners manifested the greatest coolness and indifference during the whole progress of the trial

A motion was made to quash the indictment against Louisa Sharp, by the defendant's counsel. A demurrer was put in by the prosecution, but was overruled by the court, and Mrs Sharp discharged.

The sentence of the court in Convention Sharp's case was confinement in hard labor in the penitentiary during his natural life.

The outside feeling was strong against the accused, but the verdict of the jury was evidently in accordance with the testimony adduced.

The New Year Ball.—The ball at the Oregon House on Wednesday night was one of the best that has come off in Oregon. It was numerously attended. The elite were there, and everyone pronounced it the best ever held in the city and better music cannot be wanted up. The proprietors of the Oregon House know how to cater to the wants of the people. My only wish was that they could have had a larger room to dance in as an old saying, "Give me room according to my company." I was forcibly reminded of this by the [illegible] under the best of their strength. ☞

The New Steamer.—The steamer now being built on the opposite side of the river is progressing rapidly. It will be ready for launching about the second week in January It is the intention, we learn, of the company to place the deck on her, and the machinery, too, previous to being launched. The steamer, which is 60 feet in 175 feet, is partially raised. We learn a night watch is kept up day and night over the boat to prevent the shavings from kindling to the other. The is judicious.

Improvements.—Mr. Perkins has raised his dwelling house one story on Water, between 5th and 6th streets. It is something appeared improving, and will be very much improved. The of the enclosure with the fine tree of the kind in the city. When completed it will be considered and convenient. The raising was put on by Sawyer and Hillman, men who well understand their business in this direction.

The Steamer.—Mr. Daniel Knox is daily employed in finishing the steamer over the Clackamas rapids with large power, by means of a burner which he invented on Green River.

To Correspondents.—The correspondents will please to bear with us for a few weeks. We have so much matter on hand we cannot make room for the [illegible] communications.

Burns, Brooklyn.—Our steamers are entirely occupied, both above and below the falls, in towing up log rafts. We refer you to the [illegible] notice.

The Port Ship.—This steam tug boat came to this city last week, and is now undergoing repairs

☞Wells, Fargo & Co. placed in our possession a few papers five minutes ahead by the last steamer. That company's express master did not come to hand the last steamer; hence the meagre supply. Adams & Co., as usual, gave us a full supply. J. W. Sullivan has our thanks for a supply of pictorials and foreign newspapers. We are indebted to J. H. Bell for late papers, also. Thanks to you all gentlemen.

☞Ex-Gov. Gaines took his departure for the States on the last mail steamer. He will be absent some 6 or 8 months.

☞The Whigs have carried the elections in New York and Massachusetts The Cabinet ministers contributed a little to bring this about. The new Constitution was rejected in the latter State