The New Northwest.

FRIDAY.....NOVEMBER 10, 1871.

PLEDGE.—Prof. Rogers: of Willamette University, and Jacob Stitzel, G. W. C. T., have issued an address to the young people of Oregon requesting them to give their names for the following pledge: "We, the undersigned, hereby pledge ourselves to a life-long abstinence, from the use of all intoxicating drinks, including wine, beer and fermented cider as a beverage; from the use of tobacco in every form, and from profanity." A Roll of Honor and Temperance Register will be formed composed of all who sign the pledge, and each signer will be presented with a copy.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ALBANY.—The Albany *Democrat* says a greater number of buildings are erected, or are in course of erection in Albany this year, than for the past four years. Three brick buildings are about completed, and nice frame residences are in progress in almost every quarter of the city. The local mills have been totally unable to supply the demand for lumber, and much has been brought from Corvallis and other localities.

WATER DITCH.—The Eugene City Manufacturing Company has secured the right of way for a ditch to bring water from the Willamette river, from a point on the McVay place, to the head of the slough which now furnishes their mills. They intend cutting a ditch four feet deep by twenty in width, which will make a never-failing water power of vast importance. The contract will be let and the work commenced immediately.

TRAVEL ON THE O. C. M. ROAD.—From July 4th to October 17th the travel over the Oregon Central Military Road was as follows: Going east—Cattle, 458; horses, 547; sheep, 2,329; men, 156; women, 65; children, 121; negro, 1. Going west—Cattle, 34; horses, 204; sheep, 1; men, 102; women, 38; children, 61.

BRIDGE AT PORTLAND.—The *Oregonian* has learned of the proposed incorporation of a company, with a capital of $500,000, to build a bridge over the Willamette river, at this city, and also for the purchase of a tract of land at each end of the bridge.

SOAP MANUFACTURE.—Oregon will soon make soap enough for home consumption. The Albany soap factory of Cartwright & Co., under the management of W. R. McCord, is making immense quantities and a fine article.

PROSPECTIVE TELEGRAPH LINE.—The Roseburg *Plaindealer* says that parties have been visiting Coos Bay to ascertain the practicability of constructing a line of telegraph between Roseburg and Empire City.

WITHDRAWN.—The lands along the line of the railroad from McMinnville to Astoria have been withdrawn from the market. The mortgages have been placed on record at Astoria and St. Helens.

COAL LEDGE.—A coal ledge has been discovered on Muddy, a tributary of the Yamhill in Yamhill county. The ledge crops out a foot in thickness near the surface and the prospects are excellent.

CALIFORNIANS COMING.—Two Californians have purchased a ranch of 400 acres near Eugene, for $5,182, and report lots of farmers in the Sacramento Valley anxious to emigrate to Oregon.

WHEAT AT MCMINNVILLE.—The Commercial Mills at McMinnville have 100,000 bushels of wheat; the McMinnville Mills 70,000 bushels. This grain will be floured at the mills.

WEST SIDE RAILROAD.—The West Side Railroad will be completed to Hillsboro, Washington county, this Fall, and by the first of August or September, 1872, to Corvallis.

AID FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS.—At a concert at Eugene City on the 2d inst., given for the relief of the Michigan and Wisconsin sufferers, the sum of $130 was raised.

AN OLD SUN DIAL.—Mr. L. Kiernan has in his possession, in East Portland, a sun dial made in Ireland in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Rather aged.

GOOD CONTRIBUTION.—The citizens of McMinville have subscribed $200 to the Michigan and Wisconsin relief fund. Good for McMinville.

WORK SUSPENDED.—Work on the new M. E. Church and the agricultural building of Salem has been suspended on account of rain.

COUNTY DIVISION.—The people of Stevens county, W. T., have a petition in the Legislature asking for a division of the county.

PRISONERS.—The City Jail contains twenty-five prisoners, a large increase lately. Not a very good showing for Portland.

RAILROAD SUITS.—Many suits are pending in the Circuit Court for Lane county to obtain rights of way for the railroad.

GOLD NUGGET.—A nugget of pure gold worth $100 was picked up a few days ago in French Gulch, Baker county.

LAND DISPOSED OF.—The land disposed of at the Olympia land office during October amounted to 16,911 acres.

FARMERS BUSY.—Farmers are now very busily engaged in plowing, the ground being in excellent condition.

REHEARSALS.—The rehearsals of the Philharmonic Society will be commenced this (Friday) evening.

POPULATION OF OREGON TOWNS.—Secretary of State Chadwick furnishes the Salem *Statesman* with the following table, showing the population of different Oregon towns: Oregon City, 1,382; Milwaukie, 217; Empire City, 381; Baker City, 312; Marshfield, 402; Rogue River, 207; Canyon City, 423; Eugene City, 861; The Dalles, 1,542; Hillsboro (Precinct), 796; Forest Grove (Precinct), 922; Lafayette, 655; Albany, 1,992; Salem, 3,981; Portland, 7,203; East Portland, 830; McMinville, 1,125; Amity, 432; Dayton, 587. No returns yet from Jacksonville, Roseburg and Corvillis.

CHIMNEY SWEEPER.—Portland is to lose its chimney sweeper, there being little demand for his services.

AURORA'S CONTRIBUTION.—Aurora has contributed $111 50 to the Michigan and Wisconsin relief fund.

ORGAN.—The M. E. Church at Kalama has purchased a new Burdett organ, of M. Gray's music Store.

LECTURES.—The Wallamet Society contemplate having a series of lectures this winter.

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Work on the Custom House in this city is now rapidly progressing.

COAL CARS.—Forty cars are being built for the coal company at Seattle.

Late Fashion Notes.

Gloves are rather deeper in tone and higher in price than last season.

There are over eighty shades of the fashionable colors for ribbons this season.

Neckties have a blue band around the neck and a puffed rosette in front, with short ends.

Grecian twist, with braids around it, and chatelain braids, are about equally fashionable coiffures.

Violent contrasts of color are not tolerated in the different component parts of fashionable costumes.

Velvet jackets in all shades—blue, claret, green, brown and olive—imbroidered with gold, are coming into general favor.

Jewelry of chiseled red gold, studded with small jewels in the old Norman style, are very much in favor and are very elegant.

For trimming hats and bonnets, grosgrain ribbons, showing two tones of a color, are used. They avoid the necessity for two ribbons.

Coin strings take the place of the inexpensive button arrangement which was given to sister long ago. Misses, in their bread-and-butterhood, expend much labor and money, in gathering the greatest possible variety of coins.

Indoor dresses are made up much plainer than last season. Overskirts are frequently omitted, the plain demi-train and stylish basque being deemed sufficient.

Emblems of morality in the shape of a skull and cross bones, done in aluminum, are becoming fashionable for scarf pins. Neat and appropriate for undertakers.

Underskirts of alternate stripes of silk and velvet will be very stylish for walking costumes next season, the front of the overskirt being left open to display the underskirts.

Bouquets for brides and brides-maids are this season made only of small, half opened buds and leaves, a full-blown flower being considered very much out of place.

Some of the new fashioned braided cloth and velvet cloaks for winter wear weigh from seven to eight pounds, and a woman needs to be as strong as a camel, to carry so much on their backs.

The "Dolly Varden" costumes are very much in favor with the ladies for breakfast and morning wear. They are usually in very high color, and extremely becoming.

Oregon Markets.

[From the Oregon Bulletin, Nov. 3.]

ALBANY, November 8.

Wheat, $1 18; Oats, 75c; Bacon Sides, 14c; Bacon Shoulders, 10c; Hams, 15c; Lard, 14c; Butter, 35c; Eggs, 35c; Apples, 50c; Potatoes, $1; Wool, 35c.

JUNCTION CITY, November 8.

Wheat, $1 10; Oats, $1; Bacon sides, 13c; Bacon Shoulders, 11c; Hams, 15c; Lard, 14@15c; Butter, 30c; Eggs, 30c; Apples, 6c per pound; Potatoes, $1; Wool, 30c.

JEFFERSON, November 8.

Wheat, $1 12; Oats, 85c; Bacon Sides, 14c; Bacon Shoulders, 10c; Hams, 15c; Lard, 15c; Butter, 30@40c; Eggs, 37½c; Apples (dried), 6c; (green), 40c; Potatoes, $1; Wool, 35c.

GERVAIS, November 8.

Wheat, $1 25; Oats, 87½c; Bacon Sides, 15c; Bacon Shoulders, 11c; Hams, 16c; Lard, 15c; Butter, 40c; Eggs, 40c; Apples (dried), 7c per pound; (green), 50c per bushel; Potatoes, 75c; Wool, 35c.

EUGENE CITY, November 8.

Wheat, $1 05; Oats, 75c; Bacon Sides, 15c; Bacon Shoulders, 9c; Hams, 15c; Lard, 11c; Butter, 40; Eggs 30c; Apples, 50c; Potatoes, $1; Wool, 30c.

PORTLAND, Nov. 8.

Flour—Quite a brisk trade has been driven in the inferior grades of Flour during the past three or four days, and merchants had difficulty in obtaining sufficient quantities to fill their orders. The market, however, is well stocked with extra fine and superfine grades. Prices remain firm at former figures, viz: Extra, $7 50 per barrel; Superfine, $6 50@7.

Wheat—Large quantities of grain are brought down the Valley every day and stored in the warehouses at East Portland until it can be shipped. We continue to quote at $1 20@1 25 per bushel from wagons, and $2 25@2 30 per cental.

Oats—With a fair demand, prices are 30@35c per bushel.

Feed—There is a brisk demand for all descriptions of Feed, at steady prices, with a barren market and an upward tendency.

Potatoes—The market remains pretty much in the same condition that has prevailed during the past week. The rates here are firm, although the figures vary womewhat, owing to the different varieties. We quote at $1 50@2 per cental.

Eggs—During the past week there has been a steadily increasing demand for Eggs for shipment to California, and prices have advanced very rapidly. We quote to-day at 50c per dozen.

Eighteen thousand emigrants left the Mersey for the United States during the month of August.

A bell 700 years old has been fished up in Abbe river, Ireland.

Gleanings.

The ex-Empress Eugenie has started for Madrid.

An African giant, eight feet high, is on his way to America.

New York bootblacks have reduced their tariff to five cents a shine.

A wife's text: "The right man in the right place"—a husband at home in the evening.

Thrash your corn as much as you think necessary, but don't pull its ears off—that's brutal.

England loses three yards of coast land every year, and the matter is creating national anxiety.

Why is a soldier who attempts to bayonet a ghost an unprincipled follew? Because he sticks at nothing.

The prejudice against church organs is still strong in Scotland. Many of the people will not enter a church that has one.

An apothecary in Boston exposes a cake of soap in his window with the pertinent inscription: "Cheaper than dirt."

A French barber's sign reads thus: "To-morrow the public will be shaved gratuitously." Of course to-morrow never comes.

A shark caught off Charleston had a pair of boots, a scalp, two cannon balls and a package of Sunday school tickets in his stomach.

It will be news to many that Wilkie Collins has become a convert to the Darwinian theory—he's coming out with a new tale.

It has transpired that Mrs. Francis Broderip, lately diseased in England, was the lady who five years ago gave anonymously $100,000 to the Middlesex Hospital.

Louis Napoleon has sent his photograph and accompanying autograph to every French Deputy who voted against *decheance* in the National Assembly at Bordeaux.

Five young ladies have been admitted to the University of Vermont. The advent of the ladies at chapel exercises created quite a fluttering among the gallant sophomores.

Miss Kellogg has received a splendid offer to go to California for twenty-eight nights. Fifty thousand dollars and all expenses paid is the price, its is rumored, the season to commence November 1.

Miss King, who has tasted tea in every part of China, says the Americans will never get the best tea until they are willing to bid as high for it as the Russians, who now monopolize the finest growths.

The New Orleans *Picayune* states that the cotton crop now maturing will probably amount to 3,250,000 bales, but that this quantity may be exceeded with an extended picking season and favorable weather.

A Vienna publisher has just issued the autobiography of Leonora Christiana, Countess Ulfeldt, who was imprisoned twenty-two years, about two centuries ago, for breaking the crown of the Queen of Denmark, accidentally.

A calf kid manufacturer, after experimenting several months, has succeeded in bringing out glazed kid, which is thought by some to be as good as French manufactured. This is another triumph of our American manufacturers.

A monster "bird of freedom," whose wings measured seven feet and two inches from tip to tip, was caught in a trap at Coventry, Vt., a few days ago. His love for spring lamb led an indignant farmer to thus plot for his capture.

Miss H. A. Cummings, who graduated last fall at the State Normal School, has made an engagement with the State University of Missouri, at a salary of $1,500 per year, having charge of the Scientific Department of the Institution.

London has a radical club, the majority of whose members belong to Parliament. It is worthy of remark that Mrs. P. A. Taylor, Mrs. Fawcett, Lady Amberly and Miss Helen Taylor are members of the club, and attend its meetings regularly.

The English sparrows—imported as an experiment—are very numerous in the neighborhood of the New York city parks, having bred rapidly and being quite domesticated. They fly about in flocks of a score or more—a novel city feature.

Swiss churches are very peculiar. In them the men are separated from the women, and nearly all set bolt upright on wooden benches, without backs. People never cough during the sermon, but at its close there is an astonishing chorus of coughs.

An instrument has been invented in Germany which will measure with perfect accuracy the heat of the hottest furnace. It is based on the principle that the resistance of pure metals to the electric current increases with the temperature in a very simple ratio.

There never was a wit at the bar so ready as Curran. Upon one occasion, he had laid down some points which did not find favor in the eyes of the presiding judge. "If that be law," said Lord Clare to Curran, "I may as well burn my books." "Better read them, my Lord," replied Curran.

There is a great scarcity of factory help in Massachusetts, caused in part by alarm at the small-pox. For many months the mills in Lowell have been run with only about three-fourths of their usual complement. The scarcity may compel an increase of wages, or a reduction of the hours of labor.

Forty-two students have been admitted to the Technical school at Worcester, double the number of last year. Ten thousand dollars has been given the institution as a graduates' aid fund, and Hon. George F. Hoar has donated a valuable collection of minerals and technical books brought from England.

There is a great deal of superstition among the poor people in New York. A man making his way with a jackass through Park street, the other day, was delayed for some time by a number of Irish women, who were anxious to have their babies kiss the donkey's back, that they might be cured of the whooping-cough.

Two interesting agricultural enterprises are in progress—one the cultivation of oranges in California, and the other the establishment of an olivegrove on St. John's river in Florida. For California it is claimed that fully 25 out of the fifty counties in the State, are admirably adapted to the production of oranges.

A woman writes to the *Independent* that the Massachusetts church which appointed a woman as pastoral assistant in the leadership of the female forces of the church did nothing new, except in paying for the work. A good many churches have allowed their ministers such an assistant, and taken it for granted they paid the minister's wife for parrish work when they paid the minister for preaching.

Josh Billings' Almanax.

OFFIS UV JOSH BILLINGS FARMER'S ALMANAX FUR 1872.

My Dear Mr. Editor.—Sum men are born grate, sum men git grate after they are born, and sum men have greatness hove upon them.

It seems tew me that I am all 3 of these men hove into one.

At a mass meeting lately held in Pordunk county (my natiff village) the inhabitants passed the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereaz, It is hily good that a Farmer's Allminax should be born for the year 1872.

Resoluted, That Josh Billings should be sot apart (and is hereby expressly sot apart) to beget the Job.

Resoluted, That this Allminax shall be begotten on the fust ov nex Oktober, wet or dry.

Resoluted, That this Allminax shall kontain milk for babes, meat for elders, and crumbs for all.

Resoluted, That Knower built the ark, and Jona waz the first man that went a whaleing, but Josh Billings has the right ingredients for a Farmer's Allminax.

Resoluted, That faith wins the battles of life, Hope beautifies them, and Charrity makes them immortal.

Resoluted, that more dogs than a man are a nuisance, and less than he haz got is positively no loss.

Resoluted, That we fully believe that man cum from the monky, but where the monky cum from we don't seem to kno.

Resoluted, That the thanks ov this meeting be sent tew Darwin (or tew the monky) we don't care whitch.

Resoluted, That all the nuzepapers in our beloved land (without distinction ov color) be allowed to print these resolutions.

Resoluted, That this meeting now unanimously busts quietly, sinun di.

JOSH BILLINGS, Sekretary.
Ditty Allmanacker.

P. S. The meeting did bust quietly.—J. B.

The newest wonder at the West is a soda lake near Rawlings, on the Union Pacific Railroad, several miles in circumference, and capable of supplying 65,000 tons of soda a year. This genial body of water is fed from countless springs bubbling from a species of granite rock, which includes in its composition a soda feldspar.