

They are laying down the main of the new water works in Vancouver, W. T.

The Oregon Republican State Convention is to convene on the 20th of March next in Portland.

The Californians are feeling very happy over the recent rains. A prosperous year is anticipated.

The Jacksonville Times thanks Senator Corbett for his services in establishing postal routes in Southern Oregon.

Rev. S. C. Adams was in Washington City, about the 20th of December, and was intending soon to return to Oregon.

Mrs. Bates is playing Elizabeth in Sacramento. A theatrical critic of that city praises her performance very highly.

The Walla Walla Statesman wants the next Legislature of Oregon to make provision for a wagon road down the Columbia river.

One of the most intelligent and enterprising merchants of Seattle, says the Dispatch, is a young lady in the prime of maidenhood.

The Seattle Dispatch of the 29th ultimo says that, for two weeks, they have been enjoying, in that region, most delightful weather.

A semi-monthly paper, called the Commercial Reporter, has made its appearance in Portland. Its name indicates its object.

Mrs. Fair has been granted a new trial. It is supposed that the new trial will come off in San Francisco, as a venue will not be asked for.

The Portland Library report presents a gratifying exhibit. It is proposed that the Association shall purchase rooms of its own or erect a suitable building.

Linn county has built a jail which cost \$10,000. The first prisoner confined there "got through" it twice, and the officials can't see how it was done.

The Democrats of Oregon, wherever an expression has been had, have pronounced against the "passive policy." They are in favor of a vigorous fight.

Albany, Oregon, boasts of the champion temperance man. He has signed the pledge ninety times. That beats Upton, the wandering newspaper man.

Mrs. Frost, the anti-woman suffragist, is lecturing in Victoria on the "Downfall of the United States Government." Wonder how her Oregon admirers like that?

California is now supplying the Oregon market with potatoes, onions, etc. When will our farmers learn wisdom? A few droiths would benefit some of them.

Mr. O. S. Phelps of Portland, we observe, is doing a great deal for Oregon in the way of inducing immigration. His efforts merit the highest commendation.

The wife of Michael Curtin, who lives a few miles from Vancouver, fell senseless, while assisting her husband in piling brush, on Monday, and died the following day.

A bill, which will become a law, has been introduced in the California Legislature, for the protection of forests from careless or criminal use of fire. Oregon needs such a law.

There will be a literary and musical entertainment to-morrow evening at the Unitarian chapel, corner Yamhill and Seventh streets, Portland. An attractive programme is promised.

Rev. T. L. Elliot will deliver the fourth lecture of the course before the Washington Debating Society next Tuesday evening. Subject, music. We anticipate a literary treat.

Some of the Oregon papers express a belief that there can be no legal election of a Congressman in Oregon without some legislation, as the United States law and State law conflict.

J. N. T. Miller, Swamp Land Commissioner, informs the Jacksonville Times that he has returned to the Board of School and University Land Commissioners 99,542.37 acres of swamp lands.

Mr. B. F. Washington, the leading Democratic editor on the Pacific coast, died recently in San Francisco. At the time of his death he was presiding over the editorial columns of the Examiner.

Mr. S. J. McCormick delivered a very interesting lecture last evening before the Father-Matthew Temperance Society of Portland. The lecture was interspersed with temperance songs, which of course were well appreciated.

Those who wish an accurate account of the great Chicago fire cannot do better than subscribe for "The Lost City; or Chicago as it was and as it is." For sale by A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco. Agents wanted. See advertisement.

J. H. Upton, the traveling newspaper founder, has gone back to Yamhill to take a fresh start. He will shortly commence the publication of a Democratic paper at Lafayette. Oursympathies are extended to "the faithful" in that section.

The Waldron Dramatic Troupe seem still as popular as ever with the Portland populace. During the last week several splendid plays have been on the boards, one of the best of which was "Wild Oats." We never saw audiences better pleased than the ones which witnessed this play.

A meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society was held Wednesday in Portland. The object of the meeting was to revise and arrange a premium list. It was decided to hold a fair in this City some time in June, and to exhibit in connection with the State Fair at Salem, next fall. The Society at present numbers fifty-four members.

The Central and Union Pacific Railroads have been blockaded a great deal this winter. The following dispatch dated Ogden Feb. 2, was sent to the San Francisco Call by B. F. Pott, Governor Montana: Advise people not to come this way. There is now complaint among all, and suffering among second-class passengers. There are no present prospects of relief.

The Vancouver Register thinks that Gardfield stands an excellent chance of being his own successor in Congress again. The political sagacity of the editor tutat be very small.

The Vancouver Register says the Quartermaster has ordered the removal of Mrs. Field's old house from the Government Reserve. Being a relic of the old Hudson Bay times, its removal means simply its destruction.

A bill is now before the California Legislature to exempt editors and reporters of the press from jury duty.

The public is dependent upon this class for its news; hence it is eminently proper that they should not be trammelled with such duties as any citizen can attend to. Surely if men are excused on these grounds, all the clap-trap about babies being neglected when women vote and serve on juries is nothing but the sheerest nonsense.

The Olympia Courier of the 1st says: We see several of the Oregon papers representing the route from the Columbia river as being impassable. While we are willing to own up that the road is rather bad, we emphatically deny the impassable part. Mr. Coggan has not failed in a single instance this winter to make his connection, and we ask, where is there another mail contractor that has failed to make his connection? We have had no mail, but it has been the fault of the boat and not the stage.

The Washington correspondent of the Eugene Journal says that Col. W. W. Chapman, of Portland, while in New York not long since, visited Horace Greeley, and endeavored to enlist him in favor of the Portland and Salt Lake Railroad. The venerable Horace was down on all railroad grants, and when told that the memorial of the Company to Congress quotes his Minnesota speech in favor of the road, he dried up instantly, and refused to say anything further on the subject.

The Messenger office at Monmouth, Oregon, recently caught fire, and came near being burned with all its contents. Happily, however, the principal damage done was the partial burning of the mailing book. The fire originated by the editor endeavoring to fill a lighted lamp with gasoline, from a small can.

The fluid caught fire, which, being let drop, splattered the contents upon the floor, and thus spread rapidly to a five gallon can of kerosene. The fire quickly spread to the other things as pleasures, very well, but she should be relieved from them as duties. And as to self-support, she can hardly conceive of an instance where a man can be expected to do these other things as pleasures, very well, but she should be relieved from them as duties. And as to self-support, she can hardly conceive of an instance where a man can be expected to do these other things as pleasures, very well, but she should be relieved from them as duties.

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The Right of Suffrage.

The following is a portion of an able article in a recent issue of the Independent, by Wm. Lloyd Garrison:

All that the advocates of the ballot for woman ask is, that whatever qualifications are made the condition on which it is granted shall be just and equal, and, therefore, without proscription of sex. Be it nativally, a term of naturalization, the possession of property, ability to read and write, etc., all these being irrespective of sex, they demand that the line be fairly drawn, include or exclude whom it may. No favors to be desired or sought to be tolerated.

But what is that? One half of the people are exercising the right of suffrage simply on the ground of their manhood. One half are denied that right solely because of their womanhood! Just as it was formerly held that "black men had no rights that white men were bound to respect." Just as it is denied governments it is maintained that the masses have no rights against their tyrannical rule. This is not merely a singular anomaly; but it is in flat contradiction of the fundamental principle of the Declaration of Independence, that "all men are created equal, and endowed with an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. We, the people of the United States... do ordain and establish this Constitution."

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