NOTICE.

Agents will please take notice that it is a small sums, and they will confer a great favor by remitting to us through money orders of registered letters

COULD YOU HAVE DONE AS MUCH?

The deceased was a kind and indulgen mother, who, by her own energy, has raised and educated three daughters, who with many

friends, she leaves to mourn her loss. Pausing as this record of a brave and useful life closed with the above paragraph, we thought of a declaration made by a man but a few days since in our presence-a man, too, of intelligence and position and honor, "that a wom- kind of economy that degenerates into an's place is home; that any attempt to absolute parsimony, scrimping and go outside of that to find her work is cramping the civil service of a great Remerely a quarrel with the Almighty public for one year, only to be doubled because she is not a man, and that wom- in order to bring up arrears the next en never had and never would accom- year, is, to say the least, doubtful econplish anything which required endurance."

who would use his eyes and ears and same economical House that with virexercise the common wit derived from thous show of retrenchment went even his mother might know better than into the kitchens and laundries of the to make such declarations as these, nation to curtail the wages and stop the and further, that if persons do not supplies of government employees, we know better that it is of no use to waste are enabled more fully to understand argument upon them. Yet, we have the motives that led to such pretentions hope, sometimes, even for these self- and loud cries of reform. While countgreat effort we preserve our soul in mony the nation's dimes, and doling patience, we pick up and cite instances them out with grumbling protest to pay which may hap fall under their eyes necessary expenses of carrying on the and cause them to pause and consider government with even a show of rebefore they pronounce judgment so ut- spectability, these champions of reform terly at variance with fact upon the were devising means or hearkening to brave, struggling, working women of projects that would scatter like chaft

and educated three daughters." Is this, cades to come. In view of these things (?) sapient law-giver, a merit, and could it is no wonder that the more practical you have done so much and kept strict- and intelligent citizens of the Republic ly at home? Could you have done as are ready with loud acelaim to cry: much, indeed, merely by your "own en- "From such reformers with their reergy" taking the children from their in- trenchment schemes may the good Lord fancy up, even with your enlarged and a loyal Congress speedily deliver sphere? Would you not have had to us." call in the aid of a woman before the children were taught to feed and dress themselves? Could you have toiled at hardest labor for scanty wages, taking than a swift, sudden, and merciless disthem with you and caring in every way aster that gives ocean sepulture to for their wants, or stolen time from hundreds of human beings by shipyour sleep to mend and turn their garments while they slept? No, but you say you could have hired these things done. Could you, if circumscribed in your sphere of action as you assume to circumscribe the sphere of these toiling lyn on Tuesday evening of last week mothers? If from political and social disability your place in the financial world was limited to that of mere beggary only, as with almost superhuman broke out upon or about the stage, the energy you wrung a reluctant pittance from some already over full position, thronged the edifice rushed with frantic whence would have come your funds to haste toward the entrances, only to find possible to bestow yourself?

woman has not done more than you that shricked and struggled behind. could have done, and done it in the But few minutes elapsed between the face of obstacles that you would not alarm and the death by suffocation, contend against for a moment. Use your eyes and your ears and your understanding, we beseech you, and never The instinct of self-preservation, heightagain, in the hearing of a woman who has performed unaided what you would never attempt, declare that no woman has ever accomplished anything that in many instances were totally unable required steady perseverance and long to save themselves. The morgue for continued labor and endurance. Ponder and tell us farther, whether it would have been more commendable, more womanly, more pleasing to the Almighty, who gave these to her charge and left her their sole guardian, for this woman to have listened to the sentimental twaddle to which you treat women about staying at home and working solely therein, and helplessly wringing her hands because she was a woman, when her children were put upon the town or "farmed out" to vigorous taskmasters, or to have bravely seized upon every opportunity to labor away from home, not stronger in her mother love tails have filled the papers for a week than in the determination to do anything she could do regardless of what theorists might say of her sphere. And never, until all women are provided without exertion on their part with homes to stay in, be so unreasonable as to declare "that all women were made to Stay at home."

A CHANCE TO WORK.

gists to the appeal of Mrs. Loughary to that man is James K. Kelly. Instead be found in another column. Her sug- of being in his seat in the United States gestion relative to the appropriation of Senate when that body convened, where the working hours of a designated day he is paid to sit, although the seat, for for this purpose is good, and we trust that matter, is better vacant, he, at the will be acted upon by all who can leave behest of party tricksters, doubled upon their homes upon this important errand, his traces and returned to Salem to Let this day be known as "Woman's further outrage the people of the State Day" throughout the State, and let he has for six years disgraced by his imeach friend of woman's enfranchisement becility in the Senate, in attempting to go forth and work as if upon his or her defraud the majority of their rightful vicown exertions depended the great vic- tory. His career as a politician is about tory. Let it not be said that the Wom- ended, and it is supposed that a knowlan Suffragists of our fair occidental edge of this fact induced him to listen State are lukewarm in the cause, or in- eagerly to a proposition that promised different regarding its speedy triumph. pay in any quarter. His new Centen-We have many earnest, talented, ener- nial catalogue, "A woman, a dead man, getic friends in Congress-friends who and a criminal," is a fitting close for his will be glad to aid us when we show a brilliant (?) public labors. The Corvaidisposition to aid ourselves. Let us lis Gazette thus sums him up and disprove our entuestaces by our endeavor poses of him: in this matter.

Anna Matson" are on the way to this State, and will arrive in a lew days. In a few weeks will vacate the position he has for the married have ample room, with Specimen copies will be immediately forwarded to various localities. We will mall the books postpaid on receipt of price, for which see advertisement.

iway than the "Editorial Correspond- be \$3,015 56; amount paid for mainence" published in this issue. It will tenance over and above this, \$2,699 43. for the military company, and ample be seen that she talks "home" and we still expect her by Christmas.

making education obligatory.

REFORM EXTRAORDINARY.

The bogus economy, retrenchment great tax upon us to pay express charges upon how this year the appropriations must their quality and price. year's deficit and pay current expenses of running the government.

Detailed estimates of appropriations service for the next fiscal year have been furnished by the Secretary of the dress mania; and, if we are to carry out Treasury to Congress.

The Pacific Coast estimates all far exceed the amounts granted last session, necessary to bring up arrears in work. The people will readily admit that the omy. And when, in addition to this, we take into consideration the millions of It would seem, indeed, that any man dollars demanded on rebel claims by the before the wind the nation's double-ea-"By her own energy she has raised gels and keep her coffers empty for de-

THE BROOKLYN HORROR.

If there is anything more horrible wreck, it is a holocaust fed by writhing struggling humanity that but now was istening with pleased attention to the rendition of the drama. Such a horro as this last burst upon the city of Brook and nearly 300 charred and dismembered bodies were afterwards taken from the ruins of Brooklyn Theater. The fire alarm was given, and the hundreds that pay for these cares that it were im- them completely blocked by prostrate human forms piled so high as to prevent Think a moment and tell us if this the egress of the panic-stricken crowd pressure and heat of several hundre persons. The details are sickening. ened to a frenzy of selfishness by the appalling danger, caused the weak to go down before the strong, and even these two or three succeeding days presented a spectacle that in its awful melancholy admits of no description. On Saturday 100 bodies of unrecognized and unrecognizable dead were deposited in a circular trench opened in Greenwood, whose pitying clods never before covered such harrowing calamity from mortal sight. The entire city seemed to be in mourning as the ghastly procession proceeded through the streets to the cemetery, the flags flying at half-mast, and rent with solemn requiem. Dispatches giving with horrible minuteness the fearful depast, and yet the dreadful scene is but imperfectly described. The catastrophe will, for a time, at least, cause the multi-

THE PUTTY MAN OF THE SENATE.

If there is one man more execrated We call the special attention of suffra-than alt others in this State at present,

bregon in the U. S. Senate, without accom-One hundred copies of "David and plishing anything of importance for the State, seyond voting, like a putty man, he has now rendered himself "notorious" and odious, and isgraced and sink into oblivion.

ending November 30, 1876, shows the fine hall, library, and reading-room, There is nothing later from Mrs. Dun- income of the prison from all sources to well sustained by employers and em-

The Senate has confirmed the following: Henry W. Wright, Register of the nor the hours long, while the pay is A law has passed the Spanish cortes Land Office at LaGrande, Oregon, and fairly liberal. M. M. Kaign, Receiver,

There is no other article of feminine and reform inaugurated last winter by apparel in which women are so univerthe Democratic House of Representa- sally interested as the different silks tives for political bluster and purpose which are displayed in the shop winwill be judged in the proper light by dows of all the principal cities, labeled the "dear tax-payers" when they see with attractive figures which attest

be doubled up in order to meet last It is intimated, in an introductory chapter to an interesting work under the caption that heads this article, that when our mother Eve draped berself required for all branches of the public in the broad leaves of the banian fig, she must have inaugurated the silk the simile to-its conclusion, as we be hold the effects of that act observable a the present day, we must admit that the but are all recommended as absolutely desire for silk, like the original trans' gression, increases according to the de-

Belonging to the feminine order, and lacking none of the hereditary fondness for silk which mother Eve so universally transmitted to her children through hurrying up the process of manufacture by appropriating her first installment in the fig leaf state, rather than wait for worms to eat the fibre and spin cocoons and having outgrown the hurry while enjoying the fondness, behold the writer at the Cheney Silk Works in South Manchester, where millions on million of dollars, scores and scores of looms thousands and thousands of spindles and hundreds and hundreds of operatives are employed in improving upon the original fig, or mulberry leaf, which blinded individuals-and so, while with ing with eager and ostentatious parsi- the persevering worms of China and Japan have died to manufacture, or es caping death, have pierced and gone forth to propagate, leaving their former homes to be gathered up by a patent process and taken through a hundred different stages of treatment, bringing them out at last in the elegant gro grain fabrics of commerce, which are fig leaf as to cause the beholder to wonder why it is that croakers are always there were no Corliss engines to drive the spinning jenny and no Cheney Brothers to build South Manchester

These brothers are the sons of farmer in South Manchester, Connecticut, and cultivated a few mulberry trees and reared a few silk worms in their boyhood; but, as they grew up, they became scattered, after the manner of American boys. They were a good eight brothers, most of whom distinand the younger ones remained at home in by Christmas.

with the parents. Years after, and while these brothers ere in the very prime of successful life, they were attracted again to the old arm, the home of their boyhood, an unlulating tract of wood and field-land, well watered and in high state of cultivation. Here, in January, 1838, Ward, Bush, Frank and Ralph Chency started the Mount Nebo Silk Mills. After a while the mills were temporarily closed, when Ward, Bush and Frank removed to Burlington, New Jersey, where they stablished mulberry orchards, cocooneries, etc., and conducted and published from July, 1838, to July, 1840, the magazine known as the Silk Growers' Manual. Other members of the family established mulberry plantations near Augusta, Georgia, also in Florida, and at Mt. Healthy, Ohio. Reopening tho Mount Nebo Mills in South Manchester, they commenced the manufacture of sewing silk and twist, to which they shortly added ribbons, handkerchiefs, and eventually-broad goods. They also made the first successful experiments in the production of spun silk from the pierced cocoons, floss, silk waste and whatever silk cannot be reeled. This they soak, boil, card, spin and weave, with machinery especially adapted for the bitter winds that seemed singing a preparing it, and it is now made into substantial, durable dress goods, for which there is a large and constantly increasing demand. Of these silks the writer is in constant receipt of the most favorable recommendations from ladies who aver that they will wash and iron tudes to turn away from places where like muslin and outwear any other other insufficient means of exit are provided goods in market. These silks are somein case of the ever possible calamity of what wanting in luster, having the appearance of French poplin, but are much cheaper, of better width, and vastly more durable. In addition to these lusterless, or spun goods, they have manufactured limited stocks of dress goods from reeled silks, that have for the past three years excelled all Imported fabrics of their class. They are also, at present, large manufacturers of of pongees, lining and trimming silks, handkerchiefs, twist, etc., etc., generally making only such goods as are or-

dered by large dealers. The brothers occupy elegant mansions on the old farm site, with numerous tasteful dwellings for the operatives in view of the mammoth mills, where employes are paid for their labor according to the work instead of the sex of the la-

The employes are unanimous in their appreciation of the kindly interest of the Cheneys in their behalf. Their two ment of their operatives. The cottages water, gas, and garden plot for each. The report of the Superintendent of lage. Commodious boarding-houses are ployed. A first-class school, an armory opportunity for religious worship, are

America is more deeply indebted to

THE SILK INDUSTRY IN AMERICA, the Cheney Brothers than all other agencies combined for the present stage of the silk industry within her borders. Their attention has been directed not only to the manufacture but the growth of silk, the multicaulis, or French mulberry, having been largely imported and propagated by them for the subsistence of the worms. Each brother has so largely contributed to the success of the various branches of their mammoth enterprise that it is difficult to point to any one portion of the work and say who did it. They have co-operated heartily in all interests, yet each has his private property separate from the mutual fund. Two of the brothers, Charles and Ward, are now deceased, their death making a melancholy gap

in the harmonious family's ranks. Although we speak from personal knowledge of the Manchester Mills, we have not hesitated to write this article principally by authority of L. P. Brockett, M. D., who has prepared a handsome and comprehensive volume upon "America's Silk Industry," to which we refer the reader for further historic

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS, ATTENTION

We have been appealed to by our valiant co-laborers in the East to can vas the State of Oregon for signatures to a petition to Congress which reads thus :

PETITION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE, To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled :—The undersigned citins of the United States, residents of the Staof Oregon, earnestly pray your honorable Bodes to adopt measures for so amending th estitution as to prohibit the several States from disfranchising United States citizens of count of sex.

It is necessary to do at once what we do in this matter, as the petitions must reach Washington by the middle of January. Printed petitions will be sent to such an improvement upon the original all active workers as soon as possible, but do not wait for these. Clip the above from your paper, paste it at the harping upon the good old times when bead of a sheet of foolscap and begin the canvass at once.

I would further most earnestly and respectfully urge of the friends of universal suffrage and equal rights throughout the State to set apart and devote to this special object Monday, the 18th day of December, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 4 P. M. If this suggestion were faithfully carried out, doubt not that many thousand names could be enrolled upon these petitions old-fashioned family, too, of seven or in this State. Come, friends, the experiment is well worthy of a conscientious guished themselves in some branch of trial. As soon as the canvass of your trade or the professions before engaging town or neighborhood is completed, in the silk business. Some became ar- mail the petitions filled to the undertists, some farmers, one a merchant, signed. It is necessary that they all be

H. A. LOUGHARY, Pres't O. S. W. S. A. Amity, Oregon, December 7, 1876.

WOMEN AT POLLING PLACES

During the recent campaign in Maschusetts, when the Woman Suffragists worked with the prohibitionists. nany women went to the polls in varius places to distribute ballots. We have the testimony of many of these, and all goes to disprove the idea once so by their protectors if they ventured in and about precincts heretofore known only to the feet of men. Instead of be ing met with gibe and insult, as many man maligners of their own sex have asserted would be the case, they re ceived everywhere respectful attention and heard nothing offensive to decency

One woman says: "Pipes and cigars generally slipped out of sight in the presence of women; no indignity of any kind was offered them, and I heard no one object to their presence save one imported citizen, aff ancient Irishman, who, when he came in sight of the women, turned back declaring, "if the women is comin' here, be gad I 'on't come; I on't votest all."

Remembering the fearful pictures of outrage and violence that had been held up before them, the women went to the polls with some trepidation; they wen away elated. Thus actual experiment dispels another of the popular objections to Woman Suffrage, and in due time all will vanish by the same convincing

WE WILL OBEY ORDERS.

A plucky little woman in one of the interior counties, whose husband had ordered her paper discontinued several weeks since, writes as follows: "Please send the NEW NORTHWEST to my address again. You must not think that my husband stopped the paper, because he found fault with its sentiment The truth is, his wheat crop was a failure this year, and he thought he had to economize, and man like, his wife's paper was just as convenient as anything else he could retrench on. I had spent was not financially independent. Last will do likewise. week, however, I collected some more butter proceeds, and as money brings independence, I informed the head of the family that I had been out of the world long enough and proposed to send for the NEW NORTHWEST again. He great establishments at Hartford and acquiesced very gracefully, saying: 'All South Manchester are models of con- right; I suppose you will not rest convenience and ventilation, and their tented unless you know what mischief manufacturing village at South Man. the female women of the period are up Acting for six years as the "figure head" of chester has not been surpassed in this to.' Of course I won't. What woman country in its abundant appliances for of the period would? So please send the health, comfort, instruction and enjoy- paper in my name and until I order it stopped."

Mitchell introduced a bill in the Sen-There are no fevers throughout the vil- ate making further appropriation of \$250,000 for continuing the construction the State Penitentiary for the quarter erected for the unmarried, and there is a of the canal and locks at the Cascades of Columbia River, Oregon; referred to committee on transportation routes,

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR READERS OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: Between conflicting emotions of joy and sorrow we again essay to write you. We are glad because our book is done; glad because the critics like it; glad because there is a prospect that it will pay its way; glad, thrice glad, because we're going home! But oh, so sorry that we had to be absent when Willis left the parental roof! It seemed we couldn't live and bear it. The one simple paragraph, announcing that the boy who had been for three years foreman on the NEW NORTHWEST, who had set type on every issue thus far, and who had now plumed his pinions and betaken himself to San Francisco, there to carve a career of his own, meant very little to us and we had no time for the luxury of them here?

write of which have been compelled to we shall now omit many things we ought to tell you; but we shall do the est we can to gather up the missing our home, we'll recall every Important have food for thought the winter through.

That promised second journey to Philadelphia was long in being made. The work on the book lingered, and we were compelled to check impatience and wait. Finally, when the full time for closing the Exposition had come, we took a hurried journey, and at nigntfall were again the guest of good Miss Thompson, with whom we spent a busy and profitable week. Mr. Dufur, whose accessful career at the Centennial deserves the compensation that a niggardly Legislature should be heartily ashamed of having denied him, again obliged us by many favors. The regular exhibition was over, but thousands still visited the grounds, where policemen stood guard over all the foreign departments and pushed their noses and fingers into every bundle and lunch basket, and finally capped the climax of caution by refusing to allow us to pass the doors with a single copy of "David and Anna," which a gentleman at the far end of the great building had purchased, and which we were compelled to leave at the Commissioner's room where somebody stole it, and thereby protected the rights of the American government from smugglers,

Not having seen the People's Paper regularly for a long time, we can't remember what has been written up, but nuess we haven't riddled that "Woman's Pavilion" yet. Plainly the work of a disfranchised and pauper class it looks and has looked all summer. As compared to the great hall where the men displayed almost everything of utility as though it were their own, although two-thirds, at least, was the work of women, every thinker was reminded of the mansion of the slave owner as compared to the hut of the slave-the most oitiful part of the whole melancholy aree lying in the fact that a few snobby women were perfectly satisfied to thus celebrate their own serfdom without protest in order to get their names in he papers, reminding every one that ook time to think of the principles of equality which that pavilion helped men to trample upon, of the snobbish larkie in white gloves and livery who had all the rights be wanted when be was massa's footman and belonged to him, soul and body, in his good clothes.

" Oh, that God the giftle gi'e us To see oursel' as ithers see us ! 'I would from many a blunder free us, And Roolish notion.

One dear old lady, blessings on her memory, held aloft a drooping banner on the closing day-a revolutionary relicand bowed her head and went, the only sensible thing the women of that pavillon have done this summer. The Fories of the revolution are not one whit more deserving of execration and contempt than are the Tories of to-day, who inveigh against the principle which our fathers lought for, that "resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

But we have not time now to write further, and have little encouragement to trust this to the mails, as you don't get half we do write. Hoping the missing links of "Edna and John" have come to hand ere this, and praying that we may very soon be home again, we bid adieu to New York and start on the westward way in the morning.

New York, November 23, 1876. P. S.-We don't often add a postscript, but it is necessary to state that the National Woman Suffrage Association has changed our name, or, rather, resumed a part of our maiden one, and with the all my butter money at that time and first of January the New Northwest

> "Indignation meetings" have been in order since the executive judicial farce was enacted at Salem last week. Resolutions condemning in strongest terms the action of the Governor and Secrepassed in many places. His Excellency has been repeatedly burned in effigy, in token of the people's contempt and inmanner of proceeding in any case, as being impotent and undignified we feel that the people have just cause to express themselves as doubly outraged by the sneak-thief backers.

Major Shroeder has called a meeting of the different relief committees to take The Tribune gives a carefully-pre- action in regard to persons who have pared list of the names of all persons ab- been deprived of their support by the also provided. The work is not severe solutely known to have been lost in the Brooklyn theater fire, and suggests that Brooklyn fire. This list gives a total of ladies should visit the houses of suffer-271. Of these the remains of 217 have ers, and asks that a collection be taken up in the churches next Spuday.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON. THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:

Excitement having reached the ex-

ploding point, has begun to subside, and

with genuine Anglo-Saxon calmness all

The lower class of Irish are counting upon Tilden's election to suppress the lature houses, pressing the long cornnegro, force him to the cotton fields. confiscate his property, and teach himthe difference between white and black. nothing and, to us, it was rare sport. The Southern gentry hail Democratic But when father or big brother, in utter the general reader, but oh, so much to and negro Congressmen and Senators; us! Important literary work was before they chafe under Yankee rule, and are as firmly pledged to States rights as by the abortive attemps of our law-makgrief. What cares the world for domesthey were before the first gun was fired ers to frame a law preventing the vice tic sorrows, and why should we intrude at Sumpter; and the negro trembles at of gambling. Our statute touching this his coming fate, for whichever way the subject previous to the meeting of our We have been so rushed with work, tide turns, his danger at least seems imand had so many important themes to minent. The South has waited long await a more convenient season, that cannot and will not brook disappointment quietly, nor must the North expeet these people to abide by any decision that is adverse to their interests. links. When again in the shadow of But the greatest excitement exists theme that is now forgotten, and shall of whom are Republicans, and depend upon that party for a living. Even women, although debarred from a political exercise of opinion, nevertheless have strong feelings upon the subject, and not unusually pay the penalty of expressing their sentiments by dismissal. For the most part, however, they are a prudent, quiet, hard-working, much-abused class of the comnunity, always trying to do a man's and woman's work at one and the same time, write all day, sew all the evening, and entertain their acquaintances hall the night. Very many of these women are connected with families moving in ashionable life, and often feel themelves compelled to keep up appearances, Iress to the full extent of their means, and exhaust their strength and brains by a senseless, hollow, frivolous round of receptions and evening entertainnents. Several attempts have been made within the last few seasons to introduce a higher tone to the society in Washington, but alas! for ten who en oy Horatio King's soirce literaire, wenty call to see Mrs. Williams' last Parisian robe, or listen to Mrs. Robeson chatter to diplomatists in a language ot ten of her guests can understand.

It is presumed that several quite fashonable houses will be closed this winer, and all who failed to see Mrs. Sheppard's "white drawing-room" will have ost their chance, perhaps forever. Universal regret is expressed at the failure of Alexander R. Sheppard, for whatever may be his failings, he has beautified Washington beyond conception, and ald an everlasting obligation upon its inhabitants.

Many other failures are expected, hould Mr. Tilden be declared elected; for the most part government clerks support the commercial houses in the city, and as a general thing are creditors to a greater degree or lesser extent, and should these clerks be dismissed suddenly, they will be unable to meet their liabilities.

The pardon of William O. Avery has been hailed by the majority of people as a simple act of justice. Few who were personally acquainted with Mr. Avery ever believed him guilty of the grave crime to the extent of which a chain of circumstantial evidence seemed to encompass him; that he was weak enough to allow himself to be made a cat's paw of cannot be denied, but it is also true that he was shaved out of the chestnuts. His wife, who, since his onviction and imprisonment, has been employed in the Interior Department, is to-day a happy woman, and looks forvard to rejoining the husband she has ever ceased to love and regard. Mrs. Avery has been untiring in her efforts o promote her husband's release, and Mr. Avery may well be proud of many a name and endorsement which is subscribed to his application for pardon. Amongst these are the signatures of Senators of the United States, judges of the courts, members of Congress, and a legion of personal friends and acquaint-

Whilst the uncertainty of who the ext President will be is agitating the public mind, every one takes comfort in the fact that there is at least one thing ertain in the campaign. Peter Cooper is defeated, no one attempts to deny that, and all men, too, concede the election of the widow Butler, the life and spirit of the House of Representatives. A prophecy made by an old Quaker ady at least a century ago is being passed from mouth to mouth, and is creating great excitement in old cliques and in families who are the happy possessors of the old document. The war bers. of the Rebellion was an especial point in this prophecy, and the details were fully accomplished according to the oracle. The next incident of importance was, that after eight years of peace under a great military chief, who would during that time fill the Presidential tary of State in attempting to override chair, another war more bloody than the popular vote have been unanimously the first would follow; then long years of anarchy, followed by a monarchial form of government, which would be overthrown and succeeded by a Redignation. While we deprecate this public more stable, more upright, more judicious than any heretofore known.

We hope the old Quaker lady is mistaken, "yea, verily," we believe she is, and consider the anarchy part of the recent action of the Governor and his prophecy to be the result of madly trying to learn by heart a verse of a favorite meeting psalm (do Quaker's sing? which we think runs thus:

" Dear friends and fellow-mortals, turtles,"

Washington, D. C., November 14, '76

Jacobs' official majority in Washington Territory is 223.

CHILD'S PLAY WITH THE STAT-UTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST Did you ever play at the childish game of cob-house? I remember back classes seem inclined to await the issue in the old Buckeye State that while the of events. Meanwhile bogus telegraphic larger members of my father's family dispatches continue to keep the ball in were passing the long winter evenings motion, and furnish newspaper para- shelling corn by the wide kitchen firegraphs and bar-room conversations. place that we little romps frequently amused ourselves by constructing mincobs together log-cabin style. This was unprofitable employment, but it cost rule as a harbinger of good. They count disregard of our feelings, would ruthupon the payment of war claims, a lessly kick these tiny monuments of happy release from carpet-bag officials our ingenuity into the blazing fire-well, we would build others. Now I have been reminded of this childish pastime last Legislature had been mercilessly kicked into oblivion by the Supreme and staked its all upon this issue; it Court, and the Legislature of the current year proceeded to enact another law from which lovers of good order expected much. But I see that it, like its oblivious predecessors, proved but a child's cob-house, and Judge Shattuck amongst department clerks, nearly all | hurled it into smithereens with his lit-

> Pray, how is this? Other States have succeeded in framing laws effectually preventing this ruinous vice; laws, too, that have stood judicial tests. Are our courts more acute, or are our law-makrs more obtuse than those of other States? Or may it be that saloons have been rearing these cob-houses merely or the sport of witnessing their destruction at the hands of our courts? (Almost everyone prefers being considered a knave rather than a-simpleton, therefore, I shall charitably adopt the last as the probable key to the mystery.) Still none but men are capable of acting as law-makers. Why not admit the other sex to the rights of citizenship, allow them to assist in making laws, and I'll guarantee that they will at least have sense enough to copy the statute of another State on this subject, and then the courts will kick at it in vain. ALIEC.

Albany, Oregon, December 9, 1876.

Out from the forests of Oregon has isned a new female poet, bearing aloft an legant volume of verse, entitled "David and Anna Matson," by Abigail Scott Duniway (S. R. Wells & Co.) Her portrait, which serves as the frontispiece shows that she possesses uncommon orce of character, and prepares us to believe the accounts that are given of her success in various walks of life. A perusal of the poem will enable the reader to form a judgment upon the propriety of her continuing to pursue his line of literary activity. It is a narrative poem, based upon a strange and touching tale of the Enoch Arden sort, once told by John G. Whittler. She expands and elaborates the simple story, developes the three characters that ap pear in it, and clothes its scenes and inidents with the handiwork of her fancy. There are higher powers of characterization, emotion, and imagination than those which she displays; but yet her poetic narrative is sulted to the minds f a multitude of readers who would eel ill at ease if taken up to the intelectual pinnacles upon which a few gi ants have disported themselves. short, there is no doubt that Mrs. Duniway's poem will interest and please many people, and even critical readers will find in it passages which must command their attention. The main poem of the volume is followed by some shorter pieces that possess such poetic qualities as warrant us in awarding ber place among the attractive and popupoets of the day; and of these Dirge of the Sea" and "West and West" are marked specimens. After a life of uccessful labor in other fields, Mrs. Duniway of Oregon has, at this time of her life, made a beginning that gives promise of future achievements. are many pretty and pleasing illustra-tions in the book, which has been set out in beautiful style by the publishers. -N. Y. Sun.

The following squibs on the political farce last week enacted at Salem are from the New York Tribane:

"Grover has already been called Benliet Arnold 1.797 times, and Judas Iscariot 1,653 times. It seems to be a case of a unanimous verdict without consultation. Even Democrats fail to defend uim, which is the most startling condemnation possible." The spectacle of a party trying to

steal one President and to impeach another at the same time, has been reserved for the Centennial year. success of the experiment will undoubtedly be so lamentable that a second trial will not be made for another century. "As between Cronin, who takes certificates that do not belong to him and fills vacancies which do not exist with men whom he has no right to appoint. and a postmaster, wicked and deprayed though he must be, we have no choice.

mastership vacant, and before long he will want to hide away inside of something. "It is a common enough thing for two persons to claim to be one, but Cronin of Oregon stands alone in history as the first and last man who claimed to be a plurality of a board of three mem-

Let Cronin be content there is a post-

The Corvallis Gazette has taken a new leparture, having been merged into a orporation. The articles of incorporation are signed by Dr. J. B. Lee, James A. Yantis, and W. B. Carter, and have been duly filed according to law. The capital stock of the company is fixed at \$2,000, in shares of \$50 each. The new ompany will take full control on the lst of January, 1877.

Five cases of small-pox are reported n Spencer Creek, eight miles west of Eugene. A mystery attaches Itself to these cases, as to the manner in which they became exposed to the disease, this being the only place where it was prevalent, and all cases there were discharged fully six weeks' before theirs broke out.

The exports of Oregon average \$318 to every man in the State. Her wheat, wool, salmon and fruits command from five to ten per cent. higher price than those from any other country. port of wheat equals one seventh of the We'll all turn to rattlesnakes and snapping total export of the United States. Such a State is not a poor State to live in.

> Mrs. Jane Shelton, of Olympia, was the first white child born on American soil north of the Columbia River. She is now in her 30th year.