

NOTICE. Agents will please take notice that it is a great tax upon us to pay express charges upon small items...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We had posted our pen in our tired digits preparatory to writing up the annual Christmas and New Year greeting...

This young girl was the daughter of respectable parents, and was engaged to be married to a young man upon whom the crime of her ruin was first charged...

The Chinese are accused of taking the washing from white women. People do not stop to consider that with the old high prices paid for washing...

It is not that there are not many good men. Thank heaven! The names of such as would do protect their own loved ones from every possible harm...

The poor girl died and gave no sign or clue as to who was her betrayer. But, suppose she had left his name on record? What then? Could the law reach him?

Think, ye mothers, who rejoice in your blooming daughters, as they enjoy the glad gift-making of the merry Christmas time...

We had meant to wish you a happy New Year. But we want no father or mother in America to be happy again until proper punishment shall be meted out...

YE ASSOCIATE ABROAD.

A private letter received from Mrs. Coburn before going to press contains the following characteristic account of her sea voyage...

"From the time we crossed the bar on Saturday till two A. M. on Tuesday, I was as wretched through constant retching as it was possible for an inmate of a narrow berth on a storm-tossed ocean steamer to become..."

"On Monday a gentleman acquaintance took Katie out on deck, and about three o'clock a lady passenger coaxed me out. I succeeded in smiling toward the forward deck, where I dropped miserably into a seat, seized upon a tarred rope, and compulsively contributed to Neptune..."

We have received through Lee and Shepherd, Boston, "That Wife of Mine," "Blowin' Master," and "Just His Luck," being three charming stories of everyday life...

It was the great struggle for freedom and equal rights that populated America with Puritan ancestry.

DOMESTIC HELP.

California farmers' wives are taking up the pen in behalf of Chinese labor. One of them tells much truth in the following communication to the San Jose Mercury...

"A great trial farmers and their wives are compelled to endure is the unreliability of help, especially female help. Not one girl in fifty of those who demand from twenty dollars a month and upward is a thorough, economical house-keeper..."

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"There is not a farmer's wife in the State who would not prefer white to Chinese labor, if the girls who require good wages would first fit themselves to be good, scientific house-keepers..."

ASTORIA NEWS.

O. P. Henry writes us a spicy letter from Astoria, concerning local gossip in the plebeian city, much of which is of interest to the general reader outside of that coast...

He also informs us that the working men, in large numbers, indulged recently in a torchlight procession, and that they have elected their entire municipal ticket...

We shall look with interest for the arrest of those "fashionable drunks" he tells us of.

THE CRIME OF SEX.

A young woman, disguised as a man, has lately been working on a farm near Orrington, says the Bangor Commercial, where she performed her duties to the entire satisfaction of her employer...

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR READERS OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: The notable wedding of which we last week made mention came off in Salem before our last letter was printed...

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Monday, Four P. M., and we leave the hospitable landlord and lady of the well-kept Chemsaketa Hotel, and board the steamer "City of Salem," a well-managed boat, Captain Spencer commander...

PETITION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

To the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled: The undersigned, citizens of the United States, residents of the State of Oregon, county of _____, town of _____, earnestly pray your honorable body to adopt measures for so amending the Constitution as to prohibit the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex.

MRS. OLARA M. FOLTZ.

This brilliant young woman, formerly of Salem, Oregon, but at present residing in San Jose, California, recently lectured in the city of Oakland, thereby eliciting very high praise from the Oakland press...

There are many fine residences in the city, giving evidence of the increasing prosperity of the citizens, as well as their refinement and taste. Our visit was too greatly hurried to admit of very particular notice of much that we should be pleased to comment upon...

At the close of the address, and after a goodly season agreeably spent in greeting friends and bidding them goodbye, we repaired to the Comstock House to spend the night, preparatory to taking the five A. M. train for Portland...

A German woman living in Goodhue county, Minnesota, yoked herself alongside of a cow one day last spring, and the two together hauled a drag during the day after a sealer which was run by her husband with a span of horses...

there looked straight down their blue noses at the cheerless stove. But it was not for long. The wood was soon aglow with blaze, and the chill dampness of the widow pines cleared up in time to give us the benefit of a half-cloudy sunrise.

Seven o'clock, and Salem. Again we encounter many glad, but hurried greetings, for we must be off on the one P. M. train. Found business brisk in Salem, for the holidays were at hand...

December 25, 1877.

WORK FOR EVERYBODY.

Circulate petitions for a 16th Amendment, to enfranchise the women, not of one State alone, but of all the States and Territories. Woman's right to a voice in the government under which she lives is a natural right...

Petitions for a Sixteenth Amendment, for woman's enfranchisement, from 10,000 United States citizens, from twenty-two States, have been presented in open House and Senate by 31 Representatives and 29 Senators since January 19, 1877...

With these facts before us, can we wonder at the frauds and corruptions in high places, where justice and virtue are set aside for the more welcome practice of partisan expediency and individual aggrandizement?

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SHALL THE INDIANS VOTE?

To THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: The propriety of placing the ballot in the hands of the Indians is a matter now before the public mind. We have just noticed a bill favorably reported on to this effect by the Senate committee on Indian affairs...

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LETTER FROM ROSEBURG.

To THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: Since my last letter to you I have visited many of the towns on the O. & C. R. R., and find that you have done a good work this way, and made many warm friends...

At Harrisburg I organized a Temperance and Literary society with seventy members. At Eugene City the Court-house was literally crisscrossed by my lectures on "Temperance, its cause, consequences, and cure..."

Roseburg, December 15, 1877.

REPORT EVENTS.

A disastrous fire occurred at Toledo, Ohio, December 22d. Loss, about \$75,000.

The income tax case of Samuel J. Tilden has been set down temporarily for trial on January 5th.

Bar-rooms were pretty effectually closed last Sunday in New York City, and the entire law practically obeyed.

Ex-Governor McCormick, American Commissioner-General to the Paris Exhibition, will open an office in New York City Monday.

A New Orleans dispatch of the 23d inst. says: "The tobacco cases growing out of seizures by the supervisor in 1866, which have been on trial the past week in the U. S. District Court, were decided in favor of the government."

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The President's reception December 22d at the Union League Club in New York was the most brilliant affair of the kind ever seen in this city.

A dispatch from Chicago says that a letter received there from Savannah, Ga., ridicules the statement printed throughout the North that the recent election of eighty Independent members of the State Legislature is an outgrowth of the President's Southern policy.

A New York dispatch of December 23d says that under the head of "Another Little Senator," the Times editorial has the following points:

The election of such men as Farley, of California, is not an encouraging sign. It is another indication of the gradual decadence of a body which now ranks among the foremost in the country.

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HOME NEWS.

Remember the Caledonian ball next Monday evening. The plan of the new Unitarian Church have been sent East. Sidney Dell, Esq., left on the last steamer for a short trip to San Francisco.

The Christmas services in this city were beautiful and impressive and well attended. The Liberal Association of this city propose to celebrate the coming anniversary of the birth of Tom Paine.

The Washington Guard ball at Turu Halle Christmas eve was one of those enjoyable parties for which this old-time organization is noted.

About \$80 were realized by the Y. M. C. A. from Dr. Guard's lecture at New Market Theater last Thursday evening.

A grand ball under the auspices of the Scottish citizens of Portland will be given at Turu Halle next Monday evening, December 31st.

Mrs. Howard N. Northrup, who has recently been thrown upon her own resources by the death of her husband, has been appointed agent for the Pacific Life Insurance Company...

B. L. Stone's stock of jewelry is dazzling, elegant, and magnificent. Every article he offers for sale is the best of its kind, hence his patrons may always be sure of getting what they pay for.

While the steamer "Idaho" was coming up the river last Friday night, and when only a few miles from this city, one of the steam pipes attached to the head of the cylinder burst.

"Rose Michel" has been the attraction at New Market Theater. The play is one of great dramatic interest, and should have received better audiences.

We hear talk of a benefit tendered by Manager Bart, of the New Market Theater, to the Helpers' Home and Mrs. H. J. McCord, matron.

Folk and Lane are the only couples which have yet paid up their State taxes in full.

The ferry across Snake River at Al-mota is now completed, and teams are crossing every day.

The number of letters sent from the Salem post office for four days during the past week was 4,390.

The East Oregonian wants the county of Eastern Oregon annexed to the new State of Washington.

A Seattle paper complains that hens there won't lay an egg for Christmas for less than six and a quarter cents.

Mr. Thomas Moore, a resident of the Puget Sound country for many years, died at Skagat a few days since, aged forty-five years.

The Nash Bay and Quillbute Indians produce over \$200,000 every year in furs, skins, and oil.

It is alleged that the Bellingham Bay Coal Company have abandoned their mine on account of the inferiority of the coal.

It is now denied that George Lawton was the seducer of Miss Laura Cooley. The Statesman says a married man now living in Salem is supposed to be the guilty party.

The Blue Mountain University situated in LaGrande, which owes its existence mainly to the enterprise and integrity of Rev. Harvey Hines, is in a gratifying stage of progress.

A lifeboat has arrived at Neah Bay to be used by the life-saving station established there. She is built of iron, has compartments, and weighs three and a half tons.

On Saturday, the 15th, at Pendleton, articles of incorporation were filed by the Wacon, Pendleton, and Columbia River Railroad Company.

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