Weekly Oregon Statesman.

SALEM, TUESDAY, DEC. 10.

THE CITY AND COUNTY.

From Daily of Friday Dec. 6.

A DISCOVERY OF SILICON.—Some time, we think, last year, a discovery of electro-silicon was made in Polk county, by Mr. Al. Buckingham. Small quantities of it were tested, but we are not aware that anything was done at the time to render the discovery of practical value. Lately a small lot of it was tested at the Oregon & California Railroad car shops. The Chief Engineer at once pronounced it an excellent polishing material, and stated to our informant that if, upon further test, it should prove as good as he then believed it, he should immediately order a larger quantity for staple use in the shops. We have since learned the Engineer did order a considerable quantity, and that he has expressed the opinion that the deposit will prove valuable to the owner. We have not been able to interview Mr. Buckingham in regard to it.

LODGE ANNIVERSARY.—Chemeketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. was the first lodge of Odd Fellows instituted in Oregon. To-day it reaches the 20th anniversary of its organization, and the occasion will be celebrated by a re-union of the fraternity, at the hall, commencing at half past seven o'clock. We are informed that the exercises will be somewhat varied, and we need not remind any Odd Fellow that they will be exceedingly interesting. Since the organization of Chemeketa Lodge there have been wonderful changes in Salem and many sad ones among its charter and older members. The statistics and personal reminiscences of this pioneer lodge would make a very interesting chapter, in themselves, of the general history of Oregon.

OUR ADVERTISERS.—In order to get the President's Message, entire into so small a paper as the DAILY STATESMAN we are compelled to set aside for one day a broadside of advertisements. But we trust our advertisers will not complain of the omission. The President's Message only comes once a year. We flatter ourself that it is something of an achievement to get so lengthy a document, so promptly into a daily paper no larger than the STATESMAN.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Richardson has entirely given up his intention of removing to Portland, and will continue the practice of his profession, at Salem. We refer to his card in this morning's paper.

Grand Master J. T. Apperson, has been in Salem for the last day or two. Wednesday evening he made an official visit to Chemeketa Lodge. We presume he will be present at the anniversary celebration this evening.

THE NEXT.—We understand that the great dog case will come on to-day. This case has excited more interest than anything else on the docket. There are a good many witnesses and nearly everybody in the neighborhood whence the case came up seems to be interested in some way upon one side or the other. There will be a full lobby when the trial begins.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of Levi Douthitt took place yesterday afternoon. The members of Olive Lodge took charge of the body upon its arrival, and buried it in Odd Fellows' Cemetery according to the forms and ceremonies of the order.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—This court was in session again yesterday. About the only item of business of public importance to be mentioned, was the renewal of the license to the Salem ferry.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The case of the State of Oregon vs. The McMinnville Water Ditch & Manufacturing Co. dragged its slow length along through the entire sitting of the Court yesterday, and was the occasion also for an evening session.

AT SILVERTON.—A correspondent at Silverton says: "Business is pretty good here, and a great many goods are sold." Silverton has always been a very good business point.

FOR WASHINGTON.—Mr. A. B. Meacham, who was selected by the Electors as Messenger to carry the returns to Washington, will start next Tuesday overland, by way of Boise and Kelton.

From Daily of Saturday Dec. 7.

CHEMEKETA LODGE.

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Lodge—Statistics—Letters From old Members—Address by Grand Master—Speeches From Charter Members—Music—Lunch, Etc.

Last evening, Chemeketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. completed its twentieth year. The occasion was celebrated by the Lodge and sister Lodges, at Odd Fellows Hall with ceremonies that, to an Odd Fellow, were full of deep interest. The Hall was filled to nearly its capacity with brethren wearing the insignia of the Order—Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives, Past Grands, Officers of Subordinate Lodges, etc., etc., down to the simple white apron of the initiate; and a great number of ladies, members of Rebekah Lodges, wives and daughters of members.

THE OPENING EXERCISES

Consisted of a call to order by the acting Noble Grand, Al. Crousman, who stated the object of the Assemblage; singing of the "Opening Ode," by the choir and audience; prayer by Bro. S. Bowers, Pastor of the M. E. Church, Salem; music by the choir. Then came

STATISTICS OF THE LODGE,

Prepared and read by the Recording Secretary, J. Henry Brown, letters from E. M Barnum, and other Charter or pioneer members of the Lodge. From the paper prepared by Bro. Brown, we obtain the following items of interest:

ORGANIZATION OF THE LODGE.

A warrant was issued by M. M. Moore, Right Worthy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, August 15, 1852, to the following named brothers authorizing them to form a subordinate Lodge at Salem: Eli M. Barnum, Edwin N. Cooke, Benj. F. Harding, Cyrus S. Woodworth, and Joel Palmer. In those days mail communication was slow, and the warrant did not arrive here till the first of December, following. Monday evening, Dec. 6, 1852, the above named persons met in the third story of Rector's building, on Commercial street, and organized Chemeketa Lodge.

Benj. F. Harding was elected Noble Grand; E. N. Cooke, Vice Grand; C. S. Woodworth, Recording Secretary; and Joel Palmer, Treasurer. These officers were installed by Eli M. Barnum, who was acting in the warrant Deputy Grand Sire, for the purpose.

THE FIRST PERSON INITIATED

Was Al. Zieber who now resides in Portland, but who retains his membership with Chemeketa Lodge. The Lodge entered a quorum upon active career. It was frequently visited by members of the Order living in other parts of the then Territory, and much interest was awakened. On the 8th of April 1853, Samaritan Lodge No. 2 was organized at Portland, by E. M. Barnum. On the evening of August 18, 1853, the first meeting of the

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH

Ever held in Oregon, met, the following named sisters being present: Mrs. Samuel R. Thurston, Mrs. E. N. Cooke, Mrs. C. A. Reed, Mrs. Samuel E. May, Mrs. J. A. Rippetoe, Mrs. E. M. Barnum, and Mrs. Wiley Kenyon were present as visitors.

A NEW HALL.

The Lodge fitted up and moved into a new hall, October 3, 1853, in the "headquarters" building, which stood on the site now occupied by Ladd & Bush's Bank.

CEMETERY.

In July 1854, the Lodge in conjunction with the Masonic fraternity purchased a part of the grounds now used as a cemetery. Afterward the Lodge bought the Masonic interest at a cost of $25 per acre.

THE FIRST DEATH.

July 10th, 1855, brother D. C. Raymond died, his being the first death of a member of the Lodge. He was buried with the honors of the fraternity.

April 21, 1859 the Lodge assisted in a body, at the public funeral and burial of Samuel R. Thurston, who died at sea, off Acapulco, on his return to Oregon from Congress.

THE LODGE MOVES AGAIN.

December 1, 1867, the Lodge moved into and occupied a hall built by the Masons and Freemasons on the lot where was the building now used by the Sisters as a school house. A year afterward the present hall in Holman's building was leased by the Lodge at a rental of $75 per quarter; but it did not occupy it till Jan. 1, 1869, since which time it has met in it, every Wednesday evening.

CELEBRATION—DEDICATION.

April 26th, 1859, the Lodge publicly celebrated the 40th anniversary of the introduction of the order into America.

May 5th, 1859 the Grand Lodge assisted by this Lodge, dedicated an Odd Fellows' Rural Cemetery.

OFFSHOOTS FROM CHEMEKETA.

Chemeketa is the parent of two other Lodges in Salem. April 26, 1868, Anniversary Lodge No. 13 was organized, of members who had withdrawn for that purpose. Jan. 14, 1869, it was thought advisable for the old hive to swarm again, and Olive Lodge No. 18 was organized. All three of these Lodges have worked in perfect harmony and with the best results, each being now in good healthy condition in all respects.

LODGE STATISTICS.

Mr. Brown's statement shows the following: Since the organization of the Lodge in 1852, the number of persons initiated into membership is 160; admitted by card, 79; admitted as Ancient Odd Fellows, 16; number withdrawn to join other Lodges, 105; ceased membership, 45; deceased, 5; present number of members in good standing, 76; number of Past Grands, 25.

The Lodge has expended for relief of members, $2,827 74; for nurses for the sick, $432 50; physicians' bills, $100; burials, $450; by General Relief Committee and donations, $210; total, $4,081 25.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

Twenty years ago Chemeketa was the only Lodge in what was then Oregon Territory—now there are in Oregon, alone, 41 Lodges and 3 Rebecca Lodges, besides several Encampments—with a membership of 1,556. In the jurisdiction which includes Washington and Idaho there are 53 Lodges, with a membership of 2,084. The aggregate revenues of these Lodges in 1871 was $41,660 91; and for the first half of 1872, it was $22,856 84, showing a healthful increase of wealth. Many of the Lodges are the owners of considerable property, which does not figure in the statement of revenues.

A TELEGRAM

From the Portland Lodges, was read congratulatory to Chemeketa Lodge, expressive of the brotherly feeling of Portland members of the Order, and regretting their inability to be present at the celebration.

ADDRESS BY GRAND MASTER.

Grand Master, J. T. Apperson, then delivered an address, reviewing briefly the origin, growth and history of Odd Fellowship in Oregon, giving comparative facts illustrative of its rapid advance in strength and well doing, and a statement of present condition. He also reviewed in a similar manner, the history of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

SPEECHES BY CHARTER MEMBERS.

Bros. E. N. Cooke and Cyrus S. Woodworth each made remarks, giving many interesting reminiscences of the "old times" in connection with Chemeketa Lodge. They were the only Charter Members present and the only ones now residing at the "old camping ground." Al. Zieber, the first initiate of the Lodge, was also present.

After these proceedings, lunch was served, and the balance of the evening, till twelve o'clock, was spent by the assemblage in pleasant social intercourse.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. Dec. 30, 1872.

WHEREAS: It has pleased God in his inscrutable wisdom to remove from our midst by the blighting hand of death, our beloved sister, P. F. Cross—

Resolved, that we deeply feel the severe loss which we have sustained in the untimely death of our sister who, though gone to her eternal home, yet still lives in the hearts of the poor, the suffering, and the orphan to whom she never turned a deaf ear, nor a cold heart.

Resolved, that we tender our heart-felt sympathies to the bereaved husband and family, whose loss, though irreparable and causing an aching void in each heart, will recognize the will of "Him who doeth all things well."

Resolved, that the Secretary be directed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the afflicted family, and also to each of the journals published in this city.

OLIVE STANTON ENGLAND,
AMANDA A. WHEELER,
SARAH MURPHY,
Committee.

From Daily of Tuesday, Dec. 10.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNED.—The dwelling house of Mr. Perry Watson who lives about six miles south of Salem was entirely destroyed by fire, at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The circumstances were such as led to the belief that the fire was the work of an incendiary: There had been a disturbance about the house only a short time before the fire was discovered and Mr. Watson had got up to see what was the matter, but he made no discovery and returned to bed. At the hour above mentioned he was aroused from sleep by the cries of his daughter who occupied a sleeping room in the upper story. She called out to her father that the house was on fire. The family was, of course instantly aroused, but nothing could be done to save the house, as the roof was already falling in at the two opposite ends. It was discovered that one fire had been set at one end of the house where a corner board had been knocked off. This fire had climbed between the outside weatherboards and the inside ceiling to the roof. Another fire had been started in a store room at the opposite end of the house, and this also had climbed to the roof, but at the time of discovery there was no connection between the two fires. Mr. Watson and family applied themselves at once to saving their bedding, clothing, and furniture, but owing to the advanced stage of the fire and its rapid progress, they succeeded in getting out only a small part of their bedding and a few clothes, the greater part of everything in the house being consumed. The youngest child, a babe was rescued from its bed, after the ceiling of the bed-room had fallen in upon the foot of the bed, and the bed clothes were in a blaze. Mr. Watson lost all his papers. The loss is estimated to be between $2,500 and $3,000, on which there was an insurance for $1,800 in the Phœnix Insurance Company. We are informed that there were prowlers around one of the neighboring houses, the same night.

PERSONALS.

We see by the Corvallis paper that Prof. L. J. Powell of this city is expected to deliver a lecture at Corvallis next Friday evening, for the benefit of the North Public School.

Miles M. Miller, formerly local reporter for the Mercury, but who, for several months, has been "the boy that tends the sheep," in Eastern Oregon, arrived home Saturday evening. He reports everything lovely in the John Day region.

The other day we said that Mr. S. C. Simpson was going to Portland to take a position on the Bulletin. We should have said S. L. Simpson—or Sam, the poet instead of Syl the lawyer.

Mr. H. W. Scott, editor-in-chief of the Bulletin, paid a flying visit to Salem, yesterday, on business connected with the paper, coming up in the morning and returning in the afternoon.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE.—We learn that at about half-past nine o'clock Sunday morning, the dwelling house, formerly occupied by W. H. Watkinds near the Penitentiary, but at present occupied by Mr. Joseph Osburn, was observed to be on fire. The alarm was given by Mrs. Osburn, but not until the fire had burned through the roof in two places. Three or four of the guards rushed to the rescue as speedily as possible, and with the assistance of Mat. Bledsoe, Wm. McIntire, and three or four other trusties, soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames. An eye witness says it was amusing to see the women folks hustling out furniture, feather-beds, milk-pans etc. Not much damage was done, beyond the destruction of a few shingles; but the alarm was very timely, as, in a few moments more the fire must have been beyond control.

A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mrs. E. Sheppard who lives about four miles east of Salem met with a very severe, and it may be, serious accident, Sunday. She had just hitched up a team of young horses which became frightened at something, before she had yet got into the wagon. She tried to hold them, but they became ungovernable, and as they started to run, one of the wagon wheels struck her violently, knocking her down and bruising her considerably. Dr. Payton was called to attend her, and he informs us that he found the pelvis broken in two places. It cannot yet be definitely known how serious the hurt may prove to be, but the chances are that it will be dangerous.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.—The debate on the "Woman Question," which was to have come off next Friday night in the Senate Chamber, was postponed on account of the celebration held by the Odd Fellows on that evening. The discussion will be held next Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, and will doubtless be of considerable interest. Our citizens are invited to attend these debates, and we hope the infant Society will receive due encouragement. By a vote of the Society ladies are particularly invited to be present at the next meeting.

FUN AHEAD—A HUNT.—The hunters and sportsmen of Salem and vicinity are requested to meet at the office of Dan Murphy in the Court House, next Saturday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for a grand hunt, to come off at some early day—the participants to "choose up," and the two sides to compete with each other in the number of scalps, the losing party to pay for a supper for all. A general invitation is extended to all who may wish to engage in the contest.

HE TAKES HIS CHOICE.—We are informed that some time ago, Squire Carey of Dayton who has been for years a Notary Public, applied to the Governor for a renewal of his Commission. He has not, however, heard from the Governor and has come to the conclusion that his application has been vetoed. It is the understanding in Dayton that the Governor is looking for a Democrat who can read, to make him Notary in place of Squire Carey.

ADJOURNED.—The Board of Equalization adjourned last Saturday evening for ten days, to give the Clerks time to classify the statistics of assessments for further use. This was found to be a work of some length and requiring the assistance of another clerk; so while the clerks cipher out from the assessment rolls, the information wanted, the members of the Board have taken a spin home, till Tuesday the 17th.

SERIOUS NATURE.—Mrs. Elizabeth N. Simpson would like to hear from her brother William H. Shields, formerly of New York who removed with our uncle William Watkinds to Oregon some time ago. When last we saw him he was in New Orleans. Please address Mrs. E. N. Simpson, Bonnet Carré Post Office, St. John's Parish, La.

All Oregon papers will please copy.

REMOVAL.—Messrs. Gill, Steel & Co., have sold out their bookstore in Salem to Mr. Walter Jackson. The new proprietor was, yesterday, engaged in removing the stock into the store on state street, next door to Terrell & Gillingham's.

LAND COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of State Land Commissioners will meet to-day, pursuant to adjournment, last month, to examine several cases of contested claims.

COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS.—Gov. Grover has appointed I. N. Reed of Walla Walla, to be Commissioner of Deeds for Oregon, to reside at Walla Walla.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—J. H. Haas, Jeweler, State Street, Salem, has just received, a new stock of goods in his line, embracing many beautiful articles—useful and ornamental—just the things for Holiday presents. Call and examine them.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE! that the Overland Store has just received a beautiful lot of Gold and Oreide Jewelry, bracelets etc., appropriate for Holiday gifts; also Waterproof Astrachan cloth, cloaks etc. at very low prices. *10d

FRANK BUTLER keeps the best market in Salem, Commercial street, next door to Billie Stanton's.

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ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

LETTERS REMAINING UNCALLED for in Salem Postoffice, Dec. 9, 1872.

Abbott, Ezra G; Armstrong, G.

Baltimore, C; Barger, Wm; Bales, Albert; Barnes, W T; Beardsley, Miss M J; Bailey, Jackson; Brooks, E S; Bewley, L B; Brown, David; Brumbaugh, Andrew.

Cannon, Augustus L; Clark, W T; Chambers, E J; Cook, Miss Lottie I.

Davies, Miss Arritha; Dickinson, James.

Eddy, A P; Eager Luther.

Fletcher, Miss Melvina; Funston, B.

Gerry, Charlie; Greenman, L S.

Howard, Mrs Pernella; Hawley, Mrs A; Holdman, Nettie; Hall, Justus.

Johnson, Richard M.

Kirkland, John.

Lesing, Lizzie; Lichtenthaler, W C; Longden, Volney C.

Maxwell, Stephen; Mayfield, Miss Maggie; Millert Mrs W J; Medlock, Rev T H; McKinney.

Nesbill, Rody.

Porter, Josephine.

Ross, J; Rotman, R A S.

Snell, Laura; Savage, Miss Blanche; Snyder, Miss Angie; Stammes, Miss Ella 2; Smith, A; Stowe, Miss Carrie; Smith, John; Shrum, Henry; Smith, E M; Smith, David S.

Taylor, Wm; Thrisburn, Wm.

Wilkins, M; Mitchell, Jack; Walling, E R; Wise, Miss Sarah E; Wright, John P; Washburn L.

P. S.—When calling for the above letters, please say advertised, and give date.

T. B. RICKEY, P. M.

"Illustrating a man's fronts piece" is the Westernism "for putting a head" on any body. When will the present era of slang be over?

TELEGRAPHIC.

MINISTER WASHBURNE'S RECEPTION.

Greeley Endowment Fund

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF IRON.

Greeley's Funeral—Beecher's Sermon.

Centennial Commission Meeting.

MRS. HORACE GREELEY'S WILL

EASTERN NEWS.

Washburne's Reception—The President returns to Washington.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Washburne's reception last evening was a complete success in every way. Among the persons who sent letters of regret and inability to attend were Secretary Fish, Boutwell, Vice President Colfax, the Japanese Minister and President Grant. At the time the reception was proposed the President was very anxious about it, but yesterday said: "I had better go to Washington now; I came here really to attend Mr. Greeley's funeral. I do not want misapprehension about it. If I said here to Mr. Washburne's reception it might be misinterpreted."

Henry Wilson said the President wanted to compliment his old friend Washburne, but he felt depressed by the occurrences of the day. After the President returned from the funeral he declined to see any visitors at his hotel, and at half past eight was driven to the depot for Washington.

The Greeley Endowment Fund.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Ben Wood of New York subscribed $1,500 to the Greeley Press Fund. Other subscriptions of smaller amounts are also reported, including one from John Modeley of the Metropolitan Record, of $1,000.

Disasters on the Lakes—Reduction in Price of Iron.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A Detroit dispatch gives accounts of numerous disasters on the northern lakes. Sail vessels and propellers were caught in a fearful storm and frozeln. Many vessels are lost, and it is feared there is a large loss of life.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 5.—At a meeting of the Western Iron Association, held in this city yesterday afternoon, the price of Iron was reduced $10 a ton, and the price of nails fifty cents per keg. The recent decline in the price of pig metal accounts for these reductions.

Horace Greeley's Funeral—Henry Ward Beecher's Sermon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 44.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's remarks at Greeley's funeral were quite brief. He spoke of the deceased as one who for thirty years had filled the land with controversy; as a man of war, yet dying with civil honors, but as one whose memory shall live forever in the annals of his country. To-day all men forget the recent strife of opinions, and honor him because he was something more than a professional man; he was a man so good and noble that he had few compeers. For thirty years he built for himself no outward monument nor state, but to-day, between the oceans, there is not a man who has not felt the effect of the labors of Horace Greeley.

Centennial Comission.

PHILADELAHIA, Dec. 4.—A general meeting of the Centennial Commission was held to-day. Commissioners were present from all the States. Little business was done.

Mrs. Greeley's Will.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Greeley's will appointed her husband executor and her daughter Ida executrix. She bequeathed to her husband all her pictures and statuary—a valuable collection—and instructed Ida to appropriate a certain sum for the purchase of some additional momentoes for her husband. In case of Mr. Greeley's death or second marriage her real estate was not to be sold, nor the principal of her property to be used by either of her children, without the joint consent of Ida and Judge Hart. Mrs. Greeley had a policy of ten or twenty thousand dollars on her husband's life. It is also said she owned some Tribune stock and other stocks, besides real estate.

Gambetta Supports Thiers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A Paris letter gives a report of an interview with Gambetta just before thr re-opening of the National Assembly. It represents him as being a supporter of the Conservatives and President Thiers. Under the present condition of things they recognize the ability of the Executive, and are willing to give France the benefit, though they do not assent to all of his views.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Senate Committees.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Lively Times in Louisiana.

U. S. Troops Occupy the State House.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

EASTERN NEWS.

Nominations Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The President sent to the Senate a large number of names for various civil and military officers, appointed during recess. Following are the most important:

S. F. Phillips, Solicitor General, vice Bristow; G. H. Fairman, Postmaster of Philadelphia; vice Bingham; Brigadier General McDowell to be Major General; H. Knowles to be Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana.

The Senate Committees.

The Liberal Republicans are caucusing to determine what course they will pursue in regard to minority representation in the Senate Committees. The Democrats are also caucusing for the same purpose. The majority leaves only one vacancy on the Foreign Relations Committee, while the Democratic and Liberal Republican Senators have agreed among themselves to name Schurz as the minority representative on that committee; Thurman for the Judiciary, Bayard of Finance—Casserly, Trumbull and Fenton relying respectively on majority representations—leave only one vacancy on each of them to be filled as before by the opposition. Edmunds becomes Chairman of the Judiciary Committee vice Trumbull; Hamlin, Chairman of the Mining Committee, and Carpenter, Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, vice Fenton. Casserly goes off the Foreign Relations Committee entirely, in order to allow Schurz to remain. Fenton, who goes off the Finance Committee, is nominated by the opposition for the Committee on Territories. Trumbull goes on the Committee on Privileges and Elections, vice Sherman, who goes off that Committee but remains on the Judiciary Committee. Casserly is to be made a member of the Committee on Railroads. Sherman will be Chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims. Casserly goes on the Committee on Engrossed Bills. Wilson succeeds Carpenter as Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In the Senate, on motion of Freyhlingsen, the rule requiring the election of the Chairmen of the Standing Committees by ballot, was suspended. The Standing and Select Committees were then elected.

A Financial Inquiry—A Bill to Dispense with Revenue Assessors.

The Finance Committee was instructed to inquire and report as early as practicable, what legislation is necessary to relieve the stringency of the money market, and the propriety of issuing additional legal tenders.

In the House, Dawes, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill abolishing the offices of Assessors and Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue, and transferring their duties to Collectors. After the bill was read, Dawes offered an amendment for it to go into operation July 1st.

Lively Times in Louisiana—U. S. Troops Called into Requisition.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—About half-past two o'clock this morning two companies of the First Artillery, United States troops, under direction of the Deputy United States Marshal, took possession of the State House. Part of the troops were quartered in the Senate Chamber, and the Deputy United States Marshal took possession of the House of Representatives, while the officers and Deputy United States Marshal took up their quarters in the Governor's ante-room. The doors were closed and guarded and egress and ingress were denied to all except the officers of the State. The authority by which the United States officers took possession of the Court-house is an order from Judge Newell of the United States Fifth Circuit Court, in the case of Kellogg vs. Warmouth which recites that the proclamation of Governor Warmouth yesterday, declaring the result of the canvass, as made by the Board of Returning Officers, was made in violation and contempt of a restraining order in the case, and declares that it is calculated to disturb the public peace. The United States Marshal called on General Emery for troops to execute the order of the Court, and they were immediately furnished.

A Time's New Orleans dispatch states that Judge Durrell, who will probably deliver the decision in the case of Kellogg vs. Warmouth to-day, has received several letters threatening his life, and that he will be assassinated if he decides in favor of Kellogg. The better class of citizens reprobate the course of Warmouth, fearing it will precipitate a conflict with the Federal officers.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Destructive Inundation in Italy—Matters in France—Thiers will Probably Resign.

TURIN, (Italy), Dec. 6.—The Arno, as well as the Po, is overflowed. Many bridges and crossings are swept away. The communes are inundated, and there is great destruction of property.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The Government situation at Versailles unsettles business of all kinds throughout the country.

The Committee of Thirty formed yesterday by the Assembly is regarded as hostile to the Republic.

The Republican journals of Paris declare that the Assembly does not represent the will of France, and demand its immediate dissolution.

Thiers is expected to resign, and will probably make a statement at the session of the Assembly to-day as to the course he intends to take.

BY STATE TELEGRAPH.

Later News from Klamath—Two more murders reported.

ASHLAND, Dec. 6.—Joseph Beach, with express from Klamath, has just arrived. Left there yesterday. He reports two more men killed on Lost river—Geo. Flock and Chas. Moroe. They had gone out after some sheep belonging to Flock, and were attacked by the Indians and killed. Captain Kelly and men arrived at Linkville last night. The troops from Camps Warner and Bidwell were expected also to arrive last night. There was still great uneasiness and apprehension of danger by the citizens.

Disabled Soldiers' Asylum.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER.

The Muddle in Louisiana.

JUDGE BINGHAM FOR A FOREIGN MISSION.

The Survivor of the "Missouri" Disaster.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

A Deserted Oregon Girl.

EASTERN NEWS.

Asylum for Disabled Soldiers.

The Board of Managers of the National Asylum for disabled volunteers held their annual meeting in the Surgeon-General's office to-day. President Grant, Gen. Butler, General Martindale, Governor F. Smith, Lewis B. Gunckle, General Thomas O. Osborne and General Wolcott were present. Reports from the various asylums showed that the few regular buildings are fuller than ever. Nearly 4,000 disabled soldiers are being provided for in the various asylums. After the necessary appropriation the Board adjourned until the 4th of March.

Indian Commissioners' Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Following is a synopsis of the fourth annual report of the Board of Indian Commissioners: After three years' working of the peace policy, the Board find cause for congratulation in that their anticipations of success in the attempt to civilize the tribes have been so far fulfilled that now reasonable assurance of the object in view is being rapidly attained and nearly five-sixths of the Indians of the United States are now either civilized or partly civilized. Various fraudulent dealings which agencies formerly made sources from which large fortunes were rapidly made, are nearly abandoned. Instead of paying for thirty-six per cent. more than is received, Government receives the full amount of money appropriated and the Indian gets all he is fairly entitled to. The Sioux and other tribes on the Northern Pacific Railroad are generally well disposed. The Indian Territory having a smaller area than any of the other Territories, has a population exceeding any with the exception of New Mexico and Utah. It has more acres under cultivation than any other in the United States. This, in effect, fully disposes of the statement that there is considerable land idle compared to other portions of the United States. The Board deems it a matter of congratulation that public opinion in the country is so rapidly crystalizing into purposes of justice and humanity.

Affairs in Louisiana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Telegrams are received here to-day by a Louisiana member of Congress from officers of the Government giving statements from both sides. Private advices contain substantially the same information already conveyed, though each side denounces the other for having usurped possession of the State, in violation of all right, and request the points of their respective statements be laid before the President, and that the action of the Federal Government stand upon official authority. It is the intention of the Government to sustain the U. S. Courts. This has already been communicated by telegraph to gentlemen of New Orleans who requested official information in the premises.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Judge Durrell to-day issued a sweeping restraining order against Governor Warmouth and all other State officers, clerks of the House and Senate, Chief of Police, and others, preventing any interference whatever with the assembling of the Legislature, and forbidding all persons from participating as members of said Legislature, who have not been returned as members thereof by the Custom House Returning Board, and whose names have not been transmitted by Geo. Bourie, Secretary, to the Secretary of the Senate and clerks of the House.

A Queer Journalistic Rumor.

NWE YORK, Dec. 7.—It is reported that Mayor Hall will assume the editorial chair of the Herald on January 1st, as Bennet will shortly leave on a two years' European trip.

Judge Bingham Endorsed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The entire Ohio Republican Congressional delegation to-day signified to the President a willingness to call on him in a body to endorse Judge Bingham for a Foreign Mission. The President replied that while he would be glad to see the delegation personally, Judge Bingham needed no recommendation. Bingham will probably be appointed Minister to Italy, though the matter has not been definitely settled.

Another Survivor of the Missouri Disaster.

HAVANA, Dec 5.—Richard Smith another survivor of the steamer Missouri, has arrived at Nassau. He is the man who abandoned Conway's boat on a raft. The purpose of righting her. Conway cut the painter connecting the two boats and they drifted out of sight of each other. Smith and Alfred Stewart drifted away with the boat, bottom upward, for three days at the mercy of the waves. On the fourth day they managed to right the boat, made a sail from life preservers and proceeded. They landed at the western key of Abaco. On the seventh day after landing Stewart died of fever, produced by exhaustion. Smith caught a little rain water on the ninth day, and with prickly pears and soft shell crabs sustained himself until the seventeenth day, when he was taken off the island and brought to Nassau. He goes to New York on the steamer Columbia.

FOREIGN NEWS.

From Berlin—French Affairs.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—General Von Roon has left the office of Minister of War for an indefinite time, although he has not formerly resigned.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The Committee of Thirty had a first meeting to-day and organized by electing Baron DeLacy as President, M. Pasquier as Vice President, and Lefavre Pontrales and Hansmonville as Secretaries. They then adjourned to Monday.

An official reception was given at the Executive residence last night. It was numerously attended. M. Thiers freely conversed with his friends on the political crisis. He regretted that the partial renewal of the Assembly seemed impossible, and declared that he was determined to adhere to the policy announced in his message.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—It is reported that Thiers and the Committee of Thirty will act in union in elaborating a Constitutional code. Proposals are to be submitted to the Assembly for the appointment of Gaulard as Minister of Interior, Leon to be Minister of Finance.

CALIFORNIA.

A Deserted Oregon Girl.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—Ellen Shadden, who ran away from Portland, Oregon, a short time since and came to this city with Pascal Smith, has been abandoned by him, and is in a destitute condition. She applied to Chief Crowley for aid, and was sent to the hospital, where she will remain until Wednesday and then start home, the Chief having obtained a free pass for the girl. She says Smith pawned everything she had except the clothes she wore and left her without a dollar.

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