Weekly Oregon Statesman.

SALEM, TUESDAY, DEC. 31.

THE CITY AND COUNTY.

From Daily of Saturday, Dec. 29.

BURNING OF THE OLD WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

About half-past eleven o'clock last night the old University building on Wilson Avenue was discovered to be on fire by the night police. The alarm was given and in a short space of time the fire department was upon the grounds; but ere that time the building was

A SOLID SHEET OF FIRE.

As it stood considerable distance from other buildings, it was finally deemed advisable to let it burn; and the streams of water were turned from the burning ruins upon the beautiful shade trees that stood in close proximity to the building, to save, if possible, these shelters of many a graduate who is now launched upon the busy sea of life.

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE

Is unknown, it is undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as the building has not been occupied for years for any purpose whatever. The Trustees, a few evenings since, had decided to have the building torn down shortly.

Some one cognizant of this fact, and thinking, in their own minds, that no harm would result from it, has set the building on fire. This seems to be the general impression at least in the public mind. But more of this anon.

THE "OLD" BUILDING

was erected in 1844, and is now 28 years old. Since October, 1867, it has stood idle—the new University being occupied at that time.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—Multnomah Royal Arch Chapter, No. 6, Salem Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and Pacific Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M. installed their officers last evening for the ensuing term. The installation of the latter Lodge was public. The following are lists of the officers:

MULTNOMAH R. A. CHAPTER.—F. J. Babcock, H. P.; J. F. Miller, K.; E. D. Sloat, S.; D. H. Murphy, C. of H.; B. F. Brown, P. S.; S. F. Chadwick, R. A. C.; J. McAfee, G. M. 3d V.; A. Kelly, G. M. 2d V.; T. McF. Patton, G. M. 1st V.; R. P. Earhart, Secretary; J. H. Albert, Treasurer; J. J. Murphy, Sen.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 50.—John Gray, W. M.; J. A. Richardson, S. W.; T. H. Cann, J. W.; B. F. Brown, Secretary; D. Fleischman, Treasurer; F. J. Babcock, S. D.; W. B. Barr, J. D.; J. F. Miller, Tyler.

SALEM LODGE.—R. P. Earhart, W. M.; E. N. Gillingham, S. W.; A. H. Wilson, J. W.; Fred E. Palmer, Secretary; J. H. Albert, Treasurer; M. Chapman, S. D.; C. M. Miller, J. D.; R. W. Wilson, Tyler.

RAILROAD SUIT.—The case of Simon G. Elliott vs. The Oregon Central Railroad Co., and Ben Holladay, was opened yesterday before Judge Boreham, sitting at chambers. It is a suit, the hearing of which may occupy several days. Only a preliminary motion, relating to the pleadings, was argued yesterday afternoon, when the Court adjourned to 9 o'clock this morning. E. D. Shattuck and Mr. Eppinger appeared for the plaintiff, and J. H. Mitchell and E. C. Bronaugh for the defendents. The hearing excites more than the ordinary interest in this community, as was evidenced yesterday by the large attendance. The proceedings take place in the State Library room.

NO FERRY.—The Salem ferry has not been running for some days on account of needed repairs to the boat. We hear that Leabo's ferry, is also laid up. We met a gentlemen yesterday who had been waiting here several days to get across the river with a team, to make a visit only a couple of miles from Salem. Not wishing to go to Polk county by way of Oregon City, Portland or Corvallis, he is here yet, waiting for the Salem ferry boat to be reconstructed.

PERSONALS.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell, U. S. Senator elect, arrived in this city, yesterday, on professional business.

Rev. G. Hines, notwithstanding his severe illness, attended the funeral of Father Waller, yesterday.

Mr. Julius Stratton, formerly a typo of the STATESMAN office, but now a limb of the law at Eugene, is making a holiday visit to his friends in this city.

Mr. F. G. Schwatka and wife, who have been visiting for some months in the Eastern States, arrived at San Francisco Dec. 23d, en route for home. They are expected here next Wednesday.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of Father Waller was attended yesterday by a very large concourse of citizens. The sermon was preached by Rev. S. Bowers, pastor of the M. E. Church, who concluded with a biographical sketch of the deceased. Remarks were made by Revs. L. M. Nickerson, J. L. Parrish and Gustavus Hines. The services were unusually impressive. The remains were followed to their resting place by a large procession.

ENTERTAINMENT TO-NIGHT.—This evening, at the Opera House, Mr. Stephen Maybell, the Oregon Laborer-Poet and Humorist, will amuse his audience. We go for home consumption of home products, and we are therefore in favor of giving our home-poet an audience that will not only encourage but pay him.

FLOURING.—The Salem Flouring Mill not having been constructed for subterranean service, has suspended work, till such time as the floods shall abate. It runs by water-power, but it cant get away with the whole Willamette.

STILL RISING.—The Willamette river continues to rage and to rise. Back water now stands in Mill Creek above the long bridge.

INSANE.—Capt. Scott, Sheriff, went to East Portland yesterday with an insane patient whose name is withheld, at present, by request of friends.

AT HALF-MAST.—The State House flag was at half-mast through the day yesterday, in respect to the memory of Father Waller.

From Daily of Sunday Dec. 29.

MAYBELL'S ENTERTAINMENT.—Stephen Maybell the young Oregon Laborer-Poet, introduced himself last evening to a Salem audience, at the Opera House, in the character of poet, reader and humorist. He is a little uncouth in some of his dramatic conditions, but he certainly has the spirit of genuine humor in him and often puts himself completely without effort, in rapport with the laughing side of his auditory. Maybell is eccentric and in that respect would be called a genius, something we call everybody who surprises and tickles us with oddities. He has wit, and that is his own. Some of his eccentricities are his own, too—they never could have been learned—while others are evidently acquired and used as the playwriter uses his artifices. This is entirely legitimate of course, precisely as are the acquired gestures, or intonations of the polished orator. But we have not time to dissect Maybell, and perhaps he is not prepared just now to occupy the dissecting table. Suffice it to say that he seemed to thoroughly amuse his audience. The people in front laughed enough, applauded liberally and went away with broad grins on their faces. Maybell, when he shall have had experience and training will succeed in his new line. He will go to Albany from this place in a few days. We advise our neighbors to go and see him when he appears in public. They will enjoy his melange.

THE SALEM FLOURING MILLS.—The Portland Commercial Reporter gives the following notice of our Salem Mills: "The Salem Flouring Mills are situated in Salem about one hundred yards from the Willamette river, but by means of an artificial canal, boats can reach it at an ordinary stage of the water. The dimension of the main building is eighty feet depth by sixty feet breadth, with a height of six floors, including cellars. The granary attached has a storage capacity of 1,050 tons. Wheat from boats is received by means of a sack elevator; fifty tons an hour is the usual rate at which boats can be discharged. Boats are loaded by means of chutes or slides, limited so as to conform to the stage of water in the river. Wagons, bringing wheat, are unloaded at the rate of 1,800 bushels per day. The capacity of the mill is quite large, the daily grinding for this season averaging 300 bbls. There has been shipped this year 25,000 bbls. Flour, so as to meet the demands of the season. The company expects to turn out a total of at least 60,000 bbls. for the season. There are five French Burr mill-stones used. The water power is 140 horse."

THE UNIVERSITY FIRE.—The burning of the old University building is generally supposed to have entailed no loss, as the building was old and abandoned. But we are informed that there were in it nearly $800 worth of doors and windows which the Trustees had intended to take out and save. There was also some inside lumber which could have been used. The building was also of some value for fire wood, to which use the greater part of the material would have been devoted, had it not been destroyed. The Trustees of the University had just made an order to pull the house down and remove it, and had appointed a committee for that purpose. The incendiary, however, got the start of the committee and removed it in much less time than the latter could have done it. The fire killed or greatly damaged a number of shade trees standing near, and in this fact consists one of the most serious items of the loss.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.—The preparations for the New Year's Eve Ball at the Opera House have been made with a view of making it ring affair of the season. The very best music to be had, has been engaged; the hall will be tastefully and beautifully decorated, and no pains or expense will be spared to make the supper a success, satisfactory to everybody. We hear of very general preparations in the dancing community, to attend the ball. They propose to welcome the new year,

Where youth and pleasure meet,
To chase the glowing hours, etc.

Last meeting of the present City Council next Tuesday evening.

WATER MAINS.—The Salem Water Company has recently laid nearly three-quarters of a mile of wooden water mains of their own manufacture—up Court street to Winter and, north along Winter, to the northern part of the city. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the water was turned into this line of mains to test the pipes. Having the full pressure on, the pipe was found to be perfect everywhere, not only at all joints but at all the Ts. The company's expectations in regard to the sufficiency of wooden pipes seem to be fully realized.

RATHER LATE.—We suppose that some of our subscribers received their papers rather late yesterday morning. The delay was occasioned by the sudden departure of our pressman, for the fire just before closing the forms, and his subsequent labors at the case—setting up the account of it, the compositors having gone home. A similar delay is not likely to occur again, and we presume our readers can all afford to forgive this one.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL.—The people of Jefferson are taking a lively interest in their school this winter. During the Christmas vacation the school house will be painted and nicely prepared for the accommodation of students. The next term will commence Jan. 6th, 1873, with the promise of at least one hundred students. Mr. J. F. Boyse is the Principal, and J. M. Humphreys, Assistant.

LITERARY SOCIETY AT JEFFERSON.—Our little sister, Jefferson, is big enough to have a literary society—"The Franklin"—which is connected with the select school. It has twenty members. The officers are G. W. Conser, President; Robt. Harrison, Vice President; Harvey Hays, Secretary; Hugh Harrison, Treasurer; Frank Waller, Librarian.

AN ERROR.—The gentleman of whom we obtained the data for our biographical sketch of Father Waller, committed an error in relation to his birthplace. Father Waller was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and while he was quite young his parents removed to Elba, Genessee county, New York.

ODD FELLOWS ELECTION.—The following are the officers of Silver Lodge No. 21, I. O. O. F., of Silverton for the ensuing term: Willis Donnegan, N. G.; W. B. Dunbar, V. G.; William Simpson, R. S.; J. M. Brown, P. S.; James Diar, Treasurer, Warren Cranston, W. B. Dunbar and J. M. Brown, Trustees.

GONE BELOW.—Hon. J. H. Mitchell and others interested in the great railroad suit before Judge Bonham, went to Portland yesterday afternoon pending the continuance of the hearing next Tuesday. Hon. Ben Simpson of Yaquina, also went down.

INSTALLATION AT JEFFERSON.—Mr. S. F. Chadwick, Past G. M. of the Masonic order, went up to Jefferson, Friday, and installed the officers of the Jefferson lodge of Masons, returning yesterday morning.

FAILED TO CONNECT.—The train from the south, yesterday, brought no mails from any point beyond Roseburg. We presume the connection was broken by high water, or, maybap, Unpqua mud.

CHURCH CELEBRATION.—Next Wednesday, the first day of January, the Catholic Church will celebrate the octave of Christmas, the Feast of Circumcision and the Name of Jesus.

POSTPONED.—Yesterday morning the further hearing of the case of Elliott vs. The Railroad Companies was postponed till next Tuesday afternoon.

ADVANCING.—Legal tenders were quoted at Portland yesterday, at 90 cts. buying and 91 cts. selling.

From Daily of Tuesday Dec. 30.

THE SALEM FIRE FIEND.—It seems to be clear that Salem has a veritable "Fire Fiend"—not a personified thing, but a genuine, living, personal devil that takes delight in flames and alarms. The great number of clear cases of incendiarism that have occurred within the last two or three years, lead to this conclusion, and that the fiend is a permanent dweller in the city. He, she or it, has a mania for setting fire to old vacant buildings, barns, woodsheds, outhouses, etc. that stand isolated, as though a nice calculation were made in advance, as to the danger of kindling a general conflagration, the fiend having no desire to do more than petty mischief, and just enough of it to keep everybody's nerves in a state of sub-tremor. It may be only that he, she or it has a passion for hearing the clang of the fire bell at midnight, or for seeing the boys out with the machine at unreasonable hours, or for studying the picturesque groups who gather in half dress upon the street corners or upon front porticoes. No matter what the object may be, the fact remains that we have a "fire fiend" that ought to be hunted down if possible and exorcised.

ODD FELLOWS' ELECTIONS.—At the regular meeting of Olive Lodge No. 18, I. O. O. F., Salem, Saturday evening, Dec. 28, the following officers were elected for the term beginning January 1st, 1873: G. W. Rhodes, N. G.; H. H. Gilfrey, V. G.; A. N. Gilbert, R. S.; J. H. Howell, Treasurer; E. M. Waite, P. S. Messrs. T. M. Gatch, J. K. Hardie and J. Holman were elected Trustees.

At the last regular meeting of Chemeketa Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the term beginning Jan. 1st: Ezra K. Miller, N. G.; R. H. Price, V. G.; C. N. Terry, R. S.; C. E. S. Woolworth, Treasurer. The election of P. S. and Trustees was postponed till the next meeting.

Anniversary Lodge No. 13 elected last evening officers for the ensuing term, as follows: W. J. Polly, N. G.; H. Carpenter, V. G.; Zar Coffey, R. S.; B. F. Drake, P. S.; E. P. Churchill, Treasurer; Trustees: Geo. Williams, Jos. A. Baker, H. Stapleton.

CIRCUIT COURT.—Judge Bonham held a special sitting yesterday, at which the following business was transacted:

C. B. Upton vs. J. B. Sprenger, L. Besser and W. T. Gillihan; suit to foreclose chattel mortgage; submitted upon demurrer to complaint, without argument.

C. B. Upton vs. N. B. Packard, J. B. Sprenger and W. T. Gillihan; same as above.

J. B. Sprenger vs. A. Taylor, C. C. Way and C. B. Upton; suit to enjoin foreclosure of foregoing mortgages; argued upon demurrer to complaint, and submitted.

The above causes were all brought here from Multnomah county and are all founded upon matters connected with the business of the Metropolis of Portland.

BURGLARY AND FIRE.—A few evenings since the house of Rev. Mr. Stewart was discovered by a neighbor to be on fire, during the absence of the family, at church. The fire which had run gained great headway was soon extinguished. Upon the return of Mr. Stewart, an examination of the premises disclosed the fact that the house had been burglarized and robbed. Mrs. Stewarts' watch and some other articles were gone. It is probable that the thief being alarmed, dropped a burning candle or torch in the house and thus fired it.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL.—Mr. Reed, who has charge of the preparations for the Grand New Year's Eve Ball to take place at the Opera House, to-night, is putting the hall into elegant gala costume. A number of persons were at work all day yesterday, and will be similarly engaged to-day in putting up the decorations. Those who know Mr. Reed's taste in matters of this kind will not need to be told that the hall will be both brilliant and beautiful. From all we hear we think the attendance will be unusually large, and there can be no doubt but the dancers will have a gay and happy time.

EXPLANATORY.—This is how the local reporter of a Metropolitan daily puts it: "Transferring the crumbling, blackened walls, charred timbers, half melted columns and doors, which mark the somber outlines of the burnt district, to pasteboard, through the scientific process of chemistry and the intervention of his camera obscura." The reporter simply means that an artist was engaged in taking a photograph of the burnt district.

ANOTHER ENTERTAINMENT.—We hear that a variety entertainment is on the tapis for Saturday evening, January 11th, at Reed's Opera House. According to the intimations we have, there will be readings, vocal and instrumental music, including sentimental and comic songs, duets, quartettes, etc., and something in the amateur dramatic line. Stephen Maybell, the "Oregon Boy" and a number of other local performers and a few from Portland are mentioned in connection with the affair.

UNIFORM ASSESSMENTS.—The Board of Equalization will complete its labors, probably next month. There is much yet to be done to finish the arrangement of statistics and tables upon which the clerks are engaged. We learn that the Board are preparing form and rules for the government of county assessors, with a view to making future assessments uniform and equal in all the counties.

INSANE PATIENT.—Sheriff Poindexter, of Lane county, passed down on the train of Sunday, having in custody an insane patient, a Mrs. Sheppard, who was placed in the Asylum. The unfortunate patient resided 30 miles south of Eugene City. Her age is about 30; cause of insanity, domestic troubles. She is the mother of several children.

IN FOR ONE YEAR.—Deputy U. S. Marshal W. F. Williams, brought up from Portland, Sunday, a prisoner named Cheloskin, sentenced by Judge Deady to one year's confinement in the penitentiary for selling liquor to Indians.

FOR THE MODOC COUNTRY.—A detachment of soldiers of the 23d U. S. Infantry went up the railroad Sunday, en route for the Modoc country.

POSTMASTER RESIGNED.—Mr. H. A. Johnson having removed from Jefferson to Salem, has resigned the office of postmaster at that place; and Dr. Smith has been recommended as his successor.

REMOVAL.—The Overland Store will be moved and will be open for the New Year, in the store lately occupied by J. A. Ripperton, next door to Hermann & Hirsch.

Just received at the Overland Store fine heavy purple, scarlet and velvet bordered felt skirts and white skirts, also new pique aprons, jewelry and other goods cheaper than the cheapest.

New Lard at $1 50 a can at the Fulton and Union Market on Commercial street.

A CARD.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24, 1872.

The Oregon Boy: Dear Sir:—On account of catching a severe cold during the late fire I cannot sing, and I therefore withdraw my acceptance of your challenge, as I do not want to sing.

Yours Truly,
PAUL PHILLIPS.

In answer to the above withdrawal, I will inform the public that the arrangements for a Grand Concert to take place in about a week, in this city, were completed. As to the severe cold, Mr. Phillips cannot have a more disagreeable one than I. If at any time before my departure he may feel relieved I will go to Portland and sing with him. Meanwhile I do claim the Championship of the North Pacific.

"THE OREGON BOY."

Dec.28,72:D1t.

INSURANCE PAID.

SALEM, Dec. 26th, 1872.

C. A. Reed, Esq., Agent Phœnix Fire Ins. Co., of Hartford, Conn.:

Dear Sir:—Allow me to tender to you my heartfelt thanks for your prompt, liberal and cheerful action in adjusting and paying the policy on my dwelling house and furniture, which was destroyed by fire on the 9th inst. To be made homeless and destitute in mid winter by the destroying element is a fearful calamity, and must be experienced to be realized. To be thus promptly paid my policy will enable me to place my family again under shelter, and convinces me more than ever of the business policy of insuring in a prompt, reliable and able company. PENNY WATSON.

Dec.27,72:D1w.

GREAT BARGAINS.—Owing to the delay in transportation, the immense wholesale stock of fancy goods for the Holidays, received by J. G. Holbert, too late for his wholesale trade, will be retailed at wholesale prices. Parties wishing bargains will do well to call at once, as the whole stock must be sold as soon as possible.

J. G. HOLBERT.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Salem has now also had its big fire—but it "asks no charity."

The river is falling again. Cold weather in the mountains.

Frost will probably be about the next thing in the weather line.

It now takes two poles to reach bottom in some of the rural-suburb mud holes.

The hunters did not assemble at the Mercury office, Friday evening—no game there.

About half the people of Salem knew nothing of the University fire till they read the account of it in the STATESMAN, next morning.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Salem are beginning to make a fuss about the frequent mistakes of our Capital sports, by which domestic ducks find their way into city-made stews.

In the epizootic regions the papers now frequently contain items beginning like this: "A large and powerful but skittish young man, attached to a hand-cart, ran away on —— street, yesterday forenoon, to the great terror of a number of ladies on the sidewalk."

Measles are so light in this city as to fail to command common respect.

There is talk of organizing another lodge of Good Templars in this city.

Everybody has been invited to the New Year's Eve ball, at the Opera House.

Charley Weisner, next door to Fleshner's, dishes up fat oysters at reduced prices.

Some delicate attentions have been paid, of late, to the cross-walks. Approved.

All the interior papers except the STATESMAN are thin, or out late this week, on account of the fire last Sunday at Portland!

The petition for the pardon of Mat Bledsoe was signed by over four hundred people, including the judge and jury who convicted him.

The Democrat, speaking of the prospective Match Hunt, between the Albanians and Salemites, intimates that the former know very well how to thin out a hen roost.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

LETTERS REMAINING UNCALLED for in Salem Postoffice, Dec. 30, 1872.

Atkinson, Edward 4; Allen, Harvey; Albright, Jos.

Bagley, Fenton 2; Beers, Oliver; Burroughs, Mrs Sarah; Burnap, Miss Teoora S; Bushnell, Wm; Bain, J M; Boggs, Miss Ellen; Burrows, Mrs D N; Butler, M L, Butts, D W.

Cannon, Augustus L; Cartwright, D B; Calloway, Thos; Chambers, Robt; Couch, Geo S; Cook, Lottie; Cocker, Sam'l; Cartwright, James; Caldwell, E T; Clark, John A; Cline, Jas; Coffin, Mrs Lucinda; Cook, John Henry; Cummings, Miss Mary.

Daniels, Mrs O F; DeGraff, Jas; Duffy, T H; Duffel, A M; Dent, Eli; Debruing, Mr; Duffield, A M.

Epley, Mrs Anna H.

Gallagher, M A; Grant, James Wm; Grisham, F M; Gallagher, Miss Mary; Griffith, L C; Goodlow, Sarah Ann.

Hayden, J B; Hamilton, Byron W; Harvey, James; Helphy, David; Hawley, Will; Hanford, John; Held, Louis; Henderson, Rev T H.

Jory, Miss Mary; Johnson, R M.

Kays, Andrew J; Keene, Miss Maggie; Kirkland, John; Kays, John; Keesling, Calvin.

Ladd, T B; Lewis, Lizzie; Lowrey, J B.

Mallory, Geo L 3; Mescher, Mrs Mary; Murphy, Miss Elsie; Mayfield, Rev J H; Miller, Alexander.

Nelson, Thos; Nott, Miss Sarah.

Ogle, Mrs Martha 2; Ogle, Miss F May.

Perrin, Mrs Mary L; Powell, John W; Petzel, Philip; Plumley, A G.

Richardson, J B; Rupert, J D.

Stearns, Loyal B; Spencer, Peter S; Stacy, M V B; Starr, G H; Swofford, Samuel W; Smith, Miss Ella 3; Sargent, Abraham; Singer, Wm H 2; Starr, Catharine B; Stewart, Sarah W; Smith, Miss Algenora.

Thomas, Rachel; Todd, David; Thurston, LeroY.

VanCleave, Wm R.

Walker, Miss Hannah; Walker, Miss Jessie, Waldo, Mrs A M; Warner, Peter; Watt, J W 2; Williams, J W; Wagner, Perry; Wilson, S.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised".

T. B. RICKEY, P. M.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

Eastern Oregon Mails—Proposed Legislation for Oregon and the Territories—Nominations and Confirmations—Personal.

(From Washington (Dec. 14th.) Correspondence State Journal.)

LAST Tuesday, Dec. 10th, when the Senate reached the bill on the calendar for the relief of C. M. Lockwood, for carrying the mails between Umatilla and Salt Lake, reported last session from the committee on Postoffices by Mr. Kelley, it was passed over, without any action being taken, at the request of Mr. Kelly. It proposes to appropriate about 160,000.

Wednesday the bill to repeal section one of the act to provide a temporary Government for Washington Territory was passed over on the objection of Mr. Corbett. The same day the bill to extend the time for the selection of swamp and overflowed lands in Oregon was passed over on the objection of Mr. Morrill, of Vermont. The same day the House bill to donate the military reservation at Fort Stellacoom to Washington Territory for an insane asylum was passed over on the objection of Mr. Casserly.

Last Wednesday Mr. Corbett introduced a bill in the Senate to enable Joseph Fox to make application to the Commissioner of Patents for the extension of letters patent for a machine for making crackers, which was referred to the Committee on Patents and ordered printed.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Last Thursday, the 12th, the President nominated and the Senate confirmed Mr. Bark, late Governor of Idaho, to be postmaster at Chattanooga. The same day, the Senate confirmed Alexander Knowles, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Montana; Henry G. Struve, Secretary of Washington Territory. Yesterday (Friday 13th,) the President nominated and the Senate confirmed James Wright, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Montana. Several other nominations were sent in. Among the number confirmed is L. S. Dyar, Indian Agent at Klamath, Oregon, and James H. Wilbur, agent at Yakima, Washington Territory.

Col. James W. Drew, well known in Oregon, has arrived here from Utah and taken rooms on 13th street, where he expects to remain during the winter. Wm. Grlswold came with him, and went on to New York, intending to return in a few days. Col. Rucker and Wm. H. Farrar are here.

OREGON SWAMP LANDS.

The San Francisco Bulletin's Washington correspondence of Dec. 13, contains the following item:

The bill extending the time for the selection of swamp lands in Oregon, under the act of March 12, 1860, went over in consequence of objection made by Morrill of Vermont, who intimated that Senators Casserly and Stewart would object to its consideration if they were present."

TELEGRAPHIC.

THE STORM-KING RAMPANT.

The Stokes Trial---New Evidence.

WOMEN VOTERS HELD TO BAIL.

A SNOW AVALANCHE IN UTAH.

Several Men Buried Alive.

EASTERN NEWS.

Heavy Snows and Severe Weather in the East.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A heavy, drifting snow storm commenced early this morning, and still continues with great fury. Street car travel greatly obstructed. Dispatches from the south and east state there was the severest weather yesterday and last night known for many years. The thermometer ranged from 6 to 4 below zero.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The streets to-day are banked with snow. No such snow storm has been witnessed in this section for upwards of twenty years. Last night the streets were deserted from an early hour in the evening, and business was mostly suspended. No person ventured out except from absolute necessity. Thousands slept down town at the hotels or their offices, owing to their inability to reach home in the upper parts of the city. The thermometer to-day stands on an average with yesterday—10 above zero. The storm told heavily upon business, especially in the delay of mails. There was no mails yesterday except those sent early. The postmaster reports that no mail arrived here since yesterday noon. The snow yesterday prevented the search for the girls burned in the Central street fire. The Superintendent of Buildings, in a card to-day, says there are thousands of buildings in the city more dangerous than the one burned in Center street. The report of the loss of life in the Center street fire is confirmed. Six girls and one boy, known to be in the building at the time of the fire, have not since been heard of. The ruins are covered with a mass of ice which renders search for bodies impossible.

WATERTOWN, Dec. 26.—The St. Lawrence is bridged with ice between Cape Vincent and Kingston, Ontario, a distance of twelve miles, and teams cross with safety.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Advices from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo, Boston and many Northern cities, report the storm of the 26th and 29th as unprecedented in the history of the country.

The Trial of Stokes New Evidence.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In the Stokes case to-day Mrs. Mary Bissett, a new witness, testified that she lives opposite the residence lately occupied by Josie Mansfield on the 23d inst., that on the day of the shooting she saw Fisk's carriage, unoccupied, drive up and down several times. She afterwards saw a "coupee," supposed to be Stokes', stop at Mansfield's house. Mansfield came to a window and looked out. A man got out of the carriage and got in again, then drove away. New and startling evidence was given this afternoon. Andrew Parker testified that some six weeks prior to the murder of Fisk, he was introduced to Stokes, who in conversation with witness spoke of having been removed by Fiske from the hotel which he was keeping for the Frie Company, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. They also spoke of trials between Stokes and Fisk and their progress. Stokes said Fisk was a damned blackmailer, and he would shoot him. He said he carried a pistol. Stokes reported thrice that Fisk was a blackmailer. Stokes became very much excited and rose up before he could be prevented, saying this is false, all false. Some additional testimony was offered, but nothing new elicited. The evidence for the prosecution closed, and Townsend opened for the defense.

The Woman Voters held to Bail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In the case of Susan B. Anthony and fourteen other women, under examination for illegally voting, U. S. Commisioner Stores to-day rendered a decision holding each to bail in the sum of $5,000 to appear at the U. S. District Court at its next session in Albany. The Inspectors who received the votes were also held to bail.

UTAH TERRITORY.

A Destructive Snow-Slide.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 27.—Cold and raining. Three days' heavy snows in the mountains.

At Little Cottonwood, near Central City, a terrible snow slide occurred to-day. Six to eight feet of snow has fallen in the last two days.

About 2:30 this afternoon an avalanche 600 feet wide and about 12 feet deep, came down, crossing the stage road and carrying away from eight to ten teams and teamsters, backing them 1,500 feet across Cottonwood Creek. Thirty teamsters were shoveled out alive but badly bruised. Four more are not recovered. It is thought impossible to find them before spring, although 200 men are at work shoveling. All the teams in the line of the avalanche were swept away. The names of the men are unknown. Eighty mules were dug out, some dead, others severely bruised.

CALIFORNIA.

A Criminal Reprieved—A Well-known Physician Dying.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Governor Booth has granted William Donovan a reprieve till January 3d, 1872. He was to have been executed at one P. M. to-day. The extension of the Executive clemency has given Donovan's friends new hope that the Governor may finally commute the sentence to imprisonment for life.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Dr. A. J. Bowie, a well known physician of this city, is reported in a dying condition at his residence on Stockton street.

TELEGRAPHIC.

The Trial of Stokes.

RESIGNATION OF THE INDIAN COMMISSIONER.

A California Swamp Land Case.

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EASTERN NEWS.

The Stokes Trial—His Testimony.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In Stokes' case to-day the prisoner told his story of the shooting and admitted that he shot Fisk, but did not intend to kill him. He avers that the shooting was in self-defense, Fisk having drawn a pistol to shoot him. He had been, he said in constant fear of an emissary of Fisk. Stokes contradicted the evidence of Parker, given yesterday and denied that he had ever called Fisk a blackmailer or threatened to shoot him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Stokes was to-day cross-examined at great length. At the former trial he was not cross-examined at all. The prisoner's statement, contained nothing essentially new. On two or three occasions the counsel on either side indulged in sharp passages. Stokes again denied that he ever made threats to shoot Fisk. Jas. H. Ramsey, of Albany, President of the Susquehanna Railroad, testified concerning Fisk's character. John L. Baly, George M. Cole, Rufus S. Andrews, Daniel Smith, Daniel B. Ingham, John H. Henry and D. E. Bailey were examined.

The Gold Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Thirteen bids amount to three million dollars today. Government selling one million at 12 50-100 and 12 52-100.

Winter Weather.

The mails are almost without exception behind time. The express due at 5:30 P. M., yesterday arrived at 11 to-day, and the Central Railroad Chicago trains due yesterday morning arrived to-day. The Washington road has come in on train time.

The weather is clearing up. A few local trains from the immediate vicinity in New Jersey arrived since 10 o'clock by the aid of several extra locomotives.

Death of a well-known Citizen

Edward C. Bates, a well-known Boston merchant, died at the railway station at Swamp Scott, last night, of heart disease.

Resignation of Indian Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—General Francis A. Walker has tendered the President his resignation as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to take effect on the 1st of January. It is understood his resignation has been accepted, but his successor will not be appointed until after the return of Secretary Delano from Cuba.

Alabama Bonds to be Offered for Sale.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 27.—Michael A. King, Financial Agent of the State, left this city a few days ago to negotiate the bonds issued by the Court-room Legislature. It is thought he will not stop in New York, but go to Europe.

A Question of Swamp Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Commissioner of the General Land Office has written Surveyor General Hardenburgh sharply, reversing his decision in the Mountain Meadow land case, which is based on the argument, first: That the altitude of the land is so great that it cannot be swamp land. Second, that if the overflow was kept off by drainage or embankment, irrigation would be necessary in order to render the land productive. The question of altitude which was also raised by ex-Congressman Janin in the Sonoma Valley case, but not then passed upon, is held to be wholly irrelevant and without bearing. The only questions considered by the General Land Office in swamp land cases, as to the character of land are: First, is the land swampy or overflowed? Second, does the swamp or overflow render it unfit for cultivation?

Proposals for Mail Service Invited.

The Postoffice invites proposals for carrying mails over all the new routes in California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Montana Territory, that have been established during the past year, for one year from the first of July next. Proposals will be received until the 31 of March next, and decisions announced on or before March 20th.

Health of Senator Sumner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Washington special says Sumner's health is precarious. Physicians are visiting him twice a day.

Two Men Scalded to Death.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—At the iron works at Ironton, Ohio, yesterday, Ellis Moore, Jas. Venters and Andrew Diles, entered the boilers, which had been disconnected from the rest of the battery for the purpose of cleaning them. They opened the mud valve and allowed the water to escape and neglected to close it. The engineer, who did not know of the connection between the valve and one attached to the battery, turned on steam from the latter, instantly filling the empty boilers through the connection pipe. Venters and Diles managed to crawl out, but so badly scalded as to cause the death of both in a few hours. Moore heard the steam coming and retreated to the further end of the boiler, escaped unhurt.

Miscellaneous News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A new charter prepared by Republicans, is ready for presentation to the Legislature.

It is reported that Count Certe, Italian Minister at Washington, has been recalled. If true, there will be a vacancy in the British American Mixed Commission.

A special says Wheeler, of New York, has withdrawn in the contest for the Speakership in favor of Blaine.

HALIFAX, Dec. 28.—The small-pox imported from Boston is spreading in the country towns. In Yarmouth all the churches, schools and other public resorts are closed.

FOREIGN NEWS.

English-German Relations in Asia—Switzerland breaks with the Vatican.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special from Berlin says the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg delivered a note to Prince Gortschakoff informing him that England will abstain from interfering with Russian progress in Central Asia if it does not threaten Afghanistan. Nine thousand five hundred Khives troops are now besieging the Russian forts on Euba river. Another two thousand Khives are depredating on the Russian fisheries at the mouth of Eubi. Reinforcements have been sent to the Russian troops in that locality.

The Ministers of Austria, Germany and Russia, at Athens, acting on instructions from their respective governments, kindly advised the Greek government to end the difficulty about the Laurien silver mines by conceding the demands of France and Italy.

Thirty persons were lost in the steamship Germany. Twelve were passengers.

BERNE, Dec. 27.—Diplomatic relations between the Swiss government and the Vatican are broken off. The Papal Legation at Lucerne will probably be abolished, the Charge d'Affaires and attaches having been recalled.

MEXICO.

Election Disorders.

MATAMORAS, Dec. 28.—The election for municipal officers at Tampico is reported very disorderly. During the counting of the votes a disturbance arose. Eight were killed and wounded. Great excitement prevalled. Both parties claim to have won the election.

CALIFORNIA.

A Coos Bay Coal Company organized—A Fatal Shooting Affair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—It is stated that a powerful company has been organized here to import large quantities of coal from Coos Bay. Extensive purchases of coal at the mines for this market are reported, and that it will be brought here in steam vessels.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Wm. Donovan, the murderer of Mitchell, was taken to the State Prison to-day, to remain for the term of his natural life.

VISALIA, Dec. 28.—Another fatal shooting affray has just taken place in this city. G. F. Rice, an old and prominent citizen, was shot by Erastus Weisner, at three o'clock this afternoon. The latter was also shot, but by whom is not yet ascertained. Rice is shot in the region of the stomach and will probably not live many hours. Wiesner is shot in the back, but it will not likely prove a dangerous wound. A third man named Wm. Riggles has just been arrested on the charge of shooting Weisner. Rice's dying testimony is now being taken. The affray seems to have arisen out of family difficulties. Much excitement exists in town.

HIGH ART IN HAIR-CUTTING.—A traveler in Paris, having occasion for a hair-cutter, sent for one. At the appointed time, an elegantly-attired person arrived, and the gentleman sat down before his dressing-case to prepare for the operation. The man walked round his subject once or twice, and, finally, taking his stand at some distance, attentively scrutinized the gentleman's face with the air of a connoisseur looking at a picture.

"Well," said the traveler, "when are you going to begin?"

"Pardon me, sir," was the polite reply. "I am not the operator, but the physiognomist!" "Adolphe!" he cried out; and a sleeved and agreeable barber entered from the hall. "Give to Virgil!" With this laconic direction as to the mode in which the gentleman's hair was to be arranged, the artist retired.

This story is told of a father who was one evening teaching his little boy to recite his Sunday-school lesson. It was from the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, wherein is related the parable of a malicious individual who went among sowing tares. "What is a tare? Tell me, my son, what a tare is," said the anxious parent. "You had 'em." "Johnny, what do you mean?"—asked the father, opening his eyes rather wide. "Why, last week, when you didn't come home for three days," said Johnny, "I heard mother tell Aunt that you were on a tare." Johnny was immediately sent to bed."

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