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The Albany Democrat says Judge Shattuck is a Democrat. This will be news to the Judge and many of his friends.

THIRD TERM.

A number of ministers of Salt Lake City have resolved against a "third term." This is very natural. The first term is generally preferred.

There are three hundred thousand bushels of wheat at the little town of Independence alone, awaiting shipment. When that number of dollars return it will leave that community easy—from a financial stand point.

Congressional proceedings show that this great Republic is at "peace with all the world and the rest of mankind." Under President Grant's Administration, affairs of Government have been carefully managed and the country is at peace.

CONFIRMED.

Recent dispatches inform us that the U. S. Senate has confirmed the appointment of Judge Lidenthaler to the Registership of the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon. We know the Judge and can vouch for his honesty and ability.

The talk of war with Spain has passed of in smoke. Should that weak power insist and nothing else will do, we should just take in Cuba and pay the expense of chasing them. The United States needs no Cuba and yet it naturally belongs to the United States.

Gen. Brown is denounced as "hoggish" for wanting to carry off the Senatorial prize. He has been favored with the State printing and ought to stand aside while some men longer in the service are cared for, and properly fixed up. Gov. Watkinds—(with a d) feels a little ugly and General Hayden looks wise but good natured.

Large clubs of subscribers to the Weekly STATESMAN are reaching us daily. The farmer wants a good agricultural paper which he finds in this sheet; and, the mechanic and professional man finds just what he wants, and general news in connection. Religious people need no other paper for the news in that line. Daily, $8.00 per annum; Weekly, $3.00.

GOD VERSUS THE DEVIL.

The pew rents for the last five years in Henry Ward Beecher's church have been $306,000, more than $100,000 of which has been devoted to charity. Notwithstanding the church's unparalleled difficulties, its inward prosperity has remained the same. The unity and harmony of the church was unchanged, and the feeling between the pastor and the church has been strengthened.

Gov. Curry, Gen. Hayden and Gov. Watkinds (with a d) continue the Senatorial contest on the supposition that a Democrat will be elected. They are looking carefully after their several interests and will appear in political war paint in a short time. They will awake after the election to find that a straight Republican has walked over the course and pr[illegible] prize.

[illegible] UNIVERSITY.

Dr. S. H. Marsh, President of Pacific University at Forest Grove, called on us yesterday. He has just returned from a visit to the East, and informs us that he expects important aid in building up the University in a short time. The institution is on a broad gauge and deserves liberal support. Five Japanese are now among the students and all of them are distinguished for their shrewdness and aptness in learning everything they undertake.

APPOINTMENT.

By recent dispatches we learn that our old friend and fellow citizen, Hon. D. P. Thompson, has been appointed Governor of Idaho Territory. We have known Mr. Thompson personally for many years, and know that a better appointment could not have been made. Mr. T. is not only a gentleman of superior qualifications, but is and ever has been a good Republican. A few similar appointments in Oregon would be of service to the country at large.

GAMBLING AND OUR STATUTES.

A correspondent of the Pacific Christian Advocate, handles the question of gambling without gloves. This correspondent thinks gambling as bad in a church as in a saloon or club room. He says:

I suppose it makes no difference in the eye of the law whether this gambling is called a lottery or a raffle. The manifest object of the law is to suppress gambling of any kind. Worcester says: "A lottery is a distribution of prizes and blanks by chance; a game of hazard in which small sums are ventured for the chance of obtaining a larger value, either in money or other articles." I suppose then that every person of average intelligence must know that these ladies and gentlemen, "reverened" and others who have won at a charity raffle a "prayer book," "bronze lamp," "embroidered cross," "silk umbrella," "statue of St. Joseph," "Life of our Savior," etc., etc., have been guilty of a manifest violation of the law and subjected themselves to imprisonment or fine. I suppose it is hardly probable that they will be prosecuted for this crime, since by long continuance in it, the public conscience has become insensible to this most serious evil; But I think it is high time that an effort was made to awaken the public conscience to this great and growing evil, and to call upon the promoters of these demoralizing schemes, to save the community, especially our children and youth from these most vicious allurements. The affrontery with which this thing is being done is very remarkable, and a striking index of the state of the public conscience. What would be thought of such a thing as the violaters of the game laws publishing in the papers each Monday morning, a list of what they had killed and captured "out of season," on the previous Sunday? Would it be tolerated in a respectable community, that the keepers of the gambling saloons of the city should publish in the newspapers the names and winnings of their customers, as a bait and lure for new victims? And I ask, is this parade of the winnings of the gamblers at a "Charity Fair" a whit more tolerable or respectable? In the judgment of many intelligent people it is worse, inasmuch as it is done under the cover of religion, and thus becomes a dangerous snare to the sonscience of young and uninstructed people.

It is estimated that one hundred thousand head of cattle are annually stolen from Texas and driven into Mexico by Mexican marauders and bummers. The extensive border line between the two countries, reaching many hundred miles, witnesses many atrocious acts on the part of Mexican bandits that the civilized world never hears of. Assassinations, robberies and other crimes have been carried on to such an extent as to make life and property very uncertain and insecure anywhere on that border.

LAME AND IMPOTENT CONCLUSION.

Ex-Governor Gibbs writes a refreshing letter to some citizen of Salem in which he pettyfogs the Wythe case, and says, as those reading it believe, there is a technical loop hole through which some body is going to steal something and he may as well do it as any other lawyer. Gov. Gibbs is in the practice of law and "of course is expected to use all honorable means to obtain fees, but in this case, he knows the parties to have *purchased and paid for the property*, and that dispossessing them, now on the point he makes is equivalent to stopping a man on the highway and demanding his money or life. The property in dispute was put on the market and purchased, as a rule, by men who knew but little of the Statutes at Large, but did know the character of Mr. Wilson and felt safe in buying. The claim of Dr. Wythe now rests upon a trifling mistake made by Mr. Wilson and will be corrected by a court of equity, without doubt. The transactions in the property were in good faith, and the error of fact not sufficient to invalidate it.

Now, if Gov. Gibbs can afford to lend a party to such a swindle of a large number of the citizens of Salem, he should not attempt to make it appear "prof sional." The lawyer is supposed to aid his clients in obtaining *justice*, but never to aid one in perpetuating a fraud. The courts will do justice in the matter, but it is expensive for owners of small property to follow up rich lawyers in such litigation.

The Governor further says that no settlement can be made except with defendents "individually," which looks as if the first suspicion was correct, that the whole scheme was intended to compel the owners of property to buy themselves out of lawsuits. The parties and their attorneys will find their supposed victims in Salem more formidable than they estimate, and when they get through with the matter be able to see where they have lost much labor.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Bank Reopened.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The Mechanics' Bank will reopen to-day, a loan of $125,000 having been obtained.

Newspaper Suspended.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Bien Public newspaper temporarily suspended, owing to financial stringency.

Montreal Rioters Sentenced.

The Recorder sentenced four of the rioters at the City Hall this morning to six months imprisonment each, with hard labor. The police are on guard, and destitute workingmen are prevented from gathering in crowds. Work is promised some of them on Monday.

Hunters Arrested and Game Confiscated.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18.—At the instance of the Fish and Game Protection Society for the counties of Prescott and Russell, a party of seven hunters from the United States were arrested for killing deer out of season in the vicinity of Moose creek, have been fined and game confiscated.

THE MUSIC OF SILENCE.

There is scarcely a substance in nature out of which some kind of music has not been evoked. Metals, wo[illegible] to emit sounds resembling an instrument being played at a distance. This we see [illegible] nature, unassisted by art or ingenuity, furnishes for its music—sometimes grand and awful, again soft, soothing, until at last it hushes into silence. Even in silence there is a kind of music, as every musician well understands. And in every composition, do we not see nature's music mirrored? There is the rush of the torrent in grand crescendos, the moaning and shrieking of the winds, the dashing of the pelting rain, then the gradual dying away of the storm in diminuendos, until all is hushed to silence. Then comes the rest. We all know the beautiful effect of the rest in music, which is the symbol of the music of silence. There is majesty in absolute silence—often grand, awe-inspiring, more than is produced by the fullest strains or richest harmonies. When we are told by the writer of the Revelations that there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour, what a magnificent idea it conjures up in the mind! Thousands of thousands and tens of thousands of bright and glorious angels, who swell the choir of heaven, lay down their harps, with one accord for the sublime rest in the mighty song.

VOTING IN WYOMING.

Considering that the following comes from a Laramie paper it is not very bad. The papers have been telling about the Laramie women who sat down and took a good cry when her vote was challenged. Now let them talk about the woman at Medicine Bow who, just as she was depositing her vote last election day, was surprised to hear a rough sing out:

"I challenge that woman's vote."

"On what grounds, sir?"

"She hasn't been long enough in the Territory."

Did the woman sit down and cry over it? It is not to be recorded. Her dainty little head glided back into the folds of her sunbonnet and the next thing that audacious cuss knew he was gazing into the muzzle of a derringer, while the fair voter said:

"How long have I been in this Territory, sir?"

"Look out, madam—don't. That cocked thing might go off—take it away; I beg your pardon; I—don't touch the trigger—I-I-I'm mistaken in the woman. Please point that the other way. I'll lick the livin' sheep-thief that says you haven't lived in this town for ten years, I swar I will."

He scooted around the corner, and she smilingly passed in her ticket.

We clip the following from the Weekly Itemizer:

Day before yesterday we met with an incident that illustrates the idea that Democracy is blossoming. A Democrat called to give us an item for the public, but first wanted to hear if we printed "a Democrat paper." On being told that this was not a political paper—neither Democrat nor otherwise, but an outspoken independent journal, working for the good of all, he soured on it, and said he would go to Portland. "But there is no Democratic paper there;" we mildly suggested. "Then I'll go to Oregon City;" "None there my friend!" "Then where'n h—ll I go!" he blandly inquired. "Anywhere!" was the answer, they're all down there, and if you meet Mart Brown on the way just inquire of him. We didn't get the item.

THERE was a woman passing the post-office slowly, yesterday. Her head was bent and she was eyeing the pavement most intently. An elderly man accosted her:

"Lose anything?"

"Yes, sir, a breast pin."

"Gold breast-pin?" he anxiously inquired.

"Yes, sir," she eagerly replied.

"Pretty good size?" he suggested.

"Oh, yes, sir," catching her breath in painful expectation.

"Well," said the elderly individual in a tone of sympathy, "I never lost a breast-pin myself, but I imagine it's no joke to lose one," and he walked thoughtfully on.

WOULD you be exempt from uneasiness, do no one thing that you know or suspect to be wrong. Would you enjoy the purest pleasure, do everything in your power you are convinced is right.

"POLITICAL CREEDS"—AGAIN.

Justice to myself and my readers suggests some correction to my article on "Political Creeds," published in the STATESMAN November 20th. If that article was not set up by that indispensable appendage to a printing office, the devil; some one played the devil with that article. I have always regretted my inability to write an intelligable hand and have had cause to be sorry, but never more than now, for faulty punctuation. "They always fail to reach the status," etc. is the first of the preceding sentence. For "new finally" read none finally. Thanks to a free government, leave an open field for discussion, instead of as it is. We may ask each other, after a careful retrospect, in view of the present and on the threshold of the future, how far, etc., making one sentence of the two. Instead of "2nd of a scientist," read zeal of scientists. I take my share of blame.

CONTRACTION AND EXPANSION

Cannot become a national issue, as between the Democratic parties, for they are equally under the control of capitalists, but a new party may make it hot for both of them in the next national contest. The Democratic National Convention will not follow the lead of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Republican party is pledged. Contraction and expansionists are before us. We have had experience, though it is said to be a hard school. The history of banking in the United States, founded on a "gold basis," is a history of legal fraud perpetrated upon the people who as yet acknowledge ignorance upon finance. Let all rest assured that capital is understand how to lay tribute upon produce it. When I see men blindly following interested and designing leaders I strongly suspect that we are not yet capable of self-government. This is strongly illustrated in the financial controversies which nine out of ten confess they do not understand, consequently follow the artful, selfish, selfishly interested. Add to this contribution a class of men and newspapers who sell themselves for place, patronage and pelf, stifle convictions of truth and justice and float down the current of corruption. I feel as though the whole battle from disposition up to true Republicanism has to be fought over again. The old battle—the battle of the ages—is not yet determined between the industrial classes, the wealthy producers, and the possessors of wealth, speculators, bankers, capitalists, a privileged class who as yet control governments and grind out of labor in rents, interest, taxes and profits the last farthing produced and divert it from its legitimate channels, the highest good of community, to stock gambling, corruption funds, etc., etc. The financial problem imperiles all of individual and national economy.

When times are good we hear it said on all sides: "Money is plenty—all kinds of business prosperous—every body at work." Whatever promotes and encourages industries—the production of wealth—is a public blessing. Plenty of money and low interest as a consequence, has this effect. Look at the recuperative powers of France! Where lies the secret? Plenty of money—over $30 per capita, England $20, whereas we have but $13—in specie less than four, and it all owned by the few who as soon as able control the volume and have no government issue, will put interest at rates to please themselves; manufacturing, shipbuilding, etc. would cease, laborers would be thrown out of employment and general stagnation ensue if not insurrection or revolution. We have no "Gold Basis." The gold in Wall st. and California st. belongs in London and Frankfort, is here on call. Eight or ten millions was taken from San Francisco to New York, last fall on speculation and we were thrown into fits. Suppose they move that from Wall st. to Europe, we would be thrown into revolution. Do the [illegible] have this power yet? They have acquired the power through our extravagance—our importing being fifty millions annually in excess of our exports, which has to be paid in gold or miscellaneous stocks which bear interest while it comes out of labor. Add this to our national obligation and we see how we are tributary to aristocracy and monarchy in Europe. Our income should balance our expenditures—centrifugal should balance centripetal force—the former preponderating, we will soon be an asteroid among the nations.

What is the plea of capitalists that we must keep our credit good in Europe. What does that mean? It means that we must continue to go in debt—prepare our necks for additional burdens, until our mines railroads and medium of exchange shall be owned by foreign Shylocks. They tell us at the same time that the cause of the depression of our industries is our indebtedness. This is true. No business will pay the interest now demanded. Men having money will leave it in banks where it will pay better than if used in shipbuilding, woolen or cotton mills, rolling mills or foundries. Usury is eating us out of "house and home." Let some one good in figures, take our town, city, county, State, national and commercial indebtedness and make an estimate of the interest we are annually paying to be compounded and re-loaned to the people, then calculate how long it will take for all wealth to pass into the hands of the few. Credit is our damnation. We don't want credit in Europe. Our Government should supply a currency adequate to the wants of trade at a low interest and if it will bring down our bonds in Europe to fifty percent, discount what they cost, no injustice will be done.

A national currency founded on the faith and property of the nation, is not subject to suspension, failure, panic or crash so incident to a "gold basis" which may be moved or manipulated by individuals. All debtor nations should supply their people with a sufficient currency to make their exchanges with and if the metallic currency cannot stand the competition, let it seek [illegible] friends. Drive it back to England and see whether it will not reduce interest [illegible]

The writer has [illegible] been a Republican since the org[illegible] of the party and endorses its [illegible] financial articles. He [illegible] the meanest [illegible] Ottomanic of the [illegible] the national savior. Born of the virgin party, in the manger of our national poverty, conceived by a divine overshadowing necessity; let not Pilate (Grant) yielding to the demands of the Chief Priests and Pharasees (bullionists) who cry "crucify him, crucify him," sign his death warrant. It he die he will rise again;—and woe unto his betayers and crucifiers. The party which has been the exponent of the rights of man, is now, I fear, pledged to a course which can only please capital and degrade labor. J. C.

OUR DOUGLAS COUNTY LETTER.

The Schooner Sparrow Wrecked at the Mouth of Umpqua—Three Men Lost.

GARDNER, Dec. 15.

ED. STATESMAN:—On Saturday the 4th inst. the schooner Sparrow, Capt. Chris Lawson, was wrecked while in the act of crossing the bar toward Gardner, occasioned by the breaking of the wheel rope. The wind was in the southwest and the bar was very rough. When the wheel rope broke she broached to and capsized, the mast and bowsprit were carried away and the men swept into the ocean. The man at the wheel was lashed and was thrown over the side of the vessel and was found hanging there next morning with a frightful gash across his forehead, who with the colored cook and another sailor were lost. The Captain, First and Second Mates and two sailors got aboard when she righted up, after the mast broke and were carried away. She was driven ashore on the north spit, the hull being but little injured. One pump can keep her dry. Captain Bob Simpson will be here in a few days, when they will decide what they will do with her.

The Letitia, Captain Handley, and Maggie Johnson, Captain Nelson, are taking in cargoes and will soon be ready for sea. The new schooner J. B. Leeds, built here this season, will begin to take in the cargo to-morrow. Captain Chris Lawrence takes command of her.

Weather fine now. We have had fearful storms and great rains; but three frosts to-date.

PIONEER.

CITY AND STATE.

[From Daily Statesman of Saturday, Dec. 19.]

Stange Freak.

H. McCallister, of Howell Prairie, brought in a curiosity yesterday in the shape of a calf "malt" which was taken from a hog slaughtered on his farm. Curiosity hunters will do well to call.

Runaway.

A four-horse team belonging to Mr. J. McLane, became frightened yesterday afternoon on Commercial street and ran away. The tongue broke and the team piled up near the Wigwam. No serious damage done.

Fee Unpaid.

Several of the boys are constantly annoying Judge Johnson with the question: "Have you collected that fee yet for married a certain gushing couple, recently." The Judge says the thing is growing very monotonous.

Arrested.

Deputy U. S. Marshall W. P. Burns arrested Barney Pompelly at Eola, on a charge of complicity in a mail robbery in Eastern Oregon some long since. We have no opinion in the case but it is about to undergo a judicial investigation.

Mr. Dan Harrison, a member, reports the question for debate at the Alka Society, for last evening, was: "Resolved, That the United State has more to fear from foes within than from foes without." Affirmative Chas. Johnson, negative L. H. Wells.

The exercises at St. Pauls' Academy yesterday afternoon were of more than usual interest as were attended by a large number of the friends of the institution. Prof. Sellwood makes many friends daily and is one of Salem's most popular teachers.

Masonic.

Pacific Lodge No. 50 A. F. & A. M. elected officers last night for the ensuing Masonic year. The list is as follows: Henry H. Gilfry, W. M; T. J. Babcock, S. W.; R. A. Pratt, S. W.; S. J. Thrall, Secretary; E. D. Sloat, Treasurer; Andrew Kelly, Tyler.

Guild of St. Paul's Parrish.

At the annual meeting of this Association, on Saturday, December 11, officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Vice Presidents, Mrs. John F. Miller, Mrs. George A. Eden, Mrs. Dr. A. H. Belt; Secretary, Mrs. C. S. Woodworth; Treasurer, Mrs. L. F. Grover.

Accident.

Mr. M. D. Ramsby, of Silverton, son of R. C. Ramsby, met with a bad accident on Wednesday night last. He slipped and fell while wrestling his team, breaking one of the bones in the ankle joint. Dr. P. A. Davis was called and fixed up the patient so as to make him comfortable. It will probably take some weeks to bring the limb back to its old condition.

The Republic Magazine for December has been received. It contains an analysis of the Ohio election, a review of the campaign of 1875, an able article on Labor in Europe and America and other articles of equal interest to those who are interested in Governmental affairs. This sterling monthly is a power in the land and should be in the hands of every intelligent citizen. Subscription price only $2 per year. Send address to Republic Publishing Company, Washington, D. C.

Woo Did It?

A good story never grows old. A grocer once lost a ham from the front of his store and advertised that if the ham was returned there would be nothing said. The next morning thirteen hams were found on the steps to the store door. When the STATESMAN refers to the capture of a party of young men without going into details of location, it is certainly reckless for other young men to rush in and assert their innocence. The "good James" needs no defense and when others accept such indefinite charges they admit that their conduct is questionable. "Youthful indiscretion" will account for some of it.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

The following is the special cablegram of wheat direct from Liverpool to the Oregonian:

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16, 1875.

Oregonian, Portland:—To-day's Liverpool wheat market closed as follows: Oregon wheat ex-warehouse, from 11s 2d to 11s 5d per cental; California club ex-warehouse, from 11s 3d to 11s 6d per cental; Oregon cargoes, afloat on passage to the United Kingdom, 11s to 11s 1d per cental. The market is steady.

HENRY JUMP & SONS.

The above quotations show a steady decline of 2d per cental. Under these figures for Oregon and California club, the quotations for average California wheat would be 10s 11d @ 11s or an average of 3d@6d lower than Oregon cargoes.

The Oregonian says: "Wednesday evening, about 8 o'clock, a bold attempt was made to break from the county jail, by the inmates confined there. About that hour the new jailer, Mr. S. Stimson, went into the hallway to lock up the prisoners for the night. He had no sooner got fairly into the hall, than he was "tackled" by several of the prisoners, who attempted to throw a blanket over his head. Stimson made desperate resistance, and being a powerful man, broke loose from his assailants and managed to elude them. During the scuffle his keys were dropped. He ran through the door which opens into the main hallway leading through the jail. The door fastens with a spring lock, and Stimson contrived to get through and pull the door after him before the prisoners could prevent him. In this manner he escaped and secured the prisoners. He sent down to police headquarters for several officers to come up and render any assistance necessary. Officer McCoy went up, and also Mr. Eli Morrill, the late jailer. The door was unlocked, Stimson's keys found, and the prisoners securely locked up in the cells."

A LIE NAILED.

ED. STATESMAN:—I notice an item in the Evening Mercury which was undoubtedly written by some one who desires to injure the goods [illegible] at the Commercial Hotel. That paper conveys the idea that our chickens are killed without regard to numbers and left dead and crippled until incidentally picked up and served for the guests of the house. This is a willful and malicious lie and the writer knew it. I claim the right to kill my chickens as I choose without consulting the Mercury, but could have no possible interest in any but the ordinary method of killing chickens, which is practiced by men employed for the purpose. Such cowardly attempts to stab the business of a citizen are indulged in by no respectable person or paper and the public never fails to condemn it when aware of the facts. I am almost convinced that I had better buy my chickens as I need them, instead of keeping them so close to the Mercury office that they know more about them than I do.

WESLEY GRAVES.

Dec. 17, 1875.

IN POLK.

We find that Independence includes four stores, two groceries, about six warehouses, (the Granger warehouse being new and 150x30,) dcess, furniture, harness and millinery stores, new M. E. Church, wagonshop with steam machinery, livery, hotel, blacksmiths, saloon, I. C. R. C., Ind. debating soccity, schools, 350,000 bushels of wheat in the store, two sawmills and all the usual enterprises of a business Oregon town.

The last question before the club was one of great interest to citizens on the Western Slope viz: "Resolved, That the importation of Chinese out to be prohibited.

The debating of the best debater in the community, and the interest taken in their deliberation such that they are not ready to give up their right for a lecturer on Phrenology or any other common topic. The points made on the above question were good and well offered but too lengthy for a full report, hence the members will take that a sufficient apology.

Building and other church contracts are talked of and rumor has it that a party from the States has purchased the hotel at a round sum and will open out soon. Taking the price named as an index real estate is away up in Independence, a good index of property.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Orilla[illegible]ie, sailed for San Francisco yesterday evening, with the following

LIST OF PASSENGERS:

L Sanders, Miss Sylvester, Miss Julia O'Meara, W T Showers, A A Franklyn, M Wilinski, J Prager, Jos Holman, V G Wright, Boynton, Navins, Scotts, Sutherland and wf, Tom Connell, Felton, F Windecker, Geo H Fletcher, J Winant, Formsby, McClure, Geo M Hows, John H Meade, S Prather, D M O'Sullivan, W Glassford, Mr Mateson and wf, Mr Flynn, Mrs A Baltzruner, Mrs C Hall, [illegible] Crawford and lady, J Wiesseck, Mrs M A Eesly and dau, Mrs Dunn, B B Acker, Dr Satter, John Anderson, H Foster, W E Noyes, N Lane, W H Harris, J H Burkhart, J P Eisenbach, F P Winter, Mrs Dr Hall and dau, Wm Kinney, Peter Hughes, Geo P Monroe, Geo F Deglen, L Loughard wf & inf, F C Morrison, Mrs H K Stevens & dau, R P C Keele, Jas Underhver, Miss Jennie Gardner, Jas Graves and fmy, W S Grigsby, Thomas Hanna, Mrs Margaret Cook, Mrs E Blumbardt, inf't, [illegible] Coppin & son, W H Long, and 50 in the steerage.

VARIED ITEMS.

A. S. Spencer is getting up a business directory of Albany.

The citizens of Albany have a long petition in circulation with 175 names for a daily mail from Albany to Dallas via Buena Vista, Monmouth and Independence. To leave Dallas in time to reach Albany by 10½ A. M., instead of going to Corvallis as it does. To return same day at about 1 P. M., thus making connection with trains for Portland, Salem and Roseburg. Also citizens of Buena Vista, Monmouth, Independence, Dallas and Salem are moving in the matter to accomplish the same end. These petitions will be forwarded to Hon. J. B. Underwood, Special Postal Agent, which being an object of so much importance to so many people will no doubt secure early consideration. The petitions should be hurried up, filled out and returned within a few days that they may be acted upon by the first of the new year, if they receive the favor of the Postoffice Department.

The debating club at Independence has challenged the College Club at Monmouth for a public contest of their forensic powers, to come off soon.

At Buena Vista also the petition for daily mail connecting with the mail trains at Albany, is in circulation.

J. W. Hobart, P. M., at Bena Vista is filling up his store with a new and select stock of goods for that trade.

The factory also is turning out a superior quality of earthen ware.

Steamer Alice took on 1200 sacks flax seed at Corvallis, 500 sacks of oats at Albany, 400 sacks wheat at Independence and a fair list of passengers, and reached Salem at about 4 o'clock P. M. last evening. She was detained by fog going up and lay by three hours at Brown's wood yard, reaching Albany 5½ A. M. yesterday morning. Having but few berths the Alice would contribute more to the comfort of passengers if about twenty more be added. Doc. McCully, the purser, strives to make all comfortable and what may be lacking in other respects, he in a measure remedies by introducing spicy continuums for the passengers to enjoy.

[From Daily Statesman of Sunday, Dec. 19.]

R. H. Allen, State Deputy of [illegible] Lodge of Good Templars at Crawfordsville, with 27 charter members. P. V. Crawford, W. C. T. Mary Fuller, W. V. T., and Robert Glass L. D.

Section 499, Title 7, Chapter 4, of our statutes, provides that parties having been divorced cannot lawfully marry again until six months shall have elapsed since obtaining such divorce. Wonder if anybody in Salem has violated said section.

W. R. Dunbar, Esq., G. W. C. T. on the 16th inst, organized a Lodge of Good Templars at Satsville, with 27 charter members. H. M. Perry is W. C. T., Adelia Mack, W. V. T., Joel Vail W. S., James Edwards P. W. C. T. and C. C. Burns L. D.

Dr. G. L. Davis, of Scio, called on us yesterday. It was Dr. Davis who performed the wonderful surgical operation near Albany some time since, on Miss Dunkin, taking out the greater portion of the skin bone. We are informed that the young lady is fast improving and will soon be able to walk as well as ever.

The Albany Democrat says: "The advance agent of the Lewis Bros. has erected in the Opera House raised seats in the rear end of the hall, capable of seating 200 person. Judging our enterprising city from other places they have visited, this was rendered necessary to accommodate the large crowd that will be present to witness the entertainment given by this excellent troupe to-morrow and Monday evenings.

College Societies.

The students at the Willamette University have four debating societies, to-wit: Alka, Hesperian, Atheneum and Concordia. The first two are gents and the last two ladies. They have two rooms fitted up for the especial purposes of these societies. The ladies meet and debate after school every Friday afternoon. The gents hold their debates every Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Open to visitors and are becoming quite interesting, the questions being debated with much spirit.

Died.

In the town of Stayton, Marion county, Dec. 9, 1875, Gabrella, infant daughter of Gabriel and —Stayton, aged 8 months and 21 days.

"I take these little lambs said he,
And lay them in my breast,
Protection they shall find in me,
In me be ever blest."

Funeral discourse by the writer from Job. Oregon papers please copy.

WM. CAPPS.

STAYTON, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1875.

Handsome Presents.

At the close of Prof. Garrisons' writing school at the University, the best lady writer will be presented with a silver cup, upon which the lady's name will be engraved. The best gentleman writer will receive a copy of "Hill's Manual of Business Forms," a large and splendidly bound volume, and be highly prized by the young gent so fortunate as to merit it. A gold pen will be awarded to the one making the greatest improvement and $2.50, coin, to the best writer under the age of fourteen. There will doubtless be a lively competition for the above named prizes and we will gladly publish the names of the successful parties.

SLANDER REFUTED.

ED. STATESMAN: That dirty little sheet, called the Mercury, again asserts the falsehood that the guests at the Commercial Hotel are fed upon food which, if their statements be true, is wholly unfit for the patrons of any house. It says:

When it is desired to have chickens for dinner a Chinaman is sent out to kill them, and he just runs himself loose to the coon armed with a long club, and strikes right and left, killing some, maiming others, seeming to take a fiendish delight in torturing his helpless victims until a sufficient number are "laid out," when he gathers them up and matches off, leaving a number of the wounded ones to hobble around in misery until his next clean.

I denounce this as a willful falsehood, and the irresponsible Itemizer re-asserts it in last night's issue. I have taken the pains to call on a number of printers who work at back windows, where they can see the coop, and inform me that they observe the process of killing chickens in my coop from day to day, but have witnessed no such performance as is charged in the Mercury. No reason can be given for this attack on me, except a want of sense or desire to injure my business by creating a suspicion that I furnish unhealthy food to my guests. The statements are false in to-to, as can be proven by a score of witnesses. The man employed to kill my chickens, goes into a large coop, and with a pole catches each chicken by the neck, pushes it to the ground until he can get hold of it, when he cuts its head off with a knife kept for the purpose. This statement can be proven by a number of responsible witnesses. The personal attacks may recoil on the writer. If any more assaults are made on me or my house I propose to make the discussion a little *personal* myself, and may prove worse than the Mercury Itemizer will want this community to read.

WESLEY GRAVES.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Ajax sailed from San Francisco yesterday morning with the following

LIST OF PASSENGERS:

Gen Wilson, U S A and family, Miss M K Webber, J M Lyon, L F Hamilton, E L King, Capt Simpson, J Sinnamon & wife, J B Knapp, C Goodstein, J B McCracken, Miss Johnson, L G Hastings and wf, C Neal, W Curtis and family, Mrs A McCullough, Mrs K M Hopkinson, J Lunny, J Willard, A K Coleman, Wm Hume, J M Church, E Clapp, W Crager, P B Holloway & fmy, J Barnes and dr, F Morse, J Hobertson, D Wolf and family, W M James and family.

Perished of Hunger.

Under date of December the 10th, L. S. Dyar writes from Klamath Agency to the Farmer the following painful tragedy: A German emigrant named Joseph Franci has perished from hunger and exposure only five miles from here. He was a Bohemian by birth, 45 years of age, and had been in America 25 years, and has a wife and five children in Crete, Nebraska, left home last April to seek a more congenial [illegible] market. [illegible] his old home [illegible] Francel, and [illegible] via Fort Klam[illegible] Nov. 8th, his s[illegible] kept on. They enc[illegible] very cold in the mo[illegible] failed, the sick man [illegible] their way, and f[illegible] came to a spring, on the [illegible] Tamsen river five miles South[illegible] re. Finding grass they stopped to feed their horses and the well man went down the stream a little distance to look for a road. When he returned the sick man had disappeared with his horse. He had eaten nothing for eleven days, and Daum nothing for six days. Daum called and searched the rest of the day, and the whole of the next day; the third day he found his way to the agency.

A party of our people went out at once, and after searching a few hours, found his body on the opposite side of the river, lying on his face and his horse tied to a tree close by. It is supposed that he perished the same day he disappeared. Daum had found a dead cayuse pony in his wanderings and had warded off starvation by eating the flesh.

A postal card from his daughter to the deceased, dated Oct. 12th, showed that anxious hearts at home waited to hear from the absent husband and father.

I wrote to the daughter a brief account of his death. His remains were brought to the agency, neatly coffined, and buried in the cemetery at Fort Klamath, five miles distant.

Daum is well educated, speaks [illegible] has traveled much in the Eastern world [illegible] druggist. He goes on his [illegible]

DR. JAMES T. [illegible]

This widely known and highly esteemed citizen of St. Helena, died at his residence in St. Helena, Napa county, yesterday morning. [illegible] His death was sudden [illegible] about the year 1809, [illegible] raised and educated. He removed to the southwestern part of Missouri, and resided for some years in Springfield, in that State. From there he emigrated to Oregon, crossing the plains in the year of 1846 or 1845, we are not positive which. Settling upon a farm in Yamhill county, he continued to reside there until his removal to Columbia county a few years ago. He was a physician by education, but after he had passed the years of his middle life he devoted but little time to the practice of his profession, confining himself to the business of cultivating his farm.

The Dr. was a man of large views, and endowed with a kind and liberal nature. His sympathies extended towards all, of whatever creed, race or color. Born and reared in a slave-holding State, he threw aside the prejudices of education, and early allied himself with the party whose prominent policy was opposition to the further extension of slavery, and actively contributed both with his voice and pen to the success of that party in Oregon.

The deceased held several positions of trust under the Government, the principal of which was that of Minister from the United States to the Hawaiian Kingdom, to which office he was appointed by President Lincoln in 1863 and continued in the discharge of its duties for about three years, when he resigned his office and returned to his home, since which time he has lived in comparative retirement.

Dr. M'Bride had passed the limit which the Psalmist assigns as the term of human life, and during the greater part of that time he professed Christianity, and was an active and zealous member of the denomination known as "Disciples" or Christians. As an Elder he frequently preached the word, oftentimes with great power. As a speaker Dr. M'Bride was above the ordinary stamp, in his best days, nature having fitted him with a commanding presence that at once secured the attention of an audience. He was not eloquent, as the term is ordinarily used, but dealt wholly in [illegible] tation, showing abilities of a high [illegible] gician.

The deceased was blessed w[illegible] rous family of children, fourteen [illegible] ughters, being born to him, [illegible] whom are living. Mrs. S. C. A[illegible] ing temporarily in [illegible] of the daughters, [illegible] was elected to Congress [illegible] is his eldest son. He [illegible] Clay. The rest of the [illegible] in Oregon and Washington.

[From Daily Statesman of Tu[illegible] 19.]

We are in receipt of a communication from W. S. Moore of Klamath giving the details of the affair culminating in the death of two persons by starvation, an account of which has already appeared in the STATESMAN.

We learn that the proprietors of the St. Charles Hotel at Albany are fattening about a dozen turkeys for a Christmas dinner, which is quite proper as it only helps to elevate their reputation, already away up.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the State, will lecture at the following places at the dates specified: Tangent, Tuesday the 21st; Junction, Wednesday the 22d, and at Harrisburg, Thursday the 23d.

Mr. H. D. Boon's new advertisement appears to-day. This is one of the largest establishments of the kind on the coast and is conducted on business principles. All who want anything in the line of books or stationary should call on him.

The editorial force of the STATESMAN is invited to the grand ball to be given at the Chemeketa Hotel on New Year's Eve. Religious duties are likely to call us in other directions at that time, but we are satisfied that Col. Smith will have a good crowd.

Arrested and Released.

A small boy was arrested on suspicion of having stolen money at the burning of Dr. Belt's residence on last Sunday. The Dr. subsequently found the missing coin and the boy was released.

Seeking Relief.

D. D. Orton who was shot by Watkinds in the court room, not long since is still suffering from the wound. He went to Portland on Monday where some experienced surgeons will extract the ball. Mr. Orton has not eaten but little for two weeks, being unable to open his mouth.

Prof. Herrmann.

The world-renowned professor of magic art will give entertainments in this city on the evenings of the 27th and 28th insts. He has been playing in Portland to crowded houses and has received flattering notices from the papers of that city.

A Fight.

Two pugilists near the residence of ye local, tried their muscles yesterday morning, both coming out second best. No bones were broken, but a large amount of language used not found in the latest translations of the Bible.

MARRIED.

At the Commercial Hotel, in this city, Dec. 19, 1875, by Rev. H. M. Sexton, Mr. Allin B. Cardwell, of Jackson county, to Miss Martha E. Graves, of this city.

DIED.

At the residence of J. D. Garrett, Clackamas county, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1975, Walter Adrian, infant son of Hon. J. W. and Emma C. Garrett, of Placerville, I. T. Connecticutt and Idaho papers please copy.

Judge J. J. Walton, of Eugene City, one of the first lawyers of Oregon and a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, [illegible] informs us that the work on the University is progressing [illegible] and will be completed in about two months. The first term will probably commence about the first of September next. Persons desiring to find the Judge can do so by calling at the Chemeketa.

From the number of celestials present during the habeas corpus trial Thursday evening, says the Boise Statesman, one would have thought the following Chinese ditty true:

We are coming Uncle Samee,
Lee hundred million along;
We are coming to makee Idaho
All samee as Hong Kong.

We will workee heree cheaper,
Beat white man allee way,
And makee poor white loomen
For chow-cloy cly all day.

Evening School.

At the solicitation of many of the patrons of the