Very Poor Condition

[From Daily Statesman of Wednesday, Dec. 22.]

Judge Boise and Dr. D. M. Jones, of Albany, were on us last night. They are both professional gentleman and leading citizens of that place.

L. L. D. Biles called on us last night. He has the weight of a river and steamship line on his shoulders, but bears it with the easiness of a philosopher. We find the Captain a genial gentleman as well as a thorough business man.

DIED.

Mr. Demas Beach, a prominent citizen of Albany, died yesterday morning of cancer in the throat. He was about sixty years of age, and leaves a wife at the point of death with the same disease.

Arrested.

City Marshal Smith found two disciples of Confucius in a first class "American" row last night and took them in out of the wet. The man was released on bail and the woman held. The case will come up this A. M. and we may expect some plun.

Christmas Tree.

A splendid Christmas Tree will be ready at the M. E. Church, loaded down with presents for the little ones. We hope the poor little ones will not be forgotten and believe they will not. The children of the rich will be amply provided for at home, but the waifs found on the shores of the great ocean of poverty will seek relief from their troubles and we hope none will go away empty handed.

If a crowd of Hindoos concluded to invest a million dollars in a splendid temple, in which to worship some sacred monkey, would not every property holder insist on that property bearing a part of the burthen of taxation to support the government which protects it? The crowd of Christians who follow the meek and lowly Jesus, worship in cheap temples and can well afford to have the property taxed, provided the rich temples erected by worshippers of wooden Gods are properly valued for purposes of taxation.

Sunday Schools.

The several Sabbath Schools of this city will have a jolly good time during the holidays. The juvenile members, most of whom belong to wealthy families, should be sent out along the by-ways to bring in the ignorant and squalid, that they may enjoy the festivities and receive some tokens of regard and encouragement, that they become good friends in the future. The good children should engage in the labor which the Great Master recommended, when he said, "I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Church Taxation.

We give place today to a well written article on the subject of church taxation. The author is evidently in favor of wealthy men putting their surplus cash, which is taxable, where they can enjoy it, without taxation. It a Chinese concregation set up some golden idol in this city, surrounded by a magnificent temple, would our correspondent "Paul" agree that the great wealth should remain untaxed? In fact, would he agree that any valuable property except his own church should be exempted from taxation?

Josephus Holmes' Store.

Passing through this old established place of business yesterday afternoon, we noticed that the store has been thoroughly overhauled under the careful supervision of Mr. J. H. Adams, who been secured by Mr. Holmes to assist him in future. Each particular branch of the trade has been fitted up to itself and arranged in such a manner as to attract the eye on entering the store. Mr. Holmes is one of our old-st and most successful merchants, and now has his store arranged so as to reflect credit not only on himself but on the city.

Masonic Elections.

At a regular communication of Multnomah Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., held at their hall in Oregon City, on Saturday night last, the following officers were duly elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: J. M. Welch, W. M.; C. M. Kester, S. W.; J. L. Barlow, J. W.; W. H. H. Fouts, Secretary. N. W. Randall, Treasurer; J. W. Shattuck, Tyler.

At a regular meeting of Corinthian Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., held at their hall in Al-[illegible] officers [illegible] ensuing year: D. F[illegible] W.; L. Cline, J. W.; P. [illegible] urer; S. Fox, Secretary; Marc V. Brown, Tyler.

[From Daily Statesman of Thursday, Dec. 23.]

Found.

A bunch of keys found. The owner can get them at this office by saying for this notice.

Correction.

Some days sinces we noticed in the STATESMAN that a large amount of wheat was stored at Independence. We find that our informant was mistaken in the number of bushels, there being only eighty thousand.

We have just been shown a fine specimen of job work done by Messrs. Munkers & Redington on Commercial street, opposite the STATESMAN office. All persons wishing a fancy job of printing will do well to call on them. The above firm is composed of two enterprising young men and we wish them financial success.

Money Saved is Money Made.

Now is the time to get your presents at Holbert's. He has an immense stock of fancy shell vases, glass vases, Cornicopias, toys, hearts, and candy enough to supply the State. He proposes to sell off his stock of shell and glass vases at prices that will astonish everybody. Call and examine before purchasing. Money saved is money made.

The evidence in the case of the United States vs. Andrew Harmison alias Dan Smith, has shown most conclusively that our old friend Thomas Cox, was as innocent of that robbery as an unborn babe. What next will his handful of sneak-thief enemies try to bring up against him. All who are personally acquainted with Mr. Cox know him to be a clever gentleman and clear above any suspicion.

Jefferson Items.

The order of Champions of the Red Cross elected and installed the following officers last Tuesday night:

W. H. Smith, C.; J. H. Thomas, E. C.; Miss Florence Thomas, J. C.; Miss Smith, Sentry; Miss Thomas, Treas.; E. H. Bellenker, C. [illegible] The address was delivered by W. T. Ri[illegible]on Esq. Fine vocal and instrumental music by the fair daughters of Jefferson. A fine supper was served, to which all did justice.

Recorder's Court.

John Cunningham, a native of "Bonnie Scotland," disgraced his country by being brought up before the Recorder this morning in a very dirty and draggled condition on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined $1 and costs, and being out of funds was remanded to jail.

A Celestial female, who gave her name as Anna, for playfully shying a plate through a wind ow at one of her countrymen, was fined the same amount.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Dec. 21, 1875.

Council met in regular session, Mayor Wright presiding.

Present—Recorder Hyde and Marshal Smith. Councilmen Gillingham, Gilbert, Hirsch, Strong Thatcher and Waldo.

Absent—Adolph and Edes.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid: John Smith, $29.65; J. Churchill, $28.50 A. Barr, $6; J. H. Moores, $881; G. W. Lawson $5; Judges of Election, $16; V. B. Hyde, $37.25; J. T. Byrne, $1.70; C. M. Walker, $1.70 John Hughes, $1.13.

An ordinance establishing fire limits was introduced and read the first and second time and referred to Committee on Ordinances.

Bills to the amount of $166.13 were read and referred.

The matter of adjusting a number of assessments was brought up and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, to act in conjunction with the Recorder and report at the next meeting.

The Recorder was instructed to publish a notice requiring all bills against the city to be presented on or before Dec. 30th.

The Street Commissioner was instructed to repair the sidewalk in front of J. A. Johns' lot on High street.

Council adjourned till Thursday evening, Dec 30th, at 7 o'clock.

Personal

Judge J. O. Hanson, of Albany, called on us last night. The Judge is on his way to the sunny side of the St to for the purpose of running. He will remain in the Dalles perhaps some weeks.

THE LEWIS BROTHERS.

We gather the following from an Albany exchange: "One of the most commendable entertainments ever given in the city by a traveling organization was presented at Pacific Opera House on Saturday night by the Lewis Culmination. The performance was highly appreciated by the large audience assembled, which we are pleased to say was not like the generality of exhibitions here of ore visiting us and in common with our people we vote it meritorious in every respect. Oregon has, we can safely say, been imposed upon by nefarious exhibitions and tricksters more than any other State in the Union; consequently of late, the majority of entertainments have received but meager encouragement. The Lewis Culmination is an exception and all who attend are sure to pronounce it praiseworthy in every respect. The feats and delusions were new and presented with beautiful paraphernalia and effects. The jugglery was extraordinary as a mesmerist and magnetizer, Mr. Lewis stands without an equal, we dare say, in the world. Our sides fairly ached with irrepressible laughter at the odd antics of those under his control. Peal upon peal of laughter, which fairly shook the building, followed each act of the subjects. We cannot refrain from pronouncing Prof. A. Cayhet as a violinist the best that has ever appeared in this part of the State. The guitar playing by Mr. Lubin, was excellent; and the musical gems on the piano by Miss Irene Watson, were rendered in good style. The tableaux of statuary by a number of young ladies were beautiful; and the scenes from life and living pictures by Mlle. Cecil De-Courcey, were really fascinating." The Lewis Bros. have established a reputation, and tonight we expect to see Reed's Opera House crowded as it has never been before.

JUDICIAL.

Supreme Court.

TUESDAY, Dec 21, 1875.

P. C. Sears, appellant, vs. W. F. Purdens, respondent; judgment below affirmed; opinion by Prim, J.

Benj Snipes, appellant, vs. Joseph Beezley, respondent; judgment below reversed and cause ordered remanded to the court below for further proceedings; opinion by Burnett, J.

J. A. McWhirter et al., appellants, vs. E. C. Brainard, et al., respondents; decree of the court below affirmed; opinion by Shattuck, J.

State of Oregon ex rel J. W. Church, appellant, vs. M. Dustin, respondent; judgment below affirmed; opinion by Bonham, C. J. Mr. Justice Shattuck concurred specially. (In this case the Court holds that the complaint was insufficient in not stating that the voters who were influenced to vote for respondent by reason of his promise to pay a portion of his salary, if elected, into the County Treasury, were tax-payers.)

Barney Trainor, respondent, vs. Jas. Dolan appellant; judgment below affirmed, with 10 per cent. damages, on failure of appellant to file transcript.

Martha Epsey, respondent, vs. J. D. Fenton, appellant; ordered that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county of Yamhill be required to certify to this Court the bill of exceptions here filed in said Circuit Court.

James Tippin, respondent, vs. Thos. M. Ward, appellant; leave granted respondent to withdraw motion to dismiss appeal.

Ish, appellant, vs Jones, respondent; argument resumed.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22d.

Barney Trainor, respondent, vs. Jas. Dolan appellant; ordered that mandate issue.

Ish vs. Jones; argument resumed.

[From Daily Statesman of Friday Dec. 24.]

Scientific.

Prof. R. D. Kennedy, the well known Phrenologist and Physiognomist is receiving visitors and giving descriptive charts at the Chemeketa Hotel, room 19.

Esquire Johnson is not uneasy about his fee for the matrimonial service of the fair couple some weeks since. The Judge thinks that [illegible] Gov. Gibbs or Rev. W. [illegible] the M. [illegible] be magnanimous [illegible]

[illegible] kind, go by all means to J. G. Holbert's, as he manufactures all the candy he sells and knows what it is made of. He warrants all his candies pure and free from all adulterations. Nuts of every kind always on hand and sold at prices defying competition.

Robbed While Sleeping.

From the Evening Democrat we learn that the house of Mr. O. F. Parrish, who resides about seven miles from Albany, who entered on Sunday evening last, after the inmates were asleep, and $1,050 extracted from the pocket of his pants.

Expected Home.

We learn that Mr. Dan. Clark is expected home on the steamer now due, though we had supposed that he would come overland, as he has a deep prejudice against sea travel. We shall be glad to see him back, and his recent experience will be valuable to the Order.

Orphans Home.

The good ladies who have in charge the Orphans Home, have just fitted the little unfortunates with new suits and everything comfortable. The ladies who are engineering this matter are entitled to great credit, for the manner in which they conduct this home of the orphans.

MARRIED.

At the Court House, in this city, by Esquire Johnson, J. P., Mr. Frank T. Graves to Miss E. M. Hinson, all of Marion county.

On the 19th of Dec., 1875, by Rev. T. H. Small, James M. Doughit, of Clark City W. T. to Miss Emma Jacobs, of Marion City, Oregon.

The Oregon City Enterprise gives a list of what was sold from half an acre of ground just this side of that place, after the family had all they wanted. It is as follows: "20 bushels of oats, 20 of potatoes, 7 of corn, 1 of onions, 1 of beets, 1 of shell-d beans and 100 heads of cabbage. $70 worth of peaches, $25 of green apples $25 of dried apples. $32 50 vinegar and $15 of cherries and endless quantities of radishes, lettuce, peas, plums and blackberries besides were disposed of." If the above promising produce everything in like quantities the earth will be multiplied and replenished.

Oregon at the Centennial.

Commissioner Dufur, says the Farmer, has shipped eight boxes to Prof. Vasey, Superintendent of the Botanical Department for the United States Centennial, containing 2,000 pounds of botanical specimens from our State. The energy with which he prosecutes his unremunerated labors should entitle him to grateful remembrance and appreciation, for it is not easy to see that our State would have any respectable share in the great exposition if our friend Dufur was not energetic and determined in the matter, and peculiarly able to devote his time to the cause.

IN MARION.

While other places boast of progress Jefferson has made material advance ment during the Season last. Beside the two stately ware-houses several dwellings. Improvements have marked its progress, with two general stores, drug and harness, and boot store and new butcher shop a flouring, saw and locking mill, the celebrated rawhide chair factory of J. M. Metzler, Ervines grain separator manufactory, where the renowned Swift & and Stanwish premium separators are made, used in nearly all the warehouses and very popular among farmers.

They look for a boat up there to-day Dec. 23d. to load wheat from the 75,000 bushels now in store.

Monday night they have a Mason's Installation to close with a grand ball. They have a large and flourishing school, writing class, dancing class and are to have a Christmas tree, &c.

Mr. Ervine dressed two pigs 11 months old, one weighing 375 and one 400 pounds. Who is next on the list.

D. Looney has a fine party and dance next Saturday. Everybody is preparing to be happy and take a Merry Christmas. Why not? Would you be one of those or one of those.

In every town and city persons may be found who have been saved from consumption by HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

VARIED ITEMS.

We learn that the Yaquina Railroad Company met on the 22d inst., at Corvallis, to take into consideration the best means to promote the interests of the company and build the road.

Sol. King's mail line makes the daily trips between Albany and Corvallis over the roads, which are in places quite soft.

Corvallis claims 150 000 bushels of wheat in store at the three warehouses.

The State Agricultural College is insufficient to accomodate the increased number of students, which they propose to remedy by enlarging next summer.

Considerable interest is manifested in the Yaquina Bay Railroad, also in the completion of the West Side Railroad from St. Joe. Rumor says J. L. Hallett has the contract to grade forty miles on the O. C. B. R. this coming season and if so the public will concur, knowing the energy of the contractor.

The new fruit dryer is not in operation just now.

The eight stores in Corvallis seem to be doing fair run of trade. The hotels, North Pacific and New England, take care of the traveling public, while the five saloons, two drug stores, cobbler shop, sash and door factory, saw and flouring mill add to biz.

Sheriff Palmer reports $2,000,000 assessed property and taxes 15 mills in Benton and profound peace in all parts of the county.

The Gazette is taking a rest for a month, and will continue in January to dispense news of all kinds as heretofore.

Mr. Berry is shipping in Albany for a few days. He reports wheat $4 cents to-day and some changing hands.

The St. Charles will get up the supper for the Albany Firemen's Ball. The Exchange will keep the office, and they pay their money and take their choice.

On her last trip up the Alice reached Albany at 9 P. M. The Chief was half an hour later. As they both go up and down on the same day, the Chief from Portland and the Alice from Oregon City, there is generally some interest to see which gets to Corvallis and back first, that naturally stirs up the owners to do their best, but the Chief, having the distance from Oregon City to Portland extra, labors under some disadvantage, yet they generally pass the same points within an hour of each other, the Alice more frequently ahead. Capt. Bangham reports the wire rope at the Salem ferry dangerously low for the smoke-stacks in case of a rise in the river here.

River falling at Albany.

Weather cloudy.

The Ohio passed up Wednesday night to Harrisburg. Champion loading at Albany for the Salem Mills.

E. O. Norton proposes to visit Salem for Christmas turkey. He will probably go to Corvallis for a fat hen.

It appears that almost every community of any size proposes to celebrate Merry Christmas by having a general good time, eating good dinners, parties and dancing in the evening, thus doing so to speak, joy to the world.

LOCAL NOTES.

Hang up your stockings to night.

Regular holiday beverages at the Idaho, with cigar accompaniment.

The North Salem Store always delivers goods anywhere in the city free of charge.

Jo Bernardi keeps the Capital Saloon up to the expectations of the most fastidious.

Give your wife, mother or sister a set of those nice furs to be found at Breyman Bros.

Booth & Boone have everything you need for to-morrow. Fresh lard, butter, eggs, etc.

Get your oysters for to-morrow from Pete Emerson. They are always fresh and nice.

Hovey is selling at holiday prices. All the luxuries imagininable on hand for Christmas.

Col. Reed's Panorama will be on exhibition at the Opera House on Saturday evening, January 1st.

The Commercial Hotel will serve up its usual Christmas dinner to-morrow. Call and get a good meal.

A nice pair of slippers are one of the most acceptable presents to be had. Get them of A. N. Gilbert & Co.

Rush around to Mayor Wright's the first thing this morning, or it will be impossible to get in the store.

If you are no judge of dress goods call on Terrell & Gillingham, and you will find their word as good as coin.

Weatherford & Co. are offering superior inducements in the toilet and perfumery lines. Call early to-day and select.

Soaps, toilet, washing, castile, bleaching, cod water and a hundred other varieties for a le cheap at Josephus Holmes'.

Just received—Some nice broken plaids for childrens' dresses at the Overland Store. Lonsdale muslins, eight yards for a dollar.

If you want shell-work call on Holbert. He is bound to close out his stock. Pure, fresh, homemade candy in a hundred different forms.

The Salem Drug Store is the popular bazar with all the belles and beaux now, while they are selecting nice things for Christmas presents.

No more substantial present in the world, or one that is more acceptable to your wife, than a nice set of furniture to be found found at John Gray's.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Postoffice, Salem at this date. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which they are advertised:

Allen, Miss M L	Lonsignent
Anderson, John	Lansett, Jens
Allen, H K	Lane, Mrs Sarah
Baughman Capt E W	Laiun, Wesley
Beatty, G W	McCoy, W F
Beeler, Miss Anneta	McKinsey, Mrs Flora
Bradley, David	Moore, J S
Baughman, J H	Morgan, Mrs P 2
Bratley, Herbert	Morgan, Chas S
Baker, Flora	Moulton, Wigbert
Burgoinette, Miss Alice	Morris, D M
Bradley, A G	Mortensen, M
Beatty, Mrs Nin	Moore, Mrs A M
Burham, Bertie	Moreland, W A 2
Brannan, John L	Morgan, S W
Brown, Mrs Jane	Miller, Mrs M E 2
Brown, J M	Mescher, Clemens
Brumlaw, Mrs Mary L	Mulch, Christophe 2
Bolter, Geo F	Martin, Mrs M A
Bolin, Mrs Fanny	Marion, Wm
Brobert, Adolph	Mrag, G W
Brewer, J S	Nye, Jas M
Bi Bim, Thos	Nelson, Jas F
Bloomsbough, Mrs Mary	Nye, B F
Bergarius, Hiram	O'Hart, Adam 2
Bolley, Jas B	Oyler, Lewis
Boyle, A B	Ginger, Albert
Bean, Miss Julia	Olney, Barnett
Collins, Mrs G W	Ober, Samuel Jr
Cobrs, Christ	Fresham, n G
Cooper, Nacena	Pelham, M C
Cooper, Mrs S S	Pickett, Edward
Conegy, Mr Emily	Pennington, A R
Chinn, L G	Perry, Henry
Jackson, C A	Perkins, E F
Davell, Nathaniel	Riggs, J Jr
Cassely, Miss Annie	Reed, Jas H
Crane, D M	Remington, D Wit C
Crocker, Jacob	Rossiter, Geo
Denison, Valentine	Reed, Jas
Gorman, Tim	Riggs, Jas
De Ruin, P R 4	Reed, Miss Inez
Dawson, Wm	Robertson, Mr Mary
Griffith, Henry	Rogers, Miss mail
Gunning, Chas H 2	Roberts, Miss Mo e
Davis, Charley	Rosenberg, J W
Commester, Leonard	Rose, Mrs Nonie D
Emory, Prof	Ruggles, Miss Lucy
Kastabrook, John	Ross, Mrs Louisa
Kastabrook, A, or Mrs W Mandevie	Smith, Mr Clara
Fisk, Jos G	Smith, Col E L
Ferris, Geo	Smith, Henry or Ellen
Foster, Geo	Smith, Miss Lizzie D
Fogarty, T J	Smith, Miss Sara B
Ford, O O	Smith, Miss Rina
Gerrey, Mrs S	Smith, Miss Lucinda
Grubbs, A J	Shaw, Jacette A
Goodrich, Mr Libbie	Shrum, Henry 2
Gardner, Elias	Scott, Jewett
Grove, A C	Sears, Andrew
Green, Chas	Shrum, J W
Goodrich, I F	Storid, H H
Grames, Wm	Steel, Rob L 2
Garrison, Mrs Z	Snipes, Master Eddy
Gass, John	Sneed, W
Gillis, Jno 2	Snyder, Miss Ellen
Garrison, Miss Cora	Snipes, n
Smith, Mrs Eliza	Starr, D W 2
Hunter, J 2	Stevenson, Jos B
Hondas, Leador	Swiper, Jno
Hubbard, L L	Tarbuck, Chas
Howe, Jas F 2	Tracy, Hazel
Hakes, Jas	Tice, Eli
Hines, Jno O	Tasker, Jas A
Hines, H B A 2	Thompson, Mrs Jno
Hayre, Thos	Thompson, Jno
Henry, Thos	Nanassine, A W
Henry, Mrs Sarah	Vowell, T W
Henry, Thos Y	Wood, Mrs S C
Henry, Mrs Thos	Wanson, Henry
Hagerty, A W	Wood, David
Hamilton, S W	Weeks, Henderson
Hanson, J B	Wady, Jas F
Johnson, Miss Julia H	Wooten, John M
Johnson, Miss Julia	Wingen, John
Johnson, Jacob	Wise, Miss Susie
Johnson, Mrs Martha	Walker, A P
Jones, D W	Weeks, Geo W
Jones, D E	Wright & Allen
Jones, Wm	Welch, Miss Rachel
Jones, W M	Wise, Mrs Nancy J
Johnson, Mrs Anna 2	Wickim, R F
Jellerson, J W	Williams, John E 2
James, Mrs M A	Wells, W E
Kane, Miss Jennie	Wells, Miss Lizzie
Kirk, Mr Catharine	Wells, J J
Kelly, Miss Laura	Walling, Miss Alice
Kennedy, P R F	Wilson, John
Knowles, J H 3	Welch, Mrs S M
Kirkwood, J H	Wood, Lewis
Kincaid, Miss Mary	Young, Nathan
Ketzur, Miss Fannie	York, A F 2
Longstaff, Wm	York, Fletcher S
	Young, S E

T. B. HUDKEY, P. M.

SALEM, Dec. 20.

MARKET REPORTS.

Financial.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 23, 1875.

Gold in New York, 114¼.

Legal Tenders in Portland, buying 87; selling 88.

Coin Exchange on San Francisco at par.

Currency Exchange on San Francisco ¼ per cent. premium.

Coin Exchange on New York ¾ per cent. premium.

Currency Exchange on New York ¼ per cent. premium.

Telegraphic Transfers on New Xork 1 per cent. premium.

Gold Bars 750 par.

San Francisco Markets.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.

Flour—Superfine, $4 50@5; extra, $5 50@5 75, for shipping lots, and $5 75@6 25 for jobbing lots.

Wheat—Choice shipping, $1 95; choice milling, $2.

Barley—Feed kinds, $1 20@1 25; brewing, $1 30@1 37½; chevalier, $1 60@1 65.

Oats—Feed, $1 75@2; choice milling, $2 05@2 10.

Potatoes—Sweet, $2; Salt Lake white and San Pablo red, $1 60@1 62½ for best marks; all other kinds, $1 50 down to $1.

The Wheat Market.

The New York Shipping List of the 1st instant contains the following on the wheat market:

The sudden closing of canal navigation, by which something over a million bushels is supposed to have been embargoed on the Erie canal, served to arrest the downward tendency of the wheat market on Monday, but with the visible supply far in excess of the demand, the tone again became very weak yesterday, and the low grades of both spring and winter growths closed if anything, cheaper than at the date of our last. The choice grades are not pressed for sale as they could only be forced off at a further decline. With cheap money and cheap storage, the heavy receivers prefer to place their supplies in warehouse. The chief element of depression is, as we have said, the [illegible] supply, as an evidence of which [illegible] offeat and in trade for Good[illegible] from various quarters, foots up [illegible] bushels, with at least an equal amount in our seaboard markets and in the warehouses at principal shipping points in the west. It appears that the surplus of last year's crop on both sides of the Atlantic has been greatly under estimated. Instead of the old crop being near exhausted at the beginning of the present harvest year, there was a large supply in this country, in France, in Southern Russia, and in other parts of Continental Europe—a surplus, as it turns out, amply sufficient to make good whatever deficiencies there may have been in this year's harvests. Although but three months of the crop year have gone by, Great Britain, the chief dependent country, has already drawn from various quarters, fully one-half her estimated requirements of foreign wheat for the year ending with next August. This is sufficient to explain the gradual fall in prices since the harvest, which has far exceeded the expectations of the most pronounced bears in that cereal. Under these circumstances, cheap wheat during the winter months is regarded by the leading operators here as a foregone conclusion.

The Farmer has the following on the subject Wheat remains depressed and even more so than last week. We hear of a large sale at Hubbard at 91 cents, and 90 cents still continues to be paid by the Salem Mills Company. At Portland the market is dull at $1.70.

There is nothing in the near future to indicate an advance, and while it seems probable, and even very certain, that wheat will advance in the spring, those who hold it must decide for themselves, whether they can afford to continue to hold it or can better afford to sell at present rates.

The Holiday Goods at the Dollar Store are going out very fast. Call soon or you will lose the chance of getting a good assortment, and a good bargain.

[From the Willamette Farmer.]

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

SALEM, OREGON, Dec. 16, 1875.

Mr. Minto—

Worthy Brother:—Assured as I am of your earnest support in our reform movement, and that you desire not only to see the Granges a success, socially and morally, but to see also the condition of the Farmers on this coast in every way improved. I take the liberty of sending you a copy of the *Oregon Cultivator*, with a subscription blank, requesting that if you have not already subscribed for it (under the name of the *Granger*) that you will do so at once, and that with your [illegible], you will send also the names of as many of your neighbors as possible. Can I not reasonably expect this much of you? I ask it for the following reasons: Farmers have demonstrated in the experience of the past few years that an independent press in their interests is the great Archimedian lever by which they can move the world. They have learned (rather more that too often the press in our commercial centers is suborned by capital, supports the tricks of trade, and does the bidding of rings that fatten on the fruits of our labor. Again, that no paper can be an independent advocate of the farmers interest that has to depend for its support on the *advertising patronage of our trade centers, you know very well that if they give it support, they will muzzle it.*

Therefore the farmers' paper must be supported by the farmer, and his friends. When this is the case his interests will be guarded against all the intrigues that trade seeks to practice upon him. A liberal subscription from the farmers, and a liberal advertising patronage from manufacturers and merchants, who will deal direct with the farmer, will secure to him and to his family, a paper that will be both instructive and profitable. Such a one I want to give to you in the *Oregon Cultivator*, which it is my purpose to make, not only a palladium of the farmers' rights, but a safe adviser and helpful friend to our order generally.

Have you such a paper in Oregon? *You will answer "no."* Then, to supply the want, it will cost the publishers much money. *Will you come to their support in the attempt? If so, act fully into the spirit of our reform movement. I am assured that you will.* To succeed, the work must be co-operative. Therefore, could I your [illegible] so well be a live agent for the *Cultivator*? When the publishers furnish sixty-five the paper, and the Editor grinds out the copy, will [illegible] you, my Patron Brother, take hold with a will to do your part, by sending us a rousing subscription list? If all of our people do this, success is assured already, and the patrons and farmers of this region will have as good a paper as anybody's paper.

If from any cause you should decline to assist us in the manner requested, please put this, with the blank and sample paper, into the hands of some Brother who will do so.

Fraternally Yours,

N. W. GARRETSON,

Editor of the Oregon Cultivator.

P. S.—Contemplating that in the future I shall want to transmit through the *Cultivator* in a confidential manner to our order, important intelligence touching our work—the markets, etc., I have decided to furnish, upon application by Masters and Secretaries over the Seal of their Grange, a Key, by the use of which the confidential paragraphs appearing from time to time by cipher may be read. N. W. G.

Answer to the Above.

SALEM, OR., Dec. 22, 1875.

To N. W. GARRETSON,

Editor of the Oregon Cultivator:

WORTHY BROTHER: I cannot accede to your request for many reasons, among which are:

1st The Order in this jurisdiction do not need, as I think, and cannot support, more than one paper devoted to its interests.

2d. To encourage a strife for the patronage of the Order in that direction is a sure road to division rather than unity.

3d. As the Order, by action of its representatives, has chosen the WILLAMETTE FARMER as its organ, I can see no reason for its abandonment in favor of any newer, less established paper, the business interests of its proprietors being certainly no nearer to the farming interests than are those of FARMER, and can hardly be so well established.

Let us look at this: Mr. M[illegible] started the *Granger* as a private enterprise, with the main object of diverting our present system of internal carrying trade from Portland to Astoria as a measure of commercial economy. His enterprise proved so near a business failure that he was compelled to resort to the formation of a joint-stock company. In order to preserve the paper as a local advocate of agricultural interests, some of the leading farmers of Linn county (where there are many public-spirited ones) took stock in the company so organized. This change has enabled Messrs. Brown & Stewart to become by purchase the virtual, if not absolute, owners of the paper. Of the firm of Brown & Stewart I have nothing to say, but of Mr. Brown, as the holder of one of the most lucrative State offices (that of State Printer) and as such, a devoted political partisan, I think it is not too much to say that he will find means to give a partisan bias to the columns of the *Cultivator*; indeed I think I can see a very decided coloring of that kind in this the first number of the *Cultivator*; and permit me to say, I don't find fault with you or the publishers if this be so—you depending on the *Democrat* in large measure for your political news, could hardly avoid such a result. But, while, as a patron as well as a citizen, I will watch the course of the paper intently, I do not care to be its servant, much less its subject.

And here permit me a few remarks upon the words I have italicised in your circular. I read a crack of the whip between the lines there, to which I, and the generality of old Oregonians, are unused. Putting the best construction upon your language, I do not think the measure of my devotion to the agricultural interests, to which I have devoted thirty-one years of my life in Oregon, is to be gauged by the alacrity I may show to co-operate with you in support of the business interests of Messrs. Brown & Stewart.

Another reason why I decline:

The WILLAMETTE FARMER, the present organ of our Order, was nursed into existence by the agricultural interests of Oregon as represented by our State Agricultural Society, and liberally subsidized by it during its first years, under the stipulation that the Society, through its Board of Managers, should have the selection of its editor. Through the partiality of the Board of Managers, and other prominent members of the Society, I was selected for that position, without any other single qualification than my devotion to the interests of agriculture as believed in by my brother farmers.

My relations as editor, and an intimate connection I have since maintained with the conductors of the paper, lead me to deplore the fact that you, Brother, have to lead on the attack against a paper established as I have outlined, and which has been so conducted as to retain the confidence not only of our Order, but of our State Agricultural Society as well.

In the number before me, you give the specific objects of our Order, first among which, is to develope a better and higher manhood and womanhood. Do you think it conducive to that end that the brothers and sisters of this jurisdiction should co-operate with you in your endeavors to carry the business interests of Messrs. Brown and Stewart within the gates of the Order, rather than that you should cooperate with them in what they deem for the interests of the Order.

You know—none better—that there are thousands of men resorting to all manner of means to get within our gates; that, in consequence of this, it behooves us to be circumspect and careful with what we co-operate and in whom we place confidence. In such times and under such circumstances, "Gosloy and keep in the middle of the road," are words of wise counsel.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN MINTO.

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