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SCHOOL LANDS.

There is in Yamhill County a great
number of acres of School
lands, but we hear
nothing said as to whether this land
will be thrown into the market or not.

A great many persons we have a-
mong us who would gladly occupy and
cultivate these lands, were they com-
municable by purchase. We are not pos-
ted as regards the provisions of the law
in this behalf, but it is certainly blind
policy to withhold lands from the use
and occupancy of settlers when it is
known that there are large numbers
within the limits of the county who
would readily avail themselves of the
opportunity of buying, occupying, im-
proving and cultivating them. Aside
from numerous other reasons for im-
mediately offering this class of lands for
sale, is this; by continuing to with-
hold them, the prime object for which
they were set apart is defeated—that of
creating a fund for educational pur-
poses.

Sales of this character are at pres-
ent being made in other counties. In
Linn County there is a fund on hand
of many thousands of dollars which is
being loaned at ten per cent. per an-
num interest, in advance. The last re-
port noticed of the amount of the
fund on hand in that County, it amount-
ed to sixty five thousand dollars.

By throwing these lands on the
market, we invite an increase of the
population of the county, and a conse-
quent increase of the amount of our
taxable property.

The State Canvass.

By reference to the programme in an
other column, it will be seen that the
Gubernatorial Canvass has commenced
at the Southern extremity of the State,
and the Congressional canvass at the
Northern extremity. Col. Kelly and
his opponent, Geo. L. Woods, Esq.,
have already commenced South, while
Hon. Jas. D. Fay and Rufus Mallory
have been in the field for some time
up north. Col. Kelly and his competi-
tor will speak in Lafayette on the 10
of May, and Messrs. Fay and Mallory
on the 16th.

A spirited time will be had from
now on, till the election in June, when
the people will rejoice that Oregon is
once more under the rule of the Dem-
ocracy—the only party that ever prov-
ed itself capable of conducting the af-
fairs of the State in a proper manner.

TO CANVASS THE COUNTY.—Our
Democratic readers will be pleased to
know that Hon. Ben. Hayden, of Dal-
las, and N. T. Caton Esq. of Salem
have consented to take the field in
Yamhill County. By private note
from Mr. Hayden we are notified of
the times and places it will suit these
gentlemen to address the Democracy
of our County, which arrangement will
be found printed in the proper column.

These speakers are talented and able,
and will draw large crowds to hear
them wherever they speak.

NOR MUCH.—A poor Irishman who
applied for a license to sell ardent spir-
its, being questioned as to his moral
fitness for the trust, replied: "Ah,
sure it is not much of a character a
man wants to sell rum."

A handsome Compliment.

The Editor of the Portland *Chris-
tian Advocate* has lately paid the
North Yamhill region a visit in
the prosecution of his Pastoral duties,
and on his return thus speaks of
that beautiful section of
Country, through his paper;

"Leaving the fir brush and fern all
behind, we found a rich, undulating
and beautiful prairie. The farms are
large and well improved. The crops
of wheat, grass and oats are growing
finely, and there are unmistakable evi-
dences of enterprise and thrift on every
hand. The fencing is most excellent,
the orchards large and flourishing, the
barns capacious with something in
them, the cattle, horses, sheep and
hogs numerous and of superior quality.

The only objection of a serious char-
acter, that we can offer, is the farms
are too large. Men own too much of
mother earth. And though well fenced
and pretty well worked, yet it is a
misfortune to have so much. Bros.
B., P. and S., whom we visited, own
respectively about one thousand, twelve
hundred, and two thousand acres of
most valuable lands. For grain and
stock-growing we have seen but little
to equal and nothing to surpass North
Yamhill any where on the Pacific
coast.

We will merely add our testimony
to the superior merits of that portion
of our County, by saying that the
Courier is by far better sustained in
North Yamhill Precinct, than it is in
any other precinct in the County, save
Lafayette and Dayton. This of itself
is an unmistakable index to the enter-
prise of a people anywhere.

Collector Adams.

We suppose it is established beyond
doubt that Collector Adams was robbed,
as first reported. We always try to be
among the last to add insult to injury in
such cases. This is the course we pur-
sued in this case when it was first made
public, and for which course we were
censured in more than one quarter, and
even to our substantial detriment. It is
true that Mr. Adams entertains polit-
ical views different from our own, but
this fact did not make out a case of rob-
bery against him. *Fiat justitia ruat
coelum*, is our motto. This has been a
trying ordeal for Mr. Adams, and
rendered more trying by the assaults
made upon him in certain quarters by
his own party press—the most powerful
and influential on the Coast. Democ-
ratic papers have not by any means
been alone in this business. We are
pleased to be able to record the fact
that he has at last been vindicated in
the premises.

TWO GREAT DISASTERS.—A Case
of Nitro-glycerine oil, situated in the
rear of Wells Fargo's premises in San-
Francisco, exploded lately, literally de-
molishing the vast structures occupied
by those parties, killing a number of
persons and horribly mangling many
more. This explosion is only equalled
in the extent of its disasters by the
late earthquake in that city.

A similar explosion occurred soon
after this one, at Panama,
blowing up a vessel and killing
100 persons besides tearing up over
100 feet wharf. This nitro glycerine
is a liquid preparation used principally
for blasting purposes, and is an article
not very generally known.

A REBEL CHIEF.—General Wick-

liffe, late of the rebel army, is now at
Walla Walla, on a visit to old friends
and acquaintance. Previous to the
war, General Wickliffe held a commis-
sion in the regular army, and was for
some time stationed at Fort Dalles,
and subsequently at Fort Colville. At
that time he held the rank of First
Lieutenant of the 9th Infantry. After
the breaking out of the rebellion, he
went east, and like many others linked
his fortunes with the rebel cause. In
the rebel service he commanded a Ken-
tucky regiment, and fought his way
up from the rank of Lieutenant Colo-
nel to that of Brig. General. At the
time of leaving this coast, General W.
was possessed of valuable property at
the Dalles, all of which was subsequen-
tly appropriated by sympathizing
friends. What his present intentions
are we are not informed, but presume
he is in search of a home, where he
can enjoy the blessings of peace.—W.
W. Statesman.

A LIZARD IN A WOMAN'S STOMACH

FOUR YEARS.—A young woman of
the name of Sherwood, belonging to
St. George, New Brunswick, who lived
as a domestic with St. Pool, of Calais,
about a year ago complained of a living
creature being in her stomach, and ap-
plied to several physicians to relieve
her of it, but to no effect. At length
it grew so troublesome, and had such
a debilitating effect upon her, that she
gave up her place and went home to
die, as she fully expected: for to live in
such a state she felt and knew was an
impossibility. After she got home,
Dr. Rouse was called, after hearing
her story, left a powerful emetic, with
directions how and when to take it.
She took the medicine as directed,
and the result was that a lizard, about
six inches in length, was ejected from
her stomach. When it fell into the
bowl, it is said, it fairly bit at the sides
of it, and jumped out and ran along
the floor till it was killed by one of
the persons in attendance. It had
been in her stomach about four years
—Calais (Me.) Advertiser.

HORACE GREELEY.—The New York

correspondent of the Cincinnati Com-
mercial says that persons well ac-
quainted with Horace Greeley are
aware that with all his amiability and
good-heartedness, he is not particularly
orthodox. Many persons will remem-
ber the solicitude of one of his extrem-
ely pious friends. Who asked him,
when his two daughters were ill some
years since, if they had been baptized.
"O. no," said Horace Greeley; "but
they have been vaccinated." An ear-
nest advocate of foreign missions forced
himself into the presence of the Tri-
bune's editor-in-chief in the Bible
House the other day, while he was
hard at work on his "Conflict," and
importuned him to subscribe to the
cause. The veteran journalist looked
up from his manuscript in very chol-
eric mood, and said crustily: "Don't
ask me to give anything for the salva-
tion of souls; I am convinced (looking
significantly at the intruder) that not
half as many people go to h—l now as
ought to." For which irreverent jests
Horace Greeley makes ample amends,
by frequent attendance at Chapin's
(Universalist) church, where he enjoys
the reputation of one of the soundest
sleepers in the entire congregation.

WOMAN.—Woman, woman!

truly she is a miracle. Place her amid flow-
ers, foster her as a tender plant, and
she is a thing of fancy, waywardness
and something of folly—annoyed by a
dewdrop, fretted by the touch of a bat-
terfly's wing, ready to faint at the rus-
tle of a beetle. The zephyrs are too
rough, the showers too heavy; and she
is overpowered by the perfume of a
rosebud. But let real calamity come,
rouse her affection, enkindle the fires
of her heart, and mark her then. How
her heart strengthens herself; how
strong in her purpose. Place her in
the heat of battle, give her a child, a
bird, anything she loves or pities, to
protect, and see her, as in a related in-
stance, raising her white arms as a
shield, and as her own blood crimson
her upturned forehead, praying for
life to protect the helpless. Transplant
her into the dark places of the earth,
awaken her energies to action, and
her breath becomes a healing, and her
presence a blessing; she disputes, inch
by inch, the stride of the stalking pes-
tilence, when man, the strong and
brave, shrinks away pale and affright-
ed. Misfortune daunts her not; she
wears away a life of silent endurance,
or goes forward with less timidity than
to her bridal. In prosperity she is a
bud full of imprisoned odors, waiting
but for the winds of adversity to scat-
ter them abroad—pure gold, valuable
but untried in the furnace. In short,
woman is a miracle, a mystery,—
Mrs. Stevens.

ARMY JOKE.—The following good

one at the expense of General J. B.
Magruder is told by the Natchez Dem-
ocrat: While retreating from the
Peninsula in 1862, the General and
his staff stopped at the house of a wid-
ow lady on the road and engaged din-
ner. In a few moments Jim Phelps,
a Louisiana soldier, accosted the lady
with:

"Madam, can I get dinner?"
"Yes, sir," was the reply, "but as
I am preparing dinner for Gen. Mag-
ruder and staff, and have not room at
my table for any more, you will have
to wait for a second table."

"Very well, Madam, thank you,"
said Phelps, taking his seat in a posi-
tion to command a view of the dining
room. Watching the movements of
the servants, Phelps waited until this
fast was on the table, and while the
hostess proceeded to the parlor to an-
nounce dinner to the General and staff,
Phelps entered the dining room, and
seating himself at the table, waited
further developments. Upon the en-
trance of the party of officers there
was found to be seats for all but one,
and one politely returned to the parlor
to wait.

The General took a seat next to
Phelps, and after the first course was
finished, turning to Phelps, he inquired:

"Sir, have you any idea with whom
you are dining?"

"No, sir," coolly replied Phelps;
"I used to be particular, but since I
turned soldier I don't care a fig who I
eat with, so the victuals are clean."

A Norwalk paper states that a young

lady of that city died suddenly. Some
persons went to dig her up for the Sur-
geons, but the cold air awoke her
from a cataleptic fit, in which she was
buried. The resurrectionists, thinking
it a ghost they had got possession of,
fled in dismay, and the lady walked
home; but her parents, being as super-
stitious as the resurrectionists, refused
to admit her. She then went to the
house of the young man to whom she
was engaged, who took her in and the
following day married her.