LAFAYETTE COURIER.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1875.

CORRUPTION IN CONGRESS.

The Ways and Means committee of the House are engaged in investigating or whitewashing some transactions of the House, in relation to the increasing of the subsidy to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. It seems that prior to 1872 the Government had been paying that company a bonus of half a million of dollars annually, and that in 1872 it was increased to one million dollars annually. It is charged that the company spent $750,000 in obtaining the increase in the subsidy, and that a vast amount of the money was paid to the Senators and Representatives for their votes.

The matter is now before the ways and means committee for investigation, and they seem to be trying to pump the facts out of one Irwin, who was the agent of the company to "put the money where it would do the most good." But he refuses to answer questions and feigns to be wretchedly ill. It is probable that enough will be developed to satisfy the people that members of Congress were purchased to vote for the bill. The debates on the bill were very exciting; some members charging that money had been used to influence the vote on the bill, and among those who advocated the passage of the measure was Senator Corbett, of Oregon, and prominent among those who spoke and voted against the bill were Senator Kelly and Representative Slater of this State. If this investigation is made searching and complete it will disclose another great ulcer on the Grant party. When the Democracy obtain control of Congress they will expose the rottenness of Radicalism to such an extent that honest men will shun it as they would a pestilence.

NARROW-GAUGE RAILROADS.

The construction of new narrow-gauge railroads in various parts of the country shows that people are awakening to the advantages they offer as a means of transportation where the population and traffic are insufficient to justify the building of roads upon the more expensive plan in common use. It is encouraging, too, to see that a large proportion of these roads are built, or to be built, at the expense of the communities who expect to profit by them, without the intervention of foreign capitalists, and without begging subsidies from the State or national government. The citizens of Jackson county, in Ohio, propose to connect their coal fields with Dayton by a road of this discription; and in Minnesota a narrow-gauge line has been projected from Minneapolis through Hennepin and Wright counties which will, at comparatively small cost, bring extensive agricultural and timbered districts into direct intercourse with a commercial and manufacturing centre. At the last session of the Oregon Legislature, a bill was passed exempting all new railroads from taxation for a period of twenty years, and the first fruit of this law is a project to connect by a narrow-gauge road Corvallis, the county seat of Benton county, with Yaquina Bay, which will give the farmers of the Willamette Valley a direct line to a shipping point, thus effecting a great saving in the cost of transportation. Wheat now sells in Corvallis at 58 cents per bushel, and, calculating present freight rates to a shipping point, it is estimated that if the proposed road was in operation, the same wheat, at present prices, would realize 78 cents per bushel. The estimated cost of the road is but $500,000.—*Sun.*

We have had our attention called to the following paragraph by a prominent granger of this county. His head is evidently level on this subject. "The number of land-owners in England is rapidly decreasing. Two centuries ago the number of land owners was about 200,000. In 1851 the census reported the number at only 30,315, and in 1871 it was reduced to 22,934. The incomes of the landed owners have increased enormously. England's population is about 22,000,0000. Just think, of that number only 22,000 own the land upon which they dwell.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Portland News material has been moved to East Portland.

Who can explain how it is that so many retired newspaper men go into the sheep raising business?

Fernando Wood claims that he has ninety members of the next House favoring him for Speaker.

A dispatch from Salt Lake City says the resignation of Governor Woods is regretted by the citizens and the press.

It is probable that Edna Dean will commence suit against Henry Ward for libel, with Benjamin B. as her counsel.

The woman suffragists at the West are certainly ahead of the prohibitors. In Michigan they had 40,000 votes to the prohibitionists' 5,000

George L. Woods, formerly of this county and State, has resigned the Governorship of Utah Territory, and is now practicing law in San Francisco.

It really is too bad, that after all the good articles written, and having the feelings of the people worked to such a high pitch, that the two burglars killed by Van Brunt knew nothing of little Charley Ross.

Thomas Jefferson for President in 1804, Marcus Morton for Governor in 1839, and William Gaston in 1874, are the only Democrats that ever carried the State of Massachusetts. The gap in each case was exactly thirty-five years.

John J. Curry, who has been connected with the Portland News has disposed of his interest. E. F. Robinson is now one of the publishers. The paper hereafter will be published at East Portland. We wish the new management success.

It is complimentary to the Democratic party of this State that no Senator or Representative sent by them to Congress has, in any manner, been damaged by the revelations of corruption at Washington City. All our members have good records.

Under the new law, the Road Supervisors are required to make their annual reports at the January term of the County Court. So we may expect to see about forty "public officers" lay aside the arduous duties of official business and retire to the shades of private life next week.

We acknowledge the receipt of the January number of Vick's Floral guide. Those who contemplate planting flowers or vegetables should send to him. Last year we sent to him for seeds—it is needless to say they were all good—for they were. See his advertisement in another column.

The Supreme Court of Indiana has just decided that colored children have no right to admission into schools provided for white children, the legislature having passed an act in 1869 providing for seperate schools for colored children where there are fifteen or more in a school district. As very few districts have this number of colored children, they will fare thus far badly.

The important news that the Spanish Government has declared its willingness to settle the claims of the United States for the seizure of the steamship Virginius and the execution of its crew, upon the same basis upon which the British claims were admitted, is announced in a special dispatch from Madrid. A willingness to settle is, we presume, equivalent to a settlement, and the more payment of damages by Spain is secondary to her acknowledgement of the principle involved.—*Bulletin.*

The County Court had a very virtuous streak come upon them the last term. They cited two road supervisors to appear at the January term for 1875, to show cause why they should not be removed from office for not obeying the mandates of that august tribunal. But it turns out that their terms of office expire at the time when they are required to show cause why they should not be removed. Since sommonsing them will not be adequate punishment, we suggest that the court fine them ten cents for contempt of "cote."

A MISTAKE.—We have heard it remarked, by persons not living in town, that it was the intention to get up a dance here to-night. Such, we are glad to say, is not the case, as the people here are not in the habit of getting up dances in opposition to the neighboring towns.

YAMHILL COUNTY.

The following questions concerning this county are propounded by a Mr. William Mayer, a merchant of St. Gall Switzerland. He says: some persons well known to me, who intend to emigrate to the United States ask my advice as to which State they will choose for their future home, and feeling the importance of the question, I should like to await your kind answer, which, if favorable, will serve me as a guide in directing my friends to your young State on the distant shores of the Pacific, trusting that by economy and industry they may succeed within a few years to lay the foundation of a safe and comfortable existence.

Some of the questions asked will, to many of our readers, seem curious. A prominent citizen has answered them. Owing to our limited space we cannot give all the questions and answers this week: He asks:

1. What is the climate of the country in the four seasons of the year?

The winter season is invariably rainy, with but little snow or frost; we never have any sleighing to speak of. The ground is seldom frozen hard enough to hold up a horse. Cattle and sheep do well grazing all winter, where the pastures are not overstocked. Ice seldom forms thick enough to skate upon, and the larger rivers and streams are seldom ever frozen over. The rainfall is very great during the winter months—probably averaging from fifteen to twenty-five inches. The average temperature during the winter is about sixty degrees Faranheit.

Spring is most delightful and characterized by warm sunshining days pleasant nights, with occasional showers, which continue until about the month of June, when the rain almost entirely ceases and then commences Summer or the dry season which continues until about the 1st of October. Occasional showers of rain commence which become more frequent as the season advances. The summer heat is seldom oppressive as the "sea breeze" extends more or less over the entire valley of the Willamette. Hurricanes and tornadoes are seldom known in this country and we are remarkably free from thunder and lightening.

2. Is the climate mild and steady, or is it rigorous and changeable?

The climate is mild and steady. Is probably more like the climate of England than any other country in the world.

3. Which months of the year distinguish themselves by fine, steady weather; which by changable; which by stormy and rainy weather?

The spring and fall months are somewhat distinguished by changeable weather; the winter months by stormy and rainy weather and the summer months by fine steady weath. May and June are probably the finest months, taking everything into consideration, of the year.

4. Is winter in general mild or severe, and is there much snow?

The above question has already been answered.

5. Are frosts or drouths of frequent occurrence and of an injurious nature to vegetation?

Slight frosts occur frequently during the latter months of fall and the winter season and the first part of spring, but vegetation is seldom ever injured. In Oregon we never have what you call a drouth. During the summer months there is scarcely any rain-fall, still crops do not suffer for the reason that the soil is of a peculiar calcarious nature that retains the moisture imparted to it during the rainy season. A heavy rainfall in the winter insures a good crop the next summer.

6. Is the valley exposed to periodical inundations?

The county is neither flat nor hilly but is composed of hill and dale, of woodland and vale. The Willamette valley is bounded on the east by the snow capped peaks of the Cascade Range of mountains and on the west by the Coast Range. These ranges sloping down to pleasant undulating hills and finally to beautiful level prairies, affords any variety of country that may be desired, and presents some of the most beautiful and picturesque scenery that can be found in any country in the world.

7. Is the country flat or hilly?

Answered above.

9. Is the soil dry, or moist, or is it partly covered with swamps?

[*Concluded next week.*]

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LEGAL.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Gordon K. Henry, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will please present them to said administrator within six months from date; and all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will please call and settle immediately.

GEO. KNAPP,
Administrator.

Lafayette, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1874. fr18:4

Sheriff's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Yamhill, on the 11th day of November, 1874, and to me directed by the Clerk of said Court upon a judgment in a civil action obtained on the 17th day of April, 1873 in said court in favor of Thomas Robertson, defendant, and against Thomas Henry, plaintiff, for the sum of four hundred and sixty-one hundredth dollars, ($461 60-100) lawful money with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, from the 17th day of April, 1873, and the further sum of fifty-one and forty one-hundredth dollars, ($51 40-100) costs, I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the said Thos. Henry in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Being a part of the original donation land claim of John Bird, in sections five, six, seven and eight, in township four south of range three west, in Yamhill county, Oregon, said boundary commencing at an angle on the west boundary of said claim near the Old Tan-Yard, a stake from which bears south twenty-two degrees West, an oak ten inches in diameter 1.00 chains south twenty-three degrees west 15.87 chains, south 82½ degrees east, 51.[illegible] chains north ten degrees east 40.04 chains to witness oak four inches in diameter south seventy-six degrees west eleven links, next oak four inches in diameter south sixty-four degrees east twenty links west 33.48 chains—witness a red fir three feet in diameter; south sixty-six and one-half degrees east twenty-seven links; south twenty-three degrees east 18.54 chains with old line of claim to stake witness a fir twenty-four inches in diameter, south forty-five degrees west five links witness fir three feet in diameter, north four degrees west fourteen links north eighty-five degrees west 5.11 chains to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty-two acres more or less, being the premises deed to said Thomas Henry by William and Sarah E. Bird on the 21st day of June, 1867, said deed being recorded on page 374 of book, No. 11, of deeds of said county, and on

Monday, the 4th day of January, 1875,

at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for lawful money, in front of the Court-House door in Lafayette, Yamhill county, Oregon, all the right, title and interest of the above named Thomas Henry, in and to the above described real estate, together with all and singular the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to satisfy said execution and accruing costs.

H. C. DALE,
Sheriff of Yamhill county, Oregon.

Lafayette, Oregon, December 3, 1874.

Administrator's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, the undersigned, sole administrator of the estate of John H. Hess, deceased, by virtue of two several orders of the County Court of Yamhill county, State of Oregon, —one of sale, and the other of re-sale—made on the 8th day of September, A. D., 1874, and on the 10th day of November, A. D., 1874, authorizing, empowering and licensing him to sell the said real property hereinafter described, will as said administrator on or on

Monday the 4th day of January, A. D., 1875,

at the hour of one o'clock P. M. of said day at the Court House door in Lafayette, in said county, duly sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for United States gold coin to be paid at the time of sale the following described real property belonging to said deceased at the time of his death, and now belonging to his said estate, to-wit:

The donation land claim of Nancy Ann Bird and the heirs at law of David Layfield, deceased. Notification No. 7173 and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The southwest one-fourth, the southeast one-fourth of the northwest one fourth and the west one-half of the northwest one fourth of section five and lots Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 of section six, all in township three south, range two west, in Yamhill county, State of Oregon, containing 435 41-100 acres.

G. W. GOUCHER,
Administrator.

Lafayette, Oregon. September 18, 1874.

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JOSEPH PAQUET.

LAFAYETTE Nov. 6, 1874.

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