LAFAYETTE COURIER.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1875.

HOLIDAY HINT.

As the season of gift-giving approaches, the annually recurring problem, what to give, presents itself. What will afford the most pleasure or yield the largest benefit for the money expended?

We do not propose to answer or to attempt to answer a question so delicate and important; but would merely suggest only a few instances in which a very useful, and pleasure-giving and appropriate gift, would be a year's subscription to the COURIER.

THE COURIER is undoubtedly the best local paper in Yamhill County and should be in every house.

Especially to Democrats of this County do we appeal for liberal support. Send the COURIER to your friends in the East.

"STATE CONVENTION."

There is considerable discussion in the Democratic press of this State in regard to the next Convention. The point at issue is whether there should be a State Convention in the spring to nominate a Congressman, Presidential Electors, District Officers, &c. or whether the State Convention should be defferred until mid summer or autumn.

It will be necessary to have a State Convention, to elect delegates to the National Democratic Convention wich will be held in June, and we cannot see how the burden of holding a State convention in the spring can be obviated. The nomination of district officers has always been made by the delegates of each district and confirmed by the State Convention, and a change in this respect might not be satisfactory.

There should not be undue haste in holding the Convention. The middle of April would be soon enough to hold the State Convention.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS.

The origin of the observance of Christmas may be interesting to many of our readers, therefore the subjoined from the Cyclopedia will be eagerly read. It says:

"The observance of Christmas was first instituted by Pope Telesphorus and at first was the most movable feast of the Christian festive days, often confounded with the Epiphany, and celebrated in the Eastern churches in the months of April and May. In the 4th century an order was obtained from Pope Julius I, for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the injuiry by the theologians of the East and West was an agreement on the 25th of December, although in the opinion of some of the fathers there was no authentic proof of the identification of the day yet the decision was uniformly accepted. During the last days preceding Christmas it is still the custom for Calabrian minstrels to descend from the mountains to Naples and Rome, saluting the shrines of the virgin mother with their wild music, under the poetical notion of cheering her until the birth-time of her infant at the approaching Christmas."

On Christmas eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas eve the mass was sung;
That only night, in all the year,
Saw the stoled priest the chalice rear.
Then open wide the baron's hall,
To vassal; tenant, serf and all;
Power laid his rod of rule aside
And ceremony doffed his pride.
The heir, with roses in his shoes,
That night might village partner choose.
All hailed with uncontrolled delight
And general voice, the happy night
That to the cottage, as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down.
England was merry England when
Old Christmas brought his sports again.
'Twas Chrismas broach'd the mightiest ale;
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.

D. P. Thompson of Oregon City, has been appointed Governor of Idaho Territory. We presume he is competent so far as knowledge is concerned; but whether or not he is very good material for a reform chief magistrate we do not know. But it is certain that if there are any fat surveying contracts in that locality, Thompson can smell them out. He is rich and will have plenty of money to loan on receiving a bonus.

Hon. L. F. Lane is on two committees—Public Lands and Indian Affairs.

THE OUTRAGE MILL AGAIN.

With the exit of G. H. Williams from the office of Attorney-General and the tying up of the Landaulet, the number and intensity of the Ku Klux outrages in the South have diminished. Whilst Williams drove through the streets of Washington in the sixteen hundred dollar vehicle, drawn by blooded horses guided by servants, all at the expense of the department of Justice, many and infamous were the outrages perpetrated by the Democracy of the South upon the colored voters, according to Williams and Grant.

But when the time for the assembling of the present Congress approached, and the spectre of a thorough overhauling and investigation of the expenses of the Department of Justice appeared before the optics of Flax Brake, his conscience smote him and he became a coward and fled from the responsibilities of his office by handing to the President his resignation. This, perhaps, was the only act of his official career which met the approbation of the people. Since the appointment of the present Attorney-General, efforts have been made by Gov. Ames, of Mississippi, to obtain a large force of the military to go to that State to keep the Democrats from intimidating the negroes and other Republican voters. If Williams had remained in the Cabinet the troops would have been sent and, at the point of the bayonet, Mississippi would have been carried by the Republican party. But a man of different character was there, and Ames was informed that there was no cause for interference, and his request was not granted. She had a free and quiet election and the State went Democratic by about 25,000 majority. A Democratic Legislature was elected, and four of the six Congressmen are Democratic. Not a single disturbance occurred on election day, and many negroes voted the Democratic ticket.

Only one of the Southern States now is in the hands of the Republican party, and that is South Carolina. In Grant's message to Congress not one word was uttered about fraud or illegal voting in Mississippi, and the first charge or intimation in reference thereto was made by Senator Morton, of Indiana, last week in the Senate. The Mississippi Senators, both of whom are Republicans, had not a word to say on the subject. Morton, who is a confidant of Grant, offered a violent resolution reciting that the election in Mississippi was carried by fraud, intimidation, ballot box stuffing, etc., and favoring the appointment of a committee to investigate the manner in which the Republicans were beaten in that State. Senators Bayard and Thurman from the Democratic side, in a short debate, so badly used up Morton that he was drawn off and laid up for repairs for a while. When he will come forth again is not stated, but we presume he is now gathering together his shattered weapons for another onset. He is the personification of Grantism and third termism, and all his moves originate in the White House.

The position taken by Morton was that the Senate had a right to investigate the manner and means of the election of the Democratic Legislature, because that body would elect two U. S. Senators. But he was met by the statement that the Mississippi legislature was the exclusive judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. He would not discuss this proposition. An evil genius seems to be guiding Grant and his infamous Administration; but this last move of Morton seems to be the most startling and extraordinary move that has been made. The Senate has no better right to send a committee down South to investigate the election in Mississippi than they have to send one out here to investigate the election which will occur in this State next June. This news illustrates the old saying that "drowning men catch at straws."

We would commend to the careful consideration of correspondents the old saying that "brevity is the soul of wit." Communications should be clear, pointed and brief. Ordinarily writing long communications may be likened unto putting a dozen grains of coffee into five gallons of water to make palatable coffee—the result is a failure.

HIS DEFEAT.

Henry Warren has written a letter to David Newsome, of Marion county, in which he attempts to explain his defeat. He seems to be very angry at Dimick and Turner, and some other temperance people, for opposing him for Congress; and charges that they took advantage of his absence in Eastern Oregon to misrepresent him. We do not know whether his charge against them is true or not, nor do we care very much. He says in his letter that "Lane was drunk every day in the canvass." This assertion, we say, Warren knew to be false when he wrote.

As a literary curiosity we call attention to the following extract from his letter which is published in the *Statesman*. He says, speaking of Dimick and Turner: "This proves to me that both *him* and Turner *was in*, and worked as well as talked on the stump in the interest of Lane." This is as good a specimen of false syntax as can be found anywhere, and it was written by an aspirant for Congress. Will some school boy at McMinnville volunteer to teach Henry Warren the first lessons in English grammar? Think of the sentence: "*him* and Turner *was*," and then say in the profundity of your hearts, if you can, that Henry Warren is not a learned man!

Now that the people have failed to show their appreciation of the talents of Mr. Warren, would it not be well to have him made professor of language in the Baptist college?

A GRAND HUMBUG.

If Secor Robeson gets up his naval war, what will become of the officers' wives and babes now domiciled on the national vessels? It would be an outrage against civilization to subject them to the dangers of an engagement, and no humane person would wish to send these helpless portions of the crew adrift in winter weather. Secor Robeson may intend to use his tender charges to save his ships from being blown to pieces. In case of an engagement, all that will be necessary will be for the ship to give notice to the enemy not to fire because of the presence aboard of women and children, and the laws of war and humanity will prevent the bloodthirsty Spaniard, or fiery Mexican, or relentless Guatamalian from training his guns on the floating nursery. Meantime the gallant United States tars will steam away at the rate of at least six knots an hour, and in a safe place defy the discomfitted foe, and restore to calmness the hysterical and screaching babies. It is a great thing to have a Secor Robeson at the head of our glorious navy.

The Republicans sometimes point to the fact that there are some ex confederates elected to Congress by the Democrats, as evidence that the Democratic party will revive the old question of secession. But why do they not think of the fact that Gen. Mosby, one of the most notorious Generals in the Confederate army, is Grant's loudest advocate for a third term, and makes frequent visits to the White House to arrange the matter of Federal patronage in Virginia? Why don't they think of General Longstreet, one of Grant's opponents, and ex-Attorney-General Ackerman of Georgia, and other prominent ex-Confederates who are good Republicans now? If an ex Confederate joins the Republican party he is cared for and petted, and regarded as a model statesman; but when one is elected to office as a Democrat, great outcry is made. It is material to know whose "ox is gored."

Measurer Babcock has not denied that he was the principal agent in swindling the United States Treasury in the Washington city measurements. The amount of stealings there has never been precisely ascertained, but it was about a million and a half. Without Babcock, this great robbery could not have been accomplished. While he is explaining his relations to the St. Louis Whiskey Ring, perhaps he will vouchsafe a word of explanation about the Washington measurements which have had so much to do towards making him so notorious.

Now is the time to subscribe for the COURIER.

REPLY TO MRS. LOUGHARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COURIER:

In your issue of the 17th inst. appears a reply to my former communication concerning Woman Suffrage and is signed by H. A. Loughary. First, I wish to have it understood that my queries were directed to the editor of the COURIER, and I expected a reply from him, but they saw fit to invite lady friends, all of which, when I consider the candor and fairness of the reply, I do not seriously object to and will therefore proceed to consider some of the features of the reply.

H. A. L. thinks that such is the "perversion of nature's laws" that the combined efforts of the various reforms will be requisite to repair them—the ballot included. Candidly, I am unable to see how the ballot can remedy these perversions in the least. I am willing to be convinced, but shall ask for the proof.

As I understand it, woman suffragists ask for the elective franchise or the right of political suffrage which means office as well as the ballot. The ballot alone would be but partial suffrage and I believe that is not asked for.

Then it is admitted that there are perversions of nature's laws, and that women generally are suffering in advance of men to atone for these transgressions.

How and whence came they? Did they arise for want of political equality?

There is marked lameness, indeed unfairness, in our statute laws which an enlightened people, irrespective of party will soon rectify along with many other legal shortcomings. But these legal discrepencies have had little to do with the perversion of Nature's laws which now evince their presence by moral, mental and physical deterioration and deficiency in the human family of America. These results in the main, are the faults of an ignorant motherhood and can only be remedied by an enlightened motherhood which must be brought about by a thorough knowledge of nature's divine institutions which are entrusted to our keeping. Or still plainer, by a thorough knowledge of physiological truths which she must know and fulfill ere she can become happy and contented. I hold that nearly all the irritability arises from her own making.

I see no use of going back to complain about what superstition and prejudice did in the past, for in those days no one faced scrimptuously before the law in an intellectual point of view. As we stand to-day woman is the superior of man morally; mentally and physically, so far as force and executive ability are concerned, man is the superior of the more delicate and singularly refined sex. He was created so, and, I doubt not, will remain in the van in the affairs of government and the defense of its liberties.

I agree with H. A. L. that woman's sphere of action ought to be widened. And I believe that she should immediately commence that noble work. The main issues in this direction are not opposed by insurmountable barriers. So accordingly she should educate herself phrenologically and physiologically and live according to Hygineic principles, letting politics take care of themselves. and make a specialty of that which concerns her most, and hence scale the intellectual hights and exclaim "Excelsior."

The politician is not a happy creature, and properly considered should not be envied. Woman cannot "feel that she has an individuality" with the blight of misery hanging over her. * * *

FOX ARABIAS.

The above is about half of Fox Arabias' communication. It is highly necessary that correspondents should be brief and pointed.

The *Christian Advocate* denounces that portion of Grant's message relating to public schools. Grant denounces sectarianism in public schools and the *Advocate* don't like it. That is about the only part of the message which we do endorse. During the late campaign we opposed sectarianism in schools and advocated "freedom of religion," and the *Reporter* denounced us as "a scoffer of religion." Grant hits the nail on the head when he denounces sectatrianism in public schools.

Our friend, Henry Warren, is a good man in his proper sphere, but he does not show to advantage as a candidate for Congress. Hence we think he had best not be a candidate for that position again, and we caution him against writing any more misanthropic letters. Writing letters is not his *forte*.

The existence of deep gold lodes has attracted the attention of the Government of New South Wales, owing to the development of the rich reef lately opened in Victoria, and a reward of $5,000 has been offered to any person finding gold at a greater depth than 800 feet.

The anti-Grant Republicans are getting very zealous in favor of Ben Bristow for President; but the Grant men have not yet been heard from on that subject. Measurer Babcock ought to send a telegram to St. Louis to say that he is for Bristow, and that Gen. Grant is for him too.

According to Mr. Warren's theory he was beaten for Congress by a man who "was drunk every day in the canvass." Now, if a drunken man could get away with so badly on the canvass and beat him at the polls, how would he have faced had he been running against a "sober" man? An answer is invited.

It seems to be an interesting fact that General Grant's personal friends in New York are speculating in gold. They seem to have reason to believe that the President will do something to put the price of gold up. The activity of Secor Robeson in getting ships ready also looks as though a small Black Friday was at hand. It is wonderful how this Government is now run to make money.

The only son of Dan Voorhees contemplates making the stage his profession. His dramatic talent is considered by those who know him best to be of no common order. Mr. Voorhees has organized an amateur company in his native city, Terre Haute, Ind., and drilled its members himself, and has been traveling through Indiana, giving theatrical representations, meeting everywhere with considerable success.

A page of advertisements in Harper's Magazine for December cost the occupants fifteen hundred dollars. At one time space was sold at $500 per page, but Harper Bros. learned by experience that the space devoted to advertisements would be more profitable when applied to recommendations of their own publications, etc., and have for some time past excluded all other advertisements. The exception to the rule shows how advertisers appreciate a really good medium even in dull times.

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Those wishing Holiday Goods will find it to their AVARVAGE to buy of

LITTLEFIELD & HILL.

Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock Stock

We have the largest and best selected stock of Holiday Goods ever brought to this County—no exception. ☞Come and see and decide for yourself.

NOTICE—Lafayette Grange, No. 32, P. of H., will hold regular meetings the 1st Saturday in each month, at Good Templar Hall, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

LEGAL.

Foreclosure of Mechanics' Lien.

WHEREAS THE UNDERSIGNED who are and were mechanics doing business as such at the town of Dayton, Yamhill county, State of Oregon, did, at the said town of Dayton at the special instance and request of J. B. Sampson, a resident of said county, more than three months prior hereto did do and perform mechanical labor for said J. B. Sampson, that is to say: Did make, construct and complete the running gears of one two-horse wagon and completly iron the same, making said wagon complete excepting the wheels and box; and whereas we have retained possession of said personal property so made and constructed including the wheels thereto to secure the payment of our just and reasonable charges for said labor which just and reasonable charges amount to the full sum of sixty-three dollars in United States coin; and whereas we have requested him, said J. B. Sampson, to pay said sum of money and he has failed and now fails and neglects to pay said sum of money, or any part thereof; although the same has been due more than three months.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by reason of the premises and pursuant to law, we will on

Saturday, the 22d day of January, 1876,

at one o'clock P. M. of said day, at the blacksmith shop of Adam Bolinger at the said town of Dayton, sell said one two-horse wagon, a part of which was made as aforesaid, at public auction to the highest bidder for U. S. gold coin to be paid at the time of sale, the proceeds of such sale to be applied to the payment of said $63 and the costs and expenses of such sale, said wagon being the property of said Sampson. The surplus, if any, will be delivered to said Sampson.

A. MUTCHLER,
A. BOLINGER.

Dec. 24, 1875.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, made and entered of record on the 5th day of October, 1875, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand U. S. gold coin, in front of the Court House door in Yamhill county, State of Oregon on the 25th day of December, 1875, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, of said day, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The undivided one-fifth part of lots No. 104, No. 97 and No. 91 all in the town of Dayton, Yamhill County, State of Oregon. Also the undivided one-fifth part of the following described tract of land in Yamhill county, State of Oregon, to-wit.

Beginning at a point on the south bank of the Yamhill river, north 20 degrees west, distant 20 feet from the northwest corner of the town plat of said town of Dayton; thence south 52 degrees west parallel with the line of said town plat 15 chains; thence north 17.63 chains to the Yamhill river; thence down said river with its meanderings 14.55 chains to the place of beginning; containing ten acres and twenty-six perches more or less.

JOHN W. CARY,
Nov. 19, 1875. Administrator.

Administratrix Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Yamhill county, State of Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Stewart Hanna, late of said county, deceased. Therefore, all persons having claims against the estate of deceased, are hereby notified and required to present them to me at my residence in Dayton, in said county, within six months from the date of this notice with the proper vouchers therefor.

MARY J. HANNA,
December 3d, 1875. Administratrix.

Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned sole administrator of the estate of Archie McDonald, deceased, has filed in the county court of Yamhill county, State of Oregon, his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased, and that said court has ordered that said account be heard at the court house in Lafayette, in said county and State on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, 1876, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and object to said account.

JAMES GREEN,
Administrator.

Dec. 10, 1875.

NOTICE.

LUCINDA F. PUGH having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I forbid all persons from trusting her on my account.

W. H. PUGH.

West Chehalem, Dec. 17, 1875.

Estray Notice.

TAKEN UP BY THE UNDERSIGNED living six miles North of Lafayette on or about the 8th of December, 1875, one roan mare about 14 hands high, 7 years old; no marks or brands perceptible. The above estray was this day appraised by J. T. Hembree, J. P., at $20, this the 15th day of Dec. 1875.

WM. ROBERTS.

EMIL BORIES.
Watchmaker & Jeweler,
McMINNVILLE.

WALSH & REED,

FINE WINE & LIQUOR

MERCHANTS,

SHERIDAN, OREGON.

NOTICE.

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby that J. B. Harker has nothing to do with running the Dayton Flouring Mills.

J. T. HERBERT.

DAYTON, Nov. 26, 1875.

FOR SALE.

WE HAVE FOR SALE ONE OF THE Celebrated PARKER BROS. Breech loading Shot Guns, at a bargain.

TO RENT.

300 OR 500 ACRES GOOD FARM Land, for cash. Inquire at this office. Sept10

SHEEP FOR SALE.

30 HEAD OF STOCK SHEEP, (EWES) for sale. Also, a few young Bucks.
FRED A. CRAWFORD.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. R. LITTLEFIELD. | H. W. HILL.

NEW FIRM
—OF—
LITTLEFIELD & HILL,
DRUGGIST & APOTHECARIES,
(Odd Fellows Building.)
LAFAYETTE, OREGON

WE HAVE A LARGE AND WELL selected stock of Drugs,
Patent Medicines. Paints. Oils, Brushes.
Fancy and Toilet Articles,
Notions &c., &c.
—ALSO—
Cigars. Tobacco and Stationery, &c., &c.
Which we will sell at reduced prices for cash.
☞Prescriptions filled and medicines compounded at all hours.
Office of Dr. H. R. Littlefield.
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BUTCHER - SHOP!
—AT—
LAFAYETTE, OREGON,
—BY—
CHAS. MORRIS
I respectfully ask a share of the public patronage.
☞Fresh meats constantly on hand.
☞Give me a call.
CHARLES MORRIS,
Proprietor.
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ESSEX HOTEL,
D. L. Turpin, Proprietor,
LAFAYETTE, OREG'N
HAVING THOROUGHLY refurnished the house, I am prepared to offer superior accommodations to guests.
☞I respectfully ask a share of the public.
D. L. TURPIN.

BARBER SHOP
HAIR DRESSING SALOON.
ED. PERKINS,
HAVING BOUGHT THE SHOP owned by J. R. Majors, wishes to inform the public that he is now prepared to do any and all kinds of work in his line in the latest style,
Shaving.....25 cents
Shampooing.....25 cents
Hair cutting.....25 cents
HAVE THOROUGHLY OVERhauled and repaired my BATH ROOM, those in need of a good
SHAVE
Can be accommodated reasonable
ED PERKINS.
Lafayette
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EXPRESS LINE,
FROM
Dayton to St. Joseph.
I WILL run a hack from Dayton to St. Joe, *via* Lafayette, connecting with the cars every day.
☞All business promptly attended to.
dec11:tf J. BEST.

Panther Creek Sawmill.
STEPHESON & SHAMLY, PROPR'S
WE WILL KEEP CONSTANTLY ON hand all kinds of rough lumber, which we are selling cheaper than any other mill in the county.
Persons who contemplate building will find it to their advantage to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.
Boxing.....$9 per M.
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For large bills of lumber for houses and barns we will make reductions.
WRIGHT & STEPHESON.
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TARRANT'S SELTZER APERIENT. New York.
When the blood rushes with rocket-like velocity to the head, causing hot flushes, vertigo and dimness of sight, it is a certain sign that a mild, salubrious, cooling and equalizing laxative is required, and **Tarrant's Effervescent Seltzer Aperient** should be at once resorted to. Sold by all druggists.

KELTY & SIMPSON,
DRUGGISTS.
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