THE SITUATION IN ENGLAND.

It appears from the latest Eastern in telligence that the anti-war spirit is gaining ground in England; that peace at any price, short of national dishonor, is considered preferable to war. Russia's mingled firmness and courtesy in declining England's mediation has utterly failed to fire the war spirit. The tone of the Russian press is much modified and the declaration is constantly repeated that, not with standing that Russia the present one over the high rocky remained in the sheet. Nepoleon I. it insists upon direct negotiations with Turkey, she is prepared to exchange "frank and loyalexplanations with England to the interests which she desires to protect." The answer of Russia is no longer considered a menace to the Suez Canal, and the British pulse is steadier on that point. Russia mildly suggests that if England will notify the Porte that she does not intend to make war on behalf of Turkey, it will be in the interest of peace, and it begins to be pretty generally understood that nothing is so likely to compel Russia to continue the war as the presumption of the Porte that England intends to help Tarkey out of her trouble, and there seems to be a strong fences before the scream of the iron- duce gives out an immense heat, burns belief that, had it not been for the hope of British aid, the Porte would long ago have sought to make terms with Russia. It is thought even that Turkey would never have entered the little to our wealth and importance and ing woven into calicoes, and it is war in the first place had it not been for thereby rather hasten than otherwise thought that ere long it will come into a strong belief in British co-operation. the coming of the iron-horse. We general use, being both cheap and The London Times demands that the ministry cease to have two voices on the Eastern question which unsettles trade and finances, and it is said, virtual- ly hope such action may be taken as and it is hard to keep pace with its de-Jy, to counsel the government to take Russia's hint and cease to encourage the Porte with the hope of aid. As to the report that England contemplates securing control of the Egyptian government, the Observer makes the following official statement: "We have reason to believe that France, within line, so that that the fertile country on the last few days, requested information from the British foreign office as Nevada ridge and the lake is perhaps to whether Eagland contemplated any about equally divided between Oregon action respecting Egypt, and that as surances have been given in reply that down from the mountains across green none was contemplated."

## NEW ERA IN BUSINESS.

era in the business of Portland is the ger would think it a mach older settleappearance simultaneously in about forty papers of this State, of the advertisement of Messrs. Hodge, Davis & Co. | tion of the cereals and of nearly all the This is one of the leading firms of the garden vegetables, including even mel-Pacific Coast, a consolidation of the ons, cucumbers and corn, and as the firms of T. A. Davis & Co., and Hodge, climate is exceedingly healthful there Snell & Co. It is a good omen of the seems to be no good reason why the future, and we hope the example set by people of Pine Creek and vicinity Messrs. Hodge, Davis & Co., will be should not be prosperous and happy; followed by other of the leading mer- | which they doubtless are, or equally as other state of this union will you find elsewhere. There the people of the two the interior press ignored as they have states find their situation, and corse been ignored by merchants and dealers | quently their interests so identical that in Portland. In no other state will there is no excuse for the use of the you find a community of interior peo- epithets "Web-feet" and "Tar-head," ple, country store-keepers, farmers, and there does not seem to exist the small traders, etc., so independent of least particle of state prejudice on of his Louisville; the Buckeye is proud | butter and return to the "Switzerland of his Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, etc. of America" without being missed from but here in our own beautiful and prolific Oregon, none scarcely outside only place on the state line where it is of Portland feel any pride in that city. possible for such intimate social and For one we shall be happy to see a liberal ideas of business on the part of settlers have so completely trium; hed the mercantile community of our sister city, hence we refer with pride to the step in this direction made by Messrs.

## WASHINGTON.

A petition has been offered in Congress, by delegate Jacobs of Washing. there. ton Territory, asking the passage of an PACIFIC COAST APPROPRIATIONS. enabling act, authorizing the formation of a State Government for that Territory. Washington possesses marvelous natural resources which will make her at no distant day one of the most important states of the West. This is what the Alla says in regard to this

"It is doubtful if any such bill can ton territory erected into a state. It coast in adding two Senators to Congress, and give this side of the continent a representation in the Senate of she is, and how many human heads act accordance with the amount approshe may contain."

### THE ROAD QUESTION.

It will be seen by reference to a communication on the outside to-day, en- been awakened on the other side of the titled "The Road Question Again," Atlantic relative to this material. It is that our Josephine county friends are a mineral substance somewhat resemdisposed to resurrect this subject, in bling flax, belonging either to the spe the hope of securing the combined ac- cies pyroxine or hornblende, usually tion of the people in reference to it. It grayish or greenish white. It is comwould appear that since the discussion posed of delicate filaments, very flexi of the subject through the papers last ble and somewhat elastic, often long summer and fall, neither the people of and resembling threads of silk, and is Josephine nor of Crescent City have sometimes known as flexible asbestos been idle in the matter, but that they It is incombustible and was used by have been scaling the hills and thread the ancients in weaving winding sheets ing the forests, in search of a shorter for the dead, so that when the body and easier route to ship navigation than had been consumed by fire the ashes summits of the coast range, and not is said, had two shirts made of this mawithout gratifying success. If the road terial which were bleached by fire. It from Jacksonville to Cresent City can is argued that we are as expert at the be shortened to 90 miles and be made present day in the manufacture of this of such easy grade that a four-horse material as were the ancients, and an team can carry five thousand or even exhibition has been opened in Rome, four thousand pounds over it with ease, where it can be seen worked into the enterprise is certainly one worthy thread and cloth, writing and printing of our serious attention; for we are not paper, etc. Writing paper can be any of us oblivious to the fact that the manufactured from it at very little great need of our rich but isolated cost. From its incombustible characcountry is more practicable means of ter it would be just the thing for docucommunication with the great arteries ments worthy of preservation. The of trade and commerce outside of our inventors have lately discovered a mine mountain locked valleys. Of course of this asbestos in the Pyronees, and our great need is a railroad, but the propose to use it for various purposes. moss may grow much longer on our The amianthus coal which they prohorse shall wake up the dormant ener- without carbonic acid, and la-ts a great 31-t. gies of Southern Oregon; besides the while. The pulp they propose to use opening up of such means of transit to for statues, medaliions, etc. It is reand from ship navigation would add no ported that in France it is already be think the suggestion of our correspon- darable. If so, it would no doubt mapracticability of the route proposed.

### COMITY . AND RECIPROCITY ON THE STATE LINE.

Pine Creek, in Goose Lake valley, flows into the lake exactly at the State either side, lying between the Sierra and California. Little streams flow meadows to the lake, affording water sufficient for the wants of the settlement, and that portion of the valley is One of the hopeful signs of a new now so thickly populated that a stranment than it really is. The soil and climate admit of the successful cultivacantile firms of our sister city. In no much so as the most favored citizens the metropolitan dealer as they are in either side. There, the Oregon boys and Oregon. This is the natural result of girls may go to California to school and the policy pursued by the metropoli- return to meals at home the same day tans. Californians everywhere are without the use of a steam ship or an proud of San Francisco, the Missouri- iron-horse, and a man may leave his an is proud of St. Louis; the Illinoisan is Oregon home and step over into the proud of his Chicago; the Kentuckian "Golden State," purchase a pound of his own door-yard. This is almost the business relations to exist, and it is change of sentiment, based upon more pleasing to realize that the Pine Creek over state prejudice that they can join peaceably with each other on the rodeo Hodge, Davis & Co. - Astorian, Jan. 3d. ground, meet in harmony at a quilting bee or candy pulling, and borrow and lend across the state line with as much freedom as if there was no 42d parallel

It is stated in late Washington dispatches that delayed estimates approved by heads of executive departments. and which have been tabulated by the Secretary of the Treasury and printed in book form, include the following expenditures for the Pacific Coast:

pass, because the territory does not \$200,000; Wilmington harbor, \$50 000; wind east; weather thick; danger flag possess the requisite population. Yet Sacramento and Feather rivers, \$20,000; flying already. we should be pleased to see Washing Lower Willamette and Columbia rivers, would at once act as an incentive to im- from Portland to the sea, \$150,000; tee for the investigation of ring frauds. migrants. It would strengthen this Upper Willamette, \$50,000; Upper held a secret session vesterday and Columbia and Snake rivers, \$66,000; adopted a report. It seems that of Canal at Cascades of the Columbia, eight instead of six. That Washington \$50,000; San Diego, \$50,000; Month been recovered. The Committee rec territory possesses the natural advant- of the Columbia, \$30,000; Mare Island ages required to make her at some fu- Navy Yard, \$75,000. The estimate for ture day a great, rich and populous clerk here in California Surveyor Genstate, there is no room to doubt. In some respects she is superior to any eral's office, \$20,000. The Department other portion of the union. She pos- earnestly urges this and similarly in sesses the advantages for ship building creased amounts for Nevada, Oregon -wooden ships-beyond that of any and Pacific Coast territories as indis fortunately, her possibilities have been pensable to bring up arrears of busi only partially developed, and Congress, ness. Estimates for salaries for all not over-wise, may overlock all that federal officers and their salaried emshe may be in its inquiry as to what ployes on the Pacific Coast, are in ex-

priated for the current fiscal year.

### AMIANTHUS.

It is said that quite an interest has dent relative to a meeting of the friends | terially lessen the danger of accidents of the scheme a good one, and earnest by fire. The age is indeed a fast one will at least thoroughly decide the velopments. Who knows but that in a few years these stone clothes may be all the rage?

## ZAMACONA AGAIN.

Zamacona, the distinguished Mexican lawver and senator, was examined before Conkling's Committee of inves tigation into the Mexican border trouble, at Washington on the 31 inst His Story of the uppleasautness on the border was entirely from a Mexican point of view, claiming that Texans were responsible for a majority of the occurrences which have made life and property so unsafe between the Nences and the Rio Grande. Zimacona is laboring hard to secure the recognition of the Diaz Government by the United States, but it would seem that be has not yet made much progress in this direction. The Committee decided not to visit the border to prosecute its investigations.

## ASHLAND AND JACKSONVILLE.

We are very glad to see unmistakable signs of a coming era of good feeling and fellowship between the people of Ashland and Jacksonville. There is certainly no reason for such feelings of ill will as have for some time past existed. Neither place has been or can be benefited by it, and to say the least it is unpleasant Henceforth let them greet each other as friends .- Telegram.

## GENERAL NEWS. [Condensed from Oregonian and Call Disputches.]

Washington, Jan. 2 - The public debt statement for December shows tecrease in the debt for the month, of \$71,623. This is the first decrease of the debt in December, since 1873

Richmond Jan. 3.-Reports from points in Louiss and Richmond coun ties state that the shock of earthquake was felt last evening. The shocks are said to have been accompanied by roaring sound like a chimney afire.

Boston, Jan. 2.—At a special meeting of the Board of Trade this afternoon, a memorial to Congress was adopted protesting against the passage of the silver bill.

Chicago, Jan. 3 -The Post's Wash ington special says: A bill will be of fered soon after the reassembling of Congress, to change the time of meeting from the first Monday in December to the first Monday in October.

New York, Jan. 4.—The first snow storm this season, in this neighborhood, began this morning Snow Improvement of Oakland harbor, storm turned into a pour down rain;

The Sun says the Alderman's Commit-\$30,000,000 stolen, about \$876,000 has ommend the prosecution of those who have not given in their stealings, including Oakey Hall.

Richmond, Jan. 4 - Snow fell five hours to day, followed by hail and a heavy rain.

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 4.-In New Hampshire 8 to 12 inches of snow 18 reported. Cold weather in Maine; in some places 25 degrees below zero.

London, Jan. 4 - Cholera has appeared in Jeddah and Mecca.

## STATE NEWS.

[Condensed from State Exchanges]

The grain product of Union county for 1877 was 500 000 bushels, and not one-tenth of its grain land in cultiva-

The Grant Co. Times says the placer mines of Elk creek, Deep creek and Middle Fork, comprising what is known as the Elk creek Mining Dis trict, vield from \$18 000 to \$20,000 per

Many improvements will be made this spring at The Dalles.

Rayburn, of Kings valley, Benton county, disposed of a steer at Albany which netted 1695 ths.

The Plaindealer says a petition is being extensively circulated, and generally signed, asking Congress to make an appropriation for the construction of a light house at the mouth of the

The Guard states that a young man named Louis Hoosier, who lives near Eugene City, while out bunting this week, slipped and fell, discharging his gun, the ball just grazing his neck, cutting a gash about three inches long. It was a close call. Be careful, boys

C. B. Bellenger, Esq., Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, has called a meeting of said Com mittee to be held at Portland, on Jan.

We expect to make a spread on the Democrat in a short time by which means we shall be able to furnish more reading matter than the U. S. Patent Office and a better quality .-State Rights Democrat.

In Marion Co. 117 marriage licenses were issued during 1877.

Prof. Collier, of the Willamette Uni versity, will spend the present winter in Topeka, Kansas, returning to Ore gon in the spring.

The Statesman says a young man named Geo. Grabam shot and killed Daniel Ochiltree at Comstock's station on Jan. 4th. Cause, jealousy. The matter will be investigated.

The Standard says a head of oats raised by John Miller, of Linn Co., measures two feet three mehes in length and contains 621 plump kernels.

On the night of Jan 4th, Willard Herren was robbed of \$87.35 and a silver watch and gold chain, valued at about \$40, while sleeping in the Farmers' ware house at Sdem. The Mercury says that the robber must have used chloroform or something of the kind upon Mr. Herren, as the watch and money were under the pillow and he was not aware of the loss until the next morning.

BURNT HIS WAY OUT .- A jail bird by the name of Anderson, confined for "rolling a drank," burned and cut his way out of jul in a funny manner last Tuesday night at Astoria. He went up through the ceiling and roof. The Astorian says the method employed was to char the boards by holding a candle under them, and then digging the coals out with his knife. He had been at work in this manner for a long time and was always growling at hi room-mate for wasting the candles. His lie was well stack to and won his freedom. He is still at large - Rec-

the Silver King Mining Company have six thousand feet extension on the Tellurium ledge in Douglas county, and are making arrangements for putting men at work on the ledge. The com pany was incorporated August 12 1877. The recent working test made of ore from the Tellurium tunnel proves that this ledge is a valuable one. The company will be able to make the improve ments contemplated without levying assessments on the stock. The company has a deed for the ground. Dr. J. A. Richardson is p esident of the company and Seth R. Hammer, E.q., Secretary .- Statesman.

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