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FOLLY'S ANSWER.

In an article in its issue of January 5th, entitled "The attacks of folly" it speaks failure of crops. Several Germans were disparingly of one paper that "sqeuals" killed and their houses burned, it is because mortgages have been put up to said. face value by the state board of equalization while sheep are fixed by the same board at \$1.60 a head, the cash value of the commonest sheep being double that amount and mutton sheep worth \$4.00 and over. This "squea!" the Journal is pleased to call cheap demagogy and then davits setting forth that his testimony it proceeds to answer it by a quotation on which Bell was convicted was false. from the Albany Lemocrat, the gist of which is that the cash value of a thing is—not the amount it will being at a confessed the details of a plot to free through the street. Round came the is-not the amount it will bring at a Bell. voluntary sale but the amount a man can borrow on it. This is a new definition of each value unknown both to law and common sense. Thus the Democrat Station. The Dalles, Oregon, for the month of December, 1821. illustrates and the Journal approves the illustration of the meaning of cash value by supposing the case of farmer who has 100 head of mutton sheep worth \$4 a head who cannot borrow more than \$100 on his sheep because they "might die or the cayotes catch them." Or again the case is supposed of a farmer who has a humdred acres of land worth \$30 an acre. On such land a money lender will advance "to the extreme limit" not more than \$1000 or 331, per cent. "This," says the Lemocrat, "is the cash value" that the money lender will place upon the sheep and land. Surely it is not necessary to say that in neither case is the amount loaned the "cash value" but only one third of the cash value, an amount that experience has proved to be, what in all ordinary circumstances it is perfectly safe to loan on property.

sheep to be worth \$400, and the land \$3,000 yet it would have them assessed at 35 of these amounts because that is all that could be borrowed on them. It is just such methods of reasoning reduced ! to actual practice that have made our methods of assessment a laughing stock. A man owing a band of sheep worth \$3,000 in cash or a piece of real estate worth the same amount has only to return a thousand dollars of indebtedness to the assessor and he is tax free. Thus if all the taxable property in the state. rated at one third of its value, amounted to one hundred and fifty million dollars and all the indebtedness of the state amounted to fifty millions and was returned as owing land merchants the state and country of Oregon would not get a cent of taxes 1872 from all the property in the Oregon 1873 1875 1876 1876 turned as owing to the banks or to Portsomewhat atones for its felly by denouncing the iniquity of assessing railroad property at but a fraction of its
value while land adjoining it, as is certainly the case in this county and postainly the case in this county and postainly in other places, is sometimes taxed

The following table is the annual precipitaat every cent it is worth. The state tion, by months, covering a period of seventeer years; board has not rectified this evil. It has not made the attempt, but it has "equalized" the tax on mortgages, which is invariably paid by the borrower by making it fifty per cent higher than the average of nearly all other property, and about five hundred per cent. higher than railroad property. Of course this is right. An Oregonian who has sufficient enterprise to borrow money to enable him to extend his business or make needed improvements ought to be cinched and the Journal and Democrat, in theory, would encourage the process.

In fact the Lemocrat supposes the

The interstate commission have announced a decision by which they de clare it to be a species of unjust discrimination for railroad companies to grant passes to "gentlemen eminent in public service, officers of the states, prominent officers of the United States. members of railroad legislative committees and persons whose good will is important to the corporation granting the passes." This decision will meet with the approval of the people. Passes granted to the persons named above are nothing less than bribes to secure the favor of those to whom they are given. Why are members of congress and of state legislatures granted passes unless It be that the grantors of passes expect to receive their equivalent in legislative favors? Railroad companies are not in business for their health. Neither are

they charitable institutions. If they were they would confer their gifts on those who needed them. The commisioners concluded to investigate the matter of granting passes to newspaper men is-of a lttle cheap advertising. The the commission is able to put a stop to this iniquity. When legislation is do so. bribed and newspapers muzzled by railroad favors the masses can expect little help from either.

A Frightful Train Wreck.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 6 .- A ter-& Ohio Chicago limited express today COUNTY OFFICIALS.

COUNTY OFFICI near Fairmount, W. Va. A truck under

Herrors of the Russian Famine.

LONDON, Jan. 6.-A Berlin correspondent of the News says: "The pastors of a number of German colonies in Russia have appealed direct to the Ger-discovered, however, that the vessel was man consulate in St. Petersburg for as-not English nor unfriendly. We admire the Salem Journal as a sistance to prevent thousands of Gergood honest paper but it can sometimes be as silly as any of its contemporaries. to cruelties from fanatic mobs, who accuse thom of being responsible for the

Plot to Free a Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6 .- The Framiner this morning prints a statement serves a medal for one of the best natured that Edward Campbell was paid \$2000 dispositions in this town. The other day by wealthy relatives of Sidney Bell, the a coal wagon, one of the big ones drawn convicted Jacobsen murderer, for affi-

Monthly Meteorological Report.

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50.630, on 10th, 9 p. m.: lowest barometer, 20.235, on 24th, at 12 m.

Mean temperature 35.7; highest temperature, 33, on 22d; lowest temperature, 23, on the 7th. Greatest daily range of temperature, 1, on 3d and 30th.

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ionth. 2. Total excess in temperature since January 1st, 14 deg. Ot deg.

Prevailing direction of wind, 2 days West, 10 days East, 11 days calm.

Extreme velocity of wind, direction and date, 40 to 45 miles, from the Southwest, on the early morning of the 29th.

Total precipitation, 4.14: number of days on which of inch or more of precipitation felt, 20.

707AL PRECIPITATION FOR THIS MONTH IN

| 1877 | 1.56 | 1882 | 5.14 | 1887 | 3.01 | 1878 | 1.61 | 1885 | 1.77 | 1888 | 2.71 | 1879 | 2.57 | 1884 | 7.04 | 1889 | 2.00 | 4.80 | 1889 | 6.75 | 1885 | 2.64 | 1890 | 1.19 | 46 | 1881 | 1.67 | 1886 | 5.04 | 1891 | 4.14 | Total excess in precipitation during month,

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Where Napoleon's Friend Was Found. On the voyage in a frigate from Alexandria to France Napoleon said to those who were in his confidence:

"I am taking two very different chances. If this vessel is captured by for the nominal consideration—as it often the English and I am thrown into an English prison I shall be in the eyes of CHRONICLE will be more than pleased if France a common deserter, a general who left his army without authority to

"But if I reach France in safety, subdue the factions, take command of the army and carry out my plans for the nation's good, I shall win the blessings of our fellow countrymen.

"I will not be taken by an English vessel. If we encounter one we will rible accident happened to the Baltimore fight as long as possible, and when the enemy begins to board us we must sink the ship.

This desperate plan was received in silence and with evident disapproval, except by Gaspard Monge, who said, when it appeared that no one else was going to

speak:

"Yes, general, you have stated the situation exactly. If what you suggest happens we must sink the ship."

Not long afterward an alarm was given, and every one hastened to his post to defend the frigate against an approaching English vessel. It was soon

"Where is Monge?" inquired Napoleon. "Find him and tell him that the danger

Monge was found at his post by the powder magazine with a lighted lantern in his hand .- Youth's Companion.

The Kind Hearted Apple Woman. There is an old apple woman who does business on a Wall street corner who deby three horses hitched abreast, drove up to her corner and slowly and clumsily backed up against the curb. Then the driver swung his horses around so as to heavy animals, not with very much speed, but with a momentum which proved disastrous to the proprietress of the stand and her goods. Down she went, while a good share of her apples went tumbling after her.

Luckily she was not much hurt, but as she reclined on the pavement she saw one of the horses add insult to injury by opening a vast mouth and closing it upon up rose the old woman in hot haste. But not to seek vengeance. Instead, she picked up two more apples and hospitably handed them to the two animals which hadn't helped themselves. And what is more, she looked as if she hadn't a grievance against anybody in world .- New York Times.

One Way to Fix Up an Old Room. If you are repairing an old house and wish to have one or two striking and effective features, choose a room for a den and have the whole of a windowless side finished with drawers, cupboards, nooks and pigeon holes. Shut in some of these with stained glass doors, drape others with real silk or blue and white porcelain tinted crapy goods. Leave a gallery along the top for busts, pottery or unframed paintings. Cover the floor with matting and rugs. If possible place low seats in the windows for plants or books. Select wrought iron frames for hanging lamps, with a copper candle stick placed here and there for pick up

An old portable clothes closet may be converted into a corner shrine for such a room by being covered with dark red plush, in which is kept some family heirlooms or a beautiful vase. A few odd bamboo pieces of furniture will best harmonize with the rest of the room, or stiff carved chairs in dark mahogany. An old fashioned desk, such as was in constant use in New England years agc, or any antique table or stand will find a suitable abiding place here.—Brooklyn

The Trouble With the Pepper. The late P. T. Barnum, being a pronounced joker, turned also his witty faculty to use. When he told the Adirondack landlord, with great solemnity, that he besitated to find fault with anything about the hotel when so much was agree able, he was urged by the landlord by all means to be frank and do so. "Well," said Barnum, "it is only one thing; I have discovered with regret that your pepper is half peas." The landlord declared it could not be; but, on being assured that Barnum knew pepper as well as ginger, he wrote a caustic letter to his grocers about sending him such stuff. They, knowing doubtless who the real complainant was, wrote back that if he would spell "pepper" he would find half of it composed of p's, and that that which they sold had only the amount the

What the Truffle Is-The ancient Romans, at whose sumptuous banquets truffles played an important role, supposed that their exist-ence was one of the material results of thunder. More modern botanists have classed it as a species of mushroom, but it can scarcely be termed such. To be exact, the truffle is a tuberculous fungus a sort of morbid extravasation of vegetable sugars analogous to oak balls or nut galls, and doubtless originating, as these latter, by the sting of an insect .-Washington Letter.

orthography required.—Printer's Ink.

Mr. De Brute—My wife has a dog which knows a hundred different tricks. Wouldn't you like to have him? Showman-Indeed I would. Is he for

"Won't she sell him at any price?" "No. "Then why do you speak to me about

"I was in hope

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ship, and I charge you with executing the plan," replied Napoleon.

Not large Year of P. Hall.

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