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THE FOURTH OF MARCH, 1869.

Before another issue of our paper the administration of to-day will have passed, and new men will occupy seats of power in the land. Seldom, if ever, have the loyal American people looked forward to the fourth of March with brighter hopes than now. The day is anticipated, not simply as one which is to witness the induction into office—the highest office within the gift of the people—of a new man, but the inauguration of a new and better era in our national life.

Republican members, being in a minority, were compelled to submit to all this, but when the time prescribed in the Constitution had expired, there was nothing either in law or reason to compel them to remain in minister to the growing ambition of their enemies.

Grant and Colfax assume their respective places as the representatives of all that is best, noblest and most loyal in the hearts of the American people. We anticipate more than ever before the legitimate results of peace. Hereafter, these have been held out towards us, but tauntingly kept just beyond our reach.

Now we will venture to suggest to those red hot politicians that there is such a thing as common sense, (though it may not be found in paying quantities among Democratic politicians,) and if they will consult the dictates of common sense a moment they will see that Governor Woods is not allowing these fellows a fair chance to complete what they promised to do when they adjourned, to meet on the 4th of March.

The question is often anxiously asked: "Will the Governor call an extra session?" The late rump house attempted to call an extra session itself, by resolving to meet again on the 4th of March.

Speaking of the plot which resulted in the assassination of President Lincoln and the recent confession of Arnold, the Boston Advertiser says: It confirms what has been our own theory, that several more persons were engaged in the scheme headed by John Wilkes Booth, than have yet been detected, or even named in connection with it.

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—The forty-first Congress will assemble on March 5, 1869, instead of the first Monday of December as formerly. This change in the time was ordered by an act of Congress, passed January 22, 1837, which provided as follows: In addition to the present regular time of the meeting of Congress there shall be a meeting of the forty-first Congress of the United States, and of each successive Congress thereafter, at 12 o'clock, on the 4th day of March, the day on which the term begins for which the Congress is elected, except that when the 4th of March occurs on Sunday, the meeting shall take place at the same hour on the next succeeding day.

We observe that a Portland firm has started another line of ships from New York city to this State. The Milton Badger, if we recollect aright, is the first ship in this new line. Our views of "direct trade" with the Atlantic sea board may have been something more than the "hobby" accredited to us by those whose cars were wearied by our paragraphs from 1863 to 1868 upon the subject. The Pioneer Line of Messrs. Brockway & Baker 26 south st., N. Y., dispatched the bark Mellon on last Saturday, making the fourth vessel in the line—they have established direct trade with Oregon.

The citizens of this State already begin to feel the good effects of this direct trade system—even a small order is advantageously given over purchasers in San Francisco, where we not only pay cash but the premium and second profit on our purchases. McCracken, Merrill & Co., Portland, are agents for the Pioneer Line. The first vessel, in this line, the Sal de Brown, left her cargo here in good shape, and sailed hence some time ago. The bark Osmyu, the second vessel in the line, reached Portland in like good order, on the 24th inst, the following is her memorandum:

Left New York, Sept. 5th, 1868, crossed the Equator in the Atlantic in long. 92° west, 41 days out; from there to lat. 50 south had a very hard passage—9 days; lay to 11 days with fearful gale from the S. S. W. to W. S. W.; came through straits La Maire; was 12 days from lat. 60 south in the Atlantic to 59 south in the Pacific; crossed the Equator in the Pacific, Jan. 5th, in lat. 111° west; arrived off the Columbia bar, Feb. 8th, 156 days from New York; took a very heavy N. E. gale on the 9th, which lasted 20 hours; since then have been laying off the bar waiting for a pilot and fair opportunity to enter; arrived at Astoria Feb. 24th, 1869.

The Osmyu is described by the Oregonian as being—

One of the handsomest vessels seen at this port for a long time. Everything about her looks as bright as a new penny and her cabin is finished in style almost as fine as the saloons of the steamships. Her general appearance is highly creditable to her master, Captain Berry.

—The Chinese of San Francisco came near getting into a "bloody mob" on the arrival of the China from Yokohama on the 23d. The steamer brought 336 women, nearly all of whom had smuggled goods.

—Gov. Bross, of Chicago, is arranging to entertain all the Governors in the United States, at Chicago on the 4th of July next, at the formal opening of railroad communication to the Pacific.

—The Oregonian says: The steamer Ann went up the Long Tom river to Monroe, on the 17th inst, and returned with a load of flour from the mills at that place. This is the first trip of the kind ever made, and may be supposed to demonstrate the practicability of steamboating on Long Tom.

—The Herald complains that the Corresponding Secretary of the Oregon State Agricultural Society is derelict in his duty, and has allowed the Recording Secretary to furnish reports in advance to the Oregonian. The Unionist says that if the Herald had been so minded, it could have copied the proceedings from the Unionist, and then been two weeks ahead of its cotemporary and that, without the political twaddle of which it finds fault.

—The Oregonian says: We wot of an individual who went to the Guard's ball, Monday night, wearing a silk plug—one of Meussdorffer's best. He was careful of his plug; it was his only ploy. He put it away on a bench in a remote corner of the gallery. 'Tis safe said he. And then he buckled. Then he danced. In the fulness of time he sought out his plug to go home. He didn't find it. Only a flattened pile of crushed hat. Some vandal had sat onto it, kerplump. He swore more terribly than our army in Flanders. He went home with his pile of crushed hat, and had the nightmare. Next morning to Meussdorffer's. In ten minutes he came forth with that same "shocking bad hat" looking as good as new. Meussdorffer can take any old hat and work it up into a glossy silk tie. And this reminds us that he is going below per steamer Continental for a big stock of spring goods.

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Treasurer Cooke has filed in the Secretary of State's office, additional bonds required by our laws, when the accumulation of cash shall exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in the State Treasury.

After all the accusations of the Democratic papers, they have not weakened the faith of our moneyed men in the honesty and integrity of our State Treasurer. We congratulate the people of the State, that they have a public servant, who can in his own county, procure bondsmen who represent a million of money.

When the keys of the strong box are in the hands of such a man, the people can rest secure with the knowledge, that every cent of the State funds will be accounted for. The Democratic papers may charge fraud, rake like mad, but their howls only betray what they would do, had they the opportunity—they judge others by themselves. We hope the Treasurer's office may always be filled by such men as Mr. E. N. Cooke.—Unionist.

—Capt. Franklin, who arrived here by the Active from Victoria, took his departure by the Continental for San Francisco, whence he is going to Japan, China, Australia, and the Lord only knows where else among the Pacific Islands, and thence to some naval station on the western coast of Africa. He goes as civil commissioner of Her Majesty, but for what purpose, we have not yet learned.—Oregonian.

—The raffle for one of Norman's velocipedes, took place at the Cosmoopolitan Saloon last evening, and the vehicle was won by Fred. Corrier and Dr. Kallenberg, each throwing forty-two. We suppose now, we shall witness some velocipedistric performance, wonderful to behold. The boys, however, will have to tame the critter without instruction, as there is no velocipedagogue in the city.—Oregonian.

—Passengers compliment the officers of the steamship Active highly.

—The Jessie Telfar will soon take the place of the Active between Portland and Victoria.

—The Wilson G. Hunt arrived at Victoria on Washington's Birth Day 1869.

—Whalers, fitted at Victoria, have been very successful the past year. A station is to be established at Cortez Island.

—Messrs. White & Rhoades of the Cliff House have sent to the Portland Printing offices sundry cakes, wines, etc., which the Printers refer to in terms of high glo.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25th, 1869. NEW YORK AND LIVERPOOL MARKETS. California flour and wheat flour and nominal at \$8 1/2 to \$9. Liverpool—California wheat to-day, 10c 1/2 @ 108 9/10 100 pound. It is stated that private telegrams received yesterday quote as low as 108 1/2.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS. Wheat—Sales of 2,000 sacks good milling, \$1.70; market quiet. We quote ordinary to good, \$1.50 @ 1.70; choice, \$1.70 @ 1.75. Oats—1,000 sacks California at \$2.30; 500 sacks Oregon at \$2.10; we quote California at \$1.75 @ 1.90, and Oregon \$1.60 @ 1.70.

—We have received McCracken's Directory for 1869, which is in all respects a type of the times as we see them in the chief commercial city of Oregon. This is the seventh year of its publication.

—Speaking of velocipedes, the Herald says: John Nation, at Wallamet Iron Works, will manufacture any number, either two or three wheeled, upon order, at much less price than those recently shipped from New York.

PREPARED COFFEE.—The new advertisement of J. F. Jones & Co., corner of Second and Main streets, Portland, in our paper to-day, speaks of another article of home production to which we desire to ask special attention of our readers. The coffee prepared by Messrs. Jones & Co., is certainly superior to any other brand. The demand for it where it has been introduced, as well as the words of those who use it—commend it to all. Ask for this quality of coffee, and if your grocer has none on hand, combine to have him send for some on trial. We recommend Jones' Coffee.

The Valley Recorder of the 5th, says: The hotel at the celebrated White Sulphur Springs, Nepa co., was destroyed by fire last week—partially insured. This is the second fire at that place since it was first opened, and the insurance companies have been heavy losers thereby each time. At the first fire they lost some \$60,000, and at the last fire some \$15,000; and each fire has occurred in the winter, or when the hotel was virtually closed. The fact is suggestive of foul play.

Medical and Surgical Aid FREE OF CHARGE! Patients Visited at their Homes. Physician's Prescriptions Carefully Compounded, under the Special Supervision of DR. A. H. KALLENBERG.

ARMES & DALLAM, IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF Wood and Willow Ware. Brushes, Trunks, Corbets, etc. Brooms, Pails, Tubs, Washboards, &c. 215 & 217 Sacramento st., San Francisco. 113 Maiden Lane, N. Y. City.

1857 ESTABLISHED 1857 J. O'CONNOR, No. 90 First Street, Portland, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Garden.

Grass and Flower Seeds! All Seeds from the establishment. Air Warranted Fresh and Genuine. Foreign and Domestic Dried Fruits and Vegetables. Foreign and Domestic Green Fruits and Vegetables. Packed with care for shipment.

NOTICE. An Election of Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer will be held at the City Council Room, on MONDAY the first day of March, 1869. Polls to open at 10 o'clock A. M., and to be kept open until 4 o'clock P. M. of same day. No one is entitled to vote except those who are, and have been members of the Fire or Hook and Ladder Companies at least twenty days. OREGON CITY, Feb. 23d, 1869. FORBES BARCLAY, Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 76. Be it ordained and established by the City Council of Oregon City, That one thousand dollars in orders be issued drawing ten (10) per cent interest from date, and that the same be sold for the purpose of paying for the necessary Ho 6, Hove carts, and Hook and Ladder cart, for the fire department. That the orders be issued as follows to wit: Eighty (\$8) for \$25.00 each ten (10) for \$300.00 cash and three for one hundred dollars each. It is further ordained and established that these orders shall be placed in the hands of a special committee of three persons to dispose of at the best terms possible for cash, but not to be sold for less than eighty cents on the dollar.

J. McHenry, 94 FRONT STREET, PORTLAND, Oregon. Has on hand, and is constantly receiving direct from the East, a large and carefully selected stock of Crockery, Glass Ware, Fluted Ware, Lamps, etc., all of which he offers at prices to suit the times, at Wholesale and Retail. Dealers will do well to call and examine his stock, and learn his prices, before purchasing elsewhere.

HATS! HATS! HATS OF EVERY STYLE. In Large Quantities can be Found at— J. C. MEUSSDORFFER & BRO. S. W. corner of Morrison and Elm streets, Portland, Oregon. Also Caps of every style, and Boys' Girl's Hats in large varieties. Given and examined.

THE DEATH OF MY BROTHER HAS compelled me again to change the name of the firm of CHARMAN & BRO. to that of THOMAS CHARMAN—having purchased of the estate all the interest held by my brother in the stock of goods owned by Charman & Brother, taking effect January 3d, 1869. THE BUSINESS Will be Carried on as Usual AND A FULL STOCK Will be kept up by me, and will consist, in part, of the following branches of trade: Dry Goods and Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Fancy Notions, Perfumery and Patent Medicines. Paints, Oils, Colors, Dye Stuffs and Varnish, Queensware, Crockery & Lamps. Sash, Doors, and Window Blinds, Hardware, Tools and Cutlery, Rope, and Nails. Of Every Description. I ask Especial Attention to my FINE TEAS, COFFEE AND SUGAR. GROCERIES OF EVERY VARIETY. Farming Implements OF ALL KINDS. Attention will be paid to any business left with me on Commission. Notice.—My business with all who favor me with their patronage, will be done on a cash basis—but Legal Tender will be received at the market quotations. As Agent WELLS FARGO & CO., and of the MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., of N. Y. I desire to say to all who favor me with their patronage that I shall use my best ability to please them, and all orders shall meet with prompt attention. My facilities for doing business are as good as any here in Oregon, and I pledge myself to sell as cheap as any House in good standing in the State. I will not be undersold by any one. Please give me a call and examine for yourselves. Thanking you for past favors, I remain, Respectfully yours, THOMAS CHARMAN.