CITY AND COUNTY.

FRIDAY, Feb. 6.

SALEM AND WASCO COUNTY WAGON ROAD.

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Marion county intereested in the construction of a wagon road across the Cascade Mountains, via the North fork of the Santiam river, was held last evening at the old Court House.

The meeting was called to order by Geo. H. Jones, Esq., who stated the object of meeting, to hear the reports of the Committees appointed at the previous meeting and to transact such other business as might be brought before it.

On motion, Mr. E. O. Norton was appointed Secretary.

An engagement calling the Chairman out; Mr. A. J. Monroe was called upon to preside.

Mr. John Minto, one of the Committee appointed to see the County Commissioners, reported that the Court had conformed to the wish of the petitioners, and had appointed Alonzo Gesner Surveyor, and Messrs. Geo. S. Downing, T. P. Jack and John Minto, viewers.

Hon. Rufus Mallory, Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon the Common Council, reported that, that body had favorably received their communication, and refered it to the proper Committee and the City Attorney, who decided that the charter prohibited the Council from giving the aid asked for.

Messrs. John Minto and Frank Cooper of the Committee on Correspondence, reported that the persons with whom they had confered along the proposed line of the road were almost to a man in favor of the project.

On motion the reports of the committees were adopted.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved. That we have no fault to find with the members of the City Council for not responding to an application for material aid, to assist in defraying the expenses of viewing and locating a road to Eastern Oregon, by the way of the valley of the North Santiam river, nevertheless we as citizens of Salem are in favor of a public effort to give the enterprise material aid.

Hon. Rufus Mallory introduced the following resolution which was unanimously carrried:

Whereas, Information has been received from various portions of the county that some evil-disposed person or persons, residing in the city of Salem, have caused to be printed and circulated throughout the county a petition to which a large number of signatures have been procured, representing by indirection, that it is the purpose of the County Commissioners of Marion County to cause a large sum of money to be expended in draining Lake La Bish and to tax the people therefore, and coupling with a clause of opposition to the construction of the proposed County road across the Cascade mountains, via. the North Santiam river, and requesting the County Commissioners to rescind any action they have taken in the matter of the proposed road, and whereas a number of the persons who have signed the said petition declare that they were in favor, the said road being built, but were opposed to expending money to drain Lake Labish,

And whereas, the said petition is so drawn as to contain on its face a false impression tending to mislead the people who sign it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, citizens of Marion county, do hereby most emphatically and positively deprecate and condemn the action of any man or men who, for the purpose of gratifying personal malice or revenge, will resort to such means for the accomplishment of any purpose, and especially to defeat a measure of great public importance and for the public good.

The meeting was addressed by Hon. G. W. Lawson, Hon. Rufus Mallory, John Minto, Esq. and Mr. Frank Cooper.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die.

A. J. MONROE, Chairman.

E. O. NORTON, Secretary.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THEM?

A citizen of Marion county, the first letters of whose name are George Smith, and who is a good law-abiding and Sabbath-observing gentleman, labored hard all day on a Sabbath not long since, believing it to be Saturday. On Monday morning he put on his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and started to Turner to hear A. J. Hunsaker preach. On his way he called at the residence of his neighbor C. K. Read, Sr. On entering the house he found Mrs. Read spinning, and gave her a lecture about working on the Sabbath. He also found Mr. Read engaged in some manual labor, and prevailed on him to cease from breaking the Sabbath and go with him to church. Mr. Read was not thoroughly convinced in reference to the day of the week, but the two proceeded on to the village of Turner with the intention of attending church. On the way they saw a number of persons engaged at their usual daily avocations, but said nothing to them. On arriving at the village they found Mr. E. E. McKinney waiting on his customers in the store, and others engaged in building, etc. Without doing or saying anything to create suspicion they returned home wiser, if not better men. This was too good to be lost and the the women blowed on them. W. P.

UP WITH THE TIMES.—When Dr. L. S. Skiff placed in his office Morrison's new dental chair and bracket, and the Morrison engine, we thought his facilities for doing work with neatness and dispatch were about perfect, and our mental comment was that the Doctor was bound to be up with the times. But since then he has taken a long stride forward, and gone clear ahead of the times, and the profession by the application of water as the motive power to run this same Morrison engine, and the beautiful little machine buzzes away as if under the magic wand of some little fairy. This is the first instance on record where water has been employed to run the engine, and the benefit which will result from it to the profession cannot be estimated. In the January number of the Dental Cosmos, J. Frederick Babcock, D. D. S., claims to be the first to have applied steam to run the engine, and speaking of its many advantages, he says it abolishes the tiresome working of the treadle with the foot, and enables the operator to give his whole attention to his work, making it much easier for both operator and patient; the machine can be set entirely out of the way, on the other side of the chair; and lastly, the engine, including boiler, only occupies a space four feet long by two feet in width. With Dr. Skiff's attachment all the advantages exist which are spoken of in the Cosmos, besides others which never can be secured with steam, namely: the operator can turn on the water fifty times while he would be getting up steam once, and this without stirring out of his tracks; and after the water is on, there is not the liability of a blow up that we are always uncomfortably reminded of by the hiss from a steam-cock. As to space, Dr. Skiff's engine now occupies a space but twelve inches wide by sixteen inches long, and it can be placed anywhere, with one hand, to suit the operator's convenience. After seeing the engine run by water power, we have no doubt that this method will come into general use with dentists using the Morrison engine, and when it is known that there are 14,000 dentists in the United State, some estimate can be formed of the value of Dr. Skiff's idea to the profession. We hope to see him have full credit and reap the full benefit of it.

FROM A SALEMITE.—We were shown a letter yesterday recieved by a gentleman in this city from Mr. Geo. H. Smith, a late resident of Salem, now of California, in which he says he had just visited the family of Rev. Stephen Bowers, at Napa City, and found them in good health and spirits. Mr. Bowers has a fine congregation there and a good church building to preach in, with a parsonage on the same lot. Mrs. Bowers' health is much improved there, and they are much pleased with their new home. Speaking of the weather, Mr. Smith thinks California hasn't got much to brag on over Oregon, and says the weather has been very bad there, raining nearly all the time, with only an occasional pleasant day.

The Medical Wonder, sold by Weatherford & Co., cures colds, catarrhs, nervous and sick headaches, sprains, bruises, rheumatism, etc. Try it.

Valentines at H. D. Boon's. Call and see them.

SATURDAY, Feb. 7.

LIST OF SUPERVISORS.

Following are the names of the Supervisors appointed in the several Districts of the county, for the year 1874, at the session of the Commissioners' Court which closed yesterday, excepting in Districts 1, 2, 18, 22, 25 and 50, where appointments have not yet been made:

Urish Whitney	District	3
Edward Thomas	"	4
Ruben Lewis	"	5
Hiram Smith	"	6
Leon Schindler	"	7
George Riches	"	8
T. R. Hibband	"	9
J. W. Greenwood	"	10
H. McAllister	"	11
J. H. Howell	"	12
Wm. Claggett	"	13
Silas A. Jones	"	14
Wright Foshay	"	15
James Downs	"	16
Fielding McClain	"	17
Wm. Kennedy	"	19
Joseph Mott	"	20
George Manning	"	21
James Coleman	"	23
John Gissey	"	24
John S. Rice	"	26
John Davis	"	27
R. A. Scott	"	28
F. Stiver	"	29
H. D. Osterhout	"	30
John Hoefer	"	31
A. S. Cone	"	32
Geo. W. Dimick	"	33
Jacob Voorhees	"	34
Frank Van Wassenhone	"	35
Joseph Staates	"	36
Julius Howd	"	37
Thomas Cromwell	"	38
R. A. Witzel	"	39
O. H. Sheldon	"	40
David A. Carter	"	41
Geo. W. Hunt	"	42
Geo. W. Putnam	"	43
Andrew Stanton	"	44
M. S. Mumpes	"	45
Theodore Stauffer	"	46
C. S. Hubbard	"	47
Jacob Ogle	"	48
Samuel Kerr	"	49
Andrew Hagey	"	51
Wm. Collard	"	52
C. F. Ray	"	53
N. Baughman	"	54

The total amount allowed by the county, so far, to Supervisors of 1873 is $920 20. A few of the accounts have not yet been allowed.

EXERCISES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The monthly exhibition at the Willamette University took place yesterday to a numerous and delighted audience. It comprehended subjects "from grave to gay, from lively to serene," and its variety was still further enlivened by some good music and singing.

The programme heretofore given in this paper was carried out. The selections for declamations were more than ordinarily good. The paper read "con amore" by one of the joint editors had, beside its more solid subjects, piquant local hits at individuals, whose initials seemed to be generally recognized, though not being behind the scenes, we could not tell who was the orator whose eloquence drew the fish out of the mill race to listen to him, or who was the other Mr. M. who was advertised as proficient in the song "When you and I were young Maggie."

A novel and striking effect was produced by the appearance of Miss Meacham, a fair young lady in white with head dress of blossoms and buds as "morning" and Miss Dickenson, a brunette in black with sombre ornaments and starry veil as "night" and they, as well as the other young folks, recited their pieces in a manner which clearly showed great attention to the art of elocution and graceful gesture.

A quartette by Misses Chamberlain and Moores Messrs. Royal and Crawford and a duet by the Misses Bertha and Althea Moores were beautifully given, as well as some good instrumental music, and the calisthenics which concluded the exhibition were very conclusive of the good effects of drill.

SUPREME COURT.

FORTY-FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as of yesterday.

E. D. Shattuck, assignee, respondent, vs J. S. & W. R. Smith, appellants. Judgment is the Court below affirmed. Opinion by Mosher, J.

Wilbur F. Hunt, by his guardian, D. W. French, respondent vs. Oregon Steam Navigation Co., appellant. Argued and submitted.

Mary C. White, respondent, vs. James W. Parker, appellant. Argued and submitted.

A GLIMPSE AT SALEM BUSINESS.—In reviewing the prospects of our local business we think the following, as a single item, worthy of mention. The American bark Pekin, of Boston, nearly 1,000 tons burthen, has arrived at Portland to load with wheat belonging to R. C. Kinney & Co. of this city. After receiving her cargo she will sail to Falmouth, England, for orders. The Hassard was reported off the bar at the mouth of the Columbia, and the Hera is at present lying in quarentine at Portland. Both of these vessels are also under charter to Messrs. Kinney & Co., and with the Pekin make an enormous tonnage for them to supply, for all which the wheat was engaged before the vessels were chartered. This firm is equal to all such emergencies.

FAVORABLE PROSPECTS.—The committee appointed by the Society of Natural History and Capital Library Association, consisting of Judge Chadwick and Mr. Geo. H. Jones, have agreed upon a plan of union, and a meeting has been called for this (Saturday) evening at 7 o'clock, in Cabinet Hall, which the members and friends of both associations are invited to attend to hear the committee's report. The plan proposed is one which will insure the permanent success of a single organization under a name embracing the ultimate intentions of both. As soon as some definate action has been taken in the matter we will give a full report of how it is proposed to reach the desired end.

ROUND PRAIRIE AND MISSION BOTTOM GRANGE.—On Thursday, 5th inst., Deputy Witzel organized at Durbin's School House, Mission Bottom, a Grange with the above name. S. C. Mossey, Master; Wm. Callard, Overseer; B. F. Ramp, Lecturer; W. G. Evans, Steward; O. Beers, Assistant; L. Brooks, Chaplain; Sampson Jones, Treas.; A. M. Laffoletti, Secretary; Wm. P. Mossey, G. P.; Mrs. Durbin, Ceres; Mrs. Hubbard, Pomona; Miss Harpool, Flora; Miss E. M. Ramp, Assistant steward. The Grange had the full number of thirty charter members.

JEFFERSON ITEMS.—Our correspondent writes that McDougal has organized there a lodge of 20 Champions of the Red Cross.

The County School Superintendent will hold an Educational Institute at Jefferson on the 12th inst.

Mr. A. L. Stinson is in town and informs us that the Beaver Hosiery Company's works, factory, real estate and water power, (except dwelling house and lot) with personal property belonging thereto, has been sold to J. F. Backenstо, of Albany, for nearly $6,500.

PASSENGERS FOR PORTLAND.—The steamer Orifiamme—which sailed yesterday forenoon from San Francisco for Portland: Mark King, J H Jacobus, C M Kincaide, wife and two children; Mrs D Wilson, Mrs George Stroud and child, T J Benitz, M B Almy, J Carr, H Marmon and two daughters, T L Fitch and wife, M Davis, D C Powell, Mrs M Whipple, Mrs W Harris and three children, Miss L H Winter, A S Hapgood and wife, G Lawrence, wife and three children; M Herrick, G A Dobinson, Joseph Lustig, J T Fargar, J C Robinson, Mrs J Butler and child.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION.—The first annual meeting of the Woman Suffrage Association of the State will be held at Masonic Hall, Portland, on the 13th and 14th instant. Arrangements have been made to have delegates returning from the meeting pass free over the O. S. N. Co.'s and W. R. T. Co.'s boats, and over the Northern Pacific Railway.

Mr. Lewis Savage called on us yesterday and desired us to append his name to the certificate made by well-known citizens as to the character and price of goods bought by him of the firm of J. Kearns & Co., which has accordingly been done.

MONDAY, Feb. 9.

A CURIOSITY.—Dan Jones, the tailor, has a new cutting board in his shop which, as well as being an excellent article for its purpose, is a curiosity and a fine piece of workmanship. The board is made of oriental mahogany, with a border of yellow poplar, and is all smoothly polished. This mahogany was brought here in the form of boxes by Mr. Elwood, who was lately here with a collection of shells from the Oriental Islands. It is a very fine wood, differing from the Brazilian mahogany, some of the pieces resembling the black walnut in color, while others are like the white walnut or butternut. When this wood is nicely polished and put together in piecework, as in this board, allowing the colors to hit or miss, the result is a very pretty surface. This board was made by Mr. J. C. Hutton, of North Salem, and the work was so neatly done that, were it not for the different shades of color, it would be a hard matter to find the joints.

CARELESSNESS.—It is a weakness with some persons to amathematize postmasters if they don't get their mail just when they think they ought to have it, and at such times the whole Postal system is a humbug, and a fraud upon the people—so one would think to hear the vituperations of one of these chronic croakers. Well, occasionally postmasters have quite a number of letters and papers to handle, and doubtless they sometimes make mistakes. But we saw in the frame at the Postoffice this morning an unaddressed letter, perhaps of not a little importance, and we could not help sympathizing with the postmaster for the abuse he will probably get for not sending this letter along and returning a reply to it on quick time. The letter awaits a claimant.

HOODLUMS AT DALLAS.—From the remarks of the Republican, we should judge that not a sermon or lecture can be delivered at Dallas without the meeting being disturbed by the rude and disorderly conduct of boys and young men. That complaint has been publicly made frequently by the Dallas paper for some years, and it is about time an officer were called in to protect the speaker and audience. The paper says "respectable citizens almost dread to bring a stranger here to deliver a discourse for the ignominy brought upon them by the rude behavior" of these boys and young men.

PREMIUM PIGS.—We saw at the Fair, last fall, some very fine specimens of hogs of different breeds, and some which, it seemed from their condition, would fatten upon almost nothing. But among them all, there was nothing which in our estimation would compare with a pair of seven month's pigs which we saw at Mr. R. W. Wilson's a few days since. The breed is China, and although the pigs are but about six month's old and Mr. Wilson has only been feeding them five or six weeks, they are so fat they can scarcely walk, and are estimated to weigh two hundred pounds each.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—The following officers were installed Saturday evening, in Capital Lodge, No. 11, I. O. G. T.: Alonzo Gesner, W. C. T.; Ella O'Donald, R. H. S.; Hattie Bowker, L. H. S.; Jennie Erb, W. V. T.; H. Bryant, W. S.; Flora Taylor, W. A. S.; Ira Erb, W. F. S.; J. Stahley, W. T.; M. L. Chamberlain, W. C.; C. W. Scriber, P. W. C. T.; John Chapman, W. M.; Eva McClane, W. D. M.; Rhoda Neal, W. I. G.; T. H. Cann, W. O. G.

IN GOOD CONDITION.—The idea seems to have got abroad, in some way, that the ferry boat at this place is in a bad and unsafe condition, and some persons living in the country have thought that it was not running at all. Mr. Leabo informs us that the Inspector examined the boat and her machinery a day or two since, and pronounced it in better condition than it had ever been before.

NAMES ADDED.—Messrs. David Looney and Wm. B. Stewart hand us their names with a request to have them added to the list of testimonials to the quality of goods sold by Kearns & Co., which is accordingly done.

NEW ENCAMPMENT.—Messrs. H. H. Gilfry, E. K. Miller, and one or two others, of this city, went to Eugene City this morning to assist in instituting an Encampment of I. O. O. F. at that place.

BORN.—In this city, Saturday the 7th inst., to the wife of M. P. Berry, Esq., a son.

TUESDAY, Feb. 10.

SUPREME COURT.

FORTY-THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as of yesterday.

The State of Oregon, respondent, vs. C. G. Glass, appellant; Judgement affirmed. Opinion by Mosher, J.

SOMETHING NEW.—Mr. Luther Myers, the enterprising stove man, has lately added to his stock something novel and really elegant, which he thinks will not fail to please all housekeepers who give it a trial. It is the Norman portable cooking range, manufactured at Plymouth, Mass., and is one of the most elegant pieces of kitchen furniture we have ever seen. It is made for burning wood or coal, and all the plates are heavy and durable. It has three sets of griddles, and over the back part is a hot air closet made of cast and Russia iron, with too compartments which close with separate doors. The furniture belonging to this stove is all of the finest quality and most convenient style.

CHAMPION TIME.—The steamer Shoshone, on her trip from Portland yesterday, made the fastest time ever made by any boat from that point to Salem. Leaving Portland at 7:05 A. M., she made a stoppage of fifteen minutes below Oregon City, and reached this place at 5:10 P. M.; making the actual time, including forty-five minutes occupied in passing through the locks, nine hours and fifty minutes.

ENCAMPMENT INSTITUTED.—Special Deputy Grand Sire A. Noltner instituted Wimawhale Encampment No. 6. at Eugene City, last evening, and the following officers were elected: E. L. Bristow, C.P.; Ben F. Dorris, H.P.; J. J. Walton Jr., S.W.; W. J. Shipley, S.; F. T. Singer, Treas.; Wm. Killingsworth, J.W.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Wilbur Cornell, who came up from Portland this morning, informs us that a man by the name of Almy, a runner for a San Francisco house, upon leaving his berth on the Orifiamme, after that steamer had landed at Portland, suddenly dropped dead of heart disease.

QUITE ILL.—We regret to learn that our fellow citizen, Mr. B. F. Drake, is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. The many friends of Mrs. Ben Simpson will also be pained to know that that lady is in very poor health.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11.

LECTURE BY GOV. GROVER.

"Land and Labor in England—Joseph Arch."

The fourth and last lecture of the course at Trinity Church, Dr. Dawne, Pastor, was delivered last night by Gov. L. F. Grover on the above subject to a full audience, among whom we recognized many of the leading intelligences of the State.

His Excellency, in a condensed review of the condition of land tenures in England from the earliest times, prepared his audience clearly to understand the evils of the feudal system introduced by William of Normandy, and yet remaining there, although mitigated by the charter of King John, the further concessions of Charles II, as well as by intermediate amendments to which he alluded, but which our space will not allow us to particularize.

The effects of the evils of this feudal system, specially of primogeniture, and the steady aggregation of land in the hands of the few, still existing in England, were dwelt on in a manner showing much research and a thorough knowledge of the subject, and led naturally to the consideration of the present surprising labor movement in England, headed by Joseph Arch.

The lecturer showed that the rapid increase of the manufacturing interest for the last three generations, drawing by its higher wages and superior inducements from the agricultural districts all its more enterprising and intelligent laborers, has left therein a class of stolid, inert and uneducated poor, who multiplying beyond the means of employment and barred from seeking the best market for their surplus labor, and fettered to the hamlet of their birth by parochial regulations which refused relief or assistance to the laborer outside of the parish in which he was born, had been content to sink, without effort to ameliorate their condition, into the most abject poverty; of which he gave some thrilling examples from the speeches of Mitchell and others at Exeter Hall. Awakened by the appeals of their apostle, Joseph Arch, to the importance of independent, and above all, of united action, he described the sudden and miraculous uprising of the so-long torpid agricultural laborer of England, the success of the movement, the sympathy and assistance it evoked from the other classes of England, the impossibility of its suppression, for, said he, "you cannot suppress the earthquake;" and concluded in a glowing peroration predicting the success of the laborer in the struggle, heralding other and still greater reforms in the land of our ancestors.

WEATHER RECORD.

Following is the weather record for January, 1874, as furnished us by Mr. T. Pearce of Eola, in lat. 44 deg., 57 min., long. 123 deg., 5 min.; which unfortunately has been overlooked for several days: The total rain-fall for the month was 8.29 inches; the greatest quantity of water which fell in one day was 1.90 inches, on the 18th; the smallest quantity was .20 inches, on the 31st. Number of clear days, 2; cloudy, 7; snowy, 5. General direction of winds, from the south. Two inches of snow on the ground on the morning of the 2d, with flurries of snow all day. Snow also fell on the 3d, which melted as it fell; all gone on the 4th. Coarse wet snow with rain fell all day on the 18th, which became dry at evening, giving on the morning of the 19th, 9½ inches of snow. Snow all gone on the 27th. Mean temperature for the month, 42 deg.; highest, 52 on the 15th; lowest, 31 deg., on the 21st.

During January 1873, we had 19 rainy and snowy days, with 6.44 inches of water, 1 clear, 7 cloudy and 4 foggy days. Mean temperature for the month, 40 deg.; highest, 46 deg.; lowest, 28 degrees.

SUPREME COURT.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as of yesterday.

Delia B. Lewis vs. D. R. Lewis; motion of yesterday in relation to the judgment entire to be made in this Court. Opinion by McArthur, J: That the judgement below be reversed and cause be remanded for a new trial and that the costs of appeal and of the Court below abide the result of said action.

Mary E. White, respondent, vs. James W. Parker, appellant; judgment below affirmed. Opinion by Bonham, J.

Albert Odell, appellant, vs. Josiah Morin, respondent; motion heretofore made asking that the decree entered of record in this case be modified. Allowed. Opinion by Mosher, J.

LOOK OUT FOR THE CALL.

There will be a call published in due time, for the taxpayers of Polk county, Oregon, to meet en masse for the purpose of organizing a people's party, irrespective of old party ties; and the nomination of suitable men to fill the several offices at the ensuing June election.

Polk county, Feb. 10, 1874. LENTON.

A SALEM LAND CASE.—The Oregonian of yesterday publishes the decree of the U. S. Circuit Court, Sawyer and Deady J. J. in the case pending A. I. Nicklin, vs. W. T. Wythe et al. This was an action brought by Mallory and Shaw for Plaintiff, to compel Wythe and wife as heirs of W. H. Wilson to perfect title to certain lots in this city. The case, briefly stated, is this: Many years ago W. H. Wilson and wife sold two lots, part of the land claim belonging to Mrs. Wilson, to L. F. Grover. Afterwards Grover exchanged those lots for other property, also part of Mrs. Wilson's land, but he made the deed to Mr. Wilson. After the death of Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson sold the first described lots, returned by Grover in exchange for other of her lots, to Daniel Waldo, and through him they have come to Nicklin. Question being raised as to title Nicklin brought suit against Wythe and wife who were the only heirs of Wilson who refused to confirm the title made by Mrs. Wilson, and the Circuit Court holds the title made by Mrs. Wilson to be good and orders the Wythes to make a conveyance in accord with the same. The Court holds that the wife must have made the conveyance without regard to her especial rights when she joined the husband in making the second deed to Grover, he having made the deeds back to her husband instead of her, that the husband therefore held the property in trust for her and his heirs have a resulting trust as a consequence, and are bound to made the title good in such cases. There are a number of other lots in Salem in the same condition but the case has no bearing on the general question of Salem titles. In the absence of Mr. Shaw, who was detained at home by the illness of his family, J. S. Chapman as a friend of Nicklin, appeared with the brief of Mallory & Shaw before the Court, and they are entitled to the credit of the case. Mr. W. T. Wythe is not missing overmuch of the sympathy or respect from Salem people but he seems to be acting very consistently in pursuing the exceedingly mean course he has adopted relating to the Wilson estate. It is some satisfaction to know that the other heirs do not join him, and to see his despicable cupidity defeated at every point.

AN ORDER FROM A DISTANCE.—Mr. F. A. Smith, our enterprising photographer, received a letter yesterday from N. W. Garretson, Secretary of the Iowa State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, who was here for the purpose of organizing Granges several months since and for whom Mr. Smith made a negative at that time, containing an order for a dozen photographs, to be sent to him at Des Moines, Iowa. This is complimentary to work done in Salem, and very flattering to Mr. Smith as an artist.

INSTITUTE AT JEFFERSON.—County Superintendent Knight informs us that arrangements have been made for an Educational Institute at Jefferson, to be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst. Teachers and all friends of education are invited to be present, and take part in the exercises.

VALUABLE REMEDY.—See the advertisement of James Edwards, in another column, of a sure and speedy cure for scrofula in all its stages. It is claimed that the remedy will cure disease of fifteen and twenty year's standing, and the advertisement is accompanied by testimonials from reliable parties.

B. K. Myers says that he is determined to Slaughter Goods at Cost and Freight for the next thirty days. The object is to make room for the large Stock of Goods now on the way. Slaughter is the coming man. Holman's Corner, Salem.

FOR ALL ILLS.—See Weatherford & Co.'s new advertisement of Dr. Steele's Medical Wonder, the great household remedy. You need not have an ache, pain or cold, or any other ill of flesh. Try a bottle.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12.

SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.

The Society of Natural History met pursuant to notice yesterday, at Cabinet Hall, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Joint Committee of this Society and of the Library Association, with a view to the union of the two societies.

The report of S. F. Chadwick on the part of the Natural History Society, and of Geo. H. Jones on the part of the Library Association was submitted, read and considered.

On motion, it was resolved that this report be received.

Some discussion took place as to the best name for the united societies and, on motion, the report of the Committee was adopted, leaving the question of name to be hereafter settled.

It was moved that the societies heretofore known as the Natural History Society and the Capital Library Association be consolidated in accordance with the terms contained in the report of the Committee now submitted, which are in effect that the property of each be transferred to the new society after its proper organization, under the name, style and title of "The Oregon Scientific and Literary Association. Which motion was carried unanimously.

It was then moved and seconded that the President of the Society of Natural History be authorized to transfer the property of this society to the Oregon Scientific and Literary Association when the same shall have been legally established.

On motion the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

SUPREME COURT.

FORTY-FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as of yesterday.

Michels Friedlander & Co., appellants vs. J. B. Harker, respondent. Judgment below affirmed. Opinion by McArthur, J.

M. H. Harlow, respondent vs. George Bushnell, appellant. Judgment below affirmed.

State of Oregon, vs. Elizabeth Wall. Judgment below affirmed. Opinion by Mosher, J.

Thomas G. Todd, respondent vs. C. Lullinger, appellant. Judgment below reversed. Opinion by Prim, J.

Court adjourned until one o'clock P. M. tomorrow.

A SAD PICTURE.—Meeting Mr. R. H. Hawley on the street yesterday, he said if we would walk down to the river, where he has been for some time engaged removing a portion of the bank from near the W. R. T. Co.'s warehouse, he would show us a human skeleton which he had found while working there. We accordingly repaired to the spot, and there upon the bank, where he had placed them as he dug them out, were a number of bones which, beyond a doubt, had once belonged to a human being, but were now decayed and softened by having lain for years in the damp earth and exposed to the fierce action of the elements. A vision rose before our mind, and we saw, long years agone, when the trail of the savage red man threaded its winding course along our mountain sides, and his favorite haunts were on the banks of our beautiful river, a beardless youth and fair damsel in an Eastern home, lingering in the last fond embrace of a sorrowful parting; he to go and seek his fortune in the wild and unknown West, where to go was to be mourned almost as lost; she to wait and watch for him whose one ambition, to make her happy, had lured him from her side and sent him on his mission of love, filled with bright hopes for the future when he should return to her laden with the rich harvest he had reaped in the land of his golden dreams. Many months had come and gone, the trials and hardships of the perilous journey across the plains had been met and passed, weeks which seemed like ages had been spent by the lonely girl looking longingly for love's first sweet message to tell of his safe arrival. And then, upon the grassy bank of the beautiful Willamette we see the blackening corpse of the once happy lover, slain, mayhap, by the relentless hand of a savage foe. And when one or two of our earliest settlers informed us that many years ago, when but few whites had ever visited Oregon, an emigrant was drowned off the very point of land where these few remains were discovered, we thought the picture which our fancy had conjured up might be all too true; and the once fair maiden, grown old, perchance, in the vain hope of her undying love, might still be waiting for the first token of a love as true from him whose boyhood's kiss had sealed their hearts as one; and with sorrow we turned from the contemplation of a picture fraught with so much pain. Since writing the above a friend informs us that the spot where the remains were discovered is the site of an old Indian burying ground.

MR. CONDON'S LECTURE.—The Congregational Church was well filled last evening on the occasion of the delivery of the first lecture of Mr. Condon's course on the everlasting subject, "Geology." The speaker, in his pleasant and attractive manner, opened with a description of the ray of light procuring evaporation from the surface of the ocean; showed, by illustration, how the vapor, swept by winds of the mountains, fell in rain, forming rills, which in turn grew to be streams and blended as rivers, flowing towards the sea. This first picture he dedominated: "Water at play." He then showed "water at work" changing the face of nature, cutting out the beds of streams, sweeping off the loose matter on the surface to build out the deltas of earth's rivers and offer new records of earth's history. Lastly he showed "water writing its records" in the formations of the successive ages, occupying millions of years of time and containing the remains of the animal and vegetable life which characterized those periods. He then dwelt upon the especial history of our own side of the continent, showing that it was a much later upheaval than the East. He explained that America was in fact an older continent than Europe or Asia, and the region drained by the St. Lawrence and above the Lakes, extending to the Rocky Mountains and forming an L to the north, was the first ground in North America. The audience was much interested in the lecture and we predict that the rest of the course—5 remaining lectures—will be delivered to crowded houses. We also call attention to the fact that a subscription is being taken up to defray the expense and make it a free course for public benefit. Mr. Condon cannot afford the time or travelling expenses without remuneration, and we hope to see our citizens show substantial proof of their interest in his interesting labors.

At a regular meeting of Union Lodge, No. 166, I. O. G. T., of Turner, the following persons were installed to fill the various offices during the ensuing quarter ending April 30th: W. G. Porter, W. C. T.; Mary A. Thomas, W. V. T.; J. C. Robertson, W. S.; W. T. Riches, W. F. S.; R. R. Eubanks, W. C.; Alma Riches, W. I. G.; G. A. Peebles, W. O. G.; Jno. P. Cole, P. W. C. T.

The following are the persons elected delegates to attend the State Temperance Union and Alliance: To the Union—John Lewis, C. Duncan, Emma Baker and G. A. Peebles. To the Alliance—W. G. Porter, R. R. Eubank and G. A. Peebles.

DIED.—At the Orphans' Home, yesterday, Henrietta Bidwell, of inflammation, resulting from a severe cold. She was about six years old, and has a father living, who gave her up to the ladies of the Home. She had all the care and attention kind hands could devise and loving hands administer.

DIED.—J. W. Smith, ex-Sheriff of Polk county, died in San Francisco a few days ago of consumption. The Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Smith was a member, have sent for the remains.

A petition is being circulated in Eastern Oregon for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail route between Baker City and Canyon City, via Auburn and Prairie City. It will supply a large scope of country.

BORN.—In this city, on the 12th of February, to the wife of F. A. Smith, a pair of twins—female.

THAT PETITION.

To the Hon. County Court, for the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion:

The undersigned, resident tax payers of said county, respectfully represent: that while we are not prepared to deny the public utility of such enterprises as the drainage of Lake Labish, and the exploration of the passes of the Cascade Range at the public expense, we think that such expensive enterprises ought to be delayed until the indebtedness of the county can be liquidated, and the present burdensome tax levy reduced.

We therefore pray your Honorable Court to rescind the order for the survey of a road up the Santiam to the Cascade Mountains, and that all other ingenious schemes for depleting the County Treasury may be discouraged.

January 30th, 1874.

The tomb of Petrarch has been lately opened at Argua, in North Italy. The body was not in good preservation, but it was sufficiently shown that Petrarch was a robust man, with a head of medium size.