

CITY AND COUNTY.

FRIDAY, March 13.

CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND SALOON-KEEPERS.

At a meeting of ministers and saloon-keepers of Salem, Oregon, in the office of Col. C. A. Reed, having for its object the closing of saloons on the Sabbath, the following business was transacted: Mr. L. J. Powell was elected President, and E. J. Dawne Secretary.

Mr. Smith, of the Opera Saloon, made a very good speech. Said he sold whisky, but was in favor of temperance, and would gladly close his place of business on Sabbath and attend church, if all the other business establishments in the city would do so.

Mr. Parsons said he would like to close up saloons if all other business houses would do the same. He considered saloons a necessity; was not ashamed of them.

Mr. Pettijohn said he did not care to run a saloon on Sunday; was willing to close his saloon if all other places of business would do so.

Mr. Jones said he was gratified with the import of the speeches made by the different gentlemen. They were ominous of good results.

On motion of Mr. O. H. Smith, it was agreed to prepare and circulate an agreement to bind all business men of Salem to close their places of business on the Sabbath.

SCHOOL STATISTICS OF POLK COUNTY FOR 1874.

The following statistics are kindly furnished us by Mr. J. C. Groves, Superintendent Common Schools for that county:

Whole number of legal voters 1,028
Persons over 4 and under 20 years, males 1,209
females 980
Total 2,189

CIRCUIT COURT.
March Term Bonham, Judge.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
G. W. Rhodes et al. vs. A. Myers; motion to strike out complaint granted.

Returned.—W. H. Lewis, who spent some time in Salem last Fall, well connected with Reed's panorama of the Northwest, and afterwards went to San Francisco, returned by the steamer Ajax, after an absence of about four months, arriving in this city yesterday.

ROSKOFF.—The Roskopf watch, as a time piece, is claimed to be without an equal.

HEAVY DAMAGES.—A trial was commenced in the Circuit Court, yesterday, wherein the plaintiff, John Rogers, sues the Oregon and California Railroad Company for \$20,000, which he claims to be the amount of damage sustained by him in being derailed out of one of said Company's coaches when the same ran off the track on a certain occasion.

ACQUITTED.—At the last term of the Circuit Court in this county, Charles Miller was tried under an indictment for shooting one Slater near Jefferson, and the jury being unable to agree at that trial, the case went over to the present term; and after a second trial, which lasted two days, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the defendant was discharged.

SATURDAY, March 14.
CIRCUIT COURT.
March Term—Bonham, Judge.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
John Rogers vs. Oregon & California Railroad Company; settled and dismissed.

Whitley vs. Glaze; continued as per stipulations on file.

The Grand Jury came into Court and reported four indictments which are true bills.

FROM JEFFERSON.
Our Jefferson correspondent sends us the following items from that village:

Jefferson is still engaged cultivating a fine crop of measles. Schools and church exercises have all been suspended for about three weeks.

Property has been changing hands here lately at remarkable figures. That the Heaver & Heaver Company, incorporated at \$12,000, sold for \$5,000, Conner's house, which two years ago sold for \$2,000, was to-day purchased for \$520.

Business Change.—The well-known grocery firm on State street, Price & Boyce, have purchased the entire stock of groceries belonging to Capt. L. S. Scott, and will henceforth conduct their business at the old stand of Jack Brown, near this office.

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The business of the Grand Jury has been upon complaints to them made and upon which the following indictments have been found, which are true bills: two for assault, three for larceny, three for selling whisky without license, and one for selling whisky on Sunday.

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AGREEMENT.

Following is the agreement prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose at the Saloon-keepers and Ministers' Convention, relative to the closing of all kinds of business on the Sabbath; and which is to be circulated among the business men of the city for signatures:

Whereas, the Holy Scriptures, and the Law of the Land, require the Sabbath as a divine Institution and a day on which there should be no buying or selling except in cases of necessity.

Therefore, we, the undersigned business men of the city of Salem, State of Oregon, obligate ourselves to close all our places of business of every kind on the Sabbath.

A LITTLE TOO HONEST.—We once knew a man by the name of Smith in the town in which we lived, who heard that his neighbor Johnson had lost a very fine cow, for the return of which a reward of fifteen dollars was offered.

Smith, seeing a chance to turn an honest penny, started out in search of the lost bovine, in hopes that she had merely strayed away and that the lucky star which he always followed would set between her horns.

Crossing a stream which ran by the town, he started for the timber which skirted it on that side.

When he had gone about half a mile he met an Irishman with whom he was acquainted, and to whom he said: "Jimmy, Johnson has lost his cow."

"You own me a little account," said Jimmy, "five dollars; and I thought I might as well have that fifteen dollars as anything."

"Faith," said Jimmy, "the self same cratur but jist dither the brow o' the hill fernin', and ye'll be afther findin' her in the holly byant."

"With visions of a 'ten' and 'five' flitting before his eyes, Smith struck out for the holly byant, and wandered about in the brush for four or five hours, and at last was forced to abandon the search and return.

Meeting Jimmy again, he told him the cow was not there; and inquired if he had seen her since they were talking.

"Faith, that I have," "Where is she?" "What would ye give to be told?" "Now, see here," said Smith, "you own me a little account."

"Now," said Jimmy, "five dollars; and if ye'll cancel that I'll be afther tellin' yer." The account was cancelled, and Smith looked up with eyes of eager expectation.

Said Jimmy: "Sure, an' if ye'll go to Johnson's barn, ye'll be findin' the cow all nice tied up in her stall."

That's what Jimmy was doing while his friend was prosecuting a vigorous search for the holly byant, and besides squaring his little indebtedness, he had the fifteen dollars reward safe in his pantaloons pocket.

OUR COMMERCIAL SCHOOL.—The experiment of conducting a Commercial or Business College in Salem, and making it an evening school, to be open to the young men of that city, is about to be instituted.

Professors Crooke and Lockhart, had at first dared to anticipate. From having its existence only as a mere experiment, it strode forward and assumed a position of tangible reality; having a regular organized Board of management, in which are the necessary qualifications for properly conducting the business of a school.

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marks. Several of the speakers seemed to take a discouraging view of affairs, but the meeting was cheerful, almost to hilarity, and submitted to the hat twice, with commendable patience, when our beg did not realize the gas bill.

NEW BOOKS.
Mr. J. B. McClane, State Librarian, furnishes us with the following list of books received for the State Library, since the 11th of February, 1874, to the 14th inst.

The Annual Cyclopaedia, 1871-2; purchased by Hon. W. W. Upton.

Corrected Copy of Treaties and Conventions, July 4th, 1776; by Hon. J. C. Bancroft Davis, Department of State, Washington.

Ohio Geological Survey, vol. 1; S. G. Harbaugh, State Librarian.

Laws of Delaware, 1873, duplicate, two volumes. House and Senate Journal, 1872; Hon. S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of State.

Wisconsin Reports, vol. 16; purchased by Hon. W. W. Upton.

Salem Directory, 1874; Hon. S. F. Chadwick, Secretary of State.

Connecticut Reports, vol. 30; Colonial Records, from 1835 to 1843, vol. 8.

Specifications and Drawings of Patents, August 1873; Hon. Jas. S. Grinnell, Chief Clerk Patent Office.

Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Ohio State Library.

Specifications and Drawings of Patents, September 1873; Hon. Jas. S. Grinnell, Chief Clerk Patent Office.

Rowell's 45th Vermont Reports, vol. 1. Copp's U. S. Mining Decisions, U. S. Land Office and Secretary of the Interior, with forms.

Sickel's 52d New York Reports, vol. 7; Lansing's Reports Supreme Court, vol. 7; 23th New York Cabinet Reports, Ramp; F. B. Woodworth; Secretary Regents of the University.

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SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
State of Oregon vs. John Kearny; defendant plead not guilty.

State of Oregon vs. Benj. Blanton; defendant plead not guilty.

State of Oregon vs. Jesse L. Adams and John Guesse; defendants plead not guilty.

State of Oregon vs. A. H. Whitley; mandate from Supreme Court ordered spread upon the records.

S. A. Clarke vs. C. P. Crandall; jury impaneled and trial commenced.

TO THE SCHOOL TEACHERS OF MARION COUNTY.

There will be a County School Institute held in Salem, commencing Friday, March 27th, 1874, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and continuing two days.

It is hoped the teachers of the County will take a professional interest in the matter, and that all persons interested in our schools, will contribute in some way, to make the County Institute a present and permanent success.

The Quarterly Examination of those who desire certificates to teach, will occur Thursday, March 26th, beginning at ten o'clock, A. M.

Applicants must be on hand at the hour named. P. S. KNIGHT, County Superintendent.

LABOR CONTRACT.—It is probably generally known that the construction of an immense race hotel is to be immediately commenced in San Francisco, which when completed will be the largest hotel in the world.

We have read full descriptions of the plans of the building; but are unable now to give its dimensions. However, when it is known that the building will contain nearly two million feet of flooring alone, some estimate can be formed of its size.

The flooring will be of fir and oak, manufactured entirely in Oregon, and saved in Oregon mills. The oak flooring will be used in halls and other places where there will be no carpets, of which some two hundred and fifteen thousand feet will be required.

The enterprising lumber firm of Salem, the Capital Lumbering Company, has secured the contract for furnishing the contract for furnishing the lumber for the building.

A FINE WORK.—We were shown yesterday, at the State Library room, Gray's Atlas of the United States, which is without doubt the most elegant and valuable work of its kind ever published.

It would be impossible to give anything like a synopsis of its contents in a mere item, and the following comprise only a few of its most important features. Besides containing late and accurate maps of all the States and Territories, it has a series of general maps of the world, also has a number of maps grouping the principal rivers of the world, and the most important mountains, showing the elevations at which the different classes of vegetation will grow; a climatological map, showing the average temperature and rainfall in all parts of the United States; and a geological map showing accurately the distribution of minerals throughout the continent.

WEDNESDAY, March 18.

CURRY COUNTY ITEMS.

A correspondent from Ellensburg writes us as follows: Quite extensive preparations are going on at the mouth of Rogue River for putting up salmon.

Mrs. Longwell and Griffith & Co. are preparing to put up a large quantity in cans. This is a new firm. Riley & Stewart, who perhaps own the best Fishery on the Pacific coast, are equally busy, and are extending their operations as fast as possible.

Our people are considerably excited over the prospect of the speedy development of our mining interests. The old beach is being discovered in various places, at an altitude of sixty feet above the level of the sea, and from one to three miles back from the present shore line.

The old beach is rich with gold, which being coated with rust that is generated in the black sand, has been almost impossible to save. A party of skillful miners are now here testing a new machine, which they have invented, that easily saves all the gold without quicksilver, rough sluices, or any of the old, or intricate contrivances.

Their machine will revolutionize beach mining, also the process of saving gold now in use in quartz mills.

This has been an unusually severe winter. Snow is six or eight feet high, miles of the coast. Stock, however, has done very well so far.

Quite a number of young married men have been among us this winter, looking up investments.

CIRCUIT COURT.
EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

State of Oregon vs. John Kearny; defendant acquitted.

Clarke vs. Crandall; replevin; in this case, the complaint having failed to properly state the right of plaintiff, he was virtually nonsuited, and the action proceeded only as the question of damages to be allowed defendant, and the verdict of the jury was for return of the property without damages.

FROM BUTTE.—Some time ago we published an item giving some information gleaned from a letter written by Mr. E. F. Thompson, concerning the Shickel's 52d New York Reports, vol. 7; Lansing's Reports Supreme Court, vol. 7; 23th New York Cabinet Reports, Ramp; F. B. Woodworth; Secretary Regents of the University.

CLEANING UP.—The time of year has now come when every street, alley and yard in the city should be thoroughly cleaned and renovated, and every vestige of garbage and filth removed from all chance of breeding pestilence in the community.

Billy Stanton has made a very good move in this direction, as we noticed yesterday, and the yard back of his store, where were great heaps of rubbish and filthy piles of dirt, the yard is now as clean as a floor.

There are other yards in that vicinity which are in sad need of attention, and many other yards and nearly all the alleys in the city are in a deplorably filthy condition, and we hope to see the work of general renovation going on whenever the weather will permit.

INFORMATION WANTED.—About the time of the discovery of the body which was found in the slough at Salsby's Island not long since, John Huff, a resident of this place, familiarly known by the title of Major, left here for Portland, going away on Thursday and expecting to return the Saturday following.

Since that time he has neither been seen nor heard of; and judging from the description of the pistol and other articles found upon the corpse, as given by the Portland dailies, Huff's friends here fear it was his body that was found. If Huff is still alive and well, his friends desire him to inform them of his whereabouts, and thus to relieve their anxiety.

SALM, March 16th, 1874. ED. WILLAHETTE FARMER.—Will you allow me to correct an error which appeared in the last number of the FARMER, in connection with an article of my newly invented barrow and chod master combined? The statement which I wish to correct is the one which associates Mr. Parker with me as one of the inventors. It is perhaps well for me to say that I am the sole inventor, and that I am daily in expectation of receiving my patent.

ADDO BORCHER. NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—At the last meeting of the Oregon Natural History and Library Association, the Treasurer reported excellent success in the collections of assessments, and an appropriation of \$50 was made for the purpose of purchasing a first installment of books for which to stock the shelves. A Library Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Babcock, Jones and Walton, and Walton, and we understand they now have good prospects of a substantial basis on which to build their library.

SCHOOL TAX.—Mr. M. L. Chamberlin, School Clerk for this District, publishes a call in to-day's issue of the STATESMAN, requesting all persons who have not paid their school tax to call on him at H. D. Bonn's book store and settle the account.

THURSDAY, March 19. CIRCUIT COURT.

EIGHTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.
State of Oregon vs. Jesse L. Adams; jury impaneled and trial commenced, and defendant held to answer in the sum of \$300. To which ruling defendant, by his counsel, excepts.

State of Oregon vs. Benj. Blanton; cause continued, and also ordered that depositions of T. Cromwell and Dr. Hudson be taken by the clerk; and that all other witnesses subpoenaed for the State appear at next term of the Circuit Court without further subpoena.

A. T. Stewart vs. Baxter & Underwood; Knight A. Lord withdrew their further appearance for plaintiff. Plaintiff having been called three times to open Court, and having failed to answer, and as one having appeared to represent him, a jury was denominated by the defendants. A jury was impaneled and returned a verdict for defendant.

All jurors were discharged from further attendance at this term of the Court.

I. F. Colby vs. Paul Jones; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

State of Oregon vs. Samuel E. May et al.; two cases; continued.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The Grand Jury, for the present term of Court, made the following report upon being discharged, showing that there is no cause for complaint in any of the departments the examination of which comes within their province.

To the Honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion: We, the undersigned, the Grand Jury for said county, for March term, 1874, respectfully report that we have completed our labors. That we have examined the different public offices in the county, and find them in good condition, and as far as we are able to determine, well kept; and the public records in good condition. We have also examined the County Jail, and find the same clean and in proper condition. Also, we visited the State Penitentiary, and were well pleased with the building's accommodations, the appearance and general health of the convicts, as well as the vigilance and accommodations offered us by the officers in charge.

Isaac S. Gilbert, Foreman. A. B. Simmes, Delos Jefferson, J. B. Beckner, J. D. Smith, F. M. Cook, Joe. Unthahn.

THE THREE DOCTRINES.—Mr. Erasmus Bennett, of Washington Territory, lectured at the Opera House last evening, upon the "True Principles of the Doctrine of Christ" to a large and nice congregation of one two or three hundred persons. The speaker claimed that the sacred teachings as expounded by him, and the doctrine of his church, representing God's