

A Matter of Economy.

It is to be hoped that the Legislature, which is soon to meet, will not neglect the very important issue which was so prominent before the election, relating to the reduction of official incomes.

Having been elected on a common declaration of principles, the people demand of this Legislature a study of all financial questions from the standpoint of economy.

It seems to be conceded that our State is considerably in debt. That being the case, it is necessary to get out of debt as soon as possible to do so, without making taxation burdensome.

Political strife intensifies, and corruption exists, because office-holding is so remunerative as to be demoralizing.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of The Living Age, already issued in this month, have been as usual filled with the valuable productions of the ablest living contributors to periodical literature.

A SALMON RIVER TRIP.

DEAR RECORD: Our company, consisting of 15 persons, arrived here in detachments on the afternoon of Thursday the 26th to find the beach almost deserted, on account we presume of rains and cold weather.

We found the same "old ocean" with its roar of waves, and a very pleasant camp, with plenty of stove wood ready cut and split.

One of the camps where part of our company stopped, is named Mosquito camp, and all wanderers to the beach are warned to shun it henceforth.

SEPTEMBER, 1874. The month of September, commencing at 12 o'clock to-night, promises to be a "sugar" month for the Capital City.

Already are our merchants breaking up, cleaning and painting preparatory to receiving new stocks.

Below we give the dates of the meetings, etc., that are set for September.

1st. Meeting of the State Medical Society. 7th. The Fall session of the Willamette University begins.

The following persons are in prison awaiting trial by the Third District Court, which convened at Seattle last Monday.

Willamette Valley in 1845.

IN 1845, April, I started for the then far-off Oregon, accompanied by my brother, James O. Davidson.

Below the Little Dalles the river widens and forms an immense basin. Suddenly the vast basaltic walls close in, and the river turns itself upon edge, and glides swiftly, smoothly, through the chasm.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Rev. Mr. Atwood preached two acceptable sermons at the Taylor-street M. E. Church on Sunday last, and left for Seattle on Monday morning.

We understand an effort will be made during the present week to purchase a lot, erect a chapel, and organize a new M. E. Church in the northern part of the city.

Rev. Mr. Chittan, the new pastor, occupied the pulpit at the Hall-street Church on Sunday, and was well received by good congregations, both morning and evening.

The North Portland Sunday School is growing rapidly. Every Sunday some new scholars tinkle their appearance, and the cheerful happy faces of the infant class (now numbering 50), under the management of Mrs. M. E. Sutherland, is an encouraging sight.

We are informed that at a meeting of members of the First Congregational Church in this city, on Tuesday evening, the question of paying off the church debt of \$2,000 was presented, and, without difficulty, the whole sum was subscribed, and the Society is thus placed out of debt.

Studies were resumed at St. Joseph's Parochial School on Monday, 23rd inst.

Father Glorieux has been busy for some time in adding a new wing to St. Michael's College. The work is almost finished, and will be ready for the use of the pupils on Monday next.

We understand that Rev. Father Cherouse has been appointed by the government, Special Agent for five Indian Reservations, namely: Lummi, Swinomish, Tulalip, Port Madsen and Black River. There are over 2,000 Indians on these reservations, all of whom are Catholics.

Wheat is quoted at 75 cents per bushel at Oregon City.

Since Dr. Bailey, of Hillsboro, hung the clothes in the barn that he had on when he visited those small-pox cases at Cornelius, he does not miss any more of his oats.

Last week, on returning from a black-berrying excursion on the North Yamhill, the team containing the excursionists ran away and threw Mrs. A. Tyler out, breaking her arm and bruising her badly.

Last Saturday a team from Yamhill county, with a wagon load of women and children, ran away at Dilly, a way station on the Oregon Central Railroad, in which Mrs. Green Roland had her hip dislocated, and was otherwise injured; and Mrs. Fouts had her ankle broken, and several of the children were considerably though not seriously bruised.

The Catholic Sentinel says workmen are laying the foundations for St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Oregonian of 23rd says a man named Phil Johnson was found by the police stabbed, lying on the ground covered with gore and stupid with liquor, in an Indian ranch below Portland.

Break, Broke, Broken.

"I begin to understand your language better," said my French friend, Mr. Arroust, to me: "but your verbs trouble me still; you mix them up so with your prepositions."

"Broken off." "Yes; broken off." "Ah! I had not heard that." "She is very sorry about it. Her son only broke the news down to her last week. Am I right? I am so anxious to get the English well."

Mathematical.

As it is generally admitted that nine-tails make a man, and that forty Poles make a furlong, how many Republicans make a League?

How many pecks of a woodpecker make a bushel?

Is the Teetotal notion correct that there are three sermons to every dram.

Admitting that 40 square poles make one Rude, find how many round, fat French dancing masters will make one polite?

Did Babelus ever smoke a pipe of wine? May you never gather from the historical accounts of the Transjordan at Rome, that the Romans were well up in the "Rule of Three."

How many "links" of evidence make a "chain" of guilt?

Is finding the rate of a ship's progress necessarily a "snotty" question?

Would not the rule by which we reduce a number of one "denomination" to that of another, be of use in helping about the union of the various Christian churches?

All Sorts.

Not to be injured in any event—Pure Christianity.

Whenever business falls off it always seems to get hurt.

Why is Summer like the letter N? because it makes ice nice.

Doctor, is tight lacing injurious? Of course is, madam.

A Polish nobleman will polish your boots for a dime in Omaha.

Further devil-up-ments from Brooklyn today.—New York Mail.

Suit of government just now—Wherever Grant happens to sit down.

"Tom, what in the world put matrimony in your head?" "Well, the fact is, I was getting short of shirts."

A German philologist contends that "Eye" is a pre-Semite word for "trib," and therefore an appropriate name for Adam's wife.

Barboo, Wisconsin, advertises for a sturgeon who can instruct the well-disposed, and knock down and drag out disturbing sinners.

Milwaukee's latest cause of complaint is that Chicago has been and gone and stole away her Government revenue cutter, the Andrew Johnson.

"Professor, will you have a cigar?" said a man in the office of a Boston hotel. Nineteen men stood up and replied, "Thank you, don't care if I do."

The best thing to brighten tin is whitening and kerosene. Wet a bit of flannel in the kerosene, then dip into the powder and rub with a will, and your tin will shine like a mirror.

The practice of ringing and tolling bells by swinging the clapper or tongue violently against the side of the bell, while the latter is stationary, is a very frequent cause of fracture. The bell itself should always be in motion when struck by the object that is intended to set it vibrating.

E. W. Platt says: "Take the common herb peppermint, scatter it in their paths and places of resort, and no old rat or young rat will brook the insult, but leave in disgust. I have tried it for eight years at least with perfect success."

The Bucks County (Pa.) Mirror says that there were two men in Doylestown last Wednesday for the purpose of seeing the circus, neither of whom had ever been to a circus, although 65 years of age. Both live within sight of Doylestown, and one of them, who has acquired three farms by his own thrift and exertion, had never been on a railroad train.

The church edifice of the Congregational Society in Warren, R. I., recently burned was insured in the Newport Company, R. I., for \$4,000, with permission to use kerosene or gas for lighting. Gasoline gas was used, which exploded and destroyed the building, and the company declined to pay up.

Gen. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, is spending the summer with his family at the Thousand Islands. He is still in very poor health, suffering with acute pneumonia.

Gen. Braxton Bragg has been appointed chief engineer of the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe railroad, and will commence a survey of the line shortly, with a corps of two hundred men.

The present interest in the Maine canvass centers in the Republican nominations for the Legislature, whether for Hamlin, or Washburn, or Perham, or Drummond, for United States Senator.

There is no longer any doubt that Senator Jones has set his heart on Long Branch as a summer residence. He has purchased from Mr. Murphy the large plot of ground fronting the ocean on the other side of Ocean avenue from Mr. Murphy's cottage. It is the second plot below President Grant's, Mr. DeForest being between them. It is one of the hand-

somest plot on the avenue, and costs \$50,000. Senator Jones intends to erect a handsome villa on the site, and to make it his home next summer.

It will cost Washington county, Pennsylvania, \$50,000 to replace the bridges washed away by the flood.

A Sing Sing letter says Stokes is in the hospital half the time, and that he will hardly survive his term of imprisonment.

The old Congregational Church at South Hadley Falls (Mass.) observed the fifteenth anniversary of its organization on Sunday, the 9th inst.

On Saturday the three-year-old son of G. W. Atchinson, five miles south of Atlanta, (Ill.) was killed by a pitchfork thrown by his father from the top of a load of hay, the tines striking him a few inches below the heart, causing almost instant death.

J. Proctor Knott, generally known as Hon. Proctor Knott, ex-Attorney General of Missouri, now a citizen of Kentucky, has been nominated Democratic candidate for Congress in the fourth district of that State—a district which he represented in a former Congress.

Ex-President Jefferson Davis, with his son and daughter, is at Portland, Me.

Ex-Governor B. Gratz Brown fell from the front steps of his residence in St. Louis, on Wednesday last, and broke one of his legs. He slipped on a buttered watermelon rind.

Tom Bennett, a nephew of the Idaho Governor, had his collar bone broken by being thrown from his horse at Boise City last week.

It is announced that Gen. Butler will run for Congress in the Sixth Massachusetts District.

Advices from Philadelphia, state wool stock scarce. California fine and medium 30c; California coarse, 25c@30c.

The Democratic Convention at Engleworth nominated Jonathan D. Cox for the Eleventh Congressional District.

The Anti-Monopoly Convention of the Second Iowa Congressional District at Moquoket, on the 23d, nominated J. L. Shean.

About 500 Mennonites nearly all from the southern part of Russia, reached New York on the 23d. The party nearly all go to Dakota.

The wife of G. H. Adams, of the Cleveland Commonweal, was drowned at Put-In-Bay on the 27th, while out rowing with a party of friends.

The Kiowas and Comanches attacked Gen. Davidson on the 23d inst., at Wicket Agency, near Fort Hill, but were twice repulsed, and are attempting to return to the Agency.

The British steamship Diddy, plying between Southampton and St. American ports, went ashore on the coast of Uruguay and is a total loss. Passengers, crew, mails and specie were saved.

D. Barnes, proprietor of the Argus, was arrested, at the instance of Bowen and his sons, for the publication of an alleged interview with Henry M. Smith. He gave bail in the sum of \$1,500, and was released.

A dispatch from Washington says: The Commissioner of Engineers, who is to report on an improved plan of outlet at the mouth of the Mississippi, has left for Europe, and will visit the Po, Danube and Rhine, in order to personally inspect these rivers and obtain such information as may be applicable to the Mississippi.

STATE NEWS.

Knox Bette Grangers are erecting a commodious hall four miles east of Albany.

Several fast horses are being trained for the Linn County Fair, on the track near Albany.

A little daughter of R. G. Head, of Corvallis, fell a distance of twenty-three, a few days ago, and, strange to say, was not badly hurt.

The Reporter says the dead lock in the wheat market at McMinnville is broken. Six bushels and a half have been sold at 75 cents a bushel.

The health in Linn county is improving somewhat, but there are still quite a number of sufferers. Billious fever seems to be the prevailing disease.

The stockholders in the Albany Farmers' Warehouse, last season, cleared over \$2,500—a profit of twenty-one per cent, on the capital invested. This is certainly a good and profitable investment.

G. W. Siferet and associates are engaged at Clatsop in building a new steamboat for the Skipanon trade. The boat will be 60 feet in length, 18 feet beam, and of only sufficient depth of water for the trade.

The Albany Register says: "The farmers talk of putting up a pool of \$20,000 bushels of wheat as a market opener. Whether the pool will be offered to the highest bidder, or a price will be set at which it will be sold, we have not learned."

The steamer Mollie is now making regular trips between Elk City and Newport, carrying passengers and the United States mails. She makes the run in three hours.

One day last week, old Mr. Morgan, a bricklayer, was seriously hurt by a fall. He was building a chimney on Mr. Sargeant's new building at Sheridan, when the scaffolding gave away, letting the old gentleman fall to the ground, and his injuries were such that he had fainting spells for some time after the accident.

Last Sunday evening a little daughter, six or seven years old, of Mr. Joseph Perkins, living near Carlton, was kicked in the head by a horse and came near being killed. The horse was sharp shod, and where the shoe came in contact with the child's head it crushed in the skull, making a fracture three inches in length.

The body of Harry Price, recently drowned while crossing the river at Portland, has been recovered.

Marx Silverman, a young man of 18, committed suicide in East Portland, Saturday afternoon under singular circumstances.

Judge W. W. Upton has been presented with a handsome gold watch and chain by the Portland bar.

A discharged soldier named Theodore M. Sherman was locked up in Vancouver for attempting to commit suicide.

THE TERRITORIES.

Ike Orcutt matched Charles Wilson's horse "Sam Slick" against John Haud's horse "Heenan" with J. L. Cook, to run 440 yards over the race track at Florence, Idaho Territory, for \$600. A lively race was expected.

There is an exhibition, at the Olympia Transcript office, a cabbage head raised on the piece of Tyrus Hines, a few miles from Olympia, which weighs sixty-five pounds. The seed was sown the 27th of April last, and the head was cut on the 25th of August.

The trial of William Siebert, who killed his father in Shoshomish county last Spring, has been continued until the February term of the District Court.