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BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 16.—Baroness DeBussiere daughter of Ben Holladay, the California millionaire, died to-day at the New York hotel of pneumonia, aged 23 years, leaving one child four years old. The vexatious suit brought against her father by her surviving brother, Ben, Jr., and herself, under her husband's influence, is still pending, awaiting judicial decision on some preliminary motion. She was attached to the Roman Catholic faith. Her funeral will take place Tuesday from St. Ann's church. News of her death has been telegraphed to her husband, in Paris, and her father, who is in Oregon.

Georgetown, Col., Dec. 15.—Early this morning a mob surrounded the county jail, forced the keys from the jailer, took Schaubert, the notorious outlaw and murderer from the jail and hung him.

Alexander, (colored) who murdered Thos. Dougherty, a white man, was taken from the Murfreesboro jail at 2 o'clock this morning and hung and his body riddled with shot.

Galveston, Dec. 18.—Mexicans at El Paso several hundred strong, have the state troops surrounded, and the rangers are doomed unless they comply with the demands of the Mexicans. The demand is that Howard shall be delivered to them to be beheaded, this manner of execution having been determined on beforehand. The sheriff of the county despairs of assistance in time to prevent a massacre. General Steele thinks the rangers will not surrender Howard, but will defend him with their lives.

The New York Austin special says: A dispatch received by the governor from the sheriff of El Paso county stated that the state troops had surrendered to the Mexican mob at 3 p. m. yesterday. Their ammunition was exhausted and they were unable to hold out longer. After the surrender Howard, Atkinson and McBride were shot to death by Mexicans.

New York, Dec. 18.—The funeral of the late Baroness De Bussiere took place this morning from St. Ann's church. The attendance of mourners was small. Mr. Holladay was unable to be present, and deceased's husband was in Paris. A solemn requiem mass was celebrated, and the remains were then taken to White Plains, where they were interred in the family vault on the Oyster Point.

Sacramento, Dec. 16.—Elmore Granger, an employe at the railroad shops, committed suicide at the shops Saturday afternoon by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. Aged 37. He had been drinking freely.

The wind has been southerly all day, sky overcast, air humid and sultry, with appearance of rain, but thus far there has been only a slight sprinkle.

Sacramento, Dec. 17.—Pa ley was nominated for senator on the 7th ballot. The vote stood, Farley 42, McDonald 18, Hager 18.

FOREIGN.

London, Dec. 16.—A Berlin correspondent telegraphs that Germany has replied to the Turkish note that German participation in mediation depends upon Russia consenting to the parity. The North German Gazette and National Gazette concur in declaring that the powers won't listen to Turkish appeals.

A Pera correspondent says: The Turkish government obviously feels its capability of resistance exhausted and would gladly make peace upon reasonable terms, but it appears to have no definite programme.

Verbitsa, Dec. 15.—Forty thousand Russians leave for Oranienbaum.

Bucharest, Dec. 16.—Prince Milan has started for Alexinatz Servians under General Leschkanie, occupied with artillery the heights of Lopotinitz and Secanka, commanding Fort Maramer, near Mirc.

Bucharest, Dec. 17.—Colonel Wellesley, British military attache, says Osman Pasha had less than 50,000 men at Plevna, and in his sortie lost 6,000 killed and the wounded have been 6,000 more.

Bogot, Dec. 17.—The Russians, after occupying Elena, pushed forward their troops to Belerova yesterday.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—It is now known heavily in the Balkans, and it is believed the passes will be rendered impassable.

Erzeroum, Dec. 17.—Two Russian divisions are moving to cut Turkish communication with Trebizand and attack Erzeroum from the south.

Bucharest, Dec. 16.—The report of the suicide of Osman Pasha is false. There is no foundation for the report of his death from any cause.

A telegram from Bucharest announces the arrival of the czar at that place, but does not mention the death of Osman Pasha.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The Russian loss to December 13th was 77,650 men.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—It is generally believed here that the Porte's appeal for mediation of the powers will have no result.

Layard, the British ambassador, has informed the Turkish government that England will continue to observe neutrality.

Bucharest, Dec. 18.—It is known to many that the czar was privately warned last August that if Russia entered on a second campaign it would be impossible to restrain England from hostile action.

Influential Russians consider the present moment highly favorable for direct negotiations between Russia and Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—France has replied to the Turkish note. The terms of the reply are almost identical with those of Italy.

Athens, Dec. 15.—It is said the Porte has decided to grant fuller autonomy to Crete to allay discontent in that island.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—A correspondent telegraphs that Turkey's first pacific effort may be regarded as a failure. Germany hinted that treating directly with Russia would be the shortest way of coming to an under-

standing. It seems that when the note was first mentioned the Austrian government replied that it couldn't hold out any hope of successful mediation on such a basis.

London, Dec. 18.—A telegram from St. Petersburg, semi-official in character, says the statement that Germany and Austria have refused the Turkish request for mediation has produced a favorable impression here. The universal sentiment is that after the great sacrifices of Russia, peace on the conditions foreshadowed in the Porte's circular would be illusory, and that the conditions raised by this sanguinary war must be definitely and exhaustively solved.

Alexinatz, Dec. 18.—Prince Milan has arrived here.

Bucharest, Dec. 18.—Prince Gorishakoff has instructed Russian representatives abroad to observe the greatest possible reserve relative to the conditions of peace which Russia might be disposed to advance.

London, Dec. 19.—The morning papers officially announce that parliament will meet Jan. 17. It is stated the cabinet has decided to ask parliament to vote a grant of money for such increase of the British army as the present state of Europe demands.

The Standard in its leader explains that the victory of the Russians is not the cause of the summoning of parliament, but the license given to Russia by Germany and Austria to use the victory in her own way. This is what constitutes the danger to British interests. England can never consent to the quarrel being arranged on those terms. She may even have come to demur to a peace directly between the belligerents. She claims a voice in the settlement, and it is that she may be prepared to insist upon that voice that the government is adopting those measures which parliament will be invited to sanction.

Naples, Dec. 18.—The pretot of Naples and General Sack and Pallavicini and their staffs to-day went on board the U. S. man-of-war Vandalla to pay their respects to ex-President Grant. Salutes were exchanged between the vessel and fortifications. Gen. Grant is now visiting Mount Vesuvius. The pretot accompanies him.

London, Dec. 18.—It is said the Chinese government intends to appeal to Great Britain and the United States for pecuniary aid to meet the famine in the northern provinces.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The court of appeals has sentenced the publisher of *Osers Ervators*, organ of the vatican and clerical party, to six months' imprisonment for libeling the ministers of the Italian Free church.

The pope continues improving. Some cardinals desire to remove the conclave to Trent.

LETTER FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11, 1877.

"CALIFORNIA WEATHER"
Has brightened the horizon since my arrival here, and we have only had one shower, and that was of short duration. The dust is very plentifully scattered around the streets of San Francisco.

The coming holidays are causing the business houses to spring to activity, and one can spend an evening very profitably in looking at the show windows of the various variety stores, and jewelry shops—one can see plenty of beautiful specimens of diamonds and other precious stones to dazzle the eye.

There are a great many Oregonians coming here every week, and it would be useless to try to keep track of them for they are constantly coming and going. The average Oregonian stays here until they are caught "short" and are obliged to return. Every one who comes seems to be pleased with the country and climate—but at the same time are glad to get back to old Oregon again.

I might right here say a little in regard to OREGON FRUITS.

And apples in particular. I am surprised to see apples which are very inferior and of poor quality, both in size and flavor, selling here for from \$1.50 to \$2.00, and a variety of apples called the "Lady apple" are selling for from \$5 to \$6 per box. It is true they are of fine flavor (for they are raised and brought from Oregon.) We cannot see the pleasure in eating apples costing so much, as it looks like throwing money away. To-day I saw in a show window some half dozen pears, of the "pound pear" variety, from some interior orchard, which weighed as high as three pounds each. They were offered for sale at 50 cents each.

The Palace Hotel, of which you all have heard so much about, is simply grand, and I would be sorry to see the government get it, although Senator Sharon says he knows nothing about the proposed purchase, as they would not be able to keep it looking so nice as it now is.

There are plenty of places of amusement in this city, and one can see a good play, as well as see splendor enough to pay them. Baldwin's theatre is a beautifully fitted up place, and even on the stage the most beautiful and elegant apartments are shown, as fine as any parlor. The place where the German element delight on Sundays, is Woodward's Gardens. I have not as yet been there, so will leave a description of it for another time.

Oakland is a beautiful place, and the ride

across is very pleasant. The O. P. R. R. Co. owns the ferries, and they have built a pier (or bridge as the people here call it) on spiles out into the bay for a couple of miles. I understand that every spile that was driven cost the Company \$100; so you can imagine what amount it must have cost. It is being eaten by the teredo (or some kind of an insect), so that it is not the safest in the world. The ferry-boat starts from the foot of Market street, and lands at the aforesaid pier. It takes about fifteen minutes for the boat to go across, and the distance is eight or nine miles. The Co.'s cars run from there to the suburbs of Oakland, and yet can ride on them for nothing—the only cheap thing I have struck so far, outside of walking. You pay 15 cents a trip, or you can buy a monthly ticket for \$3, good for two trips a day, on the ferry.

The working men are having meetings in different parts of the city, and I understand that it is to protect themselves from the Chinese element. The several leaders are having a little trouble for leadership. So far a man named Kearney is ahead, with several other agitators following close in the wake. Last month Thanksgiving day, they had a procession, about 10,000 were in line, and everything passed off quietly although trouble was expected. The six Chinese companies have issued an order for all Chinese to stay in their houses. The whole of Chinatown was, to a certain extent, barricaded, and only a few Chinese were visible. A great many people left the city on account of existing trouble.

Among the many institutions in San Francisco, that of Head's Business College, ranks among the first, and every day we hear of parties gaining diplomas. They teach a thorough business and commercial course, and any one whose early education has been neglected can learn all the rudiments of an English education there. The college issues a paper containing course study, rates, etc., which can be had by addressing them. Their college is at 24 Post street, and any young man who wishes to obtain a thorough business education would do well to take a course of instruction there.

Dr. Guard's Lecture.

One of the most intelligent and appreciative audiences that ever congregated together in Salem was assembled last evening in the lecture room of the Methodist church, to listen to Rev. Thomas Guard, of San Francisco, who, as announced, delivered his famous lecture on "Mental Activities of the Age." For two long hours the distinguished orator held in profound and fascinating silence his hearers, by his weird and forcible illustrations, his logical deductions and his magic word weaving. His delivery is pleasing, although in the rapid passages of his address an occasional sentence is shorn of its beauty and force by the loss of an expressive word. Taken altogether, Salem had an intellectual feast that will be long remembered by those who attended, and a course of lectures, with such orators as Mr. Guard, each winter, and the capital of Oregon would, like the larger cities of the New England States, soon become famous for its literary tastes and social refinement.—Record, Dec. 19.

Leg Out.

Yesterday morning a German by the name of Browner, was in South Salem, near the old Cross place cutting some brush to repair the dam at Kinney's Mill; while in the act of striking a limb, caught the axe in such a manner as to make it cut a severe gash in his right leg just above the knee and causing the blood to flow pretty freely. Mr. B. continued on with the work for a time, thinking that the flowing of the blood would soon cease; in this he was mistaken, for in a short time the blood had filled the boot on the right foot; he then became alarmed and started for town to have the wound dressed. He was tracked by parties who happened to come to the spot when the accident happened clear into town by the blood.

Attempted Burglary.

It is quite evident there is a regular organized band of petty larceny thieves making raids in every town in this State, with probably their headquarters at Portland. A short time ago Mr. Holbert's candy manufactory was robbed, and last night some persons attempted to enter the store of Mr. Hugh Owens, in South Salem; they succeeded in cutting out one pane of glass in the back window, and broke off one of the bolts in the door, but was frightened away before the door could be gotten open. There are several stray looking dogs at present in this city, and it would be well for our citizens to see that their windows are nailed down and the shot gun is loaded with buck-shot, and the first person that is caught loitering around your place after a reasonable hour, and can give no good excuse, just fill him so full of holes that his hide won't make a good bag of skins. "Then's our sentiments."

Stockholders take Notice.

The stockholders of the Capital Mining Co. will please bear in mind that the annual meeting No. 1, on the company's stock, will expire on the 23d of this month and will be delinquent. Stockholders will find J. H. Haas, the Treasurer of the company, ready to issue to them their receipts when the coin is paid.

SALEM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL SCHOOL, Dec. 10, 1877.

The Association met and was called to order by the President, Miss Hattie L. Powell.

Roll call—Miss Warriner tardy, and Miss Smith absent.

Mr. Steeves was appointed special critic. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Under the head of General Business, some discussion occurred in regard to vacation and the next meeting of the Association.

Then followed the regular exercises of the meeting. Miss Taylor read an article from a school journal, on the duties of teachers, to themselves and to their profession. The writer urged teachers to make a life work of their profession, and if they did not intend to do that to leave the school room as soon as possible. Teaching should not be made a "stepping stone" to something else. Teachers should band together for their mutual benefit and thus assist each other. It has been said the most prominent trait of a teacher's character is jealousy. Jealous of the success of another teacher. This, of course, should be guarded against. Teachers should thoroughly qualify themselves for this work. The standard of proficiency should be raised by law, and every person desiring to teach should be required to pass a thorough examination before he is granted a certificate. This would keep inefficient persons out of the school room, and elevate and make more remunerative the profession.

Mrs. Carl read a selection entitled, "Tones." This is an admirable article discussing the different tones of the voice, and which is the best to use in the school room.

Miss Warriner read rules, "Policies of teachers to their pupils, to themselves and to their school," found in a circular published for the teachers' use, by Supl. Doty, of the Chicago public schools.

Mr. Rendle read a poem by Bowen, entitled "Crown the Teacher." This is a beautiful poem, and was ably read by Mr. Rendle.

Miss Towell read a very pretty poem, entitled, "The Jolly Old Pedagogue." It contained much consolation for the poor pedagogue, which was assuredly appreciated by those present. The poem was very well read and was listened to with profound attention.

The critic was called upon for his report, whereupon he arose in his place and said he had no report to make.

It was moved that the next meeting be an informal one, held at the usual place, Friday Dec. 22d at 4:30 p. m., which motion prevailed. There being no further business, on motion, adjourned.

J. T. Gregg, Secretary.

Send the Stamps.

When you want a copy of a newspaper, send the value of it in stamps, then you will not be disappointed. If you are a correspondent or have an advertisement in the paper, you are entitled to a complimentary copy of the paper containing it sent to your post-office, at the time of publication; for it takes time to hunt up a copy, three or six months after it is published, and time costs money in a printing office, so send enough stamps to pay the publisher for the paper and time required to hunt it up. Another point: When you write to a man, for your own information and benefit, and which you are satisfied would be of no interest or benefit to him, enclose stamps to pay both postage and the value of the writing material used, and you will, very likely, get the information desired.

Ran off the Sidewalk.

Yesterday a gentleman by the name of Henry Gentry was wheeling his little cherub, about one year old, and when near Commercial street, at Johnny Knight's blacksmith shop, he stopped and commenced to examine some cultivators, leaving the carriage to stand on the walk, the little fellow soon got tired of this examining cultivators and commenced to propel the carriage by jumping up and down, the sidewalk at that place is on the down grade, and about two feet high, and the wagon having got fairly started, ran for about ten feet and then pitched head foremost off the walk into a pile of old rubbish, upside down. The baby received two gashes, one just over the eye, and the other in the temple, which brought the blood from the little innocent's head in streams. The wounds are not considered dangerous, but rather painful.

Money in Poultry.

A good little boy over in South Salem, the other day, heard his father remark that there was money in hens, and after the old gentleman had gone over in town, this good little boy took his dog and went into the poultry yard to investigate the matter; after he had killed and cut open about a half dozen of the finest hens, he concluded that the old man was joking. When the old gentleman returned home and learned what had happened, he hit upon that good little boy in a manner that soon convinced him that the old gent was not joking. That boy now wonders if there is a balm in Gilead.

Paralytic Stroke.

We understand that Miss Carrie Laughhead received a partial stroke of paralysis last Saturday, in the left side, and for a short time it was supposed that the stroke was permanent, but this morning we learn that she is in a fair way to recover, and will soon be able to be around again. This is the second of the late strokes that Miss Carrie has had within the last four years.

Passed Through.

The Sheriff of Lane county passed on the valley to-day on the morning train, having in custody one S. Lewis, alias Herman, who was arrested at Seattle a few days ago, on the charge of having committed a murder in Coos county some two years ago.

Letter from Ohio.

I have delayed my correspondence some in order to see if your postically named correspondents were going to give me a literary shampooing. But the nice, easy, and very courteous manner in which Aunt Squash came down, and the grammatical distinctness with which she designated my sex, showed her head to be level, and that I would politely surrender my seat in the cars to Maggie Mountain Sprout, Miss Vanderpool, Felicity Carrot, or Jennie Squash, with or without corsets, you may set down as a standing rule, and he who would not do that, is I think unworthy to be noticed by any lady, whether they may have culinary names or not. But I pass to notice other topics.

This is November 5th, cloudy and cold, portentous clouds are constantly looming up in the southwest and twisting winds blow frantic freaks in every quarter.

In all my observations, which of course are confined to the ever-gone past, I have never noticed that cool, stolid indifference to all moveable facts and foists, which now seems so readily perceptive in the people of Ohio. It is true that politics has almost wholly lost its interest in the minds of the people, and thirty thousand voters in our State refused to vote. In Delaware county alone eleven hundred voted at home. Agricultural interests have all dwindled, money matters have contracted spasmodically, stock has rapidly declined in prices in consequence, and some who could have realized \$5 per hundred for hogs cannot realize 35 cents per pound. In Madison county thousands have died of cholera, and some down there are doing some tall talking about the cattle pest (Texas variety) having moved in also. One foundry and all the flux interests in Delaware are laid low. Property that cost \$70,000 sold last week at forced sale for \$12,000, leaving the horrified stockholders to strike a dividend on the other \$58,000. Fruit, cabbage, and raisin-water, are as scarce as hen's teeth, and for the last two months it has not been considered much out of order by some to omit regular weekly changes of purple and fine linen.

To break the fatiguing monotony which has existed, I attempted to effect the introduction of a uniform system of school books in our schools. Thirty years of pedagoguing amid the almost endless variety of school books, had sufficed to disgust me with the proficiency attainable in each successive effort. Commonly, three to five classes in each department, where one would better answer all practical purposes. The house of Wilson, Hinkle & Co., of Cincinnati, enjoying a monopoly in the McGuffie publication, and every six months they were undergoing revision and changes, rendering them as a series but little better than a medley of publications. The mercenary agent of the Ohio house besetted himself under the influence of big pay and the promise of more, went to and fro, up and down, to thwart all attempts to effect a change. At last I procured from the house of J. H. Butler & Co. the straw that broke the camel's back. That house, on the American Readers, Oxford Speakers, Tarns, a Geology, Mitchell's New Geography, (brought down to date full series) Smith's Pictorial United States History, The New American Pronouncing Spellers and Mitchell's Physical Geography. By Broekelsby, the ablest book on that subject in America, sent me a scale of prices on the aforesaid books which swamped the Cincinnati house and their 6 foot 4 inch agent and several others, as they bound themselves to maintain that scale of prices for five years. Township after township adopted, to the great satisfaction of myself and other teachers. The books come short of at least two profits as we article directly with the house. I am no agent, have a fish to fry, neither ask nor receive compensation, and now if you want a healthy literary change of pasture over in the land of State Fair Treasures, I will willingly lend you my aid to get it cheaply.

Yours in kindest love,

JOHN WATERS.

Leonardsburg, O., Nov. 5, 1877.

Hard Cases.

McGaw, alias Blackcock, who once resided at Salem, is now serving out a term in the Penitentiary. F. H. DeLass, who was sent to the Penitentiary from this city for forgery, is also serving out his time at the place of a life crime. DeLass, while in this State, had every advantage offered, but he proved himself a kleptomaniac and served two terms in the penitentiary of Oregon.

Masonic Election.

At a regular communication of Jennings Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., held at Dallas the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: T. G. Richmond, W. M.; N. J. Butler, S. W.; Warren Travis, J. W.; M. M. Ellis, Treasurer; C. W. Teal, Secretary, and Joseph DeBerry, Tyler.