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BY TELEGRAPH.

Knoxville, Dec. 29.—Jacob Harris was hanged at Clinton, for the murder of Isaac White in 1863. A immense crowd was present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

New York, Dec. 30.—A special to the World from Washington says, Schleicher, chairman of the sub-committee on foreign affairs, investigating the Texas border troubles, has been informed by the state department that Foster, American minister to Mexico, has been appointed to Washington before the commission. The request of the sub-committee for Foster's presence in this city was referred by the state department to the president, who decided that the temporary absence of Foster from the City of Mexico would not jeopardize the public service.

The World's Washington special says: Gen. Banning and Gen. Bragg, of the house committee on military affairs, are at work on the army appropriation bill and it will be ready for presentation to the committee on appropriations at the reassembling of congress.

The pension, navy, postoffice and consular appropriation bills will all be ready to be presented to the house of representatives when it reassembles.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Times' editorial says: If any of our readers are filled with the notion that subsidy giving is a profitable exercise of power by the United States, they would do well to read the history of the relations of the government to the Union Pacific Railroad Company. They will find that the company resists at every point claims of the government, and thinks no plea too slight to interpose against reimbursing money nominally loaned by the latter.

The case against the Union Pacific comes up next week in the United States court in Boston, in which the United States sue for five per cent. of the net earnings to be paid to the railroad. The demand is resisted on the ground that though the road was sufficiently completed to be entitled to the subsidy loan, it was not sufficiently so to justify the government in demanding the commencement of repayment. Another ground of resistance is that the net earnings in law means the earnings after all interest has been paid. These two points the company will maintain. There is not, and never has been, on its part, the first intention of honorably dealing with the treasury by aid of which its splendid property was built up.

New York, Dec. 31.—Considerable excitement was caused this morning by the announcement of the failure of John Bonner & Co., one of the oldest houses on Wall street. Intelligence of the failure has had a depressing effect on the stock market.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Prof. Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute, reports that Prof. Forester, of Berlin, has announced the discovery of a planet of the eleventh magnitude, 7 hours 41 minutes, right ascension; 39 degrees 37 minutes north declination.

Wm. M. Tweed has offered to confess judgment in all the city suits now pending against him. These include two suits on the six million claim the same as that in the people's suit in which judgment has been given against him for \$5,000,000 against G. S. Miller & Tweed. Corporation counsel has accepted the offer in the last two suits.

Richmond, Jan. 1.—Reports from the western portion of Virginia, including the valley between Staunton and the Potomac and Trans-Allegheny region, state that snow has fallen sufficient to delay the arrival of trains.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—The storm Saturday and Sunday night was the severest since last April. The steamship Isaacs Bell from New York arrived this afternoon and reports great disasters with loss of life outside.

FOREIGN. New York, Dec. 29.—The Herald's London special says: In English military circles war is considered almost inevitable. Arrangements are on foot for 80,000 men and steps are already taking toward the formation of a nucleus for a reserve army. Profound uneasiness prevails here and great depression in trade and finance.

Belgrade, Dec. 30.—The Serbian troops have captured Pirot with a quantity of guns and ammunition. No details received. Russians are approaching Sophia, and the authorities have ordered the inhabitants to leave.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News' Bucharest correspondent states that intelligence is received that the bridge at Petrocheni, the last remaining across the Danube, has been carried away. Few boats occasionally cross, passage is hazardous and several persons have already been drowned.

A Grecian special to the Daily News from Plymouth reports the whole annual fleet and all commissioned ships under repair are ordered to be ready for sea by Jan. 15th.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The North German Gazette says: If England merely seeks to sound Russia respecting her willingness to make peace and the chances of success of direct application of the Porte to St. Petersburg, credit may be awarded Great Britain for her meritorious intentions. In any other case the theory of "Agence Russes" that mediation unless solicited by both belligerents becomes intervention may assert itself. Regarding intervention Russia in fulfillment of her mission can scarcely be stopped, even by the cleverest moves on the political chess-board.

Malta, Dec. 30.—Ex-President Grant landed Saturday. He took luncheon with the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and dined with the governor. A gala performance of opera was given in honor of the general in the evening.

London, Dec. 31.—A correspondent of the Manchester Guardian telegraphs that journal regarding the government's policy as follows: There is not an idea of the acquisition of Egypt, which would be the abandonment of the policy of opposing the partition of Turkey.

It is believed that should Russia reject mediation Lord Beaconsfield is prepared to appeal to the country on the question of declaring war for the defence of British interests.

Vienna, Jan. 1.—Political Correspondence says it is probable Russia will reply that she is ready to open negotiations if the Porte directly addresses itself to St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The request of the British government for information whether Russia would be disposed to enter into peace negotiations at the desire of the Porte has been received. If the statements have been published abroad respecting Russia's answer and the conditions she would propose for such intelligence must be premature and inaccurate. Nothing whatever has been determined upon, though in well informed circles it is assumed that Russia will make no harsh reply to steps taken with an object of favoring a way for peace, but will show herself accessible to any earnest endeavors for its restoration.

Bogot, Jan. 1.—After an exceedingly difficult passage over the snow-covered mountains and frozen footpaths, the vanguard of a Russian division has occupied the Balkan passes between Arabakouk and Sophia, and cavalry has already been stationed on the Sophia roads. The Turks were taken by surprise, consequently the Russians lost only five wounded. Along the eastern front, namely, the River Lom, the Turks have withdrawn all their positions, leaving only small armed bodies composed of troops and inhabitants. The latter, with arms, retire to the woods after burning their own villages.

Bucharest, Dec. 31.—Bridges crossing the Danube at Simniza were taken up to prevent their destruction. It is hoped the bridge at Petrocheni just reported as having been carried away, can be repaired.

Nine hundred horses perished in the vicinity of Sistoysa during the recent storm.

Multnomah District Pomona Grange.

This grange met in East Portland Dec. 14, and was largely attended. Although this is not so much of a farming region as other portions of Oregon, when this grange meets we feel like a little community of our own. Some of our members are diligent in attending, and sometimes we hear of granges surrendering their charters. But let us not feel discouraged. Was there ever a society, however long established, that had not such members? Still they exist, and so shall the grange. There are sufficient members who work with zeal, knowing what we have accomplished, and are contiguing to do, and any one who does not feel an interest to attend to his or her grange and assist in its work, is not worthy of the name of Patron.

The above grange met at 10 o'clock, and proceeded to business, which proved of much interest to the Order. Here we are always favored by speeches from J. A. Richardson, Jacob Johnson, Plympton Kelly, and O. P. Leut, brothers who are wide awake, and it is of just such material we must have to make the Order advance. At 12 there was a recess of half an hour for lunch. The time passed quickly, and we were called to order by the Master's loud rap of the gavel. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Bro. A. E. Shipley, who has presided in the chair since its organization, was again almost unanimously elected Master. Bro. S., in his usual pleasant manner, thanked the Patrons for their kindness and regard shown him, and expressed his earnest intention of doing his duty, and we feel assured that with proper assistance rendered him by his members he will prove himself worthy his position. The Overseer was then elected in the person of Cyrus Backman, who has worked faithfully in our subordinate grange for four years. J. A. Richardson, of Washington Co., was re-elected Lecturer; Steward, Jacob Johnson; Asst. Steward, Bro. Mungler; Chaplain, Plympton Kelly; Treasurer, Bro. Wheeler; Sec., T. Davenport; G. K., John Moore; Ceres, Mrs. C. E. Shipley; Pomona, Mrs. Glover; Flora, Mrs. N. Backman; Stewardess, Mrs. C. A. Clark. The day being far spent, and many having far to go, the grange was dismissed, the second Friday in February being the day appointed for our next meeting, and for installing our officers, when a dinner will be given, and a good time is anticipated. Mrs. E. P.

PHILOMATH, Benton Co., Dec. 23, 1877. Philomath Grange No. 13, met to-day and elected officers as follows: J. R. Mays, M.; C. B. Wells, O.; C. B. Mays, L.; Wm. Hartless, Sec.; S. M. Brown, S.; Morris Allen, Asst. S.; J. S. Taylor, Chaplain; Jas. Cooper, T.; A. R. Brown, G. K.; Miss. Jane Mays, Ceres; Mrs. Cynthia Hinkle, Pomona; Mrs. S. M. Brown, Flora; Miss Clara Hartless, L. A. S. Our Grange is now in a prosperous condition, although our numbers are not so great, yet those who stand by the old ship are of the element that will stand fire. We will meet on the fourth Saturday in January and install the officers and give a harvest dinner. We expect a good turn out and a "way-up time." I will close by wishing you a happy new year.

PHILOMATH. Butte Creek Grange, No. 82, P. of H., held their annual election Dec. 17th with the following result: J. B. White, M.; Geo. Cardew, O.; Enoch Skirvin, L.; N. Birchett, S.; J. F. Nicholson, A. S.; Wm. Rowell, Chap.; Robt. Thompson, T.; M. J. White, Sec.; Cal. Harrington, G. K.; Martha Murdoch, C.; Olive Marquam, F.; Martha Howk, P.; Eliza Skirvin, L. A. S.

A Gentle Hint. In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature—rain, wind, and sunshine often intermingled in a single day,—it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of B-schee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wondrous, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village in this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c.; regular size 75c.

Another Robbery. Night before last some person entered the back door of Mr. F. A. Smith's residence on Piety Hill, and while the family was quiet sleeping, went through Mr. Smith's pantaloons pockets, and got away with fifteen dollars in coin.

One day last week a Mr. Greenwood and Mrs. Hillhouse were married near Dallas. That night they were annoyed by that relic of barbarism—an old-fashioned chairvair. Next day they went to Ferrdale, where the annoyance was repeated. Greenwood resented it, and was cut by a knife in the hands of one of the party. He is reported to be in a critical condition. To engage in the vulgar demonstration known as the chairvair should be made a criminal offence.

MAGAZINES.

Scribner's and St. Nicholas. Scribner & Co. send us their announcement of what they intend to do through their popular magazines the coming year, and the public can rest assured that no pains will be spared to make each, in its sphere, all that is possible or desirable. The list of writers and artists engaged is attractive to the highest degree, and the success attained for each must of course impel the publishers to do all that can be done to sustain the prestige so well established and increase the confidence and respect of a refined and critical public. We have not space to spare to recite the promised attractions, and it is only necessary for us to say that each of these magazines will continue in the front rank of periodical literature.

St. Nicholas for December is here, and we are informed that 100,000 copies of this charming, young people's magazine, were issued this month. We never could accomplish a review or critical notice of the attractions in St. Nicholas, simply because the great number and variety were bewildering, and we seldom have time to peruse it in detail. It is perhaps enough to say that it is the most wonderful and successful work of the kind ever published, and its success surpasses everything ever known in juvenile literature—or rather literature for juveniles. St. Nicholas grows plethoric as it grows old and prosperous, and its bulk indicates increased interest with additional reading matter.

Scribner's for January, 1878, comes to us full of pleasant and instructive matter for the Christmas holidays. The present number opens with "Jarl Sigurd's Christmas Eve," a poem by H. H. Boyesen; "Fox-Hunting in New England," by R. E. Robinson; there is a long article, well illustrated, on the researches and discoveries of "Dr. Schlimmer at Mycenae"; something more is said in this magazine regarding "Roxy," a story by Edward Eggleston, author of the "Hoosier School-Master." "His Inheritance," is deepening in interest; "After Many Days," a study of Keats, by R. H. Stoddard, is concluded. The January number contains many poems and articles which are interesting, and Scribner is always appreciated by its readers.

EAST PORTLAND NURSERY AND SEED GARDENS.—See the advertisement of H. Hanson, elsewhere. Mr. Hanson is one of the most reliable seedmen and nurserymen on this coast, and any one desiring to purchase anything in his line, may feel confidence when ordering from him. His nursery and gardens are within an easy half hour walk of the East Portland ferry, and his seed store is just below that ferry on the Portland side, next to the space occupied by the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Mr. Hanson is one of the Directors of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, and thoroughly understands his business.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHINESE.—A few days since Congressman Davis, of California, called on the President to learn his views on the Chinese question. Mr. Hayes conversed with him for two hours, and expressed himself strongly in sympathy with laboring population, that is disastrously affected by Chinese competition, and in favor of such measures as are possible to check the immigration of Chinese, and so avoid the competition so detrimental to white laboring people. His views will be received with satisfaction by most of the people of this side of the continent.

English Postal Savings Bank. England owes Gladstone an immense debt for what he has done for her financially, and the great reforms he inaugurated by establishing his grand system of post-office savings bank by which every postoffice is the poor man's bank, and the government is the custodian. At the present moment when our industrial classes are being plundered and robbed to the tune of millions of dollars, saved from their hard earnings, and when the "trustees are outlaws from justice with their ill gotten booty, it would be well for our legislatures to study this postoffice savings bank system. It is very simple and very secure. You go into a postoffice that has got a savings bank department. You lodge your money. It is forwarded to the Post Office in London. In a few days you receive a book with the amount of your money in it as you have the government as a security. The result of the success of this system is wonderfully apparent in the fact that upwards of twenty million pounds sterling is held by the English government as the savings of the people, and not a dollar has been lost by the most excellent class of our community, the saving and the industrious.

Agent at Lebanon. Mr. S. Luttrell, will hereafter act as agent for the WILLAMETTE FARMER at Lebanon.

ADVERSE LOSS.—The ship Nimbus, loaded with wheat foundered outside the bar, Dec. 29th, and is a total loss. The Oregonian says: The Nimbus reached this port in ballast on the 1st of last October. The vessel was chartered by N. Ten Bosch & Co., for parties in England to load with wheat for Cork. The Nimbus was loaded by H. H. Hewitt & Co., for the charterers. She received at this port 28,240 cents, valued at \$57,072; at Astoria, 16,325 cents, valued at \$3,426 25; total amount of cargo, 42,565 cents; total valuation, \$60,498 25. The cargo we are informed, belonged to a Glasgow ship owner and is insured for \$29,120, as follows: Union Marine Insurance Company, of Liverpool, \$10,000; Maritime Insurance Company of Liverpool \$19,000. So far as can be ascertained the vessel was uninsured.

COMPRESSED MEATS.—Kinney & Co., of Astoria have tried various experiments for canning meats as well as fish, among the rest they put up a superior article of compressed corned beef, of which we have received a sample from them, and which seems destined to be a popular article of production and export. We do not see why our mutton, of which we shall soon have a great surplus, cannot also be put in this shape, and Oregon meats so prepared take in a great measure the place of indigestible salt junk used as a sea.

Raising Fine Chickens. Mr. Luther Myers, who has such a favorable notoriety for raising fine breeds of fowls, wishes to make arrangements with some person living within a few miles of Salem, to raise about 500 chickens for him. Here is a chance for some lady who is well posted in the chicken business, to make a good thing by raising fine fowls for Mr. Myers. Call and see him at the stove store of J. W. Crawford, Salem.

Weatherford's preparation of Mountain Balm, so widely known as "Wigandia," is very efficacious for coughs and colds, and cures many affections of the throat and lungs. At this season it is invaluable as a family medicine. It is so palatable that children will not refuse to take it.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.—Several communications that came too late for this week's issue will appear next week, including resolutions of Summit, Benton Co., Greenback Club; letter from "Happy Flat" Linn Co., also letter from Summit, Benton Co.

Jacksonville Sentinel says very little rain has fallen in this section this winter, and our mining population are mostly idle, anxiously waiting for the commencement of the rainy season. The miners are all ready for work, and will begin active operations as soon as they have sufficient water, but the prospects for a very prosperous mining season are not as flattering as they might be.

W. B. Kyle, of Victoria, British Columbia, has bought the exclusive right of the celebrated Plummer Fruit Dryer for the sum of \$10,000. Mr. Kyle intends to start a large establishment at Victoria for the purpose of preserving fruit and vegetables, and will make a specialty of drying potatoes, clams, balbut and other fish.

Business of the Year. The following is the summary of the business transacted at the Recorder's office for the year 1878:

Received for fines for violating city ordinances	1st quarter.....\$ 30 00
2d quarter.....	18 50
3d quarter.....	67 53
4th quarter.....	94 20
Total.....	\$210 23
Received for licenses 1st quarter.....	\$ 584 00
2d quarter.....	997 00
3d quarter.....	770 50
4th quarter.....	1021 00
Total.....	\$3421 00
Total amt cash rec'd during year	\$4,521 03

The New York Observer has this remark about an important matter: "Mr. Rosworth Smith, in a book published in London, last year, makes the remarkable statement that in British India 'the Mohammedans make hundreds of converts while the Christian missionaries with difficulty make ten.'" This difference he attributes partly to the fact that the Mahomedans receive their converts on terms of entire social equality, while Europeans, in spite of the efforts of the missionaries to the contrary, seem unwilling or unable to treat their converts other than as inferiors." Unquestionably there is force in the remark.

Canada claims to have produced the largest cheese on record. From the Ingersoll, Ont., factory has been turned out a cheese weighing 7,500 pounds. It was 6 ft. 10 in. in diameter, 4 ft. in height, and 2 ft. in circumference. It required one milking of 7,000 cows, or 35 tons of milk to produce it.

WANTED. WANN HOSFORD.—At the residence of E. F. Hosford, near Bala, Polk county, December 25th, 1877, by F. Pearce, J. P., Mr. W. S. Wann and Miss Lucia M. Hosford, all of Polk county.