

OUR CHANGE OF BASE.

It is with no trifling regret and mature deliberation that we sever the business relations that for so many years have bound us to one place, to remove to another, but time has brought great changes, and with the natural development that has attended the Pacific Northwest, we find that our present position is no longer a profitable one.

More than twenty years ago the writer of this brought the first of his family to this coast, settling in the city of Astoria, Oregon, where he remained for some years.

To be more fully qualified in their great service, we have secured the best of the most reliable and experienced men in the Northwest, and have given them the best of our facilities.

From this point the markets can be best understood, and important facts made known, and if the Farmer is to do good service to the great producing interests, it must be situated where it can transmit the mystic mandates of commerce at the earliest possible moment.

We move to Portland to take advantage of all that can be had in this city, and all that can be had in the Northwest, and all that can be had in the Pacific Northwest.

Discoveries in Mathematics. Prof. Tingley, of Astoria, has discovered the problem of mathematics, and he has discovered the principle of the discovery.

The Silver Prune. G. W. Walling has the following to say about what he knows of the Silver Prune: In 1852 or 1853 I procured from the Rochester nursery, New York, a lot of scions of various kinds.

Seeds and Fruit Trees. Mr. H. Hanson, nurseryman and seedman, of Portland, has his annual announcement in the Farmer. His garden and nurseries are located near East Portland, and are cultivated with greatest care.

Henry III. of France had a most unaccountable aversion to cats, and if one entered his presence, he would actually scream until it was removed.

International Dairy Fair.

The New York Times, in a report of the International Dairy Fair, lately held in that city, has the following:

The feature of the evening at the fair was an address by Gen. Benjamin V. Butler. In it he said: "The coming together of an International Dairy Fair in this Metropolitan City of the United States would not only years ago have been considered an impossibility, but it would have been considered a miracle."

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Country for 16 cents to 20 cents each under its true name (Coe's Golden Drop).

It would be very strange indeed if I had propagated one hundred trees of a new variety, and sold them all without knowing it, to Mr. Alderman, for Mr. Prettyman, so I am informed by Mr. Alderman, and so I have seen him selling Mr. Alderman's trees, clipped the blossoms from all the trees that I sold him.

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Use Good Language.—We advise all young people to acquire in early life the habit of using good language both in speaking and writing, and also to abandon the use of slang words and phrases. The longer they live the more difficult the acquisition of good language will be; and if the golden age of youth, the proper time for the acquisition of language is passed in abuse, the unfortunate victim of

neglected education is very probably doomed to talk slang for life. Money is not necessary to procure this education. Every person has it in his power. He has to use the language which he reads instead of the slang which he hears, to form taste from the best speakers and poets of the country, to know his own phrases and to know his own habits, and to be able to acquire at the same time that perfect pronunciation and correct syntax which are the result of a liberal education.

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Mr. J. B. Hirsch, brother of Hon. Sol Hirsch, Senator from Multnomah, and Hon. Ed Hirsch, State Treasurer, died yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, at his residence in Salem. The deceased was for many years in business with his brothers in that city, but for a long time past has been in ill health, suffering from asthma, and for some time been confined to his house. He was estimable in character, honorable in all his dealings, and highly respected in Salem, where he had resided for about twenty years. The store of Messrs. Fleischman, Mayer & Co., of which Mr. Sol Hirsch is a partner, is closed on this account. The deceased leaves a wife and children to mourn his loss.

Oliver P. Hatch, a gentleman who has resided in Portland for several years and occupied many positions of responsibility, died suddenly about 8 o'clock this morning in his room in the residence of Mrs. J. A. Carr, corner First and Salmon streets. Deceased was discovered in his night clothes in a dying condition, lying on the floor, when the landlady immediately gave the alarm and summoned three physicians, but their efforts were unavailing, and his spirit departed to his heavenly home. Mr. Hatch was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1821, and emigrated to California in 1847, and joined Capt. Scott's company of California Volunteers in 1847, and served in the Mexican war.

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NOT OUR AGENT. This is to certify that we have no agent named Sullivan, and know no such person, and no such person is authorized to take any subscriptions for this paper.

Until after the holidays we will sell our immense stock of trimmed hats and bonnets at extremely low prices. Call and be convinced that we mean what we say. Fancy notions and holiday goods also at great reductions at Wm. Millman's, next door to Freeman Bros., Commercial street, to Jan. 1st 1879.

THE OREGON BLOOD PURIFIER is a purely Vegetable Remedy. It is manufactured from Oregon Roots, Herbs and Bark.

LOOK OUT! Mr. W. P. Leonard is no longer authorized to receipt for us, or to solicit subscriptions.

The only LIVER and KIDNEY Remedy that will have a good effect in this malarious climate is Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

Frozen Over.

The river opposite the city was frozen over this morning and covered with ice half an inch thick.

A Reconnoissance.

The Milder steamed down the Willamette and Columbia rivers yesterday, to note the condition of these two streams and returned in the afternoon.

Too Much Powder.

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Decision.

In the District court held at Jacksonville a few weeks ago, the somewhat noted Canyon road case had a hearing before Judge Hanna, and a verdict of \$7000 and the possession of the above road was rendered in favor of Fink and Lutz.

Nearly a Week.

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Land Service.

The Columbia river is blocked, in consideration of which the Postal Agent Steele telegraphed to day to the department at Washington for instruction and authority to put on land service if necessary between Portland and points on the upper and lower rivers.

Milder Weather.

The dispatches state that it was raining on Monday in Southern California, on Tuesday in the northern part of that State, and the storm coming in a northerly direction, so that we may expect a change of weather in a few days. It is floating on in this vicinity, and indications are favorable for rain and milder weather.

Large Attendance.

Since the beginning of the current school year, September 3, 1878, at the Willamette University, there have been an attendance 121 males and 101 females; total, 222. Arranged in departments the attendance is as follows: Medical department (Portland), 25; collegiate classical, 18; collegiate scientific, 24; preparatory, 37; academic, 53; musical, 15.

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Over 1,000 Sold in Oregon and W. T. in the last 3 years.

The peculiar arrangement of this improved implement enables it to be run by a single man. Ask your neighbor what he thinks about it. No complaint of horses. A boy can manage it, and it will work as well as a man with a walking horse, and twice the quantity per day. We have paid special regard to the improvement of our implements, and we only import such as have the very best testimonials and best sales. As our list is too extended to particularize, we would call attention to the following list:

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York, Hannah Landles, Brodick Bay, Strathearn, Sabrina, Rival, Lutterworth, Orient and Isle of Erin. Of the number, but six are American ships.

Celebration.

The colored citizens of Salem have determined to have a celebration on the anniversary of the emancipation of the colored people, and have invited their friends from Albany, who will come down on the Bay in the festivities of the occasion, at Baylies' house, on Peary Hill. The managers of the affair have spared no pains to make the celebration pass off in good style. There will be a dance, supper, and of course toasts will be read and responded to with the happiness that such occasions engender.

Murder at Orcas Island.

A letter just received by the Bellingham Bay Mail from a citizen of Orcas states that George Phillips was shot and killed at the lime kiln at that place on last Tuesday, the 24th inst., by his wife, an Indian woman. The cause of the deed is not stated, but as poor George is generally known throughout the Sound as a pretty "hard case," no doubt the woman had some provocation. She is under arrest and awaiting trial. We await further developments in the case.

New Year's Regatta.

Another interesting regatta was run yesterday on the river at this point over the old course, to Ross Island and return. Eleven four-oared gigs, one from each of the following vessels participating: Southerna Cadzow Forest, Strathearn, Oban Bay Prince Amador, Nairnshire, Europa, Lutterworth and Hannah Landles. Judges, Captains Phillips and Cowman, and referee, Captain Harriman. The Oban Bay won the first prize, a music box and \$600; Cadzow Forest, second, \$400; and Nairnshire, third, \$25.

A Desirable Locality.

The Skagit River valley, W. T., is fast looming up as a desirable locality for new settlers. Settlements extend some 95 or 70 miles above the mouth of that noble stream, which is only second in volume and current to the majestic Columbia. This valley has now a saw mill and five or six logging camps; is rich in mineral resources and will probably ere long have gold and silver mines in successful operation, as both have been discovered and there are fair prospects. The agricultural, mineral and timber resources of that vast region will eventually become a source of admiration and wonder to this, our northwestern commonwealth.

Found Dead.

Last week the Bee announced that Mr. John Deming, an old man about 60 years of age, had been missing from his home in Independence since Christmas day. The citizens of that place became uneasy about him and instituted vigorous search, scanning the neighborhood for a mile or so around, but could find nothing of him and gave up, supposing that he had gone to Southern Oregon, where his sons live. Saturday a man came from a hunt and reported that he had found the missing man, and that he was dead. It appears that Mr. D. was somewhat under the influence of liquor and had wandered off into the brush and briars, through the water, as his feet and legs were wet and laid down and chilled to death. His remains must have been terrible. The agencies here were put out with his death. Credit is due to the citizens of Independence for their humane efforts to ascertain his whereabouts.

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