

**Justly Punished.**  
Amos C. Harvey, tried in the U. S. District court for selling liquor to Indians, was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. It was Harvey's third offense, which accounts for the severity of the punishment.

**Temperance.**  
Dr. J. W. Watts is meeting with great success in his lecturing tour up the valley. About 1,400 have already joined the Blue Ribbon clubs that he has organized, and the prospects are fine for a good many more towns in the temperance cause. Eugene City has the largest club, there being about six hundred members.

**The Last Murderer.**  
The jury to whom was submitted the case of Jackson Grant, after deliberating six hours, returned last evening at 8 o'clock with a verdict of murder in the first degree. He will be sentenced on Monday, and doubtless Friday, February 7th set as the time for his execution together with the two Chinamen, Charles Lee and Ah Lee and Brown and Johnson.

**On Bail.**  
The preliminary trial of Jos. G. Gaston, Esp. came off at Dallas as per previous announcement on Tuesday last, and resulted in the discharge of the defendant, but for reasons not satisfactory to the parties in interest, a new complaint was filed before a Justice in Independence, before whom Mr. Gaston was brought on Wednesday, and waived an examination and was released on a bond of \$1,400.

**Suicide of Mrs. Banton.**  
The Junction Republican says: Mrs. Charles Banton committed suicide this morning, January 11th. They live on the Albert Humphrey farm, near Simpson's chapel. She got breakfast for the family. He went to plowing and soon was called to the house by the screams of the children, and found his wife dead. She had hung herself and was cut down by her little daughter. She leaves five little children to mourn a mother's loss, and a husband.

**From Aumsville.**  
From Mr. Calvin Neal the Statesman learns there was an enthusiastic meeting held at Aumsville on Tuesday last, to take action in the matter of building a narrow gauge railroad from Salem via Aumsville to Springfield to Kane county. A committee of six was appointed to canvass the village and surrounding country to solicit subscriptions, consisting of Henry Smith, W. H. Lewis, James Smith, John Downing, T. H. Patton and Shaw.

**Joy and Sorrow.**  
On Wednesday afternoon at Salem Mr. John Belt, an enterprising young druggist of that city, was married to Miss Nellie Hackleman. The ceremony was solemnly concluded when the sorrowful news was announced that the mother of the bride, an estimable lady, had passed into eternity with a smile on her lips caused by the knowledge of her child's assured happiness. Deceased had been ailing for many weeks and was in daily expectation of the dread visitor's arrival.

**Returned.**  
Capt. L. S. Scott returned to Salem on the morning train yesterday from a brief visit to his father in Iowa, near Omaha. The Captain had not visited the "old folks at home" for 29 years. The Captain is of the opinion that a visit to the Eastern States will cure an Oregonian of "homesickness" very suddenly. He greatly enjoyed his visit, but is fully persuaded that Oregon is the best place out. With ice on the Missouri river fifteen or twenty inches thick, and the wind blowing cold enough to freeze the limbs off of the oak gniles, and corn at thirteen cents per bushel, wheat fifty cents, and pork at two cents per pound, makes Iowa and Nebraska good States for farmers to emigrate from. In the eyes of the Captain it is an unpardonable sin to be discontented in Oregon.

**Frozen to Death.**  
Last Monday, says the Walla Walla Union, John Ross, a Scotchman about 47 years of age, who has been working as a shoemaker during the past year and a half for Foor & Healey, of this city, left here on foot to visit two of his old country friends living on Wild Horse creek, in Oregon. Next morning his body was found on the side of the road about a quarter of a mile from Milton. From appearances he had lost his way and wandered around until overcome by cold and fatigue he had fallen down and frozen to death. When found he had some \$60 in money and notes and certificates of deposit to the amount of \$900 more, and part of a bottle of whisky on his person. His body was taken to Milton and the coroner of Umatilla county summoned to hold an inquest. Mr. Ross was a native of Maybell, Ayrshire, Scotland, and a single man. He came to this country about 3 years ago from New Zealand with Mr. J. G. Scott and a Mr. Morrison, of Wild Horse creek, with whom he was going to spend the holidays, and who took charge of the rema- Mr. Ross was a very intelligent and respected man, has a brother living in the Province of Otago, New Zealand.

Sixty-one registered letters were issued at Salem on the 18th.

**All Right.**  
Mention was made last week that the steamer Champion had been disabled near Half-moon bend, above Albany. The damage did not prove as disastrous as was at first thought, and after a little trouble of lightening and repairing, she proceeded on down the river.

**Yamhill Ahead.**  
Deputy treasurer Olds paid over to the State treasurer yesterday the sum of \$17,097.67. This includes the total amount of this year's taxes, which amounts to \$16,761.93, the rest being delinquent from last year. This is the first county that has paid her taxes in full.

**S. and S. Narrow Gauge Railroad.**  
Says the Statesman: The subject of a narrow gauge railroad from Springfield to Salem seems to be getting pretty thoroughly discussed in Linn and Marion counties. Meetings are being held at all the towns, and farmers are really beginning to come to the conclusion that we must have the road, and ere long we expect to see the line surveyed and work commenced in real earnest.

A meeting was held at Crawfordsville on the 11th inst. and considerable interest shown. After the meeting a subscription of something over \$500 was taken up. This makes over \$3,000 from Crawfordsville and vicinity.

**Railroad Items.**  
The Albany Democrat says: A narrow gauge railroad meeting was held at Crawfordsville last Saturday, and the sum of \$500 subscribed.

There will be a meeting at Lebanon and vicinity at that place next Saturday in the interest of the narrow gauge.

We understand that Col. Hogg has made the proposition to the Brownsville folks that if they want a narrow gauge to run across the valley and connect with the Yaquina road, and will grade and tie the road bed, he will furnish the iron and rolling stock.

When last heard from the people at Brownsville and vicinity had raised about \$10,000 for the railroad fund.

**Oregon Narrow Gauge Railroad.**  
E. G. Hughes, Esq., writes the Brownsville Advertiser that subscriptions to this enterprise progress favorably, that Salem is doing well in aiding the work and other points on the road are well able to its importance and will do a full share. Material will be ordered when subscriptions justify it. As half the subscription is a gift, he argues that all interested can subscribe as much as they anticipate benefit for the next two years, which will, he thinks, equal 5 cents a bushel for all grain shipped. It is expected that grading will be mostly done with plow and scraper, which will require white labor. The Advertiser thinks the amount required from Brownsville will be subscribed within a week.

**New Military Post.**  
Mr. R. B. Hood, who accompanied Captain Ream and J. B. Huntington to the Kittitas valley in search of a location for a military post, we learn that the selection was made in the Kittitas valley, about 30 miles west of Priest's Rapids. The location, he says, is a beautiful one, with plenty of wood and water convenient. Mr. Hood reports having had a rough time on account of a mishap from a balky team, by which he broke his wagon and had his right leg badly bruised, and to finish up the trip, on Sunday last, in crossing the Columbia on the ice, his horses broke through and came near being drowned. By the assistance of a number of gentlemen who were skating and saw the accident, the horses were got out all right.

**Columbia Conference.**  
We are in receipt of a neatly printed copy of the Minutes of the Columbia River Conference, comprising Eastern Oregon, Washington and a portion of Idaho. We selected the following items from the statistical table, for the year ending September, 1878: Probationers, 363; full members, 1,714; total, 2,077; increase for the year, 127.

There is an increase for the year in the value of church property of \$11,200. There is a falling off in all the collections, but this is accounted for when we remember that this conference was the seat of the Indian war trouble last year, which scattered many societies and prevented much of the regular work.

There are 23 Sunday schools, an increase of 9 for the year; 139 officers and teachers, an increase of 192, 115 of whom only are church members; 1,000 volumes in libraries reported.

The claims for ministerial support were \$13,630, a decrease of \$202. Of the amount claimed, \$10,716 was paid; a decrease of \$310 on the amount paid the previous year.

Under the head of building and improvement, Canyon City reports an expenditure of \$1,000; Walla Walla, \$4,500; Walla Walla circuit, \$2,600; Dayton, \$537; Waiilatpu, \$110; Pendleton, \$225; Dalles, \$300; Goldendale, \$7,000; total expenditures, \$9,972; an increase for the year of \$9,164. There is also an increase of indebtedness on churches and parsonages of \$3,174; the total indebtedness being \$9,972.

While hauling from Brownsville to Halsey Wm. Finley was thrown from his load and came near breaking his neck.

**Shooting Affray in Jackson.**  
A. J. Wall, of Table Rock, and John Sizemore had a difficulty, and when the latter undertook to apply force in response to bad language, Wall drew a pistol and fired so close that Sizemore's face was powder burnt, but the ball went through his hat. Wall was arrested and bound over.

**Suit for \$7,000.**  
The public will not have forgotten that seven or eight years since, Bridget Gallagher won a suit for damages against L. M. Starr Esq. Now the same Bridget Gallagher, or Nihen, has instituted suit against the same L. M. Starr, for the maintenance of her son, claiming \$7,000 as the amount necessary to educate and support the boy, of whom she alleged Mr. Starr is the father. The papers have been filed in the State Circuit Court, and the suit will probably be tried at the next term. Mr. Yocum has been retained by the plaintiff.

**A Destructive Fire.**  
The house, barn and outbuildings on Mr. Strange's place, about three miles from Port Townsend, were recently consumed by fire, with their contents, consisting of hay, harness, wagons and general farming implements. A Mr. Simms and wife—the wife having been the former wife of Mr. Strange—have both been arrested on suspicion of having committed the crime above detailed, and were taken before Justice Learned, where they waived examination, and in default of bail were committed to jail, to await the proceedings to be had in the matter at the next term of the district court.—Seattle Tribune.

**An Elopement.**  
Not many months ago the wife of one M. J. Rickert obtained a divorce from her husband in the courts of San Francisco. She was allowed the custody of their two children and provided for them as best she could until making the acquaintance of a bellows maker named Swett whom she subsequently married. The woman and her husband came to Portland, where they resided for a time, then moved to East Portland, where Swett went to work at his business, and by industry and economy endeavored to make them a decent living. The woman's first husband kept posted as to her whereabouts and followed her to this city under the assumed name of M. J. Reilly. He engaged as a sewing machine agent, and while pursuing his daily routine, found means to communicate with his former wife. They met secretly and continued a clandestine correspondence, which culminated yesterday in the woman's forsaking her new choice for the old love with whom she had eloped to the construction and dismay of Swett. The latter has been out of employment for awhile, and last Wednesday, receiving a letter purporting to come from a fishery on the Columbia river and promising him a good job, he took the boat and went down to accept. On his arrival, he ascertained the letter was a forgery, so "smelling a nice" he returned yesterday, only to find that his wife and her children had departed on the steamer Oregon with her first husband for San Francisco. Swett is inconsolable, and breathes vengeance on his betrayer.

**Murder in Jackson County.**  
The Sentinel gives an account of the following murder: Evi Sebring and Sam Rath lived on Jackson creek, near Jacksonville, both married Indian women who were sisters. Rath had a difficulty with his wife, who went to Sebring's for refuge. Rath ordered her home, and finding she did not go, went again with a gun and called her out. Stepping to the door she perceived her husband standing at the end of the porch with his rifle in his hands, and immediately retreated inside. Sebring then stepped out and remonstrated quietly with Rath, the latter still holding his gun in a threatening position and declaring that he was going to kill anybody. Sebring said, "Why Sam, you would not kill me would you?" Rath replied "no," and loudly were the words uttered when he shot Sebring the ball striking him just below the left nipple, glancing upwards above the heart, and inflicting a mortal wound. Dr. Danforth was called, but the unfortunate man was past earthly aid and expired about midnight, declaring that the deed was entirely unprovoked and asking that his number might receive a fair trial. Rath was arrested and bound over without bail to answer the charge of murder. Sebring leaves four children who are destitute of means.

**The Hill of Life.**  
The roads leading over the hill of life are numerous; some people take the road which is bright and gay—on which flowers of the brightest hue are blooming—but they find, that before they are half way, the flowers are faded, all is bleak, they are wearied, and are glad to lie down and die; others strive to go over the steep bank to fortune and fame, but the paths on which they tread are weak and rugged; some slip at a steep precipice over which they are unable to pass; the foothold of others give way and they are hurled to the bottom, while only a few reach the coveted goal; but the wise man chooses the road which goes over the hill with a gradual slope, on which here and there are sweet flowers which cheer him on his way until he arrives at his journey's end, where dwells peace, happiness and contentment.

Italy proposes to build 2,300 miles of new railroad, to cost \$150,000,000.

**MET DEATH GLADLY.**

The distinguished savage who lately suffered death at the hands of the law, and the end of a rope paid for by Umatilla county, is not so much to be pitied since the East Oregonian says this: "On Saturday last Quit-it-tumps" squaw brought him a scarlet suit and an elaborately beaded pair of moccasins, in which to be executed. On receiving them the doomed Indian said he was ready to die at any time." The question arises whether this happy condition of mind was the result of personal vanity at being prepared to take the field in the favorite hunting ground with an elaborate costume to make the spirits of the departed just before him envious and astonish the Cayuse chiefs who left the range a hundred years ago clad only in furs, feathers and skins, or whether the condemned Siwash felt a thrill of emotion at being thus remembered by his faithful squaw, who perhaps worked her fingers to the quick by fire light these short winter days, to prepare his last and most elaborate toilet. It is even possible that the faithful dame gave a sociable or a sewing bee, at which the Indian women of the tribe brought their skill in needle work to bear upon the subject, and no doubt the scarlet cloth was purchased by contributions from admiring friends of the condemned, who meant thereby, in heartfelt tones, to give him a good send off. Quit-it-tumps! was probably the exclamation his friends uttered when they saw him swing. It would have been a disgrace to have him hung in shabby apparel, but beads and scarlet made the affair creditable to all concerned. Even his widow must, by this time, be looking out for another whom she can hope to see hung with equal eclat and self content. The point we see in this is that hanging is no punishment to an Indian who can swing in beaded moccasins and a scarlet suit. His vanity carries him through the ordeal and the fame of his good clothes lives after him. Some more satisfactory end than the end of a rope must be found, or else Indian women must be prohibited from the purchase of beads and crimson cloth. Let this business become fashionable in Cayuse circles, and we shall have murders continually committed. If we value white men's lives some precaution is necessary and some action urgent. Indian excursions have especial value to newspapers in search of items, but even that should be held secondary as compared with the lives of really first class citizens.—Portland Bee.

**ALASKA.**

The Board of Trade last evening adopted a memorial to Congress, setting forth that the ports of Alaska have drawn their chief supplies from this city; that during the rule of the military there was a semblance of authority there and security for trade; that without any law for the collection of debts our merchants have sold goods to merchants there, relying on their good faith, with the expectation that such traders should have military protection; since the withdrawal of the army there has been no protection in Alaska for life or property, much to the loss of trade in Portland, as the Alaska merchants have been obliged to withdraw; some of our citizens have made permanent homes there, canning salmon or developing mineral resources, etc., and our relations are necessarily intimate for various reasons, and under these circumstances the Board of Trade ask that some form of government be enacted for that territory, to give protection to people and guarantee of safety to trade. The Board proceeded to endorse the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury for better form of government and the construction of an armed vessel to carry out government orders; also the bill introduced by Senator Mitchell appropriating \$175,000 for construction of such a vessel. This memorial covers important ground, and the facts presented are so obvious that Congress must recognize the need of action to secure good government of Alaska for protection of lives and property, and encouragement of trade. If the territory has any value whatever, it should be protected and encouraged by proper safeguards for life and property.—Portland Bee.

**HERIFF DALE'S ACCOUNTS SETTLED.**

H. D. Dale's bondsmen have, so far, paid \$9,575 of his delinquency to Yamhill county, and the sum of \$924 76 remains unpaid. The amount for which they were held under Judge Boise's ruling was \$11,000, and of this \$8,000 was for taxes delinquent during his service, that it was held the Sheriff should have collected. Of this sum \$3,000 or \$4,000 can yet be collected, added to this the \$7,500 for which the county court has offered to compromise the case and the Lafayette Courier thinks the county does better than to take the case up on appeal with a chance of reversal.—Portland Bee.

**MIGHTY PLEASANT MUSIC.**—The dinner horn is the oldest and most sacred horn there is. It is set to music and plays "Home, Sweet Home" about noon. It has been listened to with more rapturous delight than ever any band has. You can hear it further than you can any Rodman's guns. It will arrest a man and bring him quicker than a sheriff's warrant. It can outfoot any other noise. It causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to shout for joy. Glorious old instrument! long may your lungs last.—Josh Billings.

**STATE AND TERRITORIAL.**

Severe hail storm at Astoria. Barkentine Webfoot gone to sea. New church at Gamble is nearly ready. A grand meteoric appearance at Seattle. Captain Morris who was ill at Astoria is better. The diphtheria has not yet disappeared from Seattle. The Sheriff of Umatilla has collected \$5,000 taxes. Frank Billings, of Monroe, Linn Co., cut his foot badly.

Plumbing and plastering are going on at the State Capitol. Potato rot in the Puyallup valley causes loss to farmers.

The Olympia range was covered with snow at last advices. Mails were lately sent to Southern Oregon via San Francisco.

Clara Myrtle Pike, infant daughter of W. A. Pike, of Zena, died last week. The Seattle Post says the revenue cutter Wolcott lies off the coal wharf.

The coal shipment from the port of Seattle for 1878 amounted to 128,582 tons. They are building a small steamer at Centerville to run on the Chehalis river.

Money order business at Junction during the past year amounted to \$9,872. Mr. Wilson, of Vancouver, slipped, fell and fractured a leg bone; resting comfortably.

Fall sown wheat looks well in Wasco county, and stock are doing better than in some other counties.

An engine collision occurred on the Seattle railroad. Some damage done, but no one badly hurt.

Money order business for Seattle post office, last quarter, \$16,306.96; gain of \$3,500 over 1877 same time.

The Mountaineer says the store of Hodge & Wilson, Prineville, burned with all its contents. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$10,000.

Mr. H. G. Struve contemplates a change of residence early in the Spring. He will probably make Seattle or Portland his future home.

The Tacoma Herald says a man, commonly called Shorty, was lost in the woods Sunday last, and it is feared he perished. He had nothing to start a fire with.

John Stone dropped a lighted fuse into the hole of a keg of powder he was carrying, and threw the keg away just in time not to blow to splinters—he was burned some as it was.

A large grey wolf that had made himself obnoxious in the vicinity of Zena Polk Co., was hunted down by men and an innumerable number of dogs and killed by Charles Anderson. It measured 6 feet 1 inch from tip to tip.

Wheat is worth 85 cents at Independence. Only one train a day between Tacoma and Kalama.

J. C. Trullinger says his mill was worth \$18,000. Little Katie Snow, aged 21 months, died at Seattle.

A. A. Smith and Lorena M. Hanson married at Seattle. The Coquille river froze over recently, the first time in years.

Mr. Hubbard, of Forest Grove, has been very low. Brownsville woolen mills have shut down for repairs.

Swans are more numerous than ever down the Columbia. There are four vessels now loading lumber at Port Gamble.

J. L. Hyde, and Mrs. Elma L. Taylor, of the Dalles are married. Motley & Bently of Albany now own the stage line to Corvallis.

It is rumored there will soon be a newspaper started in Seio. Three inches of snow fell on Upper White river, Puget Sound.

The Daily Astorian says Spring salmon has already been caught. J. S. Cooper has sold his residence in Independence to E. Y. Mulkey.

Kirk & Croft are to have a brick building erected at Brownsville. There is no stage between Corvallis and Philomath—have to go about.

The Albany Democrat is chock full of local news, as all papers should be. J. G. Megler will soon have a fine dairy ranch at Brookfield, near Astoria.

Large boilers have been set in Bader's cannery, Astoria, and it waits for fish. Corvallis Gazette says a little child of W. W. Dow's, at Monroe, died last week.

They have discovered in Philomath that Harry Boyd is "a live business man." Coal train from the mine to Seattle thrown from the track, one man slightly hurt.

The Presbyterian church, Albany, is trying to secure Rev. Mr. Condit as their pastor. The libel suits pending between Beah Brown and J. W. Prosch were dismissed.

Gama Sigmas are to have an entertainment at Forest Grove, first Friday in February. J. H. Lyon, after prospecting northward for two years or more, has returned to Astoria.

The Idaho Statesman says Norman Buck, U. S. District Attorney, is ill and in a critical condition.

Mrs. J. E. Pugh, of Port Discovery, let an ax fall, and her finger was nearly severed from her hand.

Corvallis has a new fire engine, and Capt. U. E. Scott carried it up the river Scott free. Just like him.

The Bed Rock Democrat flatters itself that the iron horse is coming to Powder river valley. The sooner the better.

The Coos Bay News says that miners at Newport have struck for 12 cents more per ton, so the mines have closed down.

Great numbers of dogs killed at Seattle by poundmasters. Chinese owned them, and they probably are too poor for sausages.

The Sentinel says good prospects have been struck on Indigo earth, a tributary of Illinois river and the diggings appear extensive.

Bed Rock Democrat man wants 4 or 5 tons of hay of his subscribers. What an eater he must be! Nebuchadnezzar was another.

"Shorty," who was lost in the woods near Tacoma, was found again, but found a cougar in the meantime, but his dog befriended him then.

Independence, Polk Co., is said to be rapidly improving, as why should it not, as it is the chief river town in that vicinity. It is to have a newspaper.

The Itemizer publishes interesting letters from a son of Dr. W. H. Rubell, who is in the English army in Afghanistan, and writes home of his moving accidents by flood and field.

W. M. Turner is again associated with the Oregon Sentinel. Last we knew of him he sent us word he was dead and we marked his subscription paid. That's the way William did us.

Cyrus Jacobs, of Boise City, manufactures flour, bacon, lard and whisky. What else do they need for use up there? Smokes his bacon with corn cobs, and besides all this keeps a store.

**Supreme Court.**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15.

Eunice N. Rees, appellant, vs. George Rees, respondent; appeal from Wasco county; motion to dismiss appeal, and cross motion to amend certificate of service of notice of appeal; cross motion allowed; opinion by Keady, Chief Justice.

Case of Abner W. Smith, an infant, by John B. Himes, guardian, appellant, vs. John Harris, respondent; appeal from Benton county; argued and submitted.

T. M. Reed, appellant, vs. S. M. Gentry and John Coppitt, respondents; appeal from Benton county; argued and submitted. Court adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

THURSDAY, JAN. 16.

Francis E. Brooks, appellant, vs. H. Ankeny et al, respondents; appeal from Marion county; by agreement of parties this cause was placed at the foot of the docket for the third district.

W. D. Renshaw, appellant, vs. Jacob Nash et al, respondents; appeal from Benton county; cause on trial. Adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow.

FRIDAY, JAN. 17th.

Wm. D. Renshaw, appellant, vs. Jacob Nash et al, respondent; appeal from Benton county; agreement concluded and case submitted.

Henry Maxwell, appellant, vs. Jos. H. Beatty, respondent; appeal from Lane county; motion to dismiss appeal allowed. Court adjourned till 1:40 Monday.

**The Dark Day.**

An old lady now living on the Little Colorado, who has attained the comfortable old age of 123 years, was 30 years of age at the time of the dark day, of which she has a vivid recollection, and recalls many interesting incidents that took place with her people, the Spanish, and also the Indians, who were more superstitious. The Spaniards buried all their saints, of which they had a goodly number, while the Indians took to feasting upon dogs and other animals. The "dark day" was so called on account of the remarkable darkness that extended throughout America. The obscurity commenced about 10 o'clock on the morning of May 19th, 1780, and continued till the middle of the next night. Birds sang their evening song, disappeared and remained silent; fowls went to roost, cattle sought the barnyard and candles were lighted in the houses. The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not, and will probably never be known.—Arizona Miner.

She was an anglic blonde, and tripped through the market until she reached a stall where a handsome butcher stood. "Have you a heart?" she said, blushing timidly. "Have I a heart, miss?" responded the butcher. "Do you think I can catch you day after day and see your eyes drooping as they meet mine; that I feel your velvet breath on my cheek as I stoop over to serve you, and not have a heart? Ah! no, miss, I am all heart, and you ask me have I one?" "Yes," she sighed faintly, "this is beautiful, this is divine, but it ain't the kind I want this morning, so give me a bullock's heart, quick, and run it for stuffing, or my old man'll be raising Cain if his dinner ain't cooked."

It is said that James Gordon Bennett will be abroad only six weeks.