were found guilty as charged in the indictment. It is time justice was making it tropical for such offenders.

## Another Bold Attempt.

Last Saturday evening at about 11 o'clock, while one of the street car drivers was on his way home, he was assaulted at the corner of B and First by two ruffians bent on robbery. One of them dealt him a powerful blow with a heavy instrument of cruelty, but notwithstanding it, the driver succeeded in getting away from them, though pursued for some distance by them.

#### The Alaska.

The government man-of-war, Alaska, which was recently ordered to the relief of Sitka, has ere this no doubt left for that place. She carries ten 9 inch Dahlgren guns, one 8 in. rifle, converted from an 11 in. smooth-bore, one 60 pounder rifle, with Gatling guns as howitzers, and is manned with 300 men. The vessel went into commission last September. and it can be said that she is almost new. She will no doubt raise a sensation when she steams into the port of Sitka.

#### Marriage in High Life.

The marriage at Oregon City last night, of Miss Emma Miller, the noted musical prima-donna and Capt. James S. Cochran, was an affair of great ele gance. The knot was tied by the Rev. Mr. Bowers, Congregational minister, resident there. Representatives of the friends of the families were present from Olympia, Tacoma, Portland and Salem. and it altogether was an event rarely eclipsed in the annals of that city, for tasteful dressing and entertainment.

## The Independence Fire-

Mention was made in the BEE of Saturday, of the burning of the business portion of the town of Independence, but which contained no particulars. At 11 o'clock Friday evening the saloon of Johnson and Cooper was discovered to be in flames, and the fire spread with such rapidity that for a time it seemed that the entire town would be destroyed: but the citizens fought manfully and the fiery monster yielded at last. As far as reported the loss will be about \$8,000. distributed as follows :- J. M. Butler. S. W. Smith and R. M. Smith, each occupying one building, total loss \$1,000: Cooper and Johnson, building and stock, \$1,500; A. Demings, tools and stock, \$300; M. Rosendorf & Co., stock, \$2,000; M. Mitchell, building, \$1,000; - Hinkle, barber, fixtures, \$50; Irvine Bros., stock, \$500; F. D. Levick, building, \$250; A. Wolf, by removing stock, \$1,000; A. J. Russ Bros., by removing stock, \$400.

## Y. M. C. A.

The representatives of the several churches met last evening in the rooms of the above association, and elected officers and board of managers for the ensuing year as follows:

Officers elect-Prof. R. K. Warren President; J. K. Gill, Vice President; Dr. O. B. Bird, Secretary: Dr. T. L. Nicklin, Treasurer.

Representatives from churches as board of managers for the ensuing year : M. E. Church—J. K. Gill, D. Wilson. Dr. T. L. Nicklin.

Baptist Church-Capt. N. Ingersoll, Dr. S. J. Barber, A. B. Mason. Congregational Church-I. A. Macrum,

Geo. H. Himes, Geo. P. Lent. Presbyterian Church -- D. W. Wake field, R. K. Warren, Dr. O. B. Bird.

The Anniversary Exercises will take will deliver an address.

## Fishermons Meeting.

become indignant at the law compelling tral reaches Corvallis, we imagine the them to pay a license in order to follow people will not feel so much out in the their vocation and in order to test the validity of the law a meeting was held in Astoria, on Saturday last to deter- is connected with a big land speculation mine as to proper steps to pursue in the and the land is liable to change hands. matter. The account of the meeting we Last Summer, so Col. Hogg says, he had take from the Astorian :

Members present, J. G. Robeson, president; W. J. Weber, secretary and George Williams. A quorum being present, the committee proceeded to business, and resolved as follows:

WHEREAS, There is a fund necessary to oppose the fishing law in the State courts, and if necessary to carry the case to the Supreme court of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sum contributed by each fisherman, owner of boat and net, seine, weir or trap, be as follows :

Each fisherman 51 00
Each owner of a boat and net 2 00
Each owner of a seine 20
Each owner of a seine 20
Each owner of a weir or a trap 10 00

Resolved, That each person complying with the above shall be entitled to receive a printed protest to be placed on file with the fish commissioner or any deputy.

Resolved, That each member of the committe be hereby authorized to issue protests and receive donations, and keep a record of the names of the applicants.

Resolved, That J. G. Robeson and George Williams be appointed a com-mittee of two, to visit the different stations on the Columbia river to issue protests and receive donations, as herein provided, and to appoint deputies when

Resolutions as read, adopted. Adjourned.

turned to this city, having completed their work to ! Corvallis, the propossed terminus of said road. They have been out since the 2nd of January last.

#### Salem Items

The fire at Independence was plainly een at Salem

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Baker, of the Baptist church, Salem, had a donation party that yielded them \$112 proceeds, on Friday evening.

The funeral services at the burial of the late L. N. Gilbert were held at the Congregational church Saturday afternoon, and there was a very large attendance both at the church and at the

Mrs. Nellie Curl, widow of Mr. Curl, formerly a lawyer at Salem, died of consumption Saturday and was buried Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Curl was for a number of years teacher in the public schools at Salem

A large building is planned for erection on the State Fair grounds, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Association, of Portland, so it is said, to be used for Christian worship and Temperance meetings. It is very doubtful, however, if money can be raised to build it.

The property known as the Agricultural Works, Salem, with water works attached, sold Saturday, on execution in U. S. District Court against W. C. Griswold, to W. Lair Hill for \$13,500, covering the amount of Hill, Thompson and Durham's judgment for \$10,000 for legal services, and \$3,600 liens held by other parties. The property has actually cost different owners over \$60,-000. Griswold bought of A. Myers at a cost of \$28,000, and has added water works that make the cost to himself about \$40,000.

## West Side Railroad Matters

Vice President Kohler went to Corvallis Saturday morning and returned by the early train to-day. Matters connected with the extension of the West Side railroad occupy much of his time at present in traveling. Hon. A. S. Watt also came down on the morning train from Salem. He has been engaged for some time securing the right of way for the road on the line of extension through Yamhill and Polk counties as far as Rickreal. All this way is granted without difficulty, through Yamhill county, and in Polk except in some half dozen instances, where persons claim excessive damage. All want the road, and every man is willing it should be located upon his neighbor's land but those who are damaged think that their neighbors, who derive unmitigated tenefits, should stand a portion of the damage. If not arranged with the parties by mutual agreement, the roadway will have to be condemned according to law.

Bridges are to be constructed and the work of grading will commence as soon as the weather improves. The first cargo of steel rails is expected to arrive in June and the second in July. It is the expectation about a mile a day will be laid when at work. The grading s light all the way to Corvallis, and the distance from St. Joe to that place will be about fifty miles, and the distance from Portland to Corvallis by the railroad will be about 100 miles. A proposition was made to the people of Independence that the road should come to that place if they would secure the right of way, which has been accomplished. It will not touch at Buena Vista, but will pass a few miles west of that place. The first cargo of steel probably be conducted to the Rickreal

We don't hear much about the Ya-The Columbia river fishermen have quina road, and when the Oregon Cencold, and will base fewer expectations on their road to the bay. That project Last Summer, so Col. Hogg says, he had a negotiation made to sell his lands on the line of the Yaquina Wagon road. The trade was agreed upon, and the sale was to be to an European company, but the Indian raid in Eastern Oregon took place and the negotiations came to naught, because the negotiators thought it must be a dangerous country here in Oregon and land could not be very val nable where Indians were at war with the settlers. If the construction of the road depends on Col. Hogg's interest in the lands, it is evident that he may sell his interest and so lose his interest in the railroad.

by the first of August.

Rain in Yamhill has improved the general health. If the people up there had been alive in Noah's time they would have enjoyed the deluge—prob-

Hilbert, who was murdered near Silverton, Marion county, had his life well insured, but Mrs. Hilbert has not yet drawn the money. She has left for Neward.

S. Cannon, while crossing the Capple at the Bateman ford had his horse mire, and in the struggle to get free Cannon had a rib broken on the pommel of the saddle.

Parties representing a wealthy San Francisco firm are looking for a suitable location on Puget Sound to build an immense barrel factory. The business will be on an immense scale with a pay roll of \$800 to \$1,000 per month. Seattle people are hoping to secure the location at that point.

to attract some attention on the Sound. The editor of this paper is not an expert in the matter, but having been in the international revenue service for a number of years he has necessarily become familiar with the details necessarily become familiar with the details of eigar and tobacco manufacture, so far as it has been carried on in this Territory. Several attempts have been made, during years past, to make up the tobacco grown nto cigars and plug tobacco, but hither-thout much success. The tobacco plant to without much snocess. The tobacco plant grows luxuriantly and when cured looks well. but as one who had been a planter in Virginia expressed it, "It is a wood. Has no flavor." factory has recently been started at vallup, but it brings much of its tobacco A factory has received and the puyallup, but it brings much of its tobacco from California, and so will not likely give home grown tobacco a test till this fall. As soon as we can find out any facts of interest we shall publish them; but we here advise farmers not to imitate the example of those who have overdone the onion and hop business of former years, and rush into the tobacco business until they know the market value and prospective sale of their crop. We know that, thus far, no tobacco or cigars have been manufactured from home grown tobacco that the average spoker or chower would use at the average smoker or chewer would use at any price. The plant grows finely and an immense business can be built up here whenever experience shall demonstrate the market value of it, but farmers will do well to only experiment in its culture until they can know that it will sell. It is the endeavor of the Courier to encourage every home enterprise that has a prospect of success, and we do not write this to discourage sensible efforts, but we do warn every farmer from planting a large amount of tobacco until he knows where will find sale for it .- (Puget Sound

#### The Difference.

Mr. A. A. Craue, a farmer residing at Osco, Henry Co., Ill., called at our office a few days ago, and gave us some facts and figures in regard to his business that are interesting. He had just come to the city with a lot of cattle and hogs, which he had sold as follows: 100 hogs, average weight, 496.3 fbs., at \$4.35, brought \$2,158.90. Fourteen head of cattle, averaging 1483 fbs., \$5, \$1,038, making a total for the hogs and cattle of \$3,196.90. By a reference to the market reports of the same day we find that a large majority of the hogs sold changed hands at less than \$3.85. Taking \$3.85, however, as the average, we find that Mr. Crane received \$248.15 more for his hogs than the average price for the day for an equal number of pounds. On the same day the quotations for fair to medium fleshy steers were \$4 to \$4.35. Taking the latter figure. we find that, by having good steers, Mr Crane realized 65 cents, per hundred more on his 20,760 that, making a difference of \$134.94; and on the hogs and cattle together, the difference in favor of good animals, in good condition for market, over the average of the day for the same number of ponuds, was \$383.09-a very handsome showing in favor of good stock and good feeding, over the slipshod methods prevailing so generally among farmers. We might say further, that the price obtained by Mr. Crane for his cattle, although 65 cents above the average price of the day, for fair steers, was 30 cents below the highest price of the day—\$5.30 having been paid for a fancy lot of steers averaging 1,555, for the English market.—[National Live-Sock Journal, Chicago.

## Country Social Life.

Country folks are in general so fully occupied with affairs that they have no time to discover how lonesome they really are, So far as this is concerned we think it a misfortune. We are too busy. We work too hard. We take too few, or no holidays. We read and think too little, and do not spend sufficient time in social culture. There is no reason why those who plow the soil or "whose talk is of bullocks" should not experience the refinements which are the result of formal social life. In business, at bargains, in pursuit of dollars, no man is seen at his best. He is thorny, spiny, with his back up as a porcupine might be at his business. Let one doff his working clothes and enter a room full this neighbors, man, values women, man of his neighbors—men, young women, man and maidens—and he is a man of another kind. He naturally falls into the ways of an intuitive kindness which is really the truest politeness; the doing to his companion what he would that he should do to him. He "lets place at the M. E. Church on next Sun-day evening, when the retiring president track to Rickreal. The second cargo spent in social converse, he retires with many will make his report and Dr. Lindsley will reach to Corvallis. The road will for a few days the influence remains. It For a few days the influence remains. It would be permanent if it could be re-inforced now and then, and the good results would be more agreeable and useful. There is no difficulty in bringing these good influences to bear. Two or three persons with energy and some magnetism about them can put them in motion with ease. Now is the time to begin the effort.—Rural New Yorker.

## Iowa's Wonderful Lake

The Dubuque Herald says: The greatest wonder in the State of Iowa, and perhaps in any other State, is what is called the "Walled Lake," in Wright County, twelve miles north of the Dubuque & Pacific Railway, and one hundred and fifty miles west of Dubuque City. The lake is from two to three feet higher than the earth's surface. In some places the wall is ten feet high, fifteen feet wide at the bottem, and five feet wide at the top. Another fact is the size of the stones used in the construction, the whole of them varying in weight from three tons down to one hundred pounds. There is an abundance of stones in Wright County, but aurrounding the lake to the extent of five or ten miles there are none. No one can form an idea as to means employed to bring to the apot or who constructed it. Around the entire lake is a belt of woodland half a mile in length, comcomposed of oak. With this exception the country is a rolling prairie. The trees must have been planted there at the time of the building of the wall. In the spring of the year 1856 there was a great storm and the ice in the lake broke the wall in several places, and the farmers in the vicinity were obliged to repair the damage to prevent inundation. The lake occupies a ground surface of 2,300 acres; depth of water as great as twenty-five feet. The water is clear and cold, soil sand and loamy. It is singular that no one has been able to ascertain where the water comes City. The lake is from two to three feet and loamy. It is singular that no one has been able to ascertain where the water comes from nor where it goes, yet it is always clear

Quite a large trade was transacted between Montana Territory and Michigan the past year in apples. To go to such a rigorous chimate the apples were wrapped in thin paper.
All kinds of fruit command ready sale
amongst the people of all the territories, but
the supply heretofore has been furnished
mainly from California.

Douglas county has a larger average eeded in grain than ever before.

Sheep shearing has commenced in Umatilla county. Oh, my back! The Eugene City Blue Ribbon people are carrying the war into politics.

Umatilla county sheep men are hav-ing considerable trouble with the scab. Six inches of snow fell in Jordan val-

ey last week, but only laid on two days. Silver City men have commenced mining on the bars of Snake river, near Munday's Ferry.

The Roseburg Star says that a bullet glazed' a man's head. That is to say, put a glass roof on it.

Placer mining is about to be com-menced on the bars of the Boise river, 12 miles above Boise City. The Silver City Avalanche advises miners not to come there just yet, as

the market is overstocked. The Silver City mines are expected to yield an unusually large amount of

bullion the coming seasion. A human skeleton has been found at Loon Lake, supposed to be that of a man murdered there a year ago.

Port Townsend has a new fire bell weighing 375 pounds, which may be heard a distance of three miles. T. P. Powers is postmaster at Upper

Astoria

The Vaunov farm property on Rogue river was lately sold for \$1,500. Steamers between Olympia and seattle are doing a lively business.

While ground sluicing, Klippel Co. found a ten cent piece dated 1827. Desirable improvements, the Astor-ian says, are in progress in Upper

There was a failure to elect at the Upper Astoria school meeting and the officers hold over.

Some farmers in Jackson county are resowing their wheat fields, that have been Winter killed.

Put Smith has created an excitement t Olympia by driving a \$1,500 horse through the streets.

Two-thirds of the total tax of Jack-son county is paid in, and the delin-quent list will be large.

Some Jackson county sheep raisers are already shearing, to save the wool that is affected by scab.

A. C. Wood, of Walla Walls, has a hen that laid an egg 7½ by 6 inches, al-most the size of the hen. An editor's house was lately burglar-ized at Coos Bay. Other robberies are

mentioned at Marshfield. The Seattle Tribune says the aged Swedish woman, Mrs. Nelson, who at tempted suicide is recovering.

The Jacksonville Times says J. H. Roork. late of Klamath agency, has gone to California on business. The people of Rocky Bar, Idaho, are

floundering around in five feet of snow. But then, there's gold there. The Coos Bay News doesn't exchange with a certain daily newspaper because it doesn't want to be bulldozed.

The miners on Foots creek, Southern Oregon, are working night and day like beavers, having a good supply of water.

The rumored death of the wife of O. C. Applegate is happily incorrect, as she is recovering from a very severe illness.

No movements rebuilding burnt Ashland are material, though the citi-zens there talk of erecting a large brick building.

Dr. Crang, of Astoria, informs the Astorian that he will soon remove for awhile to Forest Grove, to school his The sun shone out brillianly Astoria the other day, and they didn't know what to do with it. Send some of

it up here. The Coos Bay News learns that a cornish miner named Richards was killed by a cave in a tunnel on the north fork of the Salmon river.

Wm. Denis, of Heppner, killed a large bear near there last week. His friends are feasting on the meat, and he is having the skin stuffed to send to his father in France.

John Tracy, near Walla Walla, gave his boys 25 cents for every squirrel they killed on his ranch, but he had to weaken, or else he said the boys would soon own the ranch.

The Walla Walla Watchman says:
Our gold mines in the neighboring county, he they ever so new and full of glowing accounts, fail to create an excitement, as in days of old. The reason is, we have pretty good mines right at our doors. Our grain fields are inexhaustible placer mines. They have been well prospected, and yield from 30 to 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. Owners of such claims no longer forsake them and go every Spring on a wild goose chase, on horseback and on foot, but stick to their claims and work them diligently, and by next harvest the general "clean up," from all accounts, will be immense.

N. G. Northrup, of Walla Walla, has The Walla Walla Watchman says:

N. G. Northrup, of Walla Walla, has been pronounced lusane and sent to the

Monday night the bridge across the Yamhill, at St. Joe, was carried away -part of it at least.

Last Sunday evening the house of Ed Baumeister, at Walla Walla, was entered and robbed of a watch, blankets, Leinenweber & Co., of Astoria, import

oak bark to mix with hemlock so as to improve the quality of their harness leather. The Seattle Intelligencer says T. G.

Wilson is putting up 100 barrels of po-tatoes to send to the Islands, simply as an experiment.

Norris Humphrey, an old citizen, a pioneer of Marion county and lately resident of Eugene City, died at his home in that city. Thursday evening, a week ago, several car loads of railroad iron and timber reached St. Joe, to be used in pushing the road south.

Dr. Watts didn't know he was appointed receiver of the Oregon City land office until he got his papers (?) so the Reporter says.

I. N. Reynolds, formerly of Astoria, has falle.: heir to money in Kansas and the administrator wants to hear from him, the Astorian says.

The Statesman says J. S. Sperry, of Umatilla county, arrested a prisoner on the 24th, near Corvallis for larceny, and has taken him back to Pendleton.

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