

IMITATIONS of gold dollars are in circulation in Salt Lake City. They are very roughly executed.

Two thousand births take place in London, every week, and the sexes are about equal in number.

The steamship Pacific left San Francisco on Sunday, December 31st. The Sierra Nevada had arrived.

The Shah of Persia has sent a special agent to Europe, for the purpose of studying the present system of naval construction in France, England and Holland.

The Persimmon County Debating Club, in Indiana, are debating the question, "Which is the proudest, a girl with her first son, or a woman with her first baby?"

The steamer Owyhee has left her moorings Long Island and gone up to Umatilla; being for the present unable to come down the Celilo.

HENRY HATCH and John Imboden of Virginia, formerly rebel Generals, are traveling agents of the express company of which Joe Johnston is President, and Boggs and Gardner of Louisiana, are clerks.

The steamer Idaho succeeded in getting within three miles of the Cascades, where the passengers were put ashore; the steamer returned to Grate's Point, where the ice has again blocked up the river.

ALEXANDER DUMAS has written novel entitled "A Man with Five Wives." It is very interesting. Brigham Young ought to engage him to write a book to be called "A Man with Eighty-seven Wives; or the Experiences of a Polygamist."

This point is made by the San Francisco Bulletin, that the passage of the Constitutional Amendment must be by bill, and not joint-resolution. In this State it was adopted by joint-resolution, which may not be in effect.

A lady, Mrs. Clute, says the Walla Walla steerman, of the 22d of December, was thrown from a carriage, on the 17th, and had an arm broken. At first it was feared that her injuries were serious, but she is now in a fair way to speedily recover.

The December number of Puck, the San Francisco Punch, contains the following:—The Mountaineer, published in the Dalles, Oregon, says that a gentleman in that town is eating a piece of beef kidney the other day, and found two small pieces of gold imbedded in it. That's the sort of beef to make de bouillon (bullion).

Judge, in his San Francisco correspondence, to the Bulletin, gives an account of his ascent to the top of the new Court-house at The Emporium, from whence he saw Mount Hood. His remarks thereupon about as interesting as those of Col. Jackson on Jacksonville, "seen from the balcony of a summer's evening."

EXPRESS MOVEMENTS.—Another arrival of express from below, places us in possession of Portland dates to the 1st of January. The suspension of navigation, four weeks from below, all of which have been brought through under circumstances of great hardship and considerable danger, but at once the energy and liberality of Messrs. Fargo & Co.'s management of affairs on the Columbia. Upon the arrival of the express from above, messengers will at once set out to Portland with the letter mail.

NEW SENATOR.—Cornelius Cole has been elected Senator from California, to succeed Messrs. A. McDougal. To honesty and ability, Cole unites the rare qualifications of simplicity and true modesty. In private life he is as near blameless as it is possible for a man to be, and his social habits are exempt from every particular. His election closes a new epoch in California's history, which was marked by trading politicians, bummers in the Senate, and traitors to the interests of the State; the commencement of a new era, in which the people will hold the reins, and the party which has thus far been in power will be in future in a minority in that State.

SEAPORT FOR THE TRADE OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN.

There are several points inside the mouth of the Columbia River which are mentioned as likely to become importing points for the supply of the Columbia Basin. Of these, Astoria, St. Helens, Vancouver, and The Emporium are those best known to the public. At the north entrance to the Columbia is Pacific City, which is located, somewhat ominously it would seem, inside of and adjoining Cape Disappointment.

At the first sight it would appear as if Astoria or Pacific City should become the seaport for our interior; but the early settlement of the Willamette Valley built up The Emporium, and the discovery of the Nez Percés mines found that village "sweetly located on the banks of the Willamette," with considerable supplies of merchandise on hand. This at once found a market at handsome profits, and The Emporium was quite rapidly enriched. For a time the commercial men of that place conceded with much frankness that "Portland's true policy was to remain dependent on San Francisco," but time lapsed, and the citizens who had once owned hundreds now counted their thousands, and it was discovered that the true policy of the place was to break loose from the San Francisco connection and make their town the importing point for the Columbia River interior. Circumstances favor this project, and beyond doubt if there shall be no outside influence, the fortunes of The Emporium would be fixed. Preliminary to breaking loose from the San Francisco connection, Portland wants a line of steamers to bring the freights destined to the Columbia River, from the East, from San Francisco, so that all the profits which the California metropolis will gain by the Oregon trade will be the earnings of warehouses-men, stevedores and long-shore-men. Following this, The Emporium will have ships which will bring freight direct from the Atlantic side into the mouth of the Columbia River. The consequences to San Francisco are obvious.

To counteract this design, which would render the present Oregon and California steamship interest worthless to the owners, certain men of means have determined to "renovate the shattered splendors" of St. Helens, and bring the sea going craft to that point, to discharge and take in cargoes.— There is also another project on foot, and that is to revive the somewhat dormant pretensions of Pacific City to the trade of the Columbia River. This latter scheme is now being elaborated, and the proprietors of the town-site say that if the Government will relinquish certain lands comprised in the Reserve at Cape Disappointment they are prepared to go on to build up the place. It seems that the best anchorage is in front of the lands just in the lee of the Cape, and it is on these that the first improvement is to be made. Of course Pacific City will be compelled to have steam communication with the upper country, and between building a city, importing goods and distributing them to the interior the God-fathers of this enterprise have chalked out work enough to absorb a large amount of money.

In the general desire to build up a city to crush The Emporium, the towns of Vancouver and Astoria appear to be temporarily thrown in the shade. What fate fortune may have in store for them is yet concealed from human foresight; but on the principle that the last shall be first either of these places may yet have a place in the annals of our country when the last surviving Siwash shall look from Mount Robinson, like Marius on the ruins of Carthage, over a waste of mud where The Emporium once proudly stood.

Out of all these schemes for building seaport towns we see some probability of establishing direct trade with San Francisco. If the St. Helens speculators bring the freight destined to come up the Columbia to that place, it is pretty certain that somebody will have to bring it to the Cascades. Of course the extraordinary facilities of the O. S. N. Company will give this trade to their boats, and it is not likely when it is once aboard, that it will be carried on an excursion up the Willamette, to be brought back and carried to the Cascades. If it shall occur that freights are brought directly to the Cascades from St. Helens, we shall have accomplished the first step in directing the Columbia River trade into its natural channel.

The Richmond Examiner refuses to be subjugated to the Websterian orthography, and announces that it will teach "pure and classic English, distinct from the models and redeemed from the innovations of Northern instructors."

PROF. HANDLEY, of the Umatilla House, not only knows how to keep a hotel, but is an expert in the art of mixing liquors, if we may judge from the cocktails he administers to his customers, daily.

The Emperor of Morocco has permitted telegraph wires to be laid in his dominions.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Friday evening at 6 1/2 o'clock, in Gates Hall, corner of Second and Court Streets. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. By order. N. G.

BLACK LIST. JOHN H. WARD, of CROSS HOLLOW, has this day paid me Three Hundred and Forty-one Dollars in GREENBACKS AT PAR, for a debt due in Gold Coin. Dec. 30, 1865. (Jan 1st) J. C. BIFELL.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE! DIERLAM & WENTZ. GLOBE HOTEL BUILDING, Dalles City, have on hand a variety of Household Furniture, embracing Tables, Chairs, Bureaus, Beds and Bedsteads, Bedding, Carpets etc., etc., all of which will be sold at low rates. Furniture Repaired, and Upholstering done to order. Also, on hand Mattresses and Pillows. Spring Beds made to order. Jan 1st

4,000 GALLONS OF COAL OIL for sale at San Francisco prices and freight, at GATES & CHAPIN'S.

NEWS FOR THE MILLION!! AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!!

IN ORDER TO CLOSE OUT MY BUSINESS I will dispose of all my remaining stock of Watches, Diamond, Jewelry, Clocks, Plated Ware, Lamps, Cutlery, Pistols, Watch Materials, and Glasses, Field Glasses, Fancy Goods, Large Iron Safe, Store Fixtures, and Furniture, at Public Auction, ON Tuesday, January 9th, 1866— at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. As I shall leave for the East in a short time, this sale will be absolute, and will be continued from day to day until the said stock and fixtures are entirely disposed of.

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1866, the entire stock and fixtures of the Watch and Jewelry Store of William Birnbaum, Esq., at his Store on Main Street. See advertisement that will appear on Wednesday, the 3d January. 431st JOHN WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.

NEW AUCTION HOUSE. T. M. WARD & CO., (Successors to W. P. Miller.) AUCTIONEERS. Court Street, below Main.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION AND ON COMMISSION General Merchandise, Mining Stocks, Real Estate, New and Second Hand Furniture, Farm Produce, Horses, &c. RECEIVING and FORWARDING GOODS, out-door and Special Sales promptly attended to. Regular Sale Days, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Liberal Advances made on Consignments. MILLINERY AND DRESS-MAKING.

MISS O'ROURKE DESIRES TO INFORM the Ladies of Dalles and vicinity, that she has just received a fresh supply of Fashionable Goods, The latest Paris, New York and San Francisco styles of BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, LACES, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, &c. A full and well-selected assortment of Ladies' Ready-Made Garments, Also, a Fashionable assortment of DRESS TRIMMINGS! STAMPING for Embroidery and Braiding. PINKING done at short notice. BONNETS Bleached and Pressed in the latest styles. A large assortment of Children's Ready-Made Clothing. Constantly on hand. Having secured the services of a First Class Dress Maker, I am prepared to cut and fit Ladies' and Children's DRESSES and CLOAKS. THIRD STREET, one square east of the Catholic Church. cc21-5m.

NOTICE. I HEREBY WARN ALL PERSONS from contracting or buying anything whatever from F. M. KUNTZ, who hereby I will hold him responsible for the same, as I am not, nor will I hold myself responsible for any of said F. M. Kuntz's acts. W. F. MOFFAT. Smianville, Grant Co., Nov. 28, 1865.

ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, Dalles. Bloch, Miller & Co., WHOLESALE GROCERS, AND DEALERS IN Wines & Liquors, And Importers and Jobbers of CLOTHING Boots & Shoes, Under Clothing, Blankets, etc., etc., etc.

ASSAY OFFICE. WE HAVE AN ASSAY OFFICE IN CONNECTION with our business, under the entire supervision of Mr. Miller. We make returns in Bars in six hours. We guarantee all our Assays and pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for Bars. We also pay the Highest Cash Price for Gold Dust.

BLOCH, MILLER & CO., myrtle Cor. Main and Washington streets, Dalles. Oregon Steam Navigation Co. WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th and farther notice, The Passenger Train to connect with steamers FOR UMATILLA & WALLULA Will start from the R. R. DEPOT DALLES CITY, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 4:30 A. M. THE STEAMERS "ONEONTA" or "IDAHO," CAPT. J. McNULTY, Commander, Will leave DALLES, DAILY, (Sundays excepted) at 5 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, by the CASCADE RAILROAD, with the steamer "NEW WORLD" or "CASCADES," CAPT. J. WOLF, Commander, for Portland. W. B. BRADFORD, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. [n121f] Agent O. S. N. Co.

SELLING OFF AT COST, FOR THIRTY DAYS LONGER!! LAST CHANCE!

MESSRS. COHN & BOHM would hereby inform their customers and the public at large, that they will continue to sell AT COST, for thirty days longer in order to give one a chance to make presents for the Holidays. We will sell the balance of our stock, consisting of Rich Black Silks, Gents' Cloaks, Rich Poplins, Beaver Coats, Cloaks, Dress Coats, Shawls, Pants, Dry Goods, Embroideries, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes, &c., &c., &c., AT SAN FRANCISCO COST, Without Freight and Expns. This will be the last chance to get bargains, prior to closing the concern. COHN & BOHM. N.B.—All bills must be paid by the 1st of January, 1866. If not settled within that time, the same will be placed in legal hands. delif.

AN IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION!! A GENERAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED to all the ladies and gentlemen to call at the Jewelry Store of William Birnbaum, and examine his Stock, before the Holidays.

Christmas & Holiday Presents. In order to close the entire business against the first day of January, the undersigned offers for sale his handsome and valuable stock of

WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, CLOCKS, FANCY GOODS & CUTLERY, and all other goods in his line, suitable for Holiday Presents, BELOW FIRST COST. The Goods will be warranted as First Class articles or the money will be refunded after purchase. Ladies and Gentlemen give the above notice your earliest attention, and call soon at the store of W. B. BRADFORD, Main Street, next door to the Post Office.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! FOR TOYS AND FANCY GOODS For the Holidays, we recommend all dealers in that line to the BASKET AND TOY EMPORIUM of THOMAS W. & ZUIN, 320 and 322 Battery Street, San Francisco.

JOSEPH ELFELT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN Fancy & Staple Dry Goods, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, AND Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. Fire-proof Store, corner of Main and Court Streets. cc4-1f HENRY MARTIN, J. M. MURPHY, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. OFFICES—Dalles City, Boise County, I. T.; Cady City, Whyee County, I. T. cc11f.

BLACK LIST. JOHN ROLLS, of COASTERS, has paid me Fourteen Dollars in GREENBACKS AT PAR, for goods purchased of me last January, at Dalles. Business men will do well to be careful how they trust such men. J. UKER. cc20-1f