

The Closing Year.

Another week, and the year of our Lord, 1869, will have been numbered with the shadowy past.

An eventful year has it been to the whole world. It has witnessed the completion of the iron track, which connects the Eastern and Western coasts of this continent together, and the consequent opening to settlement and cultivation, the vast regions of the interior, hitherto the home of the Indian and the Buffalo.

Treaties of peace, amity and commerce with the exclusive Chinese have been made. The last of the reigning Bourbons, Isabella of Spain, has been driven from her throne. British America has been created an almost independent Empire—an important step looking towards its complete separation from the mother country.

A Republican Party Muddle.

Over in Washington Territory the Republican party are rehearsing the fight of the Kilkenny cats after a furious style. Garfield's friends are recognized as the Simon-Pure Republicans, while some of the bed-ropes of the party have bolted from the organization and cry aloud for "reform"—the usual cry when there are more "pegs than holes."

OVERLAND MONTHLY.—The January number—for 1870—No. 1 Vol. 4—of the Overland, is received. We have learned to anticipate its coming. The experiment of its publication made eighteen months ago, has proved a brilliant success, and the footing and character of the Overland is firmly established.

PETER'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—Every lady having a piano, or who is devoted to music, should be a subscriber to the Musical Monthly. Besides getting the benefit of over 100 pages of select reading, each subscriber will receive near \$50 worth of choice music for pianos.

"We thought we could tell the thieves and office seekers by their 'backs.'"—Dowell's Sacramento Letter to the Sentinel.

"Set a rogue to catch a rogue."—Old adage.

State News.

The Republican State Central Committee will meet in Portland on the 19th January. The Committee will make preparations for the burial of their party in June next.

Marion county.

[From the Salem Statesman.]

RAILROAD BRIDGE.—We hear from I. R. Moores Esq., that the railroad bridge over the Clackamas, stands a good show to be in position during the present week. The weather seems to be on their side and indications are that it will continue favorable for a few days to come, as the wind sits in the right quarter.

Baker & Baxter have begun to build another two-horse truck for the People's Dray Company. John says they will be done and running about New Year.

We learn that two men undertook to cross the South Yamhill, at Garrison's Ford, and lost a valuable team in the operation.

Men are engaged in putting down a fine wide sidewalk alongside of Read's Opera House, and on down to Commercial street.

On Saturday last, as Mr. George Alexander was attempting to cross the Rickreel, at a point a little below Dixie, the current proved too strong for his team, and carried them down.

Great as are the facilities of the P. T. Co. for shipping freight at this season of the year, they are kept crowded.

At Scio.—Messrs. Wheeler & Ostrander are paying 7 cents per lb for dressed hogs, and have already salted away about 500 head.

Lane county.

[From the Eugene Journal of Dec. 11th.]

RAILROAD AGAIN.—The furor which the "Sage of Younecola" has raised by having a preliminary survey on a route for the East Side R. R., leaving Eugene on the east, has roused our citizens, and the City Council, has made an appropriation of "one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary" to examine a route, either crossing the McKenzie at a point below Spores' Ferry, and the Willamette at this place, or a route crossing the Willamette below the mouth of the McKenzie, and then come to our place on this side of the river.

[The route by the Rock Creek Pass has been abandoned as impracticable.—Ed. News.]

PROSPECTS FOR STEAMBOATING.—We are informed by the parties who went down last week for the purpose of cleaning out the river between here and Harrisburg that the river is in a better condition now for boating than it has been for years, and that there will be no trouble in boats reaching this place when there is the usual amount of water. At a point called "Brunley's Defeat," the place where the most difficulty has been experienced heretofore, the river has formed a new channel, collecting all the water into a straight, open chute, with nothing to prevent boats whatever.

LARGE VEGETABLES.—Mr. George Petty has our thanks for a lot of potatoes, turnips and squashes, which are the largest we have seen, taking them altogether. The potatoes will average three pounds apiece, the turnips fifty pounds each.

NEW BELL.—The Baptist Church of this place is raising a subscription for the purpose of buying a bell for their church.

The average number of letters mailed at the post office at this place daily, is about one hundred.

Yamhill county.

[From the Blade.]

We hear it remarked by many farmers that winter apples are ripening much earlier this season than ordinarily. Continued warm weather is given as the cause.

The following are the amounts of tax collected by the Sheriff in the different precincts of Yamhill county for the year 1869: East Chehalem, \$113 75; West Chehalem, \$116 76; North Fork, \$415 01; McMinnville, \$783 14; South Fork, \$661 47; Amity, \$440 51; Willamette, \$459 63; Dayton, \$44 30; Lafayette, \$37 70.

A gentleman residing near this place cut a bee tree one day last week, from which he took sixty pounds of nice honey comb.

Linn county.

[From the Register.]

A prospect is on foot to divide Linn county at the next session of the Legislature.

It is supposed that the Railroad will be laid eight or ten miles south of Albany. Whereat the Albany folks feel like cussing.

FLAX.—We are informed that a large number of the farmers of Linn will go into the cultivation of flax next season, in lieu of wheat, as they can realize more largely from flax than from wheat at present prices.

WOOLEN MILL.—It is rumored in Brownsville that the Woolen Factory will commence business again in March.

A weary drove of stock cattle from the North passed through this place a few days ago. One of the party informed us that the drove belonged to a Mr. Murphy; that they had started from the Yackima, (W. T.) to Rogue river, Oregon. They missed their way, took a trail that led them into the Cascade mountains, near the Three Sisters, when the trail petered out. They wandered about for more than a month, retraced their steps and came to this valley of the Lebanon & Cascade wagon road. Their riding animals gave out, and a part of the party had to travel on foot. Their supply of provisions became exhausted, and for four weeks they lived on beef without salt. One of the party passed over the snows of the Cascades barefooted.

The railroad surveying party are surveying at present a new line which will run some two miles east of Albany. It is only a temporary line.

Emigrants are arriving every week from the States, calculating to make Oregon their future home. We are informed that no less than thirty arrived in this city by steamer the first of the week, some of them from Iowa and others from Missouri.

The river has been in good boating stage during the week. The cold weather of the last few days may reduce the water to a lower stage.

On the 11th inst., near Hillsboro, Rev. Henry Sewall committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

Portland.

[From the Commercial.]

THE LARGE OX MOUNT HOOD SOLD.—Mr. Morris, the owner of the large ox Mount Hood, informs us that he has contracted for its sale to Luke Torrence and James Trainor, Mr. Torrence paying for one-half of the mountain of flesh \$1,200—the other half being the property of Trainor as a gift.—On the departure of the first side-wheel steamer, the owners will depart for San Francisco, on route to New York. This ox will be the greatest recommendation Oregon could have in the East.

There has been a serio comic lawsuit at Virginia City, Nevada. It appears that a couple of rival undertakers were each in the habit of keeping a few ready made graves ahead, and one buried a man in the other's hole, wherefore the latter sued for damages and recovered \$10.

At the end of the present year the debt of Prussia, according to the North German Budget, will be nearly \$400,000,000, about one-half of which belongs to the old provinces, and one fourth is called railway debts.

Boise City News.

[From the Chronicle, Dec. 8th.]

We are informed by T. G. Wright that about one hundred Chinamen are at work on Willow Creek. Some few are mining, but the greater number are working on Mr. Wright's ditch, which will be ready for the next season.

The office of the District Clerk and Supreme Court Clerk has been moved to Marshal Moulton's stone building, opposite Wells, Fargo & Co's express office.

Cock fighting is becoming an interesting feature in the winter amusements.

A heavy snow storm occurred last week on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad which occasioned a delay in the mails. Hailey's stage had to wait for the train, which made it lose one day. No stage arrived on Sunday. The cause of the delay on the railroad was from snow drifting upon the track. We may expect to hear of frequent delays during the winter from the same cause.

We are informed by a gentleman who has just come in from Loon Creek that there is no travel over that road. The snow is very deep in places, and he thinks it would be impossible to get to Oro Grande other than with snow shoes.

The Boise Skating Park is ready for fun. It has "friz" and the ice is as slick as any ice.

Mrs. Roth recently presented her husband with a thirteen pound baby. Why!

WOODS HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE.—This is one of the cheapest, completest and generally interesting Magazines published in America. The unobjectionable character of its entire contents, its great variety of subjects and charming style must endear it to every reading family. Published at Newburgh, New York, by S. S. Wood, for \$1 00 per annum.

MASONRY MIRROR.—Devoted to the interests of Masonry on the Pacific Coast. Filled with choice reading matter, useful and interesting to the craft. Amasa C. Bishop, P. M., Editor, San Francisco. Terms, \$2 50 per annum.

Next week we will publish a letter from Hon. Jesse Applegate in relation to the R. R. passes in the Calapooia Mountains.

MARRIED.

CRANDALL—SMITH.—At the residence of the bride, in North Salem, Dec. 15th, 1869, by Rev. C. C. Stratton, Mr. Paul Crandall and Mrs. Orlena J. Smith.

WILSON—BEARDSLEY.—At the Union Hotel, in Salem, Dec. 11th, 1869, by Rev. C. C. Stratton, Mr. E. T. Wilson, of Eugene City, and Mrs. Anna Beardsley.

ALBRIGHT—STRANG.—In Portland on Thursday, Dec. 16, by Rev. W. H. Stoy, at the residence of Capt. Strang, Ed. F. Albright and Miss Kate Strang.

Administrator's Sale.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE County Court, of Jackson County, Oregon, made December term, A. D. 1869, the undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of George P. Funck, deceased, will on

Saturday, the 8th day of January,

A. D. 1870, at the Court House door in Jacksonville, in said county, between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, expose for public sale to the highest bidder, all the right, title, and interest, in law and in equity, which the said George P. Funck had at his decease, in and to the following described premises, situated in the town of Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, to-wit:

One House and Lot, in Pool & Klippel's addition to the town of Jacksonville, 200 by 200 feet, more or less, situated on the North side of Academy street, and known as the "Sprague property."

One House and Lot, on Main Street, 50 by 100 feet, on which John Walters now resides, and described in a plot of Jacksonville, as Lot No. 3, in Block No. 25.

Two Houses and 1 Lot, on Main Street, adjoining the West side of the Lot on which Viet Schatz Brewery now stands, 60 by 120 feet, more or less, represented on the map of Jacksonville, as Lot No. 3, in Block No. 25, (Chinese Tenets).

One House and Lot, on Main Street, adjoining the West side of Fisher & Bros. Lot, and more particularly described in a plot of the town of Jacksonville as Lot No. 1, in Block No. 50, and known as the Buckner House.

On the confirmation of the sale of the above described premises, by the County Court aforesaid, and the payment of the purchase money, a Deed or Deeds of conveyance will be executed to the purchaser or purchasers.

At the time and place aforesaid there will also be offered for public sale, a small amount of unsold personal property of the said deceased, consisting of one single bedstead; 1 trunk and a lot of clothing; one Brass Musical Horn.

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day. Terms of sale are, for both real and personal property, cash down in gold or silver coin.

SILAS J. DAY, Administrator. Dec. 11th, 1869. dec11-w4.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

NEW ARRIVAL.

T. HEATH, TAILOR,

HAS ARRIVED IN JACKSONVILLE, AND opened a Shop on Oregon St., next door to the Franco-American Restaurant, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the citizens of Jacksonville. Gentlemen's clothing made up to the latest style and fashions.

PANTS,

VESTS,

COATS,

OVERCOATS, &c.,

Made to order on the shortest notice. Gent's clothing cleaned and repaired. Please call.

THOMAS HEATH, Jacksonville, Dec. 18th, 1869. dec18-tf.

SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE county of Jackson, State of Oregon.

Mary Smith vs. Ben. Smith.

Suit in Equity for Divorce.

To Ben. Smith, said Def't: You are hereby summoned to be and appear in the Circuit Court for the county of Jackson, State of Oregon, on the first day of the term thereof, to be holden on the second Monday in February, 1870, and answer the complaint in this cause filed, or judgment between you and Plaintiff, will be taken against you in default thereof. By order of Hon. P. P. Prim, Judge of said Circuit Court.

JAMES D. FAY, Attorney for Plaintiff. Dec. 18-69.

RAILROAD SALOON!

ENGINEER,

MAX. BRENTANO.

CHOICE LIQUORS AND CIGARS CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

THROUGH TICKETS,

12 1-2 Cents. July 17th 1869. jly17-4f.

New Illustrated Work on California!

CALIFORNIA SCRAP-BOOK!

A repository of useful information and select reading, comprising choice selections of Prose and Poetry, Tales, Incidents and Anecdotes, both Historical, Descriptive, Humorous and Sentimental. The compiler in arranging and combining material, has presented the whole in an interesting and attractive style. The brevity and variety of topics render the work particularly entertaining. In this work will be found facts and incidents on the Lives of Pioneers, and of the history of the State, that make its pages glow with the fascinations of a romance.

We confidently anticipate for this book a larger sale than any work that has been circulated upon this Coast for many years.

It is one large octavo volume of upwards of 700 pages, printed on elegant paper, handsome type, with numerous spirited engravings, illustrating Scenery, Character, etc.

It is sold only through canvassing agents, and those wishing territory to canvass, should immediately apply in person or by letter to the undersigned.

We have also just secured the General Agency for the Pacific Coast for the Celebrated Morse's Fountain Pens. An excellent article for agents.

H. H. BANCROFT & CO.,

Publishers, 609 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal. December 11th, 1869. dec11-5w.

LAGER! LAGER!

EAGLE BREWERY.

JOSEPH WETTERER HAS NOW ON HAND and is constantly manufacturing the best Lager Beer in Southern Oregon, which he will sell in quantities to suit purchasers. Call and test the article. Jacksonville, June 5th, 1869.

CITY BREWERY,

—BY—

VEIT SHUTZ,

JACKSONVILLE, OREGON.

THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Jacksonville and surrounding country, that he is now manufacturing, and will constantly keep on hand, the very best of Lager Beer. Those who wish a cool glass of beer should give me a call. Jacksonville, June 12th, 1869. June 12th-ly.

NEW STATE SALOON

DRINKS, 12 1-2.

THE THIRSTY PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that Pape & Savage of the "New State Saloon" will quench their thirst with the most choice BEVERAGES to be found in Jacksonville for "one bit." We expect to lose money by it, but times are hard, and we cannot see people thirsty. October 16th, 1869. PAPE & SAVAGE.

UNION

LIVERY & SALE STABLE

Corner California and Fourth Sts.

THE UNDERSIGNED WOULD RESPECTFULLY

inform his friends and the public generally that he has purchased the above establishment of Mr. Dan Cawley, (which will be henceforward conducted under his constant personal supervision, and he guarantees satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage. These stables are centrally located, and within convenient distance of the various houses of public entertainment. Horses or mules will be boarded and cared for, by the day or week, at moderate charges. He has the largest stock in Oregon, south of Portland, of

BUGGIES AND CARRIAGES

with single or double teams, for hire on reasonable terms; also,

GOOD SADDLE HORSES & MULES,

which will be hired to go to any part of the country at moderate rates. Animals bought and sold, and horses broken to saddle or harness.

T. G. Reames. Nov. 6th, 1869. nov6-4f.

ELDORADO MILLS.

THE ABOVE MILLS, FORMERLY THE Valley Mills, at Phoenix, Oregon, having been purchased by the undersigned, and thoroughly repaired with a No. 1 Improved Woodward Smutter, and also Improved Shaker, with an entirely New Bolting Cloth, is now ready to grind wheat on exchange at the usual rates, to-wit: 35 lbs. Flour, \$ lbs. Brand and 2 lbs. Shorts per bushel for good merchantable wheat; and will furnish flour with dispatch and warrant the same equal to any Mill in the world. J. T. GLENN, Jacksonville, Ogn., Aug. 20th, 1869. 3m.

DR. W. JACKSON.

DENTIST.

Dental Rooms in Horne's Hotel, Jacksonville, Oregon. All styles of Dental work done on short notice, at reduced prices. Particular attention given to the regulation of children's teeth. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of the late method of local anaesthesia. All work warranted. Satisfaction guaranteed. Nov. 20th, 1869. nov20-3m.