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O. P. S. PLUMMER, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,

HAVING ESTABLISHED MY TELEGRAPHIC headquarters at Jacksonville, I will spend a large portion of my time in your midst, and will attend to such surgical practice as may present, giving especial attention to the surgical treatment of female maladies.
October 9th, 1869. oct9-3m.

State News.

Corvallis.

[Mercury, January 19th.]

We stop the press to record the fact that a little son, three years old, of Rev. R. C. Martin, was horribly bitten in the face by a large dog at the house of Mr. Garret, near Monroe. The child, it is thought, will live. The dog was killed. No further particulars.

Marion county.

[Statesman, January 22d.]

A singular event is said to have occurred on board a small steamer running on the upper Willamette, and the following narrative is said to have come from the Engineer: The steamer was running on one of the upper tributaries, some spiritual influence seized the engineer by the coat collar and nearly shook him out of his boots. Soon the process was repeated, and manifestations were continued and prolonged, so that the unfortunate man must have felt about as Mark Twain's overcoat did after Mark had finished gazing at the Sphinx, when he looked for that garment and found a donkey with its foot on the collar yanking away at the tail. Recognizing this finally as a spiritual influence, the engineer rushed to the boiler and found no water, owing to some disarrangement, and explosion eminent. So the boat was run ashore and all hands escaped to land, except those who threw water on the fire and hoisted the safety valve. The occurrence is singular, to say the least, and the escape of boat and passengers most fortunate. Government takes much pains to insure safety to travelers by providing inspectors of boilers, hulls, etc., but it strikes us a spiritual Board could be organized to good advantage to shake up engineers when necessary and thus save the horrible explosions we read of.

The Directors of the W. W. Mfg Company have passed a resolution, giving the free use of the water owned by them, for the use of the State Agricultural Society during Fair week.

We learn from W. A. K. Mellen, Assistant Assessor, that since his notice of the price of currency in estimating income returns, he has heard again from Mr. Frazer that 82 cents will be allowed instead of 80 cents as first announced.

[Statesman, January 23d.]

Allerman J. L. Starkey has received a letter from Mr. C. E. Burrows, who contracted for the erection of gas works in this city, and is now at his home in Santa Cruz. Mr. B. and his associates have ordered their machinery from the East, and it will soon be due. They expect to be here early in the Spring, and to commence operations immediately.

[Press, January 22d.]

At the late session of the Board of Managers of the State Agricultural Society, many and important changes were made in the list of premiums offered and in the rules governing the Society during Fair week. In some instances, common articles that have heretofore drawn premiums have been omitted and others added; and the premiums on important things have been increased. Several new classes have been added and others remodelled. The interest taken in the affairs of the Society by all the members present was marked, and we predict that the Annual Exhibition will be much more satisfactory than any heretofore.

We learned incidentally yesterday, that advertisements will be published in a few days for the redemption of State Bounty and Relief Bonds, the bids to be opened on the 1st of March. Holders of that class of State securities will thus have an opportunity of turning their paper into specie, providing their bids are accepted.

The Portland papers complain of the steam whistles attached to mills.

The McMinnville paper is informed that \$200,000 of the late issue of bonds by the West Side railroad company have been taken, and the prospect is good for the sale of the remaining \$100,000 in a short time.

There is strong probability that the counties on the west side of the Willamette, between Portland and Corvallis, will get a daily mail line. It is to be hoped that the line will be established.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing Company held yesterday, Messrs. L. F. Grover, Daniel Waldo, and John F. Miller were re-elected as Directors. Daniel Waldo was elected as President of the Company, John F. Miller Vice President, R. C. Kinney Secretary, W. S. Ladd Treasurer, and L. F. Grover Agent.

J. H. Mitchell, Prof. of Medical Jurisprudence, in the Medical Department of the Willamette University, will commence delivering on Tuesday next his course of lectures before the medical students giving two lectures daily until the whole course, thirty in number, are imparted. We learn from

Dr. Carpenter, Dean of the Faculty, that law students will be admitted to these lectures.

About a year since the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing Company added to their other manufacturing facilities, machinery for knitting socks and ladies hose. Within that time that class of goods manufactured under the superintendence of Mr. M. L. Culver, have gained such a reputation in the market that the demand cannot be supplied, though four hundred dozen pairs are being turned out monthly. These socks are all made by machinery except the heels and toes, which are knit by hand.

Our attention has been called to the White Chili club wheat which is being introduced into this State. This variety is sown in the Spring and will make itself and produce a large yield in ordinary seasons if put in the ground by the 10th of April. In this respect it is similar to the Sonora wheat, though as a flourishing grain it is much superior, and those who have grown it claim that the yield is greater than that of Sonora. This new wheat is a great favorite with the millers--so much so, that we know of some who are gratuitously dealing it out in one and a half bushel quantities to the farmers, for the purpose of getting it generally introduced among the wheat growers.

Dealers are complaining of a short supply of coal oil both here and in Portland. There is not a full case to be purchased in either city. Invoices are expected on the next steamer from San Francisco.

Oregon City.

[Enterprise, January 22d.]

The following statistics are compiled from the books of the Collector of the port of Astoria for the year 1869:

Number of American vessels entered, 329; tonnage, 126,143. American vessels cleared, 314; tonnage, 222,831.

Number of foreign vessels entered, 3; tonnage, 1,191. Foreign vessels cleared, 3; tonnage, 1,191.

There were registered in the district during the year, 3 steamers, with a tonnage of 1,065; and 2 sail vessels, tonnage 805.

The whole number of vessels enrolled was 52; 36 steamers with 7,872 tons, and 13 sailers with a tonnage of 883.

Licenses issued to steam vessels 1, tons 20; to sailing vessels 15, tons 139.

Fourteen vessels were built in the district during the year, embracing a tonnage of 601.

The number of American vessels engaged in foreign trade, including the above, entering 54, with a tonnage of 18,638; cleared 54, tonnage, 21,999.

From this report it would appear that in vessels engaged in foreign trade, 3,061, more tons cleared than entered.

By reference to the proceedings of the Republican State Central Committee it will be seen that a corruption fund is to be used in this county during the coming campaign, for the benefit of the Republican party. A. J. Apperson has been appointed treasurer, for the purpose of receiving and disbursing this money. More in regard to this matter hereafter.

A letter to Mr. John McClosky, one of the Pioneer steamboat pilots on the upper Willamette, has been received, from Comanche, Iowa, asking for information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. J. H. McClenthen, who was a silversmith in this city about the year 1849. Any information concerning Mr. McClenthen will be thankfully received by Mulnomah Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., Oregon City.

On the 31st of last December the Standard Mills, at Milwaukie, were sold at Referee's sale on partition, at which sale Mr. Jas. H. Fisk became the purchaser. Since that time Messrs. Sanborn & Elliott, of Portland, have purchased them, together with the trade mark, water privileges, and other appurtenances.

Portland.

[Daily Herald, January 21st.]

The funeral procession of Capt. Couch was the largest ever seen in Portland. On the day of the funeral, the public schools and many places of business were closed, and the shipping and public buildings displayed their flags at half-mast.

[Daily Herald, January 22d.]

Portland is infested with juvenile thieves.

T. Cann, Esq., the indefatigable messenger of W. F. & Co., does not propose to allow the ice of the Columbia to stop the express. He starts this morning with the assistance of Mr. George Green, to carry the express through to the Dalles. The expedition will be taken to the Cascades on a steamer, if possible, but will go through entirely by land if necessary. Mr. Cann has made the trip often before in much severer weather, and does not propose to hesitate now.

The steamer Gussie Telfair, lately running

between this port and Victoria, will be taken direct from the latter place to San Francisco, and be placed on some other route.

On the dock of the People's Transportation Co., yesterday, we noticed about 20,000 pounds of flour and grain, from the Willamette valley, which is awaiting re-shipment to foreign and domestic ports.

The Willamette river is up to a good boating stage. There is no difficulty now in "making" Eugene City and other points in that vicinity.

[Herald Jan. 23d.]

The Secretary of the Board of Statistics and Labor Exchange for Oregon has received a letter from P. S. Marillier, agent in regard to the prices of travel from Europe to this coast. The following is the passenger fare from Europe by the Liverpool and Great Western Steamship Co., payable in gold:

FROM.	TO SAN FRANCISCO.
	Cabin. Steerage.
Liverpool and Queenstown	\$210 00 \$ 84 00
Hamburg, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Harlingen and Antwerp	224 00 98 00
Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Christiana, Stavanger, Bergen, Paris Havre, Marseilles	230 00 93 00

Children under 12 years old, half price; children under one year old, \$3 50. Passengers forwarded from New York by the Pacific Mail Co. via Panama, Steamers leave Liverpool every Wednesday, and Pacific Mail Co.'s steamers leave New York on the 5th and 21st of each month. Medical attendance on the steamers free. Parties on this coast who wish to send for their friends in Europe, can purchase tickets of P. S. Marillier, Agent at San Francisco, good for six months.

From a private letter to the publishers of the Herald, we learn that an outrage was committed on a young girl, eleven years of age, of respectable parentage, by an old whelp, fifty years old. The citizens, numbering about 300, collected together and concluded to give the fellow a chance for his life, by the cowhide. The wretch was put on the street to run the gauntlet, and he received a terrible castigation. He was then ordered to leave town and never make his appearance there again. Several buildings are going up and things look healthy.

The steamer Cascades left for the lower Cascades yesterday morning with the express matter and the U. S. Mail for the East. No connection was made, however, as the boat from the Dalles was unable to make the "rifle" on account of ice. It is expected that the river will be clear enough for the Cascades to leave to-morrow morning at the usual hour.

We learn by telegraph that the ice at the Dalles on Friday last was strong enough to allow persons to cross the Columbia. It is supposed that the present "warm spell" will thaw the obstruction sufficient to allow the passage of the connecting boat to-morrow.

[Commercial, January 22d.]

The P. T. Co. are running all their boats above the falls now, except the Albany, and she is undergoing repairs at Canemah. Regular trips are made to Eugene City. Freight is coming down in considerable quantities, though not so abundantly as last month.

We learn that the condition of B. Steiner, who was wounded in the foot the other night in a shooting affray with A. J. Moses, is not such as to create the least apprehensions on the part of his friends. The shot inflicted but a slight flesh wound. He is rapidly convalescing.

We learn by telegraph that the Columbia river at and above the Dalles, is completely closed with ice. Several Indians yesterday evening, and two white men this morning, crossed in safety. Ice is constantly forming there.

The steamer Cascades started for the Lower Cascades this morning, taking nothing but the mail and those who were to carry it from the Cascades to the Dalles. It will be impossible for the Ononta to connect, as the river above the Cascades is nearly closed with ice.

The river is rapidly rising here. A great quantity of drift wood is passing, the water looks slightly disturbed, and the current is rolling pretty strongly.

TO CURE EAR-ACHE.--Take a small piece of cotton wool, make a depression in the center with the end of your finger, fill it with as much pepper as will rest on a five cent piece, gather into a ball and tie it up, dip the ball into sweet oil, and insert it into the ear, covering the latter with cotton wool, and use a bandage or cap to retain it in its place. Almost instant relief will be experienced, and application is so gentle that an infant would not be injured by it, but experience relief as well as an adult.

The Republican State Central Committee and their Suppressed Resolutions.

We are in possession of an exact copy of the resolution that caused so much commotion in the secret councils of the Republican State Central Committee last Wednesday. If there are portions of the Republican party who would be demoralized by the adoption of such a resolution, it forebodes a dark prospect for a June victory. Here is an exact copy:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Committee, that the Union Republican party of Oregon does heartily endorse, and will earnestly support the administration of President Grant.

How any one having the least pretensions to belong to the Republican party can be recalcitrant upon such a resolution, appears anomalous to the uninitiated, but upon looking behind the veil, the reasons appear clear enough.

When Lincoln was elected in 1860, he carried the State of Oregon by a close plurality, the Democracy being divided between Douglas and Breckinridge. At the breaking out of the war, the Douglas wing coalesced with the original Lincoln party and took charge of both parties under the partnership name of the "Union party." For the last eight or nine years the "Abolition" wing of the "Union party" has been kept in the back ground in this State, and their eldervert Democrat partners have captured all the county offices where the Union party have majorities, and it has become almost a test of unfitness to say that an aspirant was an original Lincoln man. This partnership party has been extremely chary about committing itself against the old time prejudices of the united Democracy; and as far back as 1864, when Judge Powell, of Linn county, at a convention held in Albany presented a resolution endorsing only the Fourteenth Amendment, it was promptly voted down. Since that time the Reconstruction acts have gone into effect, and the Fifteenth Amendment is incubating.

The incongruity is growing wider between the Oregon Union party and Gen. Grant's administration. The Douglas wing of the "Union party" are now without a standing in the Administration forces, for the "Republican" wing of the partnership has absorbed the national organization, and those who look to future county and other local advancements in many portions of Oregon, dare not endorse the Administration without compromising their local popularity. This was apparent in the canvass of Logan; he went through the canvass endorsing the coming policy of the Republican party, and fell a victim to his honest boldness.

This is bound to widen between now and the election, if the Fifteenth Amendment should not become fixed before the spring conventions. Senator Corbett is already un-sound, and may be considered as the representative of that influence in the State Committee which suppressed the resolution endorsing the Administration. Dowell in the Jacksonville Sentinel, thus speaks of him at Washington:

The necessity for this bill [the Georgia] is so great, that even Mr. Corbett, who is opposed to the FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT, voted for the Georgia bill as a whole, etc.

The little scenes of "unpleasantness" in both the party conventions lately held in this city, proves that political chemistry is at work even in Oregon, and that Williams and Corbett will soon be leading opposite factions. Verily, politics maketh strange bedfellows! So saith the proverb--Commercial.

Land Office Decision.

John Wren pre-empted a tract of land in California on the 16th of March, 1869, after hauling lumber upon it and planting a furrow around the sides of it. He then went for his family, distant about 150 miles; but, his wife being taken ill, he was unable to return until the 1st of April, when he found James Webb in possession. The latter had in the meantime built a house and moved his family upon the land, which he claimed as a homestead. On returning, Wren "ag" built a house on the same land. The Register at Stockton awarded the land to Wren, the pre-emptor; whereupon the case went to the Land Office at Washington for affirmation. As questions of a like character are constantly arising, we copy so much of the decision as has any interest for readers here, as follows: A homestead right attaches at the date of entry. John Wren having initiated a pre-emption claim to the tract in question, prior to any homestead entry or application to enter the same as a homestead by James Webb, and of which Webb had notice, and having followed up the same with as much diligence as circumstances would admit, thus showing bona fides and no purpose of abandonment he is regarded as having the superior claim to the land in contest.

Your decision, therefore, awarding the southwest quarter Section 32, Township 9 south, range 10 east, to John Wren is affirmed, and your action disallowing the application of James Webb to enter the same as a homestead is approved.

You will notify the parties accordingly, and allow thirty days from the time of service of notice for an appeal. The party appealing must specify the errors alleged in the decision. In your further report, please refer to this "G" by its date.

Very respectfully,
Jos. S. WILSON,
Commissioner.
Commercial.