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CAPITAL HOTEL. Corner of State and Liberty Sts., SALEM, OREGON. HOMER SMITH HAVING LEASED THIS LARGE, Commodious and Elegant Hotel, is prepared to accommodate both permanent and transient boarders, in the BEST STYLE, with or without Lodging.

UNION HOTEL, COMMERCIAL STREET, SALEM, OREGON. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE OPENED This New and Commodious Hotel and are determined to keep it second to no house in Salem. Their tables will be furnished with the BEST THE COUNTRY AFFORDS.

BEACH-HAWK LIVERY STABLE, Corner Commercial and State Streets, Salem, Oregon. S. DURBIN & CO., At their Old Stand, with a New Fire-Proof Brick just completed.

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THE PERINE RAILROAD. Notwithstanding the ship's manifest reports, no railroad iron or materials, Sam Clarke and Dr. Loryea insist that there is. If this is so, why not state at once, what it is—what kind of material. They forgot to mention that. We are opposed to being humbugged, and we propose to ventilate the matter a little.

Months rolled away and nothing was done; and finally the glad news was telegraphed from Salem to Portland, on the 13th of August last, that the iron and rolling stock for twenty-five miles was purchased and awaiting shipment direct to Portland. Clarke came out in the Record with a great blow, stating that he S. A. Clarke, Sec'y, &c., &c., had actually received letters from Elliot, at New York, stating that he had purchased two locomotives and eighteen miles of iron, and that it would soon go out in a light draught vessel.

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HON. GEORGE H. PENDLETON. In a very few months, nominations for the office of President must be made by the great political parties of the country, and we have never before seen a time when there was as much uncertainty as to the men who were to be chosen by the respective organizations.

Extravagance in the administration of the government has not become so fixed as to be beyond correction. There is no substantial difficulty in the way of public economy now, but there may be a few years hence, —which is comforting, indeed. And then he gives us some figures, which are not so full of hope. He says that it took two hundred and three millions to carry on the government in 1867, and one hundred and forty-four millions to pay the interest, and that it will take two hundred and forty millions to pay all expenses, but interest, in 1868, and one hundred and fifty-two millions more for interest.

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[From the N. Y. Tribune, Jan. 21.] Mark Twain Asks for Information.

To the Editor of the Tribune:—Sir: If you can, I wish you would give me some information of a man by the name of George Frank Train. It is for an uncle of mine that I want it. My uncle has had a pretty hard time of it, and if any man does deserve sympathy, and if any man would appreciate that sympathy, it is he. He is in the decline of life, and wants to be quiet; but you know he tried Wallrusia, and the bears outstayed him; and so he hung up his fiddle, so to speak, and concluded he would wait and look around awhile, till Government bought some more property. And while he was waiting, somebody recommended him to hunt up this gentleman, Mr. Train.

They said Mr. Train was a slow, quiet sort of a body, and had no isms or curious notions about him, and that he was going over to the old country to buy Ireland for those persons they call Fenians. They said he was very popular with the English Government, and that if the English Government would sell to anybody, they would to Mr. Train. They said that if Mr. Train concluded to take it, my uncle would have an excellent chance to buy into a quiet locality in Cork or Tipperary, or one of those calm religious regions there, by speaking to him early.

So my uncle went after Mr. Train, but he was building a couple of railroads out West somewhere, and before my uncle got there he had finished those railroads and was making Democratic speeches in the East. It was a considerable disappointment, but my uncle always had a great idea of doing business with a slow quiet man, and so he came East. But he came the last part of the journey in a canal boat (it being his nature to prefer quiet and safety to speed), and so he missed that man again. Mr. Train had got the Democratic party reorganized and all straight, and was out in the middle of the Rocky Mountains clearing off a place and driving away the buffaloes, so that he could build a metropolis there. But my uncle went in an ox wagon, and he missed that man again. Mr. Train had finished that metropolis and paved it with the Nicholson pavement, and started a couple of daily newspapers, and was gone East again with another lady to lecture on female suffrage.

It was a little discouraging, but my relative rested about a week and started after him again. He caught him this time, because Mr. Train had sprained his ankle and was obliged to remain quiet until he could get the leg removed and a patent one put on in its place that could not sprain. So he mentioned his business to Mr. Train, and he replied: "You are all right, sir. Put your trust in me. I'll buy Ireland, and you shall have as good a chance as any man. I am going to sail right away. You will hear about me as soon as I touch the Emerald shores. I shall get out some advertisements and make my presence known. I make no pretensions, but you will see pretty soon that I shall be heartily welcomed there and promptly cared for."

Since that time my uncle has not heard of Mr. Train. He has confidence in him, but he thinks that maybe he is too quiet a man to make much of a stir, and has not been heard of on this account. But have you heard anything of Mr. Train? Do you know if he got out any advertisements? And do you know if they received him heartily there, and more especially if they took care of him? This last is the main thing with my relative. If they took care of Mr. Train it is all he cares for. He has said to me repeatedly that all he is afraid of is that he has been neglected and not taken care of. If he were to hear that Mr. Train is there, in a strange land, without any place to stay, it would nearly break his heart. If you could only inform us that Mr. Train is safe, and has been received hospitably, and has a good tranquil place to board in, suitable to a quiet man like him, it would be a great comfort to the old man.

MARK TWAIN.

PROFITABLE HORSEFLESH!—It will be recollected that the Iowa trotting nag Bashaw, Jr.—"Bull of the woods"—was lately sold for twelve thousand dollars, to some enthusiastic Irishman in Chicago. The Journal says that he has been sold for sixteen thousand dollars. As the nag weighs about eleven hundred lbs, it will be noticed that Bashaw flesh is worth \$14.50 per lb.—which proves that the Bashaws are profitable equines.—Register.