

The Weekly Polk County Signal.

SHERIFF'S SALE—SHOOKING SACRIFICE OF PROPERTY.—On Friday last, Sheriff Liggett sold on execution at the instance of W. H. Teal, property, consisting of new wagons, coal, the defendant's blacksmith tools, horse shoes, double trees and singletrees, etc., etc., belonging to T. J. Dow, the aggregate cash value of which could not have been less than \$100 00, for, we believe, less than forty dollars! The property was bid off by Teal. In consequence of a doubt existing as to the legality of the proceedings, outsiders, with a trifling exception, did not bid at the sale. Whatever the justice of Teal's claim may have been, the enlightened verdict of the community can do no less than condemn the morbid acquisitiveness which will prompt a man to take and appropriate his neighbors' hard earnings for nought—though the act is performed under color of law.—All the property bid off by Teal is merchantable and in ready demand.—Teal's judgment against Dow was only one hundred and fifty five dollars; four or five hundred dollars worth of property has been bid in by plaintiff for probably less than the cost of the proceeding leaving the original claim unsatisfied and increased. Thus a hard working, industrious man is set adrift with not even the tools with which to earn a livelihood while his indebtedness has been increased by the process. Another set of tools owned by Dow are held by contract by Mr. Pullen who has the exclusive control of them we believe, for a specified time. Deliver us from the tender mercies of such creditors, say we.

In some States, the laws provide that appraisers shall say what property under execution is worth, and provide further that such property shall not sell unless it bring two-thirds the appraised value. This is right—a partial protection of the judgment debtor against the avarice and rapacity of a soulless creditor. We are in favor of the speedy enactment of such a law for Oregon.

SIXTH STATE ELECTION JOHN C. BELL, Salem, has been in such a happy state of mind that he could not help selling his customers good bargains. His Corner Brick Store is literally crammed full of the latest styles of goods.

FINE WINES AND LIQUORS for medicinal purposes at G. B. Stiles' family grocery store.

LAW CASE.—The card of C. G. Carl, Esq., Salem, appears in our Columns to-day. Mr. C. is an energetic and able lawyer and will practice in all of the courts of Marion and adjoining counties.

THE NEW AD OF Messrs. Crane & Wolf, Independence, appears in our columns this week. These gentlemen keep a very large and well assorted stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, cutlery, etc., etc., and sell cheap. They also buy produce of all kinds for which they pay the highest market price.

THE EVENING COMMERCIAL.—We are in receipt of the Evening Commercial, a new and sprightly little daily just started in Portland by M. P. Bull, Esq. The proprietor is a printer, has had considerable experience in the newspaper business, and from a personal acquaintance with his genius and energy, we are persuaded that if he does not succeed it will be because the "Fates" are against him. Here's our best wishes, Bro. B. Success to you.

THE DALLAS JAIL.—This is an institution that is in little or no demand. It has been untenanted ever since the "woods were burnt." A poor investment, that. It may be that the extreme unpopularity of this domicile is owing to the belligerent attitude it assumes (like that of a hog going to war) in its relations to the streets and other buildings situated in its neighborhood. It neither stands east and west nor north and south, nor does any line of the building lie parallel with any other thing we can now think of. The right hand corner of the front reaches out menacingly in the direction of the street, so the foundation, it would seem, was staked out with the north star as a guide.

HARVESTING has already commenced in this county, and will, ere our next issue day, become the general business of farmers throughout the county. The industry of our farmers will this year be rewarded by very heavy and profitable crops. We never saw wheat and oats look so well in any country.

CUSTOM MADE BOOTS.—Mr. A. S. Crider, Main st., Dallas, next door to SIGNAL office, is prepared to shoe all creation and the balance of mankind. Mr. C. does his work well and uses none but good stock. Boots and Shoes constantly on hand, and made to order on short notice.

TALL TIMOTHY.—We were shown a stalk of Timothy the other day, grown in the meadow of a gentleman residing near Dallas, which measured six feet and four inches in length. We were told that this was by no means an isolated stalk.

THE Durbin boys, in their large, fine fire proof brick stable, Salem, are doing an immense business in the livery and feed line.—They understand their business thoroughly and are attentive, prompt and accommodating.

BEEN, AND "WENT," AND DONE IT.—Our friend, Charley McDonald, took to himself a wife on Saturday last, in the person of Miss Martha Haggart.—Go in Mo, if you think there is no hereafter.

JUSTICE'S COURT.—COLLINS.—During the week just past the action of Wm. Pullen against T. J. Dow was disposed of by Plff. withdrawing suit after pleadings were settled. Wm. Harris vs. T. J. Dow.—Def. denied Plff. claim of one hundred and thirty dollars. Suit withdrawn by plff. and a compromise afterwards effected.

S. C. Stiles returned from Salem on Saturday last with a new invoice of stock for his harness and saddlery establishment in Dallas. Mr. S. is an energetic and thoroughgoing business man, and we are pleased to see him in such a fair way for success in this his new field of operations.

THE irrepressible Dave Holmes tied his competitor in the race at the late election for Justice of the Peace for Salt Lake precinct.—The contest was subsequently decided by lot—the repub. winning. A republican Constable was elected in said precinct by one majority, whose bowels of compassion being moved in behalf of Dave, in consequence of his continued ill success in the chase for an office, magnanimously proposed to "draw cuts" with him for the constabulary, and lo! Dave "slips up on it" again. The above presents a case of one man being elected twice and of another being defeated three times! If indeed any of the story is true, and Uncle Jack Lewis, our associate is authority for the whole thing.

THE MASON GANG PLOW, "CHALLENGE."—Unlike, in nearly every material respect, all other gang plows which have yet been introduced, and not obnoxious to the objections usually urged against any of them this plow is destined, we think, to supersede the best of its class. Convenience, durability, strength and simplicity are happily combined while its cost, all things considered, can never seriously retard its general introduction among that class of farmers who desire to keep pace with the progress of the age in which they live and avail themselves of the benefits resulting from inventions calculated not only to dignify labor but facilitate and simplify its performance.

Messrs. Liggett & Co., successors to Weather Bros., Dallas, in the meat business, keep a good supply of choice, fresh meats. They serve country customers on stated days from their market wagon which they contemplate keeping running.

SEVERAL goods in the line, such as glass, oils, paints, etc., kept by B. F. Nicholls at the drug store.

WHY DELAY?—Vanduyne & Sommerville, Independence, are holding out inducements and asking you to come—and buy goods cheap. A large and varied assortment always on hand.

DON'T FORGET IT.—Persons visiting Salem or Portland on business will do well to consult the advertising columns of the SIGNAL.

REMEMBER that at "Headquarters," Salem, in new location, fronting on State street, better bargains than ever are to be had in stoves and tin ware.

EDUCATIONAL.—On Thursday evening last, in pursuance of previous announcement, Prof. Emery and Moreland, of Corvallis College, lectured at the Court House in Dallas, to a fair sized audience, on the subject of Education. These gentlemen are both scholarly and accomplished, and the lectures delivered by each, respectively, was an improvement upon anything in a literary way Dallasites have been honored with for a long time. These gentlemen are laboring in the interest of Corvallis College, an institution of learning which is a credit to the State and an ornament and source of prosperity to the city in which the same is located. The Third College Year of this institution commences, we believe, Sept. 1st.

DECEASED.—William Robb, long and a much respected citizen of Dallas, resigned his spirit to the God who gave it on Friday last in the afternoon. Deceased had been afflicted with consumption for many years and at the time of his demise was very much reduced and emaciated. A large concourse of citizens attended his funeral on Saturday.

RAIL HAULING.—Drawing rails from the hills to the valley farms is just now a feature in the business of Polk county. Hundreds of thousands have already been hauled out within the past six weeks, and yet the cry is still! J. I. Thompson and also Jos. Emens are making ready to treat their respective farms near town to a bran new fence. Gen. Nasmith is also having a great number of rails hauled out to his place near Dixie. The farmers of Polk, are as a general rule, a live and enterprising class of men.

BUSINESS AND THE TAX LAWS.—The intimate connection between taxation and the productive industry of the country is a subject that has not received the attention that it deserves from our business men and legislators. If the present stagnation of business shall produce the effect of directing public attention to this question an important end will have been achieved. People are so immersed in the whirl of business and politics that they ignore or are indifferent to the most important issues of finance and taxation, until they are sternly confronted with the effects. It would not be difficult to trace many of the evils under which the country is now laboring to this stagnation. We take more interest in everything than in the financial policy which ultimately shapes the destinies of men and nations. Our indifference reacts upon our legislators, who seem to think and act as if they were relieved from all responsibility upon questions of finance and taxation.

It is time that all this should end, and if we do not mistake the tenor of public opinion there are indications that the financial question will overshadow all others before the country. The feeling is increasing that much of the business depression of the country is due to the blunders of financial legislation. There can be no doubt that this impression is, to no inconsiderable extent, well founded. The country is beginning to feel the effects of the enormous taxation. The amount of money abstracted for the last five or six years from the productive interest of the country would have exhausted any other nation in the world. In 1867 the National Government collected by taxation no less than \$193,000,000.

Of this \$179,000,000 were derived from duties on foreign goods, and the balance \$211,000,000 from internal revenue. All this is exclusive of the large amount absorbed by municipal and State governments and for local purposes.

The Nation is now staggering from a burden of taxation that is unparalleled in any country. It suffers both from the amount and manner of taxation. It is inquisitorial and vexatious in nearly all its forms. The cost of the goods to the consumer is needlessly increased by the taxation of goods in the hands of producers and importers. Practically, at least, we are far from having arrived at a knowledge of the science of taxation. Our burdens are laden on wildly and without discrimination. The result is that consumers are obliged to abridge their expenses, and to economize on all articles except those of prime necessity. Thus business languishes for want of a demand for goods, there is only limited employment, and taxation is dried up at its very sources.

There is also another serious evil.—A large proportion of the taxation levied upon the people never finds its way into the public Treasury. It is embezzled by swindling officials.—There are also large appropriations for purposes that not only confer no corresponding benefit upon the people, but are a source of corruption by encouraging lazy officials, who are converted from producers into consumers.

When to these evils we add the burdens of a fluctuating paper currency the main causes of the prostrate condition of business are only too apparent. It is plain that no return to our former substantial commercial prosperity is to be looked for without radical reforms in our systems of taxation and currency.

A LAND OF DESPOTISM.—Senator Doolittle, in a letter to a Democratic meeting thus concludes: "From where I stood this morning upon the steps of the Capitol, with the flag of the Union over me, I can look upon a land of absolute, unqualified despotism. If I visit Mount Vernon, and sit down by the tomb of Washington, I sit down under the shadow of a military dictatorship, more unlimited than can be found in any civilized country upon the globe. Constitutional liberty is already bound, scourged, and crowned with thorns here, in her own sacred temple.

"Shall the General of the army, urged on by the Jacobin chief priest, crucify her on his sacred Capitol hill, in her own house, under her own banner, amid the seeds and jeers of all the old despots in the Old World."

"Let the people answer."

NOTICE.—L. A. Robb is authorized to collect bills due me at the drug store. Parties indebted will please settle at once. J. W. SMITH.

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE and CROCKERY AT Doty's IN EOLA.

BUCKEYE REAPER, [The World's Challenger] at DODD'S Salem.

SWEETPAKES THRASHER, Never Clogs and Far the Best, at DODD'S, Salem.

JOHN W. GILBERT, MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN Boots and Shoes, Union Block, Commercial Street, Salem, Oregon.

SUMMONS.—In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Polk, ss. ISAAC FOISTER, Plff. vs. E. W. BOSWORTH, Def. E. W. BOSWORTH, said Def. is in the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear in said Court, and answer the complaint of said Plff. filed therein against you, within ten days from the service of this writ upon you, if served in said county; and if served in any other County of said State, then you shall appear within twenty days from service hereof, and answer said complaint. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear as above directed, Judgment will be taken against you for the amount of the sum of \$60.00 with interest from January 25th 1864, at 12 per cent per annum. Publication of this summons being ordered by the Judge of said Court for six weeks from this date.—You will if served by publication only, be required to appear by the first day of the next term of said Court following the expiration of the said six weeks notice by publication.

By order of W. C. WHITSON, Judge. J. A. APPLIGATE, Atty. for Plff. June 15, 1868. 136w

CORVALLIS COLLEGE.—THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE Corvallis College, will convene on Saturday, Aug. 22d, at 10 o'clock a. m. All members of the Board are earnestly requested to attend.

PITTS THRASHER, The Best Known, at DODD'S, Salem.

WOOD NOTICE.—SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED at the Clerk's office in Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, until Sept. 1st, 1868, for TWENTY CORDS OF GOOD, DRY, SOUND OAK WOOD, to be four feet long, and delivered in the County Wood House in Dallas, on or before Oct. 12th, 1868, and corded up in good order and to the acceptance of the County Court.

THE FIRST TRAIN HAS ARRIVED, and so has M. MEYER! WITH ONE OF THE LARGEST and best selected stocks of DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS, GENTS' & BOYS' CUSTOM MADE CLOTHING, LATEST STYLES OF HATS AND CAPS, Trunks, Carpets, Groceries, Crockery &c.

BOOTS JAMES GARDEN, Manufacturer & Dealer in Boots & Shoes, at DODD'S, Salem, Oregon.

GAUNT & FALKNER, SHERIDAN, OREGON. MANUFACTURERS and Dealers in Saddles, Harness, Bridles, &c. Repairing done on short notice.

PACIFIC HOTEL, ALBANY. THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY inform the public that this House HAS JUST BEEN FINISHED, AND IS NOW OPEN for the accommodation of all may favor him with their patronage. J. B. SPRENGER.

MERCHANDISE. I. VANDUYN, JOHN SOMMERSVILLE, Vanduyne & Sommerville, INDEPENDENCE, Oregon. Dealers in GENERAL MERCHANDISE. A full Stock of Goods constantly on hand to suit the varied wants of the People. The Highest Market price paid for COUNTRY PRODUCE. We also have in connection with the Store a large WAREHOUSE, with track extending to the River, and are prepared to receive and Forward Freight for 15 cents per ton. 31f VANDUYN & SOMMERSVILLE.

Furniture. E. MERWIN, Independence, Oregon. MANUFACTURER and Dealer in all kinds of Household and Kitchen FURNITURE, Has on hand a large and well selected Stock, consisting in part of Mahogany and Black Walnut Dressing BUREAUS, Center, Dining, Breakfast and Work TABLES, Grecian, Parlor, and Washington Woodseat CHAIRS, BEDSTEADS, SAFES, STANDS and LOUNGES. A fine Assortment of Pictures and Oil Frames.

In fact I keep everything useful and ornamental in the line. About the 10th of May I shall remove my Salesroom and the Postoffice to South Independence. Thenceforward I shall occupy the building adjoining Vanduyne and Sommerville's Store. E. MERWIN, Independence, March 24, 1868. 3-3m

NEW GANG PLOW. A Polk County Invention. J. M. MASON is manufacturing at INDEPENDENCE, Polk County, Oregon, a GANG PLOW which is essentially superior to anything which has yet been offered the Oregon Farming Public in the line of Labor Saving PLOWS.

To appreciate the advantages this Plow offers, it is only necessary for the Farmer to give it a trial. Simply constructed, and put up with a view special ly to durability, this deservedly Popular Gang Plow must continue to give unqualified satisfaction wherever or by whomsoever tried. 31f

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That has ever been brought to SALEM, which he is offering CHEAPER than any other house in the City. ALL kinds of PRODUCE taken in Exchange. WANTED: 500,000 POUNDS OF WOOL FOR which I will pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE IN CASH. M. MEYER, 34 door from the corner of Griswold's Block Salem Oregon. 9ly

THE BEST AND MOST COMMODIOUS hotel in the State, where every want is anticipated and cheerfully supplied. Warm & cold Baths attached to the House. This Hotel is located near the Steamship Landing. The Hotel Coach will be in attendance at all the Landings, to convey Passengers and Baggage to and from the House FREE OF CHARGE. M. R. SEWALL, JOHN C. DORCY, Proprietors. 31f WEBBER REAPER, The Cheapest and Best Reaper in Oregon, at DODD'S, Salem.

WOOL CARDING. THE undersigned having located a New Double Cylinder Carding Machine (two miles south of Sublimity, six miles northeast of Seio, and one-fourth mile of Linch's Ferry, on the North Santiam, respectfully solicits public patronage. This Machine will be under the control of experienced operatives, and satisfaction is guaranteed. Carding Will be done at the reduced price of Eight Cents per Pound, when grease or oil is furnished. If I furnish lard, Ten Cents per Pound. If I furnish lard oil, Twelve and a half Cents per Pound. One pound of nice clean lard for each eight pounds of Wool, or one pound of lard oil for each ten pounds. To insure good Rolls the Wool must be Well Washed and Cleaned of Trash. Also, it should be graded. D. S. STAYTON, Feb. 24, 1868. 27-6m

WHOLESALE CLOTHING HOUSE. Badger & Lindenberger, Nos. 411, 413 and 415 Battery Street, cor. Merchant, SAN FRANCISCO. IMPORTERS and WHOLESALE Dealers. FRESH GOODS BY EVERY VESSEL. We invite COUNTRY DEALERS to examine our Large and Attractive Stock which comprises every article in the CLOTHING and FURNISHING line, together with a Large Assortment of CASSIMERE and WOOL HATS;—also—Blankets, Cassimeres and STAPLE DRY GOODS. Prices at this time are lower than they have been for many years, and we can offer to COUNTRY TRADERS goods that they can sell to their Customers at a very low figure and still make an unusual large profit. Agents for Oregon Cassimeres and Blankets, of which we keep a large stock. Large Stock and low prices, and articles Guaranteed. Agents for Piano Manufacturers. Agents for Oakland Cotton Mills.

BADGER & LINDENBERGER Wholesale Clothing and Hat Warehouse Nos. 411, 413 and 415, Battery street, San Francisco. Feb. 17, 1868. J. A. APPLIGATE, W. C. WHITSON, Applegate & Whitson, Attorneys at Law, DALLAS, OREGON. Office—In the Court House.

G. B. STILES' Headquarters. First Door North of Brown's Fire-proof Brick. NEW STORE. NEW GOODS. NEW PRICES. I am now prepared to offer to the public large assortment of choice PROVISIONS, GROCERIES, FRUITS, WOODEN WARE, TOBACCO, CIGARS, YANKEE NOTIONS, Etc. I design to keep only the choicest and best Articles, and sell them at a small profit for CASH. OUR MOTTO: RAPID SALES OF CHOICE GOODS. Those who want inferior articles must look elsewhere for them. 131f G. B. STILES.

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LIVERY STABLE, HAVING PURCHASED THE OLD BEANETT & WHITE STABLE. in company with L. GODDARD, I shall be pleased to see any all of my friends and acquaintances upon their arrival in Portland with teams, and those who have good horses to sell will find me on hand ready to buy at a time. Patrons of this stable will find it in good shape, while charges will be as moderate as at any other stable in the city. J. R. LAKE, Portland, June 23, 1868. 14