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MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 30, 1868.

COMPLETE RETURNS—nearly all official—give Seymour and Blair 129 majority in Oregon.

The counties of Coos and Union are not put down in the table but the vote of said counties is known.

It is scarcely possible that any change from one hundred and twenty nine majority will be made.

Gov. Woods is probably a close reader of Brick Pomeroy. He adopts Brick's style of composition and rings the changes into a Thanksgiving Proclamation; but the Governor himself is a "brick."

The farce of trying Jeff. Davis is soon to be enacted in Richmond. He will appear by counsel—being himself in Europe. Suppose he is convicted, how will the sentence be executed?

Gold is found in about 25 counties in North Carolina, and the annual yield in that State amounts to about five hundred thousand dollars.

News from New York is to the effect that hundreds of thousands of dollars were staked and lost by republicans in that city on California giving Grant all the way from one thousand to eight thousand majority. Three to one was bet on two thousand majority. Al told, losses will be about a stand off on the late election. The republicans seem to have gone crazy and bet on impossibilities with a recklessness truly frightful to contemplate.

A woman of the name of Sene was arrested in Kingston, Canada, last week, in a state of imbecile intoxication, with an infant in her arms. Upon removing the baby from her arms, at the station house, it was found to be a stark, stiff corpse. It is reported that the woman had been wandering round for some days, from tavern to tavern, in a manlike condition, with this dead child in her arms, earnestly begging an additional stimulant to her fearful appetite.

ACCOUNTED FOR.—Some people have been at a loss to be able to account for the Democratic gain in Union county. It is plain enough. The regiment of stage robbers lately tried and now undergoing trial in Portland hail from Union, and were in jail awaiting trial when the election was had.

Remember that G. B. Stiles keeps flour, bacon, corn meal, potatoes, onions, and in fact everything needed in the way of family supplies.

The boats are landing rousing stocks of goods in Independence. The merchants of that thriving town are possessed of both capital and enterprise.

The present month (November) contains only thirty days, and yet during the same, the SIGNAL has been issued five times, to wit: On the 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The Portland Zeitung is hard on Grecian bend. It calls the malady "gripping as they run."

During court week an enthusiastic republican came to Dallas and staked his last \$20 with Dr. Sites on California giving 1,000 majority for Grant. Another twenty gone up.

Mr. J. C. Jamison has put new stock on his route from Portland to Lafayette which enables him to make quick trips and prompt time.

The West Side railroad will be pushed ahead during the entire winter. Arrangements are perfected looking to this consumation.

The Oregonian claims the cust of thanksgiving as a republican institution. This error of that paper is probably traceable to the fact that the editor remembers nothing which transpired in the United States anterior to the inauguration of Oldabe.

Coal oil in 5 gallon cans at Cox & Earhart's, Salem.

The city election in Salem comes off on December 7th. The republicans have nominated a full ticket.

Wiley Chapman has been re-nominated for Marshal of Salem.

Greenwood, else where spoken of in this paper, was convicted in Salem last week. His sentence had not been pronounced.

McMinnville Water Ditch.

The McMinnville Water Ditch enterprise which had slumbered for a time has been revived and operations looking to its early completion resumed. The locating survey was made more than two years since under the auspices of W. T. Newby, esq., and the undertaking pronounced by an experienced Engineer, practicable and feasible for all the purposes it was intended to subserve.

B. the construction of this Ditch, a popular power second to none on the coast will be created and McMinnville, in consequence, will become a point which must attract and invite capital to invest which at no distant day will give her a prominence second to that attained by no inland town in Oregon. And while we are on this subject it is but simple justice to a worthy citizen, and enterprising man, to say that to W. T. Newby, esq., the flourishing village of McMinnville is indebted for what it is and what it has the brightest promise of being, more than to any other single agency that has contributed aught toward its success. Mr. N's energy and perseverance know no bounds, while his disinterestedness borders on total self-sacrifice. To his his exertions, vigilance and untiring industry, Yamhill county is indebted in great part for the bright future which awaits her in view of the approach to her borders of the Oregon Central Railroad; and especially is McMinnville under obligations to him on this score.

The Railroad to McMinnville and the projected Water Ditch completed, she will move forward with giant strides, eclipsing many other points in the State which have hitherto been supposed to enjoy very superior natural advantages to those enjoyed by her.

LIARS THAT THEY ARE.—Since Gen. Halpine's death, the ghouls who control the repub press have discovered that a book, entitled the "Prison Life of Jefferson Davis" is all a fiction (?), and was written by General Halpine in just nine days.

The book in question excited unusual interest for sometime after it was published, and contains data which is a sufficient guarantee of the truthfulness of what is laid down therein. It reflects severely upon the barbarous treatment accorded to Mr. Davis for which the republicans were responsible. Why was it not sooner discovered that this was a "fiction"? Ah! the author is dead and the ghouls can now debauch his memory with impunity, hoping thereby to neutralize and compromise public opinion touching their inhumanity toward a feeble old man who was completely in their power.

Should Jeff. Davis die we should expect to see it announced in republican prints that he never was imprisoned—that the fiction that he was, was waved by General Halpine. Who will they allege furnished the "fiction" that Mrs. Surratt, a poor, helpless, feeble innocent woman was murdered at Washington City by a republican mob? We don't blame republicans for trying to get out of the responsibility for most of their acts but protest against outraging the memory of the dead in the efforts so to do.

The Advocate remarking upon the enormous cost to the Oregonian and Herald of telegraphic dispatches, says that the former pays near \$100.00 per week for its dispatches. Now the Advocate was not sufficiently posted to authorize it to say anything on the subject, or else it willfully concealed a part of the truth. The Herald receives the same dispatches that the Oregonian does and pays exactly the same amount weekly which that paper pays; in fact the dispatch arrangement amounts to a sort of partnership enterprise between the two papers. There is a vast difference between the truth and the whole truth.

NEW EXPRESS ROUTE.—From a private letter received from Mr. J. C. Jamison of "Jamison's express," we learn the Wells, Fargo & Co. will open office at Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville and Lafayette about the 1st of December. This arrangement will be a decided convenience to the people on the new route.

OREGON NEWS.

From the State Rights Democrat we glean that an extra session of the Circuit Court of Linn county will be held by Judge Bose, commencing on the 12th of next December. It has been ordered specially to try Lyman W. Pomeroy, of that county, on a charge of poisoning his wife some eight or nine years.

That the family of Mr. John Ambler, of Waterloo, precinct, Linn county, almost miraculously escaped a terrible death from the falling of a tree during a severe wind storm one night last week. It seems that the force of the wind had blown the door of the house ajar, and Mr. Ambler got out of bed to close it; but finding that he was unable to close the door alone, he called his wife to his assistance; and just as she got to the door a tree fell across the house, crushing the roof and the timbers which supported it, entirely in, and coming down, was precipitated across the pillows on which but a moment before had rested the heads of Mr. and Mrs. Ambler. There was a young babe in the bed at the time of the falling of the tree, but fortunately the little slumberer was resting some distance from the head of the bed, and thus escaped injury. There were several other children, belonging to the family, in the house at the time, all of whom were more or less injured by the crushing in of the house, but none seriously. Mr. and Mrs. A. were only slightly hurt. This may be regarded as the most providential escape, in this section of country, on record.

From the Unionist that on Monday night last, Mr. Hendricks store at Wheatland, on the Willamette, was broken open by some person and a quantity of clothing taken out. The thief effected an entrance by the aid of a bar of iron procured from a blacksmith shop. The safe was tampered with but it was not opened. No clue to the thief has been obtained yet.

The Blue Mountain stage robbers are being sent up to the Penitentiary by platoons.

Dr. Weatherford has bought the entire Herald establishment. It will be run in his name in the future.

Grant county could not swallow Grant, and Union county could not go the "yonson" ticket by a long urech.

A SAD CASE.—A little girl, apparently about four years old, was found in the streets yesterday and brought to the station house. The father of the child is in the pest house, and the inhuman mother is constantly in a beastly state of intoxication, allowing the child to wander about the streets.—The little one, when found, had nothing on her person but a shirt, and it fairly made one's heart bleed to see her bare feet pattering along on the pavement, her little limbs shrivelled up, and purple from the effects of the chilly wind which was blowing. She had in her hand a little fragment that had been given her by some one, and this she would blow, in her childish glee, until her sufferings from hunger and cold would compel her to forget, for the moment, the pleasing toy, and then she would cry piteously for something to eat. The child, as she walked along on the cold floor of the prison, looked anxiously into the faces of those present, and then remembering her little trumpet, she again commenced blowing it forgetting her hunger until food was given to her.—S. F. Times.

Ex Governor Low of California got his mad up and resigned has place on the board of Regents of the Cal. University because Gen. Mellan was elected President against that incarnation of cruelty, political hate, hypocrisy and vindictiveness, Rev. Mr. Stebbins.

JUST RECEIVED.—We have received from H. H. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, "The Campaigns of Lieut. General Forrest and of Forrest's Cavalry." This is an interesting and authentic narrative, vividly written, of all battles and movements of this famous commander. Messrs. Bancroft & Co. are sole agents for the Pacific Coast.

Thanks to Mr. John M. Lhy for a generous donation of choice fresh pork.

THE NEWS.

COMPILED FROM DISPATCHES TO THE PORTLAND DAILIES.

General Halleck recommends that military posts be established in Alaska.

A woman's rights convention met in Boston on the 19th and was largely attended. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved: That we invite the Republican party to drop the watchword of manhood suffrage, and the Democratic party to abandon its motto of white man's government, and unite on an amendment of the Constitution, extending suffrage to all men and women, as the inalienable birthright of every American citizen.

Senator Wilson, in a speech in Boston on the 19th inst., said he had no doubt that Congress would authorize colored men to vote in every State.

Col. W. S. Moss, of the Examiner, has just recovered ten thousand dollars from the city as one installment of damages for the destruction of his printing office in 1865.

The case of Reed, impeached carpet-bag Governor of Florida, goes to the Supreme Court.

The Central Lunatic Asylum at Columbus, Ohio, was burnt on the 18th.

The proprietor of the French paper which was destroyed by thieves in 1865 has recovered \$7,500 off of the city of San Francisco.

Polard, the Southern historian and editor of the Southern Opinion, was recently shot dead in Richmond by a man named Grant.

"Capturing" Enoch G. Adams resides in Vancouver, W. T.; and, there being no poll opened in that town, whereby he could have a chance to vote for Mister Grant, the rascally greenhorn skulked out for St. Helens where his vote was refused of course. He now commences an action against the Judges at St. Helens for \$50,000 damages! The Judges have two strings to the bow in defending this case. First, there is a provision in the Constitution of Oregon which, in enumerating the qualifications a voter must possess, excepts idiots and persons of insane or unsound minds; and secondly, an elector must reside in the State. Either of the above provisions of law will be a bar to the recovery by the acquisitive Enoch of the trifle of fifty thousand dollars or any less sum. And then perjury being regarded by republicans as one of the cardinal virtues, it will avail the "capturing" nothing that he "swore in his vote." O! Enoch! Enoch! you are a bi k.

Telegrams received in San Francisco on Nov. 25, report the ship Lawrence burnt at sea on September 22. The crew were saved and taken to New York. The ship was loaded in Moore & Co.'s line. Her cargo consisted of 870 cents barley, 1300 bbls flour, 27 97 hides, 16 tons mustard seed, 42,000 gallons whale oil, 500 flasks quicksilver, 488 tons wheat, 15,000 wine and 360,000 pounds wool. The cargo was fully insured in the local companies of San Francisco.

Dr. Jessup was thrown from his horse some days since, spraining his wrist somewhat severely, and receiving slight bruises about the face.

Wm Colwell's residence in Albany was burnt on the 24th inst. A portion of goods saved.

Ex Sheriff Liggett's father died at the former's residence in Dallas on the 26th inst.

The rainy season having set in is no reason why Barman Bros. should not continue to sell the best suits of ready made clothing at the lowest figure.

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MARRIED.

On the 25th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by W. C. Whitson, County Judge, Mr. James Hiltbrand, and Miss Lavina Fabus; all of Polk county.

DIED.

In Dallas, Nov. 26, of Diabetis, Jonathan Liggett, aged 79 years.

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From the New York Independent,

Nov. 7th, 1867.

Read, think, and decide! The simple therapeutics of the Patriarchal era, when herbs "for healing the nations" were the only medicine in use, find little favor with the medical profession of the day. Yet at the early period of the world's history the ordinary term of human life was at least eight times longer than it is now. It is therefore manifest that the stamina of man has seriously declined in the lapse of ages.

It is a scientific fact that, during this process of human degeneration and decay an immense number of powerful poisons have been introduced into the medical repertoire, while the mild vegetable system of treatment exclusively practiced when the world was young, has been in a great measure abandoned by the medical profession. This is a singular coincidence, and it suggests the possibility of a direct connection between the physical deterioration of the species, and the wholesale administration of deadly mineral and other drugs. It may well be doubted whether the mineral salts and oxids, and the no less dangerous alkaloids, which chemistry has added to the pharmacopœia, have not destroyed more lives than all the diseases they have been prescribed to cure. One thing, at least, is certain—viz: that the average term of human existence has been shortened since the days when the vegetable kingdom was the only medical dispensary known to mankind.

The truth is—and sensible people are becoming more alive to it every day—that the world is overdosed. The principles of medication are simple; but they have been so befogged by technicalities, so mystified by professional verbiage, that one half the community fancy they can neither be interpreted nor applied except by persons who have been taught to clothe the living truths of science in dead languages. It is not to the interest of "the Faculty" that the theory and practice of medicine should be simplified and popularized, and therefore the public conceive but little light from that quarter.

To prevent crime is one of the great ends of civil law, and to prevent disease should be one of the grand objects of medical science. It is better to protect than to cure, and much easier. Vital power is the natural antagonist of all the influences that militate against health—whether they exist in the air we breathe, in the water we drink, or the objects with which we come in contact, or in ourselves. Without a sufficiency of this resistant principle, there can be no reasonable hope of escaping prevailing epidemics, or of enjoying even under the most favorable external circumstances, an immunity from sickness and pain. This fact being established, the next question is, how shall a deficiency in physical and constitutional vigor be supplied? Instructed by the experience of twenty years, and sustained by the testimony of thousands of individuals of both sexes; basing from all parts of the world, we reply that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the only medicine that can be fully relied on as a protective and preventative tonic and alternative in all climates and under all contingencies. With a system strengthened and fortified by the use of this invigorant, no one who possesses common prudence need fear the effects of malaria. It is the best safeguard against infection at present known. It produces appetite; it promotes digestion; it prevents constipation; it regulates the flow of bile; it strengthens the nerves; it purifies the animal fluids; it clears the brain; and, the vehicle of its medicinal properties being a pure diffusible stimulant, their influence is extended to every portion of the system. Mere alcoholic stimulants, though administered largely in medical practice, are not in themselves medicines; but they pervade the whole organization more certainly and swiftly than anything else that can be given. They are quickly taken up by the absorbents, and there is not a fiber of the body between the crown of the head and the sole of the foot which is exempted from their influence. Hence a spiritous stimulant is the best medium for conveying to all the organs and members of a feeble or disordered system the means whereby that system is to be recruited and regulated. It is for this purpose that the alcoholic elements is used in the preparation of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is simply the instrument by which the medical virtues of the preparation are carried to their objective points and rendered active.

It is almost necessary to call the attention of dyspeptics to a medicine which is everywhere recognized as the standard specific for indigestion. In every town in the United States which contains a drug store, or a store in which drugs are sold, it is known as a remedy for stomach complaints of every class, from simple flatulency up to the most obstinate chronic torpidity of that most important organ. Its anti-bilious properties are also universally understood and appreciated; and in the West and South-west the old "Ague cures" have been generally abandoned, and this real chologog—which actually breaks up intermittent fever within a week after the first dose is taken—adopted in their stead. In the intermittent fevers so common in malarious districts during the fall of the year it is proved equally efficacious, and it may be truly said that it combines in an equal degree the qualities of a restorative and a preventive.

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