## RAILROAD TO ASTORIA.

the largest draught ride safely at an- it has taken a strong hold on the schools in the State and, the richest our ware-houses and the merchant permanent organization. It took its world. ships at Astoria lie waiting for first lease of power in California freight, and a frozen river intervenes | where two Legislatures one Demoriver. Here is a distance of only Republicans 29 majority on joint ingextracts explain the whole matter: sublimest faith. some sixty miles with an easy grade ballot. The returns of the late through a valuable region of coun- election show a great change - the try which otherwise would not be Republicans on joint ballot numberopened to civilization for a half cen- ing 58 and the Anti-monopolists 75. tury, to a sea-port open to the com- giving the Delly Vardens a majority merce of the world all the year and of 17. In Iowa the Republicans forever. Now who will take a hold carried the State ticket by a greatly the agency for your county, to be conducted of this matter and carry it into exe- reduced majority and the Independcution? A valuable land grant was ents were successful in the counmade by the government to Ben Hol- ties. The total expense of the laday to build this road and it inter- Dolly Vardens, as given in a pubests the people of the Willamette lished statement of their State cenvalley particularly to know whether tral committee, for the campaign, we are to have the benefit of it or was \$5,00, expended for postage, not. We call upon our delegation stationery and telegrams. This is at Washington to see to this matter quite economical in comparison with and use their utmost exertion to have the system of the Democratic and the proposed branch road built from Republican parties of to-day who ten per cent. (10 per cent.) on all sales to God speede. We wish he had \$100,- ticle on Clatsop County in speaking Forest Grove to Astoria immediately. spend hundreds of thousands every Appropriations of money have been election to elect their tickets. In expended in dredging out the bars Illinois the Anti-monopolists have of the Columbia river uselessly try- beaten both the other parties. In ing to remedy defects that cannot be Minnesota they developed great cured since these bars are constantly strength. And in Oregon another forming anew. The fact of the year will see the Independents carry matter is that it is folly for vessels of the State by a sweeping majority. more than sixteen feet draught to attempt to run up to Portland in with Anti-monopolists, but have at all seasons of low water. Astoria is our times shown an entire independence natural port of entry and this strug- of party, having cast their votes for gling of Portland against fate is all men whom they could trust whether lost time and money, for the rail- Democratic, Republican or Antiroad will be built whether that city monopolist. And it is to be hoped be willing or no. Besides the people that this young Sampson will not of this valley cannot afford to stand listen to the soft words and golden with their hands in their pockets wiles of political Delilas, but bury and their produce lying in ware the Philistines in the ruins of their an outrage upon our public school system. houses while Portland is using up government appropriations in FARMING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. Dame Partington fight with sand bars and ice fields.

## TOO MANY "COLLEGES."

in Oregon than can be sustained. may be, and so we have a thickly set- unfortunately for Oregon, did not What we want are high schools and tled community, where wealth is "gang agley." academies, which will give our young evenly distributed and no large landed men and women a thorough element- proprietor lords it over tenants. The ary education. Two Colleges in the land in our County, that is adapted State are all that is needed or will for wheat raising is evenly fertile, be needed for a long time to come—both high and low producing well the College at Salem and the College all the way from twelve to fifty and at Forest Grove. These are Colleges sixty bushels of wheat to the acre. (not Unversities) and they need the The farming lands on the Tualatin entire patronage of the Willamette Plains generally produce about Valley at least. If another College twenty bushels to the acre, on the is to be located it should be in East- river bottoms from forty to sixty, on ern Oregon to accommodate a com- the river and creek borders the munity widely separated from us.

The high schools and academies is consequently richer. Take the of which we speak should be thor- farm of Henry Buxton near Forest oughly graded and text books used Grove, for example. This has about of the same kind as are used at the 275 acres of wheat land. A large Salem and Forest Grove Colleges- part of this land lies on Gales' creek for the text books in these institutions bottom and is exceedingly fertile. do not differ materially. So that the It has been in constant use for thirty students on graduating at the high successive years, each year a crop schools or academies could, after a having been raised off of it; it shows preliminary examination and some but little sign of failing. In these

reviewing, pass right into College. thirty years Mr. Buxton has raised planted all over the State take away bushels of grain, aggregating about patronage from the two institutions 100,000 bushels. His wheat he before-named and do them injury has sold generally at \$1 00 per and turn out f'graduates" every year bushel; for being a farmer of means who are scarcely fit to enter College. and pretty shrewd he has always got man to enter the Salem or Forest amount of \$40,000 or \$50,000. Grove Institution. These two Colleges have large endowment fundsthe learned professions and giving foot of it productive and easily put the sea of Darwin and Huxley, whose them thorough classical and scientific into cultivation. We cannot tell writings he successfully combatted. education.

women of this country most need is months. And there are hundreds Revelation. Requiescat in pace. not suffrage, but symmetry; not rights, but rationality; not a place in of farms in this County equally our legislative balls, but a place to productive. Then there are the has discovered a new group of islands a ton of pure gold is \$602,799 21, by a reclining figure of the General

#### THE INDEPENDENTS IN THE WEST.

fruit-raising also for a fair yield of wheat. And there are the Beaverdam lands and swamp lands of which From our exchanges we find that there are several thousand acres lying the Independents or Anti-monopo- idle, waiting for capital to bring lists, sometimes called Dolly Var- them into cultivation. Mr. Isaac calls out a pretty sharp rebuke from The Columbia river is frozen up dens, are quite popular and the new Myers owns some fifteen or twenty the editor of the Advocate. That tight and fast, and communication organization is not a local one nor is thousand acres of land in this Counwith the outside world is not possi- it likely to die in the throe of its to which are very valuable and lying ments mere unsupported assertions ble. At such a time as this our eyes birth. It has sprung up in a troub- idle waiting for farmers to come and begin to open to the actual wants of ulous time when corruption and buy them and make them productive. the country. And to what point in thieving are running riot and the We invite those desiring homes to our extremity do we involuntarily people are being robbed of their come to Washington county to settle. turn? -- to ASTORIA. There substance by political sharks and Here we are situated near the Port lies an open port where the heaving blood suckers. In California, Iowa, land market, with a railroad running sea scorns the ice, where vessels of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois etc., through the County, with the best

chor. Here our wheat lies stored in people and is likely to become a soil and most beautiful climate in the

#### SCHOOL MATTERS.

It is our desire-and we are sure it is yours-to so perfect our arrangements that every pupil in Oregon shall have opportunity to procure his text-books at the reduced rates. To this end I shall establish a distributing agency in each county of the State. No other person can have such facilities for doing this work thoroughly as the County Superintendent, and I therefore tender you

Then follows the conditions upon which such "distributing agency" will be made, and the profits thereofthe real milk in the coaca-nut. We give the more important articles:

books, delivering them to you at our own form to their particular religious or who used money in the sums of \$2,50 expense, you deducting any sums of money Fifith. To compensate you for your

trouble, I will allow you a commission of schools in your county, whether public or private, commissions to be deducted from Sixth. Satisfactory arrangements will be

made for the disposition of any stock you

may have left over at the end of the time specified, by sale to your local dealers, or by If you will undertake it I will do all in my power to facilitate the work; and I am quite sure that while it will be profitable to yourself it will be more satisfactory to the people of your county than any other arrange-The Grangers have generally acted

The New Northwest says further: Dr. Glenn informs us that the direct expense to Portland District alone for these Sam. and compiler Syl. Simpson's Readers, even at the "introductory rates," which any 'confidential' dealer could exceed at his pleasure, thus adding indefinitely to his will exceed \$5,000, and R. J. Ladd, the district Clerk, who is well acquainted with the District finances, puts the price at \$10,-

We have a little Credit Mobilier in onr educational system, it seems. Ten per cent. on \$10,000 would be In this County of course we do \$1,000—a nice little thing that it not have large farms, in comparison would not do for a man without with the extensive fields of California teeth to smile at. The New Northbut here each man has a section, west deserves credit for exposing There are more colleges (on paper) half-section or a quarter, as the case this nicely laid scheme of men which

## THE RAILROADS BEATEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. - The Supreme against the Union Pacific Railroad Company, emphatically sustaining the right of the State to tax the Pacific Railroad. This practically decides the California case against the Central Pacific Railroad.

This is one victory of the people and justice over railroad rings, and we throw up our hat accordingly. The Central Pacific Railroad also has refused to pay its taxes in the State of California for two years and now it comes Stanford & Co.'s turn to pay their debts. Two years ago that Company objected to the assessment of the State as being too high, and the State Board of Equalization cut it down one-half and then the Company refused to pay. And they would not pay their taxes for this year and the matter is in the Supreme Court for adjudication. The above decision against the Union Pacific These divers "Colleges" that are every season from 3,000 to 5,000 practically decides the case against them and they will have to pay their taxes as well as other folks.

ground being overflowed every winter

DEATH OF AGASSIZ. raised on it but enough we imagine who found science to accord in her healthy effect on the official pulse. A Missouri paper thinks "what the to feed all Webfoot for several grand and solemn undertone with

> The Editor of the Progressionist timber lands which are adapted to the "Cannibal Islands."

#### "TEETH AND CLAWS."

The recent lecture by Prof. Condon on "Teeth and Claws" at the Congregational church in Portland paper calls the Professor's state-"contradicting the views of nine out of ten of the ordinary readers of the scriptures." And so forth the Advocate digs at the Professor with tooth and nail, and savs in conclusion "we think skeptics would have been fully as well pleased with the lecture as were Christians. While we take pleasure among the rocks of science, let us never forget the Rock of Ages."

which may be locked up in winter's cratic and one Republican had been The New Northwest accuses our skeptics and Christians, that in our scribers on the change. The Statesicy chains for a month or more. bought up by the Central Pacific R. County School Superintendents of humble opinion, though we are not man will now be conducted as an And what is the remedy? We need R., and under the leadership of Booth stock jobbing in Oregon's educa- a theologian, is just what is needed. independent Republican paper and a branch railroad running between elected a larger representation in tional interests, and says it is very Skeptics will not accept Christianity we welcome it to its new and high Astoria and Forest Grove connect- the State Legislature than either plain how it was that these gentle- and if geology can be made a basis field of labor. Rings, cliques and ing with the West Side railroad. This of the old parties; and it is quite men, with two or three exceptions, of agreement then all will be well. factions have too many friends alis our great and immediate want and certain that unless the Republican voted the uniform system of text The rocks of science were evidently ready, and the people too few and we must and will have it. The peo- and Democratic parties coalesce, books. It publishes a "confidential" made by the Rock of Ages and are in the Statesman under its new Editor ple of Oregon cannot close their Booth will be elected to the U.S. circular, emanating from the agent consequently his written books, and we believe the people have an able eyes to the fact that we are liable Senate. Last year in Wisconsin the of Bancroft & Co's, publishing house if through these the infidel can look and honest advocate. every winter to be shut out from Senate stood 27 Republican, and 12 in San Francisco, sent to a certain up to the Christian's God then the commercial relations with the world opposition, the house 60 Republi- uncorruptible Superintendent who mission of the preacher is accomby the freezing of the Columbia can and 40 opposition - giving the makes the disclosure. The follow- plished and unbelief resolved into

> The Advocate misunderstands the Professer, is the trouble Professor Condon is not, in his geological and ethnological investigations, seeking to learn the supernatural but the natural. He is seeking the truth in the domain of his science stripped of all other considerations. And this is the only way in which he can arrive at correct conclusions. The science of geology was hampered in its inception Fourth. I will pay all charges on the by zealots trying to make it conanti-religious views and the Profes- to \$5,00 to influence voters at the sor has wisely determined to study the scienc pure; and we bid him 000 at his command to prosecute his of the timber that grows there says OSTERS (of any Size). researches in this State and contig-

### PREPARE FOR FIRE.

A short time ago the dwelling of

Mr. McCready in this town took fire and had it not been that it was discovered early in its progress, the whole row of business buildings from Steve Harris's blacksmith shop to his metaphors thus:text-books (including State Superintendent Mathew's store would undoubtedly have been burned to the ground. Now a fire is likely to happen at any time in this city and sweep it to destruction in an hour. The buildings are wooden structures of light and highly combustible material, and once fire gets started among them where they are close together as in the "business row," nothing could save them. Now the town authorities should see that every house has its flue or flues properly constructed so that a fire may be avoided if possible. And further, the town should be provided with ladders for scaling and water vessels and tackle for pulling down buildings, if necessary to stop the progress of a conflagration. A word to the wise is sufficient. Court to-day decided in the case of Nebraska There are some men whose whole means are concentrated in the business portion of the town and they are constantly dreading some accidental fire to sweep away their hardearned property-the fruit of many years of anxiety and labor. THE BACK-PAY REACTION.

about the Salary-Grab, and "virtu- four column letter in the Washington ous" members are preparing to dis- Chronicle and says that there was no gorge. They are not satisfied with recommendation of mercy accomparepealing the high salary act but nying the sentence of Mrs. Surratt propose in their honest fit to return who was executed as one of the contheir over pay to the treasury. They spirators in the assassination of Presdesire to return to the republican ident Lincoln. He denies the imsimplicity of former years. Ever peachment and proves the falsity of since Congress convened this has the charges that his enemies have been their only subject of discussion. made. If they would only go to work and We are glad to see friend C. A cut down the salaries of Senators Ball's vindication from the charge and Congressmen to the old rates preferred against him by the Bulleand stop making speeches at the ex- tin. We hope that he will soon give pense of the government the people the public the names of those parties would thank them therefor, and who paid the repeaters for voting and Louis Agassiz, the eminent natu- might forgive them for their hog- advised them to swear falsely. If There is scarcely a College so-called a good price for his wheat. So that ralist and savan, is dead and another gishness last winter. But now in Mr.Ball has this information we may in the State that can fit a young he has sold grain probably to the great name is inscribed in death on their mad fit of economy they wish expect to hear of some "eminent" the scroll of fame. He was born in to cut down the salaries of officers members of the "ring" seeking parts And there is the farm of Mr. A.T. 1807; studied at Zurich, Heidleberg whose pay is none to great. The unknown and taking on aliases. Smith which has just been rented by and Munich; visited the United people are willing to pay their pubthe one here having about \$70,000 Messrs. Shipley & Tyler, lying near States in 1846; was elected Profes- lic servants the full value of their Sumser. - A Washington dispatch of subscribed, the one at Salem less, the Grove having 500 acres of sor of geology and zoology in Harservices and had not the high salary November 30, says: Senator Sumner we believe—they have large libraries, excellent river bottom land all of vard University in 1847, since which bill increased the pay of Senators and each has a corps of teachers, which a man with fair means could time he has devoted himself to teach- and Congressmen who were already signed by six of the Republican memable, experienced and thorough, and raise from 10,000 to 15,000 bushels ing his favorite sciences and writing receiving a higher price for their lait is a pity for parents to send their of wheat per annum. And there is on and investigating scientific subyouth to paper Colleges, thinking Jacob Hoover's farm on the North jects. He was and long will remain have said amen to the increased pay. Peace and the stability of Republithat they are fitting them to enter Plains, a section claim and every the great opponent on this side of We are glad to see that these can Government. The dispatch says the Republicans of the United States, DRY GOODS, gentlemen feel the prick of public France and Spain should stand toopinion through their thick hides. gether; the republicans of Spain have how much grain Mr. Hoover has He was one of the great scientists The fall elections have had a very already sacrificed 53,000 lives, and

One ton (2,000 pounds avoirdupois)

#### December.

Thou gentle wind, whose sighing murmurs

And fall with pleasing cadence on the ear Thou seem'st some heavenly visitant below Nor car'st to linger with us mortals here. Leafless and sad is cold December drear: No matin lay or song of gentle bird Is voiced among the branches withered sere But thy low murm'ring sighing tones are

When Spring returns and early flowers ap

And deck with beauty gay the verdant sod Again thy whispered notes beguile the ear In grateful orisons of praise to God. W. N. GOODELL

### EDITORIAL CHANGE.

The Salem Statesman comes out under the editorial control of Sam Now if the lecture pleased both Clark, and we congratulate its sub-

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Liberal Republicans have signified their wish that the Republicans do not class them as Democrats and they will accept such places on Congressional committees as the Republican caucus may assign them. There will be a new committee on Civil Service appointed, of which the Republicans will probably appoint Sumner chairman.

Scott is of opinion that Hill "lies" as to certain charges of bribery the latter has made and Hill comes to the front with the name-H. Cason

The Oregon Granger in its last ar-"The alder tree attains a size of from three to four feet in diameter and is an annual. O Mercer! Now we don't doubt but that alder trees do attain that size in that county but that they grow that large in a year is too thick.

A gentleman writing to the Advocate describing the country through which he had been traveling mixed

Imagine a gentle sloping plain 125 miles into a "chopped sea" and furrowed with among the changeless waves. Think of those waves of all possible forms and outlin from a few feet to hundreds in hight, but few comparatively too steep for the plow.

Just think of a man plowing a "chopped sea" wave and you get the force and beauty of the metaphor.

Congress has passed a General Amnesty bill removing all political disabilities imposed by the Constitutional Amendment and now the exconfederate chiefs have a chance at the loaves and fishes. This acr will do more to heal political jealousies at the South than any measure that could have been adopted. Whatever opponents of the Administration may say, our government has been the most magnamimous conqueror in the world. Not a decade has passed since the rebellion and all political disabilities have been removed and no rebel offender languishes in dur-

John Ryan one of the ring repeaters pleads guilty to the charge of voting twice, notwithstanding the Bulletin holds a stiff upper lip.

Congress is sorely exercised now Now comes Andrew Johnson in a

THANKS FROM SPANISH STATESMEN TO arrived here on friday night. He they intend that every person under the Spanish flag shall be free.

The monument to General Robert of gold or silver contains 29.163 troy E. Lee, now in process of construcand of a ton of silver \$37,704 84. enveloped in his military cloak.



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