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YOUNG MEN, SECURE A HOME.

The following excellent piece of advice to young men is from the Willamette Farmer:

"No home! what a misfortune! No home when health is failing and the world goes wrong? Living to the extent of your means, spending your labors for things that secure no permanent advantage?"

Young man, you should lay these things to heart. You should seek to secure a home; and more especially should a man with a family own the house in which he dwells, if industry, sobriety and economy enable him to make such an acquisition.

"How sweet to turn, at evening's close, from all our cares away, And end in calm, serene repose, the swiftly passing day."

THE "AMENDMENTS."

The Louisville Ledger, in commenting upon the Amendments to the Constitution and the Reconstruction Acts of Congress, shows the spirit of the Democracy of Kentucky, and perhaps of the entire South. It says:

"For our own part we are not prepared to accept them. Nor are we disposed to ignore or evade them, from prudential or other considerations. There is no prudence in palpable dissimulation. Nobody will believe that the Democracy of Kentucky are willing to acquiesce in these amendments because no allusion is made to them in the platform."

This is strictly in accordance with what we have claimed was the great point still at issue. The Ledger, in a former article, declared virtually that opposition to the results of the late war constituted the only stock in trade of the Democratic party.

GRAIN PROSPECTS.

From the report of the agricultural department for March and April, we learn that throughout the country generally, the autumn and winter season was favorable for the germination and vigorous growth of winter grain.

Our Government refuses to cheapen the rates of ocean postage as requested by the British authorities. It is said that a reduction of the present rates cannot be made without greatly increasing the expenses of the Post Office department.

A REVENUE RING EXPOSURE.

The New York Sun gives an account of a case heard in Baltimore on the 2d inst, before U. S. Commissioner Rogers, which has brought to light some astounding developments concerning the management of internal revenue affairs in that city during the years 1867 '68, and relative to frauds alleged to have been perpetrated by certain distillers and dealers in liquors.

1. That the books and papers had been given him by Mr. Rudolph Blumenberg, an ex-revenue store keeper, and that the relation of counsel and client subsisted between them.

To these propositions of law, was annexed a proffer that the defendant would most cheerfully submit to any order passed by the Commissioner as to the custody of the papers which would leave the last-mentioned right unimpaired.

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Henry Becker made oath that during most of the years of 1867 and 1868 he ran a distillery in the county of Baltimore, Second Collection District of said county; that said distillery was run in his own name, he giving bond, but in fact said distillery was run by him and in his name nominally, but was run for Edwin Walters, of the City of Baltimore; that he, the said Edwin Walters, paid to Becker the sum of twenty-five dollars per day as his compensation, out of which the latter was to pay his assistants; that all the whiskey distilled was the property of said Walters, distilled for him and under his directions; that all of the whiskey distilled during the entire time was delivered to said Walters; that about four-fifths of the whiskey so distilled was illicit whiskey, or whiskey upon which no Government duty had been paid, nor any return of its manufacture made to the Government.

SCARCITY OF MECHANICS.—It is said that the demand for certain classes of mechanics, such as brick-layers, stone masons, and carpenters, is so great at the present time in Portland that once in a while contractors actually quarrel about them.

State Items.

[Gleanings from State Exchanges.] The State Journal says:—There has been a rumor afloat for several days to the effect that there could be no crossing found for the railroad near Harrisburg, and that the Springfield route would yet have to be adopted.

Through the efforts of Mr. Lewis Byrns, \$108, was raised in Salem last week for a poor destitute family of emigrants.

TUSK.—We were shown this week by Mr. H. B. May, a piece of a large tusk, found about fourteen miles from this place under ground sixteen feet. It was about six feet in length, and about ten inches thick at the largest end. It was considerably decayed. It is impossible for us to conjecture to what beast this mammoth tusk belonged.—Enterprise.

The California stages now connect with the railroad at Halsey seventeen miles south of Albany.

We learn that our miners in the different camps are busily engaged in cleaning up, and yield of gold dust has been good for the length of the season.—Our farmers from all parts of the valley report that grain prospects were never better, and the grass is everything that stock men could wish.—Several teams started this week for Crescent City for freight. We learn that most of the recent purchased goods have been shipped there for this section.—Times.

From the Democratic Era.—At the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association held on Sunday last at the M. E. Church, the talented singer Mr. Phillips caused a number of valuable books to be placed in the seats for the accommodation of the audience. The selling price of these books was 75cts., \$9 of them were taken from the church by persons in the congregation, causing a loss to Mr. Phillips of \$69.

PENALTY.—The penalty for employing Indians belonging to Reservations, who have no passes, will be enforced hereafter by Superintendent Meacham.

CHANGE.—On last Saturday night the coaches of the O. & C. Stage Co., ceased running through this place. They now run in connection with the east side railroad. In their stead we have a daily hack to Albany, which runs in connection with the railroad, and by which we get our mails, from the north several hours sooner than by the old arrangement. Another advantage is, that it will give Major Johnson, of the City Hotel, and the postmaster, a chance to enjoy their rest at night. The world moves.—Gazette.

FUNERAL.—On Saturday, the 13th inst, at 2 o'clock P. M., the funeral of Hon. H. N. George took place from his father's residence in the city of Albany, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Old Fellows, of which he was an honored member.

A 4-pound nugget of gold was recently found in the vicinity of Gimlitville.—Hon. J. T. Hunter, of Union county, has a colt which, when foaled, was three feet and seven inches high.—Frost fell lately in Edelman's Eden on Fox Creek and nipped his fruit. Alack! alas!—John McDowell, who has been at work for some time on Connor Creek—into which Fox Creek flows, as we understand it—has "struck it rich" at last; the gold is coarse, and water can be had, the year round, in abundance.—Bedrock Democrat.

From Portland papers we glean as follows:—Somebody who had not properly studied the Decalogue and the statutes of Oregon, attempted to burglarize a room in the second story of Porter & Weigand's building on First street, early Tuesday morning. Being detected, they weakened and fled.—The barkentine Webfoot, Capt. Gage, was taken in tow yesterday afternoon by the steamer Josie McNear, for Rainier, abreast of which she is to take a cargo of stove bolts for San Francisco.—We understand that the young man who attempted suicide by cutting his throat, was not wounded in such a manner as to endanger his recovery.—Theriver has not risen much for the last day or two, being at what the water men call a "stand."

CONTRACT FOR RAILROAD WORK.—The O. & C. R. Co., have let a contract to Mr. J. L. Hallett, late Assistant Superintendent, for the entire construction of the railroad (with the exception of the bridge across the Willamette near Harrisburg), from the present railroad terminus at the 100 mile stake to Eugene City. The distance is some 22 miles, but the construction calls for about 24 miles of road, including the side track. Mr. Hallett is an energetic man, and his past work is sufficient guarantee that the future will be speedily and well performed.

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DENTISTRY.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF OTHER ENGAGEMENTS, it will be impossible for me to visit Dallas professionally this Spring. T. L. Nicklin, who is THOROUGHLY COMPETENT, has consented to take my place, and will visit Dallas on Monday, May 22nd, where he will remain for a short time. Any favors extended to him will be appreciated by me. GEO. H. CHANCE, Salem, May 19, 1871.

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