THE ENTERPRISE.

The Usury Law.

This question at present seems to be agitating the minds of our financial and business, men, and it has both its advocates and opposers. We are of those wao have ever opposed any restriction on money and believe the law of supply and demand should regulate its value in our market the same as the supply and demand of wheat, oats, hav or any other article.: We have had on our statute books for the past ten years, a law which provides how much a man may charge for his money, and yet there is not a person who is conversant with business matters at all but knows that there has been, and is to-day, practiced a system of usury a great deal worse than if the law was repealed. Interest rates must be determined by the laws of trade rather than the laws on the statute books, and the protection afforded against he usurer, should simply be the gold sense of the man with whom the surer deals. It is reasonable to suppose that no man will pay a higher rate of interest than he can afford, and if he is inclined to do so, there can be no law

enacted to prevent him. The usury law in this State has had a bad effect on our money market. It has had a tendency to drive away a great deal of capital to other sections where it uld be loaned out for what it is wo repealed money would be in greater quantities in our state, and hence, interest would be governed in accordance to the demand of the commodity. It has been argued that capital, being limited as to its value, would develop our resources and seek other investments besides simply "loaning out, This is a fallacy that has been thoroughly exploded by past experience. It has driven all surplus capital out of the State, and the supply being scarcely equal to the demand, and at times far below, money has been able to dictate its own terms. If we have a surplus of money, it will regulate its own value. This is apparent from observation in other States where no such a law has existed. The man who borrows should be at liberty to pay for it just the same as the person who rents a house or buys a bill of merchandise. Pay for it what it is worth in the market. Our law proour State. By creating manufactuvides that the legal interest shall be ten per cent. or twelve by special agreement. This is high enough for ordinary purposes. But while our money market is deficit, it is bound to demand a greater interest, and those who have it to loan, find no trouble in avoiding the provisions of the law. We frequently hear of parties paying to others fifty and a hundred dollars to get them one thousand for a year. The work is done through the third party, and the \$100 is paid on getting the money, and note given for one thousand. The borrower only gets in reality \$900, yet he pays interest on one thousand. Remove the law, and the party could at least go to the person who has the money to loan and make his own terms and not be compelled to pay for the services of the third party. The arguments in favor of a usury will send the proceeds of his or their law would hold good in favor of the next year's crop to enrich the Eastpassage of a law to regulate the price ern manufacturers. The first reform of all other articles in the market. needed is, that the farmer keep out Money is a species of merchandise, of debt, and in every legitimate way and must regulate its own value. A within his power the development of law to fix the price of gold, is noth our manufacturing interests. No ing more than an act to provide that State can become rich or prosperous a man shall only pay so much for it. It is on the hypothesis that a man is in her favor. This has not been the not qualified to conduct his own business, and that he needs the law to tell him how much he can afford our rich treasures to benefit and to pay for money to use in speculabuild up other States. The farmer tion or improvements. This is just what it amount to, and nothing and what benefits the one will benemore. We say ! the usury law be ney stand on the same footing wi vill other property, and let each man contract on his own believe, and there is no good arguresponsibility and pay what he can afford to. By doing this, we think there will be a material change in our monetary affairs, and we shall soon find money coming down in price instead of constantly increasing. To-day, Oregon pays the highest rates of interest going, simply bor is as cheap in Oregon as it is in because the supply is not equal to the East, and our facilities for manuthe demand. Money can be had in California for from five to eight per cent., and one per cent. is regarded as a very high price, and besides, it the Union? Simply because our tried in Oregon long enough. It has farmers will not concentrate their proved a failure. Let the next Leg- support on home manufacture. This have energy enough to borrow money and invest it in manufacturies co improvements, to be their c ... judges as to the amount of interest terprise, and his sales being greater they can afford to pay. If a person than a divided trade can give to such gets money and he pays ten per cent. manufacturers in Oregon, they can he expects to make something on the capital borrowed, and if he does not, he will not borrow. Let the people give their united support to our own be their own managers of their busi- manufacturers, and it will not be ness, and give money the same right long before we can drive from that other mercantile commodities have, and it will regulate itself by the law of demand and supply, which is now taking our gold out of is far better than any statute law. which is now taking our gold out of the State, but will soon find these

The Record of the 29th contains the full reasons for the refusal of Gov. Grover to commute the sen- is in building up our manufacturing

Oregon's Greatest Need.

We learn that petitions are being There is scarcely a day that we do OREGON CITY, OREGON, JULY 31, 1874. not notice passing up the railroad from two to six threshers and other farming implements. We are not astonished when we consider the immense sum of money our farmers pay out annually for their implements, that the times are dull and money scarce. So long as we import more than we export, certainly we shall be in debt, and must feel hard times. There is no place on the face of the earth where there is more ac- being generally signed, and from the great Third Termer has yet demtual wealth produced each year in the number of names which will be onstrated. The wondering crowd proportion to the population, than presented, probably should receive have been propounding the question there is in Oregon, and yet we hear some consideration of the Legisla- "What can Grant mean by this auof hard times. Yes, and we shall ture. But if members will reflect dacity? Shepherd is one of the most continue to hear of them as long as how easy it is to get signatures to a notorious public thieves now on we send East our yearly earnings to petition, they will be better prepar- record. How dare General Grant enrich the New England manufac- ed to act upon this matter. Taking thus stand by him after his convicturer and build up Eastern protec- into consideration the trouble this tion?" The explanation is given in a over. Other cereals are in a prostionists. Oregon has not even the law is making in California, and the late Washington journal. A threat privilege of trading with those from utter uselessness of attempting to was thrown out that if Shepherd was whom she gets annually her thousands force a similar act upon our State, not sustained by a little moral supof dollars in gold, but she must we think the Representatives elect port from the Court end of Pennsylpay double freight on her exports | should give this matter as little time | vania avenue, certain real estate and then import from the East, as possible. They have been elected speculations that have a very bad where she has no earthly commercial to legislate for the benefit of the peo- look would be set forth in the col- the Beecher case public and it is connections. The protective system ple, and not to throw the State into umns of that journal, and the name is kept in force through the influ- confusion and trouble. Petitioning of every individual who participated ence of the Eastern manufacturers, a Legislative body looks to us as in the profits of the same, being virtually prohibiting Oregon from though the people have not confi- partners of the "Boss," would be importing from those countries dence enough in their Representa- given in plain-typography, for the where she sends her wheat. The tives and fear to trust them. If the crowd to read and comment upon. vessels coming from foreign ports to Legislature will have back-bone In less than forty-eight hours after take away our wheat and flour, have enough to table all such petitions for this "reminder," President Grant unfortunately, too many of her class to come in ballast, and hence must discord and trouble, they will re- sent Shepherd's name to the Senate! charge sufficient freight on our ex- ceive the thanks of the constituency To be sure, it was rejected, but it ports to cover the expenses and prof- they represent. The present license "helped the 'Boss' some" in the diits of the round trip. If we had free law is probably as complete as this lapidated state of his reputation, and trade as in former times, these ves. liquor question can be got at. It saved the exposure of certain preference. Since her separation sels would come to our shores la- requires a petition of a majority of "saints" of the dominant party who dened with goods in exchange for the citizens of a precinct, should would not have been very proud of products, and we could secure what | there be any remonstrance, and what | we now have to pay double price for more can be gained by local option? saved unpleasant reflections upon the at greatly reduced rates, besides the Only expense and trouble. Liquor individual who for the time being, freight on our exports would be from | will be sold as long as it is made, occupies the most attractive resione-third to one-half less than at and men want it, and the only way dence in the thief-ridden District. of any such scene as the one describpresent. With this change in favor we see for these women to do is, to The New York Day Book thinks it ed as having occurred in the presence of the western producer, they would learn their children to love and rerealize a much higher price for their spect them, and inculcate into their who stole the mutton. He was of the newspapers to the effect that Grove meeting, held three miles products. But now, we are compell- minds an aversion to the intemperate seen with it on his back, but the her published answer to Tilton's ar- south ast of Aumsville. ed to get our gold from foreign markets and then pay the aristocrats of New England double for what we must import from their manufactories. So long as this condition is allowed to exist, we shall be poverty we are satisfied is a mistaken idea. stricken and there is no hope for us. The true policy for Oregon is, to Men go there of their own free will, and call for their drinks, and many inaugurate a new system. Let us have our own manufacturies here. We must keep our money at home, are not made pleasant, and which should always be preferred to any and times will not be hard long. There is nothing the farmer requires of ordinary feelings if the mother which cannot be manufactured in

past, and we are to-day shipping out

our midst every imported article

manufacturers bringing in money

from adjoining States and Territo-

sooner we shall have prosperity.

ries. Our only hope for prosperity

ries in our own midst, we shall gain Mr. Dunniway will also doubtless materially in the better class of popbe on hands to demand consideration ulation; we shall be able to consume for her abused and disfranchised a great portion of the products of sisterhood. She has been there beour rich farms without exporting it to Europe and waiting from six to fore, and she and others of the twelve months for a return of the money, and the millions sent out by session no small amount of money. We trust that the members will be the farmers of Oregon are kept here, our State will soon be the richest in | free enough and have the courage to nip these nuisances in the bud, and the Union. But so long as farmers not waste time over them. If there will persist in buying their plows, is nothing else for them to do let wagons and other implements, which them adjourn before the forty days should be purchased and made here, are up, and not go through a lot of in the East, so long we may expect burlesque on such nuisances as these money scarce and our population small. While the Grangers are talknow being concocted by a set of mistaken and misguided philanthropists, ing of economy, reform, and mutual who imagine that they must overadvancement in their interests, let turn that which has existed for years them take into consideration the fact that nearly every farmer in our State | before them and will exist long after | mortgages himself to some one who | them.

and wife makes home what it should

Credit to Whom Duc. issue that the papers in Oregon do essary." Pointing to the academy ing, the Presbyterian Church at unless she has the balance of trade condition of Oregon for several years and mechanic must go hand in hand, present favorable state of the bill. fit the other. But the farmers tell The modest manners of Senator Kelus we cannot manufacture as cheaply ly have done much to give the im- citizens, who advised to the contrary, says the grounds for a motion to here as they can East. This we do not ment which will sustain any such formed from other persons who have reasoning. If manufactured articles can be freighted in bulk, we certainly can bring the material which we have not, cheaper. But we have all his attention for the benefit of our the material necessary to manufacture all we require. Mechanical laroads in regard to the P. D. & S. L. facturing are certainly equal to any part of the world. Then why can we not compete with any State of son, we presume, that injustice has been done to Senator Kelly in these matters is, that he has not blown his islature repeal it, and trust men who is the sole and only reason. The employed to blow it for him, and as own horn, or had correspondence manufacturer in the East has a large population to support him in his endom, if ever, reach here, it is no wonder that he has failed to get his tact and smartness. "Why." said just credit for labor performed in behalf of our State. We are satisfied that Senaror Kelly's integrity, sell cheaper. But let our farmers ability, gentlemanly and courteous manners cannot fail having their influence in Washington—and feel sat-isfied that he has done all that could be for the interest of our State.

PRETTY GOOD .- The following back, and now I am all rags!" from the Grande Ronde Sentinel is a pretty good one on the Bishop. It says: "Bishop B. Wistar Morris, Dr. Nevius and others went out hunting one day this week. The Bishop bethe game with rocks."

Grant and his " Boss."

Local Option in Oregon.

The San Francisco Examiner is of circulated for signatures, praying the opinion that the country at large the next Legislature to pass a Local has arrived at the solemn fact that Option Law at its next session. "Boss" Shepherd, of Washington, his published statement. Mr. Tilton While we do not wish to be under- is an unmitigated rogue. After the stood as opposed to anything that settling of that question by the late may diminish the use of spirituous investigations, and the verdict that liquors, yet it must be apparent to was passed upon Shepherd, the nomany one who has watched the work- ination of that rascal by Grant for mitted adultery with Beecher, and ings of this law in our neighboring head Commissioner of the District that he was ever guilty of an indeco-State, that it is useless and does more of Columbia was the most astonishharm than good. The petitions are ing defiance of public opinion that Free Love doctrines, and declares in their conspicuousness; and it also use of it. Take the arguments of jury rendered a verdict of "not raignment of Mr. Beecher had been these reformers in this whisky busi- guilty." "How in thunder is that!" ness, and a person would think the said the Judge to the accused, as saloon keepers kidnap poor innocent | they passed out of the court-room. | men and force them to drink their "Why, bless your lordship," said whisky and enter their saloons. This the accused, "how could the jury bring in any other verdict, when I had sent every man of 'em a splendid | Gardiner, Postmaster; Spencer creek. plate of chops from that ere mutton?" of them go there because their homes | So with Grant; how could be suppose

other place, and will be by any man | "Boss" bagged. Are We to Have a War of Races!

From present indications, says an exchange, it seems probable that the successful efforts of pseudo philanthropists for the abolition of slavery | The water rose fifteen feet. There in the South, to which we offer no objection, and their persistent atstrong-minded cost the State last tempts to secure to the negro peculiar political privileges which he now enjoys, and also to force him into social equality with the white man, will bring on a war of races, which of all other contests, except religious antagonisms, is always the most vindictive and sanguinary.

For months past we have observed,

in our Southern exchanges, the outcroppings of the coming developments of race animosities. One of the most recent of these foreshadowings of future trouble occured at Williston, Tennessee, where, we learn, one Oscar Williamson, negro, made an insolent speech, in which The Eugene Journal, the editor of cial rights let it cost what it will, if vations are going on for four children which has been in Washington for I have to ride in the blood of whites the past several years, and knows to my bridle bits. I am ready to bewhereof he speaks, says in his last | gin now and die before night if necinjustice to Col. Kelly by not giving he asked: "Are we allowed to send him credit for what he does. He our children there? No! But we will says that the Col. is a most faithful have our children on top if it sinks when it was discovered that the roof worker and that he has as much in- every white child in Fayette county | was splintered. fluence in Congress as any man there. | to hell." At the close of this villain-In the matter of the Dalles and Salt ous harangue another greasy, big Lake Railroad, he says that to Col. buck negro mounted the box and nia fine and medium, 30@35; coarse. Kelly credit should be given for the proposed three cheers for the speaker | 25@35c. and his sentiments, which were heartily given. Had it not been for the pression that he is not laboring as | the impudent scoundrel, Williamson, | quash the indictment are various, | much as he might, but we are in- would doubtless have met the fate been in Washington, that Oregon Falcon, suggests grave apprehensions the indictment, has no existence in has reason to be proud of Senator in regard to the future relations that the comprehension of law; and that Kelly, and that everything needing are to exist between the two races. the indictment fails to set forth that State is promptly and energetically lief that the masses of the negroes specific act, and that such contract attended to. Senator Kelly wrote will not indorse such measures. They was fulfilled. the report of the Committee of Rail- always follow their leaders, no matter | New York, July 28-Tilton was where they lead. We now sound arrested to-day on complaint of Wm. the note of warning. Such an incen- J. Gaynor, for libel of Henry Ward, road, and was dilligent and active in diary policy, if not nipped in the Beecher, and was released on his receiving action thereon. The rea- bud, will inevitably lead to riot, own recognizance. This action will bloodshed and a war of races.

HONOR, WHERE HONOR IS DUE .-The New Orleans Picayune relates the following: The other day a gentleman was praising a certain carpetbagger for his thrift and energy, he, "when so and so came here he her denial of guilt. had not a dozen rags to his back, now look at him, vilify him as much as you please, but he's rich and de- 90 bodies recovered. serves credit for it." "Well, if he deserves credit," replied an old citizen who was standing by, "I deserve

Plaindealer and is to assume editorial Hubbart. He will be hung on Friday, all, realize this important fact, the forgot to load his gun and went after make the paper interesting to his which reported this bill and recompatrons. We wish him success.

Telegraphic News.

New York, July 22.—Beecher in a card gives a most solemn and emphatic denial of the truth of the specific charges made by Tilton in will apply for a divorce.

NEW YORK, July 23.-Mrs. Tilton's statement is published. It is long and explicit. She absolutely and solemnly denies that she ever comrous act or suggestion in her presence. She reproves Tilton for his substance that his conduct toward her for years has been that of a traitor, coward and heathen. The Committee of Investigation was examining the original letters last night.

St. Paul, July 23.—Reports fix the amount of wheat destroyed by grasshoppers at a million and a half | was done last Tuesday near Albanybushels, and they are liable to destroy | oat crop. half a million more before harvest is perous condition.

New York, July 24.—The Pacific Mail steamer City of Guatemala, from New York to Aspinwal, was wrecked on one of the Bahame Islands on the 18th of July. All hands were saved.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear to make the examination in likely the scandal will drift into the

New York, July 25 .- Mrs. Tilton to-day stated that in the article recently printed expressions were put into her mouth which are more like those of Mr. Tilton than she would use. It was true that Mrs. Susan B. Anthony had visited her home, and, in consequence of such visitors her old and intimate friends had ceased to call upon her, and left her alone, abandoned by the society of her own from Tilton she has received numerous letters from old friends from all parts of the country congratulating her on her withdrawal from the circle of those who had made her home objectionable to them, and professing renewed friendship and esteem. She has not the faintest recollection of Miss. Susan B. Anthony. Mrs. prepared by certain lawyers. Mrs. Tilton is calm and expresses entire confidence in the inevitable result of the present investigation.

WARHINGTON, July 24.—Postoffices established—Caleton, Yambill Co., Oregon, T. S. Fryer, Portmaster, Fox valley, Linn county, Or., A. D; Lane county Or., James Falis Postmaster: Chinook Point, Pacific county, W. T., F. Cobert, Postmaster. Shepherd guilty, when he came in for a share of the District spoils the let, Wallowa; E. A. Saile, Woodward's Landing, W. T.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 27 .- There was a most destructive storm here last night. At Alleghany City the flood was terrible. The whole upper part of the city was flooded. Many onses have been swept away. Fif ty-five bodies have been recovered and in the vicinity, at least 150 lives were lost. It is impossible to estimate the loss of property, but it is immense. Whole blocks of buildings were swept away in a moment. Fifty-eight bodies have been recovered

San Francisco, July 28.—Dispatches this morning show that the loss of life by the flood at Pittsburg and Alleghany City was 219. The estimated loss of property is over \$100,000,000. The deluge is supposed to have been caused by a water spout. The particulars of the disaster are appalling. Destructive storms are reported in Kentucky and

Ten fatal cases of sunstroke in St.

Louis since Saturday. The bodies of Joseph and Luis Schueppert and four children, Hubbler and wife, and Fox and wife will be buried in the cemetery. Measures will be taken to procure a decent he said: "I am going to have my so- interment for all the victims. Excaat Butler's run. Five bodies have been taken out to-day, but none of them are yet identified

During the storm of Sunday even-Wilkinsburg was struck by lightning, and the congregation were ignorant of the fact till after the service

firm, but not quotable higher. Stock scarce and in good demand. Califor-

New York, July 28.—A special from Topeka, Kansas, to the Tribune. presence of a few old, thoughtful about the trial of Senator Pomeroy, mostly quibbling, the principle behe richly deserved. This incident, ing that the office of Senator from remarks the summerville, Tennessee, | the State of Kansas, mentioned in White people, do not delude your- York received a bribe during the selves with the fanciful, lulling be- session for the performance of a

fore a court.

the testimony has been received by the Committee. The report that Beecher intended to resign is emphatically denied by

his friends. Mrs. Tilton is anxious to repeat Later reports of the Pittsburg dis-

aster reduce the loss of life to 150; SENATOR KELLY.-The Eugene

Journal says: "Col. Kelly worked a great deal more, for when I came with all the energy and vigilance he here I hadn't but one rag to my could command all winter among the scanty minority of Democrats EDITORIAL.—Mr. W. A. McPher- who are in the Senate, and among Republicans also, in behalf of the son, a well known journalist, has be- Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railcome the proprietor of the Roseburg | road bill and every measure in which Oregon was interested, no matter who introduced the bill nor in which tence of Thos. Gerrand to imprisonment for life for the murder Thos. J.

Hubbart. He will be have a Feel and the solution one day this week. The Bishop become one day this week. Mr. house it originated. He was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse, that he was a member of the committee on railroads bagging a covy of grouse and the committee of mended its passage."

Summary of State News Items.

Corvallis is boring city wells. The indebtedness of Coos county is \$8,779 78.

Wages for farm hands in Polk Co. are \$1 50 per day.

Work has commenced on the new M. E. Church at Union.

Chinamen are employed in the harvest fields of Lane county. Large pack trains do the freight-

ing business of Eastern Oregon. Work is still progressing on the Summerville and Walla Walla Wag- but is up for by the wild oats, of on Road.

Charley Brigham, of Albany, fell off a pump the other day and broke

The first threshing of the season

ites at present. New timothy hav sold at Albany

the past week at the low price of \$3 33 per ton. An attempt to assassinate Frank McFadden, of Monmouth, was made

last Tuesday evening. H. B. Parker has sub-let his con- two whelps. It is now very gentle,

est Grove and Astoria. On Sunday, the 12th inst., John C. Mays, near Weston, Umatilla Co., lost about thirty-five tons of hay by

The card, spinning and a part of the weaving rooms are running night to contribute to her happiness; that and day at the Willamette Woolen

> Factory. Independence is to have a newspaper. It will be a local paper, levoted to the interests of Independence and vicinity.

The stockholders of the Astoria Farmers' company will hold a meet- State. Incorporators, R. B. Cochran ing for the election of Directors on Samuel Smith and G. W. Murch.

the 8th of August. Upwards of \$10,000 worth of goods were forwarded from the Woolen Mills at Salem to San Francisco and

Fifty members were added to the Tilton denies the statements of some | Christian Church at the Annual

> Prof. G. J. McCraw, of Salem, has invented a calender for the purpose of transposing music. It is pronounced a success.

James A. Cauthorn has been ap pointed agent of the Farmers' Ware house company, in Corvallis, vice A. G. Mulkey, resigned.

Gen. Mart. V. Brown last Friday at Salem qualified as State Printer. Col. T. H. Cann, Notary Public, administering the oath.

Several persons near Brownsville have been afflicted with what they call rack-abone fever. The doctors say it is green fruits, etc.

Drury Hodges, of Soap creek, had a rib broken the other day by his team jamming the end of the wagon tongue violently against him.

From present indications the grain crop in the locality of Summerville, Union county, will fall short of last year's crop at least one half.

The citizens of La Grande and vicinity are circula ing a petition to

Bishop Morril, requesting that Rev. H. K. Hines be located at La Grande.

ern New York, writing to friend in Good for Bill. Salem, asks: "Can a Northern man stand the severity of your winters?" The Chemeketa hotel will be able to accomodate 125 additional boarders as soon as the upper story is fin- but they are all right now. The

ished off, which will be in a very few Mr. Wesley J. Howell, of Howell's prairie, and W. J. Herren, of Salem

prairie, were the first two farmers in Marion county to commence cutting | come here. The gnats and musqui-

The United Brethren have been holding religious services near Sheridan. This denomination has a very good membership in that section of

Professor L. L. Rogers, formerly connected with the Willamette University in Salem, has been elected Principal of the Napa Collegiate Institute, Napa, Cal.

At the late term of the District Court, held by Judge Bonham in Tillamook county, it is said, fifteen lawyers were present, and only one cause came up for trial.

Farmers' warehouse, at Albany, is year. The early Spring drouth is completed and the steamer Success dobtless the cause. took the first lot of freight therefrom last Tuesday, being a shipment of

Two young ladies, Miss Withers and Miss Bonnett of Eugene City, were supposed to have been poisoned one day last week from eating candy. At last accounts both were recover-

Messrs. W. H. McAtte and Howard Mauben, while en route for home | mar School. We learn that that from Dalles last Thursday evening, institution is in a highly prosperous had a runaway, and both were severe- condition. The officers of the school ly injured by being thrown out of

The fire on Mr. Shannon's place near Salem, on Saturday, destroyed probably bring the whole matter be- five acres of grain, about fifteen D'Estaing Jennings, Rev. Arthur hundred rails, and injured quite a Wrixon, M. A., Senior Masters; The Brooklyn Union says not half number of Mr. Shannon's choice fruit trees.

> J. A. Kendoll, familiarly known as "Uncle John," both in this country and his former home, in Sangamon county, Illinois, is lying dangerous- Yarndley, Music Master; R. B. Anly ill at his residence on Muddy, in Benton county.

Aumsville, Marion county, needs a harnessmaker, shoemaker and a blacksmith. For young men who are "on the work," and who may be seeking a location to go into business for themselves.

General Wheaton, Commander of the District of the Lakes, well known for his many services in the field. has arrived in Salem to investigate the Modoc war claims in connection session of the property of the comwith General Hardie.

burned to the ground.

"Old Doll" was the name of a fine mare which Mr. C. P. Blair of Benton county brought from the States in 1853. She died last week in her 28th year, and has been the property of

Mr. Blair over twenty-five years. Raymond Burkhart and sons, of Linn county, commenced harvesting last Monday, and expect to have 100 acres of wheat down by Saturday evening. They have 300 acres in all, from which there will probably be

realized 7,000 bushels. The farmers in Polk county are all busily engaged putting up their hay. The timothy crop is not very heavy which nearly every farmer has an abundance and is liked nearly as well as timothy. Hay is selling for from \$4 to \$6 per ton in the field

The editor's wife of the Albany Democrat has gone down to the sounding sea, which causes that editor to exclaim: And now there is Measles, whooping cough and hot a grass widower about this office weather is what ails the Monmouth- who needs a good deal of nourishin'. a grass widower about this office Sealed bids for the contract will be received for ten days only.

On last Tuesday Mr. Jack Grant of Luckiamute, brought a pet cougar to Corvallis. The animal, which is about nine months old, was captured when very young by Mr. Grant, who killed the mother and captured the tract to carry the mail between For- and is said to be quite playful and fond of children.

Some two weeks ago Mr. H. Stipp was moving into Linn county from east of the mountains, crossing the Cascades by way of the Santiam Valley route, when near the upper Sada Springs, the loaded wagon ran over the thigh of his little son, ten years of age, crushing the bones in a horrible manner. Both fore and hind wheels ran over the leg crushing the

limb from the knee to the hip. Willamette Free Hall Society, at Eugene City, have filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of The object of this incorporation is to erect and maintain a hall of suitable dimensions, which shall be forever free for the discussion and delivery of lectures upon all subjects of a moral or scientific character.

Territorial News Items.

In some of the gardens in Salt Lake City apricots have been cooked on the trees by the hot sun.

Private parties talk of getting up an agricultural fair at Walla Walla. What is the matter with the society.

A correspondent of the Walla Walla Union says: A four legged chicken exists on Tukannon, W. T. Rather Two thousand perambulators were

sold in Salt Lake City last year. which indicates a healthy condition of the baby market. There are now sixty two Granges of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry

in Colorado Territory, with a total membership of 2,500. The drouth this summer in Colorado is unusual even for that rainless

The Corinne stage was robbed on the 2d inst., by four masked men. J. C. Jackson was robbed, but the robbers recognized him, and paid back his money.

The Owyhee Avalanche says: "Bill Walker, who was night-watchman here several years ago, has recently married a buxom widow and a valua-An "intelligent" farmer in north- ble farm near Yamhill Oregon.

The residence of Wm. Knight, Union county, Dakota, was struck by lightning recently, and the whole family lay senseless for some time, soles of the boots on one of the boys were torn off, and another boy blistered all over his body.

Says an Arizona paper: "Smallpox need not be feared here-it will not toes are occupying the entire ground and are now working it vigorously, and under the mining law extension no locations can be made before

who left Indiana about the year 1853 or 1854, for California. Any one knowing his whereabouts will be suitably rewarded by informing his brother, L. D. Vidito, at Dayton, In many parts of Washington Ter-

Information wanted of Jas. Vidito,

ritory the wheat crops-especially that sown in the Spring-will prove almost a failure. Even the Fall wheat will scarcely average fifty per The new wharf in front of the cent. as compared to that of last

On Monday the 20th, the residence of Mr. Cyrus Davis, two miles east of Walla Walla, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with almost the entire contents.

FOURTH ANNUAL COTALOGUE.-We are in receipt of the fourth annual catalogue of the Bishop Scott Gramare as follows: Rt. Rev. B. Wistar Morris, D. D., Rector; R. W. Laing, M. A., L. L., D., Head Master; Rev. Arthur Crisfield, M. A., Wm. M. Barker, B. A., Junior Masters; Miss L. A. Buss, Miss Eva B. Stroud, Primary Department; Richard T. derson, Drill Master. The summary shows that there are 89 pupils in attendance, of whom 33 are boarders. The senior class contains 27 pupils, the junior 19, and the primary 34. O. C. R. R.—The agents who were

sent out here to look after the interests of the bondholdes of the Oregon Central railroad virtually took pospany. They appointed a receiver On Thursday of last week, at about and general agent and three of the 2 o'clock A. M., the saw mill of Harris old Directors were required to retire and they appointed three others in their stead. The agents have gone back to Europe.