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Your County Paper.

Writing on this subject a Western editor says, "Don't complain of it! It is just what you make it, whatever you may say or think."

Is it not well then to make good its surroundings that you may not be only improving at home, but also sending a good report abroad? For assured your faults will fly faster than the wind—faster than stages—faster than steamboats—faster than locomotives—even with the speed of lightning.

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Ex New York Mayor Hall, who has wooed "the jealous mistress" with no little success, has unceremoniously jilted the aforesaid dame, and made his debut as a devotee of ye historic. The play was The Crucible, and from what we can glean by telegram, poor Oakley must have imagined himself the contents of the aforesaid crucible, placed in Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace.

We have told this true story with the hope that the reading public will "rise to the fly," and like shoemakers, "stick to their lasts," and not come blustering about an editor's sanctum announcing what they will do when they take control of a newspaper, &c. &c.

Some time ago we mentioned editorially the influx to this coast of Eastern quacks, and the duty of our coming Legislature in this regard. Since then we have learned that Nevada has passed a law forbidding any person practicing as a physician in that State who has not practiced medicine there for five years, or who does not hold a diploma from an established medical college.

According to the New York Sun, the most distinguished advocates of the third term are Mosely of Virginia, Wendell Phillips of Massachusetts, Sam Bard of Alabama, Bishop Haven of the Methodist Church, and Custom House Donagane of New York.

The evening mail from Portland to Albany, over which we were all rejoicing last week, was tried for one day, when an order came from the Postoffice Department at Washington to discontinue it.

Inquisitiveness.

To a certain extent we can stand it; that is to say, when it is expended on some other fellow. It is our nature to encourage thirst for knowledge, and to satiate the same when in our power; but at the same time we have enough of irascibility sprinkled throughout our composition to be prepared at all times to nip precocity in the bud and snub senseless curiosity.

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CHARGE, CHESTER, CHARGE!—The Montenegrin or Herzegovinian trouble is assuming a formidable front. The Turks are willing to give the Christians guarantees of peace, but will not permit foreign mediation.

The present phase seems to indicate that the railroad question will be made the controlling one for the consideration of Congress.

The first number of the Oregon Educational Monthly is before us. As the advancement of education is a matter in which the most indifferent of us are interested, we feel that the success of the enterprise is undoubtedly established.

It is just leaking out that the government has a Babcock extinguisher for eight thousand dollars a year. It is kept in the Interior Department and is called Bristow.

Oregonians in Washington, D. C., Witherington, Thompson, Simpson, Crandall, Scott and Denny. Ben Holladay is said to be in New York.

The Democratic State Central Committee has been called to meet in Portland on February 10th, next.

The constitutional convention, now in session in Colorado, is the fourth one of the kind held in that Territory. Twice the people rejected the constitution submitted to them, and once the final act of admission was vetoed by Andrew Johnson on the ground of an insufficient census.

Wood, eggs and butter have come down in price at Walla Walla to just one half of what they commanded last winter at this time.

In a cutting stray in King's Valley, Benton county, Amos Hallock severely wounded Emmet Wren.

The people want a flour mill at Heppner, Umatilla county.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Sherman presented 596 petitions signed by 29,850 persons praying for the abolition of the bank check stamp tax. Referred.

Morton, from the committee on privileges and elections, to which was referred the resolution of Edmunds in regard to the election of President pro tem of the Senate, made a report, which was ordered to be printed and filed on the table.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Clayton presented papers bearing on the case of Wm. K. Sebastian, late senator from Arkansas, who was expelled from the Senate. Referred.

Wright introduced a bill granting pensions to officers in the war with Great Britain in 1812, and those of the Indian war during that period. Referred.

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By Dursey—To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi at Memphis. Referred.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A bill was introduced by Oliver to amend the Constitution so as to elect the President, Vice President and Senators by a direct vote of the people.

By Maginnis, for the sale of timber lands in the Territories; and also to promote education in the Territories.

By Goodwin, a resolution directing the committee on public lands to inquire into the expediency of conferring authority on the Registers and Receivers of land offices to issue process and compel the attendance of witnesses in contested land cases. Adopted.

Blaine offered as a substitute to Randall's amnesty bill: That all persons now under disability imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, with the exception of Jefferson Davis, late President of the so-called Confederate States, shall be relieved of such disabilities by their appearing before any judge of the United States court and taking, subscribing in open court to the following oath:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation of purpose of evasion, and that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will faithfully discharge the duties of a citizen of the United States.

By Kibler, a resolution instructing the committee on Indian affairs to inquire into the expediency of opening the Black Hills to settlement by purchase from the Indians. Adopted.

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colored soldiers on the same footing in regard to pensions and bounties as the heirs of other soldiers.

The bill introduced in the House to-day, by Wood, of New York, to repeal in part the Resumption act of January, 1875, and provide for a return to specie payments without contraction, proposes to utilize the \$700,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds not yet negotiated and remaining in the treasury as a basis, by the issuing of small treasury notes in lieu of the present legal tenders and National Bank currency.

It also provides for the establishing of a sinking fund, to be made of one-half of the surplus coin revenues in each fiscal year. It also provides for the redemption of one per cent. on the redeemed 4 per cent. bonds called in lieu of the small treasury notes issued as the redemption fund for the resumption of specie payments.

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Blaine continued his speech on the Amnesty bill. His tactics gave him the floor, and he generally forced the Democrats to accept his amendments, excluding Jeff. Davis, or else defeat the bill, which they knew cannot be passed, in order to bring up another which it is equally known cannot pass.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. Eastern. BOSTON, Jan. 7.—The situation of the railroad war remains unchanged. The militia arrived this forenoon, and have taken possession of the road by order of Governor Beale. The D. & B. railroad engine remains on the frog where it was yesterday. The militia are guarding it and every thing is quiet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The advanced rates for freight from this city to the West will go in to effect Monday next, on the basis of 75 cents per 100 pounds for first-class freight to Chicago.

Gov. Hilden, after examining the papers and petition of Edward S. Booth for pardon, has denied the application.

The Democratic leaders intended an authoritative expression by the Democratic House of Representatives on the financial policy shall be made soon. The plan generally favored here is that of resumption through compelling the banks to accumulate part of their reserve in gold, and directing the treasury to hoard all supplies of gold with a view of resuming specie payments as soon as enough for the purpose is hoarded.

The House refused to second the previous question, 54 to 122, and, on motion of Cox, the resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means.

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wrecking the Orphans finished yesterday. The Commissioner decided that the government had failed to make out its case, and on motion of United States Attorney Van Bazen, the prisoner was discharged and his bail exonerated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The fourth district court granted Charity Hayward a divorce from Alvin Hayward to-day on the ground of desertion.

The Overland Monthly has suspended publication. The publishers intend to revive it at some future time.

Thomas Maguire pleaded in the U. S. circuit to-day not guilty of violation of the civil rights bill in refusing two colored citizens admission to certain seats in his theater. The trial of the cases is set for Friday next.

Geo. Pinney, the defaulting paymaster, was recently landed at Penamabuco, South America, by the ship Baron Blantyre, with his treasure. Considerable excitement is on the streets this morning caused by the robbery of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s treasure box. Twenty-three dollars in coin was stolen. It is supposed that the thief effected an entrance through an office window, where a pane of glass was out. No clue to the thieves, or thief, has yet been obtained.

VICTORIA, Jan. 10.—The Legislature opened this forenoon. The governor in his speech refers to the Canadian Pacific railway as having been, since 1873, a fruitful source of anxiety and disappointment to the province, and the non-fulfillment by Canada of its railway agreement as having seriously crippled the pastoral and agricultural interests of the community.

He has declined the proposals made by the Dominion government in relation to the railway, which are at variance with the conditions recommended by Lord Carnarvon. He speaks encouragingly of the gold fields of Cassiar and Cariboo, and also of the coal mines.

Foreign. PARIS, Jan. 8.—A meeting of French merchants and others intending to send goods to the Philadelphia exhibition, was held to-day. Gentlemen of the mining and metallurgical section protested against the insufficiency of space allotted to them in the French department of the exhibition. They, nevertheless, decided to take part in the exhibition, and will make use of the excess of space given the agricultural section, although they cannot light fires there to keep their machinery in motion.

Luxembourg, Jan. 8.—While the Prince of Wales and his party were pig sticking to-day, Lord Carrington had his collar buttoned on the Prince of Wales at Epsom, and the Bretby plate at Newmarket. Ray Final will run in the City and Suburban, the Metropolitan and for the Alexandra plate at Sandown park. Mate will run for the St. James' Stakes at Epsom, and the Bretby plate at Newmarket. Ray Final will run in the City and Suburban, the Metropolitan and for the Alexandra plate at Sandown park.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—The Spanish government has ordered from Herr Krupp's foundry at Essen six eleven-inch breech loading steel cannon, with six hundred rounds of ammunition, for delivery in Cuba at the earliest moment. The contract was made at the special request of Gen. Jovellar.

BUSSELLS, Jan. 10.—Serious disturbances occurred among the miners at Charleroi last night. The military interfered and a number of persons were killed and wounded. More soldiers have gone off to the scene of trouble.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria will probably open the coming session of parliament in person.

TERRITORIAL NEWS ITEMS. People are leaving Cheyenne for the black hills. Hay brings \$17 50 a ton at Olympia. An inch of snow fell on the 8th at Olympia. Levy's bakery was burned down at Boise City last week.

Domino parties are all the rage in Nevada. "Domino!" They have found a soap mine in Elko county, Idaho. It was needed. They are slaying and sleighing around Clawson's toll-gate, near Idaho City.

The dam of the South Bay Olympia mill gave way on Friday last week, and left about 500,000 feet of logs in the pond above, which cannot be got out until the dam is rebuilt.

The book containing the laws passed by the last Washington Territory Legislature contains 343 pages. There are 954 pupils at the 16 King county schools.

The Golden Chariot mine in Idaho is regarded as richer than ever. The Seattle coal mines furnished nearly 8,000 tons of coal last month. Boise City wants a department. What merino hose do for a contribution?

Montana has twenty-five churches. The number of saloons would take up too much of our valuable space. The Utah Mail is the name of a new paper started at Salt Lake. The Santa Fe mail would be a good name for a companion sheet from New Mexico.

Governor Thompson has written a friend in Idaho that as soon as he has settled his private business at Washington he will start for his new home.

The Standard and Echo are measuring swords over in Washington Territory. Eighteen persons joined the Unitarian Society at Olympia last week.

The Chehalis mail was four days late getting to Olympia last week, on account of the bad condition of the roads. The salaries of the boatmen in the Custom House at Port Townsend have been reduced 47 per cent., and those of the inspectors and clerks, about 25 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The examination of Capt. Sawyer for

SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS. Jacksonville had 32 burials in 75. Rich placer diggings have been struck near Fort Lane.

Polk county talks of subscribing several thousand dollars, towards building a bridge across the river at Salem. Work has suspended at the O. S. N. Co.'s shops at the Dalles for the winter.

George Moor, of Lafayette, has received letters patent on a gang plow invented by him. Let us have Moor. Salem has \$2,274 81 in its treasury with which to begin the new year.

In 1875 there were fifty-seven marriages in Yamhill county. The Deaf and Dumb Institute will open on the first Monday in February.

A Dalles hose company will give a peep and shillow ball on Birthington's Washday. The Corvallis Gazette has grown since its rest.

The Courier complains of lawlessness in Yamhill. It cost \$10,867 40 to run the city of Salem (not the steamboat, smart!) in 1875. Just \$2,199 60 less than in 1874.

The bark Rival ran aground on Clatsop Spit, but was taken off without much damage by the tugs Gen. Canby and Astoria. Bunch grass is doing well around the Dalles.

The bridge across the Chehalis, a stream crossing the Portland road, has been carried away by high water. Bunko sharps are "extending the circle of their acquaintance" at Portland.

John Fitzpatrick & Co. are putting up a large salmon cannery just below Glen Falls. Sheridan is learning to trip the light fantastic.

Mill business and oyster trade are making things rather lively around Yaquina Bay. John Doran, of Yamhill county, was found dead in Wasco county last week, with \$400 in his pocket.

Lane county has the champion bee raiser. 458 pounds of good honey from 4 hives, and enough left to sustain the hives through winter. It may sound "fishy" because the man's name is Finn, but it's a fact.

The Jacobs brothers are startling Astorians. Hon. T. H. Cann is "home again from a foreign shore."

Morin, who stabled Hansaker at Lafayette last week, has been placed under \$800 bail. This is Morin he bargained for. They have an attack of orthography at Lafayette.

The value of property in McMinnville is \$2,848,040. Jack Tars are leaving "heads placed upon them" in Portland.

Some Chubansen employed on Panthe creek by R. B. Thompson, have been trying for the last week to catch a huge cougar with a rat trap. Mart Brown boasts of a young lady up his way who can cut a duck out of butter. We have children in this place who can cut hairs out of butter—and they don't consider themselves Michael Angels either.

The "old timers" from all parts of the State agree that this is the rainiest winter ever experienced by white men in Oregon. An new major was popped over at Hillsboro last week.

Winter wheat in Yamhill county never looked better. The Yamhill river was higher during the late heavy rains than at any time since '62.

D. T. Mason's store at Scio was robbed of \$400 last week. Hon. L. L. McArthur has been reappointed by Gov. Grover as a member of the board of directors of the University of Oregon, for twelve years.

Dogs killed 27 sheep for Mr. Montgomery on the Luckiamute last week. The State Woman Suffrage Association will hold its fourth annual meeting on the 8th of February, at Salem.

A man named Stotter has driven off from Eola with a span of James Jones' horses. M. C. Myer of Ashland has brought some thoroughbred horses from the East.

Chinese and white miners are having trouble in Jackson county. The Carisbrook Castle, an English shot belonging to the grain fleet, has arrived at Astoria.

Mrs. William Graves of Salem fell and broke her leg on Sunday. Snow is between 3 and five feet deep between Ashland and Linkville.

While Mr. Collins was trying to ford Deer creek, near Roseburg, he had the misfortune to drown both his horses. Messrs. R. R. Thompson, Peter Taylor and James Logan have been elected directors of the Willamette Iron Works Company.

Postal Agent Underwood has written a letter to the Oregonian explaining his conduct in not prosecuting Jack Montgomery.

The Ajax was disabled on her trip up from San Francisco, and passengers booked for her return trip will have to wait over for the Oriflamme. The U. S. troops have been ordered back from the Wallowa district. M. J. Gleason of Portland was severely burned by the explosion of a kerosene lamp on Saturday night. A man supposed to be insane was arrested on Tuesday in Portland charged with committing rape on a little girl under 14 years of age. The Salem Woolen Mills have recommenced work. The Western Shore sailed for Cork on Monday.