

THE ENTERPRISE

OREGON CITY, OREGON, MARCH 17, 1876. A National Evil.

This is an era of accusations. Perhaps never before in any country have so many prominent men been openly charged with crimes. One singular feature of this apparent corruption of our nation is the unanimity with which the defendants deny to all charges preferred.

The legal fraternity of our country oppose any measure tending to diminish litigation, but the people at large would be benefited, and our credit and moral standing abroad be increased and strengthened.

It is an unfortunate truth that slanders and libels are news, and that their contradictions are either not read at all, are disbelieved, or are read with the indifference of State items.

There is truth in the commonly accepted doctrine of successful business men, that dishonesty is the worst of folly, to say nothing of the moral turpitude, and that every knight, however shrewd he may be, is at bottom a fool.

In his speech on the financial question last week, Clifton said: "Congress agreed last winter to resume in 1875; but everybody can see now that something more is necessary."

This is the startling point upon which all the friends of a sound currency ought to be agreed. The act of 1875 is good as far as it goes; that is, means must be provided for making the pledge good.

Criminal Folly.

In reading the transactions of not a few criminals, we are invariably struck with their indifference to convicting details, and their sad blundering after the dearest and best laid of plans.

The career of Winslow, the Boston forger, in just such a way has come to an inglorious end. On the 21st of this month he will be brought back to the scene of his triumphs a miserable felon.

He went away not as a thief goes, but as a gentleman whose name is good in honor. Winslow was at one time an auditor, and were it not for being accused of forgery, we would say, necessarily quick witted, smart or not, he failed.

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CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A bill appropriating \$100,000 to supply the deficit in the appropriation for convict Signa Indians was reported by Atkins from committee on appropriations.

A bill to equalize the bonuses of soldiers in the late war was introduced by Cook. Referred to committee of the whole.

A petition was presented by Vance, of Ohio, in favor of our kind of money notes shall be made as valuable as gold by being made interchangeable with the gold notes.

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McCree, McDonald, Marcy, Morrill, of Vermont, Morton, Patterson, Stevenson, Thurman, Wallace, White, Wright—26.

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BOMBAY, March 11.—The Prince of Wales has sailed from here for England. Ann at Malta and Lisbon, arriving at Portsmouth about April 20th.

The Times has a leader on the exposure of official corruption in America. After a review of the facts so far as known, it concludes that the whole, we cannot but feel that even though the investigation or prosecution now pending should prove futile, the impression on the public mind must be a

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SACRAMENTO, March 13.—The Senate to-day passed Gibbon's bill prohibiting instruction in foreign languages and instrumental music in the public schools.

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The colored citizens of Portland had a grand leap year festival on Wednesday evening.

W. D. Belding, a well known citizen of Albany, is in a precarious condition from taking an overdose of Colchicum seed, a preparation for rheumatism. This poison is said to be one of the strongest known in Materia Medica, and has no known antidote.

The hosiery factory at Jefferson commenced running again last week.

Mrs. Dunway lectured at Albany last Tuesday evening, telling what she knew about "Women and the Government."

Judge Walton has been appointed U. S. commissioner for Marion county.

S. H. Smith, of Clatsop county, is said to be the oldest of first American settler in Oregon.

Thomas Henry has been sent to the Marion county jail fifty days for want of \$100 to pay a fine for larceny.

Extensive clearing of brush land is going on in the vicinity of Silverton.

The Stinsons of Monday says: S. L. Watkins, the who attempted to commit murder in the court room one of the men who escaped from the Portland jail.

A grand skating carnival is to take place at Salem Saturday night.

Telegrams are being sent in every direction to apprehend Sheppardson, one of the men who escaped from the Portland jail.

Latest from Klamath reports a severe winter, hay scarce and cattle dying in large numbers.

The winter in John Day Valley, has been mild, but little snow and stock of all kinds are looking well.

The Lake county people haven't located their county seat yet.

Seed potatoes are selling for \$1 to \$2.50 per bushel in Salem.

Maj. Gen. Houston, of Boise City, has been appointed U. S. Attorney for Utah.

Grant county wants the office of the U. S. land district of Eastern Oregon removed to Baker City, and has sent a petition to Washington to that effect.

There are fifteen State Senators to be elected in Oregon in June, as follows: Benton and Polk jointly, one; Clackamas, one; Coos and Curry, one; Douglas, two; Josephine, one; Lane, one; Linn, one; Multnomah, two; Polk, one; Union, one; Wasco, one; Washington, one; Yamhill, one.

The Democrats of Baker County have nominated their ticket for June election. It is as follows: For Representatives, L. D. Haines, A. J. Lawrence, Sheriff, R. C. Goetz; for County Clerk, George W. Parker; Treasurer, S. Ottenheimer; Assessor, L. R. Burchard; for County Commissioners, William Green, Stephen Lee, and George Sweeney; C. E. Means; for School Superintendent, S. H. Small; Coroner, Dr. J. B. Halsey.

Representatives are to be elected as follows in the ensuing June election, in this State: Baker county, two; Benton, three; Clackamas, four; Clatsop and Tillamook, jointly, one; Columbia, one; Coos, one; Coos and Curry, one; Douglas, three; Grant, one; Jackson, three; Josephine, one; Lane, four; Linn, six; Marion, six; Multnomah, seven; Polk, three; Yamhill, two; Union, two; Wasco, two; Washington, three; Yamhill, three. In all, sixty representatives.

Front Damascus, Clackamas Co.

We clip the following interesting communication from the Farmer:

Enrico Wilkerson writes: I wish to draw the attention of those who are seeking homes in Oregon to this part of the State. We have a high rolling country around here, ten miles northeast from Oregon City, and fourteen miles southeast from Portland. One land producer grows wheat, clover, and all kinds of vegetables, and there is no better location in the State for growing fruit—the soil is very loose, and fruit grows there well. Our land doesn't get wet and muddy, as the ground is very loose, and the water settles down and runs off on the hardpan, which is from three to five feet below the surface. We have good schooling facilities, running a nine-month school; our district is large, five by six miles, and we show 30 school children, more than any other district in the county, except Oregon City. Land can be obtained at a reasonable price; and there is some government land yet that can be taken—and a man can be suited with almost any kind of a farm big or little. There has been considerable new land put in cultivation lately in this locality; new orchards have been put out, and improvements in general have been made; fall sown grain looks well, and promises a good yield the coming harvest.

Now a word to immigrants: Come here, and look, before you curse Oregon all full of holes, and then go back to the State where you can't raise more than one crop out of three, and some more, for I know, I have been here for 18 years. Missouri was my home; it was an average State with the rest, and yet you were not sure of a crop after sowing, but in Oregon you are sure of a good crop every time, and no mistake, some thirty, some sixty, and some more, for I know, I have been here for 18 years, and I have seen a few years and try it for yourselves.

R. J. PARK.

A severe battle was fought in the 17th of the Egyptian and Abyssinian armies, which resulted disastrously for the latter. King Kassa, the Grand Viceroy, six chiefs and 6,000 Abyssinians were slain.

It is confidently said that the Bulletin will be revived at Portland, on or about the 20th.

Six head of horses were stolen from the ranch of B. E. Stone, near Walls Walla, on the 4th inst.