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Change of Name.

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There is a prejudice existing in some minds against the UNIONIST, caused by circumstances that we cannot control and are not responsible for. It is not necessary to argue the causes producing it, but the fact is undeniable, though not felt immediately at home, where our circulation and business has largely increased within six weeks. It seems impossible to convince people at a distance that the new management is not in the least connected with the old. So, for the purpose of completely indentifying this paper with its new control, we assume again the name of OREGON STATESMAN, to which we are as much entitled by purchase as that of UNIONIST. The latter name will be kept in view for a few months (in a subdued form) to prevent misunderstandings.

We have every reason to be satisfied with the success already accorded us, for our lists, both daily and weekly, constantly receive additions. We are each week publishing more reading matter, and shall gradually increase it as our means permit. The business of the paper has a firm basis, the point from which it is published is the second in business importance, and the first with respect to political considerations, in the State. With these few remarks of explanation, we confidently commit the OREGON STATESMAN, *new series*, to the good will of the people.

Land Monopoly.

California groans under a most aggravating state of land matters, for not only is the title to much of the soil in that State involved in interminable litigation, but speculators have monopolized the best of the public lands by purchase, at the lowest Government rates, turning out of possession thousands of actual settlers who were desirous of purchasing the lands they occupied, but the speculators were beforehand with them and paid down the money the instant the lands were in the market.

This state of things is most ruinous and discouraging to the best interests of that State, for actual settlers are not only deprived of homes, but emigrants who would locate, wander up and down the length and breadth of the land seeking public lands open to pre-emption, and find a wide area in the best part of the State owned by speculators, who will only sell at an enormous price, and care nothing for the advancement of the country so long as they can grow richer.

This is not carrying out the spirit and intent of the laws and the will of the people. Thousands who visit California in search of homes and find this condition of things existing will come to Oregon, and we should watch carefully the best interests of our State, and endeavor to prevent the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many by the absorption of the public lands in the hands of corporations or individuals with no restriction as to price at which they shall be sold, or providing for their sale only to actual settlers. It may be necessary to endow Railroad companies with lands to enable the construction of much needed enterprises, but some restriction can be enforced as to price and quality sold, to prevent the evils complained of.

State Fairs—California and Oregon.

The California State Fair is pronounced a failure by the papers of Sacramento and San Francisco, so far as concerns the articles on exhibition in the Pavilion. In one respect it was a success. A great deal of money was taken in—enough to make it a financial success. The old debt of the Society can now be paid off. The display of horses would have honored any State in the Union, so the Sacramento *Union* says, and thinks the farmers had made progress since last year. The display of fruits was meager, so was the show of vegetables and the products of art and mechanism. The *Union* rates the farmers and mechanics of that State roundly for their neglect in these very important particulars, which was the more to be regretted as there were many distinguished strangers present, visitors from the Eastern States. The total receipts were $18,626. This is not commensurate with the Oregon State Fair receipts last fall, when the receipts were about $11,000, the population of California being five times greater than that of Oregon, and the receipts a little more than half as much more.

We would call the attention of all the people of Oregon to these facts stated concerning the State Fair of California, and urge upon them the need of making every effort to have the coming State Fair of Oregon a success. To this end there must be a good display of all our products. The plow, the loom and the anvil should furnish each abundant contributions. Fruits, flowers, vegetables and cereals; every species of domestic handiwork open for entry, works of art and fancy work, every species of manufacture useful and necessary should compete in excellence for public appreciation. This is the only way by which our State Fairs can be made interesting and that interest maintained from year to year. There are the stock raisers whose entries can be made of greater importance than any other, for a fine animal will command more admiration than any work of art. All the people of our State should realize that we are on the eve of development now more than ever before, and that it is indispensible necessary that we labor to raise first class products, and take all possible pains to have our resources and advantages made known to the world.

A NEW OLD NAME.—Last evening on opening what we called the UNIONIST, we made the important discovery that it had doffed that name, and donned the euphoneous one of "STATESMAN." Shakespeare, a rather obscure fellow, who sometimes was guilty of writing witty truths, once said, "What's in a name?" Perhaps a good deal, reasons our friend Clarke. Lingering around the old defunct cognomen may silently lurk some talismanic power. The reiteration of that once familiar name, may possibly strike a responsive chord in the breast of some subscriber. Seriously we endorse the change.—*Commercial.*

'MY son,' said an old man 'beware of prejudices. They are like rats and men's minds are like traps; prejudices get in easy but it is doubtful if they ever get out.'

Rates of Interest.

In a country where high rates of interest prevail, high prices naturally exist for all merchandise and also for labor. The Pacific Coast has hitherto thriven by an unnatural pressure, which is becoming lessened year by year as trade and agriculture, labor and capital, come to work in more regular and legitimate channels. Interest in 1849 was 10 per cent. per month; in '59 it was frequently 2 per cent. per month, while in '69 we find it 10 per cent. per annum, with one per cent. per month as the legal maximum. This shows progress towards regular business and fixed principles, but even ten per cent. per annum, would be a monstrous exaction in all the States, and five per cent. is a high rate in the markets and financial circles of Europe. When we were 22 days distant from New York, with communication so unfrequent that two months were required to receive an answer to any business proposition sent by mail, then the world hesitated to consider us neighbors and to invest money in our midst. All this is changed, for by the construction of the Pacific Railroad we are brought nearer to New York than Chicago was 25 years since, and the telegraph affords instantaneous communication in all pressing matters of business.

There is no further reason why capital should shun the Pacific. The inviting and extending fields of enterprise and commerce continually opening here, must attract many millions of added capital and make money plentier than it has been before. As a result of the new order of things rates of interest must be lowered, and that would be one of the greatest boons possible to this new country, where many enterprising men frequently undertake operations, on the farm and in the workshop, as well as in the walks of trade, that require more means than they can themselves command, and having assumed to struggle with this load of debt drawing high interest, they are eventually swamped by the very means they have adopted to win success. The fact is, trade cannot be conducted in well established communities with money at a high rate of interest; the result has a thousand times, in this very State, been disastrous, and good men have been irretrievably involved by this means, who would have succeeded and thriven, could they have competed for success under favorable circumstances. There is no great good, of a financial nature, that could bless Oregon so much as to introduce abundant capital to reduce the profits of the money lender.

When the East and the West become more intimately connected in their relations, then the question of currency will come before us for an abrupt consideration. If we have Eastern money introduced among us, it will come in the shape of legal tenders or not at all. If Eastern currency comes, have it well circulated. If we become homogeneous as a nation and assimilate the West with the East, we will soon find ourselves adopting currency as a basis of value, and gold will be disured as a circulating medium. It is a grave question to decide, and it may be necessary to decide it soon, for unless we accept eastern capital on the terms offered, we may have to do without it.

There is nothing in this article to favor the general idea of running in debt recklessly. We refer to the introduction of Foreign capital for the construction of great improvements, and the opening of a wider commerce and more extended trade, as well as for increasing the manufacturing power of our State. For these and all other purposes we want money at reasonable rates of interest.

CALIFORNIA ON THE STEAL AGAIN.—A gentleman from Linn county, by a letter calls our attention to the fact that "two sacks of wheat" are credited on the list of the California State Fair to "John Barrows of San Francisco." Mr. Barrows is a well known Oregonian, and took from Albany two sacks of wheat, one to leave at the California State Fair, and the other to exhibit as a specimen of Oregon products at the State Fair of Indiana. No one who knows Mr. B. will believe for an instant that he claimed residence in San Francisco, or failed to claim Oregon as his home, and there is no solution of the mistake referred to, except that the stealing game hitherto practiced by effacing Oregon marks from all our products, and substituting brands dated in California, has penetrated the management of the California State Fair, and induced the miserable swindle we call attention to. Oregon owes California very little of good will or any good at all. San Francisco merchants have got rich by our trade, and endeavoured to prevent the world from knowing that such a country as Oregon has an existence. This state of things is about ended. The time is at hand when we can be independent of California in every respect. The sooner be better.

THE CAUSE OF ORPHANS.—The ladies of the Oregon Children's Aid Society are making arrangements of a permanent character for presenting the claims of that Society to the public, at the time of holding the annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society. A building has been erected, in which will be kept a sales room for the disposal of fancy articles, and any thing, in fact that may be on hand for sale. In this building will be kept a dining table for the accommodation of the hungry multitude, and as the ladies of Salem will personally superintend and provide for the guests, there is no room to doubt that the very best of entertainment will be provided. They desire the facts to be made known that they have succeeded by several years of effort in raising the means to erect a good Orphans' Home, that this is now in operation, restricted in its efforts, however, by the want of means, and this Fair and restaurant, to be opened on the State Fair Grounds, is a way devised to assist to the means without claiming too much aid from individuals. Farmers are requested to bear the good cause in mind and bring something in the way of provisions to supply the tables. All ladies, and others, are requested to furnish such fancy articles or other material as can be sold at the fair. This statement is made by request, and other papers are requested to publish the same and so aid the cause of the Orphan.

There are twenty-five horses in training at the Linn county Fair Grounds, and others are coming in. It is thought the Fair will be a great success.

Fate of Sir John Franlikn.

The world has been for a quarter of a century much interested in the fate of the gallant crews of Arctic explorers, who sailed from England in May 1845. Many expeditions were sent out for their rescue or to learn their fate, and at last, in 1859, Capt. McClintock, an Arctic explorer of renown, returned with reliable information of the death of Franklin and the 129 men under his command, bringing back relics of their Arctic experience and their sad fate.

Interest in this narrative has died gradually away, to be again revived by the discovery—or the pretended discovery—of a document, that must have floated by Arctic currents for 3,000 miles to reach the Pacific ocean and be stranded on the southern shores of California. The San Francisco *Chronicle* gives the story, for the truth of which it does not vouch, and we quote from it:

The discovery was made by James Daly, of the firm of Daly & Rodgers, lumber merchants, San Buenaventura. Mr. Daly, walking on the coast, accidentally stumbled on a worn-out battered looking bag, made out of seal-skin and hermetically sealed. Curiosity induced him to open it and inside he found the following remarkable documents:

RECORD OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN'S DEATH.

It consists of a piece of paper, 13 by 10 inches in size, and so mutilated that it is extremely difficult to decipher what is on it. Printed in six languages is the following:

Whoever finds this paper is requested to forward it to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, with a note of the time and place at which it was found; or, if more convenient, to deliver it for that purpose to the British Consul at the nearest port.

The writing is as follows:

H. M. ships Erebus and Terror, May 28, 1847. Wintered in the ice in Lat. 70 deg. 5 min. N., Lon. 98 deg. 23 min. W.

Having wintered in 1845-6 at Beechy Island in Lat. 74 deg. 43 min. 28 sec. N., Lon. 91 deg. 31 min. 15 sec. W., after having ascended Wellington Channel to Lat. 77 deg., and returned by the west side of Cornwallis Island.

Sir John Franklin commanding the expedition. All well.

Party consisting of two officers and six men left the ships on Monday, 24th May, 1847.

GRAHAM GORE, Lieut.
CHAS. F. DES VOEUX, Mate.

Around the margin and on the available space outside the printing the following is inscribed:

H. M. ships Erebus and Terror were deserted on the 22d of April, five leagues N. N. W. of here, having been last seen September 12, 1846. The officers and crews, consisting of 105 souls, under the command of Captain F. R. M. Crozier, landed here in Lat. 69 deg. 37 min. 42 sec. N., Lon. 98 deg. 41 min. W. Sir John Franklin died on the 11th of June, 1847, and the total loss in the expedition by death has been to this date, nine officers and fifteen men.

F. R. M. CROZIER,
Captain and Senior Officer.
JAS. FITZJAMES,
Captain H. M. ship Erebus.

And start to-morrow, 26th, for Back's Fish river.

The above is a transcript of this strange document committed to the care of "Greenland's icy ocean" just 21 years ago. Who shall tell where it has been since? In what iceberg's frozen bosom has it traversed the northwest passage, and whither during those long years has it wandered in its Arctic prison until the tropical sun of the Pacific thawed it free and gave it to the waves to bear whither they would. It is a relic of interest for all. It is the parting word of a few brave navigators committed to the waves in the hope that an allwise Providence might direct it where friends, relatives and countrymen could hear their last message still full of hope and courage. But a few months passed from the time it was written and they all found graves beneath the frozen fields of the Arctic, man after man of their noble band slowly succombing to the freezing grasp of that fearful region and dying far from all those man holds most dear. How strange that after 21 years the frail bark on which they relied to send their message should at last come to shore in California, thousands of miles from England, and that the telegraph should flash its news and import to those at home who had long forgotten them.

SUPREME COURT.

SALEM, Sept. 17.

The question argued on Thursday as to what may constitute a quorum of the Supreme Bench of Oregon, was decided yesterday morning.

The Court held that the statute preventing an attorney had been employed on a case before becoming a Judge, sitting in judgment on its trial was constitutional; that three of its Supreme Judges constitute a quorum, any two of whom concurring may affirm or reverse any judgment appealed from the Courts below.

In the matter of Heatherly vs. Hadley and Owens, the whole day was consumed in the argument, and the case was submitted.

SALEM, Sept. 18, 1869.

The Court laid down the following:

Rule 32. No motions will be heard until the cases in which they are filed are reached in the order of Districts, unless by consent of counsel.

Rule 33. The argument upon a motion for any other purpose than the perfection of transcripts, or dismissals of appeal, for causes apparent on the transcript, will not be heard until the case is called in which the motion is filed.

RULINGS.

Delay, et al., apellants, vs. Chapman, respondent. Motion to suppress depositions and to strike them from the files.

The Court held that a certificate of the Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington City that did not state the copies had been compared with the originals, was insufficient, and that copies certified to in that manner could not be read in evidence. Motion in that particular sustained. Court also held that a witness could refresh or assist his memory from a document or instrument or a copy, written by a third person, if he could after so refreshing his memory speak from his knowledge of the facts and not from the instrument itself. The Court held that a deposition not offered in evidence or read, though it was on file in the suit and was attempted to be used in the argument for the first time, should be suppressed.

Henry Failing, respondent, vs. A. M. Osborn, appellant.

This case was taken up to-day and the evidence read by the attorneys.

SALEM, Sept. 20, 1869.

In Supreme Court yesterday morning, Justice Wilson delivered an opinion in the case of ex-Sheriff Howe, appellant vs. Douglas county, respondant, which affirms the decision of the Court below. The opinion was not completed yesterday, but we will be able to lay it before our readers tomorrow. The case of Delay, et al., appellants, was taken up, the evidence read, and the arguments of two of the counsel made. The case will be submitted to-day.

Terms on which the English Government will settle the Alabama claims are reported, but our Government would not consider them for a moment.

THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

Saturday, Sept. 18.

During the last two days, the rain gauge shows a fall of six-tenths of an inch of water.

We acknowledge the receipt of a basket of excellent fruit from Scott & Farrar, who constantly keep on hand a fine assortment of fruit.

Don't forget that the great world renowned World Circus comes to Salem to-day and is to perform this evening. It should be the finest show ever heard of in Oregon, for it has the most magnificent show bills.

Messrs. Uzafovage & Wright have a rather full exposition of their business in a new ad., to be found in this mornings issue. They are at the old stand with plenty of goods and with more coming from San Francisco, as soon as John Wright can buy and ship them.

Attention is called to the auction sale advertized for to-day, at the house of Mr. Myers, at which a large lot of household furniture will be sold and also a dwelling house, formerly owned and occupied by Rev. Mr. Hungate.

James O'Meara, Esq., late editor of Idaho *World* in Boise Basin, has returned with his family to Salem, and expresses his intention of visiting Lower California, with a view to permanent location in a milder climate. The winters of Idaho were too severe for his taste or health.

LARGE COLT.—Mr. G. N. Cady will take with him to California a colt of the Leviathan stock that promises to make a fine draft horse. He is a few weeks over three years old, weighs 1,700 pounds, and is 16 hands and three inches high. It seems to us that it is bad policy on the part of our stock growers to let such horses go out of the State.

Mr. Morris advertises that he will not pay certain notes given to Geo. A. Edes, and states reasons. Mr. Edes rejoinds that the reasons given are false, both of which notices appear to-day. Mr. Edes desires us to state that he has no acquaintance with Mr. Morris, but his agent took his note as security in a matter in which Mr. Edes was interested for $505; the other note, for $404, Mr. Edes never saw, and has no such claim against Mr. Morris.

We regret to learn that the attempt to bore an artesian well at the State Fair Grounds has been temporarily abandoned, on account of the difficulty of procuring men of experience and suitable appliances for continuing the work. Since the above was in type we learn that if any person can be found competent to undertake the work, it will be immediately recommenced.

The several brick blocks that have been in process of construction all summer, are approaching completion and wear a finished look that adds greatly to the business appearance of our town. We shall take occasion, when they are ready for examination, to describe the several buildings more fully than can be done in their unfinished condition. Some of them are elegant in point of architecture.

THE SUPREME COURT IN EXTRA SESSION.—This austere body met last evening at Dick's Oyster Saloon, in very agreeable extra session. Two of the distinguished Attorneys of the Court had, with praiseworthy enterprise, sent to Shoalwater Bay for oysters, and to British Columbia for English Ale, wherewith to refresh the Bench and Bar. The proceedings were characterized by a remarkable unanimity of feeling, everything offered was taken down, no exceptions being made. This was not a case in which the Court reserved its opinion, for by the true rules of etiquette, no opinions were asked for. Chitty on Bills was the principal authority in the case, but the two Attorneys referred to will settle all the bills. Parsons on Contracts would have been cited, but none of the parsons, fortunately, had any hand in this contract. The question of a quorum did not arise, as there was a full bench and a full bar, and all retired fuller than they came. There was no occasion for a Bailiff to hunt up absentees, or for a Clerk to call cases. The proceedings did not lag, and the whole Bar were delighted and satisfied, for the first time. We do not remember any doings of this Honorable Court that we have ever understood so well or could make so good a report of. It is lucky the house did not fall down while this session was occurring, as the State of Oregon could not have been identified after the loss of those forty—gentlemen.

Sunday, Sept. 19.

Mrs. Brearly uses as accompaniment for her songs on Monday evening, one of the Mason & Hamlin Organs, from the store of J. K. Gill.

STOCK PURCHASED.—Messrs. Jos. and Geo. P. Holman purchased yesterday, of C. M. Cartwright, one hundred shares of Pioneer Oil Company stock.

DIED.—At the residence of his father, Mr. Thomas Jordan, in Polk county, on Wednesday, September 15th, of congestive chills, David Jordan, aged about 8 years.

GRAIN STANDING.—Mr. R. W. Hamilton informs us that Mr. Bronk, living near Eola, has sixty-three acres of good excellent wheat uncut, that will, in all probability, be worthless, owing to the rains.

Melon items accumulate. Uzafovage & Wright had some, from Santiam, so large that farmers bought and carried them home for seed. The weight of one was over twenty-nine pounds.

LECTURE ON MONDAY EVENING.—Mrs. Augusta N. St. Clair, a professional writer and lecturer, will lecture at the Wigwam to-morrow evening, Sept. 20th, assuming for her subject the incidents and impressions of a tour through the South in the winter of 1867-8. The lecture will be interspersed with anecdote, and made both interesting and instructive. Mr. and Mrs. St Clair are great travelers, having visited the various States of the Union, England, India and Australia. They have come overland from Denver in their own conveyance, lecturing by the way, visiting the principal places in California, and thence overland to Oregon. The object of their travel hither is to acquire material for future lecturing tours, and no doubt they will be able to say good things for Oregon. Miss Brearly, a well known vocalist from San Francisco, accompanies Mrs. St. Clair, and sings at each lecture. She has great flexibility of voice and is a superior singer. All who desire to hear one of the most popular lady lecturers living should be at the Wigwam on Monday evening.

The great World's Circus performed last evening to an immense audience, larger in fact than could be accommodated with comfort. The result seemed satisfactory to Mr. Wilson, judging from remarks at the close, and the general expression of all in attendance was that they had witnessed a first class performance. Mr. Wilson gave all he pretended to do, and the great posters were not belied. We shall have more to say hereafter.

ANTI-FRICTION VACUUM WATER WHEEL.—H. A. Johnson, Esq., of Jefferson, has shown us an improved water wheel with the above name, invented by his brother, A. P. Johnson, of Pine Valley, New York. One of the best mechanics in this State, after examining the cut of the invention and the principle on which the wheel operates, has expressed the opinion that it is of great value. A wheel twenty-four inches in diameter, with nine foot head, runs a forty-eight inch circular saw. This wheel requires no oiling. Mr. Johnson intends to make a visit to Oregon, to take steps to introduce this important invention into operation here.

BIG TURNIPS AND PLENTY OF THEM.—Mr. W. H. Adair, who has a market garden in North Salem, informs us that he sowed a quarter of an acre to turnips the last of July, the ground having been thoroughly prepared and plowed twelve inches deep. He has pulled a bushel of large roots off of seven square feet leaving, the small ones to grow still more. This would give a yield of 888 bushels per acre as the field averages thus, and as the small ones are improving the time this wet weather, there is no doubt he will have over a thousand bushels per acre of yield. Some of the vegetables are approaching the size of a peck measure. He attributes his success to deep plowing.

LIFE INSURANCE.—The card of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, that will be found in this issue deserves attention as a proof of the benefits of Life Insurance. Within fifteen months of his death Mr. Huntington insured his life with this well established Company for the sum of five thousand dollars, paying $140 premium on the policy. The administrator of his estate has receipted for five thousand one hundred and three dollars, the surplus $103 being profits due on the policy for the year, leaving only thirty-seven 53-100 dollars actually paid for a policy running fifteen months and returning to his family five thousand dollars. This shows a return of 80 per cent in dividends on the premiums paid, a most gratifying showing for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. This proves that in this Company insurance comes at the lowest possible rates, and when a man has the misfortune to go to his long account the insurance money comes to his family with no loss of time. The sucessful showing stated above is due in great part to well organized business and good management.

THE AMERICAN YEAR BOOK.—Mr. J. N. Reynolds, of this city, is agent for the sale of this valuable work, which contains 800 pages, is well bound and offers a thousand facts, for convenient reference, that constantly comes into practical use. The work has an astronomical department that gives all the important phases in this science during the current year. All the important statistics of the United States are given in it. The whole world is summed up within it in facts and statistics of every nation for the current year. It contain religious statistics, essays on mining, agriculture, finance and literature, and, as we said before, a thousand facts everybody ought to know, and therefore everybody ought to have it. A copy of this important work is left at this office, to be seen by those who desire.

Tuesday, Sept. 21.

RAISING.—The late rains have raised the Willamette river about a foot at this place.

MARRIED.—September 19th, by Rev. Father Goess, Mr. James T. Crump to Miss. Julia G. Wilson. Compliments of parties received.

MARRIED.—At the residence of officiating minister, at Salem, Oregon, by the Rev. T. M. Martin, Mr. John W. Brooks to Miss Ann Eliza Savage, all of Marion county.

Judge Jacobs, of Washington Territory, passed through this city on Sunday last, on his way to Jackson county. He will return in a few weeks with his family. Judge J. has held one term of court in his district, and is well pleased with his home.

LUNAR RAINBOW.—As the moonlight broke out of the rifted clouds in the east last evening, the west was spanned with the lunar-bow, shaded with silver stripes. The sight attracted considerable attention until the beautiful vision passed away.

AT COST.—The advertisement of J. B. & M. Hirsch, promising to sell out at cost their general stock of goods, has a great deal of meaning to it, as will be discovered by any person who will call on them—as we did yesterday—and make a purchase.

Mr. Edes has transferred his drugs and medicines, store and goods, to Mr. Souther, who will carry on the business at the old stand. Mr. Edes can hereafter be found, during business hours, at the office of Mr. J. H. Moores, in Moores' block.

Hon. L. S. Grover, who has been in poor health for a portion of the summer, has gone below with his family, intending to make a trip to California and remain there a month. It is hoped that the voyage and change of climate will prove a material benefit. He will probably leave for San Francisco on the next steamer.

REPUBLICANISM IN AMERICA.—Mr. J. H. Brown has on our table the work by this title, published by R. Guy McClellan, who resided in Salem some two years since. The advertisement of it will be found in another column, and as it is an elegant book, containing many portraits of eminent Americans and much valuable information, we have no doubt Mr. Baown will find many persons desirous of possessing it.

CLEVELAND.—Some paper asserts that the Tryon family at Oswego deny the truth of the story told by us concerning Cleveland, the spiritual lecturer. We had no interest in denouncing the man. Our informants were two of the most influential men among the spiritualists of this State, who desired the publication made as they considered it necessary to make his character known. We gave extracts from the letters of Cleveland's wife, in England, now in the hands of a well known clergyman to whom they were sent. We could have dealt with him much more severely if we had chosen so to do.

DONATION PARTY.—The ladies of the Congregational Church inform us that there is to be a donation party for the benefit of their pastor, Rev. P. S. Knight, to be held on Wednesday evening next, at the Odd Fellows' Hall; doors open punctually at 7½ o'clock. A general invitation is extended to the public, and the intention is to have a particularly nice time and something good to eat. There is no doubt that the intention will be pleasantly fulfilled in both respects. Those who have any willingness to furnish provender will send it around in good season, at least the ladies hope they will.

Somebody who feels very proud of having "rode to the Wigwam with Vice President Colfax," and had to write about it to the Vancouver *Register*, also wrote to that paper, "the notice of his speech in the UNIONIST gives a poor idea of what he said." This excited individual differs materially in opinion from those two old newspaper men, Colfax and Bross, who sent a message to the editor of this paper, complimenting the report of their speeches as a particularly good synopsis and asking for a number of copies of the paper to be sent to them at Eugene, which was done. One more ride with Colfax would be too much for this enthusiastic cuss.

DEATH OF ALMIRA HOLMAN.—The sad notes of the tolling bell, last evening, announced the death of Almira Holman, only unmarried daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holman. She was born in Oregon, was widely known, loved and respected, and her death has caused a loss, not only in the home circle, but everywhere that she was received and welcomed. Many will mourn for her; many who were associated with in every good word and work will receive the news of her departure for the better land with unfeigned sorrow. Though only in the flower of maidenhood, Miss Holman was an active and consistent worker, to be found when duty called. There were reasons why the world appeared particularly bright and beautiful to her, and the future, with its hopes assuming shape, all smiled before her, but death is no respector of persons, and, passing by the aged matron tottering to the grave, he claimed for his own this form, instinct with life and youth and hope.

Mrs. St. Clair's lecture last evening, was attended by a very fair audience, which was well entertained and manifested considerable appreciation. As a lecturer she appears to excellent advantage, speaks in a clear, distinct manner and has good descriptive powers. The South, visited after the war and viewed from a Northern stand point, formed an interesting theme and was impartially treated. To-night her lecture will be on woman as maiden, wife and mother. Mrs. St. Clair has a kind, motherly look and will not take strong grounds on "Woman's Rights." This is her favorite lecture. The distribution of prizes will take place this evening and will cause great amusement without probably enriching the most fortunate. We have no hesitation in promising her a large audience this evening. The singing of Miss Brearly was a good feature.

GENERAL NEWS.

JACKSON COUNTY.—Mr. O. D. Applegate communicates to us the following items of news, received by correspondence from Jackson county.

Accidentally Shot.—G. Comstock, Esq., of Applegate, in Jackson county, was shot dead a few days ago under the following circumstances: He was hunting with his brother-in-law, from whom he had become separated, when the latter seeing an object moving in the brush, which he supposed to be a deer, fired, and discovered, to his inexpressible horror, that he had killed Mr. Comstock. Mr. Comstock was a young man of excellent character and his loss is mourned by the community.

Another Accidental Shot.—A stranger accidentally fired his gun a few days ago in the bar room of the Ashland House, the gun being in a vertical position. The ball grazed his head, passed through the ceiling, through a bed up stairs from which a man had just risen, and then through the roof.

PORTLAND ITEMS.—We learn from the *Oregonian* that Capt. Fisher is succeeding well in raising the machinery of the steamer Ranger. Part of it is already rescued, and all can be raised.....Goods supposed to have been stolen at the late fire have been discovered in an adjoining room, where they were probably put for safety....The *Herald* tells of a nearly fatal accident occurring to the new building, St. Helen's Hall, now erecting. Mr. Barron, a work man, fell beneath a pile of stacked lumber, and was terribly injured. He is cared for by the Odd Fellows, of which Order he was a member....The Oriflamme took to San Francisco 250 tons of freight and a large number of passengers.....The hotels are becoming well filled by arrivals from the upper country. The opposition Monticello boat, Carrie, has stopped running for the present.....Large shipments of wool and paper went to California on the Oriflamme.....The Portland Library has received many new books.....The steamer U. S. Grant, in the river trade, is undergoing repairs.

W. F. & Co. ROBBED.—S. C. Mills, agent of Wells, Fargo & Co., has furnished the *Herald* information of the robbery of the express near Malad City, Idaho, on the nights of Aug. 31st and Sept. 8th, when over $50,000 in treasure was taken. One-fourth of the amount stolen is offered as a reward for the capture of the robbers. Idaho Territory has been a favorite field for such operations, but this last is one of the biggest "takes" ever recorded. "Curly Dan," with six Indians, was in hot pursuit of the party who committed the first robbery. No news is received of the capture of either party, but Wells, Fargo & Co. are sure to hunt them down, if money can accomplish their capture.

SOME TRAVELING.—John Wilson, proprietor of the Great World Circus, has been a traveler in his day. He has circused in every province in South America, on the Sandwich Islands, in Mexico, Tahiti Islands, New Zealand, Australia, East Indies, Africa, Arabia. He passed up the Mediterranean sea with his show; exhibited in Italy, and, in fact, over continental Europe. California has been visited, and now he is exhibiting through Oregon. If this pretty tall traveling can be beat, then our reportorial hat is at the disposal of that party. Wilson will possibly be remembered here as the person having the elephants on exhibition some years ago.—*Herald*, 16th.

MCMINNVILLE WATER DITCH.—The McMinnville Canal has been completed to Sheridan, six miles. Twelve miles more are to be dug to reach McMinnville. The work is very important, and is being entirely done with Yamhill capital.

A man named Mercer, formerly of Albany, somewhat addicted to drink, was found dead at Yaquina Bay, by the Indians. He was crossing the Bay in a canoe, and it is not known whether he threw himself out or fell out in a fit. He went to the Bay for the purpose of improving his health, and leaves property in Albany.....Mr. and Mrs. D. Irwin, of Corvallis, were lately injured in attempting to cross a bridge at Corvallis. The horse broke through, Mr. I. was thrown out and hurt in the chest, and Mrs. I. somewhat hurt. A valuable horse is badly injured.....Andrew McCoy, of Linn county, while cutting a watermelon awhile since cut his left wrist. The wound proves serious as an artery was cut, and he may lose the arm and hand..... It is claimed by an up country paper that W. B. Smith, Esq., who lives in Benton county, harvested one field and realized 54 bushels of wheat per acre, and that his entire crop averaged over 40 bushels. Mr Smith must be a good farmer, and deserves, no doubt, all the success accredited to him.

The Linn county Fair opens next week, we have to acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary ticket.....A party of wood choppers at work near Albany have found seven bee trees, and taken the honey from three.....Mr. Charles F. Gay has received letters patent for the Gay Plow, for the next 17 years.....Messrs. Riley, Rubart, Ketchum and Anderson, of Albany, have killed 63 deer in six weeks, while on short excursions to the mountains.....The *Democrat* says the amount of wheat stored in Albany this week is in excess of any former week, being 30,368 bushels. Total up to the present for the season, 175,409 bushels.....George Titus, a colored man was arrested at Albany, and fined five dollars and costs for pommeling two of the native siwash.

Much regret is felt at hearing that the wife of Dr. Plummer, Superintendent of Telegraph Company, is at San Francisco suffering from mental derangement. She was on the way East to visit her friends, and it is hoped she will speedily recover.

PORTLAND ITEMS.—The *Oregonian* says an eminent divine of the Catholic Church, Rev. F. X. Weniger, arrived by the Oriflamme, who has devoted his time for twenty years to missionary labor and is the author of several religious works.....Mr. J. W. Carter is expected to arrive by next steamer with a dramatic company for Oro Fino theater. Portland.....Portland has contributed $256, coin, and $346, currency, for the Avondale sufferers.....The *Oregonian* complains of ruffianly gangs of boys prowling about Portland.....The Hattie Bessie will have, on her voyage to China, 200 Chinamen as passengers, and scraps of iron, broken glass, dead Celestials and such for freight, besides produce.....The Pioneer Base Ballers are thinking of inviting the Red Stockings to come to Portland and play them a match.....Workmen are engaged squaring round the old M. E. Church, on second street, to make stores of it.... The *Herald* says the schooner Alaska sailed yesterday, for the Sandwich Islands, with 88,000 feet of lumber, 200 barrels, 250 half barrels, 62 kits and 20 cases of Salmon, 52 boxes fruit.

The *Times* says there is a Literary Club organized at Dallas, who have in contemplation the discussion of the womans rights question.....The *Times* accuses us of mispelling the name of "Macauley." The *Times* is right on that question; so was *our* copy. The Frenchman's name we won't quarrel about.....It is supposed that the rain has caused the postponement of the Ellendale Campmeeting.....It says Gen Nesmith was last week offered $50,000 for his farm near Dixie.....Samuel Goff, of Dixie, who has run a thresher all the season, says the mean average of grain threshed by him has been eighteen bushels.

The Roseburg *Ensign* says the navigation of the Umpqua is resolved upon, and Mr. Haun has gone to Oregon City to negotiate for the purchase of a steamboat, to be used for that purpose.....The exchanges South all speak well of the lecture of Mrs. St. Clair.....A party of prospectors have lately been to the head waters of Myrtle Creek and North Umpqua, and report the existence of extensive diggings. Another party is gone out for further prospecting.

The Seattle *Intelligencer* says: Mr. T. Hanford and his brother while crossing Lake Washington in a large canoe, made a capture of a bear swimming across the Lake; they killed him with a small knife.....Mr. D. T. Denny shot near Green Lake an elk, weighing 630 pounds..... Parties are starting for the new mines on Sultan River forty miles from Snohomish.....The steamer Varuna, which had been run away with, was at Victoria in charge of authorities.....The Port Townsend *Message* tells of hallibut caught on the Sound weighing two hundred pounds.....Indians returning from a grand potlach up the Sound had lots of money to spend.

OREGON CITY.—The *Enterprise* furnishes the following items: Wednesday night two mules owned by Chas. Stewart were stolen from Mr. Wilkinson's pasture. Sheriff Myers followed the trail of the thief toward Foster's and recovered the mules. Thief got away.....The rains have not yet interferred with the progress of work upon the railroad.....The Clackamas paper mill has turned out some paper made from the fibre of cottonwood. In appearance it is something between straw and manilla, though stronger than straw paper.....The Baptist Sunday School has received by donations $106 for the purchase of books to be added to the library.

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHILDREN.—It is a very solemn and serious matter for you to be intrusted with the care of God's little children. One would think to see the mating that goes on in society—and it is a beautiful thing in its way—that butterflies were let loose, so light, and gay, and happy are the hearts that sail together and play around each other. One would think to hear the cheerful congratulations that accompany the putting out of a young life in the family state, that there was no responsibility connected with the event. And when there begin to be "angels unawares" coming into the household, one after another, how joyous it is! And the silver cups and little congratulatory notes are plenty. But how few there are who feel that, from the time the door of life opens, and a child is born, God has drawn his hand out from near to his own heart, and lent something of himself to the parent, and said, "Keep it till I come; take this, my own child, and educate it for me, and bring it to heaven, and let its improving and its profiting appear when you and it stand together in the last day." It is a very solemn thing to have a family, and to have children, of which you are not the parent, but only the guardian and guide, and in some sense the savior.—*Beecher.*

Bishop Kingsley sailed the other day from San Francisco for China.

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