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The Fifteenth Amendment.

We have been asked by a friend to publish the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States now pending, which is as follows:

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two thirds of both houses concurring), That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

This resolution passed Congress February 28th, 1869, and has now been acted upon by twenty-two States. As there are thirty-seven States, the votes of twenty-eight are needed to pass the amendment, making six in addition to the number that have already acted. It is probable that the ratification of six other States will be accomplished by the first of March, and the amendment become by that time a part of the Constitution, which will remove the question from the coming campaign in Oregon as an indispensible issue, and render its ratification by the Legislature of Oregon a matter of no importance.

The Fifteenth Amendment originated in the fact, which became apparent, that the colored people of the South could only be safely protected in their natural rights, and taught to respect themselves and accomplish a destiny superior to their former condition of servitude, by having a voice in the Government by possessing the ballot. T is was a step naturally incident to the events that have occurred during the last ten years, in which the negroes, from a state of servitude, became a defense to the Union against the efforts of their late masters. The view taken by Congress was this: Having become soldiers, they were counted among the nation's defenders, and entitled to freedom and citizenship, and as the necessity has been demonstrated by necessity and Ku Klux outrages, they will be given the ballot as the surest defense and protection.

The character of the new Governor for Utah Territory, Gen J. Wilson Shaffer, of Illinois, is an encouragement to those who seek to have national authority vigorously upheld in that community of rebels. He was Chief of the Quartermaster's Department in the Southwest, under Gen. Butler, during the war, and Gen. Grant appoints him on the strength of personal knowledge of his character and experience. We do not need a hot-headed, impulsive zealot, there, by any means; but we do need a man who respects himself, respects the Government that sent him, and is able to command the respect, if not the obedience of the community to which he is sent. Ex-Governor Durkee, of Wisconsin, who has been there for the last several years, is a nice old gentlemen, and yet is just about as fit for the place as Mr. Grinnell is for Collector of New York. It is just the time now to send a better man to the Mormans. But at the very moment of the nomination of Gen Shafer came the news of his serious and probably fatal illness, at his home in Freeport. We hope he will be spared to do the country more distinguished service in Utah, even, than he did it during the war.—*Springfield Republican.*

THE GHOULS who devote their energy to fighting dead men, have been somewhat at a loss what to do when they had the names of two noble dead to deal with at once. Unable to shower their expletives on both Stanton and Richardson at once, they seem to be all howling on the track of the latter. Having killed him, the next step is to convict him of crime, and to lie not only of him but all his friends. Good authority from the East thus speaks of the stories in the papers of quarrels between Mrs. Richardson and her husband's other relatives:

Nothing could be more untrue. Mr. Richardson's relatives and friends all stand cordially by his widow, and approved and urged the death bed marriage, and she joins in asking that his brother, the editor of the *Congregationalist*, shall be the administrator upon the estate. This, by the by, will not prove so large as has been reported; probably $40,000 or $50,000 will cover the total value of the property.

A FEARFUL RIOT occurred on the Chicago and St. Louis Railroad, Dec. 21st. A party of five drunken Indians got on the train and paid their fare to Auburn; after passing Auburn they claimed to the conductor that they had paid to Chatham, the next station, but declared that they would ride as far as they pleased. The conductor passed out to finish collection and this apparant victory made them bold. One then entered the ladies' car and knocked down a breakman and several passengers before he was overpowered. He was then beaten senseless and left, while the passengers went to join in the battle which raged in the other cars. The train was run at full speed and billets of wood, pokers, and all sorts of weapons were freely used on both sides. The five roughs had the best of it from the fact that as soon as one recovered consciousness he would go to fighting again. At Chatham the rioters were ejected, but continued trying to climb on the platform until the train was under full headway, when they gave a parting volley of stones through the windows that seriously injured several women and children. The whole battle lasted about twenty minutes.

A new sect has been brought into public notice by the Albany *Knickerbocker*. They are creating quite a sensation, bidding fair to outrival the Shakers. They expect to be saved by the influence of music, and accordingly their rites consist of musical performances; in which, however, the extent and power of the lungs are more considered than the requirements of a musical ear. An eye and ear witness of one of their ceremonies, says it knocked the Peace Jubilee into a cocked hat; the beating of bass drums, the blowing of horns, trombones, flutes, pipes, &c., was perfectly frightful. Everyone was banging away on his own hook. They have a leader, who is dressed like one of the apostles, occupies a stand and conducts the music by swinging a heavy mallet, which he brings down with great force on a sounding board that eclipses the drums and everything else in the line of noise. It seems like a burlesque, but our authority vouches for the fact of their being perfectly in earnest.

Opening the Campaign.

There are some who think that a political newspaper should be filled with rousing denunciations of its opponents; with bitter personal allusions and galling inuendo; and that sensational articles should flood the market to astound and terrify opposition. If this was the Chinese nation such a course would at least be consistent, but the masses of our people are thinkers and and want facts.

There is room in the field of journalism for much of sarcasm and satire, and where personal unfitness exists that is one of the facts to which the people's attention may properly be called. The great journals of the world, that wield the greatest influence and accomplish the greatest results, are those that promulgate facts, argue with wisdom and firmness, and by so doing impress the common sense of the community.

In the campaign which is approaching, we propose to do all in our power to advance the Republican cause and defend Republican principles. The fair success that has attended this paper since it changed hands, in August last, gives a wider circulation and more extended influence, and encouraged by public patronage we have commenced to publish more reading matter, determined to do as well by the public as we can afford. Taking hold of this for a life work, we are determined to build it up on a permanent and reliable basis, to deserve confidence by being as correct as possible in statements, remembering that no mere personal organ can expect to command public support. This paper is published for the people, and we hope to remember that it is their organ, not ours.

As to the campaign now approaching, we propose to warm up our adversaries by the exposition of Republican principles and the statement of plain facts. The lost cause was not ever more hopeless than Democracy is to-day; when the administration of General Grant commands the admiration of the world for its fearless, honest, successful administration of the Government, and a financial ability that is solving the great problem of the national debt, in spite of all the schemes of Wall Street and the complications of politicians. These are the facts that form the groundwork of our coming success, for Oregon needs only to be canvassed ably to respond in favor of Grant's administration and the Republican principles that underlie it, by a satisfactory majority.

STEAMER ANN AGAIN.—The *Mercury*, reinforced by an assertion of Major Bruce, that we erred in saying that Mr. McCully asked him why he did not bring the Ann and her freight direct to Salem Mills, comes to the attack. We made this mistake, it seems: Major Bruce remarked that he would prefer to come direct to Salem, and Mr. McCully asked him why he did not, remarking that they did not claim to own the river and had no objection; to which Maj. Bruce replied that he was afraid it wouldn't pay, as he understood that the Ann could not be made to pay on long trips. This correction we make with the understanding that in every other respect our former article is entirely correct. The conversation as above reported was in the presence of witnesses, and the case stands essentially as we first reported it. The Company has never objected to the Ann taking her freight to Salem, or any other point on the river, and its President distinctly assures us that he has no objection now.

Astoria and Salem Railroad.

A correspondent of the *Herald* says: Nearly two hundred citizens of Clatsop county, and other parts of the State, assembled in the Court House, in this place, this evening, Jan. 12, 1870; in response to a call from the Director of the Astoria and Salem Railroad, for the purpose of giving public express on to their opinions regarding the importance and feasibility of a line of railroad from this place to the Willamette Valley. The meeting was of the most enthusiastic character.

Mr. A. Hinnman, the Collector of the Port, was elected Chairman, and Mr. S. D. Adair, Secretary. Among the principal speakers who entertained the audience, were: Col. J. K. Kelley, ex-Gov. A. C. Gibbs, Judge Upton, W. C. Johnson, Milton Elliott, Col. James Taylor, A. Hinnman, A. B. Bush, T. P. Powers, J. Moffet, J. Jeffers and Dr. Minor, of Port Townsend, W. T.

The Astoria Brass Band was in attendance and discoursed stirring music at suitable intervals.

The meeting before adjourning, passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we believe the construction of a railroad from Astoria to some point in the great valley of the Willamette would be of great advantage to the whole State of Oregon.

Resolved, That we have confidence in the corporation of the Astoria and Salem Railroad Company, and we urge them to an active effort to obtain the land grant which is desired from Congress, to forward the construction of such road.

Resolved, That the people of Oregon generally ought to urge our Senators and Member of Congress, to favor and urge the passage of a law granting the land desired by the company.

The meeting adjourned at half past ten o'clock p. m., and every one went home feeling that the locomotive would some day be a common thing among us, and that the almost impassable forests which now separate us from the more densely populated portions of the State would give way ere long, to make room for the iron horse.

RAILROAD MEETING.—An adjourned meeting of the incorporators of the Astoria and Salem Railroad was held to-day, Jan. 12th, at the office of Van Dusen & Brown. Col. James Taylor, of Astoria, was elected President, and Col. James K. Kelley, of Portland, Secretary. The principal business of the meeting was the adoption of a series of resolutions, which the Secretary was instructed to forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also to publish the same in the Portland and Salem and Dalles newspapers. The meeting adjourned to assemble at such time and place as the President may designate.

The incorporators of the Astoria and Salem Railroad are as follows; James Taylor, Geo. Flavel, A. Van Dusen, G Hustler, Joel Palmer, James Welch, John Adair, W. C. Johnson, John C. Bell, Joseph Holman, Daniel McCully, W. K. Smith, Cyrus Olney, W. A. Mills, Alfred Luelling, Isaac Myer, G. W. Gray and James K. Kelley.

IT SEEMS that Ohio has ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. At least the telegrams speak of it as a fact, though we have no direct word that the measure had passed the House. Democrats now claim that a legislature has no right to pass upon an amendment to the Constitution a second time. That is the rule for Ohio, but how about New York? Oh, that's another thing. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.

THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

Saturday, Jan. 15.

Those Printers.—It is customary to lay all the blunders of a newspaper on the heads of the printers, but this time it is true. They made the name of the purchaser of an interest in the Capital Lumbering Co. Handy, when it should have been Joseph K. Hardy.

The Southern stage will come in for a few days at midnight, instead of early in the evening as heretofore, but Mr. Wm. Corbett, stage agent here, says this will only continue until Mr. E. Corbett, the general Superintendent comes down, 4 or 5 days from now.

The *N. Y. Observer* has an advertisement in our columns to which we call attention with pleasure, as it is one of the standard religious family journals of our time, has no superior in point of excellence and variety of matter, while it is the exclusive organ of no sect or denomination.

In Town.—Professor Plummer, the man that makes you laugh and thereby cheats the doctor, called on us last evening. He has made the tour of Benton and Linn, and likes upcountry people so well that he is going to give them some more. He has designs on the people of Dallas, and after taking a trip to Eugene, may give us a reading as he passes down the river.

Sleepy Hollow.—Our suburb on the south has grown too distinguished for the above name, and, by common consent, is now South Salem. It can't be called hollow when filling up so rapidly, nor can as wide-awake a place be called sleepy. We noticed yesterday quite a number of recent improvements over the hill, and came to the conclusion that Salem is bigger than folks think, if the surroundings are included.

Firstrate Notice.—The following, from the Chicago *Medical Journal*, is a specimen of the comments by the *Medical Press* in other States upon the *Oregon Reporter*. Oregonians in general and Salemites in particular feel justly proud of the success of the venture.

"From distant Oregon comes the first number of a sprightly and neatly-clad *Medical and Surgical Reporter*. It is edited by E. R. Fiske, A. M., M. D., one of the Faculty of Willamette University, assisted by an able corps of collaborators. $4 00 *per annum*, in advance. We have marked passages for selection. Meanwhile, success to the *Oregon Reporter!* Address as above, Salem, Oregon."

Supposed Robbery.—A Swede, who has been stopping awhile at the Union Hotel, complains that he has lost about $78 00 coin. He is in ill health, occupied a room by himself and says that when he got up yesterday morning he forgot to take two purses from their hiding place between the bed. One purse contained $60, three $20's and other small change.—When he recollected to look for them they were gone, and he claims to be loser the amount above stated. If the poor man's story is reliable he is much to be pitied, if out of money as he is certainly out of health.

Extra Bad Whiskey.—About a month ago that redoubtable Indian Joe Hutchins, chief of all the Santiams, was at Salem, where he must have become acquainted with an uncommon bad lot of whiskey, for after imbibing a good deal too much he laid down by his camp-fire and waked up the next morning to find his shoes burned off and his feet nearly burned up. He was conveyed back to the Grand Ronde Reservation in a wagon that belonged to the Agency and we learn from Mr. Litchfield that the chieftain is like to die, from the combined effect of the severe injuries received from the fire, and the bad effects of the liquor.

A Comparison.—The *Oregonian* institutes a comparison between Portland and Salem, which is quite flattering to the latter. The population of Salem is estimated at 4,000, and that of Portland at 8,000. The amount disbursed by the former during the year 1869 was $8,784 12; by the latter $120,629 20. That is, with twice our population, their city expenses are about fourteen times as much as ours. They say that leaving out street improvements their government is only five times as expensive as ours. That is conceding a great deal, but there is one other view to take of the matter. After all this expense on streets, ours are better by nature than theirs can well be made by any ordinary outlay of money and labor.

Fine Wheat.—We have a specimen of Illinois wheat, which was brought from that State by W. L. Adams, Esq., a short time since. Mr. Adams relates that, being in a mill, he picked up a handful of wheat with the remark that he would take that to Oregon as a sample of Illinois wheat. The miller said no; he would go up stairs and get him some good grain; he did so, and Mr. Adams thus brought the *good wheat*. O, what wheat! An Oregon smut-mill would leave at least one-half, if not the whole of it, in the screenings. It is well developed, no shrivelled grains, nothing the matter with it but downright littleness. If this is their good grain, we would hate to feed Oregon stock on their poor grain. We have it bottled and labeled, and any one with good eyesight can see a sample of best Illinois wheat by calling on us. If they are in the habit of grumbling at this country, that will cure them.

Sundry, Jan. 16.

Closing of Mails.—Mr. Rickey, the Post Master, wishes it to be better understood that the mails close as follows: For the South, 3 p. m.; for the North, 7½ p. m. Letters for the North should be mailed by 6 p. m. if possible.

Directors.—We see by yesterday's *Herald* that at the election of officers for the Oregon Iron Works, J. B. Price was re-elected President, and E. N. Cooke and David McCully, of Salem, with A. Myers and J. B. Price, Directors.

News.—A Salem daily publishes the statement that Elder P. R. Burnett, is Pastor of the Church of Christ. We fancy there are not many in Salem who was aware of the fact. Also, that Rev. J. H. Rook is Pastor in charge of the South Salem Church. Reliable, very.

M. E. Church.—We learn that considerable interest has been taken in the series of meetings, under Rev. C. C. Stratton, at the M. E. Church. The meetings are crowded, and in fact all the Churches seem to be having pretty good success in their mission.

Lunar.—About two o'clock yesterday morning a splendid Lunar rainbow was seen in the Northeastern part of the Heavens. Those unfortunate enough to be out at that time say that it was remarkably well defined and brilliant.

These phenomena are said to be precursors of storms, so look out everybody.

Died.—Saturday, Jan. 15th, at the family residence, one mile south of Salem, the wife of John Crim. Mrs. Crim had been sick for several months, and John, who has all that while been compelled to devote his time to her care, deserves the kind consideration of his friends in this hour of affliction.

The steamer Active came down from Jefferson yesterday forenoon, having made the first trip of the season up the Santiam to that place. She brought down 77 tons of flour and some few tons of bacon. So we learn from Mr. Conser, from whose mill the flour was shipped, and who came down the river on board of that steamer.

Chief Justice.—We see by the Portland papers that our friend Hon. W. Lair Hill has been appointed to the position of Chief Justice of Washington Territory, *vice* Dennison resigned. This is another excellent appointment, and the many friends of the Judge will be glad to see merit thus recognized. W. Lair is a gentleman, a scholar, and got his start in Yamhill.

Eclipse.—There is to be a total eclipse of the moon to-morrow morning partially visible at this place (if the weather is clear). The Moon enters the shadow at 46 minutes after 4 in the morning, is totally eclipsed at 46 minutes after 5, leaves the shadow at 26 minutes after 8. In the mean time the "pale empress of night" will have set eclipsed, at about 7.30, hence the whole transaction will not be seen from here. China will have a splendid eclipse as it begins there at just about the right time of night to be seen to good effect (another outrage on the white race). There are to be five more eclipses this year, four of the sun, and one of the moon, none of them visible in Oregon.

Free Mail Matter.—Our Post Master has received instructions from the Post Office Department at Washington, to keep an accurate account of all the matter passing into his office claiming the benefit of the franking privilege, and to make monthly returns thereof. The Department is determined to know the amount of postage on free matter, and the weight of all matter sent through the mails other than letters. The Postal Department is opposed to the franking privilege, and accompanying this order is a blank petition for the abolition of the franking system, and as these petitions are forwarded to every office, to be circulated for signers by some one in favor of it, the probability is that a strong expression of public opinion on that important point will soon be reached. The petition referred to is in the hands of Hon. I. R. Moores, who is an enemy to all public nuisances, and will be glad to receive signatures.

Tuesday, Jan. 18.

If you want a saddle or a bridle, Hobart of Silverton says he is selling at cost.

Snow laid yesterday morning on the Polk county hills.

The Southern mail did not arrive on Saturday night at the usual hour, and the driver, who made his way into town about noon on Sunday, reported the waters of the Santiam were too high to permit him to cross the night before.

Freezing.—Get out your skates, all ye who have bought them, and likwise those who have them to sell; for unless the weather should change wonderfully quick, you will all have a chance to get even on the sudden thaw of last week.

Eclipse.—The Eclipse came off strictly in accordance with the programme, on yesterday morning. As the frost rendered the morning air too cool for comfort, unless one dressed, and the hour was too early by far to dress and stay up, we take hearesay for the fact that the sight was splendid.

In Port.—The little steamer Ann came safely down the river yesterday, the *Mercury* to the contrary notwithstanding. She safely passed the blockade (paper) and landed her cargo of flour at Uzafovage's wharf, from which it will be taken down further by the P. T. Co.'s boats.

Too Small.—We are informed by Mr. Geer, County Clerk, that in the statistics furnished a few days since, a deed was overlooked, the consideration of which was much larger than the one mentioned. The deed of C. A. Reed to the Opera Building Association was for $30,000, the largest consideration named in any transfer during the year. Also the number of mortgages should have been 182 instead of 82 as published.

Recovering.—We learn that the little boy who was so severely hurt by a horse last Sunday week, is so much better as to be considered out of danger. Mr. Farrens thinks he was not kicked, but struck by the fore-foot of the animal—a gentle mare. The dog was barking at the time and it is supposed that the mare struck at him. The little fellow had a loud call, and we suppose the physicians attending him feel rather proud of their success. We know it is more than they expected at first.

Year Book.—We acknowledge the receipt of Langley's Pacific Coast Almanac, which contains much matter valuable for reference. But we must dissent from his partiality in bestowing nicknames. California is the Golden State and its people Gold hunters, while Oregon is "Greenhorn State" and its people "Hardcases." Now, in consideration of the fact that the hard cases are carpet bagging "tarheads," and the other fact that our green horns are not putting up with near so much gouging as they used to, we demur to any such epithets.

Proclamation.—In our advertising columns to-day, there appears a notice to the public, under the above head, to which we call the attention of all whom it may concern. The Ordinance under which that notice is given is intended for the benefit of an unfortunate class of men, those who have lost control of themselves and are slaves to their appetites. Among these are frequently found minds and abilities of a high order, and then especially do we feel the sad need of some sort of action. The subject of the notice is one of these—a man in whom every one feels more or less interest—one who, but for this weakness, would no doubt command high position and honors. Such is the general interest taken in this case that, we are told, every saloon keeper in Salem signed the petition; every physician did the same, and other names of prominent citizens made up the list to over a hundred. In such a case it is to be hoped that no one will attempt to evade the law or thwart the wishes of all good citizens; but if such a thing does happen, then let the law be enforced and the offender punished, be he who he may.

Falling.—The river, which had fallen four feet at Corvallis, was just beginning to fall at this point last night at dark.

Almost a Shipwreck.—A friend wrote us from Coos Bay, some while ago, of the imminant danger incurred by a schooner, which came near being shipwrecked at the entrance of the harbor. We learn that the family of Capt. Sawyer, of this place, have heard from him, that he was on board the vessel referred to at that time, and that it made a very narrow escape from the breakers.

Legal Tender.—Three more wagon loads of dried apples came to town yesterday. They were from Scio, and, of course, were for the benefit of Snyder. Folks can say what they will, but the people in the Forks of the Santiam are ahead of other localities in this particular. They are making Oregon's best production a source of income, while others are allowing the big red apples to rot in their orchards. One gentleman up there, who has a very large orchard; says that at four cent per pound he can make all the money he wants. Why not more people try the same thing? They also make great quantities of cider, apple butter "and sich," all good things.

Garden Seed.—The seedsman in the Atlantic States have discovered that Oregon is inhabited, and are sending catalogues of what they have to sell at a alarming rate. First we have that of the Old Colony Nursery, of Plymouth, Mass.; then Mr. O'Keefe, Son & Co., of Rochester, N. Y. send their Guide to the Flower and Vegetable garden, which is a big book, and now comes Vick's Floral Guide for 1870 with its 200 illustrations and colored plates; price 10 cts, by James Vick of Rochester, N. Y. We don't think a gardener wants many of these books, it will make him envious of his neighbors, but we know that every one who has a garden wants some one of them.

GENERAL NEWS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—The *Oregonian* says that Portland continues to grow with a rapidity that is a rebuke to all croakers, and that no city on the coast or in the Union, of its age, exhibits more of the indications of permanent progress.....East Portlanders see an *ignis fatuus* every night on the bottom below the Bridge. Some of them, like some of our own citizens, think it is a ghost. .....Refined sugar has fallen two cents in ten days. The cause is said to be the increased facilities of San Francisco Refineries.....It is said that important measures to further the building of the West Side Railroad are in progress in this city, headed by the principal capitalists of the place. The proceedings have not yet been made public.....There are seven prisoners in the County jail, the city jail is vacant.....The total amount of wheat shipped from this port to San Francisco during the year 1869 was 41,659 sacks; flour, quarter sacks, 542,157; oats, 58,403 sacks; barley, 240 sacks; salmon, 1,957 bbls, 3,241 half bbls, 19,729 cases; bacon, 4,723 packages; butter, 1,250 packages; lard, 2,860 packages; pork, 1,712 bbls; dried apples, 4,912 packages....The *Call* says that a careful examination has been made of the building in which occurred the recent fire in that place. The fire had probably been set in two places. The main fire was set in a barrel prepared for the purpose and coal oil and other combustible material thrown about the room.....Citizens petition for an increase of salary for the Chief Engineer from $300 to $1,000..... Nonpareil Lodge No. 86, I. O. G. T. gave a ball on Thursday evening for the benefit of the Lodge.

JACKSON COUNTY, Jan. 8.—We learn from the *News* that the man who was to have picked up the 100 potatoes, a yard apart, one at a time, and put them in a basket one at time, in 40 minutes, failed. He was something over fifty minutes in getting them all in. A panther measuring six feet in length was killed near Logtown. His carcass was sold to Chinamen for 12½ cents a pound.....Scarlet fever continues to spread. Two more deaths from that cause. .....Mr. Wm. Bybee killed a hog which dressed 663 pounds. They claim this as the best hog of the season in Oregon..... Mr. R. Helms made up a subscription amounting to $100 for the benefit of a poor widow with five children, four of them sick with scarlet fever.....The *Sentinel* has a statement of the deaths during the year: The total number was 44; of these 5 were from consumption; 5 from small pox; 1 from pneumonia; 2 suicides; 7 diptheria; 2 from croup; 1 from heart disease; 1 from paralysis; 1 from congestion of the liver; 3 from scarlet fever; 2 from typhoid fever; 1 accidently killed; 1 from dropsy; the rest from various diseases.

SAD ACCIDENT—Several days ago a little girl, two years old, the daughter of Mr. Bennett, living on the Illinois river, in Josephine county, got through the fence surrounding the house—strayed away into woods and was lost. Search was made immediately, but two days had almost elapsed before she was found. Death had preceded the discoverer; the little wanderer lay cold and still beneath the silent canopy of the woods. The spot where she lay, by the course she had come, was about six miles from the house, and just in front of a large log which it is supposed she struck her forehead against and fell back to wake no more. Her face was terribly mutilated and her body bruised from the numerous falls she had met with on the way.—*Sentinel Jan. 8th.*

BENTON COUNTY, Jan. 8.—From the *Mercury* we learn that Michael Hale was accidentally shot by James Irwin. They were out hunting on Tuesday last, and being at some distance apart Irwin shot at a dog, which he mistook for a deer. The bullet passed through the dog and struck Hale on leg near the knee, fracturing the bone.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—The *Oregonian* mentions the fact that many persons are very careless of their money and valuables while at the Hotels. One man recently left $45 in coin on his bed and went to San Francisco, from whence he telegraphed for the money and for a wonder got it.....The big ox is again in Portland, and will be taken to the Atlantic States overland.....The dog-killer is on the war path [he could do pretty well in Salem]. .....Ten tons of pig iron were shipped from the Oregon Iron Works at Oswego, the first for some months.

LINN COUNTY, Jan. 15.—The *Register* has the proceedings of a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Canal Company. They propose to cut a canal from the waters of the South Santiam to Albany, a distance of nineteen miles. It was agreed to incorporate a corporation with a capital of 40,000 in shares of $100 each. The enterprise is one that is sure to pay as it will run through a fine agricultural country all the way.....The same paper says we are pleased to be enabled to inform our leaders and the "rest of mankind," that the fifty thousand dollars required of this city, by Ben. Holladay, to insure the building of the Oregon Central Railroad (East Side) through the city of Albany, has been subscribed—$25,00 in land and nearly $26,000 in money. The County Agricultural Association finally decided not to subscribe $500 to the railroad.....Mr. Belding has received his stock and fixtures and will soon begin manufaturing brooms.....A company at North Bend intend building a flat bottom steamer for general use on the Bay and Coos river, to cost five or six thousand dollars.....The people living about Lebanon want a bridge across the South Santiam. The stream is often impassable, and they are willing to subscribe half the the cost if the county will put up an $8,000 or $10,000 bridge. [Enterprising fellows, those Linnites—$100,000 proposed to be invested in three objects of public improvement.].....The *Democrat* adds this: Last Monday evening, while a couple of little boys belonging to Mr. Chas. Riley, in this city, were playing with a bow and arrows, one of the little fellows discharged an arrow which passed horizontally across his brother's face, cutting the ball of his left eye so badly that it is feared the sight is gone.

YAMHILL COUNTY, Jan. 8.—The *Blade* is informed that Hon. S. C. Adams, State Senator for Yamhill, will resign that position before the coming June election....Several parties were arrested last week at Lafayette, under the gaming act. The cases were tried in Justice Olds' Court, before juries, and the parties acquitted. During one of the trials, an attorney for the defense became so sanguine that he would win the case, that in the heat of his discourse, he offered to "bet" the jury "two to one" that his clients would come clear.....S. B. Stone, of Lafayette, says that during December the highest temperature was 51 deg. the lowest 21 deg., mean temperature 45 deg.

Religious Intelligence.—In the *Advocate* we find the following items of interest: The topic for consideration at the preachers' meeting on Tuesday next will be "What is Sanctification?" Rev. W. I. Cosper leads in the discussion.....The report of the Indian Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, gives the following facts: In the Conference there are 151 colored members. The increase last year was 12 whites, 853 Indians, 106 colored, and 6 local preachers..... Attendance on the Portland Academy is quite large.....The present number of local preachers in the Methodist Episcopal Church is 10,540; an increase of 441 over the past year.....The whole number of prelates attending the Ecumenical Council is 994. Four of the Bishops are more than 90 years of age, and twenty are over 80.

In the United States the Episcopal Church numbers: Bishops, 47; priests and deacons, 2,687; parishes, 2,472; baptisms, 35,702; confirmations, 21,958; communicants, 194,692; Sunday scholars, 194,046; contributions 4,457,888.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—From the *Commercial* we learn that a lot of boys made a raid on J. Knott's old ferry boat, smashed up a cooking stove and other furniture, stole a a number of dishes which they sold, and wound up by drawing a feed pipe, which would have sunk the boat in a short time but for its accidental discovery. They were arrested but no one appeared to prosecute. After that, one of the same boys stole a copper boiler worth fifteen dollars and sold it for seven bits. The property was recovered. [Why don't they punish the receivers?]....An unfurnished house belonging to Mr. McKenen was blown down on Wednesday night. Several children playing in the house at the time escaped uninjured.....Cock fighting is openly carried on and advertised.....Hon. J. Q. Thornton proposes to open a law office in Portland, also Thedore Burmester.....The *Herald* is enthusiastic over a meeting of the "Workingmen's Protective Association." There was an attendance of 100; the declaration of principles was revamped, we are not told how much.....The appraisers estimate Mr. Freidenrich's losses by the late fire at $1,324 64. The stock saved was sold for $300.

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—We learn from the *Oregonian* that the Government Engineer has reported concerning Willamette River improvement, that $31,000 are needed to complete the dredging of Swan Island Bar, including $5,000 needed on the mouth of the river. The work is to be completed by July 1st, 1871.....A thief broke the show window of Kast & Cahalin and stole several pairs of boots and shoes, which, after offering for sale, he threw away. He was arrested.....A riot occurred at "Murderer's Crossroads," in which ten or twelve persons were badly bruised. No arrests.....The quarterly report of the City Treasurer shows the amount collected during the quarter, $4,826 41; amount paid out, $10,942 68. Can't keep that up long.....Capt. J. H. Couch is lying ill with pneumonia—so bad that some serious doubts are entertained of his recovery.

SAD AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—In the afternoon of yesterday a very sad and fatal accident occurred in the family of Mr. Tracy, who resides in the northern part of the city, and is in employ of the Portland Gas Company. A vessel filled with hot water had been left standing on the porch by a member of the family who designed using it for scrubbing the floor. At a moment when no one else was near, a little girl, daughter of Mr. Tracy, fell into the vessel, and before relief came, was so badly scalded that she died in a few hours. Her suffering from the time of the accident until death released her, were of the most excruciating and painful character.—*Oregonian Jan. 17th.*

RAILROADS.—We are sure to have communication by rail with the rest of the world before long, as witness the following from the S. F. *Bulletin.*

The California and Oregon Railroad is progressing rapidly. There is now completed and in daily use fifty-one miles, from Roseville, the junction with the Central Pacific Railroad, to a point in the Butte county seventeen miles north of Marysville. The Company on Saturday last added 250 Chinese laborers to their alread large force, and this week will send 100 more from the Western Pacific, besides sixty teams with scrapers. Sufficient iron and ties are on hand, and the Company may feel assured that the road will be in full operation to Chico, forty-four miles north of Marysville, by the 15th of February next. Meanwhile the Oregon end of the road, under Holladay's contract, is being pushed towards this State with considerable energy."

SALMON FISHING.—Mr. Thompson, boat builder of this city, is engaged in the construction of a number of boats to be used in the fisheries down the Columbia. He has one already completed, which is a very creditable piece of workmanship, and has others equally good in progress. The fishing business on the Columbia during the last year was quite successful considering the circumstances and the general dullness of trade on this coast. The total amount of salmon shipped during the year was 1,937 barrels; 3,241 half barrels; 19,720 cases; 4,923 cans. This quantity, judging from the preparations now going on, and the extent of arrangements being made, will be much surpassed during the coming spring and the fall season of the present year.—*Oregonian.*

Expedition to Remove the Snake Indians.

Since the close of Gen. Crook's campaigns in Eastern Oregon, which were successful in overcoming the hostile bands and in causing them to submit to the military authority, camps have been established in Eastern Oregon, where military forces have been maintained and around which the conquered Indian bands have been gathered, their wants being, in a great measure, provided for by Government, and that, too, at a heavy expense, these posts being located in the far interior and distant from every source of production or supply.

Camp Warner is situated about 140 miles easterly from Klamath Agency, and there a force is statianed, and also, until lately, the band of Snakes under a great war chief, naned O-che-yo, the same who were opposed to Gen. Crook in the famous battle in the rocks, where an uncertain victory was hardly won by our troops after a protracted battle of three days.

Camp Harney is still eastward, distant about 160 miles, where is another important post and a large number of Pi Utes, or Snakes, claiming We-ah-we-wa for their head chief; have been in its immediate vicinity, receiving more or less aid from the issuing of Government supplies. The Camp Harney Indians were those formerly infesting the surrounding regions of Oregon and Idaho, reaching from the Blue Mountains and Malheur country through the Lake region and into Nevada. They ranged north to attack travelers and drive off stock on the emigrant road through Burnt river and Powder river valleys, and disturbed the miners in that vicinity by their raids, and they, or their comrades at Camp Warner, had also infested the Canyon City road and made life uncomfortable along it, as well as for those living upon any of the affluents of the John Day river.

There was still another large band of Indians demanding attention, known as the Modocs, who commenced residing on the Klamath Reservation in 1864, and soon abandoning the effort betook themselves again to savage nomadic life, ranging over the regions around the lower Klamath Lake and not known to be in any acts of hostility, but disregarding the treaty to which they were a party, and refusing to obey the orders of Agent Applegate, in charge of the Klamath Reservation. Agent Applegate twice made a requisition on Capt. McGregor, the officer in charge of Fort Klamath, for a force sufficient to compel these refractory Indians to return, and was as often refused; for, instead of using any force or influence to induce Captain Jack—the Indian Chief—and his band to return to the Reservation, Capt. McGregor told them to stay until he should come after them, and assured them there was no reason to comply with the demand of the Agent.

Such was the condition of the Indian tribes of Eastern and Southern Oregon when Congress last year ordered their removal to some reservation, and provided the means therefor by special appropriation.

EXPEDITION FROM THE DALLES.

In accordance with this action of Congress, and instructions from the Department, Mr. Meacham, Superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon, fitted out two expeditions last fall, one of which, under his immediate direction, left Dalles City about October 8th, composed of eight whites and five Indians. These were Mr. Meacham and his brother, Mr. John Meacham, Dr. McKay, who accompanied the expedition in his professional capacity, while the Indians were George Harney, Chief of the Rogue Rivers at the Siletz, who speaks English well, three Indians from Warm Springs, whose services were hired, and a Pi Ute squaw, captured some years since and now married to a Warm Springs Indian, who was taken along in hopes that she might have some influence over her relations at Camp Harney, which adventure proved a total failure as she was found lacking in any useful quality whatever. This expedition, all mounted and accompanied by two six-mule teams, traveled south without obstruction or hindance and reached Camp Harney, via Canyon City, on the 26th of October, having encountered no incidents of importance on its way.

EXPEDITION FROM KLAMATH.

On the same day when the expedition referred to above left the Dalles, another and similar one was dispatched from Fort Klamath and the Klamath Reservation. This latter was under charge of Mr. Ivon D. Applegate; was composed of one six-mule team, four ox teams, three of them driven and managed on the whole trip by native teamsters from the Klamath Reservation. There were also six mounted infantry and six foot soldiers from Fort Klamath, and a half Snake Indian, Ben. Drew, and Charley Preston, a Klamath Indian, were taken along as interpreters. Chock-toot, Chief of the Sumner Lake Snakes, part of which band was under him on the Reservation and two of his head men, also accompanied the expedition, in expectation that they might exert a good influence over their old associates by showing that life on the Reservation was desirable, and the Government true to its promises.

At Camp Warner, 150 miles east, the expedition stopped awhile, and had the band of O-che-yo collected to inform them of the coming of the Superintendent and the object of the journey. Chock-toot was one of the Chiefs of these Indians, and it was upon them his influence was desired. Capt. Hall, commanding at Warner, gave no encouragement of success; on the contrary, he predicted that they could only be removed by force.

The preliminary talk being over, O-che-yo, the Warner Chief, and Chock-toot and some other Indians went with the main expedition on to Camp Harney, the ox teams and foot soldiers being left behind.

[*Conclusion on 2d page.*]

The Pope is a great smoker, and was greatly pleased with a recent present of a thousand cigars from a Roman manufacturer, the weed having been entirely overlooked in the stream of presents which has lately been flowing into the Vatican.

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