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WEDNESDAY.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

California.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Col. Van Tassel, who victimized the Bank of California of some $10,090 by a forgery, and escaped on the steamer to Acapulco, has been captured at New Orleans. He waited over at Acapulco until the next steamer, while detectives here were telegraphing to Vera Cruz, hoping to catch him there; then took the next steamer for Panama. From thence detectives dogged him all the way to St. Thomas; thence to Havana, and thence to New Orleans, where they arrested him as soon as he landed. Capt. Lees left yesterday overland with a requisition to bring him back. He is also wanted for trial for forgery in New York.

News of the capture of the German bark Gazelle off Aquiqui, Peru, by a French gunboat is confirmed by letter from Tahiti, where the bark arrived in charge of a prize crew. She was loaded at this port and cleared in the name of an American firm.

San Diego, Jan. 12.—At Jumell Valley, about twenty miles east of this place, the Indians have become so troublesome that settlers have in many cases, become alarmed and deserted their ranches. There appears to be a bad band of about 100 Indians, belonging to no particular tribe who infest the valley, living on game brought down by their rifles, and murdering and robbing ranches whenever opportunity offers. This week, Mr. Kelly, an old settler and formerly Supervisor of this county, was fired at from an ambuscade by one of these Indians. This morning Mr. Kelly succeeded in collecting fifteen volunteers, well armed and mounted. They started for Jumell Valley, where he expects to get as many more recruits, and by joint effort rid the country of these savage marauders.

Major Excommunication.

When writing on this subject in connection with the excommunication said to have been launched by Pope Pio Nino against Victor Emanuel, we suggested that the published formula, said to have been issued, and which appeared in our columns might not be a genuine document. The *Monitor* of San Francisco, and the *Sentinel* of Portland, both Catholic organs deny its genuineness, and the latter has considerable to say against the STATESMAN for being ignorant and prejudiced in relation to its church history. It strikes us, however, that we know too much in that connection, to satisfy that paper, for it is because we have read what impartial history has handed down that we criticise, and insist on the necessity of freedom and reform, while Catholicism only perpetuates its errors by claims of infallibility. The Sacramento *Union*, of late date, refers to the claim that the published major excommunication, said to have been issued against the King of Italy, is not genuine, and goes on to quote from church annals forms of excommunication which have been uttered by the Roman Pontiff in the past, which are much more offensive than this, and are even obscene in their ferocity of condemnation.

One issued in the tenth century has the following clause:

Accursed be their barns and accursed be their bones, accursed be the seed of their loins and the seed of their lands, their flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. * * * Let them strain out their bowels and die the death of Arius. [Arius is reported to have died by poison.] Let them be buired in the grave of an ass, and rot in a dunghill on the face of the earth, etc. In the general formula we find these words:

Let him be accursed wherever he be, whether at home or abroad, in the road, or in the path, or in the wood, or in the water, or in the church. Let him be accursed living and dying, eating, drinking, fasting or athirst, slumbering, sleeping, walking, waking, standing, sitting, lying, working, filling, ——, ——, and bleeding. Let him be accursed in all the forces of his body. Let him be accursed outside and inside; accursed in his hair and accursed in his brain; accursed in the crown of his head, in his temples, in his forehead, in his ears, in his brows, in his eyes, in his cheeks, in his jaws, in his nortrils, in his front teeth, in his back teeth, in his lips, in his throat, in his shoulders, in his upper arms, in his lower arms, in his hands, in his fingers, in his breast, in his heart, in his stomach and liver, in his kidneys, in his loins, in his hips, in his ——, in his thighs, in his knees, in his shins, in his feet, in his toes and in his nails.

In answer to the charge of prejudice against the Roman Church the *Union* makes the following reply, which we quote for the satisfaction of the Catholic *Sentinel:*

"The *Union* only opposes such errors in the system of Rome as are manifestly insulting to civil liberty, the rights of conscience and the spirit of the age. When Rome prohibits the building of even one small chapel within the Holy City, in which Protestants may worship God as they seet fit, we may say Rome insults not merely a hundred million Portestants but the sum of modern civilization, and is therefore wrong; and we rejoice at events which have put it out of Rome to renew such insults as that and those manifold other ones sent forth from the Vatican in the year 1864, under the name of popular errors."

POLL TAX.—The poll tax returned from each county shows that some assessors and collectors of State tax must be greatly guilty of neglect, for in some counties the return nearly equals the list of votes cast in that county, while in others the number reported is scarce one half that. A comparison of the returns published this morning will show this, and we take the position that something should be done to remedy this defect and compel the payment by the counties of the full proportion of poll tax due from each. It would be proper enough to throw a direct responsibility of this kind upon each county, and that would be apt to secure more efficient performance of duty by county officers.

Thurlow Weed has partially regained his health; at least it is much better than at any time during the past two years. His appetite is excellent; he sleeps well, and his mind and memory are fresh and vigorous. The "old man" is in excellent spirits, too, and converses with old time force and vivacity. He says, however, that persistent work he cannot endure. He devotes some time every day to the preparation of his autobiograpbby, and it is certainly to be hoped that he may be able to complete it. When finished it will comprise at least three large volumes, brim ful of valuable political history and entertaining personal reminiscences. We are glad to know that Mr. Weed is well-to-do in the world in a pecuniary sense. He enjoys an income of some $30,000 a year, and it is safe to say that he gives away more than half this sum for charitable objects.

Wolves are announced as an extinct race in New England.

GENERAL NEWS.

PORTLAND.

From the *Herald:* About 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, a man named F. Levier, who was fined the previous day in the Police Court for drunkenness, was found below the gas house with his leg broken, and nearly frozen.

A man named Michael Doyle broke his leg near the ankle on Saturday evening, while wrestling with a companion in a saloon on Front street. The injury is a serious one and will cause him to be confined in his room for a few months.

St. Helens is becoming the greatest lumber market on the river. Yesterday two scows laden with 118,000 feet of lumber came up from there.

A Chinaman working on the railroad excavation in East Portland was instantly killed yesterday morning about 9 o'clock by the falling upon him of an embankment.

The residence of Mr. James Conner, about one mile and a half on this side of St. John's was entered by burglars on Saturday night, and $5 in cash and a few miscellaneous articles taken. The smoke house of Dr. Caples, who lives adjacent to the same place, was broken open on Friday night, and a quantity of bacon stolen.

The river was dragged again yesterday at Vancouver for the body of Judge Ford, but it had not been found. It is supposed that the strong current of the Columbia river carried it to sea. The search will be continued a few days longer.

From the *Bulletin:* Yesterday morning Messrs. Roberts and Sprague, of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, accompanied by Mr. John Brazee, civil engineer, left this city for Kalama.

The Northern Pacific Railroad folks have chartered the Oregon Steam Navigation Company's steamer Rescue, for service in the vicinity of Kalama for some days.

A journeyman saddler, named Chris Wagner, who has for some time been at work for Mr. J. B. Congle, in this city, is missing.

Mayor Goldsmith brought to Oregon with him from San Francisco a very fine gelding roadster, "Friderick Charles," for his own use.

Douglas County.

From the Roseburg *Ensign:* Last Tuesday evening, about 7, o'clock one of the most destructive fires that our little town ever wittnessed occurred. The brewery building belonging to Mehl & Rhast, standing a short distance north-west of town, was wreathed in flames and burning fast before discovered. The loss is closely estimated to be $3,000.

California.

From the Yreka *Journal:* Miss Fanny Belden, who has been suffering for some time from consumption, died at San Francisco, on the 5th inst., whither she had gone in hope of improving her health.

The big ditch has been out of use for about a month, the water having been shut off when the cold weather set in so that it might freez up.

Mrs. Mary, wife of D. N. Lash, died suddenly on the morning of the 5th inst., having retired before in her usual good health, excepting a slight dizziness in the head.

A glorious rain set in Monday morning and continued most of the day.

City and County Items.

APPOINTMENTS.—D. B. Ray, of Jackson county, and J. A. Burnett, of Clackamas county, are to be Notaries Public, having been so appointed by the Governor.

The carrier of the *Bulletin* having run off and forgotten to leave the list, those who don't get their paper can leave their names at Yeaton & Boon's, and will be supplied.

ALMOST AN ACCIDENT.—The upward bound train came very near being thrown from the track at Marion Station, through the carelessness of some of the workmen engaged there. They were working near the track, and one of them threw a board across the track and went to dinner, forgetting it, the locomotive ran on to it and came within an ace of flying the track.

"Excelsior" is the war song of the Gervaisites, according to the statement of a friend just arrived from that prosperous city. He informs us that at least ten buildings are under way, and the sound of saws and hammers make sweet music from early dawn till evening shades fall like a veil over the young but promising little burg.

GRAND COMBINATION.—The well-known Beatty Troupe and The Salem Dramatic Troupe will produce the ever interesting play of "Nick of the Woods," at Reed's Opera House this evening. The lover of Drama should not fail to visit this popular place of amusement, this evening. It is also a benefit-night, tendered to the pleasing and accomplished Comedihnne Mrs. Lavinia Beatty, by the company. We hope to see a full house as she is the most worthy actress on our boards.

The "Atlantic Magizine" for January should have been noticed some time since, only for our absence. This chief among the Monthlies opens the new year with a table of contents of the most attractive description. An original poem by each, Logfellow, Whittier and Holmes, grace this number, and each is worthy the fame of its author, as for prose. We have a political article from Henry Wilson, of Mass.; Dr. Williams furnishes "Our Eyes and how to take Care of Them;" T. W. Higginson, John Hay, F. W. Deforest and other popular writers are contributors, and with the editoral department the "Atlantic" for January is made very interesting indeed.

HALL OF THE WILLAMETTE ENCAMPMENT, No. 2, I. O. O. F.—The following Patriarchs was duly installed in their respective offices for the ensuing term by P. C. P., A. L Stinson. Thos. C. Duffey, C. P.; C. N. Terry, H. P.; Jas. Shepard, S. W.; B. F. Drake, Scribe; J. A. Wilson, Treasurer; C. M. Cartwright, J. W.; F. G. Schwatke, I. S; Geo. H. Chance, G. S.; I. R. Moores 1st W.; J. N. Matheny, 2nd W.; W. L. Wade, 3rd W.; T. M. Gatch, 4th W.; J. W. Smith, G. of T.; A. L. Stinson, G. of T. Finance Committee—C. N. Terry, T. M. Gatch, G. W. Chance.

The great lakes cover over 130,000 square miles.

Circuit Court.

The following were the proceedings of the Circuit Court, yesterday, R. P. Boise, Judge.

In the matter of the petition of John F. Miller, for a writ of mandancy to the Board of Commissioners of the State of Oregon, for the sale of School and University lands, &c. Application refused.

James Anderson, Piff. vs. T. J. Baxter, Deft. Motion to file amended Complaint not granted.

Chas. Adams and J. S. Bridges, Piffs., vs. O. C. Swain, Deft. Judgment for Piffs.

Pioneer Oil Co., Piff., vs. J. N. Matheny, Deft. Submitted on motion to strike out part of answer, and on demurrer. Both over-ruled.

D. McAlpin, Piff., vs. T. J. Baxter, Deft. Confession of Judgment by Dft. and accepted by Piff.

State of Oregon, vs. John B. Cyr. For keeping open house and for sale of spiritual liquors on Sunday—two indictments. Plead guilty and fined $10 in each.

State of Oregon, vs. John B. Cyr. Selling liquor without license. Plead guilty and fined $50 and costs.

FROM YAQUINA.—A friend writing from Yaquina Bay informs us that times are good over there. The schooner, of which we have occasionally heard as in prospect of building, is to receive her rigging and sails soon. The prospect is that another schooner Will be built as soon as this one is out of the way. The steamer Elk has arrived from Umpqua, and after receiving repairs will run on the waters of the Bay. It is reported that some Portland gentlemen will build a fine steamer on the Bay the coming season. Oystermen are busy digging oysters and transplanting them to beds for more excellent cultivation. The new saw mill of Simpson & Co. is running steadily, and making large amounts of lumber. That concern has also received a fine stock of goods and are doing a lively trade.

THURSDAY.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

London, Jan. 15.—The *Observer* says no information was received last night relative to the departure of Favre from Paris. The Government of Bordeaux are anxious that Favre should attend the conference, but not knowing his wishes, do not feel at liberty to appoint a representative. Considering the importance of a settlement of the Eastern question, another adjournment is impossible.

Faidherbe is daily reinforced and advancing. He encamped on Sunday at Albert, supported on the right by Paulso and Deveay, and on the left by Favre's division. Rabin remains at Bavarre.

A great billiard match came off last evening, at St. James Hall, between Bennets, the present champion, and Cook, Jr., former champion. The latter, starting with a lead of 350 against 218 by his opponent, made a break of 752, including 219 spot strokes, and won the match.

The great sculling match over the Tyne championship course, for £200 a side, between Renforth and Kelley, came off to-day. Betting was 7 to 4 on Renforth, Kelley led throughout the race, and easily won by several lengths.

Brest, Jan. 15.—The steamship Lafayette, from New York has arrived.

Queenstown, Jan. 19.—The steamer Colorado, from New York for Liverpool, touched here to-day. The steamer Lemon, from New York, has arrived.

Eastern News.

Washington, Jan. 16.—J. T. Long, member elect from the Fourth District of Georgia, appeared and took the oath of office.

Fitch moved to suspend the rules and refuse to place on the Speaker's table the Senate bill of last session, relating to a Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad. Lost.

Banks moved to suspend the rules and pass the concurrent resolution rescinding the resolution passed on Monday, which was referred to a special commitee, on the subject of Ocean telegraph cable legislation. He went on to say that the subject involved in appropriations amounts to $20,000,000 or $25,000,000. One enterprise alone called for a subsidy of $10,000,000, and four others would follow in the same wake.

Starkweather, who offered the resolution last Monday, opposed its being received, and advocated the propriety of having the subject referred to a select committee.

Wood said he was informed that the gentleman from Massachusetts (Butler) was really the author of the resolution offered on Monday by Starkweather.

Washington, Jan. 16.—In the Senate, the Vice President presented a communication that the Supervising Architect of the Capitol extension be directed to assign a place for the statue of Lincoln, executed by Miss Vinnie Ream. Referred.

Conkling introduced a bill to aid in the construction of twenty or more first class iron steamships, together with ship yards, machine shops, rolling mills, wharves, &c., and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, naval, and other purposes. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, the Senate resumed consideration of the House bill to relieve political disabilities of the citizens in Virginia.

Harlan moved to include amongst the exceptions, Judges of the United States Courts, who joined the rebellion.

Lee, Lewis and Warren appealed to Trumbull to withdraw his amendment which he declined.

Referring to the suggestion of Stewart, Trumbull intimated his willingness to withdraw the proposition if the Senate would agree not to pass any more repeal bills on the subject until definite action was taken on the general bill.

Saveral Senetors objected.

Sherman demanded the regular order, which was the bill calling certain jurisdiction to the State of Ohio.

The bill was then taken up and debated by Sherman and Thurman.

This bill gives the State of Ohio jurisdiction and title over the property purchased by the Usited States for national asylums for disabled soldiers.

California.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—The election of Mercantile Library officers resulted in favor of the entire regular ticket by small majorities generally. R. H. Lloyd, on the opposite ticket, came within a few votes of being elected, leading all his associates largely.

Agreements for the match between Deery and Dillon Saturday evening, was finally signed by Dillon last night, the money put up, and preparations are now being made for the match.

A Boston chemist says that burnt sole leather enters largely into the composition of the ginger put up in packages.

There are a dozen or more men in New York who make a good living by writing advertisements for business men.

Sumner and the President.

The character of Sumner forms one of the remarkable phenomena of the age. He possesses great learning, great talents and has taken a leading part in American history ever since the contest against slavery commenced, and we must accord him the honor of having been one of the foremost champions of of liberty, and one of its most powerful advocaters. He is however, on of those men whose assumptions are even more than equal to their deserts, whose self appreciation amounts to overpowering conceit, manifested by conduct both arrogant and supercilious, whose ideas of right are fanatical, and whose performance of duty has ever a realization of his own importance as its incentive. He is such a man as is frequently and naturally born of revolutionary epochs, even more a fanatic than a reformer, and more wedded to preconceived notions than to the principles they seem to represent.

Being a man of wealth, Sumner has been, in a measure, independent of base considerations, and we have no reason to believe that he has ever, in any respect, compromised himself by yielding to merely personal and selfish interests.

It is remarkable that while Sumner has possessed great and actual influence, and while he has been considered the Republican leader in the Senate, he has never been successful in his measures, or been permitted to perfect those ideas he has introduced. Great in ability to inflame the public mind, like almost every agitator, he has been found impracticable in detail and deficient in judgment. The history of the last ten years legislation in Congress, shows that he has even failed to secure the passage of acts proposed by him, and has been in a continual contest with more moderate men and more real statesmen, who have successfully remoulded his measures and adopted them to use.

It is not easy to perceive how Sumner could have acquired the reputation he possesses in calmer times, and in a less eventful and startling epoch. His development and fame have been a part of the great drama, which we may hope was finished, and on which the curtain fell, with the ending of the memorial decade which was commenced in 1860. As a man of the times he may have been indispensible, but there has always been much in his character to criticise; much in his public career to deprecate, and it is full time that he was estimated at his true value, that his egotism and assumption were less arrogant, and that his personal vindicativeness should cease to be manifested when his personal preferences fail to be secured.

President Grant has drawn down upon his devoted head a full measure of the personal wrath and vituperation of the Massachusetts Senator. It seems that the executive has not consulted all the whims of Sumner, and has, in some respects, gone counter to his wishes. He removed Ashley from being Governor of Montana, because Ashley was proved to be in many respects unworthy, but Sumner claimed Ashley as his friend and resents his removal, probably considering that his friendship, like charity should cover a multitude of his sins. The President and his Cabinet had a policy developed with regard to the English mission and the Alabama claims. Minister Motley received written instructions, full and free verbal communication with regard to all those matters, but reached England and entered upon the work of his mission in utter disregard of these instructions, and his acts were found to be entirely different from the policy laid down and received by him from the administration. His removal followed, of course, and the anger and opposition of Sumner followed it also as a matter of course, because Motley was the friend of Sumner, who urged his appointment, and now resents his removal as a personal indignity.

Grant is a man of positive and reliable forces of character. With him to conceive and adopt a policy deliberately, is a permanent investment. He regards the official found wanting in ability, integrity and good judgment, as merely a candidate for removal, and he shows great independence in acting on his convictions.

Grant has conceived the idea that it is necessary for this nation to possess a foothold in the West Indies. The Island of San Domingo, with Samana Bay as the special point of attraction as a rendezvous and recruiting station for our fleet, seems to him possible of acquisition and the most available point for our uses when acquired. So we hear, at present, a great deal of the San Domingo treaty, and we learn that after promising the administration his support in this very matter. Charles Sumner has become its most bitter opponent, and in the debate in Congress, on the San Domingo question, Sumner is seen denouncing the treaty, denouncing the President, and assailing his character and motives in the most violent language, all his vituperation being traced back to the acts of the Executive, removing his friends Ashley and Motley.

It is feared that the feud cannot be reconciled, which is rather to be hoped, for Sumner's bitter opposition is sure to weaken all other opposition, and it is seldom that he becomes rancorous without good resulting therefrom. We have felt no particular interest in San Domingo, but since Sumner has taken such positive ground against it we begin to have faith in Grant's ideas and to believe in the necessity of acquiring it.

The commissioner of agriculture estimates this year's cotton crop at 3,800,000 bales, or 82 per cent. of the crop of 1869. The yield per acre ranges from 250 pounds in Louisiana to 165 in Florida and Alabama—the average being about 170. Louisiana and Texas report an increase of 30 per cent. in sugar cane over last year, though so much cane is used in extending acreage that the product of sugar and molasses does not represent the real increase in cane growing.

A Michigander in Detroit told his boy, ten years old, to hold the lines while he went for a glass of beer. The boy waited about three hours, then drove to a hotel and dinner, remarking: "The old man's on one of those drunks of his."

There are 294 loaves made from a barrel of flour, which, at ten cents a loaf would yield $29.40 a barrel.

State News.

Douglas County.

From the *Plaindealer:* The report circulated last week about a case of smallpox at Oakland turned out to be a humbug.

The schooner Stranger sailed from San Francisco, about the 1st inst., for the Umpqua river.

During the past week two families of Gipseys have been camped in the edge of town.

On last Tuesday night, a little before 8 o'clock, our town was startled by the burning of the brewery of Mehl & Rhast on Deer Creek. The cooper shop on the south of the malt kiln, and which contained 1,200 bushels of barley, burnt with great rapidity, and soon communicated with the saloon at the extreme south end. Both buildings were soon consumed, as well as the contents of their large cellar. The total loss will be somewhat over $3,000, and no insurance.

On Wednesday last as the southern stage was coming down the north side of Robert's hill, a bridge broke, letting one of the horses through. The driver, Mr. Clarke, succeeded in pulling the horse from under the bridge without serious injury, and it was chiefly owing to his presence of mind that a serious accident did not occur.

Portland.

From the *Herald:* The lots are nearly all surveyed in Kalama, and will in a short time be placed in the market for sale.

The river is rapidly falling. Heavily laden ships cannot enter or depart without unloading part of their cargo.

A woman in trying to extinguish the lamp in front of the Orifiamme Saloon, on Front street, on Monday evening, fell from the stool on which she was standing to the sidewalk, and was injured so severely that she is confined to her bed.

A band of 208 head of cattle were taken up on the Oneonta this morning.

From the *Oregonian:* We had hoped that we had heard the last of smallpox in this city; but it seems that matters have been managed just exactly right to keep the disease going. A daughter of Mr. John Bowman, living near the corner of Second and Harrison streets, now has it in one of its worst forms, and her physician has fears that she cannot recover.

Dredging in the Columbia for the body G. W. Ford, was continued till Monday night without success.

The construction of the N. P. R. R. Co.'s wharf at Kalama will require 150,000 feet of piles, and upwards of 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

From the *Bulletin:* On Sunday, the barks Lyra and Almatia crossed the Columbia river Bar, the former for Liverpool, England, and the latter for San Francisco. On Monday, the Montgomery Castle also crossed the bar for Liverpool.

In the operation of excavating for the new plank roadway on First street, the workmen discovered several lengths of old log pipe, put down ten years ago by Mr. Robert Pentland, the proprietor of the Portland City Water Works.

City and County Items.

Sarah McCord will find a small package of some value, if she enquires for it at the store of Uzzfrage & Wright.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the Bride's father, on the 18th, by the Rev. Mr. Bowland, Mr. Geo. Noble to Miss M. M. Grey.

A BAKER'S DOZEN.—There has been some difficulty in the family circle of Mr. Flowers—colored—not long since the result of which was the imprisonment of one of the participants and the separation of man and wife. They have tried solitude for a short time but cannot be contented, so they have now for the thirteenth time joined hands to journey on together.

The play of "Nick of the Woods" last evening at Reeds Opera House was well attended, although the weather was not favorable by any means for the theater goers to attend. The Salem Dramatic Troupe performed their parts much better than was expected by the managers and audience. The same piece will be given on next Saturday evening with the laughable farce of "Nubbs will turn him out," by the entire Company.

AT THE PENITENTIARY.—The excavation for the basement of the new Penitentiary is almost finished. The rock for the foundation is already on the ground and the stockade fence around the new site is also completed. At the present time the men are busily employed making sash and doors, assisted by steam power, purchased of ex-Senator Nesmith, and machinery attached to it. Early in the season the work of laying the foundations will be commenced.

SINGING SCHOOLS.—This is just the season for the enjoyment of these popular arrangements and the one opened by Prof. Prentice is attracting a great number of our young folks; more than at any other season. Our city is maintaining its well-earned reputation as a place where music is appreciated, and where it is highly cultivated. The genuine Singing School is the place to popularize it, and make it efficient and useful. As a social civilizer, the Singing School ranks high. So everybody must remember that on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Prof. Prentice has an advanced class at Gill's Hall, State street.

SWAMP LANDS IN DEMAND.—Our friends who have invested largely (in prospect) in location of Swamp Lands are already becoming annoyed by the responsibilities of the position they occupy in the minds of many, who imagine they are already proprietors of the small principalities they have laid claim to. Our friend Earheart, for instance, has already received applications relative to the purchase or rent of his volaminous estates over towards the coast. One importunate individual desired to secure a lease of a small lot of about 1200 acres for cultivation as a cranberry marsh, but he had not concluded to parcel his eminent domain out in such small lots. A person who went coastwards to look out some overflowed land for location at Tillamook has come back here with a complaint that Salem men have "swamped" all of Tillamook and laid claim to it. We are exceedingly afraid that if this spell of weather continues much longer, Marion county will undergo the same fate. Salem, just after a big shower would make a good thing for some speculator.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The following are the proceedings of the Circuit Court yesterday, January 18th, R. P. Boise, Judge:

Robert Robinson vs. John G. Wright; submitted on demurrer; demurrer overruled.

State of Oregon vs. John Brady; indictment for murder; arraigned and plead not guilty, the cause was continued till March term.

David McAlpin vs. H. S. Jory; jury trial; judgment for plaintiff for $299.

Pioneer Oil Co. vs. J. N. Matheny; day consumed in argument; not submitted.

BLIND STAGGERS.—A gentleman who has noticed the death of horses by blind staggers reported in this paper, informs us that he has what he considers a sure cure for that disease, to-wit: one pint of salt, one teacupful of black pepper, ground, a half pint of oak ashes, to be mixed and given dry. He has used this for several years past and has saved a number of animals given up by others, the last occasion being only a few days since. This preparation is his own prescription, invented in case of emergency and proved to be effective.

ASSAULT WITH A MALLET.—Policeman Joe. Baker was yesterday sent for to one of the mills in town to quiet the nerves of an excited woman, who, for some reason or other, was indulging in more conduct than was agreeable to the proprietors. We do not know what led to the unpleasant scene, and should not mention it only the lady, regardless of the law, immediately waged war on its representative, and flew at Policeman Baker with a mallet, pounding him a little before her spirit was tranquilized. However, he escaped to tell the tale, and the last dispatches report "all quiet on the Potomac." There are some people who greatly admire a "black eye," such will be apt to fall in love with our friend Joe. Baker, who carries that badge of beauty as a memento of his last raid.

WEATHER ITEMS.—Our local column must languish and prove uninteresting so long as this miserable spell of weather continues. It would require a meta-physician's whole attention to keep the run of it, and the probability is that he would be reduced himself to a mere abstraction within a week if he chronicled the mists and fogs, and frosts, the sleet, the hail, the rain, the risings and fallings of the river, and the coatings of Mount Hood, whose cavernous sides have been closed of late by huge drifts of snow, a thing scarce known in the history of ten winters. Even the crater, on the south-west, below the summit, where the rocks are always heated by the sulphurous exhalations of the seething depths, is snowed under at last, which convinces us that the weather has diabolical characteristics not to be coerced by local items. Then, too, we are considerably under the weather personally, and a decided change in the weather is needed to enable us to weather that "premium bad cold."

FRIDAY.

General Amnesty.

It is certainly time that the last marks of the late unnatural civil war should be effaced, and desirable that its bitterness should be forgotten, and that a general amnesty should be proclaimed as a proof that the nation is able to forgive the treason it has magnanimously declined to punish. It is evident that this feeling pervades the Republican majority in Congress, and that an act of amnesty would readily be passed by both Houses, and as readily signed by the President, if it were not for the conduct of Southren agitators, and ex-rebels (as much rebels now as ever) who, taking heart from the professions and partial successes of Northern Democracy, treat the clemency of the Government with insult, outrage and contempt. The very Southern leaders who instigated the rebellion are determined to carry out their plans, now that the rebellion has been crushed, and amnesty cannot be proclaimed because these men constantly instigate and perpetuate acts of hostility and violence, that make its passage inadmissible.

We have in the South to-day, a continued picture of defiance of the Government and of its acts; disregard of legislation; a refusal to accept the constitutional amendments as binding, and in Georgia, some of the most obnoxious of the late rebels lead the popular sentiment, and direct the political course of that State in direct hostility to the work of peace and reconstruction. In North Carolina confederate malice has attempted the impeachment of Governor Holden, merely because he was a faithful officer, and recognized the acts of the General Government as legal, and suppressed insurrection by the use of military power; and the same rebel spirit has been manifested in the election of Gov. Vance, one of the foremost rebels in the late Confederacy, as a Representative of North Carolina, in the Senate of the United States.

Southern Unionists therefore protest against a general amnesty as dangerous to the South, and the desire of the Republicans to accord it is in consequence thwarted. It is interesting to note that the Ku-Klux spirit of the present time is fostered and encouraged by the same elements that nourished and gave force to the Rebellion of 1860. The South of itself, recognized the power of the nation, would have hesitated to initiate rebellion then, only for a belief that the Democratic masses of the North would refuse to second any attack upon them. They believed then that they could declare their independence, maintain it awhile, and afterwards form a new copartnership in which the South should be the senior partner, and Southern principles the bond of compact. They cherish the same feeling now, and they refuse to do acts that would make amnesty possible, maintain a practical rebellion against the Government, and disregard the laws of Congress, simply confident that in time Democracy will triumph by the aid of Southern votes, and owing its success to that cause will recognize the Confederate element as the source of its power, and reward it accordingly. As it is, the mission of Democracy seems to be to act as the ally of the Ku-Klux South, and if it has any other it has failed to show it.

Hungry for a Judgeship.

B. F. Bonham, it seems, will not take no for an answer, and is anxious to set aside the people's negative of his pretension to be the Judge for the Third Judicial District by an appeal to the Courts. There are some men so modest as not to be willing to urge their claims when the decision hesitates in their favor, and there are others too anxious for office to be able to distinguish "no" when it is shouted in their ears. With such men majorities go for nothing and they would snatch the Judicial ermine to deck an uncomfortable ambition rather than see it remain with those who have kept it spotless for many years. If there is an office which political dust should not sully it is certainly the responsible one of Judge. It is hardly possible to believe that Mr. Bonham imagines that he was fairly elected last spring, and he must also be aware that to try it over to day Judge Boise would leave him far behind. The only conclusion we can arrive at is that Bonham is very hungry for a Judgeship.

City and County Items.

The Sociable at Mr. S. E. May's residence was very well attended and everybody enjoyed themselves splendidly.

The Young Men's Christian Association will meet at the Baptist Church this evening. A full attendance is solicited.

Just as we are going to press, the lady which we mentioned as engaged in a difficulty at the mill, was arrested and lodged in jail, but for what reasons we were unable to learn.

The lady who was alluded to yesterday as assaulting a policeman, desires us to inform the public that she was only acting in self-defense at that time, which fact we certainly did not mention, but do so willingly at her request.

There will be a ball given, by Tiger Engine Co., No. 2, at the Opera House on the evening of February 22d. A general invitation is extended to all, the greatest of pains will be taken to make it a pleasant affair.

THIS EVENING.—The lecture of Prof. Rogers this evening in the University Chapel, commences at 7 o'clock. His theme, "The Power of Culture," is one that will interest both young and old. A cordial invitation is given to all.

WIRES DOWN.—The telegraph has been laid down by the storm raging along the line through California and Oregon, and we may expect an accumulation of important news against it recovers from the storm and becomes again a news medium.

We were shown by Mr. F. M. Riggs a pair of huge elk horns, yesterday, that rather astonished us. The animal was killed near the Molalla River a short time since by him. The horns measured four feet from the head to the end; one had nine points and the other six.

Dr. Carpenter lectures this afternoon at the Institute, commencing at one o'clock P. M., being the first of a series of lectures to be given there on Friday afternoon of each week by the members of the Medical Faculty, as announced elsewhere. The public are invited to attend.

CIRCUIT COURT—Jan. 19.—T. J. Baxter vs. D. McAlpin. This cause was submitted to the Court, and judgment rendered for Plaintiff $373,33 and costs and disbursements.

Robinson vs. Wright. This is an action for false imprisonment, and occupied most of the day yesterday and will be continued to-day.

Bonham vs. Boise. This cause was commenced yesterday, contesting the seat on the Bench of this Third Judicial District, will probably result in change of venue. The papers were served yesterday.

PUBLIC SQUARE.—If the weather permits, Mr. J. E. Strong will be able this week to complete his work on the public plaza, or Wilson's Avenue, laying the same off in preparation for tree planting and other improvements. This work is being done by order of the old Council; we don't know if the present one intend to continue the improvements, or if the public grounds are to remain a barren waste for another term of years. The judicious expenditure of five hundred dollars per annum on Wilson's Avenue would, in a few years, cause it to be a favorite rendzvous for all the citizens of Salem, and add immensely to the beauty of our city.

DEATH OF MRS. SELLWOOD.—Many of the old residents of Salem will be pained to hear of the death of Mrs. Sellwood, wife of Rev. J. W. R. Sellwood, who was for a number of years the pastor of the Episcopal Church here. She was a lady of the kindest heart, made manifest in acts when the hand of affliction fell upon others, and we who knew her will be certain to retain a pleasant memory of the disinterested labors for others. She died at the family residence near Milwaukie, on Wednesday last.

The "Chicago Magazine" for January contains a song of the New Year, set to music by F. W. Root, has the usual elegant fashion plates, and some very elegant choice stories. We have noticed that this magazine has a liking for choice literature. Several beautiful engravings illustrate the present number, one being a fairy scene accompanying the poem "Fairy Mavanders." Altogether the "Chicago Magazine must be a very attractive journal for the ladies of the West.

SALE OF STATE LANDS.—Mr. T. H Cann, Agent of the State Land Commissioners, informs us that his office is becoming overburdened with work. Many are improving the present dull times to come and enter lands, as well as to perfect the title and secure deeds for lands heretofore entered. There is quite a rush to secure lands by entry at the present time, one interesting feature being the fact that the location by the N. P. R. R. Co. of the town of Kalama has caused a great demand for lands on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, opposite and near that point.

THE RIVER.—The Willamette is up and considerably excited by the continuance of the storm. The steamers were afraid to venture towards the head of the Willamette a few days since, but if this weather lasts long enough they will be able to run clear through to California and not half try.

HARVESTER.—Mr. J. H. Robbins, of Bethel, has perfected his intended harvester, for which he is about to ask a patent, so that ripened grain will be threshed standing in the field and by attachment of a fanning mill, geared from a wagon by its side the grain will be immediately sacked and prepared for market. We have faith that this invention can be made available and shall watch with interest the success of its operation in the field next season.

OLD AND NEW.—This magazine for January is at hand, containing the continuation of a story by Mrs. Stowe, the Hidden Hemisphere, Evelyn, Sorronto Days, Looking Across the War Gulf, Because, Abdallah's Conversion, In Search of Lingula, Love's Rich and Poor, The Man in War, January, Before Christmas, and other excellent pieces, making it the largest of the monthlies, and certainly equal to any in subject. One dollar sent to "Geo. A. Coolidge, Business Agent of Old and New," Boston, Mass., will secure this excellent magazine for four months as a trial subscription.

LAND CASES ON TRIAL.—For several days past the Board of State Land Commissioners, consisting of Gov. Grover, Secretary Chadwick and State Treasurer Fleischner, have been in session, hearing testimony and argument as to conflicting claims of school lands in this county, under the State law of 1868, as to priority of occupancy and settlement. The following contests have been heard but are not yet decided: Kages vs. Grimes, Page vs. Grimes and Page vs. Sullivan. The Board is commencing in earnest to hear and dispose of conflicting titles to State and school lands of which there seem to be quite a number now on hand. The Senate Chamber is to be fitted up for the future trial of such causes.

LECTURES AT THE INSTITUTE.—The present term of the Willamette University has commenced with a full attendance of pupils, numbering in the Literary Department not less than one hundred and eighty. The efforts of the Faculty to provide instruction in all branches needed by the progressive spirit of the age meets with a generous support from the friends and patrons of the institution. On Friday afternoon of each week in addition to the usual college exercises, arrangements have been made by which addresses on some suitable subjects will be delivered by the different Professors of the Medical Department, which the public are respectfully invited to attend: Jan. 20th, Prof. H. Carpenter, what to do until the Doctor comes; Jan. 27th, Prof. E. R. Fiske, what to do when Doctors disagree; Feb. 3d, Prof. Chase, domestic antidotes for poisons; Feb. 10th, Prof. Simpson, choice of a profession. Feb. 17th, Prof. Rogers, Chemistry of the Human Body; Feb. 24th, Prof. Boswell, duties of a physician to the public; March 3d, Prof. Payton, Hygiene; March 10th, Prof. Carpenter, duties of the sick room; March 17th, Prof. Fiske, peculiar tendencies of Oregon climate; March 24th, Prof. Chase, duties of the public to the physician; March 31, Prof. Simpson, Oregon in 1840; April 7, Prof. Rogers, how to do without a physician. Lectures commence at 1 o'clock, p. m.

State News.

Portland.

From the *Herald:* The Josie McNear is being thoroughly overhauled at the Boneyard dock. She will be furnished with new boilers, and made ready for a neat passenger boat.

We noticed, yesterday, on Morris street, just west of First, that an umbrella manufactory has been established here. This is the first of the kind ever started in Oregon.

The new ferry wharf is partly planked for a distance of sixty feet. This Comprises such a portion as need be used at present.

A horse belonging to Capt. Dierdorff, ran off from the wharf of the O. S. N. Co., on Tuesday evening, and has not yet been recovered.

Chris. Wagner, the man mentioned in yesterday's issue as being missing since Saturday, has not yet been found, though the police have searched the quarter where he was last seen on Sunday morning.

The steamer Dixie Thompson made faster time than any steamer ever made on the river.

From the *Bulletin*: a Boating club has been formed in this city, and the pioneer boat in the Club is now being fitted for service. The leaders in the organization are Messes. John J. Holland, D. C.