Oregon Weekly Statesman.

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SATURDAY.

The Farce Ended.

We have never yet heard of the sane person who expressed the opinion that Watkinds would receive any punishment for his cowardly and murderous attack on the editor of this paper, and Mr. Clarke shared the general expectation. The result disappoints no one, for the cowardly assassin—kept for the uses of the Salem Ring, and who did its bidding on the 14th of June, as he has done it before—goes unwhipped of justice, and not only so but is entitled to promotion at the hands of his distinguished patrons.

From the hour when Watkinds did his best to kill Mr. Clarke all the agents and influences of the Ring have been engaged manipulating the case and spending money where it could be used to advantage. The first day they sent for the Prosecuting Attorney, a young man not over blessed with mind, who lives in Polk county; and Governor Grover and John F. Miller were closeted with him three hours. The Grand Jury obeyed instructions, as Judge Thayer kindly informed us, and brought an indictment simply for "assault with a dangerous weapon," when the evidence was positive and conclusive that having attacked Mr. Clarke from ambush and been successfully resisted, he drew a revolver and after resistence had ceased fired four balls at him, one of which struck him in the back causing injury to the spine that results in paralysis, which exists at the present time. It is only due to the providential fact that the bullet was deadened by grazing the edge of a roll of oil cloth, that it did not instantly kill its victim. With these facts manifested, and the hole made by the bullet visible in Mr. Clarke's clothing, under the process of manipulation referred to, the Grand Jury could not find a bill for assault with intent to kill, though we have reason to believe that a majority of them wished to do so.

On this indictment Watkinds was yesterday arraigned, and with the same cowardly instinct that led him to try to be an assassin he plead "guilty" and was let off with a fine of $200; which is more than we expected as it is not the lowest sum named in the Statute. The Judge had the courtesy to have Mr. Clarke sent for and heard his account of the affray in the blandest and pleasantest manner. He owned that the Grand Jury had acted under his instructions, reviewed their account of the testimony, by which it was shown that when Watkinds, who weighs nearly 200 pounds, jumped on Clarke, who weighs, when in winter clothes, 123 pounds, he was immediately disarmed and thrown on the defensive, when he drew his pistol and began to shoot after the other struggle had entirely ceased. As near as we could make out by the Judge's story, Clarke and his pocket knife drove Watkinds and his rawhide and revolver out into the street, which is so satisfactory to us as a judicial decision of the matter that we beg to be excused for putting it on record. His Honor proceeded to sentence Watkinds with the utmost gentleness. He complimented him on having always been industrious, spent some minutes in lauding his regard for county finances, manifested by the plea of guilty, when otherwise the trial would have lasted for days and at the cost of hundreds of dollars for the county. This the Court dwelt upon as an extenuating circumstance, and used it as such to place his fine at the small figure of two hundred dollars. To soften the infliction, however, and give the unhappy convict as nearly that money's worth as possible, the Judge threw in some stern remarks about the scurrility of the press, the general tenor of which went to show that editors are more to blame than assassins.

So the farce ended, though the faces of many in the Court room showed indignation that could not be spoken. We have the rest of a lifetime after to-day to do justice to the subject, and we shall sedulously and fearlessly treat of it as it deserves.

The balance of this article we devote to the earlier stages of the game.

We assert here that this cowardly attack of Watkinds on Clarke was planned beforehand, and that he did the act under instructions. He told Ashel Bush afterwards that if it had not been for him he would not have done it, or words to that effect. We hear also that he has acknowledged that he was "a d—d fool to allow any one to influence him to do such a thing." We leave it for the Governor to explain how it happened that Watkinds went from his office to undertake the job, and why the private Secretary of the Executive walked with him from the office to the spot. We also know that an instrument of the ring, though by no means a dangerous one, was around predicting while Watkinds was waiting patiently his time, that Clarke was about to get his desserts, or words to that effect. It is also a singular coincidence that the ambush was placed in front of the bank windows, and a choice few, including Upton, of the *Mercury*, saw it from that convenient spot. These things we believe to be all as suggested, for the proof seems conclusive. We have some satisfaction in knowing that this infamy was defeated, even if there was no justice to be procured to punish it.

We submit this to the public as a statement of facts we believe to be true and reliable. Justice has been made a mockery. The assassin of the infamous Salem Ring pays a trifling fine for an attempt to murder, and they chuckle over their success, but it lays with the people to right this wrong in due season.

A Coal Pit on Fire for a Hundred Years.—One of the most curious phenomena in connection with coal mining is exhibited at the Bank Colliery, near Rotherham, the property of Earl Fitzwilliam. This pit caught fire one hundred years ago, and all the efforts of the workman at the time, and subsequently, have been quite ineffectual to extinguish it. A short time ago, it was discovered that the flames were approaching the bottom of the shaft, and it was then resolved, if possible, to stay their progress, so that they might not extend to other parts of the workings. At length the superintendent of the collieries, Mr. T. Cooper, conceived the idea of building a wall to shut in the fire, and in order to ascertain the best site for this wall, several of the officials crept on their hands and knees, through the dense, stifling smoke, as far as possible into the workings. Their efforts were successful, and a wall is now completed one thousand yards in length, and varying from nine inches to five feet in thickness. At distances varying from thirty to fifty yards, metal pipes have been inserted in this wall, which are securely plugged at the end, so that at any time, by removing the plugs, the state of the air on the side of the fire, and even the position of the fire itself, can be ascertained. So intense is the heat arising from this fire, that people possessing gardens above the colliery declare that the growth of plants is materially affected, and that they are enabled to obtain two and three crops every year.—*London News.*

An Ohio Democratic paper asks its party what is to be gained by voting for Radical principles under the name of the new-departure Democracy.

Circuit Court.

JUDGE—A. J. THAYER, PRESIDING.

SALEM, June 28, 1871.

Taylor et al vs. Tomlinson et al; argued on demurrer; demurrer overruled, to which ruling defendants, by their counsel, excepted.

State of Oragon vs. Joseph Moser; appeal from Justice's Court; judgment in Court below reversed and defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. Henry Saunderson; nolle entered; defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. Charles Parker; cause continued; warrants placed in hands of keeper of Penitentiary for service.

State of Oregon vs. Wm. Gird; jury trial; verdict not guilty; defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. John B. Cyr; jury trial; verdict not guilty; defendant discharged.

J. H. and I. R. Moores vs. Rideout; sale confirmed.

State of Oregon vs. Lucius Pitman; nolle entered; defendant discharged.

Durette vs. Lawrence; cause withdrawn at plaintiff's costs.

State of Oregon vs. Oliver Thibodoure; jury trial; verdict not guilty; defendant discharged and sureties released.

Sullens et al vs. Tomlinson et al; S. C. Simpson appointed referee to take testimony and report the same to this Court.

Smith vs. Lawrence; jury trial; jury failed to agree; cause continued by consent of counsel.

JUNE 29th.

Miller vs. Watkinds et al; argued on demurrer; demurrer overruled, to which ruling the plaintiff, by his counsel, excepts.

Capital Lumbering Company and B. Strang vs. Lucenda A. Reed and Cyrus A. Reed; demurrer withdrawn and judgment by default.

A. and P. Mathiott and J. W. Souther vs. Opera Building Company; same as above.

J. Cooke and Chas H. Smith vs. Opera Building Company; same as above.

Alfred Howk vs. Matilda Howk; divorce granted.

State of Oregon vs. Watkinds; arraigned and asked time to answer.

Grand Jury came into Court and presented four indictments, which are true bills.

State of Oregon vs. J. L. Parrish; argued on demurrer to indictment; demurrer sustained and defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. Robert Hill; cause dismissed and defendant discharged.

State of Oregon vs. Chas. Gaul; jury trial; verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment; sentence Monday, July 3d, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Grand Jury reported three indictments, which were not true bills.

JUNE 30th.

State of Oregon vs. W. H. Watkinds; plead guilty; fined $200 and costs.

Wright and Polly vs. Commercial Hotel Association; argued on demurrer; submitted.

Marvin vs. Marvin; J. J. Daly appointed referee instead of Simpson to take testimony.

State of Oregon vs. Gelert; nolle entered and defendant discharged aud sureties released.

Hill vs. Hill; divorce granted.

Abner Allen vs. A. and D. B. Matheny; motion filed and continued.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING uncalled for in Salem Postoffice July 1, 1871.

Amis, Mrs Lucy A	Anderson, Prof A J
Armstrong Abner E	Anderson, E H
Adams, S L	
Bissel, Geo P 2	Bill, John
Bridgeton, Wm	Barslew, Alphonse
Bennett, S F 3	Barres, Mrs Mary
Boyce, John	Bruce, Robert
Chambers, Wm	Chase, Miss Jennie E
Cartwright, Albert	Cary, Prof L
Clark, T M	Cornelius, O H P
Cox, John C	Cole, Mrs Lydia
Cox, Turney H	Cole, S D
Cornelius, Miss Carrie	
Darr, Mrs R D	Dickinson, Mrs Jose.
Darby, Wm H H	Davis, Mrs Sarah M
Doan, Volney D	Davis, Mrs Sarah M
Dorriss, Mr Geo	Deardorff, Rev Jas G
Everish, John	Edgar, Geo W
Ellis, Lot T 2	English, Leven
Evens Jeremiah	Fields Mrs Mary A
Frazer, J. M	Flanders, S S
Fountain, Calvia	Fosnot, Phillip 2
Gilmore, Sarah	Greenstreet, Miss L
Grace, Jas E	Gilbert, Sheldon W
Gilbert, S R	Gabey, Robert
Grizzle, J D	Goodridgo, Tillmond
Head, T S	Hyde, Julius F
Hall, Orilla 2	Hill, Mary
Hall, Elihu 2	Hagey, J M
Harrison, M W 2	Hall, Mrs Lizzie C
Held, Louris	Hill, John
Hall, Elizabeth 2	Hill, Rev Dr
Harkleroad, Samuel	Hughes, Charles
Haw, George	Howell, W E 2
Huffman, Miss Amy	Hoskins, Abbio
Jones, Miss Libby	Jackson, Miss Julian
Jones, Wm H	Johnson, Miss M E
Johnson, J C	Jones, Miss Sarah J
Johnson, Mrs M V	Jordon1, Mrs O
Kelsey, Ben	Kester, James J
Kelley, J K	Kuhn, W H
Kizer, Simon	
Lemm, Silas	Lake, A D 2
Mattoon, O A 2	Maxwell, Geo W
Marquis, W R	Mead, J L
Montgomery, Mary	Munden, Gilbert
Mulkey, Sarah H	Morris, Chas
McRoyal, Wm 2	McNeil, Mrs Sarah
McFall, Wm	McCubbins, Jas Sen
McCallister, Mr	McCord, Frank
McGrhon, William	
Ogle, Elvin T	
Pressburger, S	
Raymond, Dr S K	Rice, Frank
Robinson, James	Russell, J S
Rockinfield, C S	
Sparling, A	Savage, Elliot
Swentt, Jesse O	Stephens, Miss Martha
Shafer, John	Spinney, James W
Sherwin, Daniel C	Stephen, Frank
Stanley, Thos	Sawyer, Susana
Shirflock, Wm	Stephenson, E L
Steirs, H P	Sheaver, Geo
Sullins, W L	Schoppe, Chas F
Stowell, Geo W	Smith, Miss Ellen
Scott, Welmoth	
Tracy, James	Talwodgo, Frank
Thompson, Miss Sarah	
White, Chas	Wanless, Mrs Fannie 2
Willard, J W	Walker, Mrs Maggie
Watson, Mr D L	White, Mrs Maria
Ward, M H	Wahl, Jacob
Wiltes, Miss Phosie	Wanless, S W
Weaver, David	Wright, Lindon
William, M W	Whitney, Louisa
Woodward, Fred	Woodyard, E F 2
Wolf, J	
Young, Henry H	

T. B. RICKEY, P. M.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Paris, June 28.—M. Gabrial goes as Minister to Berlin.

The diplomatic representatives of France and the Emperor and Empress of Brazil are expected to-morrow.

Havre, June 28.—Gambetta has accepted the nomination for the Assembly for the Department of Lower Seine.

London, June 28.—Bonapartists are active in distributing pamphlets of coalition of principal electoral committees

Constantinople, June 28.—The Khedive has sent 100,000 florins to the orphans made in the French civil war.

Paris, June 28.—The loan has been covered by subscriptions and has closed.

Later—The loan has been subscribed several times over.

Bonapartist pamphlet are circulated praising Impeaial generosity to Catholic churches.

The Communists are still placarding their proclamations. One of their secret presses has been seized.

Florence, June 28.—The King started for Rome to-day.

London, June 28.—The Foreign Office has received a dispatch from Shanghai to-day announcing a victory of the Americans over the Coreans.

Madrid, June 28.—The King replies to Ministers' resignations that he could not recognize a Ministerial communication unless it originated in the Chambers, and requested Ministers to appear before the Cortes. Moret makes his explanation satisfactory, though the Ministry remains.

London, June 28.—Two hundred and forty deaths by small pox occur weekly in London.

It is reported that the Suez Canal is filling with sand, and that the Porte has recommended its purchase from the company, but the Khedive refuses.

The Crown Prince and Princess are expected in England this autumn.

The *Gazette* announces that ratifications of the Treaty of Washington were exchanged on the 17th, and says Commissioners will shortly be named to carry out stipulations, and asks all persons having claims against the United States to prefer them within six months from the first meeting of the Commissioners.

EASTERN NEWS.

Washington, June 28.—Gov. Cooke has nominated Lewis H. Douglas for member of Territorial Council in place of his father, Erederick, resigned.

Washington, June 28.—Gov. Woods of Utah Territory, arrived yesterday, and had an interview with a correspondent. He states that there are no grounds for charges against the United States Judges, McCane and Strickland of Utah, now on file in the Attorney General's office, but that they are made in the interests of women and certain parties engaged in mining operations who cannot use these Judges as they desire.

Gen. Pleasanton, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has also been subjected to an interview this morning in relation to the differences between himself and Boutwell. The latter has not seen the President, but feels confident that his own course in the matter is in accordance with established precedents. It will be formally considered by the President to-morrow.

Hon. Horace Capron, Commissioner of Agriculture, to-day tendered to the President his resignation, which takes effect on the first of August.

Washington, June 27.—The following wes received at the Navy Department this afternoon:

Corea, May 23.—To the Secretary of the Navy: The Coreans not apologizing for their treacherous attack on the 10th, we landed on Kang Dock and destroyed the lower fort and munitions. On the 11th we took another fort and then stormed and captured the stronghold. Five forts have been taken. The troops which defended them are reporthed as numbering 11,000. There was desperate hand to hand flighting in the citadel. The ordnonce destroyed was 481 pieces, several small brass pieces and very many small arms. Fifty flags were taken. We counted 243 dead Coreans around the citadel. We had three killed. Commandant McKee who was first inside the citadel, was killed with a bullet and spear; also, a marine, Dennis Hamilton, and landsman Seth Allen. Our wounded are all out of danger and doing well.

(Signed) JOHN RODGERS, Commodore.

CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, June 29.—The Convention met at 9 A. M. Rottenburg, of Sacramento, was elected Assistant Secretary. The names of Romualdo Pacheco and Thomas B. Shannon were then placed in nomination for Lieutenant Governor; Pacheco's nomination was made unanimous. Wm. Orr, John Yule, L. H. Burke and Drury Malone were placed in nomination for Secretary of State; Malone received the nomination. J. H. Southard and A. C. Niles were placed in nomination for short term of Supreme Judge, Niles receiving the nomination. A. L. Rhodes, of Santa Clara, received the nomination by acclamation for Supreme Judge for the long term. The nomination for Controller then proceeded with the following names presented: W. B. Lyon, James S. Green, Howard, of Santa Clara, and W. F. Bennett. Green's nomination was made unanimous.

San Francisco, June 29.—Notwithstanding the opinion of physicians, precedents, established rules of surgery and general expectation, Wiemer, who was shot through the bowels by Farren on Sunday last, persists in living, and is reported really better to-day.

The weather continues hot and dry.

The effort to create sympathy for Mrs. Fais by representing her in a critical condition, is being made. Officers who see her daily say her health is as good now as at any former time for years, and no visible change in her condition has taken place. She receives much more attention than ordinary criminals, and is as comfortably situated as it is possible for a prisoner to be.

The stock market continues panicky, and the onward tendency is unchecked.

Magazines.

Harper's for July has arrived fresh and interesting as usual. Its leading article is an illustrated description of the wonderful Mont Cenis Tunnel, through the Alps, which separate France and Italy. The description and illustrations of Anapolis Naval School will interest every one. Along the Florida Reef closes the series of those sketches; The Recovery of Jerusalem shows what discoveries are being made of the old city. The illustrated poem about the "old flag," is excellent. It is a good number, with plenty of interesting reading.

Scribner's is also received, its illustrated articles relate to Philadelphia, scenes in Japan and a Fourth of July story, entitled the "Gunpowder Plot." The usual variety of reading is increased by an article by Horace Bushnell on "Free Trade and Protection," being the argument of an old protectionist, in favor of free trade "when applicable," and endeavoring to show when both protection and free trade are applicable and can be used.

The *Overland Monthly* for July commences the fourth year of its successful publication. Under the management of Bret Harte it became exceedingly popular, his own writings attracting the most marked favor. While we miss his writitings from it we must still acknowledge that the Magazine maintains rank among the best, and as its success has been honorable to the Pacific Coast every citizen of the Pacific able to afford so cheap a luxury should help it to attain excellence by his patronage. The July number is good and as it commences a new year will be a good one to subscribe on.

Get Leather Bits.—Among the crulest things done to horses is putting hard frozen iron bits into their mouths. It is not only painful but a dangerous act. For every time living flesh touches a metal much below the freezing point, the latter extracts the heat from the former and freezes it. Thus a horse's mouth becomes frozen by the cold iron every time it is put into it, each time causing these freezings to go deeper and deeper, to end at last in extensive ulceration. With such a sore mouth the poor horse refuses to eat and pines away, which calls the horse doctor in. They call it bots, glanders, horse-ail, etc, and go to cramming down poisonous drugs in doses; and the next you know of the poor, abused creature, he is trotted off to be food for the crows. Many a valuable horse has been "mysteriously" lost in just that way. Thinking and humane people avoid this by first warming the bits, but this is much trouble, and sometimes impossible as in night work, like staging and physicians' work. Now all this trouble and loss are entirely avoided, as we have found on large trial, by getting the harnessmakers to get leather bits for winter use, so made that the metal substance cans not touch the flesh. They are durable, and cost only half a dollar. We would not exchange ours for a gold one, if it couldn't be replaced. Don't fail to try it.—*Rural World.*

The thermometer, at 1 o'clock yesterday, stood at 89°.

City and County Items.

Chuckling Over it.—One of the pet instruments of the Watkinds gang was chuckling over the success with which the programme had been carried out, and especially over the fact that Mr. Clarke fainted while in the Court room. This was a great satisfaction, it seems. Since the affray Mr. C. has become partially paralyzed from the injury to his spine, and his whole nervous and muscular system is prostrated, and that too, against repeated efforts on his part to keep about. Any effort of mind, like the act of giving testimony, brings on fainting spells, and these happen every day at home. He is under medical treatment, but went to the Court room when a carriage was sent, as the Court seemed to think his presence necessary to the eulogy he had concocted for Watkinds. Those who are chuckling over these facts are respectfully informed that Mr. Clarke intends to recover, and that speedily, and make it hot for them until their cowardly careers appropriately wind up in a hotter climate than the columns of the Statesman care to talk about.

The Masonic Temple.—The corner stone of the Masonic Temple, to be built at Portland, was laid Thursday, and the ceremony is said to have been one of the most imposing pageants ever witnessed in that city. The members of the Fraternity of that city turned out in force assisted by a large number of visitors from abroad. The list of articles deposited in the cavity, occupies nearly a column of the daily papers. The address of the occasion, was delivered by Past Grand Master, Elwood Evans, of Washington Territory. The speaker gave the early history of the Portland, and alluded with telling effect to the fact that the first Lodge in the State occupied the precise locality where the magnificent Temple was being built. The upper room, where they met in 1850, was partitioned off with an old sail, and was rudely furnished. Mr. Evans' speech is highly spoken of by those of the Salem delegates we have met. The occasion was one of the greatest interest, and the Masonic pageant of Thursday shows the great increase and prosperity of the Order since the early days.

State Horticultural Fair.—We learn from the Portland papers and from Dr. Belt, who was present, that the Horticultural Fair which opened the other evening at Armory Hall, was quite a success. The interior was covered with wreaths of native and tropical flowers. Hanging caskets depended gracefully from the ceiling, and rustic bowers were covered with vines. Three sides of the hall were covered with flowers, and the show of early fruits was good, especially of cherries and strawberries. Mrs. Nat Lane was the largest exhibitor of flowers, and her geraniums and fuschias were much admired. Other ladies made excellent shows of flowers and the Fair seems to have been a success and will no doubt be well mained in the future.

Our Fathers' House.—Some weeks ago we noticed the elegant volume with this title for which Miss Lewis was canvassing. She has laid a copy on our table and we have to record our admiration of the volume and its contents. It is likely that many more subscribers can be obtained with the volume in hand. Miss Lewis will come before our readers as Mrs. Lewis Shelby, having met her fate since here before.

Messrs. Murphy & Crossman are still holding forth at their old stand on State street, where they are to be seen at any hour of the day, politely waiting on their many customers.

Cox & Earhart have received a new supply of maple sugar, fresh from the East, and a large assorment of family groceries.

Water Works.—This establishment is progressing finely and will soon be in running order, when we will have an abundance of fresh water.

SUNDAY.

To L. F. Grover.

In the spring of 1870 you and your friends started a campaign paper here which in the depth of its infamy and the meanness of its lying malice must have equaled your expectations for it exceeded anything ever known in Oregon politics before. To conduct such an Organ you had to have a tool not only shameless enough to slander and defame but brute enough to glory in it and bully enough to defend it. Such a man you (we mean your ring) found in W. H Watkinds, and though you personally were weak enough to declare to us that you did not endorse this course and did not want to be held responsible for it, you gave the lie to your professions, you directly assumed and endorsed his acts, improving the first moments of official power to appoint him to one of the most important positions in the State. There was a record made that cannot be wiped out or forgotten, and you stand charged with indorsing the campaign *Press*, for you promoted with your official patronage, its manager, and so showed entire satisfaction at his course. The other day this man made a cowardly attack from ambush on the writer of this. He sprang on and beat him from behind, and being disappointed in driving him through the streets before a cowhide, he drew a revolver and attempted to shoot down his victim. He followed up this business by firing at him after he had entered a store for protection and so far as it was possible, he perpetrated a murder which only a merciful providence averted. It is true that you (meaning again the ring) had possession of the courts, and have successfully manipulated what the public, irrespective of party, looks upon as an atrocious crime, so that instead of filling his rightful place among the convicts, your agent and hired assassin Superintends the State prison he should in justice enter as a convict.

By your support and confidence in this man, manifested in maintaining him in office of trust and importance—it cannot be one of honor while he fills it—you again endorse him and make his acts your own.

We propose to do you justice and make no accusation or charge that is unwarranted. We never stooped to slander or misrepresent you and never will. We never hesitated to make every point against you as a public man that was possible and shall probably continue to do so; but we are hardly willing yet to believe that you hounded on this assassin and deliberately intended to make his acts your own.

There are but two courses open to you: Either this man did a good deed and deserves promotion, or else he has done a damning one and is unfit to hold the position he fills. Either promote him or dismiss him, there is no other course left for you. The consciences of Democrats are not so seared that they cannot see the farce made of justice in this thing, and we claim in his matter the sympathy of every honest man irrespective of party prejudicer, and we are pleased to receive frequent assurances that it is accorded to us.

Departed.—The Eugene *Guard* (Dem.) criticises one of the "villainy-accepters" of its party in this original style:

The editor of the Salem *Mercury* was attacked so suddenly and so violently with the nigger epidemic, known as the "new departure," that he hadn't time to turn around, but, donkey-like, backed clear into the mongrel party, till there is nothing visible of him but a pair of monstrous ears sticking out of the hole he backed out at.

Revelation.

The idea of an infinitely perfect Being, is naturally implanted in the mind of man. This idea would be without purpose or satisfaction, if it were impossible for man to know God. Every one has some thoughts of his own about God, or some way of reconciling himself to the Divine idea which he finds in his breast. But as water cannot rise above its level, so no man by his own powers can comprehend God. Our nature demands and our reason requires that God should make a revelation of Himself. He does indeed reveal His wisdom and power in Creation; and His goodness in Providence, but there are perplexities and apparent contradictions in these revelations. They do not supply us with confidence, which is our great need; they give no promise of eternal joy, which is our great desire. The revelation we need is not of the divine attributes but of the Divine Person. Just such a revelation we have the history of in the Bible. It was made in the person of Jesus Christ, in whom "God was manifest in the flesh." In Him, therefore, every man may draw nigh to God and find his own perfection. "We are complete in Him" So in fact it has been proved for centuries. Every one who has received Christ as God and diligently lived so as to please and honor Him, has found satisfaction. Those who have rejected Christ, have never found any other personal manifestation of God. They have tried many and various ways to account for their being and destiny in vain. They cannot agree upon any one thing or person, and in their weariness often deny the idea of God, professing to believe that, like the beasts about them, they are perfect, if they eat, drink, work and sleep till they die. Such a view of human life gives it no dignity; its course has no worthy satisfaction and its end is without hope. But the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, supplies us with means for building upon Him. It provides for our union with Him, who has power over all things, and who has conquered death. In seeking to please Him we have a powerful motive to kindness and patience when most afflicted and tempted. He is sufficient for life and death.

The incomparable claims of Christianity, have drawn the civilized world to acknowledge its Author; but it has not escaped the abuse to which every good thing on earth is exposed. It is greatly counterfeited and caricatured. Formality, hypocrisy and selfishness, work under the Christian name. We must take care not to judge of Christ, from the examples of all who call themselves Christians. The revelation of God is in Christ personally, whose life and precepts are recorded and preserved for our instruction and imitation. We accept this revelation because we are insufficient without it. We can trust other men no further than ourselves and we are not asked to love them more.

Whatever makes known the Kingdom and person of Jesus Christ is truly precious to man. The means by which we remember and serve Him, are the means of satisfaction and perfection To acknowledge Him openly as Lord and to serve Him faithfully at all times, is the way to obtain that peace which no earthly loss or reproach can destroy. He never forsakes His faithful servants, and when He appears again according to His sure promise, He will personally honor, before the assembled world, all those, however humble among men, who were not ashamed of His precepts and service when the world despised them.

Chas. R. Bonnell.

State News.

Willamette Valley.

The Corvallis *Gazette* informs us that the year of the Corvallis College closed last Thursday. The institution is deservedly popular and the commencement exercises were of a good order of talent.

The Monroe and Corvallis camp meeting was in successful operation, a number of persons having then professed religion.

Corvallis intends to celebrate the 4th and a large turnout is expected.

The Albany *Register* says Mr. Luther Elkins is successful in procuring subscriptions to the Santiam Ditch and Canal project.

A Methodist camp meeting is being held at Roberts' Bridge.

Henry Merrill nearly lost his right foot by being crushed between logs when his raft piled on a snag.

The *Register* says the late sowed grain needs rain or will be a failure, in many parts of Linn county. Other grain promises a reasonable crop. Orchards do not promise very full yields.

Jerry Driggs has gone prospecting in the Santiam mining region. He has done much of that during years past and still has abundant faith that rich mines exist there.

Mr. Thos. Smith, son of Capt. John Smith, of Warm Springs Reservation, has returned home after making a visit to the Eastern States.

Mr Knott, says the Eugene *Guard*, went through town on Monday on his way to Portland from Bohemia. They experienced great difficulty in getting their mill from the foot of the mountain to the mines, but have succeeded in putting it in and will soon be ready to commence operations. Ten inches of snow fell at the mines on last Friday.

Religious Intelligence.

The *Advocate* says: Rev. W. A. Tenny was duly installed pastor of the First Congregational Church at Astoria, June 18th.

The First M. E. Church in Port Townsend will be dedicated on the first Sabbath of July.

The Home Missionary Society of the Congregational Church of Oregon and Washington Territory invite any Congregationalists within these bounds who wish to connect themselves with the Church, or that meeting should be held in their neighborhoods, to communicate with said Committee, of which Rev. Dr. Atkinson is Chairman, and A. Hurgren, Secretary. Address them at Portland, Oregon.

The Congregational Association of Oregon met at Astoria, June 15th. There were present ten ministers and ten lay delegates. * * * On temperance it was voted that the traffic in intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, should not be recognized as legitmate, and that the liquor seller should be made responsible for the damage done by his trade. On education the public free school system was commended as equal to any private or sectarian plan. It was voted that the way for the Government to treat the Indian was to treat him like a man; give him the right in fee simple to a farm, if he would take it up and carry it on, as you would any other man. On Church Finances, free seats were recommended, and the bringing of free will offerings to the Lord's house on the Lord's day, as the Lord prospers, as a good way of raising money for religious purposes.

A correspondent of the *Ooregon Herald* takes that paper to task for its acceptance of the "new departure," to which it replies in an article about a yard long.

City and County Items.

A Singular and Sad Story.—We learn the following singular circumstances attending the journey from the East of Mrs. Waldo Smith, who has not yet arrived: A few days ago Mayor Smith received a telegram that she was unwell at Ogden, or some point on the C. P. Road, and hastened to meet her. The circumstances seem to be that she induced her parents to come to this coast, and they sold out some property and started with her, the surplus means needed for the journey being in the possession of Mrs. Smith, who had $750 sewed up in her clothing. Soon after they started, when near Syracuse, in New York State, a man introduced himself as having been well acquainted with Mr. Smith here in Salem. Another character appeared in the scene, and a regular confidence game was played, with, it is supposed, chloroform, as an assistant, and getting possession of the money on some pretense, the scoundrels ran off with it. She kept on homeward, however, taking second class passage to Ogden, where she seems to have been friendless and alone, with two aged persons to care for. Her mind become fearfully affected, but by wonderful good fortune Mr. Warner Breyman and E. M. Waite and their wives met her there and she came with them through to San Francisco where Mr. Smith met her, having been sent for. We may not have the incidents entirely correct, but the facts are so interesting to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, that we gratify the general sympathy by making them public.

Perhaps there are some of our readers who have not noticed the mention made in our columns, of the invitation extended to Multnomah Engine Company, No. 2, and accepted by them, to attend the celebration on the coming Fourth, and give those who have never seen a steam engine work, a chance to do so. It is an improvement on the old way, as will be seen in the evening, when they with the Salem Department will try the capacity of their several machines.

The following are a list of letters held for postage in Salem Postoffice—address as follows: Miss Ella Force, Woodbury P. O., C. W.; Miss Mira Belt, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Margret Patison, Upper Deschutes, Oregon; DeWitt Halse, San Francisco, Cal.; L. J. Rector, Brooklyn, Cal.; John Semeral, Nerby, Clackamas county, Oregon; Thos. Hunt, Georgetown, Cal.; Mouis Allen, Amity, Oregon. P. M.

New Store.—The Overland Store has got under way and presented a beautiful appearance in the way of ladies dress goods, shawls, jewelry, laces, etc.; they have anything and everything to suit the most stylish ladies' wardrobe, and what is more tempting than all else, is the very moderate prices asked for their excellent goods. Give them a call and satisfy yourself.

The following is the programme of the Missionary Concert at the Methodist Church to-day: Opening Address; Quartette—Our Song of Triumph; Angels' Voices—by four Misses; Duete—Not Alone; Dialogue—A tip-top Sabbath School Scholar; Quartette—Battling for the Lord; Precious Jewels—By five girls; Duete—We are Coming; Closing Address.

At the River.—The steamer Albany passed up yesterday morning at 5 o'clock with a very heavy load of freight. The Callope passed down about noon, but did not deign to notice our city, but passed quietly on. The Fannie Patton came down on her regular trip with fair load throughout.

The Delegates of the Salem Fire Department had their first meeting a few evenings since, when the following officers were elected to serve in their several capacities: J. N. Matheny, President; Seth R. Hammer, Secretary; Jerry Patterson, Treasurer.

We were furnished with an important item a few days since, concerning the sale of the Wilboit Soda Springs in Clackamas county, but it has been mislaid, so we are unable to give the purchasers name, suffice to say, he intends to make it a first-class summer resort, being about forty miles from this place.

Bouquets.—The young ladies that have been chosen to personate the different States in the Liberty Car, are requested to provide themselves with a small bouquet, to be carried while in the car in their hand, as it will greatly add to the appearance of the procession.

New Sidewalk.—The enterprising firm of Uzafovage & Wright have caused a new sidewalk to be laid in front of their place of business, which with its extended width and level surface is *par excellence*.

The Good Templars of Polk county will celebrate the Fourth at Lincoln. Prof. Rogers is to be one of the speakers. The Good Templars know how to celebrate, and we prophesy a good time at Lincoln.

Jas. J. Kester will find it to his advantage to call at the Wharfinger's office as soon as possible.

Rev. P. S. Knight arrived home on Friday evening, and will hold service at the Congregational Church this evening.

An Anecdote of Prof. Morse.—When the great inventor was in Washington, employing all his energies to obtain an appropriation from the Government to erect a line from Baltimore to Washington, he had his instruments at each end of the Capitol to demonstrate to the members of Congress the feasibility of the plan. He says: "I talked to them, explained the working of the instrument hour after hour. I gained many adherents; still incredulous, and many even scouted at the idea as preposterous, and pronounced my instrument as the toy of a cracked brained enthusiast. It was toward the close of the session, and there were still about two or three hundred bills yet to be passed before they came to mine. It was late at night, and finally I gave up in absolute despair, and left the Capitol building with a sad heart. I was bankrupt, having expended all that I had on my discovery. I walked down the Capitol steps with exactly fifty cents, all I had in the world, and a more disconsolate individual it would have been hard to find. After a wakeful night, I rose in the morning, to find my bill passed and a new era in the history of science commenced."

The Cleveland *Plaindealer* rises to explain that no Democratic paper in Ohio has eulogized Geo. W. McCook, their candidate for Governor, on account of his gallant war record, except through a mistake in his identy. He only served a few months, and that as quartermaster of a regiment in the first part of the war, guarding prisoners in Baltimore.

A Northern Democratic paper which spoke disrespectfully of "ex-President" Davis, of course excited the ire of the Mobile *Register*, and it screams back: "it will be rooting round the graves of Lee and Jackson next. Go it, ghoul, dog, hog, hyena!"

The Albany *Morning Express* says that the Democratic press of New York is pledged not to advocate in an open manner, the nomination of Governor Hoffman for the Presidency by the National Convention to be held next year.

Personal.—Among the passengers en route for this city per steamer Oriflamme are Senator Corbett and wife, and Galusha A. Grow, a distinguished Republican politician of Pennsylvania, and, some years ago, Speaker of the House of Representatives.—*Oregonian.*

Insane.—Mr. C. N. Terry came down from Salem Thursday evening having in charge an insane woman named Ruth M. Hunt, sent from Marion county to the Asylum in East Portland.—*Oregonian.*

Under the act of March 3, 1871, the old copper cents and nickle one-cent pieces are being redeemed as fast as they come in. They will not be reissued, but destroyed. The standard small coin in circulation hereafter will be the one and two-cent bronze pieces, and the three and five-cent nickel.

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