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What They Depend On.

Said the East Portland *Era* of last Saturday, "What the Democratic party must have to secure success at the next Presidential election is the united support of all the Southern States." At least that was the sentiment, and the truth of it we consider undeniable. That paper denounces in unstinted measure, the "New Departure," and argues in favor of the good old Democracy which can command Southern support. This means opposition to all that has been effected by the late war, revival of the Southern theory of State Rights; and repeal of the amendments to the Constitution and the reconstruction acts made in accordance with them. It means that the North having overcome rebellion by force of arms and lost hundreds of thousands of lives and thousands of millions of treasure in securing victory and perpetrating the Union, is to reconsider and recant its war history and deliberately surrender the government to the conquered rebel element.

This sort of Democracy is much preferable to that other which is willing to accept any position that promises success. The "New Departure" means no better, but is merely a bait thrown out in hopes that enough votes may be gained from Republican ranks to enable them to win a victory. Democratic success in any form means the reversal of the Constitutional amendments and endorsement of State Rights theory, and then, when the government is de-centralized to suit them, the work of secession may commence again and go on undisturbed, for it will be contrary to established Democratic precedent to keep the Union together by force of arms.

So many think it probable that when the South, having been indispensable to Democracy, helps that party to power, it will be satisfied to stay in the Union and rule and control it, but that will not be the case, for its rule can never be permanent.

The Democrats of the South were lately the rebels in arms. Aside from the rebel element Democracy has no power there. What these disappointed rebels now work for is political success to enable them to carry out their secesion designs. If the Democratic party secures success by their votes, upon a platform of State Rights, which is the leading feature of that party at the present time, then those States, having helped Democracy to sustain that principle and acquire power under it, will be certain to improve the first opportunity to revolutionize the government and declare themselves again independent.

This proposition is too plain to be denied, too evident not to be acknowledged by fair men. The success of the Union depends upon the success of the Republican party and to secure it we must work for principles and select good men to mantain and represent them. Democracy cannot succeed so long as the people are true to the principles they fought for in 1861.

About Defalcations.

The Democratic papers, and the *Herald* among the rest, are publishing, from the official report of the Secretary of the Treasury, a list of the "defalcations" of Federal office holders, which they claim amount in the aggregate to $20,000,000. The sums referred to are not defalcations, but are amounts assessed which have not been collected, extending back until the commencement of the present Internal Revenue system, about ten years ago. The facts are that during that time delinquent assessments foot up twenty millions of dollars, or otherwise, while the collections have amounted to $1,500,000,000, the amounts assessed, but which have not been collected, foot up twenty millions. That is to say, the collectors have paid into the Treasury nearly ninety-nine per cent. of the amount on the assessors returns. There is probably no State or Nation that comes nearer than that to collecting its taxes and we doubt if Marion county comes that near. The real amount of defalcations during that time do not amount to more than twenty cents on each one hundred dollars. That is to say, out of each one hundred dollars collected, the officials have been defaulters one dollar out of each five hundred.

The worst feature of this false statement is that the *Herald* and the rest of them know that these delinquent taxes are not defalcations on the part of revenue collectors, and have made their assertions for the purpose of misleading their readers by making false use of facts published in official returns. This is all done to cover up the wickedness of Tammany Hall, which they had best repent of and atone for instead of palliating.

An English clergyman has recently made himself a subject of ridicule by declaring that in Heaven there are twelve women to one man, while in Hell there are twelve men to one woman. This only illustrates the man's ideas of happiness and misery, and if twelve women would make a heaven for him, why has he not as good a right to imagine and assert that the "happy land" is made up of women and men in a proportion of twelve to one as have others with different ideas of bliss to build heavens of their sort? A few more such honest idiots as himself would do much to put down that absurd egotism of those whose speculations and imaginings of things they know not of are continually thrusting as facts before the world. The English divine has as good proof that Heaven consists of more women than men as has another asserter that angels have wings, etc.

Mrs. Hawkins, a Mormon wife, encouraged by Gentile influence to assert her rights, has brought suit against her husband for adultery. She is his first, and according to the laws of the United States his only legitimate wife, and is an unbeliever in polygamy. Hawkins has been held to bail in the sum of $5,000, and, in default of security will be sent to Camp Douglas. It is predicted that should the case result in the conviction and punishment of Hawkins, the example of his wife will be followed by many others, who are only waiting to see some chance of escape from the curse of polygamy.

Virginia papers say that the powder tanks found by the wreckers in the Confederation iron-clad Richmond, now lying in thirty or forty feet of water, are in good condition, and the powder as dry and ready for use as before the submersion, six years ago.

Editorial Correspondence.

PORTLAND, Sept. 20, 1871.

This city feels considerably elated over the fact that a locomotive is screaming through its streets, an earnest of the West Side railroad, which is fast being accomplished. Within a few weeks the track will be laid and the cars running from this to Hillsboro, or thereabouts, and the good people of Tualatin Plains will be the next door neighbors to the metropolis. The success of the East Side road, and the great increase of the freight and passenger business upon it, will give confidence to the West Side enterprise, and tend to cause capital to have faith that before long it will become a paying road. If Holladay pursues the policy, which we see confidently predicted in the papers, of maintaining a liberal policy towards the people, Oregon will rapidly develop, and so create a business for its railroads.

WHEAT AND VEGETABLES.

The late dispatches have caused the price of wheat to recede somewhat, and it is doubtful if it reaches $1,25 again in Salem this year. It will maintain a fair price, though, and all Oregon will be prosperous with the two millions of dollars and over to come in for its surplus breadstuffs. Now the sum of two millions of dollars will just about pay for the goods which are imported by two or three of the largest wholesale houses here, and the question is where does the money come from to pay for all the goods bought for this State by its merchants. In the single article of wheat we have a surplus, but we have no oats for sale, hay is already scarce and high, potatoes, cabbages and every thing else in the vegetable line are scarce, and we shall be steady importers of potatoes, onions, cabbage, and every thing else in the vegetable line from now to next summer. That is what's the matter with Oregon and will be for a whole year to come.

The dry season has ruined the gardens of our State and even the Columbia river bottoms were drowned out by the June high water, and the potatoes planted afterwards were killed by the frosts a couple of weeks since and are worthless. One man here, Daniel Lower tells me he is having 20,000 bushels brought up from California. He calculates to sell that many here, and supply the Willamette Valley. He had an order from Albany the other day which he could not fill. So some of our surplus receipts for wheat sales will have to go to buy our winter's stock of vegetables, and while we talk of California being burned up and threatened with famine we look to that state for a supply of vegetables for a state that is almost drowned with rains. Irrigation will insure good gardens, and eventually irrigated gardens will be found profitable in this moist land of Webfoot.

DR. ABORN.

Dr. Aborn is establishing himself permanently here in Portland, and is fitting up a large building on Third street, near Morrison, as an Infirmary for patients afflicted with eye, ear and throat diseases, etc. The great success he has already realized here in treating these diseases, has made him a favorable reputation. I saw here yesterday, a painter named Houghton, who formerly lived in Salem, whose eyelids were so granulated, with ulceration of the cornea, that he could do no work and could scarce see at all. Another young man named Coleman, who had come down from Yamhill for treatment, was another case of the same nature. Both of these, when I saw them, were in good possession of their eyesight, and were able to be at their work. The cure was effected speedily, while the affliction had in each case lasted for years, and had become chronic. Dr. Aborn will be at Salem to treat any patients who may come to him during the holding of the State Fair.

WRESTLING JOE THOMAS.

I went into the office of Mitchell and Dolph yesterday, where the taking of testimony is going on in relation to the Carruthers land claim, and took a look at old Joe Thomas, the frontiersman, the recently turned up father of Finice Carruthers. He was once a man of large and powerful frame, and is very old, 92 years of age, and has that appearance. The lawyers are taxing the poor old mans mind tremendously, and his life must be a burden to him under the multitude of their interrogations. He pauses for minutes at a time and then gives it up, about some flat boat ride he took down the Mississippi seventy-five years ago. In the main his memory is still good, and those whose claims depend upon his identity are very confident of succes, in fact, positive of it. When we recollect that the estate is worth very near half a million dollars it won't be considered surprising that they are interested in proving that the old man whose title they have purchased, was the father of Carruthers.

The Carruthers claim has been a bone of contention ever since the death of the owner. At first it was supposed to be an escheat to the State, as no known relations existed, but some interested themselves to find relatives back East and purchased their interests. Others again discovered that old Joe Thomas, now 92 years of age, was Carruthers father, and that the latters real name should have been Thomas, but that father and mother disagreed, he went to the Indian country and she never heard of him more, and supposed that he was dead. She took her son, and under her maiden name came to Oregon at an early day. That old Joe is what they claim seems probable. Lawyers hunting a clue, found him a mendicant in St. Louis, nearly a hundred years old, they gave him $5000 for his right and title, and last winter he had his small fortune, which he wore in a belt stolen, or lost it in some manner. So he says that he is ready to die which is extremely fortunate, as the questionings and cross questionings of those lawyers is very well calculated to worry what life there is left out of him; he is bowed and bent, yellow with age, toothless and a little deaf, and has the appearance of having been through much rough weather.

PORTLAND.

Along the river side this city is composed mostly of smells; some of the most prodigious smells to be imagined lurk under the wharves and buildings on piles, continually watching for a chance to make offensive demonstrations upon poor innocent travellers from the upper country. The Portlanders are so used to them that they can't live without them. The cholera would have all the chance in the world if it could find time to come here this Summer.

The town grows prodigiously, also, some of the new business structures are quite elegant, and back from the avenues of trade, dwelling houses are going up by the hundred. Kalama will have to rustle around lively in the future to catch up and I rather give it up, all things considered, that it can't do it, which is a great pity—for Kalama. There is a great deal of bustle and rush and turmoil in this city. People who want a quiet life and have the means to do it with, should by all means settle in Salem, and *vice versa*.

Democratic Prospects.

The present prospects of the Democratic party reminds us of an anecdote. Two Irishmen had spent part of a stormy night in an illy ventilated room seeking rest but finding none. It had been ceaselessly storming, when one of them hoping it was near break of day, tried to get a peep out; feeling round in the dark he found the door of an old cupboard which however he mistook for a window; this he opened and sought in vain for a ray of light. His companion asked, "well Jamie, how is the weather?" "Oche," was the reply, "it is as dark as Egypt and smells like cheese."

The Democrats for a long time have found the weather for them very dark and stormy. In their New Departure they have found no daylight, but their press generally declare "it is dark as Egypt and smells like cheese." The best advice we can give them is to leave their dilapidated quarters.

How different the outlook of Republicanism. Our statesmen have clear, definite principles of which they may well be proud. They have a prosperous Government to point to; a country saved from dismemberment, and now at peace with all, and so attractive that millions from other lands are seeking homes among us. Republicans, it is light, and it grows lighter.

Final Words to Mr. Underwood.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Sept. 20, 1871.

A man coming all the way from Boston to instruct the people of this coast ought to know what he is doing when he offers to "discuss" a question with another.

That is the word he invariably used as far as I have been able to ascertain; and I have seen his advertised challenge in some six different papers, as well as heard it announced from the rostrum, and I have not found "debate" used in any instance.

Now does not every one know that alternately lecturing upon a subject would as properly "discuss" it as if replies were made the same evening?

I am led to believe that Mr. U. has narrow views of the definition of words, as well as erroneous views of God, and the Great Hereafter.

I commend him to the Dictionary, for the meaning of words, and to the Bible for the light of life.

As to whose statements are "disingenious and untrue," and who has been seeking "newspaper notoriety," I leave the public to judge.

LOWELL L. ROGERS.

To the friends of Religion, in the communities where Mr. U. may have held forth, I desire to say that I am ready and anxious to review his lectures whenever it may be convenient and advisable. L. L. R.

A Devoted Wife.

Ten Years in Male Attire—Her Trials, Tribulations and Death.

[From the Oshkosh Northwestern]

One of the most remarkable instances of woman's attachment to man, and heroism under adversity, came to our notice to-day. To begin at the commencement, we will state that early in 1860, a young lady in the city of Auburn, N. Y., the daughter of wealthy parents, eloped with a young man named Niles, a railroad engineer, and proceeded to Cleveland, O. They were pursued by an infuriated brother of the young lady, and in the latter place, to avoid detection, after the marriage ceremony had been performed, the young lady arrayed herself in male attire. In this disguise, and while selling apples, she passed her brother several times on the street without recognition on his part. Shortly afterwards, early in the war, the two went south to Nashville, Tenn., where Niles procured employment as a locomotive engineer, his wife engaging as fireman, still keeping up her disguise. Between Nashville and Chattanooga, a shot fired from a rebel inflicted a serious wound upon the engineer, and he was taken to the Government hospital at Murfreesboro, Tenn. His wife followed, and to her careful nursing Niles owes his life. When sufficiently recovered to endure the hardships of traveling, they returned to Cleveland. A few months later the alleged gold discoveries at Madoc, Canada, attracted them thither, and the wife accompanied her husband, still in masculine garments. The vicissitudes of her career, exposed to hardships and accidents, were too severe, however, and a few weeks since she died at Cleveland, after a brief illness. Niles, who is now in this city, is a man about 40 years of age, and does not refer to the heroic devotion of his wife but in terms of the warmest admiration.

The amount of money sent across the water by immigrants to friends left behind, principally to pay their passage to America, is rather surprising. From the official returns of the emigration commissioners of England, it appears that in 1870 there was sent from this county, to Ireland principally, $3,630,040 in gold, of which $1,663,190 was for pre-paid passages. In the twenty-three years from 1848 to 1870, inclusive, is upward of $81,670,000, in gold, being an average of about $3,889,047 yearly. But this amount is probably somewhat below the actual amount sent, as it only includes what has been sent through banks and commercial houses. Of whatever may have been sent through private channels there is no knowledge. And these sums, large as they are, are made up by careful savings from the wages of servant girls and day laborers.

"So you are going to keep school?" said a young lady to her maiden aunt. "Well, for my part, sooner than do that, I would marry a widower with nine children." "I would prefer that myself," was the quite reply; "but where's the widower?"

TO REPORTERS AND OTHERS.

An' would'st thou hear that "air" again,
The Banks of Bonnie Doon,
E'en hear again the flute's soft strain
As heard by the deep lagoon?

E'en hear the song of "Eulalie,"
Recalling scene "halcyon day"
When, in fondest pride, you sat by his side
As he sang thee that mournful lay?

And thinkest thou thy "spirit love,"
When he hears the well-known strain
From the flute as it trills, and thy heart as it thrills,
Would in memory be with thee again?

If so, then, lady, I'll come to thee
At the twilight hour of eve,
An' shalt hear the tune of "Bonnie Doon,"
If 'twill bring to thy heart a reprieve—

Freeing thy heart from its sorrowing care,
And cheering thee with that lay;
That thy soul it may rest, and dream of the blest
Thou'll meet in "Eternal Day."

—THE MINSTREL.

General News.

Portland.

We learn from the *Herald* that the steamer Constantine was taken off this route for the purpose of going to Alaska to take the furs of the Company which own her to San Francisco.

The steamer Ajax will sail for San Francisco on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock p. m.

The same paper says that a Chinaman and a white man had a dispute in relation to the custody of a Celestial maiden. The white man got the best of the argument by capturing the woman, whereupon John drew a revolver, but was prevented from using it.

The *Oregonian* says:

It is expected that the track on Fourth street will be connected to-day at the Fourth street bridge, in which case the locomotive will make a trial trip across the bridge and up the road as far as the track is laid.

We learn from a gentleman, just from Seattle, that Capt. White, an old navigator and steamboat man on Puget Sound, has recently gone to San Francisco to procure a steamer to ply between Portland and Puget Sound. Our informant says that very many of the merchants of the Sound towns have united in a pledge to give Capt. White their freighting, in case he should put on a steamer.

An unsophisticated purp—name and residence unknown—got acquainted with the railroad yesterday. The tale is a brief one, but the dog's tail is a briefer, and briefer too than it was yesterday morning. The hand construction car was running down the grade of Fourth street with a number of laborers on board, when the dog, more brave than wise, rushed at it with an energetic bow-wow, evidently under the impression that a snap and a snarl would run the thing off. The car, however, went on; so did the dog just ahead, then on the right, and then again on the left, as dogs are wont to do when chasing a terrified or pestered animal. He, however, crossed the track once too often. The dog got across all right, but his tail didn't, and quicker than the wink of an eye that dog had no tail to wag. That beautiful, long, silken appendage lay a crumbled wreck in the dust on one side of the rail, while the dog stood amazed on the other and wondering if lightning had struck any other dog. There was no further contest on that line. What was left of the dog went home satisfied that there is no use in trying to resist these *crushing* monopolies.

The *Bulletin* says that a meeting of the Puget Sound Homestead Association held on the 9th inst., it was resolved that at the meeting to be held November 2, 1871, the matter of the division of the property would be taken under consideration and submitted to the stockholders.

A large portion of the passengers brought by the Ajax are persons who come here to engage in mechanical and agricultural pursuits. Many of them are from the various European countries, and were attracted here by the several railroads in process of construction. The faster they come the better for all; there is plenty of room and work for them in this State.

The *Oregonian* says:

The public is generally aware that a stupendous law suit is pending between rival claimants of the Caruthers estate in this city, the parties on one side claiming the right by purchase from heirs dug up in one of the Southern States; on the other, through purchase of "Wrestling Joe," said to be the father of Finice Caruthers. It will be recollected that two or three years ago, Messrs. Terwillinger and Stephens put in a claim acquired by purchase of an interest of the heirs of one Johnson, a British subject, who it is claimed, settled prior to the time of Caruthers, and died upon it. At that time the country was in the joint occupancy of the United States and Great Britain. These latter parties claim that Johnson died seized of the ownership and that his right or that of his heirs, was never extinguished. This claim was tried in our courts and upon appeal, the Supreme Court decided adversely to it. Yesterday, Col. W. W. Chapman, as attorney for the claimants, filed a motion for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and the appeal was allowed. This action complicates the controversy, and such a thing is possible as that it may eventuate in the overthrow of both the other contending parties.

In accordance with the treaty recently concluded between England and the United States, Postmaster Wakefield of this city will begin, on the 22d of October, to issue money orders on Postoffices in Great Britain.

A considerable number of immigrants, arrived by the steamer Ajax. The train of yesterday morning took a number of them to Oregon City and other points up the valley. The passenger coach was crowded to its fullest capacity, and a considerable number of way passengers were compelled to go in the baggage car.

No business was transacted this morning in the United States District or the United States Circuit Courts.

From the *Herald*:

J. H. Mc Allister was arrested yesterday afternoon upon a complaint sworn out by a Celestial brave named Ah Wong, who accuses him of attempting to kidnap a female relation of his, on Monday evening last. It appears that a Chinese swain had become enamored of this flower of Ah Wong's household, and having told his tale of love, was accepted. His fiance knowing the wrathful character of her guardian, admonished him that if he would have their nuptials tied this side of Heaven, he must proceed cautiously. Monday night having been fixed upon for the wedding, McAllister the friend of the pair, visited Ah Wong's residence, and hearing a carriage stop in front of the door, took the girl in his arms, and made for the carriage. The husband elect, who was in the carriage, did not render such timely assistance in getting his lady love into the vehicle as McAllister had reason to expect, and before he could get her in by his own exertions a shot from Ah Wong's pistol passed so close to his bump of caution as to seriously frighten him, and, dropping his coveted prize, he tumbled into the buggy by way of the dash-board, and drove off into the darkness. Had not office Allen, of Justice Moreland's Court arrested Ah Wong after he fired the first shot, it is probable McAllister would, ere this, have been the subject of a Coroner's inquest.

MRS. Ellis, sent to the Insane Asylum yesterday, from Sauvie's Island, presented a most piteous appearance. She is apparently quite young, and instead of enjoying her girlhood in a rational manner, is a mother and a frantic lunatic. Her weakness is such that she cannot stand alone; yet, when her attendants attempted to put her into a carriage, she appeared to divine her desiination, and resisted with more than ordinary force. She has an infant eight days old.

This afternoon, at two o'clock, the railroad track along Fourth street was completed, and the locomotive John H. Couch, having on board W. L. Halsey, Vice President of the road, Geo. W. Weidler and Capt. Turnbull, passed over the Fourth-street bridge. The locomotive, when she reached the middle of the structure, blew her whistle and passed on to the end of the bridge, where she stopped to take on board Ben Holladay, President of the road, and ex-Senator Geo. H. Williams, and then proceeded to the end of the track, some two miles distant. Returning, the whole party crossed on the locomotive. The trip demonstrated that the Fourth-street bridge, notwithstanding its great heighth, is one of the best built and most substantial railroad structures to be found on any road. In crossing with the heavy locomotive the structure remained perfectly solid—not giving or swaying in the slightest degree. A large number witnessed the event.

The Postmaster General, under the provisions of the postal treaty between England and the United States, designated the Portland office as one of the offices to issue money orders on Post Offices in Great Britain.

Eastern Oregon.

The *Mountaineer* learns that the party of naturalists from Yale College, who are on their way across the continent to visit the John Day Valley, have just been heard from by private letter from Fort Bridger. They expect to be in Canyon City about the first of October and commence, in company with the Rev. Mr. Condon, the examination of his special field to The Dalles. The company number twelve and are under the direction of Prof. Marsh of Yale College.

Hon. D. S. Moore, late President of the Territorial Council of Idaho, died at Silver City, on the 5th inst.

The proprietors of the Dalles Lumber Manufacturing company have determined to rebuild their factory upon the old site and work will be commenced next week.

Washington Territory.

The *Union* says:

The first case of small-pox has ended by the recovery of the patient, and his removal to his home on Birch Creek. The case of Robt. Moody terminated fatally, on Monday night. There are no other cases, nor have there been. Nor is there any prospect of more. Our friends in the country need not fear to come to town.

From Mr. Jos. Wolfstein who has been at Belleville during the summer with a stock of goods, we gather a few items of interest in relation to that country. At Union Flat and Forks of Palouse, there are eighty-three settlers, and more coming, and all delighted with their location. Samples of wheat and oats, raised on new ground, first crop, were shown us, which look very fine. The yield is reported of wheat, at from 60 to 65 bushels to the acre; oats, 70 to 75 bushels to the acre, with straw six feet high, and other grain in proportion. The saw mill of Messrs. Perkins, Reynolds & Hollinsworth, at Palouse Forks, commenced running last Tuesday, the 12th of September on a fine quality of timber. Belleville is situated at the Forks of Palouse, forty-two miles north of Snake river, which is crossed at Angel's Ferry, over a good wagon road. This country needs surveying at once.

From the *Transcript* we learn that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company have commenced to examine their lands, to ascertain their quality and prepare them for sale and settlement. Mr. E. Meeker has been ordered on an examining cruise in Pierce county, and left this place on Tuesday to discharge that duty. Five other parties are doing the same work south of this place.

HOTELS IN WASHINGTON.—Washington is said not to be a first class city for hotels, and we understand from our Eastern exchanges that four out of seven principal hotels there have given up. Willard's has closed, it is said, forever. The Metropolitan has changed hands; the former proprietor failed to respond financially, and the furniture is to be sold. The Seaton House furniture has been sold and the building is to be put to other uses. Another hotel, it is reported, is about to go under. The absence of the President and Cabinet has in a measure brought about this result, for the reason that persons having business with them, including many seekers for official position, have directed their steps elsewhere during the past Summer.

The City and County.

From Wednesday's Daily.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. Vroom informs us that there is a terrific fire raging in the Cascade mountains, between Silverton and Cedar Camp. He states that Mr. John Hicks was bringing out a load of shingles on Saturday last, and while attempting to pass through where the timber was burning his horses, panic-stricken, stopped where the heat was most intense, and refused to proceed further; Mr. Hicks succeeded in separating his horses from the wagon, burning his hands badly in the operation. The wagon and shingles were entirely destroyed.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.—We saw the plans and specifications yesterday of the light house keeper's dwelling, which is to be erected this Fall at Cape Foulweather, near Yaquina Bay. The house—a double one—when finished, will be handsome, commodious and substantial, and is almost enough to satisfy any one that it would be a pleasure to fill the office of keeper with such a house to live in. The light house will be constructed with brick, having a solid stone and cement foundation.

SENSATIONAL.—A short time since the *Enterprise* gave credence to a report that a man named Pheney, a resident of that city, had been killed, while working on the railroad. It appears the man has a family residing at that place, and we learn the wife, not caring any too much for his welfare, married another man. Imagine the horror of the happy couple at his return home on Sunday last. We presume an "equitable adjustment" was made of the matter, as the man, Pheney, was seen in this place last evening looking none the worse over the transaction.

NEW HOSE COMPANY.—There is a rumor afloat to the effect that a new Hose Company is to be organized for the purpose of bringing the water in street mains into requisition by means of hydrants. There are two such companies in Oregon City, and are said to be vastly superior to the fire-engine. There is an excellent show to organize such a company here at present, and we hope to record the fact that such a move is made at a very early day.

VISITORS.—Salem is literally full and running over with strangers, many of whom are gentlemen of distinguished legal ability who are here attending Court. They appear to be a very civil set, and as Court will be in session for several weeks, their presence can be relied on. We are glad they are here, as mischief-makers seem to be at a discount. We expect to hear of Portland getting on a huge drunk.

GOOD SCHOOL.—The public school at Dallas began its Fall term on the 11th inst. with an excellent corps of teachers. M. M. Oglesby is Principal, and is assisted by Miss Ida Witten and Miss Amelia Scriber. Both of these ladies are graduates of Willamette University, and are highly competent to fill positions as teachers.

CORNER STONE.—On yesterday afternoon Father Waller, in company with other clergymen, took a trip to the quarry in South Salem for the purpose of selecting the corner stone for the new M. E. Church. We understand that it will be about a week before it can be fashioned and made ready for its place of rest.

GRANGE RONDE AGENCY.—Mr. Rinehart, who has charge of this Agency, was over yesterday and reports everything in a fine condition upon his charge. Since the survey the Indians are locating and making preparations for the coming winter.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Numan, of Dallas, was in town yesterday and informed us that a man named McCuean, while at work about a threshing machine, had his leg caught in some of its machinery and torn from his body. Mr. N. did not know any of the particulars.

MARRIED.—At the Congregational Parsonage in Oregon City, September 5th, 1871, by the Rev. E. Gerry, Hon. Peter Paquet, member of the Oregon Legislature, to Miss Sarah E. Hamilton, both of Canemah, Clackamas county, Oregon.

GONE TO PORTLAND.—Miss Schwatka has gone to Portland for new goods in the millinery line, and may be expected back in a few days with a good assortment, at reasonable prices.

MASONIC.—Special meeting of Pacific Lodge, F. & A. M., this evening, at 7:30 P. M. Work on F. C. Degree. Visiting and sojourning brethren cordially invited to attend. By order of the Committee.

RECOVERING.—We learn that the little boy who had his arm torn off at the saw mills, is doing well, and strong hopes are now entertained of his recovery. Little Georgie has many sympathizing friends in this hour of affliction.

DIED.—In Olympia, W. T., on the 9th of September, 1871, Mrs. Martha Brothers, wife of Samuel T. Brothers, aged 24 years and 5 months.

Al. Croasman arrived from San Francisco last evening with a large stock of furnishing goods. He says he can fit anybody with anything in that line. His ad. will appear in due time.

APPLES.—A large sack full of this fruit was left in our office yesterday by our venerable and much esteemed friend, David Newson, for which he will please accept thanks.

RETURNED.—We are glad to see Myer Hirsch in Salem once more. May his shadow never grow less.

G. A. R.—Regular meeting Russell Post No. 3, this (Wednesday) evening at 7½ o'clock.

MARKET REPORT.—Price of wheat to-day, $1 15; Flour, $6 75.

From Thursday's Daily.

SEWER.—The Commercial Hotel Company are constructing a sewer to carry the water and waste matter from the kitchen to the drain. This is the best move that has been made for some time; the example is worthy of imitation, and we hope to see more of this work. It is a fact patent to all that the greatest needs of our city at the present is a complete system of sewers, whereby the filth may be conveyed where it will not be obnoxious. At a very small expense the river could be made the receptacle of the greater part of the refuse matter which is accumulating rapidly and already becoming quite offensive. We hope the city fathers will consider the matter and devise some plan whereby this much desired result can be brought about.

THE SCHOOLS.—Never in our city has the public schools been better attended or in a more flourishing condition at this season of the year. The daily attendance amounts to over three hundred pupils, and this number will be greatly increased after the State Fair, when a more lengthy notice will be given. The buildings are in good repair except the central building, the windows of which need immediate attention by those who have charge of it. The names of the teachers and number of scholars under their care, are as follows: East Salem, Prof. James, 43 scholars; Miss Gallagher, 57; Central School, Miss Robinson, 54; Miss Patton, 66; South Salem, P. H. Crooke, 52; North Salem, Mr. Royal, 40.

EMIGRANTS.—Mr. Jones, real estate agent, learning that some emigrants were camped about a mile east of town drove out yesterday morning to ascertain where they were from, and whether or not they intended making their home in the Wilamette Valley. He found but two families out of twenty that crossed the plains together, the rest having stopped east of the mountains. They are from Delaware, Ohio, and crossed the plains on what is known as the Barlo route. Grain and grass they found plenty as the healthy condition of their animals would indicate; their intention is to find homes in this valley.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Salem is steadily increasing both in growth and prosperity. Onward and upward seems to be the watch word of her people. Houses, neat and handsome, are being erected in many part of the city, thereby giving room for additional population. Surely we should not complain.

CALLED.—Col. C. W. Crocker made brief call at this office yesterday afternoon. Col. C. was formerly proprietor of the San Francisco *Times* and latterly of the "*Call*." He came on board the Ajax, and after a few days of respite, will again mount the tripod and assume the duties of associate editor of the *Bulletin* at, Portland.

STAMPEDE.—Everybody made a grand rush yesterday to see the new goods at Murphy & Croasman. Al had just returned from San Francisco with an excellent stock. He is beginning to know just what the people of Salem need.

YAQUINA BAY.—Mr. J. Thompson, just from the Bay says, that two schooners arrived at that port, one on Sunday and the other on Monday, loaded with material for the $90,000 light house to be erected at Cape Foulweather.

MARRIED.—At St. Pauls Church, in this city, September 20th, by Rev. John Sellwood, N. B. Knight, Esq., to Miss Sarah U. Miller, both of this city.

NEW GOODS.—Mr. C. P. Terrell is now in San Francisco purchasing a new stock. Some of his goods have already arrived and for sale at reasonable prices.

THE WORK GOES ON.—To-day will finish the laying of water mains on Commercial street as far as Ferry. The pipes are strung along Liberty street and will be placed in position in a few days.

Wheat was selling yesterday at $1 15—Flour $6 75 per barrel.

STRAW.—We notice that several persons are hauling straw from the grainfields near by, for which they realize from three to four dollars a load, delivered in the city.

From Friday's Daily.

ASSISTANCE TO EMIGRANTS.—Persons desirous of moving from one country to another are sometimes deterred from so doing on account of not having sufficient knowledge of the country as to enable them to make a judicious selection of homes. Entering a strange land they do not feel themselves competent guides of locations that are both healthy and valuable, and if when acting upon their own judgment they succeed, it is as much a matter of chance as any thing else. Sometimes it becomes necessary for our best farmers to change countries whereby a more healthy climate may be realized, or some other interest may be enhanced; to this end they need the advice and opinions of those familiar with the country and its surroundings. Our Real Estate Agents should be the individuals from whom all necessary information could be derived. It is the duty of such an agent, not only to keep a few houses for sale or rent, but his business should lead him to gain a complete knowledge of all the country around where he may be located; to keep a record of not only the lands he may have for sale, but of all others that are for sale, whether in the hands of agents or not. He should be so conversant with the country as to be able to give any information concerning the quality of land, its value, and whatever advantages or disadvantages it may possess. In fact he should be thoroughly posted in every particular. This being the case a stranger need only consult an agent, and under such circumstances his information could be relied on. We are glad to see such an interest manifested toward persons from abroad seeking homes in Salem or in the country adjacent. Let our agents be quick in the discharge of their duties, and the time will soon come when to leave home will not be so difficult a task.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.—For several days our attention has been called to the fact that water mains are lying on top of the ground,