Oregon Weekly Statesman

SALEM, WEDNESDAY DEC. 27, 1871.

Still Harping.

Here is the *Herald* come to hand again full of "defalcations." It is a case where December is *not* as pleasant as May. Now, as to the late Secretary and his affairs, we have no excuse to make for any wrong-doing on his part, and, to be plain about it, we don't doubt, since the action of the Grand Jury, that there has been wrong-doing by him—how much we leave the Courts to test. We proceed, however, to make certain charges for the *Herald* and all the rest of the Ring instruments to answer.

1st. It was known during the session of the Legislature that there was no report made by May of codes sold by him. That was fifteen months ago.

2nd. More than a year ago it began to transpire that he had not accounted for moneys received.

3d. Four terms of Court have been held here since his term of office expired, and two of them while he was here present, and yet there was no effort made to indict him until they got ready to use the matter as prelude to an important election.

4th. The securities are good for ten times the reported defalcations, and yet they have not been prosecuted.

5th. For fear they should find May at Salt Lake it has been allowed to leak out, and has been published in the *Herald* that a messenger was dispatched for him.

We understand from a competent source that Mr. Foudray cannot possibly *have yet reached* Salt Lake; so the *Herald* made haste to publish so that the telegraph could send the news to the Associated Press of California and Salt Lake, and be be "forewarned." It has been intimating that he would be "forewarned," and, sure enough, we see no reason why he should not. It reminds us of the well-known story of an ancient damsel who dwelt in a beleaguered city, which was finally captured and given over to be sacked, etc. She was no more anxious for the etc. to commence than are the *Herald* and the Ring for May to be "forewarned." To really capture him would be to shut off the supply of golden eggs.

Now, we insist upon it that the money due the State by May be collected, for the people are more interested in saving their cash than in seeing the *Herald* hash up its Ring tirades.

And right here let us moralize a bit. What man is there in Oregon who will hesitate to believe that if May had held office and got rich twelve or fifteen years ago, and *not been found out*, but had saved up and bought houses and lands and sheep and cattle, and factory stock, and have contrived to be a Democrat, he could to-day have been a member, in full standing, of the Salem Ring?

Of course we don't mean to say that any of that set got rich by such means, but we merely wish to insinuate that if they did they are not considered any the worse for it. Some of them were perhaps "artists in Indian vouchers," but they can lay their hands on their capacious stomachs and say: "Are we not all honorable men?"

Republican State Committee.

A call for a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee is published in yesterday's *Oregonian*. We believe that Hon. T. B. Odeneal, of Benton, is Chairman of the Committee. The remaining members are C. M. Foster, of Baker; F. O. McCown, of Clackamas; Jas. Welch, of Clatsop; D. Blanchard, of Columbia; S. S. Mann, of Coos; T. W. Crooks, of Curry; David Bushey, of Douglas; W. M. Wilson, of Grant; W. M. Turner, of Jackson; W. M. Gibbens, of Josephine; John Burrows, of Linn; T. W. Davenport, of Marion; C. P. Crandall, of Multnomah; B. F. Nichols, of Polk; J. C. Franklin, of Umatilla; W. J. Snodgrass, of Union; T. R. Cornelius, of Washington; Z. L. Moody, of Wasco; J. W. Watts, of Yamhill; W. H. Haley, of Lane, has deceased. The meeting is called at Salem for the 1st day of February, 1872. A full meeting of the Committee is desired.

About the Salem Wharf.

EDITOR STATESMAN:—The late article in the *Farmer*, about the Salem wharf, was entirely without my knowledge, but since the *Bulletin* has written against it, and has asserted that I charged exhorbitant rent, now, while I used to charge the P. T. Co. nothing for the use of it, I wish to explain that I have often written the W. T. Co., for months past, to know if they would buy or rent the property of me. About a month ago Mr. Biles, Agent of the Company, came here and asked my terms, and I showed him that the wharf had cost, in all, fully ten thousand dollars, that in settling my partnership, with Mr. Wright, I had allowed him $6,000 for it, but would sell it for $5,000, or rent it for $700 per annum. He never made any offer then or since, to buy or rent it, and merely sent word that the price was deemed too high. I wrote to ask them to make me an offer, but my letter never was answered. My wharf is for sale or rent, on most reasonable terms, and as the *Bulletin* facetiously remarks, is an "Elephant" I don't care to keep possession of. It is also facetious in alluding to my "little game of bold bluff" and the way I thought I "had them" and my "greed," etc. Perhaps our citizens may see it in that light.

The P. T. Co. never paid me any rent, but gave me a commission of three per cent., and I collected all the freight bills, and under this arrangement the wharf earned me nearly $300 per month, the year round, with the expense of a man to tend it. The present Company has refused to make any such arrangement. Should the W. T. Co. wish to purchase, or rent, I should be happy to hear from them, and it is not my fault that the subject has got into the newspapers, though they have to do such things, I suppose, when scarce of items.

Excuse this trouble,

C. UZAFOVAGE

ALL HALLOW EVE.—Popular superstition gives a mystical turn to everything that happens on All Hallow Eve. Moreover, it has laid down certain results as sure to attend certain actions. A young lady at Lewiston, Me., attempted to carry out an old legend on that eventful evening, and in order to know in advance something about the personal appearance of her future lord and master, she was tempted to walk down some cellar steps backward, with a mirror in her hand. But she missed a step and descended with wonderful rapidity in the midst of some kerosene oil and broken glass. When she recovers consciousness her female friends intend to try and find out if she saw her first spouse.

Litigant Law.

California Democracy led the way in introducing the litigant law to this coast, and Oregon Democracy with its capacity for imitation made haste to follow it, and the people have been taxed double what such work formerly cost to benefit the journals of a party which is notoriously slack in support of its own newspapers. We will undertake to prove by our books and accounts previous to the operation of this law, that the charges made by the litigant organ since that time have averaged nearly or quite double what we used to charge.

The law is a system of legalized robbery, and before it can be repealed the people of this State will have been swindled out of more money than it is claimed Secretary May "absorbed." At the present time the litigant work of the *Herald* alone runs up to at least 600 per month, half of which is legalized piracy. This law was passed to compel the people to support Democratic newspapers, and its operation wrongs alike the rich and the poor and taxes the pittance of even the widow and the orphan.

The people of California have become disgusted with this law and it is sure to be repealed and a bill has already been introduced for that purpose. To be sure the Senate of that State is not Republican but it is not anticipated that partisan feeling in that body will save the law.

We ask the people to judge this party which levies black mail on them to maintain Democratic newspapers; which passes laws to double the price of work and throw the stealings into their own pockets. If this is not stealing subject to indictment by a Grand Jury, it is still stealing which the people should condemn at the ballot box and which is as actual robbery as any condemned by the laws. Premeditation in the eye of the law increases the degree of any crime and the fact that this swindle was deliberately planned and executed and was afterwards endorsed and enforced by Governor Grover, should be enough for all honest men to consider.

While these men are hunting up defalcations let them realize that their own skirts are unclean.

1871.

Christmas sends its chimes once more
O'er inland plain, by sounding shore,
Telling of a Savior's birth
To the scattered homes of earth.

Wondrous Story of the Star
Wise men followed from afar!
Wondrous Miracle of Grace,
Christ was born in lowly place!
How He lived, and taught, and died,
Suffered and was crucified.

This, the story—rich and old—
Which the chiming bells have told,
Adding in their joyous strain
That from death He rose again

Well may gladness fill the earth
On the day which speaks His birth;
Chiming bells peal forth the story;
For, while fades all human glory,
And while Empires pass away,
Still, as dawns this natal day,
Wider over land and sea
Swells the praise we yield to Thee.

Earth's proud Kingdoms rise and fall,
But Thy reign surpasses all;
Not as marshaled hosts prevail,
For none Thy victories bewail:
Won by Faith Thy Conquests are,
Peaceful as was Bethlehem's Star.

Wondrous Star and Wondrous Story!
Wondrous Love and Wondrous Glory!
Increasing as the Ages fly,
And boundless as Eternity!

Chiming bells, Oh chant again
The Angel's hymn on Bethlehem's plain!
Merry let the greeting be
Sounding through each Century!
Let thy peals be glad!
And if hearts are sad—
When tossed on sin or sorrows wave—
Know, Oh Heart! that Christ can save!

A Merry Christmas.

Nearly nineteen centuries have passed away since the Wise Men of the East, led by the Star, found the infant Christ, and gave their homage to the son of God.

Men differ in their creeds, and the time may still be far distant when one church and one faith shall represent the religion which Christ taught. It may never be that the heart of richand poor can read and comprehend alike the words of the meek and lowly Jesus, but it must be that these teachings shall work in all who accept them something of the meek and lowly spirit which actuated the author of their Faith.

It may not be even desirable that one creed shall prevail on earth lest its adherents shall become too powerful, and human weakness become arrogant when no restraint is to be encountered. It may be that purity, in religion, shall be best cultivated and protected by the watchfulness with which sect watches sect, and the argument with which creeds disputes with creed.

But however we may differ in the mere forms of religion, or in the acceptance of a faith, which, after all, the majority of the world *does* hold in common, it is a blessed truth that all Christendom receives with common joy the advent of the day which commemorates the Savior's birth.

It may be claimed by the strict and fearful christian that it is not meet to celebrate this anniversary with noisy mirth and festivity, but, thank God, the world which is sinful enough sometimes to forget penance and prayer, seems willing to rejoice that Christ, the Savior, has been born, and however uncouth and rude and even inappropriate may be the Christmas merry makings of some, it is a fact, nevertheless, that the anniversary of the incident which introduced the great scheme of Redemption is received, by the world, as the most joyous occasion of the year.

Let us be merry and glad hearted then, knowing no creeds, obstructing our Faith by no controversy, but let all alike, who profess the Christian faith, have charity for each other while we recognize how great and surpassing all human understanding, is the love which God bears for us.

A STONE CORPSE.—In removing the bodies from the townland burial ground, in the town of Wilson, a remarkable discovery was made. The body of Mrs. Wilson, an aged lady, and buried about forty years ago, and the mother of Mr. William A. Wilson, was found to be complete in form and features, and perfectly petrified, while in the adjoining grave the remains of her husband, who was buried about the same time were nearly extinct. Upon opening the coffin of Mrs. Wilson the features were found perfect, but of a discolored, dingy appearance. In the operation of taking it out of the grave one of the feet was broken off, showing the interior to be as solid and as white, hard and brittle as chalk. It was a hard lift for four men to raise the coffin out of the old legend on that eventful evening, and in order to know in advance something about the personal appearance of her future lord and master, she was tempted to walk down some cellar steps backward, with a mirror in her hand. But she missed a step and descended with wonderful rapidity in the midst of some kerosene oil and broken glass. When she recovers consciousness her female friends intend to try and find out if she saw her first spouse.

A Western editor informs a correspondent that the words, "no cards" accompanying a marriage notice, signify that the wedded pair don't play poker.

Archæology and Ethnology.

Dr. W. C. McKay, of the Dalles, gives us some interesting information relative to the object of the Yale College expedition, which has lately visited this State under charge of Prof. O. C. Marsh, of that Institution.

He was informed that Peabody made a bequest to both Yale and Harvard Colleges, of sixty thousand to each for the purpose of constituting a fund to be used for the purpose of ascertaining facts relating to the origin of the aboriginal races of America. Prof. Marsh was a near relative of the lamented Peabody, and taking much interest in this subject himself he also interested the philanthropist in the matter, and the handsome donations alluded to above were therefore obtained.

The expedition lately here was a result of that generosity, being defrayed from that fund, and in conversation with Dr. McKay, Prof. Marsh explained the objects of the expedition and handed him a circular setting forth the fact that a museum of Archæology and Ethnology has been established at Yale College. The body of the circular is as follows:

This department of the College has been established within the past year, in response to the rapidly increasing interest in questions relating to the origin, antiquity, and early history of man. It has for its main object the formation of collections illustrating what is known of the aboriginal races of North and South America, both in pre-historic time, and during their subsequent progress towards civilization; and also, so far as may be necessary for comparison, of collections relating to the primitive races of other countries.

The facilities for collecting specimens relating to the early races of America are every year rapidly diminishing, and it is earnestly hoped that all friends of the College will lose no opportunity of securing for this new Museum objects of interest bearing upon the important branch of science it is designed to illustrate.

Among the articles which it is especially desirable to obtain are the following:

1. Implements of stone, such as axes, gouges, chisels, mortars, pestles, pipes, tomahawks, spear heads, arrow heads, &c.

2. Implements of copper or bronze, such as axes, chisels, spear heads, knives, &c.

3. Articles of earthen ware, such as images of any kind, vases, pots, pipes, &c.

4. Articles of dress, weapons, domestic utensils, &c., of the various tribes of North and South American Indians, and also of the Eskimos.

5. Images and sculptures, or casts of them, particularly those made by the early inhabitants of Mexico, Central America, Peru and Chili.

6. Mummies, skeletons, or parts of skeletons, especially the skulls, of any of the above named races.

Specimens intended for the Museum may be sent to the care of Prof. O. C. Marsh. If possible, the exact locality of each article should be given.

CHRISTMAN CAROL.

BY J. G. HOLLAND.

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire and the Beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled;
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every heart is athame, and the Beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in his cradle our savior and King.

History of Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is wonderfully popular just now. His name is in the mouths of all the little folks; sundry queer epistles are indited to him, beseeching a remembrance in the shape of a doll, a rocking-horse, a trumpet, or some much desired toy. Possessed of boundless resources in Santa Claus, in the belief of childhood; a charming variety of mysterious gifts are at his disposal; and more than that, he has the enviable reputation of *liking* to make the little people happy. Never was a saint more extensively popular.

The history of Santa Claus—a curious mixture of truth and fable—goes far back into the ancient time. Centuries ago a child was born in Asia Minor who received the name of Nicholas. His parents were wealthy had of high rank; and, desiring to express their gratitude to God for the birth of their son, they resolved to educate him for the Christian priesthood. The child was sober and thoughtful, and while yet young both his parents died, and he inherited their great wealth. He considered the riches as a sacred trust; he fed the hungry, he clothed the destitute, and performed all kinds of good deeds as secretly as possible. As a priest he was greatly beloved; as a bishop he continued his benevolence; after his death the Church canonized him, and he became one of the greatest of patron saints. He was revered as the helper of the poor, the protector of the weak, and as the especial patron saint of little children, who were taught to believe that their good gifts came from him. Many miraculous incidents were added to the story of his life, which the untutored people fondly believed. Santo Nicolaus was the name given him by the monks, and this was finally changed to Santa Nicholas, and finally clipped down to Santa Claus, who is still represented as possessing his old habits of secret benevolence, and coming down the chimney at night, laden with Christmas presents for children. A pleasant fiction it is to them, under the cover of which that charming secrecy concerning the dooers of gifts is kept up, though little eyes and ears and minds are keen, and Santa Claus is usually very well known to them as a much more modern personage than old St. Nicholas. Let the children enjoy the harmless pretense, the mysterious filling of stockings, and the heavily laden Christmas tree. A merry Christmas to the little ones, and to all who love them!

One of the specialities of Christmas day in olden times was the Christmas pie, which was often composed of fish, flesh, and fowl. In the reign of Henry III. the sheriff of Gloucester was once ordered by that monarch to procure "twenty salmon, ten peacocks, and ten brawns," for Christmas pies. The peacock was only produced at solemn and chivalric banquets, such as that of Christmas, and when thus served up—with gilded beak and plumed crest, his head appearing at one end of the pie and his tail at the other, spread out in all its glory—was carried in state into the hall, to the sound of minstrelsy, by the lady most distinguished for birth and beauty, the other ladies following in due order.

In old times plum-pottage was always served with the first course of a Christmas dinner. It was made by boiling beef or mutton with broth thickened with brown bread. When half boiled, raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, mace, and ginger were added; and when the mess had been thoroughly boiled it was sent to the table with the best meats.

A pretty custom is practiced in Sweden of hanging up in front of every house, at Christmas, a small sheaf of wheat for the winter provision of the birds who are exposed to the clemencies of a northern winter.

Sheridan once said to Erskine: "Ah, Tom, had I stuck to the law I might have been what you are; but, hang it, Mrs. S. or myself was always obliged to write for our leg or shoulder of mutton." [illegible] a joint concern."

The City and County.

From Saturday's Daily.

THE WHARF QUESTION.—Charley Uzafovage publishes a card, this morning, in relation to his wharf which he got into the new papers without his help. We have a good wharf here, built in the best location, and well adapted to the purpose. Charley wants to sell, and will sell or rent, cheap, and we don't see why there should be any difficulty about the matter, for Charley is certainly a good and reasonable man and a fair dealer. The wharf is property he now has no use for, and his health is not what it used to be. The W. T. Co. labor under some misapprehension in the matter. Our citizens are interested to the extent that they want a good wharf for their business.

FAT CATTLE.—Yesterday a drove of thirty large fat cattle passed through the city, en route for the slaughter yard, East of town. They were obtained in Polk county, and are designed to supply the various markets of the place. Among other good things we are bound to have good Christmas beef, and we are glad of it, for the article has been very scarce of late. We are informed that the company, furnishing meat for the city, are daily feeding sixty head of cattle, on the Delaney farm, six miles east of town. Verily, the reign of blue beef is about to end.

ANOTHER DESERTED WIFE.—Simeon Lowell lived at Buena Vista and worked in the pottery business. He had a family and a wife who is much respected by all who know her. He left not long since, having borrowed all he could from everybody who would lend him a dollar. He disappeared at night and was lately heard from at Salt Lake, where he writes back to some one about his wife. She is washing to support herself and children and has the sympathy of all. It seems to us that Polk county is taking considerably the lead in this sort of business.

BEAVER HOSIERY CO.—M. L. Culver, Esq., agent for this company, was in town yesterday and we learn from him that the works have been in operation since the first of the month, and are knitting from 30 to 40 dozen of socks per day. He has brought a quantity of these down to have them finished, which has to be done by hand. They are left at W. L. Wade's store, and farmer's wives and daughters, and all other persons, can call there and learn what the company will pay for having the heels and toes knit in. A large amount of such assistance is wanted.

PERFUMES AND TOILET ARTICLES.—Very many will be wanting to purchase for Holiday purposes, articles for the toilet, which reminds us that J. W. Smith, at the Drug Store in Patton's Block, has an excellent assortment of goods in that line. Extracts, perfumes, colognes, fancy soaps, shapes, extract soap, and the best of brushes, combs, hair oil, etc., etc., which he is responsible for are most fashionable and [illegible]

A WOMAN IN THE RIGHT.—The pleasantest illustration we have seen of woman's rights was in Gill, Steel & Co.'s store, yesterday. They have a new clerk who is petite and charming, and must be popular as a matter of course, and the only improvement we can suggest is that she shall take her bonnet off, which would look more like business. Can't somebody be found to "behold her bonnet?"

EMPIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Mr. W. Small, of the firm of O. F. Von Rhein & Co., General Agents for the Pacific coast, of the Empire Life Insurance Company, has lately arrived in this city, and will aid Judge Chadwick in managing the interests of that Company in this State. That enterprising Company has a double column advertisement, in this paper, which deserves attention.

THE LATE SNOW FALL.—We learn that the depth of snow increased up the valley. That out west towards Bethel the snow fall was very light, and that hunters who were in the mountains east of Sublimity after elk and deer had no snow at all, for found plenty on reaching the valley. We cannot say that these rumors are reliable.

RETURNED.—J. H. Bridges returned by last evening's train, having been absent about six weeks. Mr. B. has an interest in a saw mill, down the Columbia, about fifty miles below Portland, and has been down there looking after the interests of the concern. He report that a dollar bender is a great demand in the Portland market.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS.—Christmas is coming fast and soon we will be in the very midst of the usual festivities incident to that gala occasion. We know of no people who have a better right to be gay and happy than the Salem folks, and that they will be on on Monday next, is certain. So,

"Ad Christmas, play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year."

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A temperance mass meeting will be held at the Congregational Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 29th. Able speakers will be present to address the meeting. All interested in the noble reform are cordially invited to be present. Programme of exercises will appear tomorrow morning.

J. G. Holbert has had a revelation from St. Nicholas, in rhyme at that, and it vouches for Holbert as his authorized agent in the candy line. There is no end to spinning festivities Santa Claus when he reels off verses in that style. He can do it even talking.

THE NEW ENGLAND.—A look at the card of the New England Life Insurance Co. will show that Capt. L. S. Scott is now the local agent for our city. The Company has a good agent, and [illegible]

DANCING SCHOOL.—C. Parrish and wife announce elsewhere that they will open their winter term of dancing school, at Legislative Hall, on Friday evening, Jan. 5th. Those who have a pleasant remembrance of the last winter's school will be glad to hear that it is about to be revived.

SMALL FIRE AT JEFFERSON.—A few days since a log dry kiln used for drying washed wool, while in use for the Beaver Hosiery Co., took fire and burned. The loss was small, as the building was worthless.

EXIT SNOW.—The snow is going fast, soon it will be entirely *hence*. It even disappeared yesterday from the sidewalk on the north side of the bank, a place which seems to be inaccessible either to sunshine or shovel.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Salem, Dec. 20th, 1871, by Elder L. L. Rowland, Mr. Jas. S. Byrne and Miss Ruth A. Huffman; all of Marion county.

A CAR OF STOCK.—A car of fine cattle left the depot yesterday morning, by the train, for Portland.

SCHOOL VACATION.—All the schools of the city have adjourned until after the holidays. Vacation begins to-day and will continue until January 2d, 1872.

From Sunday's Daily.

CANDIES AT REDUCED RATES.—See Holbert's new advertisement, about his immense stock of candies, which must be sold this present week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.—During the past week we have endeavored to obtain a report from all the Sunday Schools of the city, for the year 1871, and furnish the same to our readers this morning. We have succeeded only in part, and we herewith submit a report of several of the schools. The same having been furnished us by the Superintendents. First Congregational Sunday School, T. McF. Patton, Supt; no clerk. O. Dickinson, Assistant Superintendent; Frank N. Gilbert, Secretary; A. R. Cooper, Treasurer; Spencer Parrish, Librarian. Whole number of scholars in attendance during the year, 4,384; average attendance, 84; whole number of teachers enrolled, 16; average attendance, 12; smallest attendance of scholars, Aug. 3, 55; largest attendance, 151; number of volumes in the library, 275; donated to other Sunday Schools and in disuse, 100 volumes; have added during the year 30 volumes; received and distributed 400 copies of Sunday School papers. Have expended for text books and preparation for concert exercises, $80. Sing Songbook in use, "The Prize."

Catholic Sunday School. Largest number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 40; number of teachers, 2; no library.

Christian Sunday School. Whole number of scholars for the year, 3,400; average attendance, 72; average number [illegible] morning [illegible] by giving entertainments at school not mentioned in the above.

ACQUITTED AT LAST.—Mr. John Martin has moved from [illegible] Attachments which were [illegible] in possession from [illegible] on charge of [illegible] Mr. Sargent out of a lot of [illegible]. The trial came off and Martin was acquitted. The proof seemed to be that the work Sargent was under for the money was a job which was good at the time it was given, but Sargent did not pay it for some time and the broker failed in the meantime. Martin had borrowed money of Sargent for his [illegible] and expenses. The news is of course a very great satisfaction to Mr. Martin and his family, and all their friends.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Prof. Rogers informs us that the "Temperance Pledge" has been signed by more than eight hundred of the youth of Oregon, and that others are enrolling their names almost daily. By request the time for signing the Pledge has been extended to the 22d of February, next, this being the time when the State Temperance Convention convenes in this city. We hope to hear of the number being doubled before the opportunity of signing ceases.

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[illegible] on a parlor table, [illegible] up a glass frame [illegible] which revolve as you wind them, are much fashioned. He has a large assortment of musical instruments, beautiful work boxes, elegant writing decks, and you can refer to his advertisement, on the first page, to realize the assortment.

CROWDING TIMES.—Yesterday the friends of Christmas were out in strong force, and the stores were many of them crowded, especially those where Christmas offerings can be purchased. Gill, Steel & Co. and H. D. Boon, were thronged with customers, so were the candy stores and the toy emporium, the crowd being divided between Santa Claus Head quarters opposite the Chemeketa, and John G. Wright's two establishments.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—At the meeting of the Bible Society, on Friday evening last, the following officers were elected for the year 1872: President, T. M. Gatch; Vice President, O. Dickinson; Secretary, C. M. Moeller; Treasurer, A. P. Ankeny; Executive Committee, [illegible] Bennett, [illegible] Davenport, J. M. Nickerson, J. C. Bills.

JUST SO.—Yesterday morning some Weatherford chap leaving over the STATESMAN office with a small assortment of [illegible] in the line of [illegible] on the road, Corvallis [illegible] were [illegible] of the firm being in Chicago, we don't go either him or any other other.

PRAY DON'T.—Mr. J. W. Smith of the State street drug store has left as a remembrance of him in the shape of extracts for toilet purposes, perfumery and toilet soaps. Just the thing for Christmas presents, of course. Pray don't forget him when you spend your holiday change.

Gill, Steel & Co. got rile of lots of their beautiful goods yesterday, and have enough to last all Holiday week. Their assortment is very complete and excellent. Their advertisement is worth reading, and will give you an idea how well worth your while it is to call upon them.

MAIL COMING.—The mails which have accumulated at San Francisco are to come upon the next steamer. The terrible storm mentioned in the dispatches delayed the Oceanic a day or so ago and she will not be due at Portland for at least another day. We may possibly get our mails Monday evening.

Durham's Instant Relief is a valuable liniment inside by John N. Durham, of this city, and which has proved an efficacious and often an instant remedy for many pains. He has found it so popular where used that he has to double his advertisement, and the notice appears this morning.

MARKET NOTICE.—The business of Smith & Griffith on State street, and of Geo. Collins & Co. on Commercial street, has been consolidated. Mr. Smith has been bought out, and at each place the business is now conducted in the name of Griffith, Collins & Co.

TURKEYS AND GAME.—We noticed last evening that the Fish and Game Market on State street, was supplied with quite a nice lot of dressed turkeys and geese; also ducks, chickens and quails. There is the place to provide your Christmas dinner.

ORNAMENTATION.—Specimens of the skill with which ornamenting in sugar work can be done at Holbert's, are to be seen in his windows. He has a most accomplished workman employed.

From Monday's Daily.

ARRESTED.—On Saturday evening last, Marshal S. D. Richardson of Oregon City came up on the train in search of a half breed Indian who had stolen a revolver. Mr. R. after strolling around the city a few minutes, detected his man and marched him off to the jail where he remained over night. Yesterday morning by the early train, he was taken back to Oregon City where he will be held to answer, on charge of larceny.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.—We are requested to inform teachers and others, who may desire to attend the Yamhill County Teachers' Association, to be ready to take passage on the steamer Fannie Patton Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. This steamer connects with the Breton, which runs to Lafayette, where the Association is held this week.

EMIGRANTS OF '43.—On Saturday there was a meeting on the street of Salem, of four gentlemen, well known citizens, who came to Oregon over twenty-eight years ago. They were in the emigration of '43, an eventful one in Oregon history, and which furnished many prominent men. They were J. W. Nesmith, Jesse Applegate, Daniel Waldo and J. B. McClure. The first was in the U. S. Senate during the eventful years of the civil war; the second was the pioneer of the Umpqua, and is a man of intellectual attainments; Waldo Hills will ever remain the name of that beautiful portion of Marion county where the first was the earliest settler. The last named is one of the proprietors of Salem, and carried on mills here at an early day. All four figured, prominently, in connection with the Provisional Government of Oregon. The meeting of four such old-time citizens must have been a pleasant affair.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.—On the 27th instant, St. John's Day, the different Lodges of this city, this year, as on last, will install their officers for ensuing Masonic year. Salem Lodge, No. 4, at their last regular meeting elected the following officers: D. V. Earhart, W M; John Berry, S W; E N Gillingham, J W; John H Albert, Treas; O I Carr, Sec, and R W Wilcox, Tyler. Pacific Lodge, No. 56, elected officers as follows: T H Cox, W M; John Gray, S W; T H Cann, J W; J H Smith, Treas; B F Brown, Sec, and R A Pratt, Tyler. Public installation of officers of Pacific Lodge, No. 56, and festival for Masonic families will take place at the Chemeketa Hotel. Committee of Arrangements from different Lodges: T McF. Patton, Chas Miller, B F Brown, J F Stites, O I Carr and Jno Gray. Tickets to be had at Cox & Cartwright's and at the Express Office. All sojourning Masons are cordially invited to attend.

SEASONABLE.—Sequire and Tom and Jerry are seasonable just at present, and our boys have a grateful appreciation of the abundant sample furnished for their refreshment from the "Idaho." Where in the world Pettyjohn learned to make such good Tom & Jerry we can't say.

ADVERTISING EXTRA.—The Portland merchants have issued a Holiday circular consisting of a handsome pamphlet. One has reached us having the imprint, on it, of our enterprising friend Mr. Wm. Davidson.

STATE NEWS.

Portland.

From the Portland dailies we take the following:

The *Oregonian* has word from Hillsboro that the railroad track is for this time laid to within three hundred yards of that place.

The [illegible] was [illegible] at [illegible] bridge, on the Tualatin, last week, to let the steamer pass and it is tied up there. A chance for a first class law suit is anticipated.

The Circuit Court of Multnomah has passed resolutions expressive of respect for memory of Sheriff Bills.

Judge Denny fined a rebellious individual, who resisted arrest, one hundred dollars. That probably cabined his angry spirit.

The Senator has commenced making regular trips to Oregon City.

The *Herald* says a Chinese firm is manufacturing first-class slippers, clamp, at Portland, and puts them instead of howling against Chinese labor.

The *Bulletin* has information from Astoria that the severest northeaster known there for years, raged on last Sunday and Monday. On Sunday the tug Astoria brought down complete the bark Windward and left her at the head of Sauvie Island where she anchored. On Monday the wind and waves threatened to fling her the vessel and when on her beam ends the masts were cut away to save the ship. As this happened inside the bar the Oceanic says the underwriters may respond liability for the loss.

The [illegible] are there are quite a number of candidates for the position of [illegible] made vacant by the death of Sheriff Bills. The vacancy will be filled by action of the Co[illegible] Court, and probably a special meeting will be called to elect.

Harry L. Mc[illegible], of Hose Co. No. 1, has been presented with a silver trumpet by his company.

The man fined $100, for "roughness," was A. Milan, engineer of a donkey engine, that's how he came to act so like a donkey himself.

From the *Herald* of 22d we learn that Geo. V. James, son-in-law of the late Sheriff Bills, has been appointed by the County Commissioners Sheriff of Multnomah county.

All roads above the Cascades have ceased running for the winter, owing to an ice blockade near the Dalles.

The *Herald* learns that a man named Henry accidentally killed himself the other day with a gun.

The *Bulletin* says the E. N. Cooke is bringing down large quantities of flour from Oregon City.

Allen & Lewis lately paid $13,580 duties on sugar imported on the Grace Roberts from Honolulu.

The *Oregonian* of 22d says grand preparations are making for the G. A. R. Christmas Ball.

The late Sheriff Bills had his life insured for $10,000 in one of the leading companies.

A heavy paper mail is expected by the next steamer.

The two iron ships, Alden Besse and Harrington, are to unload part of their cargo at Astoria for fear they draw more than the fractious old river will carry.

Willamette Valley.

The Albany *Democrat* says that a grand ball will be given at Parrish's Hall, in Albany, on Christmas evening, Dec. 25th. A good supper and the best of music will be furnished for the occasion.

The Harrisburg Mills have recently been refitted with new machinery and in a short time will be able to turn out 150 barrels of flour per day.

Albany boasts the shrewdest little nigger living, on the strength of a trick which he played a few days ago. The little darkey went into a store and called for a bit's worth of candy, and after it was rolled up and given to him he slyly laid down a *bright bit*, which he had gathered up from the debris of the fire, and scudded for the door, leaving the astonished but good natured merchant standing behind the counter with a countenance which betokened "sold" in every lineament. That little nigger will yet be a Carpetbag Congressman. So says the *Democrat*.

The *Democrat* of the 22d contains the following: About two years ago Mr. Ruel Custar and Mrs. Lines, both of this county, were married, and as their domestic relations failed to glide as smoothly as both desired, they figured in a divorce suit at our Circuit Court last month, and were duly separated by the forms of law "in such cases made and provided." But, after due reflection, they found that they had made a terrible mistake in thus severing the nuptial cord which bound their lives together, and, accordingly on Thursday of last week, immediately after paying off the costs of the divorce suit—amounting to nearly $2,500—they procured the requisite license and were again made "two souls with but a single," and so-forth. We trust that the reunited pair, who now "know how it is themselves" for the second time, may never have occasion to regret their second union.

Portland.

The *Herald* of December 23, says Mr. Geo. V. James filed his bonds of $75,000 as Sheriff, yesterday, and $50,000 as Tax Collector. His bondsmen were Messrs. C. H. Lewis, D. W. Burnsides, E. Milwain, G. H. Flanders and B. Z. Holmes.

The temple which the I. O. G. T. propose to build in this city, will be larger than was at first calculated, and for this purpose the capital stock has been increased $10,000, thus making the total capital $30,000.

All the Churches are preparing Christmas trees for their little ones. The Christmas tree of St. Stephen's Chapel Sunday School, will be lighted this evening at half-past six o'clock. Members and friends are cordially invited. The services at Trinity Church on Christmas Day Monday will begin at 11 a. m. The Christmas tree for the children will be on Thursday, the 28th.

Judge W. W. Page met with a severe accident on Thursday evening. As he was going home he slipped and fell on the sidewalk on Third street, and his leg bending under him, it was broken. Several physicians have been in attendance upon him. He is confined to his bed at present.

Mr. W. L. Habey has donated two lots in the town of Cornelius to the Methodist denominations for a church site.

The city commenced suit yesterday in the Circuit Court against Joseph Knott, to recover from him that portion of the public levee east of block 113. The case occupied the attention of the Court all day.

From the *Oregonian* we learn that the Oriflamme did not sail from San Francisco until Thursday morning, and consequently will not be due here until to-morrow night or Sunday morning.

The Hayward arrived yesterday "on time" from the Cascades, having made a connection with the Idaho. The ice which on Thursday prevented the latter boat from making the trip has entirely disappeared.

Passenger trains are now running over the West Side road to and from Hillsboro, M. Kelley, of Hillsboro, shipped the first lot of freight over the road on Thursday.

The *Bulletin* says during the coming week, Purdy and Vincent's Minstrels will visit Salem, Albany and Eugene city, for the purpose of giving performances.

Willamette Valley.

From the Albany *Register* we learn the following: The Odd Fellows of Buena Vista Lodge, will dedicate their new Hall on the evening of Jan. 1, 1872.

The Albanians are making preparations to hold a "Grand New Years Festival" at the Court House in that city. The design of the festival is to raise money for charitable purposes.

A public installation will transpire at the Hall of Albany Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1872. All Odd Fellows in good standing and their wives are invited to put in an appearance on that occasion.

The Eugene *Guard* of the 23d, says on Sunday, as the stage from the south was coming down a hill about ten miles this side of Roseburg, the brake broke and the stage running on the horses, the driver jumped off the box and left them to shift for themselves. There were several passengers in the coach, one of whom jumped out and was so badly injured that he had to be left. The horses ran about half a mile, when they brought up on "both sides of a tree." As latest accounts one of the horses had not been found.

The same paper in speaking of Eugene City, says the population at this time is probably about 1,200. There are two schools, two lodges, six churches, four sabbath schools, six fine good buildings, nine dry good stores, four variety stores, two book stores, two tin shops, eleven saloons and a brewery, six blacksmith's shops, three wagon shops, three hotels, four restaurants, one bakery, two drug stores, two jeweler shops, one photo gallery and a tannery; the saddle tree manufactory has been moved to the country; there are three boot and shoe shops, two saddle and harness shops, and one shop where only saddles are made; two meat markets, three family grocery stores, one furniture store, gunsmith and copper shop, two planing mills, sash and door factories, one livery, feed and sale stable, and one feed stable. There are six doctors and about a dozen lawyers.

Senator Schurz.

Before the election, we were assured that the Germans of Wisconsin individually and in their organized social combinations, would vote against Washburn for the reason, as was alleged, that the General was a Grant man, and they were all opposed to Grant under the dictation of Senator Schurz. That is the way those German dickens were hatched, but after the hatching season in early November, it turns out that there was a miscount, and in those localities where the Germans most do congregate, as in this city, and in Washington and Ozaukee counties, there is less than the usual majorities against the Republican ticket. Indeed, if anything were needed to disprove the baneful effect of the Missouri Senator's influence, besides the election returns which settle the whole question, it might be added that here in this city, the only locality that the Senator visited, the Democratic loss is the greatest. An additional fact might be stated to show that the Schurz influence has not permeated his fellow countrymen to any alarming extent. Mr. Schurz was for many years a respectable lawyer, without clients, in this city, and is well and favorably known as a scholar and a gentleman to all our German fellow-citizens. He came here to lecture upon Civil Service Reform, for the benefit of the German sufferers by the Chicago fire. Both the reputation of the brilliant orator and the benevolent object for which he came—*and to speak of the Democratic undercurrent that hoped to reap where the Senator sowed*—ought to have attracted on so pleasant an evening, a large and enthusiastic an audience. But the people were not there, neither his fellow-Germans that were supposed to sympathize with Schurz both in his fealty to Grant and in his efforts to assist the Chicago sufferers, nor the Democrats who layed the flatt