

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

THE WOOD SAWYERS.—The white wood sawing brigade is becoming quite formidable in numbers, and is increasing. Since this paper started its man out with a buck-saw and saw-buck, about three months ago, it has been rather a cold climate for Chinese wood sawyers. And it is said that there are now only two of the pig-tailed Mongols in the business, and they stand a fair show of being run out, for the competition is too thick for them. Every dollar that has been paid to white wood sawyers has been spent here, and put in circulation, and the aggregate amount is quite a large sum of money. It has become so that any one here is ashamed to hire a Chinaman to saw wood, and it should be the case. The time should quickly come when any one will be ashamed to hire a Chinaman to do any thing that can be done by white labor. The way to quit is to quit, and the way to make the Chinese go is to make it so lonesome for them that they will be glad to get away. This is the only true solution of the Chinese question, which with an absolute prohibitory law, would soon wood out the heathen horde. Hurrah for the wood sawing brigade!

BIG FIRE AT WALLULA.—About half past five Sunday morning fire broke out in the laundry of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company's depot and hotel building at Wallula Junction, and before anything could be done to stay the progress of the flames the entire structure was reduced to ashes. All the guests succeeded in making their escape and most of them saved their personal effects. Nearly all the furniture and hotel appointments were burned. The building was erected by the railroad company some three years ago at a cost of \$50,000, and was one of the finest buildings of the kind on the coast. It was insured for \$26,000. The hotel and saloon were owned by A. P. Hotelling company, and managed by Mr. Cline. Their loss is estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000, partly insured. It is altogether likely that the company will rebuild immediately. The telegraph office in an adjacent building was not burned. The origin of the fire could not be learned, but it is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

TRIED TO KILL AN EDITOR.—Intense excitement was created at Forest Grove on Saturday by a bold attempt to assassinate D. H. Thomas, editor and proprietor of the Pacific Pharos. Mr. Thomas was on his way to the depot at 6:30 a. m., on Saturday morning, for the purpose of taking the Portland train. His assailant was ambushed in a clump of small trees, and fired three shots, short range, at his intended victim. One ball passed through the lapel of Mr. Thomas's coat, and set the breast of the coat on fire. The other bullet took effect in the left leg just above the knee, inside, ranging downward, and lodging on the other side below the knee. It just missed the femoral artery. A third shot was ineffective. The would-be-murderer threw down his pistol and made good his escape. The weapon was a 45-caliber, bull-dog revolver. Two of the five chambers were found to be loaded.

GOSE EAST.—George Saubert, foreman of the STATESMAN office, started yesterday for his old home in Vernon county, Wisconsin. He goes over the O. R. & N. line to Huntington, thence over the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific to Council Bluffs, thence over the Great Rock Island route to Chicago, from which city he will proceed homeward. He continues his business with pleasure and will be gone about a month. George has worked faithfully in the office for his first seventeen months, and this is his first vacation. The boys all wish him a pleasant and profitable trip, and a safe return. His address while gone will be Star, Wisconsin.

ACCIDENT.—An accident occurred late Sunday evening near the coal elevator below Albina. Thomas Little, an employee of the grain elevator at the flour mills, while on his way to work about 9 o'clock, fell from the high trestle work and broke his leg. He lay in the water all night and was found this morning in an insensible condition, and was taken in charge by his friends, who have done everything in their power to bring him to, but their efforts were unavailing, as death put an end to his suffering soon after he was found. Mr. Little was aged about twenty-nine years, and was a native of Ohio. He had been in this state about eight months.

THE UNION PACIFIC.—An Omaha capitalist who is indirectly connected with the Union Pacific railroad, says the company will do more work this year than it has for many years past, and gives it as his opinion that the first move of the Union Pacific will be built into the Pine Creek mines, then they will tap the grain growing region of eastern Washington. These will be side issues, however. The company will build from Ontario, on Snake river, across southeastern Oregon, thence over the Cascades and through the Willamette valley to Portland.—Baker City Tribune.

AMONG A FIRE.—Sunday morning, about five o'clock, officers Mead and Lynch passed Wraga's tailoring shop, on State street, near Commercial, and noticed a bright light in the room. They broke open the door just in time to save a conflagration. Wraga had taken the ashes from the stove and put them in a wooden box the day before, and some live coals set fire to the box. No damage.

PROSPECT HILL.—A correspondent writing from Prospect Hill gives an account of a New Year's dinner which was prepared by the "men folks," in honor of the ladies. An excellent dinner it was, under the auspices of the literary society, and did great credit to the gentlemen cooks. An excellent time was had.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—Mrs. Dr. A. G. Dear-dorf left last evening for a month's visit at Linden, California. She went as far as Corvallis on the steamer Bonanza, and from there will take this morning's train for Yaquina, thence to San Francisco on the Oregon Pacific steamship Yaquina.

APPRAISERS.—County Judge Shaw has appointed Levi Herren, J. C. Peebles and W. D. Belding, appraisers of the estate of the late Daniel Clark.

A PROSPECTOR.—Some very ambitious persons of Salem are trying to get up a joint stock company to run a new daily paper here, in the interests of the workmen, etc. They want \$800, and sell their shares at \$5 apiece, which is quite reasonable. The \$800, also, is reasonable. It is too reasonable to make any daily paper permanent. It costs that much each month to run the STATESMAN, and the material, machinery and appliances would cost five times that much to replace. They expect also to start a weekly paper. Their intention is good, but they must have more capital stock. They now have about \$50 subscribed, and every body that wants "glory for one day" should proceed to get their autographs down on that paper for some stock. Make it \$30,000 for that is very reasonable, and then the new sheet will be in a position to knock capital higher than beef when the cow jumped over the moon, and they can make it a crime punishable with death for a man to own over \$7. Why, \$800 won't half buy a decent press, and it won't buy more than a halfful of type. Gentlemen, increase your stock. Don't be fools. The way to run a paper is to run a paper. To make it a success you have got to be the bell-wether of the flock.

CONTRACT MADE.—The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, constituting the board of public buildings, have signed a contract with the Electric Light Company for lighting the public buildings for one year with electricity, in accordance with the act of the special session of the legislature. The contract calls for 330 incandescence lamps, to be distributed about the penitentiary, asylum and capitol buildings, together with seventeen lights of sixteen thousand candle power for lighting outdoors, to be placed on masts. The contract price is \$5,000 per year. It is likely the company will begin the erection of their machinery and poles at once, and the lights will be in use inside of the next ninety days. The contract, of course, is on the basis of good lights, and if they do not appear satisfactory to the board when running, the contract is to be null and void. It is to be hoped the lights will prove a success, for, if they do, Salem, as a city, will feel the benefits largely, and may in the future light its streets with electricity instead of oil, which gives but little light.

TO SEE THE TRAIN GO BY.—Mr. B. Pape of East Portland, was the victim of a peculiar accident Sunday afternoon. Going to the O. R. & N. train, he sat on the fence which skirts the incline on the river side while the train went down to connect with the transfer boat. He naturally supposed, says the Standard, there would be room for him to sit on the fence to see the train go by, but was mistaken. A bolt protruding from the steps of the mail car came in contact with the side of his right leg between the knee and ankle and cut it badly, while the force caused him to lose his footing and fall over backwards. He fell about ten feet, striking upon his shoulder, and receiving a severe shock.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—James P. Wilder has received his re-appointment for a third term as superintendent of the railway mail service, eighth division, which includes Oregon, with headquarters at San Francisco. This gentleman has been in the railway mail service for over twenty years, having worked his way up from a postal clerk to his present elevated position.—(News.) The effect of the appointment will probably be to make the many democrats who wanted the place a great deal "wilder" than they were before.

FOR PLAINTIFFS.—The case of the H. A. C. band against the Oregon state agricultural board, was decided yesterday in the county court by Judge Shaw, giving the plaintiff judgment for \$100 and costs, and disbursements of the action. It is understood that the case will be appealed.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.—Horner H. Hallock, well known here, who has had charge of the Heppner Times since February 23d, 1884, takes leave of that paper, and Jerry Nunan and Harry Keyte will move the paper to Lexington, a candidate for the county seat of Morrow county.

WORK RECOMMENCED.—Contractor Denham has again begun work on the new school building. He says the work will be completed within the next sixty days.

For ten or twelve years I have been severely afflicted with catarrh. Never before found such decided relief as from Ely's cream balm. I consider myself cured.—J. W. Buffington, Mechanicville, N. Y. (Price 50 cents.)

Archie Fuqua, of Pendleton, is mentioned by Mark Twain, in a humorous article in December's Century. Archie used to be a chum of Mark's in days gone by.

PROSPECT HILL. Miss Mary, daughter of Dr. Reynolds, taught a successful term of school, and won many friends among us.

The usual monotony of winter has been enlivened somewhat by a literary society held at the new school building; A. F. Davidson lectures upon the sciences, J. P. Robertson's political talks, essays, readings, etc., follow. Both old and young participate. Mrs. Crandall presented a melodeon to the society, at which Mrs. Etta Judson presided.

On Christmas, the ladies assisted by a few of the Liberty district, gave a fine dinner; the table literally groined with its burden of substantial and delicacies. In the evening the young folks met, and "chased the hours with flying feet." New Year's, the gentleman reversed the usual custom, and gave a reception to the ladies, serving a fine supper of oysters, cold fowl, coffee and cakes. The center of attraction was a beautiful frosted pyramid cake, sparkling with fancy candies. It was sliced the last, and passed with compliments of a bashful young gent, with the request that all should taste and test his culinary skill. A sudden movement of the napkin to conceal the tearful countenance told the secret of cayenne pepper flavoring. Notwithstanding the little "episode," the New Year's supper was a success, and heartily enjoyed by the ladies especially.

A petition with 25,000 signatures in favor of optional cremation has been presented to the German Reichstag.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

THE BOYS DISCHARGED.—A peculiar spectacle was that in the recorder's court yesterday afternoon, when six small boys ranged themselves before his honor, the recorder, on a charge of vagrancy, committed by disobeying the 9 o'clock ordinance. The recorder, after consulting with the marshal, concluded to let the boys off under a reprimand, and Marshal Harbord did not make a formal complaint against them. The boys were given to understand that if they came again before the recorder that they would be fined. Other boys will do well to take warning that the ordinance will be strictly enforced in future, and that if caught disobeying the ordinance they will be arrested.

WAREHOUSEMAN SHORT.—A special to the Albany Herald states that Blair, the warehouseman, at Corvallis, is short in his grain stock that had been deposited with him. Reliable information shows a shortage of upwards of 6,000 bushels in Mr. Blair's accounts, for which there is nothing to show and no recourse, save the very poor satisfaction of a criminal prosecution. Something over 8,200 bushels are in C. Cessar's hands, in Portland, but so hypotheated and covered with security claims that not a kernel is available, unless it could be claimed by identification of property which is impracticable. The loss will fall entirely upon farmers who had stored in the house.

FELL DEAD FROM EXCITEMENT.—Mrs. John B. Parker, who lives in East Portland, died under very peculiar circumstances about 8:30 o'clock this morning. A dog belonging to the Parker family made an attack on a neighbor named Mr. Chanoot, and the latter turned around on the vicious brute and began to beat him away with stones. Mrs. Parker saw the man chasing the dog with stones and with an angry look in his eye, and began to remonstrate with him, and defend her property. She grew quite excited, when suddenly throwing up her arms, she fell back, dead. Dr. C. H. Raffety was called and pronounced her death as resulting from paralysis of the heart, caused by violent agitation.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A. S. Wentworth, in Walton river mines, in Lane county, met with a very serious accident last Monday evening. He, by some means, got his leg caught between two rocks half way between the knee and hip, crushing the flesh in a fearful manner from there to below the knee. It is not thought that there is any broken bone, or that the knee-joint is out of place, but it is impossible to tell, as the limb is so badly swollen. He also had the skin torn up on the inside of his hand at the same time. Considering the care and attention he receives among a rough set of men he is getting along very well.

AGAIN IN THE FIELD.—Nos. 1 and 2 of Vol. XV, of the Christian Herald, of Monmouth, are at hand. The paper is devoted to the interests of the Christian church, and it is a very interesting journal. The Herald has taken a vacation of about a year, but returns again to a renewal of its good work. The Herald will be issued in combination with the Christian News, of Sacramento, Cal., in the future, and subscribers can get the paper from either office. The News will cover four pages of the paper and the Herald the other four. Will H. Parry is business manager of the Herald.

HOSE CHALLENGE.—In a late number of the Sporting World appears a "picture" of hose team No. 1, of Seattle, and claiming that team to be the "boss" team of the coast. Capital hose team, of this city, desire Seattle hose team to know that if the latter are anxious to be known as champion of Oregon and Washington territory, that a race for any amount of coin can be arranged to take place in this city during the season of 1886. They are earnestly invited to come over to the tournament this summer as competitors for the tournament prizes, if they will.

WANTS TO BECOME A "MELICAN" MAN.—Jim Westfall, the well-known Chinese contractor, declared his intention of becoming an American citizen last Saturday, before the county clerk, and signed his name with a flourish to the document, by which he forever renounced his allegiance to any crown or foreign power, and especially to the throne of the pig-tail kingdom. It is not probable, under existing laws, that naturalization papers, making him one of Uncle Samuel's subjects, will be granted. Jim Westfall, however, donated \$50 to the O. P. railroad, and is a white sort of a Chinaman.—(Albany Herald.)

FIRE AT SCIO.—From a private letter received in this city, it is learned that fire broke out in Jack Bilyen's hotel, Scio, Linn county, on Monday night, January 11th, at 12 o'clock. The fire spread to Mr. Bilyen's livery stable, and burned both buildings to the ground. It was hard work for the citizens of Scio to keep J. H. Daniels' store and Geo. Morrow's tin store from burning. Had there been a wind blowing at the time those buildings would have been burned. The goods were packed out of Daniels' store building. Mr. Bilyen's loss is between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

TO BE REARRANGED.—The state board of immigration will soon have the folder "Oregon as it is" rearranged, and a large quantity printed to be distributed among the railway companies at Chicago, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver and other places. There is large demand for Oregon literature from the eastern railroad companies. During the last week the board sent out 17,000 folders "Oregon as it is," 1,500 pamphlets of the same title, 1,500 newspapers and other publications.

CHANGE IN HOURS.—Hereafter the money order window at the postoffice will be open at all hours between 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. This is to accommodate those who can only reach the office at the noon hour.

SERVICES AT BROOKS.—Rev. J. A. Hollenbaugh desires the STATESMAN to state that he will begin a protracted meeting at Brooks, on Sunday next, at 3 o'clock.

Wells, Fargo and company's office will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. continuously.

A. S. GROSS RETIRES.—On Monday A. S. Gross retired from the Casino opera house at Portland. Charles W. Frush, who has been interested in the house for some time past and who is well known here, he having been deputy U. S. marshal for some time, purchased Mr. Gross' interest, which he in turn sold to Joseph Holder. Mr. Holder will hereafter manage the refreshment portion of the house. The board of directors then met and appointed Charles W. Frush as president, and appointed W. H. Kinross as acting manager. Mr. Kinross will devote his entire time to the business of the house. At the conclusion of the engagement of the Thompson opera company it is the intention to form a stock opera company and give opera comique indefinitely.

ARTICLES FILED.—The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the secretary of state: The first Baptist church of Dayton, with \$800 worth of property. James Baxter, Reuben Snyder, Jonathan Arns, A. N. Alderson and J. W. McDaniel, are incorporators. The Jacksonville mining and milling company, of Jacksonville. Object, to mine for precious metals in Jackson county. Duration, two years. Capital stock, \$200,000 shares. Incorporators, David L. Cart, Henry Pape, Jno. Orth, Wm. Jackson and David Cronmiller; the Alaska packing company, of Astoria. Duration, ten years. Capital stock, \$20,000, in 200 shares. Object, to pack can, put up, buy and sell fish, fruits, etc. Incorporators, R. H. Johnson, M. Foard and H. Plath.

SOME SHEEP.—If Wm. Pendland meets with no bad luck, he will have 37,000 head of sheep next shearing time, besides his crop of lambs. The clip from these sheep will be about seven pounds each, or 130,000 pounds, all told. If wool should be 20 cents per pound, (and the general belief is that it will be) the clip will be worth \$37,000. Add to this, say 10,000 lambs worth next fall \$1.50 per head, and he will have the income for one year, from sheep alone, amounting to \$52,500. The cost of handling those sheep is enormous of course, but after all the expenses are paid, Mr. Pendland will realize a sum for his year's business almost equal to the salary of a country editor.—Heppner Times.

ESCAPE OF A SUSPECTED ROBBER.—Several days ago, the West Side ticket office at Forest Grove, was robbed, and among other articles taken were the railroad tickets. Monday morning a young man got on the train at Forest Grove and tendered a ticket for Portland. It was one of those known to have been stolen, and the conductor, getting off at Cornelius, telegraphed the sheriff of Washington county at Hillsboro, to come to the train. Some way or other the young man suspected something wrong, and just as the train started away from Cornelius, jumped off. He is well known and will find it difficult to get away.

THE PULLMANS.—The O. & C. R. R. passenger trains will only haul Pullman sleepers between Albany and Ashland hereafter, discontinuing the service between Portland and Albany.

SWALLOWED A PIN.—Miss May Tooley, a young lady living in Portland, accidentally swallowed a pin yesterday, and at last accounts was in great pain, and her life was despaired of.

PRESS COMMENT.

The new year dawns upon the United States as the most favored nation in the world. Business is reviving in every department. Our store houses and granaries are full to overflowing. We are free from all foreign entanglements. The public health is good, and with reasonable care there is nothing to dread from foreign pestilence. We can look back upon 1885 with grateful hearts and forward to 1886 with hope and confidence. Verily this nation is the chosen of the Lord's.—Chicago News.

When all men are equal in mental, moral and physical strength; equal in inventiveness, enterprise and industry; equal in wisdom, prudence and tact; honest, unselfish and accommodating to their neighbors, loving their enemies and doing good to those that hate them, free trade, pure and simple, may exist. But no laws will be needed then to establish free trade. Indeed, there will be no need of governments.—Louisville Commercial.

France has never yet gone through a great crisis without producing a man equal to the emergency, and it may be safely assumed that a race which has played such a great part in the world's history will find a man to lead it through the present most unpromising difficulty. But at present the best friends of France must admit that the outlook is bad.—New York Telegraph.

There is no more sense in "tipping" a waiter or bed-room servant who is faithful, than a prompt salesman or an efficient helper of any sort. The system is an outgrowth of aristocratic caste basis of society in Europe and should not get a foothold here, where labor is held to be honorable and paid for on its merits.—Washington Star.

Before congress makes any more experiments in the extension of the pension list it should have some definite idea of what the experiments will cost. The last venture of that sort cost about ten times as much as was estimated by its advocates. It is not worth while to take any more leaps in the dark.—Boston Herald.

CLEARANCE SALE.—The Misses McNary, of the Variety Store, second door north of the STATESMAN office, will make a genuine reduction on all holiday goods left over. On toys, especially, they have marked down the price, so that Christmas may last all the year round for the children, at very small cost. See for yourself.

WHAT YOU SAY.—"There are so many frauds advertised for the hair," you say. So there are, but Parker's Hair Balsam is not one of them. It will not work miracles, but it will do better service for your hair than anything else you can find. Restores original color, cures dandruff, gives new growth. Elegantly perfumed. Not a dye. 5wks.

For thirteen years the names of the Fort Wayne postmasters have begun with K—Krumm, Kell and Kaugh.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

BEAUTIFUL BIRDS.—Thus far only one paper in our state, and that one published in Portland—has mentioned the advent of a new and beautiful species of birds, hence it is fair to suppose that they have not yet become very common. A flock of fifty or sixty seen nearly every day in one locality, stay long enough each time to afford a little opportunity for study as to color, habits, etc. In size they are smaller than the robin, their coats being of dark olive green with wing tips and throat of a creamy white. Their beaks are shaped like those of the parakeet, curved and strong, which they use to good advantage for breaking open the seeds of the maple trees of which they appear to be very fond. It is interesting to watch them alight on a mossy roof and dig for the seeds partly buried in it. On a recent morning they made a picture beautiful enough for one of William Hamilton Gibson's "Back-door studies" as they sat grouped on a tree and an old ladder, preening their feathers, turning their heads this way and that and twittering to each other in their musical bird language. They are not timid, or easily frightened at the approach of man or domestic animals. CHIMKETA.

ASKING COUNTY CO-OPERATION.—The state board of immigration, anxious that the good results that have come to the counties that have organized a county immigration board, and issued pamphlets, should extend to every county in the state the coming year, has issued a circular letter requesting all counties to send descriptive literature. The circular says: "There is every reason to believe that during the current year a large immigration will come to Oregon, and mainly as the result of the wide and judicious dissemination of information about the state by the board, during the past ten months. In anticipation of that influx, and in order that each county may have its claims to attention properly presented to those newcomers, it is certainly important that the board of immigration rooms here shall be liberally supplied with a carefully prepared, accurate and every way trustworthy pamphlet, descriptive of these divisions of the state."

NEW COMPANY FORMED.—Articles of incorporation of the Pacific Cider Vinegar company were filed in the office of the secretary of state yesterday. The object of the corporation is to engage in buying and selling fruit and vegetables, canning and preserving same, manufacturing cider, vinegar, etc. The capital stock is to be \$20,000, divided into 200 shares of the value of \$100 each, and the principal office to be located in Portland. The incorporators are Francis Sealy, Gideon Stoltz and J. D. Coleman.

THE COAT GAVE HIM AWAY.—A few evenings since a babe, not many days old, was found wrapped up in an overcoat on the steps at the Sister's convent, on Fourth street. It is learned that the overcoat belonged to Hugh Cosgrove, who lives in French prairie, Marion county. It is said that he boarded a north-bound O. & C. train at Marion station a few days since, and came to this city. He was accompanied by a woman who had a child.—(Portland News.)

NOTARIAL.—The governor has made the following appointments: W. J. Herren, of Salem, to be a member of the assessment and taxation commission, in place of Dan'l Clark, deceased. Geo. A. Brodie, S. A. Durham, W. L. Boise, S. R. Stott, A. E. Frazier, H. S. Allen, W. S. Beebe, G. W. Yocum, H. B. Oatman, and H. Baumhoer, of Portland, and W. W. Gibbs of Elensburg, Davis Brower of Grants Pass, Wm. Johnson of Cross Keys, Tilmon Ford of Salem, and O. D. Taylor of The Dalles, notaries public.

DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN.—Mr. Zachariah Beard, familiarly known as "Uncle Zach," of Tangent, died Monday night after a brief illness at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Deceased, who has been a resident of this county for twenty years, was a brother of John Beard, of this place, and father of Postmaster Beard, of Tangent.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The following named share holders of the Capital National bank were elected directors at their annual meeting: A. A. McCully, R. S. Wallace, H. Carpenter, W. W. Martin, W. T. Gray, J. M. Martin, and J. H. Albert. Officers: R. S. Wallace, president; A. A. McCully, vice president; J. H. Albert, cashier.

GOOD APPOINTMENT.—Miss Pearl Scott is now connected with the school for the blind, having accepted an appointment as a musical instructor at that institution. Miss Scott is in every way fitted for the position, having received a high education in instrumental music, and a less will fill it with credit and ability.

ACCIDENTAL.—Mrs. M. Beatty, of Brooks station, fell accidentally on Tuesday, the 12th inst., and broke her left ankle. At last reports the patient was doing well. Her daughter, Mrs. J. Leidinger, of this city, has gone to Brooks to wait upon her.

PERSONAL.—E. W. Chapman, of Hubbard, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Chapman takes five copies of the Weekly STATESMAN, sending four copies to friends in the eastern states, and the tag on all of them reads '87.

GUARDIAN'S SALE.—All parties interested should remember the Gillingham guardian's sale on Saturday next, at the court house. The farm is a good one, and there will be a chance for a bargain.

CARRIAGE PAINTING.—J. M. Forsythe has commenced painting again at his old stand, and guarantees that his work will not be excelled, or no charges. Shop on State street, between Front and Commercial. 1-1211w-wtm.

SUGGESTION.

Now that we are blessed with a council that will keep bulls, cows, and other animals off the streets, would it not be a good idea for them to go still further and prohibit the running at large of bicycles? PEDESTRIAN.

The street supervisor is actively at work repairing the condition of the streets.

WHEN TO REGISTER.

The First Monday in April Evidently was the Intent of the Law.

The question of the proper date for the sitting of the registry boards in the several precincts in the state has been the leading one before the people for the past few days, but there appears to be no good reason to doubt the statement that the first Monday in April was intended by the law.

The trouble arose from conflicting dates appearing in the amendments as passed at the special session. The first amendment passed by that body was the bill providing for a uniform system of blanks to be used and the one which has become famous since, under the "name and style" of "the Ayer bill." This bill, as stated before, was to provide for the use of a uniform system of blanks, as its prime object, while a subsidiary clause stated that the time of registry should be on the first Monday in March, and the Tuesday and Wednesday thereafter, in order to provide for the same date as the original law passed. This amendment was signed by the governor on November 30th, 1885.

Another amendment was then introduced after the above had passed both houses of the legislature, the prime object of which was to change the date of registration to the first Monday in April. This amendment, however, was signed and became a law on November 25, 1885, five days earlier than the "Ayer" bill.

It is usual for a later law to repeal all former laws in conflict with it, but in this case, according to the best legal advice, the intent of the law is to be considered. In law the following four salient points are considered in judging of a law: 1st. "The words of the law;" 2nd. "The context;" 3rd. "The subject matter;" and 4th. "The spirit and reason of the law and the evident intention of the law makers."

The intention of the last amendment passed was evident; and that was to change the time from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in April, and the courts will in all probability hold that as the proper time for registration.

Acting on this opinion County Clerk Chapman has caused to be sent to all the chairmen of precinct committees in this county the following

NOTICE TO VOTERS. "All persons desiring to vote at the next June election are notified that they must appear at their usual place of voting on the 5th, 6th, or 7th days of April, 1886, and register; otherwise, under the late law, they cannot vote."

It is to be hoped that the several other counties in the state will take this interpretation of the law, so as to make the registry on a uniform date, and save that much cause for contest at least.

MONMOUTH NOTES.

Nearly all the students who went home, have returned.

The Vespertine literary society will hold an open session Jan. 23.

Several new students have entered the Oregon state normal school since the holidays.

In the election of city officers, Prof. Powell was elected a member of the city council.

The examinations for the term will begin in about two weeks, and the senior examination, early in February.

President D. T. Stanley accidentally sprained his ankle a few days ago, and, though very painful, he continues his work in school.

A band has been organized, composed mainly of the normal boys, and judging from the interest manifested, they will soon come to the front.

On the anniversary of Prof. Yates' birthday, he was presented by Pres. Stanley with a gold pen and holder, and by the faculty and students with a fine gold ring and charm.

AT JEFFERSON.

ED. STATESMAN.—On Saturday last we went to Jefferson where we installed the following officers, of Santiam Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F.: N. G. S. T. Johnson, V. G. J. A. Beard; R. S., Jno. W. Roland; P. S., T. M. Hoyt; Treas., E. H. Bellinger.

At the close of the ceremony the good sisters, with mischief in their eyes and baskets filled with choicest things calculated to refresh the inner man, appeared, and in a trice arranged them and commanded the brethren to partake. How the affair was carried into execution, to the complete surprise of the brothers, deponent knows not; but heareth testimony, and votes the ladies of Jefferson a success in culinary accomplishments.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

"SPARE THAT TREE!" was the sentiment of Chicago when dynamiters tried to blow down the house of Judge Lambert Tree, of that city.

"COLORED" jewels are to be all the rage this season," says a fashion item. What's the odds whether the cook is white or black so long as she understands her business.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has contributed \$100 towards the Grant monument. This will make New York green with envy, as the city expected to contribute at least that amount.

SALLY JOY, of whom Hope told a flattering tale, is, at the present time, president of the American Women Journalists' Association. She is an editor of the Boston Herald.

DURING the late French elections several women were permitted to cast votes for their sick husbands. In this country a husband gets sick when his wife wants to vote.

THE youngest United States Senator in Kenna of West Virginia—thirty-seven. The oldest is Morrill of Vermont—seventy-five. The average age of the present Senate is fifty-eight years.

SECRETARY MANNING'S call for \$10,000,000 in bonds caused a decline of 2 1/2 cents in three per cent, affording a fine opportunity for some of his New York friends to make a nice little speculation.