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A PROHIBITION league was organized at
 Jefferson, Marion county, on Saturday
 evening, with 122 members. Parties from
 there inform us that they expect to carry
 the amendment, three to one, in that pre-
 cinct. A local option law would fit the
 people there in first-class shape. The
 people of Jefferson are entitled to their
 opinions, and to their rights, but they
 should not have the right to say how
 Salem shall regulate the liquor traffic.
 This is one of the strongest arguments
 against the amendment, and many a
 temperance man who loves justice, reason
 and fairness will vote against this amend-
 ment on these grounds. The hard-shells
 will be gloriously licked at the polls in
 November, and then true temperance
 and reason will be able to get in its work
 in the shape of a local option law, and
 more stringent regulations for the govern-
 ment of a traffic which cannot be pro-
 hibited by the success of an amendment to
 the constitution and the passage of a
 whole volume of laws.

There are always a few vagabonds in
 every community who want to sponge a
 living without work. Some of them re-
 sort to gambling, or in other words taking
 the money of individuals who have not
 brains enough to keep it when they get
 it, and spending it for them, living high
 on the credulity and cupidity of those,
 generally, who can ill afford to part with
 their earnings. A new breed of blood
 suckers has lately sprung up, loafers who
 sponge their sustenance under the guise
 of religion. These are worse than gam-
 blers, because they affect a virtue that
 they do not possess, and profane the
 name of religion. These latter are the
 "captains" and "officers" of the "Salva-
 tion Army." Salvation Army! God save
 the mark!

COUNT MITKICVOICZ, a Russian electrici-
 an, who has lived for some years in
 Washington, left San Francisco last week
 for China, in company with S. A. Stern,
 of Philadelphia, and E. L. Barberie, a
 New York electrician. The Count claims
 to possess control of the telephone in Chi-
 na for thirty years. He says he represents
 a Philadelphia syndicate with \$26,000,000
 capital. He has extensive plans for in-
 troducing the telephone in the Celestial
 Empire.

If Salem had more people whose only
 business is to stand on street corners with
 their hands in their pockets up to their
 elbows, chew tobacco and talk about the
 "moss-backs," she would build up faster,
 and be in better health generally. There
 are a few things in this world that are
 worse than "moss-backs."

The saloons of New York city are now
 closed up on Sunday. We thought they
 would be. Salem has taken the lead,
 and all the great cities will fall into line.
 Next we expect to hear that Chicago has
 joined the procession, and then Astoria.

The recent nihilists' trial in St. Peters-
 burg has developed the fact that there
 are four distinct nihilistic societies in Rus-
 sia, ramifying every section of the empire
 even in Siberia. These revelations must
 have been very pleasing to the Czar.

BOULANGER has invented a new food
 ration for the French army, which he
 calls "Bisvium." It is good, no doubt,
 but what the French army needed last
 time was guns.

A Boston doctor raises his solemn voice
 against cotton stockings for winter wear.
 He says they are destroying the women
 of New England with rheumatism and
 neuralgia.

EASTERN TOWNS have the baseball fever
 to such an extent that they offer a cor-
 ner lot to any local player who makes a
 home run. We know of no lot being tak-
 en, as yet.

If a regular mail messenger is not put
 out the Eugene express soon, a cry of
 righteous indignation will go up all along
 this valley that will be simply awful to hear.

FRANCE has more schools than any
 other of the great nations in Europe,
 and that seems to be the hope of the
 French Republic.

By the way, what is the initiation fee
 to Mr. Henry George's Anti-poverty So-
 ciety, and how much are the funeral ben-
 efits? We want to join.

As soon as the rain subsides the floor to
 salmon Salem's loom will open out and
 remain in business permanently.

A MAN in Kansas committed suicide in
 a vat of vinegar. He had probably
 soured on this life.

BUSINESS MEN, ATTENTION!

EDITOR STATESMAN:—Walla Walla,
 with a population of only about 4000,
 is raising \$75,000 as a bonus to bring in an-
 other railroad. Its business men have
 just formed a stock company with a capi-
 tal of \$100,000, in shares of \$100 each, to
 start a woolen mill. Tacoma, with a popu-
 lation about the same as that of Salem,
 is building a street railroad. Salem, with
 far greater opportunities for building up a
 city than either of them, still continues
 in that Rip Van Winkle sleep by which
 she is known all over the northwest. Why
 not wake up, build a woolen mill, a fruit
 cannery, get a railroad started from Meha-
 na to Salem, then go across Polk
 county up the Nescutaux road to the Sum-
 mit and from there down Whisky creek to
 Netarts bay, over through the famous
 dairy country in Tillamook county, follow-
 ing along down to the Nehalem coal fields
 (where there are unlimited quantities of
 fine coal) and connect there with the
 railroad from Astoria up. We are in-
 formed by good men that a road across
 the mountains by this route would not
 cost to exceed one-half what the Yaquina
 road has, that the elevation where it
 would cross the mountains is not over
 2000 feet and an easy grade, and that
 from there to the Nehalem there is not a
 hill but what could be easily avoided.
 We know that it would run through a
 rich country that is now destitute of rail-
 roads, and that it would have the harbors
 viz. Netarts, Tillamook and Astoria. The
 Chicago and Northwestern railroad,
 which will connect with the O. P. R. R.
 within say three years, will be one of the
 leading transcontinental lines, and will
 run through by Mehana, where this line
 could be connected with it, and with the
 three harbors, good coal fields and run-
 ning through such a rich country, it would
 be a road that the Northwestern would
 want and want badly, and would do won-
 ders towards building a fine city at this
 place. Now we do not expect to see the
 business men of this city build this road,
 but what they can do is to form this com-
 pany, have a survey made, obtain the
 right of way if necessary, and lay the ad-
 vantages of this route before the Chicago
 and Northwestern and perhaps that com-
 pany to stand a part of the expenses of
 a survey. To build up a city we must wake
 up, drop all our petty jealousies, put our
 shoulders to the wheel and make it go,
 and we will then build up a city of thirty
 thousand people here in the next few
 years, and every man's property here
 will be worth dollars to where it is now
 worth dimes.

PROGRESS.

BLAINE AND SHERMAN.

"Could Sherman carry New York,"
 asked a New York World interviewer
 of Ex-Senator T. C. Platt, the former col-
 league of Conkling. He replied:
 "No. His nomination would cause the
 party workers to 'lay down' at once. I
 could not raise a hand for him myself
 with any grace. However that is of no
 particular moment. Mr. Sherman cannot
 have any hope of a nomination without
 the solid Ohio delegation. He has been
 cavorting around in the south and look-
 ing around in the east, but he will do
 much better to keep both eyes on Ohio.
 He has not got Ohio yet."

"Will not New York be the ruling fac-
 tor in the nominating convention?"

"It is pretty certain that no man will
 be nominated who is unsatisfactory to
 New York. That would be a blunder
 which the convention will not commit."

"How will New York stand?"

"The delegation will be a unit, practi-
 cally."

"For whom?"

"For Blaine."

"Do you look forward to his election?"

"Yes. The labor element in politics will
 alone be sufficient to accomplish his elec-
 tion. There will be a labor ticket in the
 field in New York this fall. There is a
 state ticket to be elected comprising
 nearly every officer except governor.
 With a labor ticket nominated the re-
 publicans will elect everything. Henry
 George's recent speech indicated clearly
 the intention of the workingmen to stay
 in politics. This fall's election will prac-
 tically determine the presidential elec-
 tion."

A GOOD ROUTE.

It is stated as an accomplished
 fact that the Southern Pacific company
 has secured the control of the trunk line
 from Portland to Dundee. This trunk
 line has a grade wide enough for a stan-
 dard gauge track, and the only expense
 to change the road from a narrow to a
 standard gauge would be the cost of track
 laying, which would be small. It is un-
 derstood to be the desire of the Southern
 Pacific to get into Portland with its
 branch recently acquired, the Oregon and
 California railroad, and now since it has
 the control of the narrow gauge from
 Dundee to Portland, the cheapest way to
 do this will be to bridge the Willamette
 river at Ray's Landing and run into that
 city direct. The expense would be light,
 and the amount of extra road to be built
 would be less than ten miles. This would
 place Salem and Albany and all the
 principal cities of the valley on the
 trunk line, and would by all means be
 the cheapest and most practicable route
 into Portland.

SALEM will double her population in
 five years and treble it in ten. Watch
 and see.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

The main debate on the Irish Corcoran
 Bill is now in progress in committee of
 the whole and Mr. Gladstone hopes to
 continue it until June or July. It will be
 opposed at every step and amendments
 offered without number. Several have
 been defeated already—one being a pro-
 vision that secret inquiries be confined to
 important crimes only. This result is
 understood to mean that the government
 proposes to use the extreme power given
 it by the bill to attack tenant combina-
 tions. Mr. Healy went so far as to say
 before the house the other evening that
 if a certain clause was insisted on he him-
 self would probably be the first victim of
 the measure, since he himself would not
 hesitate to counsel resistance. There is
 no mistaking the earnestness of such an
 utterance as this.

The agitation of the general subject is
 by no means confined to parliament.
 Meetings are held and speeches made
 with regard to it throughout the
 United Kingdom. A curious phase of
 the contest is the sailing of William
 O'Brien for Canada to show the people
 thereof what sort of a man their govern-
 ment, Lord Lansdowne, is. The Irish
 tenants of the noble lord had agreed to
 make certain terms with him by which
 evictions would be obviated, and to these
 he assented. Subsequently, thinking it
 to his advantage, he withdrew his conces-
 sions, and said that the courts must set-
 tle the difference. Such is the gist of the
 charge against Lansdowne, and he will
 be used to furnish a living illustration of
 an absentee landlord drawing the susten-
 ance out of Ireland and breaking faith
 with his tenants. Mr. O'Brien declared
 to the thousands of people who had gather-
 ed at Queenstown to bid him farewell,
 that when the liberty-loving Canadians
 had heard his story of Lord Lansdowne's
 cruelty to his tenants they would not con-
 sent to being governed by such a man.
 So there is trouble ahead for Lansdowne.

Meanwhile the government's majority
 in parliament of 101 holds firm, and the
 prospect for Ireland is materially swell-
 ing the tide of immigration to the United
 States. Perhaps there is nothing more
 significant than this exodus. But though
 the coercion bill will probably become a
 law, with its immediate cruel consequen-
 ces, the belief that it will be the her-
 ald of its own doom is firm and abiding
 with the friends of Ireland.

GREAT NEWSPAPERS.

Since the son of Senator Hearst has
 come back from college and assumed
 charge of the San Francisco Examiner,
 there have been witnessed some feats of
 journalism in that great city which are
 worthy of attention. The San Francisco
 papers were always enterprising. Their
 location gives them an advantage over
 New York papers, for they can go to press
 three hours later than the Gotham pa-
 pers. The San Francisco Chronicle is
 now at least as complete a newspaper as
 is published in all the world, and we have
 reasons to believe that it is the most com-
 plete of all. The Examiner is a good
 second, and now comes the Call with an
 announcement that it will set up a side-
 show on its own account that will be
 worth witnessing. The Call has always
 been a remarkable paper. It has lately
 arranged for a special cable letter from
 London, and the exclusive copyright
 cable of the New York Sun, Tribune and
 Evening Post, besides the full reports of
 the Associated Press, and the news bu-
 reaus at New York, Washington, Chicago,
 New Orleans, Louisville, Omaha, Kansas
 City and Denver. Their daily report by
 telegraph will hereafter cover about 15,-
 000 words. San Francisco now has three
 daily papers that will compare very fa-
 vorably with any other three papers in the
 world.

TERRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE.

The explosion and fire in the mines at
 Nanaimo, B. C., and the consequent
 wholesale loss of life, present a tragic
 story terrible to contemplate. It will
 make many a man thank the kind for-
 tune that gave him occupation above the
 surface of the earth, and many a woman
 grateful that her husband or her brother
 or her father is not compelled to go down
 into the bowels of the earth to earn for
 them a living. There is no absolute indemn-
 ity against the accidents of the elements.
 Those who run such risks must expect to
 meet death at any point.

NOT UNREASONABLE.

The people of the Willamette valley
 are not unreasonable in demanding a
 regular messenger on the Eugene express.
 This demand is the result of a public
 necessity, and it would be a piece of rank
 injustice on the part of the officials to not
 heed it. It would be a public shame for a
 regular passenger train to run through
 this whole valley, each way, during the
 business portion of the day, for over a
 hundred miles, without a regular mail
 agent. The cost to the government would
 not compare with the benefit to the peo-
 ple.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer is getting
 up a subscription to help the sufferers
 from the mine disaster at Nanaimo, B. C.
 In two days \$850 was subscribed, and it
 is still growing.

The Corvallis Gazette now issues a very
 neat and newsy daily edition. More
 room for your elbows, Parry.

PELLETS.

(After Our Saturday Night.)

EDITOR STATESMAN:—Oregon has "gone
 wet." Here it is the 7th day of May,
 and winter is still making an unmitiga-
 ted old fool of himself by lingering in
 the lap of spring. It's perfectly scanda-
 lous. But the signal service man at
 Washington promises to partially redeem
 himself in the minds of an appreciative
 people and give us some fair weather
 soon. Of course in the minds of the peo-
 ple, the present weather is always the
 worst that was ever known in Oregon at
 this time of year. It is always that way.
 That's a chestnut. But it is a cold, wet
 fact that this is a very backward spring
 —not a hand-spring—I wouldn't spring
 anything like that on you—but a calendar
 spring. We have had no spring out-
 side of the calendar. I am in favor of Or-
 egon petitioning for a new almanac.

Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar,
 secretary of the interior, has refused to
 dine with the Cannibal Queen Kapiolani,
 wife of King Kalakaua (Calico), of the
 Sandwich Islands, and says he wouldn't
 dine with a negro, whether it be "king,
 queen or knave." Lucius Quintus Cin-
 cinnatus shouldn't be so all-fired high. If
 he had happened over onto the Island
 that this lady of color now helps to rule
 some fifty years ago, he would have
 dined with her people, and he would not
 have been able to enter a protest—for he
 would have been roasted and served up,
 family style. Besides, you can't always tell
 by the color of a man's skin what kind of a
 heart he carries under his chest protector.
 I know some men whose skins are black
 as the hinges of Erebus; but it is my be-
 lief that they have whiter hearts than
 Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar.

In some parts of China the population
 is so dense that they don't have enough
 names to go around. A certain per cent
 of the population is born to grope through
 the world without being properly labeled
 with the individuality of a name. Some-
 times I think it would be a relief for a
 part of the weary American public to go
 to China for the sake of a rest. There are
 no privates of the late civil war now liv-
 ing. There was one in Missouri four or
 five years ago, but he got lonesome and
 died. The survivors who fought on the
 side that got licked are nearly all "col-
 onels." A couple of privates who fought
 on that side were living a couple of years
 ago in Atlanta, Georgia, but since that
 city went dry, it is understood that they
 have gone to Kansas and started a drug
 store and are now fast growing up with
 the country. This is a great country for
 titles and handles to names. A fellow
 don't know when he is safe from the dan-
 ger of having a title tacked on to his cog-
 nomen. If plain John Smith is elected
 to the legislature or chosen for a county
 commissioner, then he is "Hon." John
 Smith; if he is elected justice of the peace,
 he is "Judge" John Smith; if he is teach-
 er of a county school, at \$25 a month,
 and board around, no dinner, then he is
 "Prof." John Smith; if he is a graduate
 of a seven-by-nine academy, with a fac-
 ulty of president and one assistant, then
 he is John Smith, A. B., or B. S., or A. S.,
 or something; if he reads one book on
 anatomy, and buys a couple of boxes of
 pills and a pill bag, then he is "Dr." John
 Smith; if he goes out of a blacksmith
 shop one week, and commences preaching
 the next, then he is "Rev." John Smith;
 if he belongs to a one-horse militia com-
 pany, he is liable to be most anything,
 from "captain" to "corporal." And now
 the state of Oregon has gone to manu-
 facturing titles, and between it and the Sal-
 vation Army, I am beginning to feel lone-
 some. The untitled circle in which I
 move is dwindling down to an exceedingly
 small minority. I am afraid that I will
 be alone before long. I think the pub-
 lic is entitled to a rest. I have a friend
 who owns a big Newfoundland dog. He
 is a fine looking specimen of the canine
 family, and my friend has named him
 "Hon. John Trav, L. L. D."

A SAN FRANCISCO OPINION.

The rail connection of this city with
 Oregon will be complete this year, says
 the S. F. Alta, and our merchants are
 preparing to take advantage of the field it
 will open to their trade. The completion
 of this line completes a belt railway
 around the United States from Portland,
 Maine, to Portland, Oregon. A passen-
 ger can start at one city and travel to the
 other, with one exception, in sight of the
 mists of ocean or gulf, or within sound of
 the surf, the whole distance. It is a new
 idea. Cities have their belt lines of street
 railroads, but here is a belt put around a
 continent. The result of finishing the
 new road is expected to be very impor-
 tant to the trade of San Francisco. The
 Oregon country, which is now to be for
 the first time pierced by a San Francisco
 road, is rich in natural resources which
 will find their outlet here. Portland will
 be helped by the connection as Baltimore
 and Philadelphia are helped by their
 connection with New York. We want all
 the great and thriving cities on this coast
 that commerce can build, for they must
 all be always tributary to San Francisco.
 Trade will get a great fillip with the com-
 pletion of this new road, and the event is
 a jubilee day for all California.

It is admitted that Sherman was strong-
 er than Blaine—while Blaine was sick.

SHERMAN'S TAX NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY
 virtue of warrants for the collection of delin-
 quent taxes of the assessments of 1886 and
 1887, in the county of Marion, and State of Ore-
 gon, duly issued by the county clerk of said
 county, which warrants are now in my hands
 attached to the lists of unpaid and delinquent
 taxes for the years 1886 and 1887, I do hereby
 advertise for sale, to satisfy said warrants,
 lands described in the lists heretofore set forth
 as the property of the person whose name
 is set opposite each tract as the same appears
 assessed on said delinquent tax roll and will,
 on

Saturday, the 11th day of June, 1887.

At the door of the county court house, in Sa-
 lem, Marion county, Oregon, at the hour of one
 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell to the
 highest bidder, for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the hereinafter de-
 scribed lands, or so much of each tract as may
 be necessary to pay and satisfy the tax assessed
 against the owner of such tract in said Marion
 county, for the years 1886 and 1887, together with
 accruing costs and expenses, which list is as
 follows:

NAME OF TAXPAY-	DESCRIPTION OF LAND.	AMT
Anderson G G,	Mortgage,	\$1200
Archibald S J,	"	100
American Mfg Co	"	3800
"	"	5600
"	"	1000
"	"	1500
"	"	600
"	"	1000
Barlow C N	"	80
Beatie Geo	"	560
Brown E L	"	600
Beeman J	6 1 w, 100 acres	11
Bradley G W	6 1 w, 50 acres, Wood- burn, fr b 1	21
"	Silverton, 1 lot	75
Brendt C	Mortgage,	\$200
Barin L T	"	500
Blawer J W	N 1 w, 40 acres	2
Blodick John	S Salem, 1, 1, 2, 3, b 2	4
Bogart heirs	Mortgage,	\$250
Cannon Mary E	"	2150
Cannon Jane et al	"	600
Chandler Daniel	"	257
Cooper E D	"	200
Cleveland J G	"	200
Coburn Mrs M	5 2 w, 80 acres	\$250
Craig D M	Salem, 1, 8, b 7	500
Craven Z	Mortgage,	100
Davidson D	"	800
Day W S	8 1 e, 160 acres	6
Daily Robt heirs of	Mortgage,	800
Draper Helen C	"	800
Deven Andrew	Butteville, 1, 2 b 36	
Dundee mortgage	"	
trust and invest- ment company, limited	5 2 w, 97 acres	
"	7 1 w, 2150 acres	
"	7 1 w, 160 acres	
"	7 1 w, 220 acres	
Forrester J P	Mortgage,	150
Fernin E	5 3 w, 100 acres	
Grimm Dr J F	Mortgage,	600
Garret Jas	5 1 w, 50 acres	
Greenwood Mrs	"	350
M J	Mortgage,	500
Grange Hall at	1 l in sec of land	
owned by L Brooks	7 1 e, 640 acres	
Hartman P A	"	200
Hamilton John	4 2 w, 17 acres	
Humphreys P	Gervais, 1, 7 & 8, b 17	300
Hobbs Mrs Mary A	"	300
Huffmann Mrs M A	Salem, 1, 2, b 8	
Helm F R	Salem, 1, 7, b 28	
Hensley estate	7 1 e, 80 acres	558
Hopt A estate	"	500
Haselton J E & Co	"	1000
Highfield W H	"	25
Jones E F	"	2000
Jessup M K	"	1000
Kaufman I B	Turner, 3 lots	
Keel S A	8 1 w, 30 acres	
Kinner A S	7 1 e, 160 acres	
Kloster Mrs F	Salem, 1, 4, b 26	196
Kantz W	Hubbard, 2 lots	
Lance P	N Salem, 2 lots	
Lyons C	8 3 w, 44 acres, 8a	
Liechfield G P	Roberts ad, 1, 1 & 2, b 4	1200
Lee Catharine	Mortgage,	588
Lowenhard G	8 2 w, 640 acres, 4 s 2	
LaRoque estate	w, 400 acres	134
Morgan S W	5 2 w, 94 acres	
Magers Mrs Melind	N Salem, 1, 5 & 6, b 26	
Morris Mrs Melina	Mortgage,	580
Morley Marion	"	580
Martin Amanda & D	"	611
Myers Arnold	8 3 w, 42 acres	
Myers F B	Salem, 1, 5 & 6, b 3	
Murphy Mrs Mary	Mortgage,	100
Moss Lorinda J	"	266
Mott A B	Jefferson, 1 lot	
McKinney Flora W	Mortgage,	300
McHadden	Jefferson 1 lot	
Nelson Gus	Turner, 2 lots	
Nelson Gus	S Salem, 1 lot	
Nordyke heirs	6 2 w, 160 acres	10
Ockoback A W	Mortgage,	600
Pinard J B	"	400
Price money	"	250
Patterson Harriet	"	1900
Phelps L E	"	500
Parker Chas	"	500
Parrish E E estate	10 3 w, 5 acres	
Powers Ira F	Mortgage,	1800
Reed Mrs C A	Salem, 1, 7, b 5	
Reed Mrs C A	N Salem, 1, 6, 7 & 8, b 9	
Rankin Mrs Eliza	S Salem, 1 lot	
Rankin heirs	N Salem, 1, 7, b 3	
Riggs Daniel	Mortgage,	470
Roberts John	"	600
Ross Mrs M C	"	900
Reuney Wm	6 2 w, 80 acres	10
Smith Margaret J	Mortgage,	500
Smith W	"	600
Swarts Simon	7 3 w, 100 acres	
Swarts Simon	7 3 w, 292 acres	
Stevens Jos E	Mortgage,	350
Stevens Mrs Bertha	Gervais, lot 8, b 32	
Simmons A C	Mortgage,	150
Schindler John	S Salem, 3 lots	
"	"	2000