

Let's have a regular mail messenger on the Eugene express, soon.

We hope to see a regular agent on the Eugene express within a few days.

BETWEEN the "Salvation" Army and the state militia, about one-half of our citizens will soon have military titles.

It takes 2,100 pounds of ink to print the Sunday edition of the New York World. A ton of ink lasts the East Oregonian over a week.—East Oregonian.

OWNERS of large farms in this section who want to sell them should divide them up in small tracts, and then offer them at reasonable figures, and they will sell.

THE Illinois legislature is considering a law to prevent paupers, lunatics and convicts from marrying. It is intended to thwart Miss Van Zandt in her determination to become a hempen widow.

NATURAL gas is on its way west, booming as it comes. Some old towns in Indiana, which consisted mainly of a graveyard and delinquent taxes, have found gas, and land has jumped from nothing to \$500 an acre.

THE Roseburg Review is still arguing the question of state's rights. It may be news to Fred when we inform him that John C. Calhoun is dead, and so is Hamilton, and all the rest of them except Jeff Davis, and the war is over.

RAILROAD building is very active in Arizona and the country is settling up very rapidly. Many sections heretofore barren and unproductive are now being reclaimed by irrigation, a process that is changing the whole face of the country.

A SHEL that had been lying dormant at Harper's Ferry ever since the war was tampered with by some citizens the other day, when it exploded and wounded six persons. The war began at Harper's Ferry in '69 and isn't entirely over there yet, apparently.

Mrs. BELTCH of Dallas county, Iowa, is 115 years old, has cut three sets of teeth, wishes to marry again, and remembers when Washington passed through South Carolina, to be inaugurated the first time. But we want to know what the father of his country meant by going to New York via Charleston.

THE Salvation Army is taking root in Albany, Portland, Salem and Oregon City all have "barracks" of the vagabond outfit, and new recruits are "catching on" and working the racket for all there is in it. But some day decency and good order will arise up in its might, and the "Salvation Army" will wilt away like pepper grass, and there will be nothing left of it but a bad smell.

A report, which should have been sent out on the first of April, comes from Chicago that the anarchists and socialists who compose the "International Working People's Association" contemplate an uprising in 1889, when they hope to overthrow the government and establish themselves in power. In the meantime they will rely on panics and starvation to recruit their forces. When the time comes for the explosion a great many armed genuine Americans will be on hand to witness the entertainment.

THE Willamette valley is a natural fruit country, and this is destined to be the principal business of our farmers. The only drawback heretofore has been the want of a good market. With the completion of the Oregon and California branch of the Southern Pacific railroad this objection will be overcome. The people of this section will then begin to realize upon the splendid reputation of the Willamette valley as a fruit country. It will pay everybody to take care of their orchards, and to put out more trees.

DR. MARY WALKER sends up a general petition to people about to die, asking them to leave some of their wealth in good hands to be used for the suppression of the use of tobacco. The emperor of Morocco is as good a man to take charge of the funds as we know of, and next to him the doctor would answer as a terror to chewers and smokers. The emperor merely cuts off the lips of anybody found toying with the deadly cigarette. The doctor would perhaps make it still surer by sewing up their mouths entirely.

It is said that when Alexander Mitchell was a banker in Milwaukee there was once a run on his bank. On the second day of the run an old Scotchman entered the bank all covered with mud, and carrying a pair of saddlebags. He could not gain access to Mr. Mitchell on account of the crowd, but he shouted out to him, holding up the saddlebags: "Alex, mon, I bring ye hot a roon on yer bank, and I bring ye all I have, mon—\$2,000 in gold." The crowd contemplated the old Scotchman for a moment, and then began to drop out of the line, and in less than an hour the run had ceased.

It may not be out of place to call attention to the fact that all the dispatches in the STATESMAN are perfectly reliable, as much so as in any daily paper in the world. Nearly every day we publish specials, some of which appear in no other paper; but we do not mark them as such for the simple reason that all our dispatches are news, and are not copied from eastern papers with raised dials. The expense of our increased telegraphic service is justified by the increased patronage of the very liberal and generous public of this section. The report will be added to as time, opportunity and patronage allow and permit.

Many a truth is spoken in jest. The remark of the correspondent who, taking exceptions to the STATESMAN's article on the Salvation Army, satirically declares that "if the Salvation Army would only apply for a license, it would immediately become a source of revenue to the city and remedy all existing defects," suggests an excellent means of restraining an unlicensed evil. If the Salvation Army were required to take out a license and give bonds to keep the public peace, its unseemly demonstrations would be kept within bounds, and many of its objectionable features removed. The only trouble would be to find a name under which to license the hybrid outfit.

SENATOR J. P. WAGER of the East Oregonian wants to test the reasonableness of freight rates charged between Portland and Eastern Oregon, and offers to give a satisfactory bond to bear all expenses incurred in testing the question as to whether such rates as are being charged can be maintained under the present law. He agrees to pay any person who may bring him a load of wheat for shipment, in order to make it the foundation for the test, the full market value of the wheat either

at time of shipment or at any time during the next three months following date of shipment. It is likely some one will take Mr. Wager up on his offer, and if the test is made, Wager will push it to a thorough investigation of, and decision on the law.

THE new general manager of the Union Pacific Railway, Mr. Foster, will revolutionize the policy of that road. He has been the life of the Burlington system, and it was he who built up its immense local business by fostering and encouraging local industries and agriculture throughout Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Under the old Dillon management, the policy of the Union Pacific was just the reverse of this. Since Mr. Adams became president it has pursued a somewhat more liberal policy, but there was too much of the old feeling left in the subordinates to gain the confidence or win the esteem of the public along the line, who could not soon forgive the harsh and arbitrary rule of many years. Mr. Foster will change all this, and to accomplish it sweeping changes may be looked for in subordinate positions.—[S. F. Chronicle.]

QUEER OPINIONS.

We notice through the press, a lot of curious opinions about the working of the interstate commerce act, some of which may be worth a moment's attention. One authority, quite high up in politics, says that the act "need not be particularly injurious if the railroads act in a proper manner." He does not explain what he means by "acting in a proper manner." Railroads are industrial machines, built for the purpose of making money. They are not sentient beings, governed by moral impulses, and endowed with consciences; their tariffs are adjusted so as to yield the largest possible revenue with the least friction, and with a regard to the maintenance of the traffic from which the revenue is derived. When people talk about their "acting in a proper manner" they seem to imply that the tariffs are inspired altogether by moral considerations of right or wrong, that rates are put up in obedience to one sentimental impulse and down in obedience to another. On the contrary, freight schedules are dictated to a great extent by the laws of trade, the demand for and supply of transportation, the pressure of competition, and other factors which the railroad people cannot control. It was not from choice that the railroad carried steel rails from Pittsburgh to San Francisco last month for sixty-five cents a hundred, nor was it from desire that it demanded three dollars and seventy-one cents for carrying wool from San Francisco to Boston. In both cases the rates made were made against the will of the managers and possibly against the interests of the roads.

It may be news that railroad managers who are admonished to "act in a proper manner" have not always an option how they shall act. To live they must get traffic, and the rates at which they shall get it depend not always on themselves, but on a variety of circumstances beyond their control. They must meet any rates made by rival lines. If they charge rates high enough to check shipments there will be no traffic, and they will not make expenses. Thus, if they were ever so much disposed to "act in a proper manner," which is assumed in certain quarters to be their natural tendency, they would be held back by self interest. The fourth section of this interstate act is an attempt of congressmen to regulate prices by statute, in disregard of the laws of trade and of the ever changing conditions of traffic. It has failed. Had it gone into effect it would have operated to the grievous injury of the communities and of the interests which it was intended to benefit. Instead of being beneficial to the country at large it would have built up a barrier between consumer and producer; would have increased the price of living to the former, without doing good except to a few individuals.

TRUE DEMOCRACY.

That government governs best which governs least. A man has a right to do as he pleases, so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others. These are the true underlying principles of democracy, and they will live forever. Continually there will be those who will want the state to assume a kind of espionage over the conduct of individuals, who will desire to regulate by law what the people shall eat and drink and wear; those who will teach new ideas of government, founded on absurd theories, prohibitionist, anarchists, socialists and all such bobby riders, and they will attract some attention, and their theories will be tried occasionally, but their practice will prove their impracticability and the true idea of democracy will survive them all and every other idea of government, the "simple majesty of the people" will exist forever, and all government will tend to this principle, which is the only correct one. As there is no law against the vapors of superficial theoretical cranks, and a man has a perfect individual right to think as he pleases, and to say what he thinks, the same as he has to exercise his summary rights, there will be no end to the genus crank, and he will be always bobbing up to furnish diversion for the democratic minds of a democratic people. He will do no harm except when he goes off on a tangent, like the Chicago bomb-throwers, and then the judicious use of a small outlay for hemp will serve to dampen his ardor for a period. It is folly to have any fears for the permanency of any un-democratic theories. If we give them plenty of rope they will wind themselves up and choke to death, and they will rest forever in the potter's field of forgetfulness. Let us all be democratic; not democrats, for the rank and file of the party that goes by that name are anything but democratic.

GOING TO THE PEOPLE.

"We didn't hold services in the church to-day," said a clergyman in a small town in Washabough county, Dakota, as he returned home.

"Where did you hold them, then?" asks his wife?

"Back of Joe Pinnock's barn."

"Well, that's a strange place—has the church burned up?"

"Oh, no, the church is all right, but the congregation was all back of the barn, so I went there and stood upon a hay-rick and expounded the word for over an hour. You see Joe and Deacon Farnstock were trading horses out there and I'm bound to take the gospel right to the people."

[Dakota Bell.]

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

News Notes Concerning this Institution, its Students, Teachers, and Friends.

Lumber is already on the ground to replace the steps at the north entrance, which mysteriously collapsed Monday night.

Dev. Dr. Smith, a brother-in-law of Forester W. Royal, and recently returned from Africa, witnessed chapel exercises Monday.

Nearly all of the material for the new catalogue is in the printer's hands. When complete, it will differ somewhat in matter and make-up from those of former years.

David T. Riddle read a vigorous essay on "Public Sentiment," on Thursday. Among those present to enjoy it were Miss Mary McKinney, B. S. '80, and H. S. Goddard, A. B. '86.

The old pump which disappeared Monday night has not yet returned, nor has a new one put in an appearance; but no one is likely to perish from thirst as long as the present kind of weather continues.

Frank Johnson has given the museum a very oddly-shaped root of a Balm of Gilead tree. It nicely illustrates the various shapes that roots will take to accommodate themselves to their surroundings.

The hallways on the first and second floors, together with some of the adjoining rooms, present a very much improved appearance since they were calcimined. A little paint in the right place would still further improve them.

Willis Hawley, whose ardent poetic spirit not even this enduring, dreary, drizzly dampness can depress, read a good, but somewhat lengthy, original poem at chapel, Wednesday, on Brad-dock's Defeat. A volume of poems, at an early day, from this ready writer, need not astonish his friends.

The ministers attending the district association, with their wives and friends to the number of twenty-five or thirty, witnessed chapel exercises Tuesday, and were well pleased with what they heard. Dr. Alderman, of Portland, made some appropriate remarks, which were highly appreciated by all present.

John Jensen, formerly poet and essayist of the undergraduates, acknowledged before the entire school, Friday, that his occupation was gone. On account of this fact, he delivered a lecture on "The Evils of Dwarfing the Physical, Mental, or Spiritual Being." The Misses Callie and Aggie Earhart and Mr. L. F. Conn, A. B. '86, were present, and enjoyed the lecture.

THE FRENCH CROWN JEWELS.

The sale of the crown jewels of France at public auction will be on the 12th of the present month. The history of these jewels is full of incident and melodramatic detail. This history dates from June 15, 1530, and had their sale been delayed one month and three days it would have encompassed three hundred and fifty-seven years to a day. Repeatedly stolen, pawned repeatedly to raise funds for national defense; taken by royal fugitives in their flights from the country to places of temporary safety; glittering now upon the breast of the mistress of Henry Second, and again gleaming with fatal lustre upon the bosom of Marie Antoinette; gracing the hilt of the great Napoleon's sword at the event of his coronation and locked in secret vaults to escape the cunning of thieves, they at length appear in the market place labeled "for sale," silent emblems of a dead monarchy that through three centuries of vicissitude wore, and cherished, and to the best of their ability protected them. Some two weeks ago the imperial crown of gold was melted at the mint of the republic, together with two ceremonial swords, the sword of the Dauphin and the sword of Louis XVIII. There remains to be sold a quantity of rubies, emeralds, sapphires and turquoises; 51,403 brilliants, weighing 9910 carats; 21,119 roses, weighing 471 carats, and 26,033 pearls, weighing 7034 carats. It is expected that this sale will bring more than \$1,000,000, and the chief buyers will be necessarily the dealers, who will buy the important pieces, which they will unmount, for two reasons: In the first place, in order to retail the stones, and in the second place, because the existing mounts are old fashioned. Significant of the mutation of national as well as of individual fortunes through the stormy decades of three and a half centuries, these jewels will now part company and their long and eventful history will end with the auction that scatters them.

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Let all the liquor drunk in Des Moines and Iowa be drunk in the homes or in decent society, or before those whom the drinker loves and respects the most, and when you have done that you have settled the drink question for the city and state.—[Des Moines Register.]

Mind-reader (with pistol).—"You started from the bank an hour ago with a pile of ten and twenty dollar bills, which you have at the present moment in the inside pocket of your waistcoat; you have also two rolls of gold coin in your trousers pocket. Will you kindly throw up your hands whilst I convince myself whether I am right or wrong in my surmises?" (He was right.)—Life.

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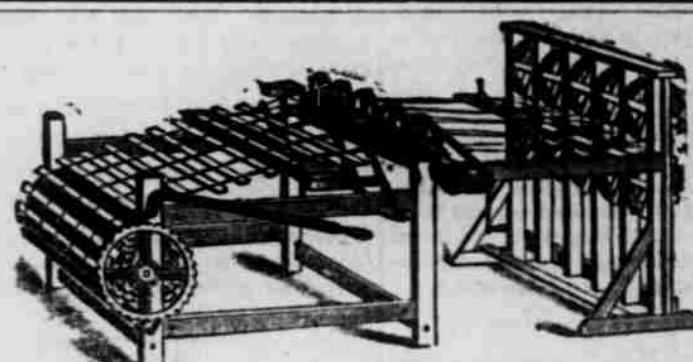
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