

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The Blaine boom is getting stronger and stronger every day. Hurrah for the "plumed knight!"

There were some too late for cuts in the New Year's edition; don't be too late with advertising matter.

The hurricane that raised havoc near Los Angeles Wednesday will probably have a depreciating effect upon the boom in "climate" there.

The New Year's STATESMAN will have an article each on the state penitentiary and insane asylum that will alone be worth the price of admission.

The Oregon Pacific railroad will probably be able to take care of itself. It has been our benefactor, therefore let us wish it well and not be ungrateful.

The New Year's STATESMAN will contain an original poem and story, plots located in Oregon, that will knock the spots off of anything of the kind published in the state.

This last spike driving was not attended by as many crowned heads and dead heads as Villard's. But its echoes will be heard with more pleasure by the people of Salem.

BOODLERS have been discovered in Toronto's city council. It is only a question of time when Canada will become civilized enough to be annexed to this country.—[Baltimore American.]

The last spike will be driven and through connection with San Francisco completed to-day. It is an eventful day for this whole valley, and here begins the upgrade of our permanent prosperity.

The New Year's STATESMAN will contain an article upon the claims of Salem for the appropriation for a government postoffice building that will give the reader a correct idea of our importance as a city.

The last time President Cleveland ordered the flags returned he had to crawl before his order got cold. He could make a hit now, however, by ordering the red flags returned, and the whole country would stand in.

The New Year's STATESMAN will contain an article upon the life of Col. E. D. Baker, the trusted friend of Lincoln, covering the remarkable senatorial fight of Baker and Nesmith, that will be worthy of the perusal of the whole nation.

Is there was no republican senate behind this administration, with the prospect of a republican administration in front one of these days, the three-column message scare-crow might produce a panic. But it cannot do it. The whole land is too prosperous.

MARRIED.—On Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1897, near Ashland, Miss Oregon to Mr. California, Rev. Col. Chas. F. Crocker officiating. The issue of this happy commercial union will be permanent prosperity and progress. The STATESMAN hastens to tender its congratulations to the happy couple.

This is a most appropriate time to call attention to the fact that the Salem passenger depot building is remote from the business portion of the city, and it is certainly not in accord with our importance as the capital city of the state and as extensive shipping point. Our long patience surely entitles our claims for a new depot and a better location to consideration.

Out of twenty-nine appointees to cadetship at West Point Military Academy, only ten have been admitted. The examination by the medical faculty revealed such consequences of inveterate cigarette smoking in the other candidates as to cause their rejection. Their lungs and general health were seriously impaired by the habit.

SOME day an enterprising and intellectual hotel proprietor will edit and publish a bill of fare in which the queen's English will be used instead of illegitimate French and imitation Italian. Nothing deprives a man of his appetite quicker than to tackle a bill of fare which he cannot read. When the hotel keeper in question makes himself known he will be escorted around town by a brass band.—EX.

A letter from an old sea captain contains the statement that the loss of the steamer Yaquina City is attributable to whiskey. It stated that the tug-boat men drank the whiskey. It was a "prohibition" day in Newport, the event of this fact it is probable that the men would not have been induced to go in through a back door and been filled up till they were drunk.

This is a big country. Our members of congress have to travel further than the most distant officer of the Roman empire had to go to render an account of his stewardship. The congressman's mileage accounts are a geographical study. In the case of Mr. A. Smith, the new delegate from Arizona, the sum of \$1600 will be paid to reimburse him for his expenses from Tombstone and back again. Our own congressman, Bingler Hermann, who comes next on the list, will be paid \$1340. The two San Francisco members, Messrs. Morrow and Felton, who will travel 6346 miles each, will receive \$1289. Mr. Crain, of Texas, who lives 2000 miles from Washington, will be allowed \$800. The smallest mileage credit will be to Mr. Lee, of Alexandria, Va., who will succeed Mr. Barbour of that place. Alexandria is eight miles distant from Washington according to the sergeant-at-arms' computation. Mr. Lee will therefore receive the sum of \$3 20. Under the law each representative is entitled to mileage to and from Washington at the rate of twenty cents a mile.

Most people have a curious way of criticizing newspaper men. If a writer is indignant they say that he impairs the value of his work by doing too much of it. If he is not indignant they say that he would be a valuable man if it was not for his laziness. If he writes in a breezy style they point out that it would be much better to write in a grave and dignified way, and if his writings are grave and dignified it is generally admitted that they lack dash and spirit. There never was a newspaper man who was perfectly satisfactory to the people until after death, and there never will be. The editorial grinder who desires the unmodified endorsement of the people can do nothing better than to die. Horace Greeley is now referred to as the giant of editors, but he was so shamefully abused during his life that he sickened and died. The only editor who was worth anything are dead. Editors are like Indians. The only good Indian is the dead Indian.

A FEE OF \$6,000,000.

A young gentleman of prepossessing appearance, who is well known in Louisville society and is a familiar figure at Alexander's hotel, where he is temporarily residing, is Mr. Sherrod Williams, a wealthy Californian. Mr. Williams is bright, genial and companionable. He has been in Louisville for several months, and as he is fond of Kentucky, his stay here may be said to be indefinite.

It is entirely natural for the young Californian to love Kentucky and to feel at home here. His father, Thomas H. Williams, was a native of Wayne county, this state, who went to California in 1849. The elder Williams settled in Virginia City, where he was, after a few years, elected to the office of prosecuting attorney. Mr. Williams was retained as the general attorney for a large mining company, whose headquarters were at Virginia City. This company became heavily involved, and was on the verge of bankruptcy. Mr. Williams learned its condition, and, as he had a claim of \$1,500 against the company for legal services, he brought suit and attached its property. His attachment made him a preferred creditor, and when the property of the company, consisting solely of its mines, was sold, Mr. Williams purchased it, bidding no more than the amount of his judgment. He secured a perfect title to the property, but made no attempt to develop or dispose of it.

Years passed away and Mr. Williams had been elected to the office of attorney general of California. One day he was approached by a representative of Flood, Mackay & O'Brien and asked if he was not the owner of certain mining property near Virginia City.

"I am," said Mr. Williams.

"Do you wish to sell it?" inquired the agent.

"I do not," was the reply.

"Will you take \$100,000 for it?"

"I will not," returned Mr. Williams, who knew the difference between a cow-boy and a cartwheel.

"I will give you \$250,000," said the agent.

"The property is not for sale," said Mr. Williams.

The agent left, but the next day he came back and offered Mr. Williams \$500,000 for the property. The offer was declined.

The negotiations were then taken up by a member of the firm of Flood, Mackay & O'Brien. As a result, Mr. Williams put his property into the firm, taking in return a big block of stock. That stock began to fly like a kite. About the time it was at its highest Mr. Williams sent for his partners and told them he was going to sell his shares.

POETS AS PRECOCIOUS LOVERS.

Ovid was the great amatory poet of Rome, and was certainly one of the greatest Roman poets. Dante was a great lover. So also have been Shakespeare, Goethe and Heine. Poets have been particularly precocious lovers. Dante was but nine years old when, at a May-day festival, he saw and fell in love with Beatrice. Canova said he perfectly remembered having been in love when but five years old.

Byron loved first at the age of eight. He tells us that his feeling for Mary Don was so violent that he sometimes wondered if he had ever been really attached since. His second love was for Margaret Parker; this was when he was twelve years old. Burns was a lad of fourteen when he first fell in love.

Heine's second love was a very remarkable case. He saw her at a school examination. It is said that the boy was just declaiming Schiller's "Taucher" when a lovely girl entered the room beside her father, who was one of the inspectors. The boy stuttered, gazed with large eyes on the beautiful figure, mechanically repeated the verse he had just recited, "And the king and his lovely daughter beckoned," and was unable to proceed. In vain the teacher prompted him; the boy's senses failed him and he fell to the floor in a swoon.

Berlioz had his first affection at twelve. He saw the object of it again at the age of sixty-one, and a second time fell in love with her. He wrote to her: "I have loved you, I still love you, I shall always love you. Oh, madam, I have but one aim left in the world, that of obtaining your affections." Goethe, in his old age, fell in love with a bookseller's daughter.

When Rousseau, then nearly 60 years of age, visited England in 1770 he fell in love with Lady Cecil Hobart. He wrote her that he had never had any true love except for the products of his own fancy, and declared to her that she was the embodiment of his ideal. He wrote: "I had no hope of ever meeting her, had given up the eager search for her, when you appeared before me. It was folly—infatuation, if you like—that made me surrender in a moment to the magic of your sight; but I could not but say to myself: 'There she is; no other woman ever inspired that thought in me.'"—[London Standard.]

THE SURGEON'S PHILOSOPHY.

The following comes from a major of a Union regiment:

On the day of the retreat of the confederates from Gettysburg my regiment occupied an advanced position near the place where hundreds of the brave enemy had fallen in the last charge of the Cemetery hill. A number of us had got together and were waiting for coffee, which one of the servants was preparing, while we discussed the exciting incidents of the last three days. The coffee was brought on in an old tin dipper, black and smoking, and being much in need of the desired refreshment we eagerly held forth our tin cups and were served all around. Hardly had sugar from our haversacks been added, when a breath of wind blew in our faces a most intolerable stench. It was dreadful, sickening; and most of us put down our cups and looked about in disgust.

"Those bodies are decomposing over on the hill there, I suppose," remarked the colonel. "There is something like half a rebel brigade slaughtered just opposite us."

"Well, I can't taste any thing here but that horrid smell," the captain said. "Let us move."

The stench seemed to grow stronger, and the proposition found favor, except with the surgeon, a practical old fellow who was not easily discomfited.

He rose to his feet, stirring his coffee with his knife blade, looked critically over toward the locality of the effluvium, and observed:

"Poh, pow, boys! a smell more or less shouldn't interfere with a soldier's breakfast. Now, for my part, I'd be glad to eat mine here with the whole confederacy rotting over yonder."

A SINGULAR ELECTION BET.

A rather singular bet was made in this city on the night before election. No money was wagered, but it was agreed that the winner should be privileged at any time within twelve months to call upon the loser at any time, night or day, and in any place, and proclaim in a loud tone, "I own this man. He dare not deny it. I possess a secret about his life that puts him completely in my power. He dare not refuse to do anything I tell him. To prove my assertion I will order him to treat every one within sound of my voice to champagne." Imagine the situation, should this be sprung upon the unfortunate loser in a crowded cafe, or at a business meeting, or at a banquet!

It was mutually agreed that, no matter how offensive the tone or manner might be, the loser dare not resent it. The manner in which the gentleman who got on the wrong side of the fence avoids the gentleman who got on the right side in crowded places is amusing, to say the least. He has been living in dread since election day.—[Philadelphia Press.]

HOW TO SECURE HEALTH.

Seovill's Sarsaparilla and Stillinger's Blood and Liver Syrup will restore perfect health to the physical organization. It is, indeed, a strengthening syrup, pleasant to take, and has often proved itself to be the best blood purifier ever discovered, effectually curing syphilis, syphilitic disorders, weakness of the kidneys, erysipelas, malaria, all nervous disorders and debility, bilious complaints, and all diseases indicating an impure condition of the blood, liver, kidneys, stomach, etc. It corrects indigestion, especially when the complaint is of an exhaustive nature, having a tendency to lessen the vigor of the brain and nervous system.

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A LINGERING LOVE.

"It's a queer case about Binkley and his divorced wife, isn't it?"

"How?"

"Why, a year ago he obtained a divorce from her and now he is courting her again and they will be married over again before Christmas."

"I don't see that it's queer. The human heart cannot cast off its first love altogether. Probably, when he obtained the divorce he imagined that his love for her had died away, but after parting the smoldering fire of affection burned brighter than ever, and his soul yearned for her."

"That may be the way of it, but I don't think so."

"Why?"

"She got a legacy of \$10,000 three months ago."

HE DID NOT WAIT.

Tramp—I haven't had a bite for two days.

Motherly Old Lady—Haven't had a bite in two days? Then you shall have one right away. Here, Tige; here, Tige. Tige hadn't had one either.

NOT ON GREELY'S LAY.

"Where are you going?"

"I'm just starting on an expedition to the pole."

"Ah, indeed! Which one?"

"A barber pole!"

And then the friend eluded the upraised cane and made his escape.

WHAT AM I TO DO?

The symptoms of biliousness are unhealthily but too well known. They differ in different individuals to some extent. A bilious man is seldom a breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas, he has an excellent appetite for liquids but none for solids of a morning. His tongue will hardly bear inspection at any time; if it is not white and furred, it is rough at all events.

The digestive system is wholly out of order and diarrhea or constipation may be a symptom of the two may alternate. There are often hemorrhoids or even loss of blood. There may be giddiness and often headache and acidity or flatulence. To correct all this if not effect a cure try GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER; it costs but a trifle and thousands attest its efficacy.

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The First Sign

Of failing health, whether in the form of Night Sweats and Nervousness, or in a sense of General Weariness and Loss of Appetite, should suggest the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This preparation is most effective for giving tone and strength to the enfeebled system, promoting the digestion and assimilation of food, restoring the nervous forces to their normal condition, and for purifying, enriching, and vitalizing the blood.

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I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in my family, for Scrofula, and know, if it is taken faithfully, that it will thoroughly eradicate this terrible disease. I have also prescribed it as a tonic, as well as an alternative, and must say that I honestly believe it to be the best blood medicine ever compounded.—W. F. Fowler, M. D., D. D. S., Greenville, Tenn.

Dyspepsia Cured.

It would be impossible for me to describe what I suffered from Indigestion and Headache up to the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I was under the care of various physicians, and tried a great many kinds of medicines, but never obtained more than temporary relief. After taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for a short time, my headache disappeared, and my stomach performed its duties more perfectly. To-day my health is completely restored.—Mary Harley, Springfield, Mass.

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FARM OF 160 ACRES ON THE MOLALLA, 12 miles from Oregon City, with improvements; \$1600, half down, balance on time. Land selling for \$30 an acre all around it.
Farm of 640 acres of land 5 miles from Silverton, in the Wolfard settlement, over 300 acres clear, and 300 acres in grain, all well fenced, 2 houses and 2 barns; \$9500, or will be sold in two places. A fine body of land. This is what is known as the Jones farm.
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Farm of 820 acres 11 miles south of Salem, a fine piece of land; \$6000. Also 200 acres land 4 miles from Jefferson, good house and well improved; \$3000.
Choice farm of 170 acres, 85 acres in cultivation, balance brush land easy to clear, convenient to market, fair house and outbuildings; \$20 per acre.
Fine farm of 630 acres in Douglas county, with all stock and implements; \$6000. One of the best bargains on the list. Very easy terms.
Farm of 320 acres, with a good house and barn, seven miles from Salem, 100 acres in cultivation, balance timber; \$6400.
Farm of 120 acres 5 miles south of Salem, comfortable house and good large barn, 80 acres under cultivation; \$2000.
Eleven acres land 4 miles east of Salem post office, good house and barn, insured for \$100, good title, for \$2000.
Tract of 75 acres on Howell Prairie seven miles east of Salem, 40 acres in cultivation, \$25 per acre, or \$1875.
Farm of 125 acres 8 miles from Salem, in Polk county, 115 acres clear, an excellent place and location; \$4375.
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