FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

RIVER Notes .- The vast amount of ter which fell during Saturday night d Christmas day may be inferred from the fact that up to 5 p. m. yesterday the Willamette had risen eight feet, and was at that time nearly twelve feet above lowwater mark. The rise from the rainfall of yesterday and last night will not reach of yesterday and last night will not reach this point until to-day, and high water may be looked for. At 5 p. m. yesterday the water was in the north end of the O. R. & N. Co.'s dock, and Agent Herren will probably have to move out again...
The sawmill is shut down, but not on account of high water. It is "laid up" for the winter ... River boats run with great regularity, and the melodious toot of their whistles has become a familiar sound. Chas. A. Gray, purser of the Hoag, has been laid off in Salem for a few days, on account of a severe cold . . . The Wm. M. Hoag came in last night with a broom at her jackstaff, having ing her about a mile below town. The Hoag left Portland two hours behind the Orient. Her claim to being the fleetest craft on the Willamette was justified by last enight's perform-

AN OPPORTUNE RUNAWAY .- It is generally understood that a stormy day makes hard rustling for the weary reporter, and yesterday was exactly in accordance with all traditions in that direction. A Dutchman in the employ of R. 8. Wallace, however, no doubt appreciating the itemless condition of the aforementioned reporter, stepped to the front with a nice little runaway item yesterday morning. He was driving along Court street in a farm wagon, bitched to a team by a set of new-fangled harness, without traces, and when opposite the court house, the king bolt, or the main harness gave way, and the horses broke loose, the Dutchman let go, and the horses started for the country through the snow, and the rain, and the wind, at a "git thar" gait. They were captured about three miles east of town. The damage was nominal.

as in the past, to sustain her reputation.

CHOPPED WITH A HATCHET .- About 2:30 yesterday morning, a half dozen young men, half drunk, called at a saloon in Portland, and, the doors being shut and barred, knocked and demanded admission. They were refused, and then they broke one of the wooden bars that protected the window. Heimmetz, the proprietor, came out with a hatchet, and opening the door, he struck two blows with the hatchet, both landing on the head of a young man named John O'Donnell, who drives a team for Cook & Kiernan. station and surrendered himself. O'Donnell was conveyed to the same place, and physicians summoned. They examined O'Donnell and found that he had two large scalp wounds, and that his skull had been fractured. The physicians O'Donnell.

the following list of steam vessels built in success in his new location. the Willamette district during the year drawing to a close. The fist also include boats under construction: Resolute, \$40,000; tug, by Simpson, of Coos bay, \$35,000; boat, by J. Sorenson, \$30,000 J. Kamm's new boat, \$25,000; Wm. M. Hoag, \$20,000; Fannie. \$20,000; Wasco, \$18,000; Maria. \$12,000; Annie Faxon, \$12,000; Tonquin, \$10,000; San Juan, \$10, 000; Frohc, \$7,000; J. B. Montgomery boat, \$8,000; Favorite, \$5,000; Alarm, \$6,000; Walluski, \$5,000; steam schooner at Skomockawa, \$80,000; Puritan,\$9,000; Restless, \$2,500; Lizzie Lynn, \$1000; O. K., \$2,500; Beaver, \$1,200; Moro, \$2,500. Total, twenty-three vessels, costing \$371,-000 .- Oregonian.

A SHOTGUN ROMANCE.-Frank Lewis, was married some months ago in California, a preacher and a shotgun officiatlast Wednesday he skipped out, leaving his wife without money or friends. She telegraphed to California for assistance and money, and a relative has come and after her. Lewis was seen in Portland en. on Wednesday night, but since then nothing has been heard from him. Lewis had a great many friends in Gorvallis, but his base action has alienated them all.

DISCHARGED. -- The examination of Cash Case, accused of robbing the post was held before U. S. Commissioner James Walton, at his office, in this city, McArthur, U. S. district attorney, ap- tinue their journey to town. pearing for the prosecution, and Tilmon Ford for the defendant. Several witnesses were sworn, and testified, but the proof failed to connect Mr. Case with the robbery in any way, and he was dis-charged by Judge Walton. The testi-ver, Colorado, arrived at Aurora on Suner Samuel were in Linn county, lying calves, at about the date of the robbery, and, being strangers, they were suspected and arrested, but certainly out sufficient cause, as the testimony

JOKE, ALL AROUND.-The fishermen of Oregon City have been pestered a great deal lately by thieves, who swoop down on their nets at night and carry off their salmon. One of them set a watch the evening, and his vigilance was re warded by trapping one Newton Graham in the act. Graham laughed heartily wer the matter, and explained that the affair was no more serious than a joke. The fisherman was equally pleased—at his capture, and in a jocular mood caused the arrest of Graham for larceny. The matice of the peace before whom the culit was brought was a jolly fellow, and a mirthful way fined Graham for his oit, the fine and costs amounting

AT BUTTEVILLE.—The people of Butte ville enjoyed a masquerade ball, which was expected to be quite a big affair, last

FREIGHT SCHEDULE. - The freight schedule of the O. & C. R. R. from San Francisco to Portland has been announce Richard Gray, general traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, and E. P. Rogers have been engaged in working out details of the freight traffic, which they found great difficulty in harmonizing. The new schedule takes effect from to-day (Dec. 27th). These rates are subject to the old western classification and are exthe old western classification and are exthe old western classification and are expressed in cents per 100 pounds, as follows: Classified rates to Portland, 1st, 180; 2d, 70; 3d, 65; 4th, 35; A, 10; B,30; C D and F, 30. The special commodity rates will be issued later. The following are the rates of the O. R. & N. company: 1st, 75; 2d, 65; 3d, 60; 4th, 40; 5th, 30; A, 35; B, 25; C, D and F, 25. It will be seen 'hat the railroad rates are but five cents higher per 100 pounds than the O. R. & N.

DIPHTHERIA AT ASHLAND .- During the past week, says the Ashland Tidings, a beaten the steamer Orient in to this city, number of new cases of diphtheria have appeared in town, and the people of Ashland have to face the painful fact that the disease is here in epidemic form. The physicians report that since the first of the week the disease seems to be confined ance, and she will endeavor in the future, to the local centers of its existence at that time. The great majority of the cases have been of such nature that the best treatment and close care have been sufficient to overcome the disease. In the Mayer family the disease has done its worst. Anna, the eldest child, aged about 14, died Tuesday, after two weeks or more of illness. Only one death outside of this family has occurred, that of a little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holmes, which occurred on Wednesday morning.

FROM HONOLULU. - Letters were received in this city vesterday from Mrs. C. S. Woodworth, dated Honolulu, Nov. 26th. Mrs. Woodworth reports herself spring, or whatever you call it, of the harness gave way, and the horses broke health. She was troubled with only one day's sea-sickness, while Miss Applegate escaped it altogether and was elected honorary member of the sailors' guild. The Coloma, on which they were passen-gers, was compelled to lay of the harbor of Honolulu for five days, the first experience of the kind the captain ever witessed in many voyages. The Coloma sailed for China and Japan on the 26th of November. While the vessel was lying off the passengers had the vexation of seeing the California mail steamer come out of the harbor and steam away without having a chance to send a letter

GOING TO PORTLAND .- Frank H. Alliston has tendered to Secretary of State McBride his resignation of the position he now holds in that official's office, and Heimmetz repaired at once to the police on January 1st will assume a clerkship in the office of the Northwest Fire and Marine Insurance company in Portland. The new position which he has accepted is an excellent one, and promotion will undoubtedly open up before him as he becomes entirely conversant with his duthink that there are but small hopes for ties. Mr. Alliston has been a resident of Salem about four years, and is univer-STEAMERS BUILT.—Steamboat Inspectors McDermott and Ferguson furnished gret his departure, but wish him merited

> House SMASAED .- During a heavy wind storm that recently prevailed, Geo. W. Cox, who resides five miles east of Mehama, noticed a large tree which stood near his house leaning heavily toward it. Fearing it might fall during the storm and catch them asleep, he concluded to saw it down. By the use of saw and wedge he at last had it ready to fall, and, taking advantage of a lull in the wind, he drove his wedge so as to start the tree in the right direction, but a heavy gost of wind struck it and hurled it across the house, crushing it to the ground, breaking the cook-stove, dishes and everything in the house except one bedstead.

CUTLERY THIEVES ARRESTED .- William of Corvallis, well known as a foot-racer, O'Brien was arrested by the police in Portland Saturday evening for endeavoring to dispose of a lot of razors and pocking, as report says. He left his wife soon et knives at a second hand store. It is afterward and came to Corvallis, where supposed he was implicated in robberies he has since been. One day recently he lately committed at Roseburg, Oakland, was thunderstruck by the arrival of his Albany, and Scio. The police have sevwife. She had an interview with him, eral dozen knives and razors at the staand induced him to live with her, but tion awaiting identification. Perhaps some of the parties robbed at one of the towns above mentioned may be able to prove their ownership to these articles and thus lead to the conviction of O'Bri-

THE KING BOLT BROKE.-Yesterday morning, as Drs. J. Reynolds and J. N Smith were coming in from Mrs. H. C. Wandt's on the asylum road, in the former's buggy, the king bolt of the vehicle broke, letting the two disciples of Æsculapius down with a bump in the mud. office at Tallman, Linn county, Nov. 30, They climbed out, however, and after wading around in the mire and rain for awhile, and using a little bad language, esterday, in the forenoon, Hon. L. L. they managed to fix up the rig and con-

FROM COLORADO.-John White, who lives not far from Durango. Colorado, and his sister, Mrs. E. Menefee, of Denshowed that the defendant and his day evening, and are guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. John Giesy. Mr. White will remain several days visiting, and Mrs. Menefee may remain on this coast for several months. They were most welcome guests to their sister. Mrs. Giesy had not sen her brother for a great many years, nor her sister for five or six years.

> ABOUT READY .- The new state treasurer's office, which has been in course of fitting up during the past month, is nearly ready for occupancy. The carpets were being laid yesterday and to-day the furniture will be moved in. State Treasurer Webb expected to occupy the office by December 1st, but the frescoers were twice as long at their job as they promised; hence the delay.

THE CATHOLIC PASTORATE.-Rev. Father Althoff, of Alaska, who is stopping in Portland, officiated as priest at the Catholic church Sunday. Those who heard him were much pleased with his sermons. It is thought that Archbishop the vacancy caused by the departure of large Father Capelle, but the church will be FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

CAME TO A BETTER COUNTRY .- A couple of weeks since there arrived in this city an aged couple, both probably 75 years old, who came from the state of Iowa to seek a new location under the mild skies of Oregon. Their names are Harmon; they had resided in Iowa for twenty years, they had resided in lows for twenty years and destructive blizzards and bitter cold weather had at length rendered it necessary, even in old age, to seek a more consented of the consented of th genial clime. Fortunately they were well-to-do, and disposing of their farm, and a portion of their other property, they started for Oregon, allured hither by stories of its mild and unrheumatic climate. They have found quarters with Mrs. J. G. Renney, a daughter of Henry Price, and have every reason to be satis-fied with their new location. The old rentleman said yesterday that the rheumatism which had afflicted him so in Iowa. had almost entirely disappeared. He seemed in vigorous health. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have no children, but an adopted son has sold his farm in Iowa and will move to the "land of big red apples" in the spring. Mrs. Harmon is anxious to learn the whereabouts of a brother, James Andrew, whom she last heard from at Derry, Polk county, sixteen

.SWAMP LANDS. - Governor Pennoyer vesterday addressed a letter to the commissioner of the general land office, at Washington, stating that Col. Elliott, special agent, has forwarded reports to that office of all his examinations of swamp lands in Oregon, and that Col. Shackleford has informed him that all of his reports will be completed and for-warded by the 1st of February next, and asking the commissioner to act at once upon such reports and cause patents to ssue to the state of all swamp lands so reported on or before the 1st of March next. He also informed the commissioner that the state relinquished all claims to the lands embraced in list No. 38, rejected by the land office March 21, 1883, for want of proof, but which lands are yet withdrawn from settlement in the local land offices, except as to such lands concerning which supplemental proofs have been furnished, and asking that, with these exceptions, the lands em-braced in said list be opened for settle-

BLOCKADE ON THE SWITCHBACK .- The Northern Pacific train due at Portland at 12:10 a. m. Monday did not arrive till 8:30 a. m., says the Oregonian. It brought back passengers who left here at 3:30 Sunday morning for the East via the switchback. They proceeded as far as Weston, and finding that the switchback was blockaded by snow the company returned them here, where they took a new start over the O. R. & N. For a wonder hot a growl was heard, and the passengers were well pleased with the promptness of the company in sending hem back and putting them through via Wallula. It is very handy for a railroad company to have the choice of two routes when nature is unpropitious. The blockade extends only over the switchback proper, i. e. the eight miles on top of the mountains. Local trains will run as usual to Weston on the west slope and Gaston the east slope, and through passengers will come promptly by the Co-lumbia river route.

Almost a FIRE. - While the students of the Indian school at Chemawa were assembled in their chapel Saturday evening participating in their Christmas festivities, a lantern just outside of the door, in the entry, exploded, and the oil spreading over surrounding articles, the fire rapidly communicated itself to a great part of the room. Several of the occupants of the chapel noticed the conflagration through a crack in the door, and a small panic ensued. But serious damage, either from the fire or the panic, was prevented by the presence of mind and prompt action of Miss Elsie Murphy. Quickly seizing a hand grenade she rushed to the door, threw it open, and dashed the grenade directly into the midst of the flames. The fire fortunately had not obtained strong headway, and the extinguishing fluid proved sufficient to cut short its progress. But for the cool action of Miss Murphy, a disastrous conflagration might have ensued.

A BAND OF ROBBERS .- Sheriff Minto vesterday wrote to Louis Prevost, at Woodburn, whose store was recently robbed of a quantity of cutlery and other articles, calling his attention to the fact that a man by the name of Wm. O'Brien had been arrested in Portland, with a lot of cutlery in his possession, and asking him to proceed to Portland and endeavor to identify some of the property as his. There is no doubt that a band of organized thieves exists in the Willamette valley at present. They confine their depredations not to one town, but to many. Almost every town in the valley has suffered from their midnight raids, and it is time that a stop was put to their burglarious proceedings. It is probable that O'Brien is one of the gang.

ARTICLES FILED .- Articles of incorporation of the Northern Transportation company have been filed in the office of the secretary of state; incorporators, Holt B. Wilson, Jas. Good, Joseph Delay, and J. H. Steffen; capital stock, \$30,000; principal office, Portland. The object of this incorporation is the construction of steamboats, etc., for the navigation of the Columbia river between Astoria and Bonneville, and the Willamette to Corvallis. Also, articles have been filed incorporating the M. E. Church of Burns, Grant county; incorporators, P. F. Stemyer, J. V. B. Embree, J. H. Pratt, Amy Byrd, W. C. Byrd; object, promotion of Christian religion and spread of

court Lee Ella Hays has begun suit for divorce against Wm. P. Havs. The complaint alleges that she was married to defendant in Missouri on January 27th, 1880, and that the defendant has for the 1880, and that the defendant has for the past year willfully and intentionally deserted the plaintiff, and continues to willfully and intentionally remain away, and has wholly failed and neglected and refuses to live with plaintiff as his wife or otherwise; wherefore plaintiff prays a dissolution of the marriage contract, her costs and disbursements, and such other life.

ANOTHER DIVORCE SUIT .- In the circuit

AN ALBANY FIRE.

Four Buildings Consumed by the Flames--- A Serious Accident to Pr. Ellis.

fire broke out in Albany, on First street, 67 cents. The first of of the year is apin the building occupied by Michael proaching, at which time many of the Peyser as a saloon, and Otto Sellinger as obligations of holders who received ada cigar store. The flames rapidly com- vances on their wheat become due, and municated to the adjoining wooden build- it has therefore become necessary to disings and before the fire could be checked pose of their wheat at the price available, four had been consumed. While the or renew the obligations. The majority building occupied by Mr. Scott as a gun- of the farmers have chosen the former therein kept up a continuous fusilade, been shut down for a few days on account thereby endangering the lives of the of high water, and they are particularly brave firemen and the scores of citizens anxious to resume operations, having congregated on the scene. A can of powder exploded while Chief Hoffman was passing in front of the burning build-ing, the force of which knocked him down, and also shattered the glass front of the Revere House saloon.

The losses are divided as follows: M. Peyser, saloon and cigar store, loss \$1000; insured. W. B. Scott, gunsmith, \$1200; uninsured. W. B. Scott, gunsmith, \$1200; uninsured. T. J. Jones, barber shop, \$500; uninsured. R. S. Strahan, build-ings, \$1500; uninsured. H. Flindt, boot shop, \$100; uninsured. Misses E. & C. Howard, milliners, and J. J. Dubruille suffered a loss of \$100 each by removal of goods. The cause of the fire was undoubtedly incendiary.

During the progress of the fire Dr. M. H. Ellis was struck in the eye by an exploding cartridge, which destroyed the eye, and inflicted a dangerous wound. Physicians rendered all the medical assistance in their power, and yesterday morning it was hoped the wound had not penetrated to a depth likely to result atally, the left eye only being larcerated by the exploding cartridge and the sight destroyed.

DR. ELLIS'S CONDITION.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 27, 8 p. m .- Dr. M H. Ellis, who was injured by an exploding cartridge in the fire this morning, remained in much the same condition all day. The wound is a serious one, destroying the left eye, but his physicians think it will not prove fatal. Dr. Brown, of Portland, has been summoned, and is expected to-night.

INSTALLATION. - The two Masonic lodges of Salem installed their officers for the ensuing year at the lodge room on the third floor of the Murphy block last night. The wives and families of Masons were invited, and after the installation a most delicious collation was spread, and hot coffee served. The repast was highly enjeyed by the ladies and gentlemen present. After this short speeches were listened to from Masons present. Following is a list of officers installed, to serve the ensuing year: Salem Lodge, No. 4— J. O'Donald, W. M.; Wm. Miller, S. W.; ham. Esq., master in chancery, com-T. B. Jackson, S. D.; C. W. Cherrington, J. D., L. F. Conn and F. A. Whit-James Chandler, stewards; I. N. Brotherton, tiler. The officers were installed by Grand Secretary F. J. Babcock.

A New Scheme.-C. B. Trescott, for-He contemplates erecting and maintaining at some point on the Willamette river a cold storage warehouse, with a capacity of 200 tons. The purpose of the warehouse shall be to store eggs, salmon, grapes, cherries, meats and other perishable goods, where they can be kept fresh for an indefinite period, and to throw them on the market when they are dear. Eggs can be purchased in summer for ten cents per dozen and kept fresh until winter, and then sold for thirty-five cents per dozen. Fish cap be bought for two cents a pound at certain seasons and sold at others for ten cents. Oregon City. Sellwood, East Portland and Oswego, it is said have offered Mr. Trescott good inducements to locate his warehouse there.

THE SKIFF MYSTERY.-It has been rumored that the man Wiggins, of North Powder. Union county, sentenced last spring to a term of ten years in the penttentiary for rape, promises to make known the place where the body of Willis Skiff is buried providing he would be released from serving his term in the penitentiary. He claims he knows where the place is. Wiggins, it will be remembered, was one of the principal witnesses for the defense in the case of the state against Geo. H. Bobier and others who were tried for the murder of Willis Skiff. What future develop the northwest coast. ments this new feature in the case may bring about, remain to be seen. We hope, says the La Grande Journal, to see the mysteries connected with Skiff's disappearance cleared and the guilty a speedy justice.

O'Donnell, the young man upon whose head saloon-keeper Hermann Heimmetz distance of third wielded a hatchet with probably fatal five minutes. effect early Monday morning, was con-veyed to St. Vincent's hospital, in Portand, where he lies in a critical condition. slim hopes are entertained of his recovery. It appears that the two men were good friends, but the saloon-keeper was unable to recognize O'Donnell as his midnight caller. Heimmitz has retained counsel to conduct his defense.

THE ONLY ONE LEFT.-In the case of the United States against William H. Barnhart, under indictment on nineteen cinnati and San Francisco. counts for forgery of swamp land affidavits,
Judge Deady yesterday overruled the
demurrer of defendant Barnhart and held
the indictments good, says the News.
The effect of this decision will be to put
Barnhart upon trial before a jury of the
country. This is the only remaining indictment against members of the so dictment against members of the so called swamp land ring, which, under this administration, seems to have been pretty badly squelched.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

WHEAT AND HOPS.

During the past two weeks many thousands of bushels of wheat in Salem have About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a changed hands, mostly at the price quoted, bought large quantities of wheat for milling purposes. They will not be able to do so, probably, for several days.

Eastern markets were yesterday reported firmer, an appreciable advance having taken place in the New York and Chicago markets, and a further rise being expected. San Francisco remains unchanged.

Nothing new can be said of hops. Mr. Herren yesterday received a dispatch from Cincinnati stating that three lots which he had consigned to that market had been sold at prices that net to the farmer here 7 cents.

APPOINTED .- M. Wilkins, commissary

at the penitentiary, has been appointed

by Dr. Lane steward at the asylum, vice W. J. Irwin, resigned. H. J. Ellis, chapel guard, will succeed Mr. Wilkins as commissary, and D. D. Dickey, captain of the guard, will take Mr. Ellis' present position. Mr. Dickey's successor has not yet been decided upon. Mr. Wilkins will assume his position as steward next Monday, when the asylum board will meet, confirm his appointment, and fix his wages. The responsibilities of the position are very great, and the salary ought to be at least \$100 a month. Mr. Irwin, who has filled the position of stew-ard with great credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers for a number of years, will leave with his wife probably for Washington territory. Mr. Irwin understand the workings of that department of the asylum machinery perfectly, and his resignation was caused by the underhand manipulations of a number of petty political malcontents. He saved for the asylum thousands of dollars yearly by his prudent management of the commissary department. His successor, Mr. Wilkins, is in every way qualified by previous experience to fill the position satisfactorily, and doubtless will do so.

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT .- Geo. H. Dur-J. D. McCully, J. W.; Wm. N. Ladue, menced taking the testimony yesterday, treasurer; W. H. H. Waters, secretary; at his office in Portland, in the foreclosure suit of the First National Bank of Salen against the Salem Oregon Capital Flour ney, stewards; S. D. Melson, tiler. Pacific, No. 50—W. D. Jeffries, W. M.; Geo. G. Bingham, S. W.; J. H. Ross, J. States Circuit Court at Portland. This States Circuit Court at Portland, This W.; T. N. McCauley, treasurer; Geo. B. suit was brought by the plaintiff to fore-Gray, secretary; F. J. Babcock, S. D.; clese a mortgage for \$30,000, which it W. P. Johnson, J. D.; T. B. Wait and holds against the property of the Capitel Flour Mills Co. in this city, including the Santiam water franchise appurtenant thereto: and William Stuart and the other defendants are made parties because they also claim to have liens Valley Fruit evaporator, of this city, is in Portland, with a new scheme an hand. He contemplates erecting and maintainand the taking of testimony as to the other defendants was adjourned until January 5th, 1888. W. M. Kaiser and Tilmon Ford appear for the plaintiff. Gearin & Gilbert for the defendant Stuart, and McDougall & Bower and R. Williams for the defendants McDanald and Kelly.

> A New Paper -Commencing with January, the pupils at the mute school will begin the publication of a monthly newspaper, to be devoted to the interests of the deaf mutes of the northwest in general and of Oregon in particular. The material for the new paper is already on hand, and ready for use. It consists of several fonts of long primer and advertising type, stones, chases, and all other apparatus of a printing office, except a press. The sheet will be four pages, 8x12, and 1,000 copies will be issued. Every part of the work will be done by the mutes, under the superintendency of Mr. Knight, except the press work, which will be done in town. In the course of a month or two the paper will be enlarged to eight pages, and the price will be about sixty cen's per year. The name has not yet been definitely chosen. There are over forty deaf mute papers in the United States, but this will be the only one on

THE CARRIER PIGEONS,-Last week, 'Champion," one of the carrier pigeons of J. F. McMunn, of Shedd, Linn county, parties, if any there may be, brought to who has for some time been experimenting with carrier pigeons, flew from Ger-PROBABLY INJURED FATALLY. - John vais to Shedd, a distance of fifty-five miles, in fifty-seven minutes, and the same bird has flown home from Salem, a distance of thirty-nine miles in thirty-five minutes. "Volunteer," a young bird, flew from Eugene to Shedd, thirtytwo miles, in thirty-five minutes. In two weeks more he will have one liberated at Portland, as it has already been liberated within twenty-five miles of that city, and the next stage will bring it there. Mr. McMunn's birds are doing splendid work and their record is not excelled anywhere, although he considers Oregon a difficult country for them to traverse. They are of the best strains obtainable in New York, Cin-

> RELEASED .- Cecil Beebe, who was sent to the penitentiary for embezzling the money of G. Shindler & Co., of Portland, while he was bookkeeper for that tirm, has finished his term and now breathes the free air again. He has returned to Portland, and is reported as looking remarkably healthy for a man who was said to be afflicted with consumption a short time before his sentence. Mr. Beebe is a young man yet with a future

THE GANG OF THIEVES.

Wm. O'Brien Taken to Albany by Mr. Sox---Cutlery Identified---The Robbers.

Wm. O'Brien, the tramp arrested in Portland with a lot of cutlery on his person, has got himself into a box. E. H. Sox, of the hardware firm of Stewart & Sox, Albany, passed up the road last night, having O'Brien in charge. Mr. Sox identified the two dozen knives and one dozen razors found on O'Brien's person as the property of himself and Mr. store was burning, the cartridges stored method. The Salem Flouring Mills have Stewart, and, having a warrant, he quietly proceeded to take him in tow to Albany.

The thief, presumably O'Brien, entered the store in Albany, some time since, unseen by the proprietors, and curled up in a wagon box, and then waited quietly until the store was closed, when he commenced operations. He took fourteen dozen pocket knives, six revolvers, and three dozen razors, but only two dozen knives and one dozen razors were found on the prisoner's person at the time of

his arrest.
O'Brien strenuously denied all knowledge of the burglary, claiming that he sent for the knives to Nesmith & Co., of 27 Washingtou street, Chicago, but his story did not make much impression on the police, as some of the knives had Stewart & Sox's private cost mark on them. them. He stands a very good show of serving a lengthy term in the peniten-

Those other stores which have been robbed are Julius Joseph, Albany, whose entire stock of cutlery and meerschaum pipes was taken; Sheridan Bros., Roseburg; Louis Prevost, and another store, at Woodburn; and the store at Scio, from all of which cutlery was taken. In Albany, last Tuesday, a number of

tramps congregated at the depot and attempted to rob the Chinamen while at work on the railroad. They had a lot of cutiery which they offered to sell to the Mongolians. These fellows were in all probability a part of the gang.

Two THROUGH TRAINS .- Railroad talk now is to the effect that two through trains daily will be necessary to accommodate the rapidly increasing passenger traffic over the Oregon and California. This will undoubtedly have to be done in the spring. Despite the stormy weather, and the fact that travel during December is everywhere very light, business on the O. & C. is reported as very lively. The new freight tariffs are in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution among shippers in a few days. Through freight trains will not be put on for sev-eral weeks, but any freight offering will be handled by a "swing" train running between Hornbrook and Ashland. Four work trains with 300 men are now employed in ballasting the track between Ashland and the summit of the Siskiyous and are making fair progress.

Two Grace Darlings .- On Christmas afternoon, three fishermen on the Columbia started from Skamokawa down the Barbary Coast. When opposite Three Tree point, the boat was capsized and up to their waists in water they floated in misery for over two hours, benumbed with cold and more dead than alive. John, a young Englishman, aged 24, became exhausted, floated off and was drowned. Darkness was coming on, and the two occupants of the boat had about given up all hopes of being saved, when, as the boat was passing near Fisherton, two daughters of Nicholas O'Connor. Miss Minnie and Miss Nellie, saw the boat going by, and, in the gathering darkness, surmised something was wrong, and pushing off a rewboat, the two brave girls were quickly alongside, assisted the exhausted men to their boat. and soon had them by a comfortable fire where their wants were attended to.

THE O. P. IN CROOK COUNTY .- Reports. quite varying in their character, are still rife as to the probable course of the Oregon Pacific through Crook county, savs the Prineville News. A statement comes to us now that a preliminary survey is being made, or will soon be made, from the main line on Squaw creek to Lakeview. The company desire to tap the Goose Lake country, even if a branch has to be constructed in order to reach it. Almost a general belief prevails now that the main line will pass through this country as far south as the vicinity of Pine Mountain. In fact Prineville has about abandoned all hope of securing early railroad facilities from the direction of the O. P. construction.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH .- Frank Cunningham, a back driver, found by two policemen on the river dock in Portland, apparently stupidly drunk, and carried to the station house, died at Good Samaritan hospital Tuesday evening, of paralysis of the brain. Cunningham came to Portland from San Francisco, and got on a spree, frequently displaying a portion of \$400 he had on his person. He was induced to leave his money with the clerk of the St. Charles hotel, and, the next thing his friends knew, he was found on the dock. It is supposed he was foully dealt with, as there are slight marks of violence on his head, and an effort was made to obtain the money from the clerk by unknown parties.

FROM KANSAS.-This office received a call a day or two ago from a Mr. Gilly, of Kansas, who is here with his family on a tour of observation, and has rented a house in Salem for the winter. He reports a large number of people in his section as looking toward. Oregon as a place for building up new homes, and says that if he concludes to recommend a movement in this direction many will follow. He is a man of means and intelligence, and from the way he expresses himself with regard to the country so far as he has seen, a considerable amount of immigration from his country will be induced.

A FERGER IN TROUBLE .- J. P. Queener, who was arrested in Albany recently for forging time checks of the Oregon Pacific railroad at Scio, proves to be a slippery sort of a fellow. After being taken to Scio he escaped from jail and hid in his father's havetack partitioned by the second second here.