

ASTORIA, OREGON:
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Jay Cooke & Co. have been declared bankrupts, and a receiver has been appointed.

Booth will probably be elected to the United States Senate by the Sacramento legislature.

The teamsters from the different roads in Baker county report water as being very scarce; in fact in some places their stock suffer.

A bill is being prepared to pass into Congress for the repeal of the bankrupt law, as shysters are too free with it since the panic.

In the case of Dr. Glass of Portland, Justice appears to have been swift and impartial. He is now in Salem incarcerated for five years.

The severest North wind ever witnessed on Puget Sound prevailed on Tuesday. Several steamers were forced to seek shelter until the blow was over.

About two inches of snow fell in Albany last Monday. The Sun appeared and snow disappeared, in the afternoon. The river is at a good boating stage, and still rising fast.

Hon. George H. Williams has by the President been formally tendered the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Col. Bristow, of Kentucky, will be appointed Attorney General.

Boss Tweed complains that his cell has an odious stench in it. Crandall says: The eternal fitness of things is again illustrated. His offense was rank, and if his prison cell "smells to heaven," it is only in keeping with the character of its occupant.

The Salem Statesman says: "If there is any man who believes that persistent dunning is a sovereign remedy for hard times, let him come to Salem and try it for a month or two. We'll bet our dilapidated tile (it's our best, too) against a blue cotton umbrella, that he will give it up as the slimmest "means of grace" he ever tied to."

The Democrats have elected Maj. Gen. Martin Van Buren Brown Mayor of Albany. There is nothing mean about Mart, and he will allow his children to play with his neighbors children just the same as though he hadn't been elevated to that high and responsible station. The Council stands four Democrats, two Republicans.

Capt. Ainsworth, Gov. Ferry, Judge Green, Gen. Sprague and others went out to the end of the track on Tuesday, to consult with the men in forcible possession of the road. Capt. Ainsworth offered to pay the men \$5,000 on account, and the balance due, amounting to \$60,000, before the 1st of February. It is understood they accepted and tracklaying was resumed.

At a local election in the city of Duluth in 1872, 952 votes were polled; at the general election in 1873, only 550 votes were polled, showing a falling off of nearly one-half in one year. These facts prove with mathematical certainty that railroads cannot reverse the laws of nature by building cities where there are no natural advantages. The Seattle Dispatch thinks that Kalama and Tacoma afford striking examples to the same purport.

The first resolution introduced in Congress was one by Mr. Sargent instructing the Commerce Committee to inquire as to the expediency of appointment by the United States of a Commission, part to be appointed by the State of California, to examine and report upon the expediency of protecting the harbor of San Francisco by the construction of a sea wall by the United States, California to assist in the work.

NOTES ON THE MESSAGE.

Specie Payments.

Concerning the resumption of specie payments we have this from President Grant:

However much individuals have suffered, one long step has been taken toward specie payment. We will never have permanent prosperity until an entire new basis is reached, and a specie basis cannot be reached and maintained until our exports, exclusive of gold, pay for our imports. The interest due abroad and other speculations are so heavy as to leave no appraisable accumulation of these metals in the country. Could but one-half the gold extracted from our mines be retained at home, our advance toward specie payment would be rapid. Our currency is required to keep all the industries of the country employed. Without this, national as well as individual bankruptcy must ensue. Undue inflation, on the other hand, while it might give temporary relief, would only tend to lead to an inflation of prices. To give elasticity to our circulation, and thereby have enough of it to transact the legitimate business of the country and to keep all industries employed, is what is most desired. The exact medium is specie—the recognized medium of exchange all the world over. That obtained, we shall have a currency of an exact degree of elasticity. If there be too much of it for the legitimate purpose of trade and commerce, it will flow out of the country; if too little, the reverse will result. To hold what we have and to appreciate our currency to that standard, is the problem for the most serious consideration of Congress. The experience of the present panic has proven that the currency of the country, based as it is, upon the credit of the country, is the best that has ever been devised. Usually, in times of such trials, the currency has become worthless, or so much depreciated in value as to inflate the values of all the necessaries of life, as compared with the currency, and every one holding it has been anxious to dispose of it on any terms. Now we witness the reverse. Holders of currency hoard it as they did gold in a former crisis of a like nature.

Transportation, Ship Building.

The message of President Grant on the subject of transportation and American ship building, shows that we pay about \$80,000,000 per annum to foreign vessels for the transportation of our surplus products to a market, which has increased the balance of trade against us to that amount. He says:

In previous messages I have called attention to the decline in American ship-building, and recommended such legislation as would secure to us our portion of the carrying trade. Stimulated by higher rates, and abundance of freight, the progress for the last year in ship building has been very satisfactory.

[NOTE.—This portion of the dispatch is muddled. We presume the President has said that the increase, being so small in proportion to balances of trade against us,—contributed to (if it was not the direct cause of) the recent panic and stringency.]

Ship Canal for Illinois.

Upon the subject of canals for navigating inland waters with large vessels, the President says: The State of New York has a canal connecting Lake Erie with tide water on the Hudson river. The State of Illinois has a similar one connecting Lake Michigan with navigable waters on the Illinois river, thus making water communication inland between the East and West and South. These great artificial water courses are the property of the States through which they pass, and they pay toll to these States. Would it not be wise statesmanship to pledge these States aid if they will open these canals for the passage of large vessels. This would be a national work, and one of great value to the producers of the West and South in giving them cheap transportation for their produce to the seaboard, and a market to the consumers in the East, and in giving them cheaper food, particularly of those articles of food which do not find a foreign market, and the prices of which therefore are not regulated by foreign demand. The advantages of such work are too obvious for argument.

National Bank Deposits.

President Grant favors the proposition of prohibiting National Banks from paying interest on deposits, by requiring them to hold their reserve in their own hands, and forcing them into resumption, though it would be only in legal tenders in cases of emergency.

Spanish Affairs.

The case of the Virginus seizure by the Spanish gunboat Tornado, and the inhumanly execution of her passengers and crew, at Santiago de Cuba, is treated briefly. Nothing more than has been anticipated by telegraph, is observed in the message on this point. When the correspondence with the legation of the United States is verified by mail, the matter

will be fully submitted. In taking leave of the subject the President says:

I wish to renew the expression of my conviction that the existence of African slavery in Cuba is a principal cause of the lamentable condition of the Island. I do not doubt that Congress shares with me the hope that it will be soon made to disappear, and that peace and prosperity may follow its abolition. The embargoing of American estates in Cuba, the cruelty to American citizens detected in no act of hostility to the Spanish Government, the murdering of prisoners taken without arms in their hands, and, finally, the capture upon the high seas of a vessel sailing under the United States flag and bearing United States register, has culminated in an outburst of indignation that has seemed for a time to tend to war. I have authorized the Secretary of the Navy to put our navy on a war footing to the extent at least of the entire annual appropriation of that branch of the service, trusting to Congress and the public opinion of the American people to justify my action.

The North Pacific Railroad Company claims 2,678,000 acres of land in Washington and Oregon, and 5,120,000 in Dakota. They also claim now to have 558 miles of road built, of which 105 1/2 miles are in Washington Territory, 200 miles in Dakota and the remainder in Minnesota.

Capt. R. R. Thompson's steam-plant, the first one on the Pacific coast, is at work on his farm in Yamhill county. It began work on the 20th ult. The farm contains 2,200 acres of land, the first cost of the same being \$34,500. He now has about twenty Chinamen and ten whites at work.

When misfortune overtakes a person and deprives him or her of reason, and that person is sent to an Asylum for relief, we can see no good to result from parading the facts with name and circumstances, before the public through the newspapers. Very often it happens that the patient recovers, and the circumstance attends them through life with the greatest grief.

School Books.—I have lately received all the different kinds of New School Books required to be used in this State, that can now be found in San Francisco. Also, Slate pencils, Blotting pads, a good assortment of Stationery, Drawing paper, CARD BOARD, Perforated board, Ink, (Carmin, Purple and Black). Likewise a new stock of Crockery, Clocks and a large assortment of Lamp Chimneys, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.

Ladies Festival.

Next Tuesday evening, the 9th inst, for the purpose of raising funds to complete furnishing the seats of the Congregational Church. The Ladies of the Congregational Society have been laboring strenuously for a year, for the above purpose, but still lack the full amount, which it is hoped this Festival will yield. The Festival will consist of the refreshments of the season, music, etc. A small admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

Teacher Wanted.

A Teacher, Male or Female, to teach in the District School, in District No. 3, Clatsop plains, Clatsop county, Oregon. Communicate to the undersigned.

Toys for Sale.

For the convenience of Merchants who cannot visit the city, I put up assorted lots of toys, toy books and fancy articles at Twenty, Twenty-five, Thirty, Forty, Fifty to One Hundred Dollars, comprising selections from everything in stock. These lots retail at a profit of nearly one hundred per cent. This plan has given great satisfaction to my customers during the past ten years, as thereby they obtain a much greater variety than by any other method. All these lots are put up under my own supervision. Send your orders early to obtain a good variety.

Gifts, Toys, and Fancy Goods.—S. J. McCormick, (Santa Claus' Headquarters), 19 First Portland, Oregon, has just received direct from the east, an immense stock of new Toys, fancy goods, music boxes, albums, dolls, toy books, gift books, annuals, and an endless variety of articles suited to the holiday trade, which he offers to country merchants, in quantities to suit, at the lowest cash prices. Send your orders early.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FRANK FABRE, at the Central Market, Portland, has enlarged his COFFEE stall, and added such improvements as will enable him to provide Epicures with the best in the Market. Parties furnished with Hot Coffee on short notice. Give the Central Market Coffee Stand a trial.

Notice. THE ASTORIA FARMERS' COMPANY is now ready to start.

Wheat and other PRODUCE! AT THEIR NEW WAREHOUSE. Usual rates charged. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 4th, 1873.

NOTICE. BY ORDER of the Board of Directors a third assessment of Twenty-five (25) per cent. on the capital stock of the Astoria Farmers Company is made and required to be paid to the Treasurer of said Company within thirty days from date. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 2d, 1873.

GOODS FOR THE SEASON Great REDUCTION in Prices! Selling Less than Cost THE ENTIRE STOCK!

OF GOODS.— AT THE STORE OF THE LATE GEORGE SUMMERS, deceased, Astoria Oregon.

HAS TO BE SOLD;

And in order to settle up the affairs of the estate, the undersigned, administrator, is now offering the entire line, embracing a very desirable quality of goods at prices below actual cost.

All persons having bills against the estate will please present the same, with proper vouchers for payment. And all persons owing the estate will please come forward and settle, or make arrangements to settle the same, and save costs. C. S. WRIGHT, Administrator.

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Advertisement for Gray's Music Store featuring a large graphic of a piano keyboard and text: GRAY'S MUSIC STORE! STEINWAY & SONS' PIANOS, GUILD, CHURCH & CO.'S PIANOS, BURDETT'S ORGANS.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. WELCH, FRANK HOBSON, JAMES W. WELCH & Co. TEAMSTERS.

Office at J. W. Gearhart's Store, Astoria. ORDERS LEFT WITH MR. GEARHART for any kind of Teaming, will be promptly attended to. Wood of all kinds constantly on hand. Orders solicited.

To Let. THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY, belonging to the estate of A. Crosby deceased, is for rent. For particulars apply to H. S. ALKEN, Administrator Astoria, Nov. 20th, 1873—of said Estate.

George A. Pease,

Pacific Boot and Shoe Store, Is now prepared to wait on his customers. At The Old Stand Again! S. W. Corner First and Morrison Streets, Portland, Oregon.

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S. M. BARR, J. C. KINGSLEY, BARR & KINGSLEY, PRINCIPAL RETAILERS OF THE STAPLE brands of Eastern, California and Oregon Boots and Shoes. No. 135 First street corner Yamhill, Portland Oregon. With our long experience and small expense we are enabled to sell cheaper than any other house in the city of Portland. As the proverb goes—\$1.00 saved is \$2.00 made: Call and see and give us your trade. BARR & KINGSLEY.

S. G. Skidmore,

Druggist and Apothecary, Has Removed to his NEW AND ELEGANT STORE, 111 First st., next to L. C. Henriksen's, Portland, Oregon.

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