

Life in Arkansas.

Three young white men went on a spree in Pulaski county, Ark., and for days disturbed people by their antics. At length they brought their folly to a climax by taking an aged and inoffensive negro into the woods and compelling him to hold apples on his head for them to shoot off. A badly-aimed bullet soon went into his arm, and he begged them to stop the murderous sport; but they only laughed at his fright, and before long he was wounded in his leg, bringing him to the ground. Then he angrily cursed them, and they retaliated by emptying their revolvers into his body. The leader in this outrage was a friendless loafer, and there was no delay or difficulty in sending him to state prison. The other two, however, had money and influence with which to defeat justice. One was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, but has obtained an order for a new trial, is at large on bail, and has just been married. The third has been acquitted by a confessedly packed jury.

Bitter warfare is now being waged between the farmers of Tulare county, California, and the Southern Pacific railroad company, and, if published reports are reliable, the farmers are in the right. The company has built a branch road, some forty miles in length, from Goshen to the foot of the mountains on the west. It is claimed that this road is 100 miles from the line on which the road was authorized to build. Some years ago this country was a desert waste, but a colony of determined men settled in it, and, by building with their own hands some 400 miles of irrigating ditches, transformed it into a veritable garden spot, and improved land there now is worth from \$50 to \$100 per acre. The railway company, which is really the Central Pacific, now claims that this land belongs to it under the congressional grant, and has accordingly commenced suit in ejectment against each of the settlers. These, driven to desperation at the prospect of being robbed of their little all, have formed six cavalry companies, and defy the company to remove them. All efforts to make a test case for submission to the supreme court have been refused by the company thus far, but it is probable that the monopoly will have to yield, as intense sympathy for the farmers is felt in all parts of the monopoly-scourged state.

A man in St. Paul took out a life insurance policy for \$5,000, one of the printed conditions being that the company need pay nothing if he committed suicide. He became insane, and killed himself. His widow sued for the \$5,000 on the ground that, being driven to self-slaughter by insanity, a disease does not constitute a violation of the suicide clause, which can be applied to criminal self-destruction only. The Minnesota supreme court decides for the widow.

Kentucky maintains her unenviable reputation as "the dark and bloody ground." Judge Elliott was assassinated on the streets of Frankfort last week, by a cowardly ruffian named Thos. Buford, against whom the Judge had rendered an adverse decision in court.

There are now no negro representatives in congress. The solid south will manage things differently.

There are only seventy-three ex-rebel officers in the house of representatives, and eighteen in the senate.

The Hudson river has not opened to navigation so early as this year (March 13th), for fifteen years but once. In 1871 it opened March 11th.

Some of the alarmists are getting frightened over the bugbear of a "third term." Better three terms of firmness and patriotism, than one of doubtful policy or dangerous tendencies.

It would be very unfortunate for San Francisco and California if the new constitution should be adopted. It is the almost unanimous sentiment of the manufacturing, mercantile and producing classes generally, that the state demands its rejection.

The grand exodus of negroes to Kansas and the west may prove the final solution of the color question. With a little assistance the blacks may be enabled to earn a living, and at all events, they escape the continual bull-doing of their late masters. But after all, wouldn't Gen. Grant's San Domingo project have been the best thing for both the darkies and the whole country as well?

There is an immense tide of immigration westward this spring. Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, as well as fascinating Oregon, are attracting many of the best people of the middle and eastern states, as well as a large foreign element, to follow the setting sun in hopes of bettering their fortune. In a few years the center of population promises to be many hundreds of miles west of where it is now located.

Hunt up your Confederate bonds, for there is a prospect that they may be valuable. At least, with seventy-three ex-rebel officers in the house and eighteen in the senate, a confident South Carolinian believes the United States will yet pay them, and in order to gain precedence, has sent a \$1,000 Confederate bond to Secretary Sherman, to be placed on file in anticipation of that event. As unlikely as such an event may now seem, it serves to show the desires and expectations of the solid south, and should exert a healthy influence on the political action of every citizen of the north.

The germs of yellow fever must be exceedingly tenacious of the power of impregnating subjects with their poison. It will be remembered that the U. S. ship Plymouth last year had to go north for the purpose of saving the lives of her crew, and to free herself from the poison of yellow fever. She had been in the West Indies, and last autumn her crew were down with the fatal disease. She was fumigated, and it was thought that no fever germs remained in her. But this proves a mistake. She left Boston on the fifteenth of March, but has had to return, the yellow fever having broken out on board when three hundred miles southeast of Bermuda, one man having died of the disease. Here arises a question as to the thoroughness of the fumigating process, or whether fumigating can be relied on.

One of the most marked evidences of poor farming is indifference to the quality of seed. Let our readers give this subject special attention, plant and sow only the very best seed to be had, and a large crop will reward the trouble and expense.

Columbia River as a Harbor of Refuge.

Portland Commercial Reporter. In another column we refer as briefly as our space admits to the two harbors that the Board of Engineers report more favorably upon for a harbor of refuge, and also a cove that Assistant Engineer Habersham reports favorably upon. The Board of Engineers did not make surveys north of Cape Foulweather, evidently having in view protection to coasters only, and following out this idea our article was written; but why it is congress only intended protection to coasters we do not intend to fathom, for had they given the subject more consideration it would have been clearly evident that deep-water vessels bound to and from the Straits of Fuca, and also to and from the Columbia river, require a harbor of refuge at certain seasons of the year.

The question naturally presents itself, can this be obtained and at the same time answer for coasters, by which only one harbor answer the purpose? This we unhesitatingly answer yes; but not from our knowledge, but from information received from masters of vessels, together with the view of scientific men on the subject.

The Columbia river harbor can be made a harbor of refuge, and better adapted for the purpose than any heretofore mentioned, as it will meet the requirements of deep water vessels and also of coasters. That it can be made a harbor of refuge does not admit of a doubt. All that is necessary is to construct a breakwater running out from Point Adams in a northwesterly direction; by the construction of this breakwater the force of the heavy southerly storms will be broken, and as the harbor is well protected from the northerly storms any vessel can ride in perfect safety during the severest weather.

There is excellent holding grounds in Baker's bay, and also near Fort Stevens, both of which are well protected. Aside from the question of refuge harbor, the growing commerce of this section demands the improvement of the entrance to the Columbia river, and by the construction of a breakwater this improvement can be permanently had, requiring no further outlay, than sufficient to make a harbor of refuge.

From an economic point of view would it not be far better to locate the harbor of refuge at the Columbia river bay, when, by so doing, the demands of the very large and rapidly growing commerce of this section can be met, and which will also afford for all time to come ample protection to coasters--so say coasting masters.

With less money than will be required to make safe any harbor now named, and also that which will be required to permanently improve the entrance to the Columbia river, the Columbia river harbor can be made a harbor of refuge.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE. MRS. STEERS HAS LOANED the Chapel of the Holy Innocents an organ (during the repairs of its own), which she offers for sale at quite a low figure. The instrument is Really a Good One. Fine toned and in excellent order. It may be seen at the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Upper Astoria.

HALL OF BEAVER LODGE No. 35, I. O. O. F., ASTORIA, Oregon, April 10, 1879. To the Officers and Members of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F.:

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT at the regular meeting on the 24th inst., for the purpose of deciding upon a parade on the 28th day of April, the sixtieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. JAS. W. WELCH, N. G. L. S. Ed. D. CURTIS, R. S.

ATTENTION.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR THE construction of a dwelling house in Astoria, for Mrs. Eliza Kinney of Salem, until noon of Saturday, April 12th, 1879. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Dr. Aug. C. Kinney, Astoria, after April 7th. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

LOST.—On Monday or Tuesday last, a package of statements, of no value to the finder, belonging to a S. F. house. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving them at the OCCIDENT HOTEL, Astoria.

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NOTICE.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Delegates, A. F. O., on TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1879, at 7:30 P. M.

For reading minutes, and taking into consideration resignations, credentials, and any other business that may lawfully come before the board. By order of the President, JAS. W. WELCH, E. D. CURTIS, Secretary.

T. S. JEWETT. B. S. KIMBALL.

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B. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. ASTORIA, OREGON. OFFICE—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

C. W. FULTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE—Pages new building, Squemoque street, Astoria, Oregon.

DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. OFFICE.—In Shuster's Daguerrean building. Entrance—Second door above that of the DAILY ASTORIAN, Cass street. Residence on Jefferson street, corner of Main.

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