THURSDAY\_

A LOST PRIZE

declared forfeited and restored to the public domain; and second, failing 800 acres per mile for the 27 miles of including indemnity lands 50 miles wide, has been withdrawn from homestead and pre-emption claimants, and remained the unbroken wilderness it was for a distance of more than 100 miles of the route. That is to say, in this area of 7200 square miles, an area equal to that of the whole state of Massachusetts, no man could settle great valley, so that the railroad and make improvements on an acre of the land without peril of ejectment by the corporation grantee and the loss of his home and improvements. The land is either small open valleys or covered with a dense forest of the most valuable timber on the coast. The timber alone, with a railway to sarry the lumber that might be cut shall be narrowed so that there shall from it, is easily worth \$40 an acre. be a swifter current to carry the But so sure was the corporation that its lapsed grant would never be de every year. clared forfeited that it remained inactive for the last ten years, not from Mr. Schuyler Colfax that we had A FINE ASSORTMENT building a mile of road in that time. And now its game is up and the coveted prize forever gone from its gaze. He is still alive, however, and rises to There were other grants-to wagonroad companies in Oregon and in California-made prior to 1870, which chance for the next presidential nomare in justice as forfeitable as this one to the Oregon Central. They cover several million acres, and the committee should now turn its atten-

FRIENDS are rising up to our slandered hog in all parts of the country. Congress has already spoken for him. Mr. Frelinghuysen has set in motion the machinery of the state department in his behalf. The boards of trade and chambers of commerce all over the country are hurling their indignation against his oppressors. The army and the navy have not yet been ordered out, but if Mr. Bismarck and the French republic persist in their insane course it is only a question of time. Even abroad allies are trooping to his assistance. The Paris Clarion, the organ of the Royalists, defends him in a spirited three-column leading article, declaring "that he is of more importance to the great masses of the French people than the revision of the constitution." The western hog may yet restore the Bourbons to the throne of their an-

immigration, settlement, cultivation

and production in both states.

A Young and beautiful Maine girl sued a member of the Legislature for a failure to keep the pledges he had so fervently made. He was adjudged guilty and ordered to sign his check for nine hundred dollars in order to heal the heart he had so cruelly wounded. Two questions suggested themselves with respect to this verdict. One is, "Are broken hearts held at so light a figure in Maine?" and the second, "Is a bachelor legislative heart in that commonwealth worth only so paltry a sum?" Here in Oregon, if one of our Assemblymen or Senators could be so ungallant as to jilt one of his fair constituants she would receive at least fifty thousand dollars instead of a wretched nine hundred. This is one great difference between the Webfoot State and Mr. Blaine's little patch of pine woods

THE house committee on Pacific railroads will soon report a bill compelling all the land-grant roads to pay the cost of surveying and select-ing the lands given in aid of conA LONG SEARCH ENDED.

For the last forty years hopeful people have been digging and fishing JANUARY 24 1884 City for the treasure supposed to be buried in the wreck of the British frigate Hussar, which sank on the Thursday, January 24, at 2 P. M. On the 4th of May, 1870, says the 25th of November, 1780, while on its San Francisco Chronicle, through way from that city to Norwich, Conn. the influence of Senator Mitchell, of Tradition has it that the vessel con-Oregon, congress passed an act grant- tained 580,000 guineas, intended for Fashionable Millinery Goods ing alternate odd numbered sections the payment of British troops. For of land for 20 miles on both sides of sixty years the alleged treasure boxes the road to a corporation known as lay in the water. Then people began the Oregon Central Railway Com- to fish, and as fast as one company pany. There was also a proviso for gave up, another one took hold, so indemnity lands 25 miles each side of that since 1835 there have been the road, which was to have run from the town of McMinnville, in Yamhill county, in the Willamette valley, to Astoria, near the mouth of the Columbia river, distance 144 miles. The grant was substantially for 12,800 acres of land for every mile of road and aggregated 1,849,200 acres. It been lost, no end of diving has been been tried. The stress of the fact of the sock at path of the that there are a recation of the find in that city than is actually of the sock at path of the fact of the fact of the sock at path of the sock at path of the fact of the sock at path of the fact of the sock at path of the fact of the fact of the fact of the fact of the sock at path of the fact of the fact of the fact of the fact ran for six years, or till July 1876. done, and the sum total of interest-During that time the company built ing articles recovered consists of half 27 miles of road, all in the compara- a dozen cannon balls, a few coins tively level and easy region of the Willamette, where the land was then bits of copper and other odds and tively level and easy region of the corroded beyond recognition, some worth \$10 per acre and is now worth ends. Nevertheless, such is the fas-\$40. The grant was never renewed, cination of fishing-all men being and no more road than these 27 miles more or less gamblers by naturehas been made. Through their friend that the stockholders kept on and Mitchell the corporation recently appeared before the house committee money. Now it turns out that on public lands and asked, first, that a hard-headed New York contractor, THURSDAY. JAN. 31. 1884. no part of the grant of 1870 shall be to whom the Hussar scheme was proposed, took the precaution to go to England before beginning work and Special Engagement of the Charming Comedienne, Popular Favorite Vocalist, and in this, that they be awarded the 12, find out exactly what was on board the vessel when she sank. He emroad constructed, or the matter of ployed a competent lawyer, who re 345,600 acres, worth now anywhere ported that if there was any treasure KATIE PUTNAM! from \$10,000,000 to \$13,000,000. The on the Hussar no record of it is to be committee denied both requests and found either in the quarter are about to report a bill to the house master's report of what was on EXCELLENT COMEDY COMPAN for the forfeiture of all the grant and the Hussar when she sailed from its restoration to the public domain. England, or in the treasury reports THURSDAY. JANUARY 31st. They do this on the theory that of England for 1780. This effectthe object of the grant was ually disposes of the whole to secure an outlet by rail story. The divers who have trom the Willamette valley direct to been making a good living out Lena. the Madcap shipping at Astoria, and that having of the tradition for the last forty failed in this, the company has essen- years are highly indignant, and their tially failed in all and violated the friends promise that they will bring intent of the grant. During all the something valuable up within the OLD CURIOSITY SHOP! intervening thirteen years the belt of next ten days even if they have to country in which the grant was made, take it down with them beforehand.

THEY expect a thousand delegates to the Mississippi river convention in

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Secretary to Miss Putnam. St. Louis in February. The point that they will make is that, no matter what the volume of traffic on the river may be, the river should be ready to carry the products of the companies may be restrained from charging unreasonable rates for freight. To dike the river properly, and thus insure the millions of acres of rich bottom lands against semiannual overflow would cost \$50,000,-000. This is not to be urged; but it is to be proposed that the channel sediment that now makes new bars Tobacco and Cigars.

It is so long since we have heard forgotten that such a shining light in the Republican ranks ever existed. tell a St. Louis reporter that in his opinion Mr. Arthur has an excellent ination. The ex-vice president says that he has made a splendid executive and that his administration is as satisfactory to the country as any since tion to them also. These are the the time of Mr. Lincoln. He doubts things which have so long obstructed if General Garfield, had he lived, would have made so happy a political family as the president has done. Mr. Colfax is not, we are inclined to think, fully informed on this harmony point.

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