

CORRESPONDENCE.
We invite correspondence from all sections on subjects of local and other interest. With each letter the name and address of the sender is required, especially if sent for publication.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS.
Portland, Or. and Portland, Me. promise to be terminal points of the longest trans-continental R. R. system in the country. A through line via Duluth is talked of.

N. Langell has purchased the old Oregon Sentinel of Mrs. Frank Krause and will soon greatly improve its typographical appearance with a new dress. We wish Mr. Langell and the Sentinel success.

The January number of the "Aurora Borealis," a new magazine just started in San Francisco, is on our table. Its price is \$1.50 per year, and it contains 112 pages "chock" full of racy literature.

A train ran through on the narrow gauge R. R. to Dallas, sixty-six miles from Portland, on the 11th inst. The road is completed within six miles of Portland. The News says it is a shame that Portland will not let this road enter its limits.

Isaac Hyatt, charged with the murder of J. O. Pierce, of Washington county, was on the 18th, found guilty of murder in the second degree. A motion for new trial will probably secure his freedom, when he will doubtless run for congress or receive high official appointment.

The game law should be so amended that killing deer for their pelts be stopped. Make it a penitentiary offense and also prevent the destruction of large numbers of deer by any one person, by which we mean prevent men from hunting for a living and the law that will reach these desirable objects is the law for us.

Congressman Binger Hermann has our thanks for the Congressional Record, from which we learn that Mitchell is on the following Senate—standing committees—On claims—mines and mining; transportation routes to the seaboard. Dolph is on the committee on claims, coast defenses and commerce. In the House Hermann is on the committee on expenditures in the postoffice department and also on the Territories.

The villainous murder of D. I. Corker of LaFayette, by a worthless citizen of that place leads to the following proceedings which we clip from the Register:

A tramp was loitering about the jail yard on Wednesday evening, and was notified that he had better leave town, he was escorted about a mile and a half out of town and was informed of the fact, of a secret organization that existed at this place, to keep tramps from coming among us, the gentleman who took him away gave him the following send-off: "You keep the straight road, and don't think of returning, for if you do, you stand a good chance to be perforated with bullet holes." The last seen of him, he was going down the road at a two-forty rate.

The energetic efforts of about seventy hungry stove-pipes in the very heart of our town have so far failed to burn us all out. That's owing to good luck. The town therefore runs on its shape. The untiring zeal of about six gravel train loads of filth such as rags, old clothes, old boots, bones, hides, barrel hoops, &c., in our back lots, has so far glanced off like rotten eggs from a gentlemen's glistening gourd and therefore "signally" failed to kill three fourths of our people. This is owing to a mineral spring not very far from the business mansion of the "chief Rah."—that's us. Going to the spring one day, we got down on our knees and stuck our nose away down in the muzzle of said spring and analyzed thusly: Seven old boots and socks; one dozen empty oyster cans; two coal oil cans; four corned beef cans; section of pitch log; one bushel ashes; remains of dead cattle, such as jaw bones, ribs, etc.; set of barrel hoops from which the spring derives its tonic properties; one yoke of No. 12 shoes with strings, &c., &c. This effervescent mass appeared to say "hark from the tomb a dole sound" &c. We send you up another "whiff." Ahem! "Stitch in time" would save about forty. What are we going to do for sanitary precaution when the spring gives out?

BLUNDERS.
The Times of late has made more blunders editorially than any of our exchanges. When Frank Krause, editor of the Sentinel, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Jacksonville, died recently, not one word of respect or recognition appeared in the editorial columns of that paper noting the fact, save an item stating that a goodly number of "Old Fellows" attended the funeral of their brother.

Last week, upon the purchase of the Sentinel by N. Langell, ex U.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's message as claimed by a majority of the press, is a "business-like document," but from some cause portions of it need "chinking and daubing." Speaking of the Postal Service he says: "Retrenchment has been effected in the cost of supplies. All expenditures unwarranted by law have ceased, and the outlays for mail carriage have been subjected to beneficial scrutiny. At the close of the last fiscal year the expense of transportation of star routes was less by \$560,000 than the cost of the previous year, and steamboat and mail messenger service nearly \$200,000 less. The service has in the meantime been enlarged and extended by the establishment of new offices, increase of routes of carriage, expansion of carrier delivery conveniences, and addition to the railway mail facilities, in accordance with the growing exigencies of the country and the long established policy of the Government."

On the Pacific slope we can scarcely realize the soundness of that portion of the message relative to expansion and improvement in the mail service of the country. No doubt the Star route service has been retrenched \$560,000 worth as he claims, and most of all of that on this side of the Rockies. The reasons for the curtailment of the Star service, which in the main, operates in the poorer sections of the country and on the frontier are not very satisfactorily set forth. The great injustice done the Pacific States and Territories by the unreasonable reduction of their mail service almost defies satisfactory explanation. The saving of \$560,000 which has been made by depriving the people of needed mail facilities to the value thereof is not worthy of a boast from the chief magistrate of the nation.

What do we, of the Pacific slope care for a reduction of postage, or the extension of the free delivery system? Why don't the President recommend that it be made a penal offense to bid on a mail route for purposes of speculation. How does it come that in the postoffice department right under the nose of the President the rankest corruption is practiced by rascally mail-route speculators—robbers of the people and no notice taken of it nor anything done to prevent it.

Speaking of the silver question, he says: "Every fair and legal effort has been made by the Treasury Department to distribute this currency among the people. The withdrawal of United States treasury notes of small denomination and the issuing of small silver certificates have been resorted to in the endeavor to accomplish this result, in obedience to the will and sentiments of the representatives of the people in the Congress. The Director of the Mint again urges the necessity of more vault room for the purpose of storing the silver dollars which are not needed for circulation by the people."

I have seen no reason to change the views expressed in my last annual message on the subject of this compulsory coinage, and I again urge its suspension on all the grounds contained in my former recommendation, reinforced by the significant increase of our gold importations during the last year. It appears by the comparative statement herewith presented, and for the further reason that the more this currency is distributed among the people the greater becomes the duty to protect it from disaster, that we now have abundance for all our needs and that there seems but little propriety in building vaults to store such currency when the only pretense for its coinage is the necessity for its use by the people as a circulating medium.

A very damaging statement, Mr. President. If the money has been distributed among the people, how does it happen that there is none of it circulating among them, and how does it transpire that the vaults of the U. S. Treasury are full? There is perhaps no propriety for increasing the vault room, neither is there a necessity for the suspension of the coinage of silver. Just open the bloated vault and authorize the over-stinted people to circulate its contents and we feel certain in a brief time the great surplus will look as if a decoction of green persimmons had been poured over it. Give us a few one dollar bills and two and half gold pieces anyway, Clev.

PETITION.
To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for Josephine County. Your petitioners represent that we, and each of us are inhabitants of the Precinct of Grants Pass in this County and State, and legal voters therein; that Wm. Neunath, Manager of the Grants Pass Brewery Company is a suitable person to sell malt liquor in quantities less than one gallon, and pray your honorably body to grant him license to so sell for the period of six months from the date of such license.

Last week, upon the purchase of the Sentinel by N. Langell, ex U.

S. Internal revenue collector for this district, a well known and good citizen of Jacksonville, the Times still further blundered by talking to that gentleman "big I and little you" style, a portion of his comment reading as follows: "It is also to be hoped that he will not become inoculated with the ethics of a great majority of the editors of Rogue River valley, who have not the first idea of journalistic courtesy, but by gross and slanderous personalities seek to detract from the success and reputation of their more enterprising competitors."

We suggest that brother Langell procure a recipe from brother Nickle revealing the intricacies of the mystic art particularly with regard to how to play "freeze on" and "freeze out."

CHRISTMAS

Ere another issue of the COURIER, Christmas will have come and gone and the new year will be upon us. In many of the states east, a "spotted Christmas" is looked upon as indicative of sickness and mortality. For the benefit of those who do not understand the term; we will explain it: Heavy snows usually fall before the 25th of December; if the sun shines or the weather moderates just before that, sufficiently to thaw the snow so that the ground shows in spots, it is called a "spotted Christmas. To-morrow will see no such state of affairs here, as it is seldom known to occur in Oregon. Instead, we will perhaps see the temperature at 40 or 50° degrees above zero, the sun shining warmly, and the cattle grazing on the green sward. People will sit in their porches and the out-door laborer must have his coat off to be comfortable, and no snow will be in sight on the near mountain ranges. Such is Oregon.

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NOTICE.
ALL those who know themselves indebted to J. W. Howard & Co., either by Note or account, will please settle the same before the First day of January next or we will be compelled to force a settlement. J. W. HOWARD & CO.,
Nov. 15, 1886. 344d

Last Notice.
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NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Grants Pass Brewery Company will apply to the County Court of Josephine County, State of Oregon, at the next regular term, viz: On the 6th day of January, 1887, for a license to sell malt liquor for a term of six months in quantities less than one gallon, in the Precinct of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, and will support said application with the following petition. W. NEUNATH, Manager.

PETITION.
To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for Josephine County. Your petitioners represent that we, and each of us are inhabitants of the Precinct of Grants Pass in this County and State, and legal voters therein; that Wm. Neunath, Manager of the Grants Pass Brewery Company is a suitable person to sell malt liquor in quantities less than one gallon, and pray your honorably body to grant him license to so sell for the period of six months from the date of such license.

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NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the County Court of Josephine County, State of Oregon, at the next regular term, viz: On the 6th day of January, 1887, for a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in the Precinct of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, and will support said application with the following petition. J. B. HUTCH.

PETITION.
To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for Josephine County. Your petitioners represent that we, and each of us are inhabitants of the Precinct of Grant's Pass, in this County and State, and legal voters therein. That J. B. Hutch is a suitable person to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in quantities less than one gallon, and pray your honorable body to grant him license to so sell for the period of six months from the date of such license. 371d

NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the County Court of Josephine County, Oregon, on the 4th day of January, 1887, for a license to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors in the Precinct of Grants Pass, said County and State, and will support said application with the following petition. D. H. BURROGH.

PETITION.
To the Honorable County Court of Josephine County, Oregon: Your petitioners would respectfully present that we and each of us are voters and residents of the Precinct of Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon, that we are acquainted with D. H. Burroughs, and would most respectfully request that he is a suitable person whom you should grant a license to sell and we do by this, our petition, pray you grant to him a license to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors for the period of six months from date of such license, which will ever pray. 376d

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