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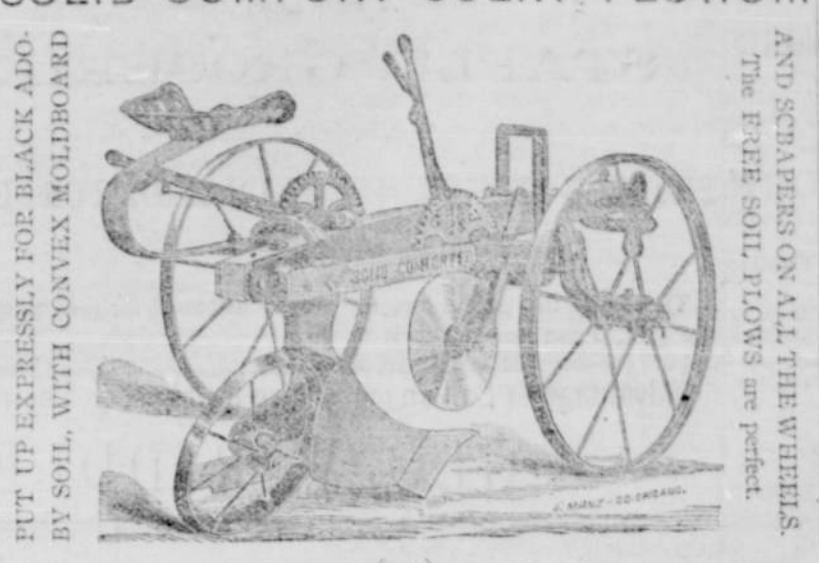
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## The Gap Closing Up.

A railway postal clerk who arrived from Ashland yesterday reports that trains will run into Montague, on the California and Oregon railroad, on and after to-day. The stage from Ashland will connect with the train at Montague, and the distance between Ashland and Montague is only fifty miles. An immense force is at work and in a week or ten days track will be laid to Laird's ten miles further on, and this will reduce the staging to about forty miles. From Montague to the Siskiyou mountains there is about twenty-five miles of comparatively level country, in which the road can be built very rapidly. The road is to be pushed to an early completion, and it is predicted that it will be completed to a junction with the Oregon and California by July 1, 1887.

The latest concerning the sale of the Oregon and California Railroad to the Southern Pacific Company is taken from the Railway Age of January 28. It reads as follows: The Oregon and California first mortgage bondholders are to receive at the rate of 110 in exchange for their present bonds new forty year old gold 5 per cent. bonds, guaranteed both principal and interest, by the Southern Pacific Company, together with 1/4 in cash for each bond. These new bonds, to be issued at the rate of \$30,000 per mile, are to be secured by a new mortgage, equivalent in point of lien and priority to the existing first mortgage of the Oregon and California, and will bear interest from July 1, 1886. The Oregon and California preferred stockholders will receive one share of Central Pacific stock, for every two shares of their own stock, together with 4 shillings sterling for each preferred share, and the common stockholders will get one Central Pacific share for every four of their own shares, together with three shillings sterling for each common share. -[News.]

## New Incorporations.

The Umpqua River Railroad and Improvement Company has filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State. The capital stock is \$50,000, and the incorporators are J. C. Drain, Levi Kent, Jos. Sellers, J. E. Payton, J. W. Crewson, W. A. Perkins, H. Beckley, J. H. Hedden, A. E. Ozof, J. B. Leeds, W. F. Jewett, A. W. Reed, H. M. Colwell, and W. K. Kendall. One of the purposes of the company, is to build a railroad from Gardiner, Douglas county, Oregon, to Boise City, Idaho, the general course to be easterly, along the Umpqua river, to Elkton; thence on the same course along Elk creek to Drain, on the O. & C. R. R.; thence easterly on such route as may be selected over the Cascade mountains, and a place of destination. Also of the First Presbyterian Church of Ashland; capital stock \$5,000; incorporators, W. C. Atkinson, W. W. Keator, and W. S. Gore. -[News.]

## A Few Appointments.

The following appointments have been made by Governor Penney: Notaries public, J. N. Deman, Prineville; Henry H. Booth, Salem; Wilson M. Barnett, Wasco; J. H. Clayton, Summer Lake; Geo. V. Hamilton, Pendleton; W. R. Pri-vett, Jefferson; C. E. Bayard, The Dalles; Geo. M. Miller, Eugene City; F. W. Fenton, Lafayette; Ahio D. Watt, Portland; Granelle E. Clark, Granite creek; W. T. Hume, Portland. Commissioners of deeds for Oregon, Charles Hall Adams, Boston, Mass.; E. H. Sharp and Eugene W. Levy, San Francisco; and W. Byron Daniels, Vancouver, W. T.

## Another Bond Call.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a call (No. 146) for \$13,887,000 of the 3 per cent. loan, the call accruing March 1, 1887, and meantime bonds of the numbers covered by the call will be redeemed at once, with interest to the date of presentation. This call leaves exactly \$49,000,000 of the three per cent. loan outstanding. Over \$12,000,000 of the bonds included in this call are held to secure national bank circulation. It is said by Treasury officials that successive calls will probably retire the remaining 3 per cent. outstanding by June next. -[Bradstreet.]

The new charter proposed for the city of Ashland seems to have assumed the role of the Sphinx. Our citizens talk excitedly of what it proposes to do and its objects and purposes, ostensible and ulterior, but they don't seem to know much about it. A great mistake was made in not calling a general public meeting of citizens and submitting the charter to its inspection before sending it to the legislature. -[Tidings.]

## Texas Sufferers.

The United States Senate has passed the bill appropriating \$10,000 for seeds to be distributed among the sufferers by the Texas drouth. The bill was introduced by Representative Lanham, of that State, and is certainly in the interest of humanity. In the presence of such suffering, it seems little short of cruel to laggle about the constitutionality of such a measure, especially in view of the gratuitous distribution of seeds throughout the country.

A recent dispatch from Fort Worth refers to twenty-one counties in the State that have been stricken with drouth. The County Judges have been besieged by the unfortunate people of the district. In one county, as the scene is described, the starving people come by scores to the Court House, "and the women crying, say, 'Judge, we are hungry,' when he deals out a few quarts of corn, all that he has to give, and on which they subsist." The State itself has been slow in affording any relief whatever. "It is astonishing," said one of the relief committee, "to see the entire country stand by and provide no adequate relief, where twenty-one chief officers of so many counties have set forth facts, and when any Board of Trade and charitable society could, in a week's time, go through the district by an agent and obtain the full facts. While the hand of the charitable is withheld the people are at starvation's door." -[News.]

## Diphtheria.

This insidious disease, which is just now so prevalent in this city and State, awakens the most painful memories in thousands of hearts. Just at this time it appears to be raging with terrible energy everywhere throughout the northern hemisphere—in this country, not only on the Pacific Coast, but in the Eastern States as well. It is also raging with even greater violence in many parts of Europe. In one town in Hungary it has lately broken out with fearful force. Out of 20,000 inhabitants in one city, 2,135 persons were recently sick, at one time with diphtheria, and 1000 of the sufferers died. With reference to remedies, a German paper recently gave the following: We deem it a public duty to make known every remedy which may snatch a single victim from death. Thus we learn with much interest that strong port wine or fiery maderia and malaga is being used on the part of physicians with great success against diphtheria. Even in a case where a poor child had already been given up and they had been unable to decide upon the well-known tracheotomy operation, the life was saved by a glass of strong port wine. It is related in one instance that special medical officer Dr. Fiedler, in Dresden, was extraordinarily successful with the child of a State official. The child was already in lying in the throes of death when, through the fire which the port wine communicated to the veins, in a short time a heavy perspiration broke out and the fungus and phlegm which would otherwise have brought about suffocation, were ejected. -[Mining and Scientific Press.]

## Rango Cattle Outlook.

(Bradstreet)

The Texas Live Stock Journal furnishes some "figures and estimates" which are credited to Col. S. P. Cunningham. The totals of range cattle in December, 1885, are given as follows:

## Another Bond Call.

Girls are of few days and full of mischief and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. When the young girl chews her gum with haste and stampeth her pretty foot, look thou a little out. She cometh forth in the evening in low neck and short sleeves; but in the morning she lieth abed while her mother bustleth. In view at the window she standeth whenever the sleigh bell tinkleth, and yearneth for a bean; and when he cometh, she doeth up his purse. He wrappeth the buffalo around her and huggeth her much and stayerth out beyond his time and the lively addeth four good dollars to his expected bill. In the evening he lieth himself to her father's mansion. He goeth and standeth by the fire and ere he leaveth he popeth the question and she jumpeth at the chance. -[Virgin, Ill. Chronicle.]

Lying Eli Perkins is coming to this coast.

## The New Chinese Treaty.

It is pretty well understood now that the proposed treaty between China and the United States is well along in preparation, but it will not be negotiated in time for any legislation under it during this session. Representative Morrow said that he proposed to push his bill on the House calendar at this session, and not wait until the new treaty was negotiated. The Morrow bill as it now stands has been so emasculated that it is of very little value. The bill which passed the Senate is much stronger, but it is safe to say that under the circumstances no bill at all will pass at this session. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will prefer to wait until the new treaty is negotiated which will permit the passage of a bill which will be a permanent settlement of the question, while it will not violate any international agreement.

The following from the dispatches to the Oregonian gives the outline of the proposed postal telegraph system now in course of perfection, which is expected to be completed and brought before congress during the present session:

The senate committee on post-offices and post roads have authorized Senator Wilson, of Iowa, to report the original postal telegraph bill as a substitute for that introduced by Senator Edmunds. The new bill is made up of the first eleven sections of that framed by the same committee in last congress and reported by Senator Hill, of Colorado. These sections provide for the establishment of a postal telegraph system by contracting with the existing telegraph companies. The government is required to furnish officers and make provision for selling stamps to cover charges. The schedule of rates is fixed at 20 cents for 20 words, where the distance for transmission is 1000 miles, and five cents for every 250 miles, provides that no charge for 20 words be less than 20 cents. Night rates are fixed at fifteen cents for 2000 miles or under. All words except the date are to be counted, and for every five words or less in excess of twenty an addition of one-fifth of the twenty word rate is to be charged. Press rates are fixed at not exceeding 35 cents each one hundred words sent at night and 74 cents during the day, and the same pro rata rate for each word in excess of one hundred. "Drop" copies are not to exceed 25 cents per 100 words at night and fifty cents during the day. The postmaster-general is required to retain 3 cents from the charge upon each message and pay over the remainder to the company as full compensation for his services.

A company may maintain its own office outside of the postoffices for the transmission of telegrams upon its own rates. The postmaster-general is required to advertise for sealed proposals for the performance of the service and to contract with the company whose proposal is deemed the most favorable. Bonds are required for the faithful performance of service and the contract is to contain provisions which will prevent discrimination in order of transmission unfavorable to the postal telegraph. The contract is to extend over five years and if the company shall have fully and fairly performed its duties it may be extended for another five upon condition that a uniform rate, or below the lowest rate specified in this contract, without regard to distance, shall be adopted, in which case the government will deduct only 2 cents for each telegram instead of 3.

The company entering into this contract is required at once to open for use as provided in the act such lines as it may have at the time and is allowed four years within which to put in operation such additional lines as may be required. The postmaster-general is directed to advertise for sealed proposals to sell the existing lines and franchises to the government, and if the proposals received are deemed fair and reasonable he is required to report the same to congress. -[Register.]

A. W. Presley, who is in the city looking after a claim he has before the legislature, yesterday received a letter from his wife stating that their residence on Little Butte creek, about 22 miles from Jacksonville, burned on last Monday, with almost the entire contents. The fire caught from the fire-place chimney. Mrs. Presley, in trying to rescue some of the articles of furniture, burned her neck rather severely. The loss will aggregate \$500, upon which there is no insurance. -[Salem Statesman.]

The new railroad to be built from Humboldt to Sacramento river, is to intersect the California and Oregon railroad at Proberta, 8 miles south of Red Bluff, and Red Bluff is making an effort to have it connect at that place. To make such change will cost the company at least \$25,000, which the Red Bluff people propose raising. -[Yreka Journal.]

## It Saddened Him.

The editor of a country exchange lives in a house located between a Methodist church and a dance hall. One night last week there was a meeting at the church and a dance at the hall. It being quite comfortable out of doors, the editor sat on the verandah and took in the situation, jotting down the following which he heard: "Let us pray—all salute—we beseech Thee to join hands and draw near—circle to the left—listen to us—first four forward and back—as we all promenade—kneel before Thee and balance all—present our petition—grand right and left—for Christ's sake—seat your partners." The editor was more than saddened at the degeneracy of the village, and went off and joined a base ball club in order to be neutral. -[Ex.]

Representative Munger's bill for the relief of poor witnesses, is a sensible one. It does not speak well for our civilization that the present law should have been in existence so long. The amendment proposed by Mr. Munger is substantially the provision of the California law on the subject. Under the present law in this State, a witness who is a stranger or too poor to give bonds for his appearance at the trial, may, while perfectly guiltless of any offence, be put into jail to await the trial. The injustice of such a proceeding is apparent. It makes the question of personal liberty, with a person against whom no charge is made, a question of property. Mr. Munger's bill provides that a witness who proves himself unable to give bonds, may have his testimony taken conditionally, and thereupon that he be discharged. There is no reason why Oregon should not place itself in accord with the surrounding States and Territories on the subject. -[News.]

The bill by Watts, of Yamhill county, asking that the prohibition amendment be submitted to the people, has passed both houses of the Oregon legislature. It is presumed no special election will be authorized for this purpose, and the amendment will be voted upon at the next general election. The legislature has done the proper thing in allowing this issue to go before the people. We believe the measure to be impracticable, but are willing to abide by the decision of the people upon this important question. Let the voters of this state study the question well in all its bearings, and not enact a law impossible of execution, void of revenue, a bribe for evasion, and a bid for political and judicial corruption. -[Independent.]

W. W. Scott and Marcus Day returned last week from their Oregon trip. They brought with them one of the largest apples, we believe, that was ever seen in Spencer. It measures over fourteen inches in circumference, and weighs one and a half pounds. It was a large yellow luscious variety and we wanted to get outside of it, but as it was a present from C. C. Farr to Father Annett, we refrained. We were informed that these apples grow in abundance in Oregon, and that they are now selling at 45 cents per bushel. Verily, Mr. Farr's people must have settled in the original garden. -[Clay County News.]

The Central Pacific railroad throughout the State, was assessed at over \$31,200 per mile last year, and the year previous, the rate was over \$34,000 per mile, which includes the rolling stock. The buildings and stationary improvements outside of roadbeds, are assessed separately in the counties where they are located. The narrow gauge roads are assessed at between \$6,000 and \$7,000 per mile. -[Yreka Journal.]

Rev. F. X. Blanchet, who has just returned from east of the mountains, reports the snow 2 1/2 feet deep at Bly and 18 inches deep at Linkville and still deeper in Lake Co. This means much loss of stock unless there is an early change in the weather. -[Times.]

C. C. Beckman of Jacksonville and T. G. Hendricks of Eugene city, have been appointed regents of the State University by Gov. Penney, and the State Senate immediately confirmed their nominations.

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