

Editors Democrat:

The week having closed without a ruffle to disturb the placid waters of the pool in which the "boys" are having swimming times, we may deduct from their earnings. There are several counties that want relief because they have not paid their taxes for several years. The Treasurer needs his books for other purposes than to carry these debts and add to them every year. One county commenced to lay its nest egg with a very few dollars, now it is up to thousands. Like all debts they get prolific. Better wipe them out and commence again with penalties.

The Loony bill to prevent adulterations is one that should pass. This bill especially attacks all articles, "liquors and vituals." A few days since I was advocating a larger use of cheese, that it was more nutritious than beef, etc., with a reduced price to bring it to every table. The learned gentleman to whom I made this appeal said "oh no, they make cheese out of everything." I could not resist, and I asked him if they spared axle grease, and he said "no." And so it is with butter. Now if Mr. Loony will put a tariff on cabbage so Oregon farmers will raise enough for Oregon, he will drive out of our markets the crates of cabbage that come in on every steamer, sufficient to almost bankrupt California.

Condon's bill fixing the age of consent at 16 years instead of 14, should pass, also Paquet's bill to do away with separate acknowledgments of married women. There are several wagon roads asked for and all are equally meritorious. If the property of the State was honestly given in the basis of assessment would be on \$300,000,000. Every man would pay one-fourth of what he now pays and the State could make these internal improvements without feeling it in the least, of course we shut our eyes to all special legislation. Legislatures are doing this business every year and it is better to have the money go for roads than for something of no value. "The honest men pay the taxes" says Gov. Pennoyer, and so it is. They will not complain at internal improvements. Will our people ever confess their wealth?

The railroad freight bill is an impossibility. It takes a better head than railroad officials themselves, possess to make an arbitrary rate freight tariff. The only way, and the experience of every State has so shown, that the best for the shipper is that adopted by railroad companies themselves. They do get to the people's interest as fast as the traffic will permit and this has been the case in Western Oregon with all railroads.

Mr. Dawson's bill to purchase land in Linn county and locate the Deaf Mute School there, whether so designed or not, will increase the number of deaf mutes in the State at least seventy. He ought to consider that a Legislative body is a convertible quantity and when his bill comes squarely up before that body it will confound their tongues and they will become as mute and "dumb-founded" as the mule that was offered hay to eat, and left it for the greater pleasure of eating an Oregon pine post that supported the entrance of the cabin of his master. It would be a nice question for the Salem Literary Society to decide whether stubbornness is an attribute or a sudden passion. The effort to take the Mute school to Linn will decide it. The only objection to it is that all public buildings must be erected at Salem, and so it is. But the mute school does not come under that statement any more than a separate Supreme Court does located in Eastern Oregon. The public buildings are defined. If not let us send a dray to Eugene and Corvallis and haul the faculties of these State institutions down to Salem and locate them in the penitentiary or insane asylum grounds.

The effort of Senator Irvine to limit the pay of the Committee Clerks to the ability of the State to pay them for actual work was not fully considered. It is a notorious fact that but few clerks are called to work. They feel burdened at this neglect, but it is all right at the outcome for all are paid. Over three thousand dollars were paid out last Legislature for clerks here, and about one-half served. Senator Irvine's resolution was voted down, and one favoring free employment passed with a final preference for old soldiers. But little attention will be paid to the old soldier part. The "old soldier" party itself is running the soldier business into the ground. When it gets to fighting women for bread it looks as if the democracy will live long enough to make another "faint" at least.

The recent announcement of the death of General McKinzie, brings up a matter not mentioned in connection with his death. It is stated which is true, that his father was Capt. McKinzie of the ship "Somers" on board of which was the son of John C. Spencer, then Secretary of War under John Tyler. This young Spencer, was a midshipman and was hung at the bow arm by Capt. McKinzie for mutiny. It was on a Sunday morning that it took place and the pulpit all over the Eastern country was aroused on the reception of the facts. What we desire to say is this, Dr. White who came to Oregon in the 40's was a great friend of John C. Spencer and it is said that he sent Dr. White out here. Dr. White in honor of his friend John C. Spencer, named the Butte at Eugene City Spencer Butte a name it bears to this day. And it is said also that Dr. White's friendship for McKinzie, led to the naming of the

river in Lane county that bears his name. This was all before the unfortunate occurrence on the ship "Somers."

Sojourner.

HOME AND ABROAD

Burkhart & Royce, job printers. A full line of Child's bath tubs at G. W. Smith's. Choice Herkimer Co cheese at Brownell & Standard's.

Best artist's materials in the city at Dr. Guiss & Sons. If you want any kind of stove repairs call on G. W. Smith. G. W. Smith has the largest stock of sugar kettles in Albany. Mrs. Dr. Miller, of Portland, is in the city the guest of Dr. Ellis. The Dalles has a toboggan slide, but doesn't know what to do with it. The WRC will give a social at the G A R hall to-morrow evening. G. W. Smith gives the white enameled iron ware with his fine cook stoves. A full assortment of brass kettles from one to eighteen gallons at G. W. Smith's. Flour delivered to any part of the city at \$1.15 per sack by N A Blodgett. The Portland Siftings man was found guilty of libeling Mrs M W Trevitt. A Y P M A has been organized at the M E church with twenty-one members. New line of artist's materials at Dr. Guiss & Sons. Costs nothing to see them. Call on G. W. Smith and get one of those Missouri Steam Washers warranted to do as recommended. To save money buy your stationary and toilet articles at the 5 and 10 cent counters opposite the Russ House. The largest, finest and best assorted stock of groceries in town can be found at Brownell & Standard's. Mrs. Martin Payne is prepared to take first-class boarders at her residence opposite the Congregational Church. About twenty persons have been admitted as members into the Baptist church since the beginning of its present revival season. All the delicacies of the season received daily, cabbage, apples, turnips, beets, and parsnips, at the Willamette Packing Co's store. If you have any job work to do call on G. W. Smith who is prepared to do it with neatness and dispatch, and as cheap as anyone. An Albany lady on yesterday was seen carrying a lace parasol, an incident that struck several newcomers from the icy east with astonishment. Mr. Thos. G. Hopkins has rented the vacated store in the Pearce block recently occupied by C. J. Dillon, and will move into the same in a few days. If you want the cheapest and best heating stove call on G. W. Smith, who is offering some of them at cost to make room for his large spring stock of cook stoves. C H Dodd & Co., E Thrali, agent, will move their agricultural implement warehouse into Peter Schlosser's building on Ferry street now occupied by Celestials. You better not go to the variety store opposite the Russ House if you have no small change with you, for you will see such bargains as you never saw in Albany before. In his sermon this evening at the U. F. Church Dr Irvine will answer the question "Is Christianity of God?" Yesterday at that Church thirteen were admitted to membership, making eighteen in all during the last few weeks. Miss Annie Riland, who has resided in Albany for several years, left on Saturday on a visit to her parents in Lebanon precinct previous to going to Mt Angel, where she will enter the convent, eventually probably taking the black veil. L. Senders, of Albany, is in town. He is buying horses, and there was quite a round-up of animals at the Elephant feed yard yesterday, which he had purchased and will ship to California markets.—Pendleton E. O. A gentleman advertised for a girl in the DEMOCRAT Thursday and Friday and Saturday had one hired just from the advertisement, the applicant coming from Lebanon precinct. An adv in the DEMOCRAT rarely fails to have the desired effect. The last West Shore illustrates Salem and as well gives a supplement containing the pictures of sixty members of the Legislature. Hon S A Dawson, Jeff Meyers and J B R Morelock appear in the illustration. Mr G W Smith has rented the Senders & Sternburg corner and will move his large stock of stoves and tinware into it by the first of February. This is one of the finest locations in the city and Mr Smith is fortunate in getting it. In the case of the government against J W Brasfield for the condemnation of land at the bay for government purposes, the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, awarding the land at \$1450. The government would have given as much in the first place, but Brasfield wanted \$4000. The receipts of the Oregon Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Portland, of which H F Merrill is agent for this city, were \$119,173.90 last year from all sources, expenditures, \$80,844.50, leaving a net income of \$38,329.40. A pretty good showing as a business institution. Hon Geo E Chamberlain has purchased two lots of J D Parsons, southeast corner of Ferry and Seventh Streets, consideration, \$1250, and will erect a fine residence on the same this year. Mr Chamberlain has also completed his arrangements for purchasing an interest in the Linn County Bank and will act as Cashier of the same. That was a keen business stroke on the part of Brother Samuel, of the West Shore, when he sold for sixty cents a piece to J K Gill 3000 Portland albums that had been made in Germany and delivered to him at twenty-two cents each, a second edition being offered for eighteen cents. When Gill offered the train newsdealer the picture books for seventy-five cents he was struck almost speechless to hear that the German engravers had offered him the same books for twenty-two cents each.—Portland Welcome.

OREGON FEVER.—Mr. B. M. Anderson, of Hope, Kansas, writes us from that city, that his brother-in-law, Mr. P. W. Ryan, of Tangent, who has been visiting there, had left for Iowa, and with several neighbors he had a slight attack of Oregon fever and wanted a few simple homeopathic doses of the DEMOCRAT to see if it will allay or increase the already incipient fever. He says: "The last three years farming here has been unprofitable to most all farmers and disastrous to many on account of the dry weather, hot winds and chinch bugs; hence many of them are looking about to see some place with more favorable opportunities to better their condition. The scriptures say, "That which a man sows that shall he also reap," but here it is different, a man may sow but the chinch bugs or something else frequently does the reaping, while we would much prefer doing our own reaping. If Oregon can present more favorable opportunities or more certain reward for patient toil and industry we will earnestly investigate them and decide according to our best judgments. It will not be surprising if some Kansans are wending their way Oregonwards in the near future; but we desire more light or reliable information in regards to farms and farming in Oregon."

TOO MUCH.—"Indians can't stand civilization. Some enemy of the Chemawa Indian school, at Salem, last week gave the Indian pupils enough money to buy instruments for a brass band. The first time they tried their tooters and things, Daniel Boone, in trying to learn the ophicleide, ruptured an artery in his abdominal throat and was buried next day. Another named Stanupe, who monkeyed with the thombone, is dangerously ill with swelling of the larynx. The Indian brass band is 'all broke up.'"—Ex.

SEASONABLE That means season able over coats, a large and fine stock of which has just been received at L. E. Blain's. Call early as the over-coats have begun going.

LAST WEEK AN Independence man on a wagon sucked three dozen eggs at one sitting.

CURIOSITIES.—Some very fine persimmons, Japanese oranges and sugar cane at F. H Pfeiffer's. Try them. It will cost you nothing to see them.

PURE MILK.—Mr. Henry Stewart has established a milk route in this city and asks for the patronage of our citizens. Tickets for sale at Brownell & Standard's.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.—For the 24 hours beginning at 12 o'clock, noon. Clear.

BABIES.—The finest line of baby carriages in the Valley just received at Stewart & Sox's. Prices are remarkably cheap considering the superior quality of the carriages.

WE WILL sell you groceries cheaper than any one else. BROWNELL & STANDARD.

DIED. SWANK.—On Sunday, Jan 27, 1889, at her home near Tangent, Mrs J W Swank. Funeral services will be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the home of the deceased.

STABBING AFFRAY. Jesse Clark will Probably Die.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon Jesse Clark and A. F. Thompson got into a quarrel at the Stevens place, at the South end of Ferry Street, resulting in Clark striking Thompson with a shovel and Thompson's drawing a knife and stabbing Clark in the lungs near the heart. Dr. Maston was called and pronounces Clark in a critical condition. Thompson was arrested and will be examined to-night.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. REVERE HOUSE.—T Gordon, Tangent; D E Griffin, O P R R; J K Thomas, Scio; M Thorne, Scio; J Nixon, Lebanon; H Franks; A B McRae, end track, O P R R; A Hamburger, Portland; Capt Lord, Yaquina Bay; Geo R Dement, Chicago; A Cole, Denver; R E Crane, V Staiger, Salem; E Loupe, S F; J R Neill, Neb.

RUSS HOUSE.—L D Wade; P Hetterger; W Haveloe; W Hackett; J Thomas, Scio; S L Moore; T Vernon; A Mannion; S L Hunter, M Dudley, Dixon; A Biggs and wife; P Madden, Harrisburg; A McMillan, Rock Creek; A Pency; J C Funk, Dayton; P Felton; W F Stark; H Comett; P Colbert, city; R L Wiles; A W Shepherd, Augusta Wis.

NEW LINE.—Of delicacies to tickle your palate, garlic, Swiss cheese, Milchur herring, mackerel, chow chow in bulk sold in quantities to suit, at the Willamette Packing Co's store.

SHAKE.—It does one good to see two friends meet and have a hearty shake. The two guests that met yesterday on First street, shook so long that a bystander asked them what was up. They replied that they were congratulating each other on having found the cheapest place to buy groceries at the Willamette Packing Co's store.

Baby carriage at Stewart & Sox's. KILN DRIED FLOORING.—Good kiln dried flooring at the Springfield lumber yard in this city.

NEW COMERS.—To our city will find it to their advantage to price our goods before buying in their outfit of groceries and provisions. BROWNELL & STANDARD.

DR. W. H. DAVIS, Physician and Surgeon. Office up stairs in Strahan's Block. May be found at his office day and night.

DR. G. WATSON MASTON Physician and Surgeon. Office opposite the Democrat.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

I desire to call special attention to our Premium Savon.

I purchase this soap in large quantities direct from the factory and thus secure it at the lowest price. Each box contains 20 bars full weight, and it never fails to give satisfaction. Since introducing this soap the demand for it has constantly increased. The present price is \$1.10 per box.

I endeavor at all times to keep on hand a good assortment of

Groceries, Confectionery, Fruits, Etc.

and respectfully solicit the patronage of the public

Very Respectfully,

F. L. KENTON.

SQUARE DEALING AT BROWNELL & STANDARDS.