

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Speaking of the city charter, we do hope the cow part will get through anyway. Suppose we drive the cows through first and then leave the bars down and let the crowd gee and haw at the rest of the animals.

Judging from conversation with people who have been in most of the cities of the Northwest we have come to the conclusion that Albany is about the most respectable kind of a city anywhere around. It may be noticed that nearly all of the naughty carryings are by outsiders.

The advance agent for St. Valentine is in the city. The show promises to be of a more refined nature than of old, tastily made, artistic productions taking the place of the old style, disgraceful appearing, slovenly looking affairs that formerly occupied front seats in the windows.

Whether or not a whist club should be allowed to rent a certain hall in Albany is a question that has shaken one or two societies up considerably, resulting in a losing hand for the card side.

The Man About Town has been requested to give the position of the Oregon Pacific in reference to their opposition to being taken into the city limits as provided under the proposed city charter. We do so, without comment, and it would be a poor stick of a news gatherer that couldn't do that much. They claim that it would defeat the object for which the land was obtained, that of building a round house and machine shops on such parts of it as they please. In the city limits it could be laid off in streets, though absolutely none of it is for sale. The only effect would be to make the Company pay city taxes and would antagonize them toward our city. This is the way the matter is stated to us.

TRADE AT HOME.—Exactly the same pattern of pants, only better made, that the Plymouth Rock Pants Co., of Boston, advertise for \$3, exclusive of 30 cents postage, are sold by L. E. Blain, in this city, for \$2 and \$2.50. In nearly every case where you send away from home for goods of any kind you pay an extra price for them. Besides this it pays just on principle to patronize home merchants. It is what builds up a community.

WHAT IS WANTED.—A member of the legislature has received a telegram from a man at Corvallis of unquestioned veracity, who says the Methodist Church South wants its claims fully established to the building and grounds and all other things belonging to the State Agricultural college at Corvallis, and then, after that, its officials will consider any reasonable proposition from the state for a settlement.—Statesman.

THEY MUST GO.—The Chinese house opposite the Post Office will be entirely renovated and deodorized and an addition built to it, previous to being occupied by C. H. Dodd & Co. We understand that the Celestial house a block further South has a prospect of being transformed into an agricultural implement house, with a Mitchell wagon in front. The further back the heathens are driven the better it will be for the city.

BREEDS FEVERS.—H. C. Clement, of Tacoma, W. T., passed through the city to day on a flying visit to his wife's parents at Shedd. Ed. Zeyss and William Faber returned from that city on the noon train. Mr. Clement says Mr. Zeyss has the Tacoma fever bad. By the way Clem is a fever breeder in that direction. Give him a chance and he would move the whole of Albany to Tacoma.

BIG EGGS.—Mr. L. Knight has placed on our table two hen's eggs of remarkably large size. One measures in circumference around he ends 7 3/4 inches and the other way 6 3/4 inches. The other egg measures 7 3/4 by 6 1/2 inches. Who, (we mean what hen) can beat them.

"FORCE OF IMPULSE."—This play will be presented by the members of F. Co. and their friends on Friday evening, Feb. 15. It should be given a good support.

WALL PAPER.—The finest line of wall paper in the valley in forty or fifty varieties, elegant designs and prices down, at Portmiller & Irvine's. It will pay 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 & Stanard's.

The sun is said to be 5000 miles behind time, a sign that we are going to have some weather of some kind.

OUR SALEM LETTER

Feb. 1st, 1889.

Editors Democrat:

Twenty-three more days for the Legislature. The week has been taken up mostly by the local water bill of Portland. That is it has underlined everything else. The Eugene sewerage bill was put on the boards first. The great question in both cases being the taxation of the bonds to be issued to carry out these enterprises. The discussions before the House were by no means edifying. In fact each speaker seemed to aim to show how little he knew on the subject of taxing bonds of a municipality. And on this point many reasons were given pro and con that were very thin. For instance one gentleman—a champion—was asked to answer a question growing out of his statement that these bonds would go out of the State anyway as five per cent bonds were not our capital seekers, "what difference then would it make whether taxed or not." He answered that foreign capital would not take them because it was feared abroad that our legislature would declare them real estate and tax them where issued. To a man of common sense this seemed ridiculous. Mortgages are so declared in this State for the purpose of the mortgage tax law, but bonds which are promissory notes really bear no relation to the soil and float as personal property and can float as nothing else. If the gentleman had said we can sell the bonds here with five cent interest if not taxed and eight per cent if taxed thereby saving forty-five thousand dollars annually to Portland, if they are not taxed, he would have been plausible at least. But his answer was like the balance of reasons given. The fact is if the bonds bear five per cent interest our banks will make if desired by selling one per cent on them tax or no tax. They will find if they take them with interest at five per cent, a ready Eastern market with a premium offered of one to three per cent. Taxing municipal bonds is a question of importance to the municipality that gives the money really which the bonds represent. And where the scheme is for sewerage or pure water—all going to the health of the community, the bonds should not be taxed. But for any other object, usually speculative as subsidies they should be taxed. This distinction however was not made, but we think it is justified by precedent. Though it was admitted by those favoring the measure in their innocence that there were no precedents for exempting municipal bonds from taxation. The Portland bill passed 38 to 18. The scene looked like a bankers convention. If there was a bank in Portland not represented on the floor of the House by their officers it would be a standing fact to reveal. Bowditch style, a measure as "a bill to enrich the bankers."

In a former letter we said there were three thousand dollars paid out for clerk hire at the last session, when it should have been between ten and eleven thousand dollars. How much of this was meritorious is the question with the economist. Senator Irvine's measure would have tested this point, but he was voted down. Probably one fault of it.

On Tuesday evening next before the joint convention of both Houses, the life sized picture of Dr. John McLaughlin will be presented to the State by Hon. John Minto and received by Governor Pennoyer. As both of these gentlemen are known to be successes on like occasions this is one of great promise. No man in Oregon, dead or alive deserves higher praise from her children than Dr. McLaughlin, and we predict that Mr. Minto will substantiate this fact.

R. H. Dearborn, the patient, newly appointed Postmaster of Salem has been confirmed. This is a deserved compliment to Mr. Dearborn. Now if a new incumbent could follow in the national institution of Indian extraction in this county some government patronage might flow there through democratic hands for four years. But this no doubt is too late.

Few real estate agents pop up here in the morning as if they were mushrooms. So long as the vagrant laws are in force they cannot starve. Several excited people go out daily with smoked glass to see if the "boom" is in sight. We look for candy and bread wagons to be converted into real estate offices—as every other place nearly is occupied by them. Piping times are coming to Salem.

SOJOURNER.

Messrs. Smith and Spaegler, two government postal inspectors, were in the city to day on their way to San Francisco. They only take in free delivery cities; but stopped here to meet Dr. Barker, a former Iowa friend of Mr. Smith. The latter gentleman was formerly in the newspaper business.

The total assessed value of property in Ashland, according to the city assessment just completed is \$505,000. The amount should ease the minds of those who have asserted here that that city is nearly as large as Albany. Our last assessment even was over double the amount, and the matter of assessment is a good criterion.

LONG FELT WANT.—Just received a fine assortment of genuine French candy from San Francisco of the following celebrated varieties: Esperanza bon bons, French Marcellines, Opera Caramels, Cream Marshmallows, Apricot Panache, Palenno dips, Angel food, Peerless chocolate creams, and an endless variety of creams at Willamette Packing Co.

Stuttz in "Lucretia Borgia" at Albany Opera House, Monday, February 4th, 1889. Seats now on sale at Blackman's.

HOME AND ABROAD

Joe Webber, Jr., is in the city. Burkhart & Royce, job printers. Portland's population is about 48,000. A full line of Child's bath tubs at G. W. Smith's. Judge Burnett, of Corvallis is in the city to-day. Choice Herkimer Co cheese at Brownell & Stanard's.

Best artist's materials in the city at Dr. Guisa & Sons. The Roseburg Review is to be issued as a semi-weekly.

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.

The Samoan affair will undoubtedly be peacefully settled. An ice factory is needed in Albany. Would not one pay in the long run.

W. B. Pascock's store at Marion was burned Wednesday evening.

G. W. Smith gives the white enameled iron ware with his fine cook stoves. Mr D S Busey and daughter, of Harrisburg, were in the city yesterday.

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.

New line of artist's materials at Dr. Guisa & Sons. Costs nothing to see them. Geo W Smith will begin moving into the Senders & Sternberg block next Monday.

Drummers are as thick as Chinese pheasants on an Albany prairie wheat farm. W. T. Cochran and Wm. Cochran, of Brownsville, have been in the city to-day.

There are only two Unitarian Churches in Oregon, they being at Portland and Salem. Mrs. Emma Malloy-Barrett will resume her revival services at Harrisburg to-morrow.

Remember the celebrated Stuttz New York Theatre Company at Albany, Feb. 4th. Tom Monteith, Jr., assumed his position as a clerk in the store of S E Young this morning.

Secure your seats early at Blackman's for the Stuttz New York Theatre Company on Feb. 4th. Call on G. W. Smith and get one of those Missouri Steam Washers warranted to do as recommended.

A fine line of all kinds of furniture, plain and upholstered, best stock in this part of Oregon at Formiller & Irvine's.

Mrs. Martin Payne is prepared to take first-class boarders at her residence opposite the Congregational Church.

Joe Klein made a trip to Albany the first of the week. He says Eugene is on top.—Eugene Guard. That settles it.

Get your job printing done at Burkhart & Royce's. Best work and most reasonable prices. Their facilities are complete.

The monument over the grave of Dr. O'Toole, in the city cemetery, is one of the most costly in Oregon, costing about \$2000.

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.

Seats are now on sale at Blackman's for the celebrated Stuttz New York Theatre Co. Admission 50 and 75 cents, reserved seats no extra.

Mrs. Sloan, mother of the Sheriff of Lane county, is in the city dangerously ill. The Sheriff has been in the city for a day or two at her bedside.

The short session of the Legislature yesterday was taken up in reading bills second and third time. An adjournment was had by both houses at 10:30.

The despatches to-day announce that Harrison likes his beer but Mrs. Harrison is a strong W. C. T. U. woman. Perhaps we'll have another Mrs. Hayes.

Two gentlemen from Airle, Polk county, were in the city yesterday and bought over a hundred dollars worth of plows, etc. Albany is a great trading center.

Mr. Tabler, a son of B. F. Tabler, of this city, has been transferred from Harris, on the Oregon Pacific, to the Albany office, where he will assist Mr. Chapman.

A wagon road is to be run from the southern boundary of the county to Junction, thus diverting from Harrisburg quite a trade that has also gone there, at least so the DEMOCRAT is informed.

The Stuttz New York Theatre Company have \$5000 invested in the wardrobe they wear in "Lucretia Borgia" which they play in Albany on Feb. 4th.

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.

Thos G Hopkins and Geo Saltmarsh have formed a partnership in the plumbing and stove business and will open their store in a few days in the Pearce block.

Hons. R. A. Irvine and S. A. Dawson both voted against the Portland water bill. They don't believe in placing \$1,500,000 worth of property on the free list.

Remember the Stuttz New York Theatre Company is the largest in the west, carrying twenty people, free Brass Band and orchestra, a ton of scenery and special wardrobe.

The celebrated Stuttz New York Theatre Company which gave such good satisfaction when they were here two years ago will produce "Lucretia Borgia" at Albany on Feb. 4th. Don't fail to see it.

One of the reasons why J. R. N. Bell retired from the Chemeketa hotel was on account of the eselon attachment. In referring to an article in an exchange he says in the Review: "You are right Brother, we want no 'whiskey annex' in ours."

Unless the present assessment law is changed a great many men are going to pay just as small a tax as possible. This they will do by managing to owe a good round sum. That is Multnomah and Marion counties' styles, and they are going to have imitators. We regret seeing it the program.

Mr W R Graham yesterday afternoon sold to Mr W Schiffler, recently of Montana, his residence at the corner of Washington and Ninth streets, consideration \$2000. Mr Schiffler will succeed Mr Graham in the tailoring department of L E Blain, while Mr Graham contemplates building a residence on his suburban property and residing there.

BROWNSVILLE.

Mathew Farley, of Sellwood, was here Wednesday.

Messrs J M Moyer and O P Coshow went to Portland Friday.

Mr and Mrs Thos Turner, of Muddy, spent several days of the past week visiting friends here.

Messrs W B Blanchard and N H Young started for their mining claims located on the McKenzie, Thursday.

J B Sperry, of East Portland, was here the first of the week and secured a car load of horses for shipment to Portland.

Messrs Dyson, Moore, W B and John Standish returned last Monday from their claims in the Blue river district. They all seem much encouraged on account of their prospects and will return to continue work as soon as the weather will permit.

Rev A LeRoy closed the meetings being conducted in the Baptist church here for the past two weeks Wednesday evening; he administered the ordinance of baptism to nine converts last Sunday. The meetings being held on the south side also closed the same evening. Much good was done in both places.

From one of the parties who just returned from the Blue river mines your correspondent learns that there is a disposition of the people living in that portion that was detached and annexed to Lane county years ago, to come back to Linn. They say the taxes are too high in Lane county. This speaks well for the management of our county finances. By retaking that portion of the country we would have all the prospective mines in the Blue River district.

"Lucretia Borgia," Monday, Feb. 4th.

Hotel Arrivals.

REVERE HOUSE.—P Avery, Corvallis; John Prader, D H Wagon and wife, Salem; L Wasserman, Henry Beneke, J C Sylvester, Portland; O B McRae, O P R R; E Wellington; G W Hahn, Harry Gregory, S F; F M Wadsworth, Toledo; Ben Cutler, Crawfordsville; A E Richards, East Portland.

ST. CHARLES.—G M Hamilton, Cleveland, O; P Gleason, E B Wood, Portland; J S Kanaley, Seattle; O Solum, Alexandria; W B Fisher, S F; C T Cornwall, Kelseyville; E R Merdenhall, Yaquina.

RUSS HOUSE.—T Bonley, Crawfordsville; J S Berry, Mill City; G Normann; R Carlson, Corvallis; J Cushman, Brownsville; H A Clark, Portland; P Madden, Harrisburg; J H Remington, Chestertown; H Morton, D Forbes; J G Clark, St Paul; E S Hawkins; A G Phelan, S F; E L Fields, San Diego; H Culver, Galveston; A W Shepherd, Augusta, Wis; M H Abbey, Newport; D B Allen, Jefferson; W C Hogan; V B Goin, Jefferson; W H Adamson, Rowland; John Marshal, Santiam; W A Cox.

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A KNOCK DOWN ARGUMENT.

That is the kind of argument we are using. We propose to make the lowest prices made in this town and we will discount the best figures that any other merchant can or will make.

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and gives us an undisputed precedence in our field of business. We want to convince every one that they can be best served in our store and we propose to

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by our low prices until the fact is universally recognized that for high grade goods and the lowest living prices no one can touch

Brownell & Stanard,

Cor. Broadalbin and 1st St., Albany, Or.

WANTED.—Girl to do general household work. Call at residence of F. P. Nutting, near U. P. Church.

NOTICE.—All persons are notified not to trust my wife, J. M. Long, on my account for I will not stand good for anything contracted by her. Scio, Jan, 31st, 1889. G. F. LONG.