

One of the favorite jibes of the republican press is a fling at the railway mail service as it existed under a democratic administration. As a large per cent of such officials are still republicans we do not see the exact force of the cry of the inefficiency of democratic postal clerks, but suppose it is sent up to furnish a reason for a wholesale removal in the near future. To hovel about incompetent officials is one thing, to substantiate the charge of incompetency is another. We don't suppose our republican brethren claim that the service was weak under republican rule, for the report of the postmaster-general for 1884 shows that the average percentage of mail matter correctly handled in that year was 99.71. This is an excellent showing and is worthy of highest commendation. It is so good that we don't remember of having heard or read a single republican criticism upon it, but, on the contrary, they were loud in its praise. But the record under President Cleveland was still better, for in 1887 the percentage stood at 99.77 and in 1888 it had gone still higher and was 99.973. Yet little organs, who perhaps have an interest in getting some democrat removed that some friend may fill the place, are howling about the democratic mail service. Now, gentlemen, we ask nothing but justice at the hands of this administration. The places are there and can be taken without falsifying the record as an excuse for so doing. According to official reports President Cleveland left the railway postal service better than he found it, and better than it ever was before. Why not admit that, say that republicans want the places and go ahead with the procession? It would be far more manly and much nearer the truth.

AN OHIO RACE WAR.

The last violent race war turns up in Ohio, and the organs will be awfully perplexed to explain how it happened. The city of New Richmond in the strong republican state of Ohio, has 200 black and 700 white pupils in the schools. As there is no special political necessity just now to compel the illustration of the equal rights of whites and blacks in the North, the prejudices of the whites forced the black pupils into separate school rooms. All of the colored families submitted but one—James Ringold by name—and he insisted that his children should not be discriminated against on account of color.

As the school board refused admittance of the Ringold children into the white school, he brought suit against the directors, and the Court gave him judgment with costs. The colored pupils then rushed into the schools and such a row ensued that the board closed the doors and declared the schools closed until next September.

Thus both black and white children in New Richmond, in the great equality loving state of Ohio, must lose three months' schooling because the law puts blacks and whites upon equality in the schools. The teachers are entering suits for their salaries; the people are wild with excitement over the dispute, and all because the colored citizens assume that the law and the professions of the people of Ohio shall be fulfilled.

As soon as Field Marshal Halstead shall put himself together and satiate his appetite for Senatorial scalps he will doubtless see that the colored brother is promptly restored to his schools and fellowship. He must do that or he must stop criticising the South for following the example of Ohio.

During the campaign of 1884 Col. Higginson used to remind his fellow Mugwumps, who shivered at the prospect of going out of the republican party lest they could not get back again in case of extremity, that the only trouble was in going out, not in coming back. The returning prodigal was always regaled, he said, with the fat of the land. Events seem to justify his remark. Our friends the Mugwumps of 1872 who supported Mr. Greeley, the democratic candidate, against the republican candidate, Gen. Grant, are now rolling in republican clover. Mr. Reid has carried off one of the great diplomatic prizes. Mr. Hiseock is the acknowledged purveyor of patronage for New York, and for our friend Mr. Depew it is agreed that nothing can be too good. He treats the situation with his customary gay banter, and nothing can appeal more strongly to his sense of humor than the unquestionable fact that the Mugwump of '72 is "on top."

In Egypt ladies used to carry their devotion for their feline pets so far as to go into mourning for them when they died. And how do you think they went into mourning? Why, by shaving off their eyebrows! Favorite cats used to be embalmed, too, and I know of no quarter or more grotesque objects than the mummified cats which may be seen at the British Museum. Even now cats are held in high esteem in Egypt, and in at least one of the Khedive's palaces at Cairo there is a free ration distributed every day to any cats that may care to apply.

The oil of black birch is a product almost as precious as the attar of roses, and is worth about \$80 per gallon. As for the ordinary birch and hickory oil—well, we all remember what it used to bring.

If you find frosted window panes, damp pillows and walls, and feel languid, with probably a slight headache, when you wake on a cold morning, you can feel pretty sure that the ventilation is imperfect. At this time of year the air is frequently shut out to keep out the cold, and many suffer from the ill effects of an insufficient supply of oxygen, and the breathing of air charged with carbonic acid and other deleterious substances thrown off by exhalation. The evidences of bad ventilation may not be decidedly marked, but the silent and insidious injury to health goes on. A family can be comfortable with less heat and more fresh air than is generally supposed, and in rooms heated by furnace or stoves, and lighted by gas, too much care regarding ventilation cannot be exercised.

A resolution adopted the other day by the New York republican business men's association states that there are 3,000,000 men without employment in the country at this time, and a committee was appointed to inquire if any means could be devised to mitigate the alarming and growing evil. It was supposed that the industries were to boom when all danger of a reduction of the tariff was dissipated, and the panacea of protection could be spread as thickly as its friends desired. Is there no more balm in that Gilead?

A fine line of gold headed canes at H. Ewert's.



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.

This Knocks Down Competition

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

POUND IT INTO PEOPLE

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,

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Miss Minnie Parker,

of Portland, has opened an art studio in Flinn's block, and will give instructions in

OIL PAINTING,

at reasonable rates. Mt. Hood, Three Sisters and other local scenes executed by Miss Parker may be seen at her studio. The public is invited to call and inspect them.

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SHULTZ BROS., Proprietors.

Keep a full line of meats of all kinds, in a cool place, completely protected; and always fresh. Also have constantly on hand salmon and other fish.

GARDEN, Flower, Grass, SEEDS

from the celebrated J. W. House of

A. B. Cleveland & Co.

ALSO UNION SETS, AT BEDROCK PRICES.

Discounts to Gardeners,

WALLACE & THOMPSON.

FRESH

Grass and Garden SEEDS

all kinds at

STEWART & SOX

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Fashionable and Stylish Suits, Business Suits, Light weight Summer Suits. Boys, youth's and child en's suits

Furnishing Goods.

Fine line of light weight underwear—balbriggan and woolen; nosiery, shirt-neckwear, fine wire suspenders, guaranteed for two years, in all the latest novelties.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

A large line in this department of the best in the market.

HATS.

Staple and Fashionable lines, among others a fine stock of the John B. Stetson hats.

Tailoring

Merchant tailoring under expert tailor. Suits made to order under short notice at remarkable low figures. More goods turned out than ever before.

L. E. BLAIN.

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in the fact that I am offering better bargains than any one else in Albany Bought at bankrupt sales I can sell

First-Class Goods

at or below COST.

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General merchandise of all kinds call on me. Particular bargains in a sample of shoes.

Cash for Goods or Country produce

G. W. SIMPSON,

Albany, Oregon.

FOR

Drugs, Paints, Oils, Brushes, Alabastine, Artists' Materials, Etc.,

GO TO

CITY DRUG STORE.

Guiss & Son.

NOTICE.—Whereas, my wife, Lydia E. McKinney, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, this is to warn the public against trusting her on my account as I shall pay no debts of her contracting.

L. E. McKINNEY.
Albany, Oregon, April 2nd, 1889.

JOHN BRIGGS,

—FLORIST—

ALBANY

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ROSES A SPECIALTY.

Cemetery lots planted and attended to.

SPECIALTIES.

LADIES' DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS.

The largest stock and greatest variety in price and style I have ever carried, and as good value as ever offered to the citizens of Lincoln county.

Special Bargains In Cashmeres,

In colors and blacks. Seersuckers, gingham, chambrays, French prints and wash fabrics. All the novelties of the season in black and colors. I will have something further to say about these in a few days.

EMBROIDERIES, SKIRTINGS,

Flouncings, and all overs on cambric, Swiss and India Linen. I have just opened the largest invoice of novelties in this line ever exhibited in this city, and at greatly reduced prices.

Piques, Lawns, India Linens,

Nansooks in white, ecru and colors, all at prices very much cheaper than ever before offered in this city.

TABLE LINEN,

In brown and bleached. This stock I bought in New York at less than importers' price, and am able to give good bargains. 58 inch all linen bleached at 50 cents per yard and others in proportion.

TOWELINGS, CRASHES, ETC.

All these goods I buy direct from importers by the bale, and can sell them much cheaper than if bought of jobbers—towels I buy in quantities in New York, and am offering them at prices that are sure to sell the goods.

Ladies Cotton Hose

Are cheaper this year than ever before. I have succeeded in getting some good bargains, all of which I am offering to my customers—the same in

MISSES AND CHILDREN'S,

The above is an outline of the policy I am going to do business and will endeavor to do my part towards securing the trade in on and adjoining counties to Albany, and to keep up with the progress of the lively and growing city of Albany. I will have something to say about

Carpets, Boots and Shoes, Groceries,

And etc

SAMUEL E. YOUNG.

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You want the best and most durable furniture that is manufactured in the city get

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Keeps almost every thing in the furniture line that is sold in a first-class store

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Will keep constantly on hand best mutton, pork, veal, sausage, etc., the best meats and largest variety in the city. Cash paid for all kinds of fat stock.

STRAYED.—From this city, a pale red cow with considerable white on belly, smooth crop and split in right ear, eight or nine years old. Been gone two months or more. Will pay anyone for his trouble who will notify me of her whereabouts or return her to me.

JOHN SMALLWOOD,
Albany, Oregon.