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At Minneapolis, January 9th, the thermometer registered thirty-seven degrees below zero. At Lafayette, on the same day, the mercury stood twelve degrees above zero. What advantage has Minnesota over Oregon to compensate for this difference in temperature.

Mr. Lamar has resigned his position as secretary of the interior department. This was done that the senate could be free to pass on the nomination of Mr. Vilas to that place, and of Mr. Dickinson to the office of postmaster-general. These gentlemen will probably be confirmed immediately, but Lamar's confirmation may not occur for some time yet, though it is now considered assured.

The Statesman publishes Mayor Ramsey's message to the Salen council, which it endorses. The message contains the following sentence: "Only such burdens should be imposed upon the people as are necessary to support the government properly administered, and to reduce and finally extinguish the debt." If that does not mean tariff (taxation) for revenue only, what does it mean? Does the Statesman really endorse it?

The Albany Law Journal, which is known and quoted from the Atlantic to the Pacific, says: "When Mr. Blaine says that tobacco is no longer a luxury, but has become a necessary, we think he is ridiculous. It may be so in a presidential, but not in a legal view. He might say as much for alcohol or opium. The courts have decided that it is not a necessary. In Bryant vs. Richardson L. R. 3 Exch. 93, the court held that tobacco and cigars are articles of luxury and not of utility."

The democratic state central committee met in Portland on Wednesday of this week. The object of the meeting was to select a time and place of holding the state convention. Portland, Pendleton, Astoria, McMinnville and Corvallis were candidates for the honor of entertaining the convention. Pendleton was chosen on the third ballot. The 3d of April is the day, and from that time the political bee will buzz. County conventions are to be held on Saturday, March 24, 1888. The state convention will be composed of one hundred and fifty-five delegates, of which Yamhill is entitled to six.

Secretary McCulloch, Secretary Folger and Secretary Fairchild have year after year called the attention of congress to the embarrassments occasioned by a steadily increasing annual surplus. They have clearly stated the peril which we would incur if the surplus revenues continued after all the bonds subject to call had been redeemed. No bonds are payable until 1891, and the surplus in that time will amount to half a billion dollars. The reason we have not had a collapse before is, that the surplus could again flow back into the channels of commerce by the purchase of bonds. We would have had such a crisis last October but for the action of Secretary Fairchild, who exhausted his power in purchasing bonds. That power was given for an emergency against which congress itself should provide. We repeat, and every intelligent man of business knows these are words of truth and soberness: "The issue is whether we shall do nothing and make inevitable a financial panic, or whether, by a judicious revision of the tariff, we reduce taxation and avoid the panic."

—*Courier-Journal.*

MIND READING.

In speaking of Bishop, the mind reader, who is now in Portland, the Oregonian says:

Suppose a man can tell you and does tell you what is in your own mind, what of it? Is he giving you any information? What you want him to tell you is what you don't already know. It is of no importance that he tells you where you keep your corkscrew. You know that already. Or, if you have lost your corkscrew and don't know where it is, he can't even tell you where to find it. What you want these prophets to unfold to you is the problem of life and of destiny. Whence and whither? This is the only really interesting question. What is in our own minds we know, and even know better than the mind-reader does. The things we want him to tell us are the great secrets that lie beyond our reach. Since he can't tell us these he can't tell us anything. This is the serious way of looking at the subject. But it may be put in a form less solemn, and yet to many minds perhaps quite as impressive. Let him tell you whether you will get the card you want, and whether your opponent's "hand" has "filled" in the "draw."

There is a move to have congress pass a law for the issuing of fractional paper currency, commonly called shiplasters. It would do away with the postal note, and be a great convenience to all, and especially those who do not enjoy the benefit of a money order office.

SHERIDAN INSTALLATION.

On the third inst., Sheridan Lodge I. O. O. F., installed the following officers: Walter Graves, N. G.; Dr. W. Tyler Smith, V. G.; Dr. John Fields, secretary; R. J. Johnson, treasurer. On account of absence the subordinate officers were not installed. Bro. E. T. Miller was present and presided as installing officer. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition. The installation was witnessed by many friends and visitors, who exhibited a deep interest in the ceremonies. After the installation the following programme was carried out. An address in history of the order by Bro. E. T. Miller; select reading by Prof. C. A. Bauer; extempore remarks by Rev. Mr. Lee. The choir interspersed these exercises with excellent music. The concluding part of the programme was a surprise to those who knew the members, but to a stranger the affability of these members was astonishing; such an amount of good things to eat surely was amazing, and no one could refuse speaking anything else than praise for the members of Sheridan lodge, No. 8.

THE TILLAMOOK RETURNS.—Certain rumors regarding the incorrectness of the published statement of the mines east of the late special election, as furnished by Secretary McBride, through an error in the note of Tillamook county, having been circulated, a reporter of this paper yesterday visited and obtained permission at the secretary of state's office to examine personally the original returns for Tillamook. The returns for that county are those originally made and sworn to by the county clerk and two justices of the peace, who constitute the canvassing board, and whose signatures are attached in due form. The total votes by precincts on each of the three amendments, are on separate blanks, but the totals of the whole vote are not cast. Thus of course the secretary did, and the result published is exactly in accordance with the returns as made by the canvassing board. If any error was made, and there probably was, it lies with the Tillamook county authorities. —*Salem Statesman.*

KILLED.—Wednesday evening Mr. Will Christian, a brakeman on the east side narrow gauge, was instantly killed at Beaverville. The unfortunate man was assisting in switching cars and it is thought he slipped, falling between the cars with the above fatal result. His remains were sent to Eugene City, his former home, yesterday, via Woodburn. Mr. Christian was married; his wife is a niece of Jas. McCain, of this town.

W. H. Parry, formerly editor of the Corvallis Gazette and Independence West Side, has been engaged as managing editor of the evening *Scout*. Mr. Parry is a newspaper man of experience and is an acquisition to the force of that paper.

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East Chehalis, Thursday, January 26th;
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Carlson, Monday, January 30th;
South McMinnville, Tuesday, January 31st;
South McMinnville, Wednesday, February 1st;
Bellevue, Thursday, February 2d;
Vilaminna, Friday, February 3d;
Sheridan, Saturday, February 4th;
Arlife, Monday, February 6th;
Lafayette, Tuesday, February 7th.
All persons are requested to be present at said appointments, and settle their taxes or pay the same to me at my office, within 30 days from date of this notice, without fail.
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