

Eggs 30 cents. Can you stand it? If not, go to laying.

Safe prediction. Don't look for big rain till the weather changes.

The new fire bell tapped three strokes at 9:30 a. m. yesterday. Make a note of this for Bancroft's history.

Hoes are no good on our city side walks. The mud is too obstinate. It needs hose with water works to fit it.

There is a little stronger feeling in the wheat market this week, probably owing to the extreme cold weather in the east.

They are selling thirteen postage stamps at the postoffice for a cent and a quarter. Don't rush after a stock until you have read this item twice.

Mrs. M. H. James of Tacoma, is in the city, a guest of Mrs. and Rev. J. C. Fair. Miss Hepburn, a sister of Mrs. Fair is also on a visit to them here from New York city.

The baby doll pitch has struck such a slant in Portland that one man has imported one which produces music, bows politely and carries a basket in which is a lamb. On opening the basket lid the lamb bleats as naturally as if alive.

It is quite refreshing to read of blooming strawberries in the open air last week in Lane county. The Register says: A party of four from this city visited the Mohawk hills last Sunday, killed one deer, and reported the mountains covered with wild strawberry blossoms.

The Multnomah grand jury is investigating charges of libel against J. B. Fithian and Sidney Dell, of the Democrat, growing out of articles published relative to the Merlotin murder case, in connection with which some prominent city officials are handled without gloves.

Among our visitors yesterday was an old pioneer of 1848, Levi Bennett, of Dayton. Mr. B. met with an accident about two weeks since, when his team ran away, dislocating his shoulder, but is rapidly recovering. He was a successful miner in Coeur d'Alene, and still has some fine specimens from the Widows claim, one of which he permits us to control in the future.

Prof. George P. Newell, of Philomath, died suddenly in Salem of heart disease, on Saturday. He came to Oregon city in 1851, and has lived in Portland, Salem and McMinnville. Many of Oregon's best musicians took their first lessons of him. He was an honest, christian gentleman, a member of the Baptist church, and had many warm friends.

The vexed question has at length been solved. A woman, who however long since married and quit the business, assures us that in her life as a shop-girl in a millinery store for two years she did not find more disagreeable customers to wait upon than she found in her experience as clerk in a large book and stationary store for a like period. In the first employment her customers were women, almost exclusively. In the last, nine-tenths were men.

Virginia elected a Knight of Labor candidate for congress who will probably vote with the republicans.

Moscow, is experiencing a business boom. Three brick stores are now in course of construction, and Hon. W. J. McConnell is erecting a private residence, to cost \$10,000.

The first democratic administration with which the nation has been afflicted since democratic statesmen plotted against the old flag in the cabinet of James Buchanan has been tried for twenty months, and the country says, "enough."

A social student declares that the men spend more for hats than the women do for bonnets. Surprising as this may seem, there is little doubt that the statistics for the week immediately succeeding election will demonstrate the men to be in the lead by a large majority.

Last week Bradstreets agency reported business all over the country as slack and dull, the reasons being the elections and the warm weather. Since the blizzard of the 17th snowed in a large slice of the northwestern states and territories, reasoning from the analysis, business ought to be brisk.

As we stated some time since, the press knew more about intended lease of the ORN to the UPR than did President Smith. The telegraph informs us that the lease has been perfected through the OSL, according to the plans of 1881, when the UPR began work of construction in this direction. This will not hasten work upon the Boise city to Albany line.

Some 600 tons of Indian wheat from Calcutta has been landed in Australia at a loss to the shippers. The sample was weevily and dirty, containing gram, linseed, a kind of vetch, and a proportion of peices of small hard clay, the price realized was equal to about 3 | 6 per bushel duty paid, and the bulk of it has been retained for fowl and pig feed.

The Skidmore fountain to be erected in Portland, will be the finest in the United States. As the Oregonian suggests: It is a little remarkable that Portland, with the fir woods almost within the city limits, is to possess a fountain pronounced by the New York critics as the "finest in the United States." The fountain was designed for an unlimited supply of water, and the greater the head the better it will look. If Bull Run is placed at the disposal of the city, Portland may rival Rome in having the mountain streams brought to her streets and eternally beautiful art to decorate them.

The employes of one Charles Baum gave their fifth annual ball in Masonic temple at Washington on the 9th. The hall was extravagantly decorated and the Marine band played; but the most prominent feature of the photographed interior of this grand display of refined and studied elegance is a banner with double-E-S in large letters heralding information of the occasion on a background of gauze, in mid air. The pretentiousness of the parade was fully revealed by the ignorant use of the letters employed. But perhaps he was simply not a good writer who did it.

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