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NEW YORK city has 355 churches and 10,000 saloons.

THE South Carolina Legislature re-elected M. C. Butler as United States Senator.

THE new English powder for small arms is white and almost smokeless.

THE largest organ in the world is now being built in London for Sydney. It will cost about \$75,000.

HEREAFTER none but American citizens will be granted license to run saloons in New York city.

BAKERS in Chicago are now required by law to stamp the weight and their names on every loaf of bread.

ESTIMATES of the number of dogs in the United States fix it at 20,000,000, and their cost of keeping at \$200,000,000 per annum.

THE school book question is the elephant that the state of Oregon has on its hands, and a very unprofitable pet it proves to be.

AN eight-inch vein of silver assaying \$14,000 to the ton has been struck in the Badger mine, back of Port Arthur, Minnesota.

A CONGRESSIONAL committee has agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating \$60,000 for a public building at South Bend, Ind.

JUSTICE MATHEWS, of the United States Supreme Court, is still very weak from the recurrence, a week ago, of the attacks of muscular rheumatism, but in other respects is improving slowly.

THE will of Mahlon Sands, who was killed in London by a fall from his horse, was sustained by the Surrogate at New York Tuesday. It disposes of several million dollars. Sands' widow is a niece of Vice President Elect Morton.

It is reported that at a meeting of leading politicians of Colorado at New York, Senator Teller announced that he would resign his seat should Tabor be elected to the National Senate, alleging that during his last term Tabor was the laughing-stock of the country. The statement created a sensation.

THE entire issue of the Hartford Evening Post is printed from type set by machinery. The Post is the first paper in the world to dispense of hand composition. Immense amounts of money have been sunk heretofore in experiments with type setting machines, but while they have been in use to some extent for years, they have not gained much favor. The machine used by the Post was invented by Joseph Thorns in 1880, and has been greatly improved since. Whatever may be its merits in speed and economy, the appearance of the paper indicates that the quality of its work is good.

COMPARE NOTES.

Oregonians need but to take up the various eastern papers to be convinced that theirs is the best state in America. While the East is covered up with sheet and snow, blizzards sweep over the land leaving death and destruction in their path, Oregon has sunshine and showers, green grass and blooming flowers. How can our land remain unoccupied much longer? Oregon has pleasant homes for the million if they are disposed to make them.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

About nineteen hundred years ago a birth occurred in a small hamlet—Bethlehem—near Jerusalem, which event has become more universally known and honored than any other in the history of man. The shepherds tending their flocks saw His star and following it found the Child Christ and gave their homage and gifts to the Son of God.

The history of that child is known in every land and all things since and for thousand of years before are recorded from his birth. Every instrument of writing be it bond or deed must be stamped with A. D.—The year of our Lord—and date affixed to make it a legal document.

Men differ in their creeds, widely differ, so widely that ages may roll round before all men shall be of one faith and one church represent the religion which Christ taught. The vital teachings of the meek and lowly Savior—of Christ that was born on this day, are so plain, so simple that all can comprehend, yet minor points sometimes arise and cover the essential as with a cloud.

No matter how widely we differ in creed; all christian nations and people hail with joy the advent of the day, which is commemorated as the Savior's birth. Each individual has his special views of the manner of this day's celebration and if consistent, should be observed in accordance to their views.

The CAPITAL JOURNAL believes that it should be a day of rejoicing, of thanksgiving and of merry making.

Let us then be glad. Let us be merry hearted, generous and hopeful. Let us cast our creed to the dogs and all alike who profess to follow the faith He taught increase our stock of charity for each other, —ever keeping in mind the wonderful love He bore all people and the death he died to save all.

We wish you all a merry, merry Christmas.

THE MILL TRUST.

The communication on Mill Trusts in Oregon published in the CAPITAL JOURNAL is creating considerable thought and action through the state. The various granges are among the first to put the matter in a tangible shape and by resolutions and petitions will bring the subject prominently before the law makers of the state next month. A law will be framed and submitted and there can be but little doubt of some result being arrived at.

ONE AT A TIME.

The city of Salem should secure the Woolen Mill by all means and then the Astoria road will follow in its course. Give the Capital City these two improvements and no city in the state will have a better assurance of greatness.

Delicate women who complain of a tired feeling, pains in the back and loins, desire to sleep, dizziness, painful or suppressed menstruation, will find in Oregon Kidney Tea a faithful friend. It can be relied upon in every instance to give immediate relief from kidney and urinary troubles. Thousands of women suffering every day from some disorder of the kidneys or liver, who might be permanently cured by using Oregon Kidney Tea.

You Cannot do Better

Than call at the Grange Store, 126 State street, if you want a good tea or anything else in the grocery line. Don't fail to look at the White Bros. Extracts, the best in the market.

A good digestion waits on appetite and a good appetite is one of the surest signs of health. If you are low spirited, irritable, bilious, or have an irregular appetite, then we advise you by all means to take Dr. Henley's Dandelion Tonic. It will make a new man of you.

The firm of W. Beck & Son lead in dolls, toys, novelties, scrap-books, albums, christmas cards, christmas tree ornaments and 1700 other things to numerous to mention. 94 State Street Salem Oregon.

The smallpox scare is a thing of the past and the people move as indifferently as if they had never been scared. They have found that this so much dreaded disease is not so fatal as diphtheria or scarlet fever.

If you are looking for Hats call on the Capitol Adventure Co., opera house corner.

The War Department ought to send some of those British blankets to protect the Chesapeake oyster beds.

MARRIED.

WATERS-BROWN—At Brownsville, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1888, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Sperry, J. H. Waters, of the firm of Thompson & Waters, and Miss Florence Brown, daughter of John Brown, both of Brownsville.

CHRISTMAS TREE

AND ENTERTAINMENT.

At the Methodist Episcopal church Christmas eve, Every-body come.

PROGRAM.

Opening Song—Sabbath School. Anthem—M. E. Choir. Recitation—"Annie and Willie's Prayer" Miss Lena Royal. Song—"Christmas Bells" Miss Myrtle Mieser. Recitation—"The Friar's Christmas" Miss Mollie Randle. Recitation—"Bells of Christmas" Miss Ethel Hughes. Song—"A Star in the Sky" Miss Maggie Alderson. Recitation—"Christmas Chimes" Miss Belle Stuart. Song—Selected. Miss Hattie Parrish. Recitation—"Christmas Carol" Miss Grace Scriber. Closing Hymn—Sabbath School

Reform in Taxation.

The system of assessing property for taxation in Oregon is little better than passing around a contribution box. Every man pays what he chooses to. If he is disposed to be dishonest, he gets out all taxation and shoves his share of the public burden over on to some more honorable man. It is a disgrace to the Oregon Legislature, that such a system has been allowed to deface the statute books.

So demoralizing has the present system got to be, that in many counties the assessment rolls show an actual decrease in the aggregate valuation of a property therein. The total taxable property in Oregon, as given by the assessment rolls, for 1887, was \$84,863,480, for 1888, \$85,883,429. Those counties with decreased valuation were: Benton with a decrease of \$263,499; Clackamas, \$7615; Douglas, \$97,835; Gilliam, \$58,619; Grant, \$711,740; Lake, \$47,507; Linn, \$50,203; Marion, \$1,980,821; Morrow, \$58,226; Union, \$2634; Washington, \$31,490. There is no excuse for this even on the plea that foreign mortgages have been withdrawn. The truth is the decrease in most cases is due to the system and present practice of assessment. People generally seem to be trying to see how much they can cheat their neighbor and the State. Does any sane man suppose this vicious system can long continue without very dangerous results to society and the State. Why, honest people will get out of the community where the laws permit the dishonest to cheat the honest in the matter of taxation. It is not hard to draft a law which will compel men to make an honest statement of their property to the Assessor and compel the Assessors to make an impartial assessment. The trouble has always been that the members of the Legislature have not the courage to press such a measure.—News.

The Minister and the Parrot.

One day, when she was in her 96th year, Aunt H— was visited by a Boston clergyman, who, in the course of a brisk conversation, ventured to tell her story of the monkey and the parrot in illustration of some point that was made. The lively anecdote was new to Aunt H—, and the people present were wondering a little with what local reminiscence she could possibly match it. She studied the story with unruffled visage, and then remarked:

"That must have been a very remarkable parrot, but it seems to me hardly comes up to Deacon Stables' parrot, after all."

"What did Deacon Stables' parrot do?"

"One time deacon's wife was putting up cucumber pickles in the kitchen, and the parrot—he a very knowing bird, and had been piously brought up in the deacon's family—was sitting on the back of a chair watching the operation. Presently, when the deacon's wife's back was turned the parrot slipped up and stole one of the pickles out of the dish. She turned around in time however to catch him at it and threw her knife at him with such force that it took all the feathers smoothly off the top of the bird's head.

"The parrot flew around for some days in sore distress at the loss of his top knot, but recovered in the course of time. One day, some little time after this incident, a minister who had exchanged with our minister came to spend sabbath with Deacon Stables. She parrot was in the dining room when the family and the minister came into breakfast. The clergyman was very bald; his head fairly shone. He hadn't more than got seated at the table before the parrot, fixed his gaze on the minister, screamed out:

"'Ha! ye durnd old scamp! been stealin' pickles!'"

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. H. W. Cox.

It is said that Mr. Cleveland can sell his Oakview property at a profit of over \$100,000. It has been centralized by extending one of Washington's broad avenues near to it.

Just After Conversion.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 23.—George Ross, a drayman, after a baptism in the Methodist church, fell dead in a pew. Death was instantaneous, and was caused by a blood vessel bursting.

STATE OF OHIO, City of Toledo } Lucas County, S. S.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co. doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. '88, A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75 cents.

Ducks are very plentiful now in the swales.

A Natural Product of California.

It is only found in Butte County California and in no other part of the world. We refer to the tree that produces the healing and penetrating gum used in that pleasant and effective cure for consumption, bronchitis, asthma and coughs, Santa Able the King of Consumption. D. W. Matthews guarantees and sells it for \$1.00 a bottle, or three for \$2.50. By the use of California-Catarrh-Cure, all symptoms of catarrh are dispelled and the diseased nasal passage is speedily restored to a healthy condition. \$1.00 a package. By mail \$1.10. Circulars free.

Wheat looks well and from the amount sown last fall we will surly have a large yield next year.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, catarrh, asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. Edward A. Wilson, Kings County, New York.

We are to have a Christmas tree and also a ball on Christmas eve.

Wonderful Cures.

W. D. Hoyt & Co. Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome Ga. say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for four years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by Dr. H. W. Cox.

—Studd and Burke will be here on the 27th and commence the great revival.

Personal.

Mr. N. H. Frollinone of Mobile Alabama writes: I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, having used it for a severe attack of Bronchitis and Catarrh. It gave me instant relief and entirely cured me and I have not been afflicted since. I also beg to state that I had tried other remedies with no good result. Have also used Electric Bitters and Dr. King's New Life Pills, both of which I can recommend. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, is sold on a positive guarantee. Trial bottles free at H. W. Cox's Drug Store.

—Wheat continues at 75 cents in Salem with little hopes of an early rise.

Digest and be Jolly.

Did ever anyone see a jolly dyspeptic? We trow not. What natural cheerfulness is proof against, the almost ceaseless annoyance of chronic indigestion? People whose stomachs are constantly disturbed exhibit the utmost peevishness and nervous irritability. Happily for them—since the irritable and nervous prematurely fret themselves into the grave—tranquility of the stomach and renewed good temper await them in a sure quarter, if they will but seek it. The genial stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, breeds cheerfulness by insuring its essential pre-condition—easy digestion. Biliousness, too, and constipation, malevolent companions of the headache, dyspepsia, vanish after a brief but steady course of the alternative. Many a temper naturally sweet, but continually soured by the combined attack of this trio of impis, passes the boundary of monomania. Prevent this possibility with the Bitters. Malaria fever, rheumatism, kidney complaints and debility are truly relieved by this standard medicine.

—Wheat is worth only 72 1/2 cents at Albany now. Salem continues to pay 75.

An Absolute Cure.

THE ORIGINAL ABIETIN OINTMENT is only put up in large two-ounce (in boxes, and is an absolute cure for old sores, burus, wounds, chapped hands, and all skin eruptions. Will positively cure all kinds of piles. Ask for the ORIGINAL ABIETIN OINTMENT. Sold by D. W. Matthews & Co., 106 State street, Salem, at 25 cents per box—by mail 30 cents.

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Advertisement for Garland Stoves, Charter Oak Stoves, Brighton Range, featuring an image of a stove.

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