





Local Items.

NOTICE.

Vancouver, W. T. Sept. 17th, 1890. From this date during the Editor's absence I. T. Mantley Ken, and G. P. Derris, are only authorized to collect money due the Office.

ANNOUNCING.—The idea that a 1030, more or less, of young men and boys can come into a printing office and spend their time without doing serious damage is an entire mistake, and we wish they would deport themselves accordingly. Now when a young man, a good looking young man like Mr. Charley Stiles comes in and plays the Devil by rolling for us, he may consider himself always welcome.

Mr. Charley Petrain, son of Judge Petrain of this county, also made himself welcome last week, by bringing us some excellent grapes, as long as he does that, it is all right, but if he desires our good offices with the young ladies in his behalf, we hereby inform him, that we will welcome him twice or thrice without something good to eat, but after that we shall look sharply as a child does for candy to see if he has no grapes or other delicacies with him, and if he has none the social atmosphere will be cloudy, very cloudy indeed. Now, Mr. Charley you know what to depend upon. We don't exactly beg to eat; but we like good things to eat while we do live. By the proposition, we mean every body that belongs to this office.

Mr. Charley Brown being a newspaper man, has a right to come, and know what to do when he is here.

Mr. Hawks, and Mr. Frank Rankin being willing to be useful and making themselves so too, will come as often as they like while they are in that spirit, but idle young men and boys, the sort of whose coming is only to hinder and delay us, we do not wish to see. We are always glad to see our friends, and less glad to see our enemies, and no business, ladies old and young (provided the young ladies keep out of the pressroom, the boys are in there, and if you stayed a thousand years they would not stick a type while you were there. Our boys are like all others, they love the girls and we are glad they do, but we think it a good thing to keep them and you apart in the printing office) are more than welcome, come and see us whenever you like, rich and poor, handsome and homely, amiable and otherwise, and we shall be glad to see you and will be fully as polite as Dr. Samuel Johnson, or Horace Greeley, and so much more so as we know how to be.

The boys are inclined to think that the editor is rather partial, as regards the pressroom, and girls. We, the boys, think if the girls should come we could work the harder. Come and see if we don't.

SICKNESS.—Mr. Joseph Cunningham, of our city, an old gentleman and pioneer of 1845, has been very sick, but we are glad to be able to say is now under the efficient treatment of Dr. Tobey is much better. Mr. C. has passed the three score years and ten, the time allotted to man here, and says he is ready to go, his faith (the spiritual) not failing him in his hour of trial. May God and the Angels guide and protect him.

Special mention ought to be made of the careful and kind attention to Mr. C., of S. R. Whipple Esq., Rev. Clark Smith, principal of the Vancouver Seminary, Lewis Van Vleet, Esq., and his estimable wife and others so numerous to mention. "Verily they shall not lose their reward." Amid all the wickedness of the human heart there is a bright spot in it after all.

Hon. Levi Douthett, our venerable and highly esteemed Judge of Probate, we are glad to hear is convalescent. We think the Judge is a good officer and should greatly regret any contingency that would deprive the people of his valuable services. We hope he will soon be fully well.

Mr. McDonald, the clerk of the Judge's court is again on his legs. We are glad to meet Mr. McDonald and familiar presence again.

We call the special attention of men who love their wives, daughters, and mothers even those who do not and God pity such, in fact all persons to the well selected assortment of goods at the store and shop of Mr. C. H. Whitney, of our town; his place is next door to our office, and what is not in his store, in his line, is not worth mentioning. An paper, however, ought to be specially noticed, it costs \$1.50 in and pays for the reverse action as well as the forward or direct, and in case the surface is irregular the reverse action takes off what may be left by the forward, but where the surface is regular nothing is left of the peak and everything is right. It is the best printing machine we ever saw. All hotel and house-keeping, as well as those contemplating house-keeping ought to see Mr. Whitney's establishment and they will learn something they never knew before of culinary conveniences. Men and brethren, if you want your boys well kept—provide your level ones with necessary facilities, something to cook, 21 cooking utensils, and Mr. Whitney has the beyond doubt, and plenty of good wood and water and then if your lad or people fall behind with their work, go after them, otherwise forever hold your peace.

Extraordinarily wise counsels from the St. Helens Clarion. What medicine does a man take for a bad wife? He takes an A-B-C, [he licks her.

Why should the letter A be afraid of being stung? Because letter B is after it.

Why is a benevolent man like a well trained horse? Because he stops at the sound of wh.

What gives a cold, cures a cold, and pays the Doctor? A Draft.

The above important matters are taken from the St. Helens Clarion, a paper devoted to Literature, good morals and Amusement.

Edited by Hezekiah Snooks Esq. Subscription price 50 cts. Mobs never go backwards. Whether this paper is published daily, weekly, monthly, or semi-weekly, we do not know, we rather think, however, semi-weekly. If any person desires to know more of it, they should send 50 cts. to Hezekiah Snooks whoever he may be, to St. Helens Oregon.

REPORTS.—Messrs. Salms & Schuele are constantly exporting shingles lumber and timber. This is as it should be.

RETURNED.—Hon. Leander Holmes U. S. prosecuting Attorney, returned lately from Olympia where he has been for some time on official business.

The Mines.

Within a distance of from 40 to 60 miles from this place Mr. Shere, (O. J. Texas) and others have discovered mines, we have seen the gold and know enough of mining to be able to say, that we know there is more, near where that came from. Messrs. Michael Wintler and Richard Sleggett together with Hon. John Probstel ex-member of the Territorial Legislature and late county Commissioner, and we only wish we had more of such men as those named above, have so far been the chief expenses in this matter and now we appeal to all our citizens—all of them, and ask whether we cannot organize a mining company to develop that country. We beseech you, fellow citizens, to awake from your apathy and avail yourselves of this golden opportunity. Cease the cynical cry of "Humbly, and let us go to work and open the mines and be a money above snailers and ciphers. Let us be men in the true sense of that word. Messrs. Thompson, Patten, Millican, and Shors all agree in saying there are mines there to their certain knowledge and we think we can say as much with safety, and in a Texas there alone, an old man, Shores upon the hillside, that some of them are not there too. Mr. Sleggett proposes, we understand, to hire two men to go out there. Who will go? Don't all speak at once, but some one speak, your eye is as good as U. S. securities, or the bank of England.

The Fifteenth Article.

The New York Times prints a list of the States which have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. The list is carefully prepared, the date of the action of each State is given, and the record is undoubtedly correct. We copy:

- Alabama—No action yet taken.
Arkansas—Ratified March 15, 1869.
California—No action yet taken.
Connecticut—Ratified May 13, 1869.
Delaware—Rejected March 18, 1869.
Florida—Ratified June 15, 1869.
Georgia—Rejected March 17, 1869.
Illinois—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Indiana—Ratified May 14, 1869.
Iowa—No action yet taken.
Kansas—Ratified February 27, 1869.
Kentucky—No action yet taken.
Louisiana—Ratified March 1, 1869.
Maine—Ratified March 11, 1869.
Maryland—No action yet taken.
Massachusetts—Ratified March 12, 1869.
Michigan—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Minnesota—No action yet taken.
Mississippi—No action yet taken.
Missouri—Ratified March 2, 1869.
Nebraska—No action yet taken.
Nevada—Ratified March 1, 1869.
New Hampshire—Ratified July 1, 1869.
New Jersey—No action yet taken.
New York—Ratified April 14, 1869.
North Carolina—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Ohio—Rejected by Senate April 30, 1869.
Oregon—No action yet taken.
Pennsylvania—Ratified March 25, 1869.
Rhode Island—Senate ratified May 27, 1869.
South Carolina—Ratified March 13, 1869.
Tennessee—No action yet taken.
Texas—No action yet taken.
Vermont—No action yet taken.
Virginia—No action yet taken.
West Virginia—Ratified March 3, 1869.
Wisconsin—Ratified March 5, 1869.

This specifies nineteen States as having fully ratified the article. Nine more are required. Several of those will be had very soon. Vermont has just held an election, and will ratify in October. In Alabama the Legislature is largely Republican in both branches, and will meet by adjournment in November. The Legislatures of Iowa and Minnesota, too, certain to be Republican by three or four to one, will meet in January. Rhode Island will complete her approval in November. A Republican Legislature has just been elected in Nebraska, which will meet, we believe, in December. Virginia, Mississippi and Texas are certain to ratify the article, for they are required to do so to obtain representation in Congress. The Legislature of Virginia will meet in a few days, and will ratify at once. This enumeration of States makes the nine required to complete the ratification. They will act in the premises before the end of January next. Besides, Ohio is relied on with much confidence, and many Republicans, including Gov. Senter, assert that Tennessee will not favorably upon the article. But counting both Ohio and Tennessee against the amendment it will still carry. Twenty-eight States may be positively relied on, and there is a chance for two or three more. Georgia, it is believed by many, will rescind her former action, and ratify the amendment.

Our readers will now see precisely how the scale stands. Counting only the States which are sure, there are twenty eight for the amendment. There seems to be no reason whatever to doubt that the whole matter will be settled before the next Legislature of Oregon assembles. The Chinese ghost that is now stirring abroad among the Democracy of Oregon is frightening them out of their wits, will vanish before our next election, and cease to talk and gibber in Democratic mass meetings, and in the editorial rooms of the Herald, News, Democrat and Guard—Oregonian.

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