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**State and Territorial**  
**East of the Mountains**  
The Palouse Gazette says: Emma Davis was severely injured by explosion of a lamp and burning of her clothes.  
A pack train of over one hundred animals, carrying forty-seven hundred pounds of flour, left Colfax last Thursday morning bound for Colville.  
The water of the Clearwater is unusually low for the season. So low that sufficient water cannot be turned into the Lewiston ditch to operate successfully the flouring mill stationed at its terminus.  
Mr. H. McCartney, assistant superintendent of the N. P. R. R., reports fifty miles of the road already graded; also eleven thousand ties, between fifty and seventy-five feet of lumber, and a large amount of iron at Wallula waiting shipment to Alasworth.

Raftsmen from up the Clearwater in the Teller that some 30 or 40 rafts of timber, logs, lumber and cord wood are all in readiness awaiting a rise in the river sufficient to bring them safely to this place. Our lumbering mill is comparatively idle in consequence.  
The Republicans of Spokane have made the following nominations: Auditor, J. M. Kowler; treasurer, A. C. Elliot; sheriff, M. J. Tapp; probate judge, J. E. Labrie; superintendent of schools, J. L. Leard; commissioners, C. Misner, R. H. Wimpey, N. W. Varise; surveyor, Daniel Wilson; coroner, J. S. Piper.  
Damasco didn't levy a tax but has a surprise waiting and proposed to keep it.  
Two pork packing firms at Oregon City are doing a large business than usual this fall, and what is more, paying good prices for hogs.

During Thanksgiving night Jimmy Jones, a very kind character, was severely, out by one W. Morrow, in Rhodewald's wagon at Wallburg.  
Julius Logus received as one load of wild cattle and several of them got away when unfastened because the crowd wouldn't disperse and give room to handle them.  
John Baker, of the firm of Baker Bros., La Grande, returned with the pair of horses stolen from them about a month since. The poor horses look as though they had seen a hard time of it.  
The La Grande Gazette says that F. A. Wallace, an esteemed citizen, was found by his sons lying insensible on the frozen ground, where he had been thrown off a jumping horse. He never recovered consciousness.  
It is reported that another sawmill will be erected at Alasworth and that most of the material is now on the ground. The mill is being built by the North Pacific company and will be employed when built in cutting ties and other railroad material.

A number of settlers on Chicken Creek, in Wasco county, corralled about 80 head of sheep, which they say were scabby, and killed them. Some women had them on their shares and will have the case prosecuted as the sheep are said to have been a healthy band.  
Miss Youn, a school teacher of Kittitas valley, has taken up a land claim, fenced it, built a house upon it and this year raised 612 bushels of grain, besides tending to the school as a teacher. She has abundantly demonstrated her ability to support a husband and may be expected to propose to some one next year.  
The town of Alasworth is rapidly becoming a permanent thing. A grave yard has been started there, the first occupant being a Chinaman.  
Railroad ties for the use of the N. P. railroad are being moved daily from the Blue Mountain station to Wallula, at the rate of ten car loads per day, averaging 186 ties to the car. These ties are said to belong to the W. W. & C. R. K. company, which loans them to the North Pacific contractors, to be returned when needed.  
Williamette Valley.  
A lunar rainbow was seen from Anity the other evening.  
McMinville has a new hotel building at the railroad depot.  
A Rebecca degree lodge J. O. F., was instituted at McMinville last week.  
The Yamhill Reporter says: Frank Martin has thrown up the marshaling of McMinville. James Brockman is his successor.  
Fifteen thousand bushels of wheat, pooled at the Farmers' warehouse, was purchased on Monday by James H. Foster for \$15,000, or at \$1 per bushel.  
The loggers under Mr. Berrigan, who have been at work on the headwaters of the Calapoosia river during the season, have been very successful, and now have in the river about six million feet of splined logs.  
The old St. Joseph stationhouse has been moved out upon the county road and a station will be arranged there for the accommodation of the Lafayette neighbors. We understand that a new warehouse will be erected in the vicinity of the station for the benefit of shippers in that section.  
An Indian on the Grand Ronde reservation has committed bigamy.  
A lamp exploded in a China wash house at Albany, but did not cause a fire.  
M. I. Nutter was found dead in his dwelling at McCoy on Monday morning.  
The Tindall saw mill on the Luckiamute has lately been sold to Mr. J. M. Rankin, a practical mill man, who has taken charge.  
A movement is on foot in the Luckiamute section to in some way reconstruct the Simpson bridge so that the little steamer Nellie can ascend as far as the stream is navigable.  
There was a little disturbance at the revival meeting held in the M. E. Church, at Corvallis, caused by the pastor locking the door and taking the names of parties who were "whispering" a little too loud.  
Mr. Lawless, of Newport, was engaged in felling a tree, and in its descent it struck a limb, which flew up and hit him on the head, fracturing his skull. He lingered a few hours in an unconscious state, when his spirit passed away.  
James Tatom, of Polk county, bought an interest in the New Indian circular mill, and was picked superintendent and will take charge of the same. They have their furnace completely completed and are sanguine of great success.  
The Albany Democrat says: George Hill has purchased thousands of pounds of the Plummer dried fruit for the Corvallis Fruit Co., during the past two or three weeks. It is now being delivered in Albany and packed for the European market.

**TELEGRAPHIC.**  
EASTERN STATES.  
Established in New Orleans.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A Democrat special from East Martinsville says Emil Detoge, Republican candidate for sheriff of this parish, has killed two De La Rousne brothers—Ernest and Onizpizer, Jr. The belief is the trouble will not end here, as Detoge has gone home, said to be mortally wounded.  
Specials from 27 parishes, not including New Orleans, give the Democrats 12,215 no majority. The Democrats claim the election of Witt by 20,000 majority. The new constitution was adopted by a large majority.  
Nienaragan Canal and United States.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The United States canal project is being pushed forward by a dispatch to the State Department, dated Nov. 7th, treating of construction of a railroad intended for internal communication, but which may be made inter-oceanic by the Nicaragua canal project.  
It is entirely a government enterprise and will cost less than two million, and its completion depends wholly upon the political state of the country. If peace can be maintained it will probably be completed in six years. Rails, locomotives and rolling stock have already arrived for sections of the road which are nearly completed.  
Senator Gordon is preparing a charter for the Nicaragua canal to submit to the Nicaraguan cabinet.  
The Texas Way.  
GALVESTON, Dec. 4.—A News special from Waco last night says in the country near here where a dance was progressing, had Wood killed Mike Grace shortly to dance, which she declined. Wood became angry and demanded that the dance cease. Wood then followed Will Carrie into the back room and provoked a fight. Carrie knocked him on the head with a brick, and a dozen shots were exchanged. Carrie was wounded in the hand, a bystander where Miss Standfield was talking with Albert Croch, and made two attempts to shoot her, then remarking to Croch: "You are a friend of Carrie," shot Croch dead and escaped.

**Colorado.**  
POTTSVILLE, Dec. 4.—The surface of the earth at Maloney Plain started to cave in again last night and caused much alarm among the residents. They remained up all last night preparing to move their houses and other buildings. The ground is cracking and houses are liable to sink out of sight at any moment. The sinking of the ground is caused by the excavations of the mines.  
**Indian Commissioner.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The President today appointed Gen. K. Smith, of Pennsylvania, R. I., to fill the vacancy in the Board of Indian Commissioners, caused by the death of J. D. Lang. The President has also appointed Gen. O. Stoneham, of California, to fill the other vacancy in the Board, which has remained unfilled for about four years. The Board now consists of ten members, the maximum number allowed by law.  
**Timber Culture Act.**  
The Secretary of the Interior today decided that the benefits of the timber culture law may be secured by planting cottonwood trees. This decision reverses former rulings of the department.  
**Statute of Mormonism.**  
The Salt Lake Tribune interviewed with Delegate Cannon this morning. Cannon is reported as saying that it would be a Democratic State; I am satisfied from my observations that the feelings of the people are in accord with the Indians of the Democracy. They believe in some rule. I do not say, however, what would be the effect should Utah be admitted by the Republicans; then it might be a Republican State.  
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sloners did not want to punish Carlotta Jack and others that took part in Thorburg's fight, but the cowardly dogs who participated in the massacre of unarmed men were to be surrendered, saying he had made the last appeal. No one moved or spoke for a few moments when Colowr lighted a big pipe—the pipe of peace. Each Indian pressed down his knife and laid it on his knee. The question of peace or war being the next pending, Colowr passed the pipe to the next man without smoking, and it went round. When the circle was finished he jumped to his feet, straightened up to his full height, pulled his belt and his knife out, and went in front, pulled his knife out, threw it with force on the floor quivering and ringing. Instantly every Indian present dropped his knife or pistol. The noise did the same, and the two parties stood fronting and deifying each other for some moments, each waiting for the other to make a forward move. There were but six white men while there were 25 Indians in the room, and 19 soldiers in an adjoining room. Finally Ouray spoke:  
"We cannot deliver up to you these Indians unless they are tried in Washington. They must not be tried in Colorado. The Colorado people are all our enemies, and to give them up to be tried in this State would be to surrender them to be hanged. We will bring these twelve men here for you to see, and then you decide whether you shall be taken to Washington and the President shall determine their guilt or innocence. Douglas will have to go to know. He was in the White River territory and you shall see his statement. If you do not want to see no other will we surrender the guilty Indians."  
This being delivered with great arrogance and boldness, Ouray said it would take about a week to bring the men in. You are told it will be worth the proposition so far as bringing the messengers men, but as far as taking them to Washington he had to telegraph for permission to Schurz.  
Colowr and Jack were immediately dispatched to bring in the 12 named, including Douglas and Pereno, saying they would be back in five days. After they had taken their departure, Ouray again spoke regarding his statement that the Colorado people are all our enemies, and to give them up to be tried in this State would be to surrender them to be hanged. We will bring these twelve men here for you to see, and then you decide whether you shall be taken to Washington and the President shall determine their guilt or innocence. Douglas will have to go to know. He was in the White River territory and you shall see his statement. If you do not want to see no other will we surrender the guilty Indians.

**Irish Agitators.**  
DUBLIN, Dec. 7.—The court of the queen's bench to-day granted an application of the bench that if the grand jury of Sligo found true bills against Davitt, Daly and Killen, accused of sedition, the indictments should be removed for trial to Dublin.  
**More Fun in Ireland.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A Herald's special cable gives some of the details of the meeting at Castlebar, Martin McDonnell presiding. He asked the clergy in the name of God not to let the O'Connor Don again represent them in Parliament. During McDonnell's speech, John Neally, a Fenian from Balla, who was on the platform, cried out to the crowd, "Observe those reporters away, shut them up." The response was a yell, followed immediately by a rush. For a moment it seemed as if the reporters and constables would be swept off the ground, but the latter raised their guns to their hips and presented them toward the people, who fell back. Parnell made an effective speech. He claimed that rents which the landlords got for the past year or two did not come from the soil but from America.  
**Dr. Loessop at Aspinwall.**  
ST. HAVEN, Dec. 8.—Dr. Loessop, the promoter of the Panama ship canal scheme, has called for Aspinwall.  
**Round Dings in Siam.**  
SINGAPORE, Dec. 8.—Intelligence has been received that Pra Peccha, son in law of T. G. Kuer, later British political agent and consul general at Bangkok, has been barbarously beheaded at Pechim, Siam, and that Pra Peccha's father and brothers have been imprisoned.

**PACIFIC COAST**  
**The New Regime.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The Supreme Court yesterday decided the newly elected officers entitled to the places and all seats in last night, and this morning Kalloch delivered a pronounced workmen's address, promising to rectify all the evils of the city to the place in his hands.  
The new city hall commissioners made a clean sweep of subordinate this morning. H. Hartling is the new secretary, and P. M. Wellington the new superintendent.  
**Guang of Counterfeiters.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—A few days ago U. S. Detective Finnegan went to Los Angeles on intelligence from the chief of police of that city, that he had arrested a man for passing counterfeit five dollar pieces. On questioning the prisoner Finnegan got a clue to the place in the mountains where the manufacture of spurious coin was carried on, and in Dalton Canyon, Sierra Madre range, was found a deserted camp, a lot of counterfeit tools and material, and papers. Finnegan also announced that he had arrested and held on \$3,000 and \$2,000 bonds respectively. Counterfeit coin has been circulating through the southern portion of the State.  
A Los Angeles dispatch says another of the gang of counterfeiters was arrested and gave his name as James Graham. On his person was found a shipping receipt for a package which was intercepted and found to contain a complete kit of counterfeit tools, dies and molds, for making spurious \$5 gold pieces. The man who was arrested yesterday gives the name of O'Rourke, a native of Canada, and furnished the information which led to the arrest of Graham.  
**Deforestation.**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—City Tax Collector A. J. Hamilton has left for parts unknown, taking with him about \$9,000 of the city's money, collected by him during the few days before taxes became delinquent. He has been since 7 o'clock on Saturday evening. The property of his bondsmen has been attached so that the city may not lose anything by his theft. There is considerable excitement in the city over the affair, as it is the fourth defalcation in this city and county have had within five years.  
**Kearney's Plans.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—At the sand lots this afternoon, Kearney announced his intention of starting next Sunday for the east for the purpose of attending the conference of the Democratic Congress and labor organizations, to be held at Washington January 8th. He proclaimed the Republican party as a common enemy which he intended to fight in the next presidential campaign. He also announced that the friends of the Legislature to organize the House in opposition to the Republicans. This is in harmony with the reports telegraphed some time since by the effect that a bargain was a part of the program between the workingmen and the Democracy with a view to controlling the organization.  
**Capture of Outlaws.**  
CRICO, Dec. 6.—Sheriff Moore, of Mendocino county, left Chico a few days ago in company with Mr. Stanley and a few others, determined to make another attempt at the capture of the Mendocino outlaws. From information obtained, they had every reason to believe that they were secreted in Battle Creek canyon, and yesterday morning about daylight they came upon them in an old cabin between Nimshaw and Big Eddy Creek. The cabin is surrounded by brush, except a little clearance in front. Two of the men were in the cabin and one was engaged in chopping wood outside. They were called upon to surrender and the guns of the party were leveled at them. The outlaws immediately broke for the thick brush near at hand. A volley was fired after them and Billings fell mortally wounded. Brown and Gaunt made their escape by running. Gaunt made his way through the brush towards Nimshaw and took refuge in an old cabin. The party in search of him came to the hotel late in the evening to rest. In the morning Chas. Hill came to the hotel and informed the officers that he had lost a robe out of his buggy near the cabin by the road. This afternoon the officers were on the track and they started. Stanley, who headed the party, concluded to examine every place in the vicinity, and the old cabin received its attention, and on going into it found Gaunt tucked under Hill's missing buggy robe. He was called upon to surrender, and being unarmed, hungry and cold, merely replied: "Boys, you have got me. I'm tired and I've got a long way to go." The party then left him in the care of Brown, and being without hat, no proper clothing, it is expected that he may be captured to-night or to-morrow.

**Switzerland.**  
GENEVA, Dec. 3.—The workmen of Switzerland are contemplating emigration as a remedy for their lack of employment.  
**Greece.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 3.—It is stated that the French ambassador to Turkey has received instructions to counsel the Greek republic to assume a more moderate attitude upon the question of rectification of the Thero-Hellenic frontier.  
**Moscow Attempt to Kill the Czar.**  
MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—After the arrival of the Emperor last night, which a second train containing baggage was on the way, an explosion occurred. One baggage van was blown to pieces and seven carriages were thrown off the rails, but nobody was injured. The explosives which destroyed the imperial baggage train are stated to have been placed on Monday evening under the rails at a point over which the imperial train would pass just before entering the Moscow railway station. The Czar arrived safely, however, at 11 Monday night, and the explosion occurred on the passage of the baggage train, half an hour after that.  
A person who was in the baggage train at the time of the explosion says that a baggage train of 14 carriages and two locomotives was dispatched half an hour before the train carrying the Emperor, but by fortunate chance the Czar's train overtook the baggage train, passed and left it some distance behind. Some persons who were standing on the embankment as the baggage train passed, imagining it was the Czar's train, fired, which was the signal for exploding the mine.  
**England.**  
LONDON, Dec. 4.—Reports that Queen Victoria is suffering from alarming illness have no foundation other than the fact she has a slight cold.  
The Times says that it concerns the interest of Canada that the embargo placed upon U. S. cattle imported into this country should be removed, for at present a large amount of profit to the Dominion railways, shippers and middlemen is lost, owing to its existence.  
The weather is very cold in Great Britain and the continent. Dispatches from Rome and Madrid report a heavy snow fall.  
**South America War.**  
A dispatch from Buenos Ayres, dated Dec. 24, says that intelligence has been received there that the Peruvian army is concentrating in the province of Tarapaca, and that the Chileans are marching to meet it. An important battle appears imminent.  
**Shipping the Obelisk.**  
ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 7.—Preparations for the shipment of the obelisk to New York are attracting great crowds of people, and the proper position has been watched and excited the interest of travelers and officials and of the lower classes.

**All Sorts.**  
There was a young fellow named Kaos, Who concluded to gamble in stocks; And in twenty-four hours He swore, "By the powers, I'm glad to escape with my socks!"  
Pinched waists are now thought vulgar.  
The new dress goods in the stores this year are described as remarkably beautiful.  
There are 1,800,000 unmarried women in France. What sort of a republic is that?  
A dog frequently worries a cat, but man, who is nobler than a dog, worries himself.  
It takes a gent about three years to learn how to fang a young lady so as not to muss her bangs.  
Stuffing cotton in your ears won't prevent you from catching cold in the head. Put it in your mouth.  
Dr. R. V. Pierce, the Buffalo Congressman, is worth \$1,000,000, all made from patent medicines.  
William Black, the novelist, writes rapidly. He thinks for a week, then writes for a day or two.  
The philosopher says, "Laugh grow fat," but he stows away three square meals a day, all the same.  
It makes the Fifth avenue belle crazy to know that Jupiter is at present sporting a bit 800 miles wide.  
"There is a tied in the affairs of men, which, if taken at its flood," leads on to an interesting divorce suit.  
On leaving a room make your best salutation to the persons present, and retire without saluting the door.  
Rieteri only goes to Paris on business. She has built houses there on speculation, which she lets in flats.  
Some men have so much genius that they can't do anything but sit down in the shade and think about it.  
The American twenty dollar gold piece has succeeded the English sovereign as the gold standard of the world.  
In 1873 the people of this world exchanged 3,300,000,000 letters, and in 1877 they sent 130,000,000 telegrams.  
The man who wrote "Grandfather's Clock" is not rich. But until that precious nuisance appeared he lived on tick.  
Beware of cards. Many a young man has fallen into the hands of a knave, and one within an ace of going to the deuce.  
Even though his teacher's back hair may be as false as Cressida, the average school boy knows her switch is a stern reality.  
Swinburne the poet is peevish and obstinate, and he wouldn't give up his seat in a street car for even Queen Victoria herself.  
In England portable gas is now sold and delivered everywhere. Country residents receive it from the city in copper cylinders.  
The chap who inadvertently sat down on a plate of pickles, said he was extremely satisfied with his experience of a "sour mash."  
An Iowa woman gave her husband morphine to cure him of chewing tobacco. It cured him, but she is doing her own fall ploughing.  
Miss Fuller, an American, is engaged to the eldest son of Sir Arthur Fairbairn of London. The prospective bridegroom is deaf and dumb.  
If you smell camphor on the street car, do not think anyone is sick or going to faint—it's only last year's coats and flannels airing themselves.  
Jefferson Davis is threatened with blindness, and both he and his wife have been much broken in health since the recent death of their son.  
To the average father these cool, bristly nights, bring the consoling thought that while the gas bill may be a little heavier, the front gate is having a rest.  
It is said that a girl who can shed three or four tears at a critical moment, and follow them up with a quivering sigh, can marry all around a good-looking blonde who does nothing but try to blush.  
The height of thoughtfulness. A citizen is attacked by a thief in a lonely street. The thief takes his watch and runs. The victim runs after him crying, "Sir, one word. Don't trust that watch, it is slow!"  
Mr. Moody in a late sermon at Cleveland, said: "I have great admiration for the colored woman who said that if the Lord told her to jump through a stone wall, it was her business to jump, and the getting through was God's business."  
When a certain lady refused, soon after her husband's death, to let the hounds go out, a learned sergeant-at-law asked Chief Justice X whether there would be any harm if they were allowed to do so with a piece of crape around their necks. "I can hardly think," said the Chief Justice, "that a piece of crape is necessary. It will surely suffice if they are in full cry."

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**PUGET SOUND MAIL.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1879.

**HALSTED UNEASY ABOUT GRANT.**—The following is from the Cincinnati Commercial:—"We have to remark of this that the politicians who are for Grant all assume that the people are driving them. This we believe to be a great folly and delusion. The silence of Grant on this subject does not seem to us so impressive as to others. Indeed, it is a farce that will soon be laughed at. If Grant's friends suppose that he will get the nomination without a contest, they are foolish. Do they suppose Sherman and Blaine will put their hands on their mouths and their mouths in the dust before Grant, and that the whole American people will bow down in abjectness in the presence of his glory? If General Grant is wanted for the third term by nearly everybody but a few politicians, jealous of his overshadowing prestige, and the country needs him, as the one strong man, it would be sheer perversity in him not to consent to hold the office of President, or whatever we might name it, for life. We have not heard just now of his intense indignance to the Presidency for the first time. He is the only man who ever esteemed it a sacrifice to take that place.

According to late estimates the combined North will, for the first time in our national history, have considerable more than double the population of the entire South after the next census. In 1860 the Northern States contained 19,128,418, and the Southern States 12,315,372 inhabitants; in 1870 the Northern States contained 24,000,352, and the Southern States 13,763,520; in 1880 it is supposed that the North will have about 34,000,000, and the South 16,000,000 inhabitants. After the next national apportionment is made, the power in Congress and in the Electoral College will be very nearly in the ratio of two for the North to one for the South. In the lower branch of Congress there will probably be at least two hundred Northern and seventy ninety Southern men. In the Electoral College after 1880, the North will have about two hundred and forty and the South about one hundred and twenty votes. The election of 1880 will furnish the last chance of Democratic ascendancy on issues similar to those which have of late years commanded public attention. The sceptre of power is rapidly passing to the West and Northwest, and if the South does not adopt steps for encouraging immigration and arresting the negro exodus, she will cease to be an important factor in the regulation of national politics.

The troubles arising from the landlord and tenant system in Ireland is at present eliciting considerable attention not only in Great Britain but in the United States. At a great demonstration held at St. Louis on last Monday resolutions were submitted and unanimously adopted, declaring that the citizens of St. Louis extended to the suffering people of Ireland their heartfelt sympathy and commiseration, denouncing the evils which afflict them, but more still the causes which make these evils possible and periodical; holding that all legitimate governments should be of the people, by the people, for the people, and deprecating and denouncing the violation of every principle of law which makes the government of Ireland a government of Englishmen, by Englishmen, for Englishmen; declaring that the first duty of a government is the protection of life, liberty and property, and grieving that many instances of English rule in Ireland seem to be a system of extortion, oppression and robbery, holding as a fundamental principle and as popular rights, that the land of every nation belongs to the people. The other resolutions are very strong in their expression of hostility to the land system in vogue in Ireland, and in sympathy with the tenants.

**LONDON TRUTH SAYS:**—"Political economy is not an exact science with certain axioms capable of universal application. Circumstances must modify its conclusions. We are free traders and the Americans are protectionists. To be the one or the other is not a question of principle, but of expediency. As free traders we are not thriving; as protectionists the Americans are thriving."

An enterprising cigar dealer in Philadelphia sells three cigars for a quarter, gives each purchaser a receipt for the number of cigars bought, and at the end of the month promises to present the person who has had the greatest quantity of cigars with an order for an overcoat worth twenty-five dollars.

Lord Beaconsfield was once convicted of libel in the Court of Queen's Bench.

**Seattle Skagit Trail Meeting.**

[From the Intelligencer, Dec.]

Yester's Hall was well filled last evening on the occasion of the meeting called to devise ways and means for opening a trail from the head of navigation on Skagit river into the Ruby creek mines. At half-past seven the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacobs. L. P. Smith was elected chairman, and S. Baxter, secretary. Judge Jacobs then took the floor, and for an hour talked right to the point. By the aid of maps and charts, personal observation and inquiry, he located the recently discovered mines, showing that they were situated at least twenty-five miles south of the boundary line, and went on to show how practicable the route was from Seattle into the diggings, and how much shorter and less expensive it would be than the one now being opened by the English, and demonstrated that the route from Seattle was at least one hundred miles shorter than the one from Victoria. From all accounts, he said, the Skagit was a good navigable stream for eighty miles from its mouth, and the distance from the head of navigation into the mines was thirty miles. Over the latter distance a trail for pack animals must be made. (The Judge here read Prof. Tiernan's report.) He stated that the Professor had given him a verbal report of what he saw and experienced while in the mines, much more glowing than the written one. The Professor had stated to him personally, that when his party, consisting of fourteen, arrived at Ruby creek, they divided themselves up into prospecting parties and examined the creek for ten miles from its mouth. Their plan was to sink holes every little distance, four feet deep, and wash out a pan of the dirt from the bottom of the hole. The smallest amount realized from a single pan of dirt was five cents, and the largest amount \$1.50. The mines were also much more extensive than he had believed, from reports from that section. The Judge then gave some personal observations in regard to mining districts, and gave it as his opinion that the Skagit mines will prove very rich as well as extensive. Next spring will witness the biggest rush ever known on this portion of the coast, to these mines, and the question now is, who shall enjoy the benefits of this excitement. Suppose, said the Judge, that five thousand men fit out in Seattle; it is safe to estimate that each one will spend at least fifty dollars for an outfit, tools, provisions, etc.; this would put from two hundred thousand to half a million dollars in circulation in a short time, and the consequence of such an amount, added to the usual spring business, would make things in Seattle fairly boom. Why should our people not enjoy the benefits to be derived from products taken from their own soil?

The English Government with commendable energy was moving in the matter of putting a route in passable condition in the hope of securing the vast trade for Victoria, and we must take hold at once, or else our neighbors across the line will enjoy the benefits that justly belong to us. In talking the matter up many had said it was useless to try; the people would not do anything; but the Judge felt assured that they would, and hence had called this meeting. All must take hold. Every citizen would be benefited, but more particularly hotel keepers, restaurant proprietors, merchants and steamboat men. He heard the cost of a good trail over the route estimated at from \$5000 down as low as \$2000, and had received two propositions from responsible parties to build the trail, furnishing one-half the money, provided the people of Seattle would furnish the other half. A responsible logger would give bonds to have a toll trail opened by spring, if the people would raise \$1500, he to furnish the balance necessary to complete the work. There are plenty of steamers on the Sound to navigate the river, and the beauty of it is, they are principally owned at Seattle. This meeting was called to find out what the people are willing to do in regard to this important enterprise. After this is ascertained, we will know better how to act. Mr. Goodell was then introduced. He had been on the Skagit river all summer; had taken in \$1000 worth of goods and come home broke, as many others would undoubtedly do, but he had not lost faith in the richness of the mines. He had every reason to believe them extensive and rich, and hoped the people would come out liberally to build the trail. He intended to come down, and hoped others would do as well compared with their means. A note was handed to Judge Jacobs which read as follows:—"Pot Schwabacher Bros. & Co. down for \$100." This reading was received with applause. Judge Jacobs followed with \$50, L. P. Smith & Son, \$20; S. Kenny, \$20; S. Baxter & Co, \$50; G. G. Arnold, \$20; H. L. Yeeler, \$50; McNaught A. Bros., \$50; J. H. Woolery, \$20. A committee of three, consisting of Judge Jacobs, B. Gatzert and S. Baxter, was appointed to canvass the

town next week to raise the necessary funds to carry the project through. The meeting then adjourned to reassemble in the same place next Saturday evening, to hear the report of the committee and transact such other business as may be necessary to forward the work.

The reports sent by the United States Consuls in Europe to the State Department at Washington, relating to the condition of labor, trade, and business in the Old World, are attracting considerable attention in England. The point is clearly brought out that the remuneration of all classes of skilled laborers is much lower in Europe than in America, and although some attempts are made to break the force of this conclusion, its substantial correctness is admitted, and in general terms, the rates of wages here are acknowledged to be more than twice those in Belgium; three times those in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain; one and a half times those in England and Scotland; while the prices of the necessities of life are lower here than in any of the countries named. Secretary Evans declared in his last report that "compared with Europe the United States is a paradise for a sober and faithful workman," and the detailed facts and figures seem to fully justify this assertion.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS differed with the majority of his political associates on the policy pursued at the extra session of Congress, but manifests no disposition to upbraid them for their folly. He believes that the Democrats at the present session of Congress should devote themselves entirely to necessary legislation and avoid exciting partisan discussions and maneuverings for the coming Presidential campaign. The people of the entire country, he thinks, are tired of partisan wrangling in Congress, and desire the representatives to turn their backs upon the past and look only to the future. They want wise legislation and actual reform in the affairs of government, and will support that party which will be governed by that standard. He deprecates the agitation of the States rights theories, and says that in view of the fact that two million Democrats assisted to put down States rights, it would be folly to attempt to convince them by argument that what they had done in this direction was unwise. In reference to Mr. Tilden's prospects for nomination by the National Democratic Convention, Mr. Stephens says he does not believe there are a dozen men in Georgia in favor of Tilden for the Presidency; that there is strong and bitter opposition to him, but the State would vote for him if nominated.

The news that the imperial government of Germany proposes to enlarge its army will have a depressing effect on Europe. One of the results of this movement will be to increase the emigration of Germans to America. What with the distress in Ireland, the agitation and depression in business in England and the uneasy political situation in Germany, compared with our own prosperity, it would not surprise us to see emigration to the United States larger next year than it has been for a long time.—N. Y. Herald.

SENATOR BOOTH'S dinner to General Grant at Sacramento had a merry surprise in the midst of it. Forty-five gentlemen sat down to table, and dinner was nearly finished, when suddenly the folded doors at one end of the room, which the table nearly touched, were thrown open, and behold! there was another room of the same size as the first, and down its length extended a table at which were seated forty-five ladies with Mrs. Grant, all of whom had been dining comfortably the while. The gentlemen arose, applauded, and waived handkerchiefs; the ladies returned cordial greetings, and the evening most pleasantly proceeded.

HEAVY frosts in Canada have so affected the crops in some sections that there is great danger of a famine. The Government has been appealed to for help.

THE United States army consists of 24,262 men and 2,187 officers in service, and 888 officers retired.

SEATTLE COAL to the amount of 12,332 tons was shipped in November.

CONSIDERABLE outflow is reported from Kamloops, British Columbia. Kamloops is an extensive stock-raising country up the Fraser River near Cariboo.

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**LEGAL NOTICES.**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PURCHASE TIMBER LAND.**

U. S. DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, Olympia, Washington Territory. NOTICE is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," Brisson N. L. Davis, of Whatcom County, Washington Territory, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the N. E. 1/4 of Section No. 17 in Township No. 34 North, Range No. 5 East of the Willamette Meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the said described land, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty (60) days from date hereof.

Given under my hand, at my office, in Olympia, W. T., this 7th day of October, A. D. 1879.

J. T. BROWN,  
Register of the Land Office.  
(First publication Oct. 18th.)

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Any and all persons claiming adversely the said described land, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty (60) days from date hereof.

Given under my hand, at my office, in Olympia, W. T., this 8th day of October, A. D. 1879.

J. T. BROWN,  
Register of the Land Office.  
(First publication Oct. 18th.)

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**IMPORTANT TO SETTLERS.**

TO SETTLERS IN WHATCOM COUNTY: Homestead and Pre-emption filing, can be made before the Clerk of the District Court at La Conner, W. T., Also Final Proof in Homesteads; and testimony of witnesses in Pre-emption. Total fees in making final proofs in Homesteads for 160 acres, \$19; total fees in Homestead entry, \$10; taking testimony in Pre-emption, \$5; Filing Pre-emption declaratory statement, \$1. To these fees one dollar is added where applicants are naturalized citizens. The above includes the Government and Clerk's fees.

J. A. HILLIARD,  
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LOCAL NEWS AND COMMENTS.

SOME OF THE REMINISCENCES OF OUR PIONEERS are highly interesting. When at Whatcom, a few days ago, we happened to drop in upon the Probate Court while his honor Judge Tennant and our legal friend Engle were enjoying a little recess from an arduous day's session. Among others there was present one of our most respected citizens whose knowledge of persons and things of the "early days" was both varied and extensive. Some reference having been made to the "code of honor," he took occasion to remark that it reminded him of a thrilling dueling incident which occurred at Whatcom about the year 1850. As one of the principals still resides in the county and is well known, we shall designate him as No. 1 and his adversary as No. 2, while the seconds in the affair were Colonel Dunn and Mr. Olney, now deceased. An affront, with the usual exchange of uncomplimentary epithets, having passed between the principals, an invitation to "pistola and coffee" was given and accepted. The seconds being well versed in the so-called code of honor, the preliminaries were left to them. The contestants, with their friends, duly appeared at the time and place appointed; and while the seconds were arranging and measuring off the ground with all possible punctiliousness, No. 2 advanced to No. 1 and remarked with considerable animation, "Don't you know, sir, that this business is against the law?" "I know d—d well it is," replied No. 1, "for I can show you the law."

"Then," said No. 2, "if we fail to kill each other we are liable to indictment by the grand jury." "No doubt of it—we are bound to be indicted, fined and imprisoned," responded No. 1. And they both clearly realized the dilemma they were placed in. "Now," said No. 2, "I propose we settle this difficulty like sensible men; suppose we go and take a drink." "Agreed!" cried No. 1, and the would-be duellists proceeded to walk up town, arm-in-arm, to the nearest saloon, greatly to the astonishment of the seconds and all present. And thus ended in a quiet but highly satisfactory manner what a few moments previously had bid fair to result in a serious tragedy, which incident verities the recognized aphorism that "peace hath its victories not less than war."

WHIDBY ISLAND FLOUR MILLS.—The Tide Mill of Wilson & Co. at Coveland, Whidby Island, has been manufacturing flour from Island wheat successfully as well as profitably during the whole of the year past. A fine two-story building with an attic story and shed addition loom prominently in sight of the visitor to Penn's Cove. A crib-wharf, with railway track, and warehouse for wheat are the additional improvements adjacent. So far as the power is concerned, it is abundant for the purposes of a local flour mill, and is very simple and successful in its application. A spit, enclosing a lagoon—like a thousand others to be found everywhere on Puget Sound—is supplied with a tide gate. When the tide recedes there is an average of six feet of fall for eight or ten hours' work. This is sufficient to grind out a ton of flour. The flour mill, though known technically as a portable mill, has every appearance of an old-fashioned mill. Wilson & Co. have found a ready sale for all the flour and other products they can turn out.

MS. J. A. GILLILAND, telegraph operator at this (La Conner) office, on last Wednesday chartered the little steamer Shamrock to carry messages between Fidalgo and Lopez Islands, during the temporary break in the cable between these islands. He will return in a few days or as soon as he succeeds in establishing communication with Victoria.

HON. PETER DE JENNY, the member for Island County, gave us a pleasant call one day this week, and related some interesting incidents in his recent legislative experience at the capital.

WE are going to have an oat-meal mill at La Conner ere long, steps having already been taken to that end. This is just the place for it, as the grain is grown here in great abundance.

ANOTHER steamer or two will soon be added to the Skagit River fleet, more definite announcement of which will be made at some future time.

AND now Pleasant Ridge comes to the front with a literary and spelling club. Good for Pleasant Ridge. Let's hear from other localities.

BONN.—At Skagit City, W. T., Nov. 21, 1879, to the wife of Mr. D. E. Gage, a son.

REV. E. O. TADE will preach at the school house on next Sunday evening, 14th inst.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBO versus "The Father of his Country" is the topic for discussion at the literary society this evening.

"WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK"—well, there is no telling what will happen. The other day Capt. N. W. Lakeman, of Whatcom, and well known throughout the county as one who knows his rights and dare maintain them, though sometimes unsuccessful in the attempt, took a load of produce to Nanaimo, B. C., in the sloop Nellie, and was arraigned over there for disobedience of the orders of the harbor master and deputy collector. The local paper, the Nanaimo Free Press, gives an extended account of the difficulty, from which we take the following:

"Mr. Lakeman arrived with a cargo of apples, pears, potatoes, etc., from Bellingham Bay last week, and wishing to see what he considered a most extortionate charge, purchased 100 Custom House Blanks at the Free Press office for one dollar. Being an expert penman he soon filled up the necessary blanks and presented them to Mr. Peck to clear the goods. Mr. Peck, no doubt seeing a lucrative business likely to pass from his grasp, refused to do so, and would not every apple, pear, potato, etc., was landed on the dock and inspected. Mr. Lakeman having frequently visited this port before and knowing that this extra work was not his business, he refused to do so, and was similarly situated to his own, naturally refused to unload his cargo. His sloop Nellie was then lying alongside Hirst's wharf, but shortly afterwards a very strong southeast gale sprang up, and Lakeman fearing that his sloop would sustain damage, along side the wharf, landed a few hundred yards from the wharf to secure anchorage. At the end of night, the southeast gale still blowing, Mr. Peck comes down to the wharf, accompanied by a Mr. Gosling, better known however as "Never Surrender," and orders Lakeman to haul up his sloop, first he could place a hoisting on board on behalf of the Customs. Lakeman refused on account of the danger to the sloop, so Gosling was put on board by a small boat and remained all night, at the expense of \$3 to Lakeman. The next day Lakeman is summoned before Mayor Bate for disobeying the orders of Mr. Peck's harbor master fined \$5 and \$5 costs, and on Lakeman pleading for a remission to produce nautical evidence to show the absurdity of ordering a vessel from a safe place to an unsafe place, the harbor master threatened that he would bring the still more serious charge of lying without a light, if a remission was granted. Thus he was put to all this extra labor of removing his cargo to the wharves, and paying \$11 in expenses, for as 10 out of every 20 say who are acquainted with the circumstances, because he dared to go outside the Custom House to purchase his blanks and to this instance reduce the duties on his cargo to 75 cents, or more correctly speaking 75 cents for the 8 blanks along comes the sloop Commodore with a somewhat similar but more valuable cargo from American territory, and he is allowed to let his goods remain on board as long as he likes or until he sold them, which was several days; he was not ordered to discharge his cargo on the dock, nor was a man placed on board at a heavy expense to the sloop, oh, on, it is not needless for us to say why."

Capt. Lakeman then proceeded to Victoria and laid the matter before the Collector and the U. S. Consul, but could obtain no redress; which led him to propose our reporter that our friend, the Captain, has such a happy faculty of doing as he please, regardless of consequences.

The Odesa variety of wheat appears to be well adapted to the La Conner and Skagit flats. At least this is the opinion of Mr. J. W. Wiley, a practical farmer of the Skagit River. Last spring Mr. W. received about four pounds of this wheat from a friend at Los Angeles, California. From this he reaped about three and a half bushels of grain. The grain is a sort of dark red, and will not rust or smut in any climate. Mr. Wiley also states that it will ripen about one month earlier than any other kind of wheat. A sample of the grain left at this office, where those desiring it may examine the quality.

It has been suggested that the pioneers of this (Whatcom) County organize an association for the purpose of collecting together and preserving for all time to come the leading events and incidents connected with the early history of this portion of the Sound. We heartily second the proposition, and hereby place the columns of the Mail at the disposal of the association for the purpose of recording the reminiscences which at present are hidden away in the memories of our early settlers.

There was a special term of the Probate Court at Whatcom on last Tuesday, Judge Tennant presiding. Among other business at more or less importance orders were granted for the sale of real estate in the Cagay and Hemphill estates.

PARTICULARS of an interesting meeting at Seattle, last Saturday evening, to devise ways and means for opening a trail to the Skagit gold diggings, will be found on the second page of this MAIL.

AT THE Sheriff's sales on last Tuesday at this place McClure's personal property brought \$350.87 and his chattel interest in real estate, \$500; at the King sale \$475 was realized.

The seating capacity of the new opera house at Seattle is 584.

The stage running between Lewiston and Dayton was stopped on the 26th ult. by a highwayman, who contented himself with Wells-Fargo's treasure box, which was empty.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO JURORS.

Grand and petit jurors heretofore venire for the December (1879) term of the District Court of Whatcom County, W. T., holding terms at La Conner, W. T., will please take notice that the time of holding said Court has been changed by the Legislature of Washington Territory to the second Wednesday in January, 1880, and govern yourselves accordingly.

JAMES A. GILLILAND, Clerk. By order of his Honor, ROGER S. GREENE, Judge.

NEW YEAR'S BALL!

AT LA CONNER, Wednesday, December 31st (NEW YEAR'S EVE.)

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SUMMONS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT of Whatcom County, Washington Territory, holding terms at La Conner, in and for the County of Whatcom.

GEORGE F. BARNES, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN FAHY, Defendant. Action brought in the District Court of Whatcom County, Territory of Washington, holding terms at La Conner, Whatcom County, W. T.; and complaint filed in the County of Whatcom in the office of the Clerk of said District Court.

To JOHN FAHY, Defendant: In the name of the United States of America, you are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the above entitled Court, and to answer the complaint filed therein within sixty days after the date of this summons or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of the complaint.

This action is brought to obtain a decree of foreclosure of the mortgage of a certain mortgage described in the said complaint and executed by the said John Fahy on the 23rd day of August, 1878, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note of the said John Fahy, for the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars gold coin, payable twelve months after date bearing interest from maturity until paid at the rate of two and one-half per cent per month, to the order of Samuel W. Hill, which said note and mortgage are now owned and held by the said George F. Barnes, and the proceeds of the sale of the said mortgage must be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of said promissory note with interest thereon as aforesaid and certain taxes paid on said premises by said plaintiff amounting to \$13.62 and interest, and costs including an attorney's fee mentioned in said mortgage; and in case said proceeds are not sufficient to pay the same then to obtain execution on the balance of the mortgage for the balance remaining due; and also that the said defendant and all persons claiming by, through, or under him, may be barred and foreclosed of all right, title, claim, lien, equity of redemption and interest in and to said mortgaged premises, and for other and further relief, as will more fully appear by reference to the complaint on file hereof. And if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as above required the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Witness the Hon. ROGER S. GREENE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1879. JAMES A. GILLILAND, Clerk. STRUY & LEAHY and HALLER & ENGLE, Attorneys for plaintiff. (First publication Dec. 6th.)

Notice. LAND OFFICE at OLYMPIA, W. T., December 1, 1879.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: ISAAC JENSEN, Homestead application No. 2148 for the S. W. 1/4 of Section 29, Township 34 N., R. 3 East. And names the following as his witnesses, viz: Robert Kennedy, of Whatcom County, W. T.; and Samuel Calloun, of Whatcom County, W. T.

J. T. BROWN, Register. (First publication Dec. 6th.)

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NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: ROBERT H. SHARP, Pre-emption D. S. No. 3099 for the W. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 14, Township 34 N., R. 3 East. And names the following as his witnesses, viz: S. B. Best, of Whatcom County, W. T.; and Charles Brown, of Whatcom County, W. T.

J. T. BROWN, Register. (First publication Dec. 6th.)

Notice. LAND OFFICE at OLYMPIA, W. T., November 29, 1879.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: ALMON F. WELCH, Homestead application No. 2148 for the S. W. 1/4 of Section 29, Township 34 N., R. 3 East. And names the following as his witnesses, viz: Philip Carpenter, of Whatcom County, W. T.; and William H. Osterman, of Whatcom County, W. T.

J. T. BROWN, Register. (First publication Dec. 6th.)

Notice. LAND OFFICE at OLYMPIA, W. T., November 24, 1879.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, viz: WILLIAM AYERS, Homestead application No. 2117 for the S. E. 1/4 of Section 24, Township 35 N., R. 1 East. And names the following as his witnesses, viz: Charles W. Beale, of Whatcom County; W. T.; and Jacob Wooten, of Whatcom County, W. T.

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