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Oregon has 310 post offices and
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God gives every bird its food, but
does not throw it into the nest.
Mark that.

The Sisters of Charity, at Vancou-
ver, have determined to open a board-
ing school for boys.

Grasshoppers have made their ap-
pearance around Boise City, and
have destroyed everything green.

A party of prospectors who have
been out on the North Fork of Lewis
river, has just returned, and the gen-
eral impression is that they have
struck a "big bonanza," as they in-
tend to return to their discoveries
immediately.

It is estimated that \$300,000 have
been paid this year by Oregon deal-
ers in agricultural implements for
freight alone. One firm in Salem
has paid fifty-five thousand for this
purpose. Surely this is an induce-
ment for the building of manufactories.

The Oregon Steamship Company's
vessels are assessed at the following
figures in California: Geo. W. El-
der, \$100,000; Ajax, \$75,000; City
of Chester, \$10,000; John L.
Stephens, \$30,000; Oriflamme, 50,
000; total valuation \$355,000.

The Portland "Telegraph" of Aug.
1st, says: It is whispered around in
political circles that Gov. Chadwick
has signified his intention of calling
an extra session of the State Legisla-
ture to meet sometime this fall. It
is presumed to be for the purpose of
legislating in railroad matters, to
provide for the protection of the State
Capitol building from the severity of
the winter storms, and for the pur-
pose of calling a State constitutional
convention.

THE assessment roll of Walla-wal-
la county, for the the current year,
has been completed:

The assessment foots up\$2,387,020
As against 1876..... 2,294,740

Increase..... \$92,280

The number of acres sown in grain for
the year 1877, is as follows:

Wheat..... 28,625 | Barley..... 9,553
Oats..... 2,142 | Corn..... 921
Timothy..... 1,681

NUMBER OF STOCK.

Horses..... 6,403 | Mules..... 198
Cattle..... 10,990 | Sheep..... 17,318
Hogs..... 7,387

The following is from the Walla
Walla "Watchman." "We called
for Gov. Ferry and he came. He
made no speech, but he made close
inquiries into our situation. Every
man that called upon him whether
rich or poor, received an attentive
hearing. After learning all here, he
proceeded last Sunday morning to
Waitsburg, thence to Colfax in or-
der to ascertain what he can do there.
Our Governor is willing to do all in
his power, but that power has a limit,
and every sensible man should know
and understand that. He aims to
do his duty in a genteel, unassum-
ing manner. He does not believe in
excitements for the harvest season is
upon us, and while some of our best
men defend the front, willing hands
must gather the grain when ripe in
rear. The Governor means well and
we know it. Many would say: "Why
don't he make a speech?" Non-
sense! We had already too much of
that trash. We want men to act and
not to blow. He brought with him
200 stands of arms, will distribute
them with discretion attend to our
wants to the utmost of his official
capacity. Can we ask more?"

Take Time to be Happy.

A lady writes for the "Home Jour-
nal" some pointed truths on the ob-
servance of which we believe many
may find happiness. She says: It is
the failing of many of the busy "Mar-
thas" of the day that they do not take
time enough to make themselves hap-
py. In the hurry and rush of every
day duties, they are laborious and
pains-taking for everybody's benefit
except their own. Now this is a
great error and works a great mis-
chief. They wear out too soon.
They break down physically and
mentally, and life becomes a bundle
of infirmities when it ought to be
only in its noonday prime.

Now happiness can be made to
turn on very little hinges. The
world is full of small pleasures
which skillful gleaners can pick up if
they'll but keep their eyes open to
observe them. Of course our tastes
vary, and what is pleasing to one
might be a matter of utter indiffer-
ence to another. You might care
nothing for this tiny spray of "spring
buties" which lie on the paper as I
write, but to me they are like an open
page in the pleasant book of my
childhood's history. I will take a
moments time to rejoice in them, to
look at the delicate tracing of pink
on their pearl-white petals, and to re-
call the old delight I use to feel in
every vein when the April woods
were all carpeted with their blossoms.
I shall be the happier all day for this
small bouquet my little girl has
brought me. And I believe, too,
that people are better for being hap-
pier. It is so hard for unhappy peo-
ple to be good or to make others
good with whom they associate. The
worry gets into the voice and the
words, and they sound snappish and
rasping, and we all know how that
affects us. Did you ever pass by a
house and hear a mother scolding her
child? Did it make you any happier
or better? What do you suppose
the effect was upon the child's na-
ture?

Another mistake, is to keep the
best rooms shut up in gloomy state
for chance guests, while you conclude
that any room is good enough for
your every day use, provided it is
tolerably "handy." Don't do it.
Nobody deserves the large, airy
front chamber as much as you—no-
body needs it so much. Make it as
cheery and inviting as you can.
Make it cool and shady and with
sweet flowers all the summer time,
and warm with a nice stove in the
winter. We all of us need seclusion
at times. It makes us better and
happier to rest alone for a little
space, when one can take up a book
or paper maybe, and have no curious
eyes glancing in upon us. We can
many of us "plan work" twice as
well when "all by ourselves." Have
your one room, the best you can af-
ford, and as pleasant as you can make
it. Let it be your kingdom where
you rule supreme, and take up your
apples to pare there, if you like it
better than the hot kitchen, and ask
nobody's leave either. Take time to
be happy and to make yourself com-
fortable.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.—The
trustees of the Willamette Universi-
ty held a meeting July 27th, in Salem,
at which time a proposition was re-
ceived and considered from the Trus-
tees of the Portland Academy, look-
ing to the transfer of its property to
the University. It is proposed to
sell the block of land, now owned by
the Portland Academy, from which it
is presumed the sum of \$10,000 may
be realized. It is proposed to create
out of this an endowment fund for the
benefit of the University, provided
the trustees of that institution and
the City of Salem will raise a like
sum, which is to be added to it, mak-
ing an endowment fund of \$20,000,
the principal of which is to remain
forever intact, the annual interest
thereon alone being used to pay the
salaries of its professors. Commit-
tees were appointed, charged with
the arrangement of details looking to
the consummation of the above ob-
ject.—"Pacific Tribune."

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Harkening for His Step.

BY NATHAN D. UNNER.

She hearkens for his step
In the hush of her lonely room.
Yet starts with dread at each echoing tread
That sounds from the outer gloom—

Anecdotes of Gilbert Stuart.

It was only a few days previous to his death that he was requested to paint a head of himself, for the Academy at Florence; but, as usual, he did not even answer the letter; he seemed perfectly insensible to compliments of every kind, and particularly during the latter part of his life.

His friends frequently sent him masulapatom snuff, put up in a common glass bottle, the contents of which it was impossible to extract, without running the risk of breaking the glass among the snuff; to avoid this, he thought of the plan of dipping candle-wick in the spirits of wine, and tying it around the neck of the bottle; then he would set it on fire with a candle, which took off the neck and all the upper part of the bottle, without a particle of glass mingling with the snuff.

When a boy he went to school in Newport, R. I., where he, together with a companion of the name of Channing, getting into a scrape in consequence of the tall-tailing of an old shoe-maker of the place, they both vowed vengeance, and adopted the following mode of carrying it out: They provided themselves with an old gun, a syringe, and some blood from a butcher.

These preparations were made in the evening of a summer's day, and thus prepared they crept to the open window where the shoe-maker was at work, and while one fired the gun, the other at the same instant squirted the watered blood upon the bald head of the unsuspecting victim.

land, he found the old man still alive, and at work. He went into the shop, and asked if he remembered him. "No," said the shoe-maker; "I don't know as ever I seen you afore."

A Man Who Never Told a Lie.

Yesterday afternoon an old oil man, with crude petroleum dripping from his clothes, and legs inclosed in high boots, entered the "Derrick" office and said: "Want an item?"

"What is it?" we inquired. "I've got the dumbest item you ever here tell on. I struck an ile well on my lease Monday, an' she flowed a stream of ile one hundred feet high straight up for half an hour. Then she kinder died down. One of my drillers was standing over the hole, when she suddenly spurted again, an' blast my eyes! if it didn't take that driller right up with it. The stream was a powerful one, you see, an' he went up a hundred feet. You've seen those little balls as dance about on top of those little spurting fountains, such as they have in the cities? Yes; waal, that's the way this thing acted, an' there's that air driller right up on top of that hundred fut column of crude ile, and he's dancing about like chaff in a fanning mill. What do you think of that un?"

"Why, we uns just put a plate of bash in this stream of ile, and it takes it up to him, you see. And it's mighty handy, as he finds his victuals already greased, an' he doesn't need any butter."

A SINGULAR PHENOMENON.—The Panama Star and Herald reports a curious phenomenon as having occurred at Aspinwall during the past month, and calls upon the scientific for an explanation. The beach, says that journal, is of coral formation, and extends from the light-house eastward along the northern shore of Manzanilla Island for a mile or more, and is open to the Caribbean. Upon the night in question, or rather on the morning following, this whole distance was covered with a deposit of a deep vivid indigo blue—something resembling a broad ribbon stretched along the limits of high tide, which there amounts to only about eighteen inches.

Beholders were startled by this very peculiar appearance, and it was at first thought that perhaps Old Neptune and the Tegan's indigo business might have had something to do with it; nor was curiosity allayed in the slightest when a closer examination revealed the ichthyological fact that this blue deposit consisted of millions of a flat, shapeless sort of jelly-fish, smaller than the hand, rounded in contour, with a slightly raised ridge running what would seem to be fore and aft over the back. Everybody looked and wondered, but the wisest—and there are some perfect Solomons in that city—could not make out what they were, or what such a singular and sudden phenomenon meant. The next day all the bright color had faded out, and the gelatinous deposit, although giving out a strong, unpleasant odor, dried up and soon disappeared.

The poverty of the Irish is not exaggerated, nor their good humor, nor their whimsical absurdity, nor their courage. There is perpetual kindness in the Irish cabin—butter-milk, potatoes—a stool is offered, or a stone is rolled that your honor may sit down, and be out of the smoke, and those who beg everywhere else seem desirous to exercise free hospitality in their own houses. Their natural disposition is turned to gaiety and happiness; while a Scotsman is thinking about the term-day, or, if easy on that subject, about hell in the next world—while an Englishman is making a little hell in the present, because his muffin is not well toasted—Pat's mind is always turned to fun and ridicule. They are terribly excitable, to be sure, and will murder you on slight suspicion, and find out next day that it was all a mistake, and that it was not yourself they meant to kill at all, at all.—Walter Scott.

A LONG JOURNEY.—A little girl, not five years of age, recently performed a journey of 4,500 miles alone. Six months ago she was left an orphan at Chicago by the death of her father and mother. Her only relation in the world is an aunt living in Stockport, England. This lady communicated with the United States Consul in Manchester, who wrote to Chicago and had arrangements made for sending the child to England. Maggie was equipped for the journey, and traveled a thousand miles to New York, under the care of a railway conductor. At New York she was received by strangers, who entertained her for some days, and then placed her on board the English steamship, under the care of captain and stewardess. She was landed safely on the arrival of the steamer at Liverpool, and given over to her aunt, having experienced nothing but kindness during the entire journey.

"Dodge the Big Ones."

Joseph Lane, United States Senator, Governor and Major-General, was one of the bright galaxy. Through the war with Mexico he rendered services second to none other. On his way from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico he met and totally routed Santa Anna's army. He had with him three thousand men. That was on October 9. On the 19th of the same month he attacked a strong force of the enemy at Atlixco, and captured the place; and here it was that he lost only one man, while of the Mexicans full five hundred were killed or seriously wounded. And so all through the war his course was brilliant and effective. He had entered the service as a private soldier from Indiana, resigning his seat in the State Senate for that purpose; but he was elected colonel of his regiment, and as two more regiments were formed in Indiana he was commissioned by President Polk a Brigadier-General before he left the State.

The anecdote we are to tell was of the battle of Buena Vista. He there had command of the left wing of Gen. Taylor's army, and opened the engagement by attacking the Mexican division of Gen. Ampudia. While his forces were forming into line they were somewhat annoyed by a battery of small guns which the Mexicans had stationed on a neighboring height, and which were blazing away furiously; but their pieces were badly aimed, and the shot flew wild, most of it passing high over our soldiers' heads. One of Lane's old Indiana regiments was at the front, and most exposed, and as the balls came whizzing through the air the men would involuntarily duck their heads. Gen. Lane noticed this, and in his loud, trumpet tones, he called out: "Indiana Regiment! No dodging!" Almost immediately afterwards came the boom of a new gun from the height—the boom of a roarer—and as a twenty-four pound solid shot came uncomfortably near to the general, he popped down his head very suddenly.

The men saw, and a smile and a titter ran along the double line of bronzed faces. With a grim smile upon his own face, turning again to his men, Gen. Lane thundered: "Indiana Regiment! You may dodge the big ones!"—N. Y. Ledger.

Swindlers.

The successful swindler is usually a man of good appearances and finished manners; his chief victims are hotel proprietors and boarding-house keepers, their occupation rendering them peculiarly liable to imposition. Not long since a man in New York, when finally caught in the act, openly boasted that for over two years he had lived at the finest up-town boarding houses and not paid one cent during that time for board; he was gentlemanly in appearance, well-dressed, in possession of fine conversational powers, and very popular among the ladies. His plan was to call at a first-class boarding-house, engage apartments, and before partaking of the first meal inform the landlady that "he could not get his baggage over the ferry that morning," "had not arrived at the express office yet," "was delayed on the road by an accident," etc., always framing some plausible excuse so as to gain a foothold, and in the interim making himself agreeable to all the ladies in the house, particularly the landlady and her daughters, if perchance she had any, being a good pianist, a good reader, a charming dancer, and with such "winning ways," that before she was hardly aware of the fact, he owed her a month's board, when he quietly stepped out, never to return. Swindlers of a meaner class are those who hang around large hotels for the chance of securing a meal. When they think no one is looking, they slip into the dining-room. Some of them can tell to a nicety at just what hour and minute they stand a better chance; as a matter of course where two or three hundred people are sitting down to a meal, it is a hard matter to discern one person who has not registered. Still another class are those who on stopping at a hotel have a fair show of baggage, but which in reality is worthless; this class has many devices, and generally succeeds in victimizing the landlord, even if he be not over-credulous. In fact, for ways that are dark, the hotel-swindler is very peculiar.

SMILES.—If people will only notice, they will be amazed to find how much a really enjoyable evening owes to smiles. But very few consider what an important symbol of fine intellect and fine feeling they are. Yet all smiles, after childhood, are things of education. Savages do not smile; coarse, brutal, cruel men may laugh, but they seldom smile. It is painful to reflect how seldom the poor smile. The effluence, the benediction, the radiance, which "fill the silence like a speech"—the smile of a full, appreciative heart. The face grows finer as it listens, and then breaks into sunshine instead of words, has a subtle, charming influence universally felt, though very seldom understood or acknowledged. Lord Bacon tells of a nobleman whom he knew; a man who gave lordly entertainments, but always suffered some sarcastic personality to "mar a good dinner," adding, "Discretion of speech is more than eloquence, and to speak agreeably to him with whom we deal is more than to speak in good words; for he that hath a satirical vein, making others afraid of his wit, hath need to be afraid of others' memory."

THE General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, at its late meeting in Sparta, Illinois, decided against permitting the use of musical instruments in public worship.

The Difference Between One and Two.

The English language is often a puzzle to foreigners, and sometimes drives even an American hotel keeper into a corner, as for instance in the following experience at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where a wealthy French guest came to complain at the office, and was there met by the gracious Griswold, who rose to explain.

"What for, sare, your garcon not present my demand?" "Your demand, Monsieur?" "Yes, sare, do I speak Inglis parfait, sare; do you comprehend me, sare?" "Certainly, your English is perfectly correct, my dear sir; what is it you desire?" "Vy, sare, you tell me I can have at my private table wis my friends whatever I desire to manger—pardon, to eat."

"Certainly," said Griswold, "anything, stewed doubtions and diamond sauce, if you wish." "Ah, you mean rice, boiled rice—certainly, all the rice you desire." "No, sare! It is not rice. Zat is what zat premier garcon—headwaitare, say. It is a bird I want, sare; I want him roast, not boil." "Roast grice—why, let me see," said Griswold, in a dilemma, not wishing to appear ignorant of his guest's meaning. "I don't believe there is a single grice in the market." "Ah, you mistake when you say single grice."

"Indeed?" "Yes, sare. Vat you call a leetle rat, a-a?" "Mouse," suggested the hotel proprietor. "Yes. Zen two of zem, vat you call two mice, eh?" "Quite correct," responded the host. "Zen if one is ze bird you call grouse, two is vat you call grice, eh?" "Why, not exactly," said the hotel man, struggling to keep countenance; "we say two grouse, just as we say two sheep or two deer; but for mouse, mice and—"

USELESS PEOPLE.—We see no special occasion for being very obsequious toward that race of beings, whether male or female, young or old, in high life or low life, whose earthly history is represented by the title of this article. They are simply idlers and wasters, so far as any practical utility is concerned. Manifestly they have come to the wrong world; and the sooner they leave it the sooner society will be relieved of a burdensome and expensive nuisance. Eating and drinking and sleeping constitute their chief employment. With their provender made sare, they are quite satisfied. Habits of industry they have not; and, moreover, it is no part of their plan to do anything that is of practical value for either world. Fortunately for themselves, breathing is spontaneous and animal nutrition goes forward by a self-impelling law. Were the fact otherwise, they would die for the want of breath, or speedily become ghastly skeletons. Such are your useless, good-for-nothing people. Their significance in really adding anything valuable to the world is less than that of an oyster.—Independent.

SADDLER OR TAILOR.—Sir Peter Laurie, a shrewd, sagacious Scotchman, was originally a saddler. By thrift, industry and foresight, he accumulated a large fortune. Subsequently he served as alderman, sheriff and lord mayor of London. But, not unlike men who have risen from a low position to eminence, he ignored his humble origin. Some years after he had been sheriff of London, a Mr. Nicoll, a tailor and clothier, was proposed for that office. Sir Peter was somewhat indignant, and publicly expressed the opinion that the election of a tailor would be a degradation of the office.

"I don't see the objection," said a brother Scotchman. "If a saddler can be sheriff, why not a tailor? Indeed, the tailor is the superior of the two. A saddler makes clothes for horses, but a tailor makes clothes for men." Mr. Nicoll was elected.

Floating Gossip.

Wilkie Collins has the gout. Jeff Davis is said to be penniless. Charley Ross was stolen three years ago July 1st. Charles O'Connor was born in New York, and began life as a newsboy. Modern marriages, says a contemporary, begin with a court and end with a court.

Dr. Tyng, the well-known clergyman of New York, is said to be worth half a million. The London Truth says that the custom of applying an artificial bloom to children's faces is on the increase. General W. W. Averill, the famous cavalry raider, resides in Washington, and is president of a paving company.

An Iowa paper gives a thrilling account of the efforts of a young man to take home a widow and three swarms of bees at the same time in a wagon. The Buffalo Express estimates that, "including hack hire and tolls," about \$300 will enable one to spend a couple of days at Niagara Falls this season.

The Chicago Times says that Mrs. Commodore Vanderbilt will marry a Virginia cousin of hers, who is a young widower, and whom the Commodore cut out. His holiness the other day said to Princess Thurn: "Among the innumerable gifts I have received, nobody has given me what I most wanted—two new legs."

Mrs. Burnett, author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's," is twenty-seven years old, and was born in Manchester, England, coming to this country at the age of sixteen. The dead bodies of the royal family of the Sandwich Islands are put in a strong pickle of alcohol, etc., before sepulture, to ensure their preservation for many years.

A tunnel through the Pyrenees will complete the railroad communication between France and Spain by January 1st, 1878. It will save twelve hours of diligence riding.

A Connecticut preacher says that a good congregation will praise the music, the choir, the ventilation and the civilities of the usher, but as to the sermon: "Well, I dunno." General Joseph E. Johnston is childless. In appearance he is much the same as during the war, except that his hair and beard have whitened and the furrows in his face are deeper.

The Duke of Edinburgh is said to be negotiating for the purchase of Oldway House Torbay, England—the splendid mansion erected by the late Mr. Singer of sewing machine fame.

Some amiable individuals in England have subscribed for the shipment of 2,000 plum puddings to the nearest attainable section of the Turkish army. The puddings were sent in hermetically-sealed cans.

There is hardly a crime which a man can commit that will more completely destroy the peace of home than the habit of being persistently dissatisfied with everything that is said and done by wife or children.

It seems to be a poor time for new-fangled pleas. Some time ago the promising device of "temporary delirium" as a legal excuse for violence and bad language was cut short at the very opening of its career in an interesting divorce case. Now a certain young Mr. Pettit, who took the liberty of shooting a lady friend not long ago, alleges that he did it because he was "possessed of a devil," and Judge Sutherland, instead of taking prompt measures to have the fiend exorcised, or looking upon authorities on complicated cases of "devils," sentences the young man to five years' imprisonment in the State Prison, though he must have known all the time that the young man's devil would refuse to go along, and the wrong person would be punished. This shows not only that Judge Sutherland is no judge of devils, but that he has no sympathy with one of the most popular of our national sports, which we take the shooting of unwilling young ladies by willing young gentlemen to be.—N. Y. Tribune.

CRUSHED AFFECTIONS.—How many suffer by unrequited affection! They are attached strongly to those who return them cold words, indifferent looks, and even avoid their presence. A word that might not otherwise be noticed, often sinks deeply in the heart of one whose life is bound up in another. Where an object is cherished, each motion is watched with solicitude, and a smile gives exquisite pleasure, while a frown sends a dagger to the heart. There is no greater sin than to crush those warm affections, gushing freely from a generous heart. It dries up the fountain of the soul—fades the smile on the cheek, and casts a shadow over every bright and glorious prospect. Draw near to the heart that loves you, return the favors received, and if you cannot love in return, be careful not to bruise or break it by a careless word, an unkind expression or an air of indifference.

He came back to his mother, looking very forlorn, with a big red swelling under his left eye, and four or five handfuls of torn shirt boiling over his breeches band. "Why, where on earth have you been?" she asked. "Me and Johnny's been playin'." He played he was a pirate and I played I was a duke. Then he put on airs, and I got mad, and—" "Yes, yes!" interrupted his mother, her eyes flashing, "and you didn't flinch!" "No, mother; but the pirate licked."—Exchange.

A DIFFICULT lock to pick—one from a bald-head.

Two of a trade seldom agree.

Our Wool Interests.

From Messrs. E. Grisar & Co's report for six months ending July 1st, 1877, we take the following:

The opening of this year had a most discouraging outlook for California wool growers; at home on the one hand they had every reason to dread a very scanty rain-fall, from which must result severe loss among their sheep, while on the other hand, to add to this, the Eastern markets were overstocked with fall wools, which could only be disposed of at prices lower than had ever been taken in late years. There was also an exceptionally large supply in this market. During the month of January the stock here was partially reduced by shipments on owners' account, and in February and March a demand sprung up, which had the effect of clearing off most of the wools; at the same time the supply in the Eastern markets went rapidly into consumption.

Contrary to general expectations, the market for spring wools opened at high rates compared with prices ruling the preceding year; and with an active demand, which has continued without cessation, the whole clip has nearly been marketed. To-day stocks are smaller than they have ever been at this season, and are small for any time of the year. Manufacturers up to the first of June were the chief support of the market, having taken an unusually large amount.

Spring wools, whose condition has been better than was expected, began to arrive in March, which was two or three weeks earlier than usual, and coming forward rapidly, there is now very little to place on the market. From the middle and southern counties the wool contained less grease than usual, but were generally unsightly on account of the large preponderance of dust. The staple has been strong, and the quality of every short wool less than was anticipated. Long stapled wools were better than last year, both in soundness of staple and shrinkage, as they were freer from tags, which were really excessive in last season's wool of this description. Northern wools have never been received in such excellent condition and of so good staple.

Opening prices were 18 to 20c. for average stapled free wools in good condition; 19 to 20c. for long stapled in fair condition; 18 to 18c. for long stapled fine wool containing burrs; 15 to 16c. for ordinary southern wools. For average stapled parcels in fair condition 15 to 17c. was paid. Northern wool opened at 25c., but rapidly advanced to 27 1/2c., they afterwards dropped to 26 to 26 1/2c., but have since recovered the decline; choice lots realized 28c., but have since brought 32c.

Southern wools were for a time neglected, and long stapled parcels were sold at 16 to 17c., but when a demand arose they advanced to 18 to 19c., and ordinary lots to 16 to 17. The market has been good; fine wools have been easily sought for, and low grades comparatively neglected; except at short intervals the demand has been constant and large.

Wools have come to market in good order, containing fewer tags and locks than for several years.

No decrease in the spring clip has to be noticed, so far, as the increase of lambs in 1876 has so far compensated for the deaths. The middle, and especially the southern counties, have suffered greatly from a drouth almost unparalleled in the history of the State, and as a result large numbers of sheep have been slaughtered or died from actual starvation. Of those remaining, many have been driven into the northern counties and neighboring States and Territories. The losses as yet do not appear, except in diminishing the product to the extent of the natural increase; but in the coming fall and spring there must be a great deficiency from the amount shorn during the past year or two. If next winter is favorable many flocks will probably return to the State, but several years must elapse before the clip can ever reach the proportion of 1876. This diminished production, however, we may reasonably expect to be partly compensated for in the improved quality of wool, owing to the death of the poorer conditioned sheep.

Oregon wools are arriving earlier than usual, and meeting with ready sale. The condition of receipts is decidedly superior to that of former years, especially of the eastern wools. They are finer and contain less alkali. Opening rates were 23 to 24c., and 28c. has since been paid. Very few valley wools have arrived; prices range from 28 to 32c. Arizona has sent forward better wools than formerly. They are longer, stronger and less eaten by alkali. By the extension of the railroad to the Colorado river, they can be brought here in marketable condition. Some good stapled clips have brought 18 to 19c.

Sailing vessels have carried more wool than usual. Early shipments were of fall wool. The state of the Eastern markets for this was such that buyers, preferring the arrival of their purchases delayed, took advantage of the low rate of freight by this route. The rate of freight overland having been raised April 1st from 2 to 2 1/2cts. currency, per lb., manufacturers thought it better to ship by rail at 1/2 and 3/4c., currency, per lb., and accordingly most of their purchases went by water. The reduction of overland freight to 2c. per lb. diverted some wools which would have otherwise gone by rail; but this route seems the favorite with manufacturers. Very little wool has gone by water for speculators' account.

During the season the experiment has been tried of selling wool at auction instead of at private sale. Four sales have been held, comprising offerings in all of about 5,000 bags. Part of the wools were

offered graded, and the balance in original packages. Buyers do not yet seem to like this system, and have preferred continuing to buy their wools as they have been accustomed.

The Sun in Flames.

Concerning the oft-mooted question whether the sun may not some day come in collision with a comet, Prof. Proctor says: "Supposing there really is, I will not say danger, but a possibility, that our sun may one day, through the arrival of some very large comet traveling directly toward him, share the fate of other suns whose outbursts have been described by astronomers, we might be destroyed unawares, or we might be made aware for several weeks of the approach of the destroying comet. Suppose, for example, the comet, which might arrive from any part of the heavens, came from out that part of the star depths which is occupied by the constellation Taurus; then, if the arrival were so timed that the comet, which might reach the sun at any time, fell upon him in May or June, we should know nothing of that comet's approach; for it would approach in that part of the heavens which was occupied by the sun, and his splendor would hide as with a veil the destroying enemy. On the other hand, if the comet, arriving from the same region of the heavens, so approached as to fall upon the sun in November or December, we should see it for several weeks. For it would then approach from the part of the heavens high above the southern horizon at midnight. Astronomers would be able in a few days after it was discovered to determine its path and predict its downfall upon the sun, precisely as Newton calculated the path of his comet and predicted its near approach to the sun. It would be known for weeks then that the event which Newton contemplated as likely to cause a tremendous outburst of solar heat, competent to destroy all life upon the surface of our earth, was about to take place; and, doubtless, the minds of many students of science would be exercised during that interval in determining whether Newton was right or wrong. For my own part, I have very little doubt that, though the change in the sun's condition in consequence of the direct downfall upon his surface of a very large comet would be but temporary, and in that sense slight, yet the effect upon the inhabitants of the earth would be by no means slight. I do not think that any students of science would remain, after the catastrophe, to record its effects.

"Fortunately, all that we have learned hitherto from the stars favors the belief that, while a catastrophe of this sort may be possible, it is exceedingly unlikely. We may estimate the probabilities precisely in the same way that an insurance company estimates the chance of a railway accident. Such a company considers the number of accidents which occur among a given number of railway journeys, and from the smallness of the number of accidents compared with the largeness of the number of journeys estimates the safety of railway traveling. Our sun is one among many millions of suns, any one of which (though all but a few thousands are actually invisible) would become visible to the naked eye, if exposed to the same conditions as have affected the suns in flames referred to above. Seeing, then, that during the last two thousand years or thereabouts only a few instances of the kind, certainly not so many as twenty, have been recorded, we may fairly consider the chance exceedingly small that during the next two thousand, or even the next twenty thousand years, our sun will be exposed to a catastrophe of the kind."

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—We call to mind one instance of "hazing"—a cruel amusement which is very popular in all colleges—which is as sweet and touching as such instances are generally revolting and disgraceful. It was noticed by some sophomore that two country boys had begun their housekeeping in a room on the ground floor of one of the college halls, with a miserable apology for a bed, no carpet, no table, and only two chairs, as the sum total of their outfit. It was learned also that they proposed to board themselves, and had only a few dollars for their food during the term. "On this hint they acted." On "Bloody Monday" night—the time on which the severest hazing of the freshmen is prosecuted by the sophomores—the poor, trembling youths were summoned by a "soph," who was not over courteous, to go to a room up-stairs. Up-stairs they went, pale and trembling, expecting to be dealt with without mercy. They were detained there an hour or so, not being molested, but only being quizzed by the circle of "sophas" in the room. Then they were dismissed to their own room. When they entered it, it was over a nice new carpet. There was a tasteful bedstead and appendances, a study table, chairs, a lamp, a book-case, a stove, and so forth, and in their closet they found provisions for several days. This was hazing to a blessed purpose. Let us hope that this instance of clemency may not stand forever alone.

OUR iron manufacturers are entertaining high hopes of the development of a large trade with Brazil. Pennsylvania manufacturers have shipped considerable quantities of rails to Don Pedro's empire this year, and have heavy contracts for more. A number of cars and locomotives have been contracted for in Wilmington. It has been demonstrated that American goods of this kind can be laid down in any South American port fully as cheaply as British or Belgian goods can.

A BOY in Salem, Mass., died last week from lockjaw resulting from the filling of a tooth.

Outwitting a Tyrant.

It was in the year 1848 that the leading citizens of the chief towns of the Lombardo-Venetian kingdom avowed openly their detestation of Austria, and they only awaited a favorable opportunity to throw off the yoke. At one of the theaters of Venice, on a certain evening, a magnificent bouquet was thrown upon the stage at the feet of a beautiful danseuse. It was a rare piece of workmanship, was the bouquet, and its three colors, of red, white, and green, were so arranged that the symbol of Italian independence could not be mistaken. The danseuse picked it up, and kissed it repeatedly, and pressed it rapturously to her bosom, while the vast audience applauded vociferously.

On the following morning the actress was summoned before the police authorities, and sharply questioned touching her absurd treatment of the bouquet which had been thrown to her on the previous evening. She tremblingly answered that she had only done as she always did when such beautiful tributes were given her.

"Very well," said the Austrian chief; "hereafter, when a bouquet is thrown to you thus publicly, you will trample upon it with your foot. Do you understand?"

She said she understood, and she was suffered to depart. She went to some of her friends and told them what had happened.

"Ah," said the artist, Antonio Luigi, "and you will trample upon it?"

"I must."

"Then I will see that you have the right kind. Be brave, pretty one, and we will win applause again. Wait."

That evening, when the favorite danseuse had acquitted herself grandly, a huge bouquet was thrown upon the stage. Mercy! what a bouquet it was! A broad field of strange flowers, the only colors yellow and black—the imperial standard of Austria! There could be no mistaking it.

"Bestiaccia!" (great ugly beast), said the actress, loud enough to be heard over the house. And then she jumped upon the yellow and black symbol, and trampled it heartily.

For a time it seemed as though the applause would shatter the building. The police saw, and took the hint, and did not venture to interfere further with the bouquets of the bold and favorite danseuse.—S. C., Jr., in N. Y. Ledger.

MANNERS AT TABLE.—As do the old so will the children do. If, when a child asks for a biscuit, it is picked up by the parent and handed around one at a time, or thrown to the child, there is no chance to reprove the child when it does the same to the parent. When a parent eats with a knife, and forgets to use the fork, the child is warranted in doing the same. A chatty, cheerful table is always to be desired, free from formal stiffness; but freedom is not rudeness, ease is not boorishness; good breeding will show its presence quicker at table than in the parlor or saloon. Let parents be careful to set the example, and the children will not be slow to do likewise.

This is the season when newly married couples make their appearance at the watering place hotels, languish on a four-dollar-a-day diet for one week precisely, and then go home to the realities of corn beef and cabbage for the balance of their natural lives.—N. Y. Commercial Advocate.

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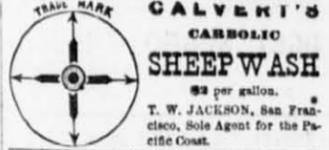
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An exchange very appropriately says, "the sad fate of the 200 souls who went down with the ill-fated Pacific ought to warn every one against embarking on any vessel not competent to carry them. The public, the press, inspectors of boilers and hulls, and all persons of influence should protest against the running of a poor class of boats on our ocean routes, especially where the lives of all passengers are endangered by the vicissitudes of the sea which often taxes the most staunch vessels to their utmost strength."

We may add that the laborer, if worthy of his hire, ought to receive it in all cases. It is a sure sign of an unhealthy state of affairs—one calculated to bring disaster and loss in business—when opposition brings prices down to starvation profits. It was opposition among the various railroad companies in the East that compelled them to reduce the wages of employees, thus bringing on the recent strikes with their bloodshed and wanton destruction of property, causing a depression in business that will be felt for months to come; it was opposition which caused the Pacific to be put on a route she was totally unfit for, causing such fearful loss of life; and opposition will again bring on the same route, not staunch, seaworthy boats, but old vessels which cannot be made to pay elsewhere.

THOSE POSTMASTERS.

The following speaks for itself: SWINOMISH, Aug. 9, 1877.

Dear Sir: You may recollect that I spoke, when you were here, of not getting one number of the ARGUS, the issue of July 27th. I asked for mail on Monday when we were at the office. Since that time two persons have been at the office; first Mr. McCormick called for the mail, and got an "Oregonian" for me. At that time there were in the office for me, a "Star" and an Argus, which I did not get until Thursday. Mr. White went down to-day and brought the mail. So you see my mail matter came in two lots. Now the ARGUS of July 27th has been in the office since Monday night; there is no chance to dispute that—and a very fair reason to believe that it has been in La Conner office all the time.

This is not the first time that I have been served that way. Newspapers are not much use to me if I have to wait for them till they are from one to two weeks old.

If there is anything in this that you can use, you are welcome to it. There is nothing in it that I will not swear to if necessary. I would not swear that the paper was in the office two weeks, but I BELIEVE it.

From Your Friend,
JAMES WILLIAMSON.

We insert the above for the purpose of reminding postmasters of the inconvenience so often experienced by patrons of newspapers. Since our connection with this paper, it has been mailed punctually to subscribers. Well knowing that there is no more fruitful source of perplexity to the reading public than irregularities in getting papers, we have taken extra care in this respect. We are pleased to know that there are persons in the country sufficiently jealous of their rights to complain when they are imposed upon. In the future let our readers remember that if any deficiencies occur, the fault is not ours—unless in very rare instances. But even this is not enough. They should let us know PROMPTLY, so that any carelessness may be traced to its source, and censure rest where it justly belongs. A very common method adopted, when papers are irregular, is to blame publishers. This is often extremely unjust, and has the effect of bringing undeserved prejudice against newspapers considered otherwise worthy, impairing their influence and decreasing their circulation. All we ask is for others to perform their duties and we will guarantee that ours shall not be left undone.

A newspaper which subscribers do not miss, and grumble about if it fail to come regularly, will not be injured by the carelessness of postmasters—or materially benefited by their punctuality. But such a journal we do not propose to issue, hence this appeal.

Port Gamble Items.

PORT GAMBLE, Aug. 9, 1877.

Ed. ARGUS:

The following is the list of arrivals and departures since last issue.

Aug. 11, bark David Hoadley, sailed for Francisco.

Aug. 13, bark Arkwright sailed for Vallego, Cal.

Aug. 15, bark Buena Vista arrived from Honolulu.

Aug. 15, The steamer Goliath has at last got to work, but on her first trip it was discovered that the boiler leaked very badly and the engineers have been busy for the last three or four days, stopping the leaks. It is thought that they will get her ready for work to-day.

The steamer Favorite is hauled out on the gridiron for repairs.

The old mill is shut down to clean boilers, and the new mill is running night and day.

Mr. W. C. Talbot and son, one of the owners of mills here, who have been here about a month, making a general inspection, take their departure to-night per steamer Yakima for Tacoma. They leave Portland Saturday on the steamer G. W. Elder.

A man by the name of L. W. Larson, came very near losing his arm on Tuesday night in some of the machinery of the mill. As it turned out he received a very bad flesh wound but no bones are fractured.

Alexander McPhee had the bad luck to get the end of his finger taken off by getting it caught under a piece of timber. Both of the above unfortunates are doing as well as can be expected.

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The following Washington dispatch, dated Aug. 10th, will afford but a limited conception of the destitution of the laboring class in the Eastern States: "The central council and committee of safety of the Labor League of this district presented resolutions to the commissioners of the District of Columbia, setting forth the utter destitution prevalent among white and colored working men of the district, the lawful and orderly manner in which they conducted themselves during the recent strike, and earnestly requesting the commissioners to raise the sum of \$2,500, and set \$2,000 men to work on public improvements. The league pledge themselves to use their influence with Congress when it assembles to pay the loan and deficiency with interest."

The following are the officers recently installed in Beacon Lodge, I. O. G. T., located at Dungeness, by Capt. E. H. McAlmond, Lodge Deputy; Hall Davis, W. C. T.; Miss Leora Cays, W. V. T.; H. Pilcher, W. F. S.; Mrs. Jane Cays, W. Treas.; Rev. J. B. Sharp, P. W. C. T.; Miss Hettie Cays, W. M.; W. C. Garfield, W. D. M.; Mrs. J. R. Sharp, W. C.; G. Blake, W. I. G.; Elfin Cays, W. O. G.; E. H. McAlmond filled the place of W. S. Mr. W. C. Garfield was recommended for appointment as L. D., and Mr. William Payne was elected as representative to the Grand Lodge.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The public school of this town was opened on Tuesday last, under the efficient management of Prof. Hall, of Seattle, as Principal, and Miss McConaha, of the same place, as Assistant. The attendance on the day of opening was about 60. At present the pupils number nearly 80. This seems rather like overtaxing two teachers; however, we look for good work within the next two months—the time for which Prof. Hall has been engaged.

A VERY interesting report from R. E. Ryan, Esq., Supt., of Public Schools for Jefferson County, has been received; and we regret to say must be laid over till next week, on account of a pressure of other matter requiring attention. We will give it entire next week.

It is hoped that the citizens of Port Townsend will spare no time or trouble in getting an efficient fire company to work. We have excellent material for the company, and the necessity of the case certainly justifies energetic action.

The Olympia "Courier" of Tuesday, says: The body of a man who fell off the wharf, the night of the 8th inst., has not been recovered. It is still thought that Mr. Trout was the unfortunate, as he has not been heard of since that day.

We must apologize for the scantiness of shipping news this week. Our usually faithful reporter wants a little indulgence.

The Port Gamble baseball club suffered defeat at the hands of the Seattle boys, last Saturday. Score 17 to 32.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, W. T.

Regular Meeting, Monday, Aug. 6, 1877.

Board met 1 P. M.—present O. F. Garrison, Geo. W. Harris and Wm. Bishop.

ROAD TO POINT WILSON.

The road viewers, appointed at last term, to change the route of said road, reported in favor of the same, and no objection being made or filed, the report of the viewers was twice read, and the new route of that portion of the road as shown by the return of the survey and plat on file, was declared a county road.

To-wit: Commencing on 1st street of Al. Pettygroves Addition to Port Townsend, at its intersection with F. street; thence along F. 420 feet to the southeast corner of block 1; thence northerly or right-angle along D. street 1,560 feet to 7th street; thence easterly 260 feet to C. street; thence northerly or right-angle until it strikes the county road. The old route vacated.

William Newton presented petition for license to keep a Bowling Alley in Port Townsend precinct. Petition granted and rate of license fixed at \$25 per annum.

The following bills were ordered paid viz.

James Seavey, auditor, for gr to July 31, 1877	\$ 94 70
J. A. Kuhn, Judge of Probate, for examination of John Britt, insane	10 00
M. S. Booth's bill for assessment books, and right to use Musser's coupon receipt	149 00
Coroner's inquest on Chas. Howard	40 15
Coroner's inquest on John Crowley	44 85
Territory of Washington vs. John Dalforce	11 85
Territory of Washington vs. John Doe	2 40
Territory of Washington vs. H. L. Sutton	24 35
Reward for arrest of H. L. Sutton	300 00
D. W. Smith, attorney, prosecuting H. L. Sutton before J. P.	50 00
Territory of Washington vs. Fred Pontiac	16 00
Territory of Washington vs. Jimmy Jack	5 00
Territory of Washington vs. John Farasy	5 00
Territory of Washington vs. Oscar Allen	8 65
Territory of Washington vs. Frank Paterson	6 15
Bills for viewing and surveying road from Port Discovery bay to lake Hooker	151 00
B. S. Miller's bill, sheriff fees and expenses of keeping prisoners, paying guard, etc.	614 06
B. S. Miller's bill for assessing county and taking census for 1877	386 00
Road from Port Discovery bay to Lake Hooker. Return of F. W. James, surveyor, and plat of the said road, together with the report of the viewers being twice read and no objections having been made or filed, the report was accepted and the road declared a county road, as per surveyors return and plot filed.	

Richard McDonell made application for a retail license to sell spirituous liquors in Port Townsend district, in the building on Union wharf. License granted. Rate of license, \$300 per annum. Bond \$1000 to keep house in a quiet, peaceable and orderly manner.

Board adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 A. M.

TUESDAY, Aug. 7, 1877.

Board met at A. M., as per adjournment of yesterday. Present as of yesterday.

Ordered that the following bills be paid:

T. T. Minor's bill for maintenance poor, gr. ending July 31, 1877	\$229 50
T. M. Hammond, bill for repairs of road in District No. 1, 1875 and '76	24 00

Ordered by the board that the following named persons be and the same are hereby selected as Grand and Petit Jurors, for September term of Court, 1877, viz:

GRAND JURORS.
Frank Dunlavy, C. E. P. Wood, Wm. A. McCurdy, Jas. Smith, Samuel S. Strange.

PETIT JURORS.
Thomas Butler, Edmund Wilson, Benj. S. Hoxey, S. Watertman, Geo. Stanthrop, Harry Thompson, Harry Tillman.

Ordered by the board that the proposal of Thomas T. Minor for main-

tenance of County poor for one year at \$1 each per day be accepted. Board adjourned to meet August 16th. JAMES SEAVEY, Clerk of Board.

LATEST FROM THE INDIAN WAR.

HELENA, Montana, Aug.—The following was received this morning: BIG HOLE, Montana, Aug. 9.—To Gov: Potts—Had a hard fight with Nez Percés, killing a number and losing a number of officers and men. We are near the mouth of Big Hole Pass with a large number of wounded in want of everything, food, clothing and medicines. We had a hard fight and took the village, but were finally driven back with heavy loss. Capt. Dogan and Lt. Bradley are killed. Gen. Gibbon and Lts. Coolidge, English and Woodruff are wounded, English seriously; the others slightly.

The messenger who arrived from the scene of the fight says he thinks one hundred Indians were killed and nearly half the command, including citizens, were killed or wounded. The command consisted of 17 officers, 133 regulars and 32 citizen volunteers. Estimated loss of Gibbons' command is about 100 killed and wounded. It was one of the hardest Indian fights on record and Gibbons' command made a most gallant and desperate fight against overwhelming numbers.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 12.—Gibbon's supply train and camp was not captured as at first reported. There was no fighting after the first days battle on the 9th. Gibbons' losses are: Killed—Capt. Logan, Lieuts. Bradley and Bostwick, 17 men and 5 citizens. The wounded—Gen. Gibbon, Capt. Williams, Lieuts. Coolidge, Woodruff and English, besides 36 men and 4 citizens. The Indians suffered severely, as 40 dead Indians were counted on about one-half of the battle field. Howard had arrived and would pursue the Indians as soon as his command arrived.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

HELENA, M. T., Aug. 14.—The following is just received from Bannack: Indians crossed at the head of Horse prairie to Lemhi, striking Stephenson's this morning, killing the Pierce brothers and others en route. They are evidently making their way to Snake River valley.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The "Times" London special says: There is intense dissatisfaction over the failure of parliament to secure pledges from the ministry as to the policy on the Eastern question. The war party is furious that is not announced and the peace policy is alarmed at the absence of a pledge against intervention. The latter fear that if the Russians gain a decisive victory, Disraeli may plunge England into war without the countenance of Parliament. Unless Russia gains an overwhelming victory the campaign will go over another year.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The "Tribune" London, special says. It is considered doubtful if Skipla pass will be held much longer by the Russian. At present the Russian army is penned in at Timova and deprived of liberty of action.

ATHENS, Aug. 13.—Eight thousand troops of reserves have joined the army; also 10,000 volunteers and Greeks from abroad.

The Russians succeeded in stopping the exodus from the Tcham, Tchira district, and drove the people back with great cruelty. It is reported that all the men who participated in the insurrection are sent to Sentaria, and their women and children given to the Cossacks.

The North Pacific has been laid up at Tacoma for repairs, and the Annie Stewart has taken her place connecting with the Isabel at this port.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Cosmopolitan.
John Dickinson, Victoria, R. Grant, Geo. Gooch and family, Capt. E. Ginzell, W. Ameron, Chas. Johnson, W. D. Denmore, J. M. Corby, J. F. Tukey, F. M. Evey, O. E. Hooker, J. H. Newitt, Port Discovery; James Franklin, Seattle, H. S. Maryott, Whidby Island; W. Melish, City; P. Neighu, Whidby Island; Frank Peterson, Seattle; J. M. Dillow, Victoria; John Harrington, Seattle; Thos. Crany, Utsalady; R. S. Wooley and wife, John Can, Tacoma; E. M. Bewson, Seattle; Capt. Norburg, Port Gamble; Bayve Bruer, Seabeck; C. T. Winkick, Useless Bay; Henry Landes and family, Neah Bay; John Whitefield, Victoria; R. C. Arlington, Victoria; Chas. C. Feebhimer, San Francisco; Alex. Sutton, Discovery, Roderick Grant, Discovery; J. Small, Seattle; Capt. A. Waite, Discovery.

Shipping Intelligence.

Port Townsend.

The following is a list of vessels entering and clearing to and from foreign ports ENTERED.

11th, Donald, Nanaimo
15th, City of Panama, Victoria
" Bk Buena Vista, Honolulu
" Isabel, Victoria
" ship Mathilde, Callao, Peru
CLEARED.
5th, sch Mary Parker, Nanaimo
" str Dakota, Victoria
" str Donald, Nanaimo
10th, bk Anita Delina, Valparaiso.

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LOCAL NEWS.

An accident occurred on Whidby Island a few days ago, which resulted in a serious smash-up of the new Self Binding Harvester, belonging to the Jenny Bros. It seems that the team became frightened from some cause or other, and ran away. The extent of damage to the machine we did not learn, but were told that it included the breaking of woodwork principally. This is quite unfortunate, both in pecuniary loss to the owners and the manufacturing firm, who, had the machine received a thorough test as was expected before the end of this year's harvest, might have sold several others in the county within the next year.

The advertisement of Cornish & Co., Washington N. J., which appears this week, merely indicates the fact that the said firm has pianos and organs for sale. From the extensive reputation of this house for first-class instruments, we do not hesitate to say by all means consider well before you purchase elsewhere. Unlike other companies they do not offer to sell the most costly instruments for the price of second or third rate goods. While their prices are reasonable, they do not pretend to accomplish anything impossible. People who want really valuable articles of any kind, do not desire or expect to get them for less than their worth.

REDUCTION OF FREIGHTS.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company contemplates a reduction of freights between San Francisco and New York by removing the cabins and staterooms of several of their old wooden sidewheel ships. Among these may be mentioned the Great Republic, 4,000 tons; Constitution, 3,500 tons; Montana, 3,300; China, 3,800 tons. It is thought that by running these ships with low steam, occupying a schedule time of thirty days from New York to San Francisco by way of Panama, the rates of the freights may be reduced down to the figures usually paid to sailing vessels.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS.—A very quiet change has taken place in town this week. The butcher shop formerly kept by Messrs. Chambers & Edmondson, has been closed—temporarily, it is thought—by a voluntary going into bankruptcy on the part of Mr. Edmondson, of the above named firm. This leaves our beef eaters the alternative of patronizing more extensively, for a time at least, the People's Market. Mr. Thos. Jackman will exert himself to meet all demands.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Lehman Blum, a very gentlemanly agent for the House of Jacobs, Bros., & Co., Portland, Ogn., called on us this week. The above named firm deals in clothing, furnishing goods, etc., and represents the Oregon City Woolen Mills. Mr. Blum has been traveling agent for the firm during the past three years, and informs us that he now proposes to take a rest—or rather adopt a change of programme—by locating in Portland and confining his labors to home work.

Our townsman Mr. Caleb Bill, who "strikes when the iron is hot," is manufacturing anchors, and his business in this line is growing rapidly. We wish him the patronage of all who need something to "make fast" to in this world.

As our increasing columns of reading matter continue to encroach upon advertising space, the contented look already habitual on the part of our readers continues to deepen and become more marked.

Is it possible for one to consider the deep mortification a sportsman experiences when he misses a sparrow "on the wing," and a by-stander brings it down with a potato? Such an occurrence did happen on Union Wharf.

Take a look at the contents of those full columns devoted to the interests of Messrs. Rothchild & Co., this week. A live, prosperous merchant and an extensive advertiser are synonymous terms.

SWIMMING IN OIL.—The officers of the U. S. Custom House, of this place seized, within the past few days, some 1,000 gallons of fish oil brought by Indians from Vancouver's Island.

The lumbering business is getting so dull on the Sound that it has been rumored that more than one saw-mill will soon suspend operations for a time to await a revival of trade.

Jas. Jones will receive by every steamer from San Francisco and up Sound all kinds of small fruit.

Oregon Items.

"Misfortunes never comes single." The Hillsboro brass band has been reorganized.

Astoria has a new steam fire engine, which the Astorian says is the best on Pacific Coast.

A Mrs. Howell, of Ashland, has woven during the past five years, 3,500 yards of carpet. What a bonanza for a man in the carpet business.

A dispatch to the Portland "Standard" from the Coos Bay "News," dated August 6th, says the "notorious Higby is in jail at Empire City, by authority of the United States." From this fact it will be seen that the fugitive's attempt to escape was unsuccessful. He will arrive in Portland in a few days, and be committed to the county jail to bear Styles company and to mitigate the pain of his imprisonment.

Jacobs Bros., & Co., Portland, Ogn.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the "ad" of Jacob Bros., & Co. The Oregon Clothing of which they make mention is conceded by all to be the cheapest and best. From what we have seen of their goods we are satisfied that their styles and make are fully equal to any Eastern goods. The Oregon City Woolen Mills received a gold medal at the Centennial Exhibition for the best Cassimers & Blankets on exhibition there. J. B. & Co., also keep in stock a large assortment of Eastern Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, etc., and we take pleasure in commending them to the patronage of merchants on Puget Sound.

ATTENTION, LADIES.—The S. F. "Chronicle" has the following: "California is usually prompt in duplicating innovations of whatever character originating at the East, and the latest requirement seems to have been now supplied. Miss Kate Lawrence, the California female pedestrian, has issued her card and announced her debut in public at an early date, with the undertaking of a prodigious feat of endurance. Miss Von Hiron, the famous Boston female pedestrian, has a record of a mile in thirteen minutes and eighteen seconds. Miss Lawrence claims to have made a mile in ten minutes, and 75 miles in 24 hours. It is not unlikely that the California favorite should fulfill expectations, a transcendent match may be arranged with Boston. In that event bets will no doubt be freely offered that Miss Lawrence will lop the backbone of the continent before Miss Von Hiron can strike Cheyenne. It is the intention of Miss Lawrence to travel East and throw down the gauntlet, or rather the slipper, after demonstrating her pedestrian powers in San Francisco. She will commence her first performance in public at Pacific Hall, on the 21st instant, wading 100 miles in 28 consecutive hours."

STEPHENSON HAYES.—A few days ago A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, spoke at Atlanta about the political situation as follows:

Light is breaking. Mr. Hayes is doing what Mr. Tilden never could have done. Had Tilden attempted what Hayes has accomplished we would have had another civil war. The revolution of sentiment in the north is something wonderful, and indicates a return to right principles. I think the inauguration of Mr. Hayes was equal, in the good it has effected, to the abdication of James H. of England, and I think that events since that time have conspired to produce great results and prevent great evils. In my opinion the people of the South outside of party should sustain and aid him in his policy of pacification. I told Mr. Hayes that he should cut loose from party and give the people good government and pacification, and seven-tenths of the people would sustain him. I advised him, moreover, not to have a hand in the speaker's election, but to appeal to the country on the strength of his own executive right doing.

There were forty families of emigrants camped near Boise City, on the 2d, en route for Washington Territory.

The card of Milton A. Howe, Esq., is still exposed to public gaze, as will be seen by reference to our columns.

Mr. Geo. Hansell has gone up the Sound for a limited "Swing around the circle."

Just received at Jas. Jones', a large stock of Meerscham Pipes.

Territorial Items.

People are now returning to the Palouse country, and new-comers are again pouring in. The scare is all over and harvest is under way.

The regular panel of the grand and petit juries at the court now in session in Steilacoom were discharged by the judge, on the ground of informal drawing, and new juries selected in their stead.

Mr. H. Wellington, member elect of the Legislature, from Stevens county, has sent in his resignation, and Gov. Ferry has issued a proclamation for a special election on the 6th of September to fill the vacancy.

The "Statesman" has full report of a field in Walla Walla Valley which gave 3,000 bushels of clean wheat from fifty acres. In some cases the yield goes up to 80 bushels to the acre.

The common council of Vancouver has passed an ordinance appropriating \$5,000 to fee counsel in future legal contests with the St. James Catholic Mission. A determined fight is to be made on the part of the city.

Coal charters are now down to \$3.25 a ton to vessels employed in the transportation from Washington Territory and British Columbia mines to San Francisco—a rate that would have been deemed starvingly low a year or two ago.

The Seattle Soap Factory, run by Messrs. Enoch & Hickson, is doing a good business. They manufacture a first-class article of soap, and are expecting material from San Francisco to manufacture all kinds of toilet soap.—"Dispatch."

Grasshoppers have invaded the Owyhee country and swept every thing before them in the shape of growing crops, with the exception of ripe grain. They devastated the Castle creek and Brunea country, and the farmers through there and vicinity will have nothing more to market this season.

The Fire Department of Olympia have taken steps toward the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine, and have appointed a committee to wait upon the Town Board, and petition them to levy a special tax to create a special fund, for the purchase of a Steam Fire Engine and such other apparatus as is absolutely necessary for the purpose of protection of property against fire.

It is reported that when the artillery and infantry under Col. Miller charged and drove the Indians, and an Indian who had been wounded in the leg was overtaken, that he threw up his hands and said he was "a good Indian; no kill soldiers; carry message." One of the men leveling his rifle, said: "Very well; take a message to the devil." The Indian started at once with the message.

The B. B. "Mail" says: "The official return, by the assessor, of the census of Whatcom county, shows a population of not quite 1,500. It was supposed there were some 2,000, as 511 votes were cast at the last fall election. But we have no doubt this return of our county assessor is about as correct as the average throughout the Territory. We venture to say that the aggregate number returned this year by the assessors of the several counties of this Territory will fall short of the actual number by five or ten thousand."

A new enterprise is to be started up on the Puyallup. Wood-working machinery is nearly ready and several millions of staves are ordered now. They propose to cut ten cords of cottonwood a day. This will make about 20,000 staves. Besides cutting staves, they are going to put in machinery to make excelsior for mattresses; also a turning lathe for turning broom-handles, table-legs, etc. They have three teams hauling bolts all the time, and already have several hundred cords of stock on the ground waiting for the steam box.

CLARKE COUNTY STATISTICS.—The assessment roll shows the total assessment of the County to be \$770,935, being an increase over last year of \$109,325. The total number of men liable to pay roll tax is 666; white males, 1,969; females, 1,675; colored males, (Indians) 33; colored females, (Indians) 31; males of foreign birth, 304; females of foreign birth, 170; blind, 2, idiotic, 2; families, 731; dwelling houses, 730; total number of inhabitants on the first day of March last, 3,708. This does not include the floating population, which, together with the immigration since the first of March, would make the amount something over 4,000.

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