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☞ The County Commissioners Court of this county, meets, according to adjournment, on Monday next.

ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES.

The election to fill the existing vacancies in the representation from this county in the ensuing Legislative session, occurs, as we suppose every body knows, on the day after tomorrow. Indisposition, and the very severe weather of the week has kept us within doors, where every one that could be, doubtless, were glad to be, and we have therefore not been able to get even an "inkling" of the popular mind in regard to who shall have the honor of "running" in the canvass.

We have no doubt, however, that on the day of election, the people will select good and suitable men to serve them, and as the time for employing them—the law-digesting, law-expounding, law-enacting, law-amending, law-repealing season is so near at hand we feel safe in the assertion that they will neither "slope" to California nor else where.

LUCKY MAN.—The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin, says that Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has realized some \$300,000 by the sale of his lands in Virginia to some English company.

☞ We are at a loss to make up for our deficiency of news this week—we have not been able to get an item of interest anywhere. Even our last batch of exchanges have already become "stale, flat and unprofitable." How we long for those steamers—for mail facilities—when we shall hear regularly every month from the great world—when we shall no longer be like the old woman who lived "up the alley," who expressed great astonishment upon being told of the death of the Redeemer and, to account for her ignorance of the fact, concluded, "that one might as well live out of the world as so far up an alley, for they never would hear any news."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Somebody sent us "The Irishman's Prayer," but, it is rather too coarse for publication, and seems destitute of point. We are reminded of the "Atheist," who, living according to his belief, would never allow himself to enjoy the consolation of prayer, was shipwrecked without hope of rescue, and, as he was about to sink finally, into "the bosom of the mighty deep," he fervently ejaculated—"O Lord, if there be any, save my soul, if I have any."

Some verses received, unfortunately, we can't make

out. Original poetry is a scarce article in the market just now—where is "Jaques?"

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

On the 5th of next month, that is "on the first Tuesday in December," the Legislature is to convene, according to law, to exercise its accustomed functions. It will be a session of considerable importance, for there are matters of general interest and consequence; full of "grave consideration," that will necessarily occupy much of the attention of the body.

Let there be a short session by all means—a great deal of business, however important, can be transacted as well, and if anything more satisfactorily with a commendable despatch, as by the slowest delay. In order to secure this, let there be a prompt attendance of the members, on the day of organization.

The names of the members, who have not G. T. C'd (gone to California) are as follows:

CHAMPOEG—Wm. J. Bailey, A. Gains, Wm. Porteus, one vacancy.

LINN—Anderson Cox, H. J. Peterson

BENTON—Two vacancies—perhaps but one.

POLK—Harrison Linville, two vacancies.

YAMHILL—William J. Martin, A. J. Hembre, Levi, A. Rice.

TUALATIN—Ralph Wilcox, Samuel R. Thurston, one vacancy.

CLACKAMAS—Geo. L. Curry, two vacancies.

VANCOUVER—A. Lee Louis.

CLATSOP—Thompson.

LEWIS—One vacancy.

THE WEATHER.—The weather for the past week, has been out of all reason and character. On Monday and Tuesday it blew "great guns"—in fact it blew itself completely out several times, and then rained countless feet of rain—"gewittaker" how it did blow and rain! As a consequence of all this, and singular as it may appear, the Willamette is running up faster than it run down. We shall have a stop put to that when the Legislature meets.

GOLD ON POWDER RIVER.—Every day increases the certainty of there being gold in the Powder river country. The first party who went in that direction, have been absent nearly sixty days. Time sufficient has elapsed for them to have explored well and returned, had their search been unsuccessful. Therefore we look with confidence to an early confirmation of our opinion, that there is gold, plenty of it, in that section of country.

MARINE.—The bark SABINE, Capt. Crosby, has left Portland, within the past week, for California, laden with provisions and lumber for the "gold-diggings." The Sabine, we believe is to be a regular trader between Oregon and California. She is a fine craft, and admirably adapted for the trade.

DIG, WASH AND SEARCH.—Not many weeks ago, on the bank of "Clear creek, four worthy citizens might have been seen, armed with a shovel, a wash basin, and two or three tin cups. Occasionally they would