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PROF. E. R. LAKE, botanist of the agricultural college at Corvallis and secretary of the State Horticultural society, went to Silverton Saturday, where he assisted in the formation of a county society.

We thoroughly believe in the great possibilities of the State Agricultural college at Corvallis. The work Prof. Lake is now doing is the kind we need in this part of the horticultural vineyard.

Highly important for the welfare of the people of the state, especially those residing outside of cities, is the matter of good roads in the state, and the movement inaugurated by the county judges and commissioners of Multnomah and Yamhill counties inviting a convention of commissioners from all the counties to meet in Portland on the second of January next, to prepare recommendations to the legislature, is very commendable, and there should be a large representation, that plans may be agreed upon and given to the law makers as guides for their action.

THE most bitter religious persecution ever heard of in modern times is now going on in Russia. The Czar has passed very severe anti-Semitic laws and seems to be personally determined to break down the Jewish race in Russia.

An exchange says: It is estimated that the newspapers of the country have spent a great deal more money in telegraph tolls since the Sioux Indian scare began than would have been required to have quartered every living member of that tribe at a first-class hotel for the entire winter.

THE GAZETTE wishes all of its readers a merry Christmas greeting, and may none who have followed the time honored custom of hanging up their stockings on Christmas eve to receive the gifts of old Santa Claus awake this Christmas morning to disappointment, but that Santa Claus will remember one and all, both old and young and gladden their hearts by filling their stockings to overflowing.

THE Columbus tower will be 500 feet higher than any other tower in the world. It will be completed in 1892, and will be 1500 feet high by 350 feet at the base, constructed of steel and iron and supported by sixteen great arched logs.

PENSION PAYMENTS.

There is a great deal of twaddle in the democratic newspapers about the "pension steal." Where does the money come from that pays the pensioners? From the importers who bring foreign goods into our markets. What becomes of the money? It is paid to poor men who fought and bled to save the Union, and every cent of it goes into the regular channels of business in this country.

FAILURE to secure a new charter at the present legislature will set Corvallis back two years more.

DEMOCRATIC organs are now sneering at Secretary Noble because of his efforts to correct the abuses of pension attorneys. Are they with the attorneys and against the pensioner?—Mercury.

It is estimated that Indian wars have cost the government \$700,000,000. The government has expended enough money on the red man and for his benefit, to make every Indian in the land the possessor of a good sized fortune had it been divided directly among them.

THE committee of the council having in charge the preparation of a new city charter should complete the work promptly. It is of vital importance that the bill pass the present legislature which meets soon and the bill should be ready for presentation early in the session.

A BISMARCK, N. D., merchant offers \$1000 for the hide of Sitting Bull with a view to using it to advertise his business. Should he succeed in his desire the novel advertising scheme would no doubt cause a "Bull Run" to his store which would make the investment quite profitable to him.

SENATOR MITCHELL'S giving homesteaders who have settled opposite unsurveyed lands the right to extend their holdings so as to give them 160 acres, which passed the senate last Monday is a good bill. There are several cases in this country where settlers on government land will be relieved and benefited by this bill.

It is now reported that Sitting Bull was murdered in cold blood. It makes little difference to the average American how the wily old chief met his fate. It is a source of gratification to the majority of our people that he has received his just dues for the many cold blooded murders and depredations that he is accountable for.

An exchange says: "People in the Dakotas who want to come to Oregon can't sell their land for one dollar per acre." At that price many of our farmers could buy a good sized farm in Dakota by saving and marketing the straw that is burned on the average Oregon farm in one season, to say nothing of the apples and fruit that is either allowed to rot on the ground or fed to their hogs.

It is now reported that the Mormons have come into possession of 2,000 acres of land in Mexico for the purpose of establishing a settlement for the polygamists and that a colony of ten thousand Mormons, under the leadership of Brigham Young's son will soon leave the United States for the purpose of settling on this land. Uncle Sam's loyal subjects would have no objections if the remaining Mormons of this country would follow in the wake of their leader.

An eastern exchange says: "The mild winter has been postponed on account of the weather." Undoubtedly it has been in the east from the reports of storms and blizzards from every section. The writer of the above should come to the Willamette valley where the roses bloom the year round.

IN 1872 the price of body-brussels carpet per yard was \$2. It has been advertised for sale this season as low as 75 cents. This is because, under the policy of protection, the United States has become the leading carpet manufacturing country in the world.

WHAT is the matter with the Corvallis Board of Trade that there is not a larger attendance at its meeting? There is a large amount of important work for that body to do, and every member who is interested in the welfare of Corvallis should attend the meetings.

CHRISTMAS is the oldest holiday now observed by all Christian nations. The custom of returning thanks to God and of giving on this day originated from the desire to commemorate the event of the Lord making to the world the great gift of his son Jesus Christ 1890 years ago.

A Georgia editor in resigning a country postoffice writes:—"The receipts for the last month have been \$6.40, the rent \$4 and the clerk hire \$10. Being a democrat we can no longer give our consent to hold office under a republican administration, hence I resign."

DUBOIS, Shoup and McCounell secured the senatorial honors of Idaho. Dubois was elected to the long term while the two latter will have to draw straws at Washington for the short term.

ACCORDING to the new apportionment bill which passed the house on December 18, twenty-four more representatives will be entitled to seats in the house, than before the bill passed.

The legislature of South Carolina cannot be charged with any special trend towards republicanism, as there are about 100 ex-Confederate soldiers in both Houses.

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How is the new city charter progressing.

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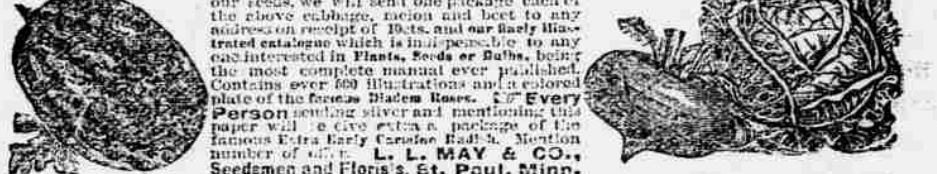
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