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WHY NOT OREGON?

A new industry has sprung up in South Carolina which bids fair to become a source of wealth to the locality where it has been established. We refer to fiber made from pine needles, a brief mention of which was given in these columns not long ago. It is called a new thing, and so it is in this country, although, as a matter of fact, samples of a soft fabric resembling flannel, made from pine needles in Germany, were exhibited in the museum of the Department of Agriculture a dozen years ago. In the present manufacture the needles of the long leaved pine (the tree producing turpentine) are employed, although the white and pitch pine "straw" is equally available. Its largest use will be in the manufacture of bagging for covering cotton bales, and will therefore come into direct competition with jute. It can also be made into carpets, matting and perhaps finer fabrics, and the fiber in its unmanufactured state is declared by physicians to be a most valuable agent in the treatment of simple and compound fracture, surgical dressing after operations and suppuration of wounds, its aromatic odor driving away flies, preventing maggots, etc.

The needles are gathered green and sold to the company at fifteen cents per hundred pounds. The first process is to thoroughly steam the pine leaves, the vapor going through pipes into a distillery worm, where it is condensed, the result being an oil, 100 pounds of leaves yielding about half a gallon. The oil is very valuable, and is usually for internal and external application for many medicinal purposes.

After the oil had been extracted the pine straw, which has now become a beautiful black in color, is placed in six large iron vats, seven feet wide, eight feet long and five feet deep, and with a capacity for holding 3,000 or 4,000 pounds each. It is here mixed with water and alkali and thoroughly boiled, the process being necessary to remove the silica which forms the outside covering of the leaf. This is a very difficult operation, requiring great skill and care. The silica which is removed is useful for tanning and other purposes. During all this process of cooking the pine leaf retains its aroma. The last boiling process continues for twelve hours, after which the straw is soaked for forty-eight hours more, and it is then ready for the machinery for cutting up the leaves.

The next machine, called the "rubber," turns out the pure fiber of a rich brown color and of a soft texture. It is then wrung dry, bleached, carded, again dried to complete evaporation of all moisture, and is ready to bale for market. Unfortunately the mill at Wilmington has been burned recently but the manufacturers state that it will be rebuilt at once. For the above facts we are indebted to the Acme Manufacturing Company, the quotation having been taken from the Charleston News Courier.

One of the discoveries recently made in Central Africa is a village of houses built along a street and having gabled roofs. The inhabitants are of a superior order of intelligence, keep good order in the village and sleep on beds raised above the ground.

VIENNA scientific societies have been investigating the wonderful "weather plant" discovered some months ago, and it is said that its weather-forecasting properties have been thoroughly verified.

THE growth of this country is phenomenal in its extent, and there is little doubt in the minds of the statisticians and those who have observed closely the growth of this country since the census of 1880 that the returns of 1890 will show a population of over 70,000,000. This estimate is arrived at by logic, and by use of a little arithmetical reasoning. In 1880 the population was 50,155,782. Of this total 43,475,840 were natives of the United States, and 6,679,942 were foreign born. The entire increase, native and foreign, for the decade, was about 30 per cent. The same rate of increase for the decade ending 1890 will show an increase of 15,046,639 persons. The nation is growing at a wonderful pace, and 1890 is likely to see the population numbered 100,000,000—a population greater than that of any civilized power on the face of earth, in which category Russia, of course, is not included. She has 105,000,000 now, but there is no hope of her being in a condition, even in 1900, to be classed as a civilized country.

ONE of the New York papers had a startling head:

"REVOLT IN THE G. A. R."

This was followed by three columns of dispatches from the principal points in the country. But instead of these confirming the revolt, every one, with three exceptions, said there was no such thing; that the utmost harmony and good will prevailed in the Order. No one was thinking of starting a schism, but, on the contrary, was decidedly hostile to any such a thing. The exceptions were Gen. John M. Palmer, who is disgruntled by his defeat for Governor of Illinois; Gen. H. W. Slocum, who is still sore over his failure to be elected Commander-in-Chief, and George W. Koontz, of Indianapolis, who wants to get a little reputation in the papers as the leader of a faction in the Order. This was all the "revolt" that the most assiduous efforts of the papers could develop.

THE seclusion of women in Corea is remarkable. Those of the lower classes wear a green mantle over their faces, and at the sight of a stranger dart into the nearest house. In 1887, when the Duke of Genoa was off the coast with an Italian man-of-war, after vain attempts to open communication with the authorities on the shore, an official came off to remonstrate against the indecency of the Europeans in bathing and fishing, which had for some days prevented the villagers from leaving their homes.

PROF. ELISHA GRAY has procured a patent for a new long-distance telegraphic transmitter, giving the message in the handwriting of the sender.

ALL the chatter about "partisanship in the G. A. R." comes from men outside of the Order. Those inside know how free it is from such an imputation.

A VIENNA man has left by will the sum of 80,000 florins to a young woman who habitually nodded to him when she met him.

FRANCIS MURPHY says that of the 14,000,000 people who have signed the pledge for him, 85 per cent. have kept it.

One good thing that raises our opinion of Gen. Harrison still higher is that when in the Senate he favored the admission of the "State of Dakota"—meaning that portion south of the 46th parallel—the remainder to be called the "Territory of Lincoln." Now that the people of Dakota are sure of receiving their long-deferred right of admission into sisterhood of States, we hope that they will not insist upon inflicting on the people the stupidity of "North" and "South" Dakota. Let them call one of these States Dakota and the other some euphonious and appropriate Indian name. The country is terribly weary of these "North's," "South's," "East's," "West's," "New's," and "Old's," on our map, and want no more of them.

Teaching physiology and hygiene in the public schools, regardless of age, is not without results. For instance, after the daily lesson in physiology, recently, an urchin was requested to write a composition on what he had learned. He produced the subjoined: "The human body is made up of the head, thorax, and abdomen. The head contains the brain, when there is any. The thorax contains the heart and lungs. The abdomen contains the bowels, which there are five, A, E, I, O, U, and sometimes W and Y."

Salem is progressing as well as Oregon and the valley.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

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There will be a great immigration to Oregon next year.

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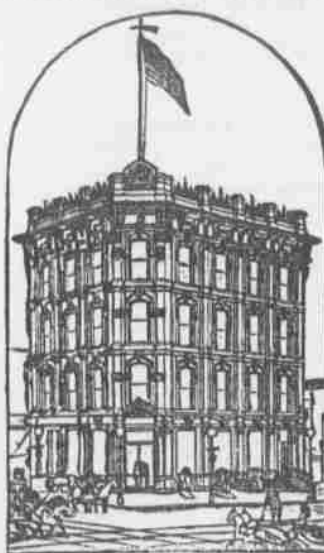
A Prolonged and Bitter Wrangle in Prospect Among the Faithful.

Speculation is rife now among the faithful of the Mormon church as to who will be the successor of the late President Taylor. A prolonged and bitter wrangle is quite probable. Joseph F. Smith would like to be the next ruler, as also George Q. Cannon. Both of these men are influential and have a considerable following. Wilford Woodruff, the president of the Twelve Apostles, is as an aspirant for the place. He stands where both Brigham Young and Joseph Taylor stood when they assumed the presidency. Both Smith and Cannon have a strong following among the younger element. Cannon would make an active, aggressive leader. When the clique with which the late president was identified, and which is the most influential within the church, would favor his candidacy, is hard to say. John Taylor, as president, was pretty well the church and whose actions were guided by the wishes of his circle. Cannon's ambitious spirit would very likely lead him to further his own interests more than those of the church, and as he would not likely be an avowed candidate in the eyes of the clique. Who may be chosen, but in any event if the scheming clique cannot secure the election of one of their number, they will prefer to throw their power in favor of one whom they believe can be made amenable to their wishes rather than unite on an active leader.

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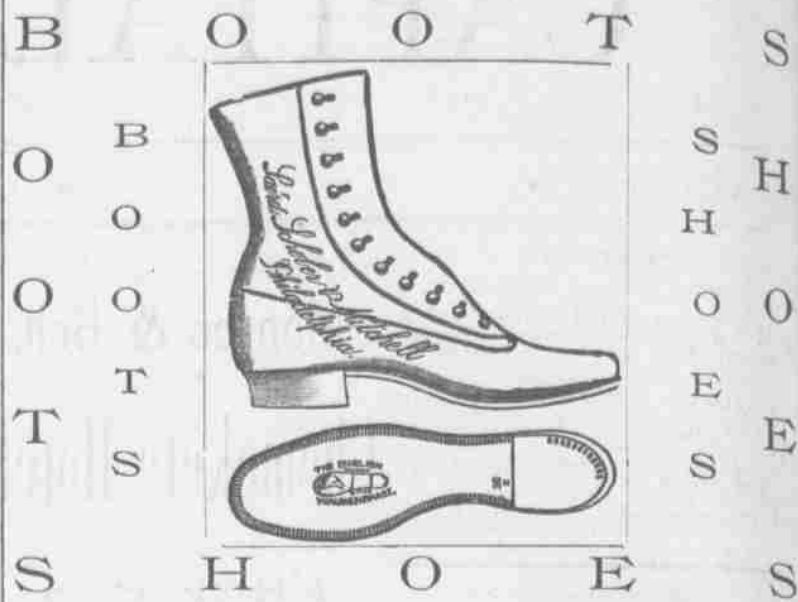
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