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Already ten or twelve horses are in training and several others belonging to this neighborhood will be put on the track after the first of the coming month.
The Times-Mountaineer still bewails the fatality of a city that preferred the water of a mill pond 20 miles from The Dalles in the heart of the Cascades, run from thence in a new (not old) V flume so as to secure its absolute purity, to the water of the Columbia that is now, and will continue to be for the next three months as red as a back yard cess pool.
The CHRONICLE has stopped buying concentrated lime to wash its type with. It just drops a copy of the Times-Mountaineer in the jar and the lime is so strong as to need considerable reducing before being fit for use.
The above paragraph has appeared in many of our exchanges. We may not understand it, but we rise to say that it has been both the law and the custom for years for assessors to commence their term of office on the first day of March next following their election. Every assessor now in office in the state commenced the term for which he was elected last June on the first day of this month. Where then does the "nearly a year added" come in? Will somebody rise and explain? There is surely a blunder somewhere.
From a syndicate article on "Lazy Senators" that appeared last week in many eastern papers, the following regarding one of Oregon's representatives in the "upper house" is taken. Senator Mitchell is a very hard working man. He seldom listens to the debates, but reads them all as a means of saving time. He sits next to Senator Plumb and furnishes a marked contrast to him. Plumb is a politician, busy all the time with the Senator Mitchell sits quietly boning in, always reading or writing when at his desk. I have never seen Senator Mitchell in a sitting attitude at his desk and he never stops, as many do, to chat with other senators. He appears to settle all questions for himself, and to live upon hard work.
Her Verse of Scripture.
At one of the teachers institutes held a few days ago in Maine a rule was in force that whoever entered the morning session late should pause at the door and recite a passage of scripture, a quotation from some poet, or other expression of an idea for the edification of those present at the session. There was present at the session a plain little old maid "unusually blessed." I believe they call them now, who was continually saying and doing inappropriate things. It seemed to come natural to her. She was late one morning, and she said "unusually blessed," and electrified those within by remarking saucily: "I love those that love me, and those