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RAIN MAKING IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

The farmers in South Dakota held a mass meeting lately at which all the counties in the Black Hills district were represented. The meeting was called to make arrangements with rain-maker Melbourne for the supply of a specified amount of artificial rain.

We have it from a perfectly reliable source that only a few days ago an agent of the Union Pacific visited Goldendale to work that town in the interest of his company by offering inducements to the merchants to ship their goods to Grants instead of to Rockland by the new navigation company.

The wool statistics of the year ending Dec. 31st are full of interest and instruction. The increased rate of duty on new wool has not diminished importations.

The Eugene Guard says: "The passage of the McKinley tariff bill is followed by the lowest price of cotton ever known, being below the cost of production, and in consequence, business is in a very depressed condition in the cotton states."

Some time ago, a London paper offered a 2-guinea prize for the best definition of a kiss. Among the 7,000 answers received were the following: "A report at head-quarters." "Contraction of the mouth due to enlargement of the heart."

Notwithstanding Maine's restrictive prohibitory laws her official liquor seller has managed, within the short space of eight months to dispose of \$7,164.65 worth of liquors for "purely medicinal and mechanical purposes."

The Portland Dispatch says \$40,000 has been offered in good faith for the Evening Telegram, and refused.

FASHION NOTES.

The fashion editor of this family journal would remind its million (more or less) lady readers that in order to be on the very crest of the top wave of fashion it is not absolutely necessary, when attending a religious or secular entertainment, for a lady to wear a hat as big as the cover of a family shay.

The Astoria and South Coast railway, sixteen miles of standard gauge road, with the right of way over all the land traversed by it, and for fifty feet on each side, and all the rolling stock, equipments, and superstructure, rails, bridges and the whole business generally, was sold by the sheriff last Thursday.

The People, a paper published in the town of Wexford, Ireland, in its issue of February 3rd inst., prints the following advertisement: "Wanted a good mason and plasterer. Wages, one pound per week and accommodation. Apply to the steward, Johnstown Castle."

The Detroit Free Press says the New York Sun vows that Cleveland and his party are using a stuffed club to smite the national democracy.

Moro Observer. R. Booten, of Grass Valley, has traded his cattle to Gilman, French & Co., a firm of stockmen in Gilman county, receiving in exchange horses for which he allowed \$50 per head.

Salem has organized a base ball club. Capital stock of \$10,000 in shares of \$50 each.

Digging for Buried Treasure. A tradition exists about Englebar, Ind., that the Wyandottes buried treasures of gold and silver which they stole from the early missionaries and other parties in that neighborhood, and occasionally the treasure hunters become a plague.

BOOTLESS PATCHWORK.

About half of the county assessors of the state met in convention last week and passed a set of resolutions favoring the fixing of a uniform time—the noon hour of the first Monday in March of each year—for making assessments; the completion of the listing of all property within ninety days from that date; no deduction for indebtedness and no assessment of credits; the enforcement of a lien on the property assessed for the taxes levied and the repeal of the law that fixes the school and university tax at five mills and the substitution therefor of a law that shall authorize the state authorities to make the tax levy, for the estimated expenses of the government of the state in the same manner as is done by the county court for county purposes.

An exchange says that a man in his town lately shot off his foot. That's nothing. We have a man in The Dalles who lately shot off his mouth.

Democratic State Convention.

A democratic state convention will be held in the city of Portland, Or., April 19, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination two candidates for congress, one supreme judge, one candidate in each judicial district for circuit judge and prosecuting attorney, to be voted for at the coming June election, and such other business as may properly come before said convention.

It is recommended, unless otherwise ordered by the local committees, that the primaries in the various counties be held on Saturday, the 9th day of April, and the county conventions on Thursday, April 14, 1892.

Call for a Republican State Convention.

A republican convention for the state of Oregon, is called to meet in the city of Portland on Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of Supreme Judge, two congressmen, presidential electors, members of the state board of equalization, and other district officers, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

Table listing names and counties for the Republican State Convention, including Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Wheeler, Yamhill, and Total.

The same being one delegate at large from each county, and one delegate for every 200 votes, and one for every fraction over one-half thereof, cast for Congressman at the June election in 1890.

The committee recommended that the Primaries be held on Saturday, March 19, "and the County Convention on Saturday, March 26," unless otherwise ordered by the proper County Committees.

Saved from Death by Onions. There has no doubt been more lives of children saved from death in croup or whooping cough by the use of onions than any other known remedy, our mothers used to make poultices of them, or a syrup, which was always effectual in breaking up a cough or cold.

French Cookery Terms.

With the best of Anglo-Saxon intentions it is sometimes a little difficult to avoid the use of French terms in cookery or a bill of fare. Here are some that one encounters constantly: Revele is no dish in particular so far as the style of preparation is concerned, but answers to the word "remove," and consists of a dish replacing another, a doubling, so to speak, of the same course before going on to the next.

The term hors d'œuvre is the most difficult to particularize. When cold it comprises all side dishes which are really accessories to the meal. As such they can be and are eaten indifferently either before or after the soup; they are always placed on the table when it is being laid, and are often left there until the entrees have been served.

Hot hors d'œuvre are almost unlimited; they are very acceptable at large dinners, and are generally served immediately after the soup and before the fish; they are often fried or baked, and are then usually such things as can be dished on a napkin, such as patties, rissoles, croquettes, vol-au-vent, etc.; obviously, however, the series can be very much extended. At ordinary family dinners they are often served as and instead of an entree.—Providence Journal.

The Boy Who Discovered the "Saw By."

A few years ago a green country boy applied to the superintendent of a western railway for work, and, somewhat against the superintendent's wish, on account of the danger to life and limb attendant upon such occupation, was given a place as brakeman of a freight train.

The idea excited a good deal of laughter on the part of the old trainmen, but the boy stood his ground.

The boy took up a stick and traced in the sand a diagram to illustrate his plan. "Good gracious!" said the conductor, "I believe that will do it!"

An Expensive Idiocy. I happened to be in a Broadway optician's store and saw a good looking, well dressed matron with a slip of a girl and a small boy, all of whom wore spectacles.

"Rarely," said he. "That lady has four children, and all of them must wear glasses. The father's eyes are sound. The mother and her children are afflicted with astigmatism, a defect of the vision which is almost as rare as anything that afflicts the human eyes.

The Shark is a Slow Swimmer. One ill service nature has done the shark, namely, that of placing a triangular fin on his back which acts as a danger signal and gives warning of his approach. Happily, the shark has not been gifted with sufficient sagacity to be aware of this peculiarity, for had he been so he would unquestionably abandon his habit of swimming close to the surface of the water, and would, in that case, be enabled to approach his victim unobserved.

Benzie Cleans Fur. Nothing cleans soiled fur better than benzine. Actresses immerse their wigs in baths of this liquid with most excellent results. Buy the fluid at a paint store, where ten cents will fill a quart bottle, rather than at the druggist's, where the same amount will cost a quarter. Wash the fur until the benzine remains clear; the first two or three rounds will show fairly black. Be careful not to throw the fluid into any receptacle where by any chance a lighted match may follow.—New York Times.

A Crisis in Spain.

Queen of Spain—Moi gracia! The baby king has the stomach ache. Lord Chamberlain (excitedly)—Woo-o! Call the secretary of the interior.—Good News.

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