

The Weekly Chronicle.

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FOREST AND FLOOD.

The conditions prevailing especially along the eastern slope of the Cascades are not understood by the advocates of forest protection, and in consequence their arguments are without force.

The principal objection made to pasturing the reserves is that it would destroy the undergrowth which now retards the flow of water from the melting snows, and would consequently cause disastrous floods.

Now again, the only place where the Columbia flood can do any damage is below the mouth of the Deschutes. Let us see, if we can, what effect the Deschutes flood would have on the Columbia.

So all arguments concerning the destruction of the undergrowth on the eastern slope of the Cascades, causing flood conditions, become absurd.

The county commissioners of Klickitat county have quarantined Wasco, Sherman and Gilham county sheep so effectually that none will be driven into the county this year, either to pasture or for any other purpose.

pasturing of sheep in the county, since that is the real purpose of their action, and at the same time a way left open for driving flocks across the county.

DANCING AND THE DEVIL.

A correspondent of the Times-Mountaineer misusing the name of "Consistency," enters his protest against starting a dancing school in this city.

Now this fellow's intentions may be good; he may not mean to do any harm, yet at the same time, experience, general observation and common sense, all teach us that the so-called "art" of dancing is but an invention of the devil, calculated to lure our noble young men and women on to lives of disgrace and disrepute.

We would suggest to "Consistency" that the term "fellow" is neither polite nor even moderately sarcastic, and its use shows a mental vacuity where ideas may not find abiding place.

Dancing is like a great many other amusements, it can be made harmless, although itself, under proper conditions, harmless. We can remember the time, and we are no antediluvian either, when the fiddle was the invention of the devil, and when that same gentleman of the bifurcated foot and sinuous caudal appendage was the especial guardian of all theaters.

The Japs are on their dignity, and the Japanese press insists on the government taking a firm stand with the United States and Hawaii. That is just what we hope the Japanese government will do, and we are pleased to note that two of her warships are to be sent to Hawaiian waters.

The Pearl of the Pacific can never belong to anyone except the Hawaiians or the United States.

Greece moves steadily on pursuing the even tenor of her way, and seems determined to accomplish her object of securing Crete, even at the risk of setting all Europe by the ears.

this, we on this side of the Atlantic will try and seek more congenial friendships among the heathen across the Pacific. A Chinaman would not fight his own people because they were of the same religious belief as himself.

JUST AS HE IS.

Mr. James Hamilton Lewis, the new member from Washington, was out in a new spring suit yesterday—a creation of lovely brown, with a Prince Albert coat that reached to his heels, with trousers that had the latest bell bottoms, and with spats and other accessories to match.

But there is to be no mistake made about Mr. James Hamilton Lewis. In the language of a western man, he would assay 95 per cent fine. That means that Mr. Lewis is pretty near the pure stuff. He went out to the state of Washington from Georgia and began working as a stevedor for 75 cents a day.

It is said that ex-President Cleveland is to write his "reminiscences" for a New York magazine. With all due modesty, we suggest to his late excellency that the work is one of supererogation.

The Corvallis Times, commenting on the action of the governor and state treasurer in demanding the payment of the state taxes by the counties, expresses wonder at their doing so.

Some of our exchanges continue to thresh the old straw of the tariff question. In the meanwhile congress is pushing the Dingley bill, and it will soon become a law.

The appointment of an Indiana man as collector of customs for Alaska causes Oregon people a gossamer sensation around the heart, lest our own, only, Max Pracht of Peachblow Paradise be left with us.

for distance lends enchantment to the view. If he can't be appointed governor of Alaska, let us hope that he may at least be appointed to some position in Madagascar.

The Grant monument is soon to be dedicated. New York City begged for the corpse of the great American that it might raise a monument over it; but in a month the matter was forgotten, and much of the money was furnished by the country at large.

The president has appointed the commissioners to the international monetary conference. As the demand has been made largely by those believing in the free coinage of silver, he has very wisely selected two of the three members from the ranks of that class.

Today's Oregonian contains a lot of mining news from Baker City that speaks well for that prosperous camp. Every little district is starting up its mills and mines, and the reports coming in from each, show that the season is to be one of unexampled prosperity.

Afflicted Families.

The two families of Mr. Jos. Kiser and Mr. McChristian of the Arkansas colony have been having a serious time with measles for the past two weeks. A late arrival from Arkansas contracted the disease while en route and broke out with it soon after arriving here.

A Poem of Victory.

The Champions won by a score of 8 to 16, and the Champions did not take their last inning, which, of course, would have resulted in the Champions score running up to 26, provided the worthy manager, Mr. Friz, had remained in the box.

Fatal Accident.

On the 1st inst. the wife of County Surveyor Wetherell started a fire in the heating stove. She then left the house for a few minutes, leaving the doors ajar and her little son playing on the floor.

she heard the child scream, and looking toward the house she was horrified to see the little fellow running toward her enveloped in the flames of his burning garments.

Arbor Day at Enderby.

EDERSBY, April 9, 1897. The following was the program for the Arbor Day exercises at Enderby school house:

Song—"America"..... Cora Wingfield Recitation—"Arbor Day"..... Willie Dickson Song..... By the School Recitation..... Edna Herriman

The pupils brought several plum, apple and poplar trees, and also some lilac and rose bushes, which were planted on the school grounds.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that by order of the county court, the sheriff will return the tax roll for 1896 to the county clerk on the first Monday in April, 1897, and all taxes then remaining unpaid on the roll will be declared delinquent, and thereafter the sheriff will not receive taxes until the delinquent roll is given him.

The merchant who tells you he has something else as good as Hoe Cake soap is a good man—to keep away from. a2-3m

THE SIGNS OF SPRING.

On pass the years in wayward course, And many the happy hours they bring. With them are friendship, love and flowers, That come with sweet and joyous spring.

No wonder then school students seemed quite quamsih, And of a damsel fair each thought himself possessor; But ah! alas! how soon the poor delusion vanished.

The beautiful spring is here again, With April showers between the sunny hours; The time when Nature robes in beauty; when The lovers cool in deep sequestered bowers.

As there they sit in love enraptured, Comes winged Cupid and deftly shoots his arrow; A question asked, a question answered; A glance given back that bears no blight of sorrow.

The song bird sings in the trees above, And on their each doth cast his blessing, A share so large each claims of love, They seem the whole world to be possessing.

And now they promise on life's sea to row; Each cheerfully to help the other, He with a steady hand will wield the oar, While she with pride will man the rudder.

And now, we hope he bears the trials of life, And ever to eyes that never roam, While she with pride will man the rudder, By steering past each troublous shoal.

Mr. J. F. Knapp, representing the San Francisco Call, has been in the city several days in the interest of that paper, and has given it quite a subscription list here.

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