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THE OREGON MIST IS recognized as the only paper in Columbia county. This is not a bad thing. It is a fact that THE MIST makes a specialty of the local news of every precinct in this county and that it gives the field thoroughly. All the latest official news is published in THE MIST. The only reliable advertising medium.

FRUITRAISING PAYS.

An item in a communication received at this office last week, states that two thousand pounds of dried prunes had just been turned out from the fruit dryer of an enterprising farmer of this county. This is an item which should not be lightly passed over, for though insignificant in appearance it contains volumes of subject matter for sober consideration. Briefly, the fruit industry could be made one of the leading branches of agriculture in this county, and it would certainly prove one of the most lucrative in which the farmer could invest his labor. We are blessed with a climate which, together with productive soil and other favorable conditions, gives us a country peculiarly adapted to the successful production of nearly all the staple fruits and many of the smaller varieties. Statistics are not at hand, but if the amount of money annually sent out of the state for green and dried fruits, could be herewith tabulated, it would cause all thinking persons to pause and ask why such things prevail. There is not only no excuse for us buying our fruits abroad and sending large sums out of the country in payment for it, but there is no reason why we should not only supply our home market, but have a yearly surplus which would bring us many thousands of dollars. The item above referred to is simply an illustration of what can be done in fruit raising by giving it a little attention and employing the proper means of preserving the fruit after it is grown. Preserved prunes, apples, pears and berries are always a staple in the market and never hesitate to find a ready market at prices which amply remunerate the producer. The outlay of capital and labor necessary to produce fruit is insignificant compared with the cost in labor and money in raising cereals, and as the cost of production is the principal item to be considered in raising different crops, it necessarily follows that a crop which is the cheapest to produce, the easiest to take care of, the surest of a good market and brings a good price, is the one that should receive a good share of the farmers attention.

Many potent reasons could be given for taking a more general interest in fruit raising. It is not an expensive crop to produce nor is its successful harvesting dependent upon favorable meteorological conditions, as is the case with grain, while much of the land in this county not suited to the production of the latter will yield a splendid result in fruit. It should be the duty of every farmer in the county to have a good bearing orchard on his place, and he should be stung in his attentions to it, for there are few crops that will yield a larger net cash result than the different varieties of fruits of which our county is so richly prolific.

CIRCUMSTANCES, aided by the toadies who constantly surround him, have this week greatly aggravated the "big head" with which Mr. Cleveland has for a long time been afflicted. He thinks that it was himself alone who caused the sudden collapse of the opposition to unconditional repeal in the senate and he is in consequence disposed to be more autocratic than ever. The sudden change in the tactics of the senators opposed to the Voorhees bill, while seemingly almost a miracle, is in reality easily accounted for on common sense grounds. It must be remembered to start with that no senator has been at any time opposed to the repeal of the purchasing clause of the silver law. It was the unconditional repeal of that clause that the silver senators opposed, because they thought they could thereby secure a compromise in the shape of an amendment that would provide in some way for the continued coinage of the silver money. After Senator Sherman served notice on the democrats, in his great speech, that the republican senators who were committed to unconditional repeal would not aid the democrats in arriving at any compromise the democrats tried to patch up a compromise among themselves, but Mr. Cleveland succeeded in preventing it. It being then plain that no compromise could be reached there was no longer any reason for prolonging the fight; hence the present situation.

OUR COAL AND IRON.

To do this subject justice would require many columns of space and the compilation of statistics which it is not convenient or possible for us to devote to it, but mineral resources of this county is a subject upon which something interesting can always be said. Baring gold bearing ore, Columbia county probably has more varied and richer mineral deposits than any county in the state, and these mineral do not at all represent the natural resources and wealth of the county. However, it is not our purpose to generalize and we will only remark briefly upon the coal and iron deposits which have received the most attention at the hands of interested parties. Permanent among these are the coal deposits near Scappoose station, twenty miles from Portland. At this place are two or three veins in as many different places, all of which have been more or less developed and all show up well. The veins are all large, easily accessible and the coal is uniformly of a high grade lignite, showing more than an average in fixed carbon and volatile matter, with a light percentage of ash and water. None of these mines are more than five miles from the Northern Pacific railroad and the title to the lands upon which they are located is unclouded. In this vicinity are located the famous Bunker hill iron deposits, covering six hundred acres of heavily timbered lands, all of which carries a good grade of iron ore which can be mined, and reduced on the ground at a nominal cost, or cheaply transported to the smelter at Linnton. These deposits are owned by Messrs. Mantilla and Campbell, of Portland, and can be bought or leased at a reasonable figure. At least one true fissure vein has been located in these deposits by Mr. Campbell, and can be seen at any time by a visit to the tunnel at Bunker hill.

At Columbia City is located a coal vein which has been sufficiently developed to establish its extent and the quality of the coal. This property is one of the best in the county, and if properly handled would prove a splendid source of revenue. It is located less than a mile from the Columbia river and the Northern Pacific railroad, and a railroad can be built to it without encountering a grade. The mineral wealth of this county, however, is not represented by the properties just enumerated. In the Nehalem valley are located coal and other mineral deposits which for extent and richness are not equaled in any other section of the state, nor, indeed, are they surpassed on the coast. Three miles from Vernonia are located the Pebble creek coal mines, owned by the Great Northern Coal Company. Several large veins are located here, all of them of a high grade of lignite coal, easily accessible and inexpensive to operate. Tunnels have been driven on two or three of them and development to the amount of seven thousand dollars has been done. These mines stand ready to discharge their cargoes of wealth when transportation facilities are supplied. The coal deposits of the Nehalem basin are the finest in the state, excepting none. Rich silver mines have also been located on Rock creek, in this county, upon which sufficient work has been done to develop a vast quantity of rich ore. In fact, the mineral resources of this county are varied and valuable and that the near future will see Columbia take the lead in mineral production is in the limit of reasonable possibilities.

A CORRESPONDENT of the San Francisco Call asks for an explanation of the fact that the midwinter fair buildings are being constructed entirely of Oregon pine and spruce, while California redwood does not figure in the materials used. The explanation given to the Call by the executive committee is that at the time the contracts were let the only woods available in sufficiently large quantities were Oregon pine and spruce. Besides, it is stated by the executive committee that while redwood is desirable for interior finishing it is not so well adapted for construction purposes as the other woods. Redwood will be freely used, it is promised, in the decoration of the various buildings.

THE prospect for a rapidly-increasing output of gold increases everywhere. The great mines of California are turning out regularly \$2,000,000 worth of gold every month, and small ones are developing everywhere. The gold region of California has only been skimmed over. In the flush times nothing but the richest mines were worked, and a large number of those abandoned in 1859 are now being reopened.

ONE of our correspondents asked last week what the word "cloture" means. The word is French and means to bar, stop, or bring to a final conclusion, and as the word has been commonly used by our senators we would infer that the meaning in which they used it was to cease further discussion and bring any measure to a final vote.

THE mints are being put in readiness to coin the silver seigniorage of \$160,000,000 which will soon be put in circulation. About \$85,000,000 gold bullion will also be coined.

SYLVESTER has given us one Thanksgiving and Grover has given us another, but what is troubling us is where we are going to get two turkeys to celebrate them with.

WINTER has set in early in the states north of the Ohio river. Several hundred candidates are hopelessly snowed under.

NOTORIETY, cheap or otherwise, is necessary to some people's happiness. Mr. Penneyer ought to be happy.

S. PENNEYER is running the Thanksgiving business in Oregon this year. Grover isn't in it.

HAVE you heard from Ohio?

TOWNSHIPS Open For Filings. Colonel Robert A. Miller, register of the Oregon City land office, has posted notices in his office to the effect that township 4 north, range 9 west, will be thrown open for filings at 9 o'clock, November 14, and that sections 5 and 6, in township 3 north, range 9 west, will be subject to entry November 16. Both of these tracts are on the Nehalem, and it is evident that this is a valuable part of Uncle Sam's domain, and will attract a large crowd when thrown open for settlement.

"Peffer Resumes His Speech." Kansas City Star.

And so it shall be in the end. When the heavens are tied with a blue ribbon and are carried forth as a diploma of time, when the morning stars have hung their harps on the willows, when the graves have "shucked out" their dead, and just as the awful silence ensues before the parting of the sheets from the great shall begin—away back in the upper gallery of that mighty host, a certain figure, with a flowing beard and a quavering voice, will catch the eye of Gabriel, and then as the "great rises" up from the sea, as the dragon with "two horns like a lamb" is about to speak, and the seven vials of wrath are about to be emptied, Peffer will again resume his speech. Maybe for the last time. Who knows?

The attempt to change the name of the Mongolian pheasant to Denny is not founded on any good reason. While Mr. Denny is entitled to much credit for introducing the bird into this country, he is not the discoverer nor a naturalist and is not entitled to the honor. The name Mongolian is a general term and the proposed change to an individual name would undoubtedly create confusion.

The steambot service on the Columbia river is now the most perfect ever enjoyed by the patrons of steamer travel. Especially is St. Helens favored in this way. Six passenger steamers pass here daily for Portland between the hours of 6 A. M. and 1 P. M. and five steamers pass daily for Astoria and way points, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 10 P. M. This is the weekday schedule, and on Sunday the steamer City of Frankfort makes the trip from Astoria to Portland and back again in the evening. The steamer Cyclone makes a round trip Sundays between Kalama and Portland.

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer.

The following little petition to the throne of grace is contributed by the Oregonian as a companion piece for Governor Sylvester Penneyer's Thanksgiving proclamation: "Our Heavenly Father, we reverently and most heartily thank thee for the wisdom with which thou hast endowed our president and a large majority in congress, in guiding the nation through the perilous times of the past year; that through wise legislation we are at last brought to a haven of safety; that the laborer is once more assured of returning prosperity and that he will receive the golden dollar worth 100 cents instead of the silver free-coinage dollar of fifty cents—from which, good Lord, deliver us, and turn the heart of our governor unto wisdom's ways and make all our paths the paths of peace. And in thy good providence retire our misrepresentatives to the shades of private life." AMEN.

Penneyer's Proclamation. Not satisfied with telling the president of these United States to mind his own business, says the Oregonian, Oregon's estimable governor has figuratively speaking, given Grover Cleveland a shove in the face by issuing a proclamation to the effect that the fourth Thursday of the present month shall be the day for all good Oregonians to give thanks for everything except the passage of the repeal bill. The fact that courtesy and custom required Governor Penneyer to wait for the president's proclamation before issuing his own had no weight with Oregon's independent governor. The other states of the Union will celebrate Thanksgiving on the day proclaimed by the president, which will be on the last Thursday of the month, the 30th. Penneyer's Thanksgiving will fall on Thursday, November 23, one week in advance of the other states, and Oregon will have the proud distinction of being ahead of the world in something else besides big red apples. Governor Penneyer's proclamation being constitutional and law in this state, the Mardi Gras prize carnival will take place at the Exposition building on the evening of Wednesday, November 22, the eve of Penneyer's Thanksgiving day.

Bright Side of Business.

The best remedy for hard times is cheerfulness, and the greatest drawback to prosperity is for business men to complain of small trade and the stringency of the money market. A merchant is doing his utmost to decrease his business when he talks disparagingly of his small sales. How strictly true this is will be apparent to any one who stops to think of the surprise and real glow of pleasure he feels when in hard times a business man replies to the usual question, "How is business?" "O, I have

no reason to complain." Recall the effect of such an answer and compare it with the other, "Awful hard times, I don't see what will become of us. Business is simply paralyzed." Now, as a matter of fact, the cheerful merchant speaks the truth. He has no reason to complain, if he is not absolutely bankrupt. He does not mistake when he takes the optimistic view. Complaint, besides causing no pain, is unprofitable, where the business man feels that he has done and is doing his best, his full duty. It is his part to encourage and give strength to others by his example. It may not be said that he is unprofitable, should in this case the truth be relative, and his private concern is not the affair of his neighbor. The merchant of the second class who means and counts the dollars does not thereby aid in dispelling clouds; he adds to the gloom and quenches the feeling of distrust. He cultivates fear and arguments lack of confidence. But the first merchant may be likened unto the wise physician who aids nature in her efforts to recover lost ground by cheering the patient with cheerful, hopeful words.

Cleveland's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—President Cleveland on this day issued the following proclamation for Thanksgiving: "While the American people should every day remember with pride and thanksgiving the divine goodness and mercy which have followed them since their beginning as a nation, it is fitting that on this day they should be especially devoted to a contemplation of the blessings we have received from the hand of God, and to a grateful acknowledgment of His kindness; therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of the present month of November, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, to be kept and observed by all people in our land. On that day let us forgo our ordinary work and employments and assemble in our churches, schools and homes, where we may recall all that God has done for us, and where, from grateful hearts, our united tribute of praise and song may reach the throne of our Heavenly Father, and the social meeting of friends lend cheer and enjoyment to duty, and let generous gifts of charity for the relief of the poor and needy prove the sincerity of our thanksgiving."

Your Children Subject to Croup?

If your children are subject to croup you should never be without a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is a certain cure for croup, and has never been known to fail, if given freely as soon as their croupy cough appears. It will prevent the attack, if the disease advances, than any other remedy which has crumpled children, and never disappoints them. There is no danger in giving this remedy in large and frequent doses, as it contains no opium or other dangerous drugs. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Edwin Ross.

Advertised Letters.

The following named persons have letters to their addresses in the postoffice at this place: Brown H. C. 2. Judy Rev. M. Jensen N. L. Krichly Edgar. Letant Geo. J. Mark Mrs. Rosa. Matthews Emma J. Mish Joe. Pacific Exp. Agt. Payne R. S. Van N. E.

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BACHELOR FLATS.

Boys, get your old tin cans and cow bells ready, for we think there is going to be a wedding on the Flats before long.

Bachelor Flats is booming. Mr. Forbes has a crew of fifteen men working on his place, cutting wood and clearing land.

Charley Wikstrom had a lively scrap with a black bear, near Matineville last week, but got off without a scratch and by a scratch.

Talk about big tomato vines, W. T. Mason takes the cake. We saw him pick his tomatoes last week, and his vines were so tall that he had to stand on a dry goods box to reach them. The vines reached to the top of the wood.

We met Mr. Salter the other day with tears in his eyes. When we asked him what was the matter he said that mule was gone and he could not find him. We told him to look on the shady side of that cabbage on the east corner Mr. Quick's ranch, but he had already been looking around there a day and a half but found no mule. We then advised him to go to the carrot patch, which he did. He looked over the fence and saw such a large hole in one of the carrots that he thought someone had been digging a well. Approaching very cautiously he looked down and saw the mule fifteen feet below the surface. The mule had commenced eating the carrots at the top of the ground and was still eating when Salter found him. He got Geo. Anderson to come over with his stump puller, and by putting on an extra team they brought the mule to the top. Salter says the mule's ears are in the wrong place and he don't think it will ever be fit for anything again unless he could be elected county commissioner.

The Best Plaster.

Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind it on over the seat of pain. It is better than any plaster. When the same is more stuck an application on the chest and another on the back between the shoulder blades, will offer prompt relief. There is nothing so good for a lame back or a pain in the side. A sore throat can nearly always be cured in one night by applying a flannel bandage dampened with Pain Balm. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Edwin Ross.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Fruit Trees. Can be had cheap for cash by applying to A. Holiday, Scappoose, Oregon. Oregon apple trees, 2 to 3 years old, \$6 to \$10 per hundred. Spruces and other varieties.

The County Treasurer. Can be seen at St. Helens on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week.

Job Printing. Executed at this office in a stylish manner, and at prices well below the market. Envelopes, letter heads, bills, cards, visiting cards, blank, and in fact, the office is better equipped than ever before to turn out all classes of commercial job printing.

Persons. Knowing themselves indebted to the late firm of Foster, Evans & Foster, Reuben, Oregon, either by note or book account, contracted prior to June 1, 1893, will save costs and trouble by settling the same with me at once, at my office in St. Helens, T. C. WATSON, administrator of the estate of E. J. Foster, deceased.

Cemetery Lo's. Notice is hereby given that the officers and members of St. Helens Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., of St. Helens, Oregon, are pleased to have for sale at a reasonable price, in the following order: The price on lots 10x20 feet being \$10, and the price of any other larger lots can be obtained from the board of trustees, who are: Hart, J. P. Hasen and G. A. Naeble. Now being the time to purchase choice lots, first come first served. The south one-half of lot 10, and the north one-half of lot 11, are reserved for the members of the order. Any one desiring to purchase will please to apply to a lot can do so by conferring with the board of trustees. By order of the Lodge.

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