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NEWS OF THE STAFE.

During the last year 10,000 sheep ave been sold out of Yamhill County.

Louis Gerber purchased last week, in Klamath County, 150 head of cattle, paying six cents per pound gross.

Portland morchants are shipping a great many potatoes south. Every San Francisco boat takes out a large quantity.

Arrangements have been made for improving and beautifying the public square near the court house in Eugene. Enterprising women are interested in the movement.

The spell of mild weather which Portiand has been esjoying is some-what alarming the farmers. It is cousing all kinds of fruit to come out carlier than usual. Should a cold enap cocur later, considerable harm might result.-Telegram.

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years. An erdinance was introduced at the Albany city connell meeting recently, providing for the requiring of a llosmo to engage in the fire incoming of a llosmo in Albany, as general, optical, travel-ing agent or soliciser, of 276 s year, or 200 from March J, with a fine or im-performed for the violation of the same, of a fine of 200 to 875, or impris-emment of 10 to 35 days. Passed un-animously. animously.

Two of Eugene's ladies, each of them a minister's wife, went out calling re-cently and upon calling at a house where they were not acquainted found mo one but the man of the house at home. As is the custom they left their visiting cards but imaging their feel visiting cards, but imagine their feel-ing when they subsequently learned that the wife had recently leit with an-other man for the northern gold fields. Eugene Guard.

-Eugene Guard. A teacher in a school not many miles from McMinnville, says the T. R., hav-ing instructed a pupil to purchase a grammar, received a note thus worded from the child's mother: "I do not de-sire for Luia shall engage in grammar as i prefer her engage in youseful sind-ies and can learn her how to spoke and write preperly myself. I have went through two grammars myself and can any as they did me no good. I prefer her engage in german and drawing and vokal music on the plane." Oregon dried prupes are now selling

and voisi music on the plane." Oregon dried prunes are now selling in the cast at ice cents per pound. The Webfoot grower gets three cents per pound for them. It costs a cent a pound to ship them, and the easters price leaves the freight and Oregon price leaves a margin of six cents. Who gets this profit of six cents on every pound of Oregon dried prunes? Mr. Doch says the middlemen does, and it shows the crying need there is for the eastern con-sumer and the Oregon producer to cul-tivate a closer acquaintance.-Eugene Guard. Guard.

brogrees, and the young brids hastens to meet her sweetheart-hubby every Sunday and they take their accustomed strolls and drives the same as before the knot was tied.

Alaska News Items.

The Klondike fever is causing much domestic discord throughout the country. A woman in Iowa is suing for divorce because her husband, in his enthusiasm to train properly for Alaskan hardships, has frozen and starved the entire family to the limit of endurance.

An Albany man just back from Skagway says everything is over-done. Thousands of people are rushing into that place, many of them having little means. Some are well fixed but thousands are looking for work, and there is not enough employment for a tenth part of them. The cost of living is high and the result will be that suffering and hardships must be en-dured by many until they can get money enough to bring them back home.

Tug Rescue, recently chartered by the Puget Sound Company, left Seattle for Dyea and Skagway, having in tow a large barge. In a shed erected on the barge was a curious assortment of livestock. Fastened to the stalls built on each side of the enclosure, was eighty horses and three burros, while a short distance away six steers and three goats were keeping each other company. In a compariment near the roof a family of fifty dogs was com-fortably housed. On the roof of

the barge was piled hay, feed, gen-eral merchandise and lumber, to-gether with 150 sacks of coal and three wagons in sections. A party of twenty-five miners left for the north on the barge.

A Juneau man just out from Daw-

sen has this to say: "There is a good deal of fake about this Klondike rush. The steamship companies have worked it up well. They will make money enough to load their old tubs. A multitude of deluded tenderfeet will flock in, hundreds of whom will never come out. Though there are some phenomenally rich claims,

there is much moonshine in the reperts of fabuleus wealth all around. Rich ground is scarce and every inch that is known to show a color is claimed. The new-comer must branch out and prospect for himself. If he is not well fixed for a sum-mer's outfit he will find himself in a box and a cold one. It is a country

of big distance. The season is short, and by the time a man gets anywhere, snow and ice confront him again, and another eight month's winter has to be endured. Work will be scarce for the thousands who will need it, and wages will be lower than many persons imagine, as hundreds will be glad to labor for grub alone. The man who goes to Klondike with less than ene

thousand dollars in coin, after traveling expenses are paid, will find himself 'in a hole,' uuless he has the instincts of a coyote, and can subsist like one."

Aj. Dayton writes from Dyea to Maj. Dwight Andrus, of Medford, which, in substance is here given: Business is overdone and if one figures on succeeding he must have plenty of money at his command. The Vale Advocate says that a young couple of Malheurites were married on Christmas, and a few days later the bride returned home and entered upon ber daily routine of work as usual, and the groom did likewise. Each Sunday the groom did likewise. Each Sunday the groom did likewise. Each Sunday is "Sunday best" and go courting an of yore. This unusual mood is still in entere all seem to be at work. Shoe and yore, and the young bride hasten to a galore. Don't bring any progress, and the young bride hasten done to death, or will be just so on the surface. Nansen said that, ow provisions; wear good serviceable clothes; bring three good blankets. Flour is from \$1.75 to \$1.90 per sack, bacon fifteen cents per pound, but-river, 94 degrees, have been registered. Strolls and order
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men here with their families. No hot tamales here. Boots and shoes are as cheap here as in Seattle. With \$100 capital I can make \$2000 about this Klondike rush. The in real estate in the next two steamship companies have worked in real estate in the next two it up wall. They will make money months. My advice to any one but a single man who can get \$1 a day in Oregon to stay there.

I have given Chamberlain,s Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children con-tract yields very readily to this medi-cine. I can conscientiously recommend it for croup and colds in children.-Geo. E. Wolff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Fernandins, Fla. Sold by G. H. Haskins, druggist. Haskins, druggist.

Namen's Predictions

Nearly everything Nansen predicted about his journey has come true. He said he expected to cross the unknown polr area, and he has done it. He foretold exactly the general direction in which his ship would drift while fast in the ice, but it is not certain that he correctly assigned the cause of this drift. * * Nansen invented the drift. model of the Fram, making her bull round and slippery like an cel, with no corners or sharp edges for the ice to seize upon. She is the strongest vessel ever used in Arctic exploration, asserts McClure's Magazine. He said that press ure would simply lift her on the io so her bottom, near the keel, was made almost flat, in order that she might not capsize while on the ice surface, and her screw and rudder were also ingeni and her design would not save the Fram from instant destruction were mistaken, for she met these resistless Sheep Camp and Linderman are all out of her cradic and she rested safely soon as the weather softens up a ing to the probable predominance of water in the far north, he expected find there higher temperatures than along the north coast of Asin. This reshops galore. Don't bring any The lowest temperature observed on

THE PENKNIFE HABIT. It Affliots Over Half the People in

the World.

Public Walls and Beaches Bear Evidenc That the Whitting Fiend Is Abroad in the Land - Ro-mantic But Suinous.

One-half the world is afflicted with

the penknife habit, and on that account the poor world presents a most muti-lated, scarred and butchered aspect. Watch the penknife fiend at work. He has just spied a fresh new bench in the park. Everything fresh and new is his own especial prey. He draws back and rivets his eyes upon it, startled at first by the sudden discovery of another rictim. Then he pounces upon it, 'ike the hawk upon the mild gray field mouse, and whipping out his many bladed knife, he begins to carefully unliciously engrave his name, the date of his birth, his present address, his past occupation, and various other im portant details all over that virgin park bench.

Criminal! He has no other occupa tion. He was born to the knife, for the knife. It is meless for him to try to be otherwise. He is a ribald, irresponsible nuisance, a mean, petty, re-lentless destroyer of every smooth surface that crosses his path. Whole walls have been covered

by him with fanciful groupings of the alphabet. Beautifully carved staircoses and porches have been the subjects of his attacks. Young trees have been killed by his increasant digging into the bark with his pearl-handled weapon. He invades murble halls and scratches his name on beautiful Italian marble; he penetrates into graveyards and

perpetuates his memory alongside that of the numberless dead. He never ventures abroad without his penknife. Whole bours are spent by him basking in the sun leaning against some soft pine pillar, carring it down to suit his fancy, and gathering a little forest of chips about his feet. Large

public buildings suit his purpose best. The city hall has always been a joy to his soul. Especially about the main entrances, where he is permitted to kiter, he has cut and engraved until the massive walls and doors look like ancient Egyptian tablets, a mass of illegible heiroglyphics. He complains because the old post office, once a rich field for his seal, is now closed forever against his industrious fingers. But the various rallway stations still afford him a hunting ground. The North-western and the Union depots, with their large and crowded waiting rooms. are farteularly favorable to the cultivation of the practice.

And the can with the penknife behit is never a clit. Apparently to works in the dest of night when all the world is napping, for he is seldom discovered in broad daylight. He works as ant works, permistently, lat- or y, doing just a little each day, at the sum total is enormous. The age which he does to valuable rty

It is hard to fling away t'r ment that once surrounded the series issues, the yielding supling and the keen-adged knife. When Herman and Dorothes rise before our mental valor it is always under the noble oak tree, standing bonds. standing together, and carving their names deep into the heart of the forest names deep into the heart of the forest giant, to be an everlasting evidence of their everlasting love. Rosalind and Orlando in the forest of Arden carred true lovers' signs and ill-shaped hearts here, there and everywhere to lead their footsteps together. Coming down to fact and the end of the century, it is still the poetical practice of all the sentimental and romantic.

But there is no romance about the thoroughbred penknifer. He wants glory, and he spares no pains to obtain it. He works with the detailed interest and impressible persistency that proves the existence of one great predominat-

ing idea. Psychologists say that the penknife habit is allied to that universal human desire called notoriety. It is an off-spring of the love for fame. Sometimes

by accident the penknifer discovers himself abroad without his trusty lanes in the hot pursuit for publicity, and he resorts to the penell. Then he in-scribes his name on painted walls, on he resorts to the pencil. Then he in-scribes his name on painted walls, on pictures and in berrowed books to go thundering down the ages, an ever lasting eyesore to posterity. Some-times his weapon takes the form of a rubber stamp. Armed with that, he object within his reach. — Chicago Times-Heruid. THE HERMIT CRAB.

THE HERMIT CRAB. His Idea Is to Get a House to Fit. But He Can't Always Do It.

The hermit crab has no shell except upon the front portion of its body and upon its claws. When unprotected it is liable to be attacked and eaten by fish, and even by its own kind; and so the very first thing it does in life after it is able to get about at all is to find a shell to live in. An exceedingly small shell, says the New York Sun, will do for it at first; it may be a tiny snail shell not more than a quarter of an inch in length. The crab moves from time to time, as it grows bigger, into larger and larger shells, until at full growth it may require a shell four or five inches in diameter. The hermit is such only so far as its habit of hiding its body in a shell goes, and that is a habit arising from necessity; otherwise



is a very active, restless, roaming little creature: not hicken away in a cave, but going about with its house on its back

Often the hermit seems to select a shell on account of its prettiness; some-times it takes a shell that is too big for it. There is a bermit crab now at the New York agaarium that moved New York sonarium that moves awhile ago from a natica shell into a periwinkle shell that was obviously too big; the orab could hardly stagger with it, and it moved back into the natica-tic and it moved back into the natica-But soon it moved once more, back inte the periwinkle again, and it has there ever since, not yet grown up to it, but apparently pleased with its big house. There is another hermit crab house. There is another hermit crab at the squarium that is housed in a periwinkle shell, a small white peri-winkle that is dusted with patches of fine, bright, velvety green, some sort of delivate marine growth-a lovely little shell. This shell fits its owner, who gets about with it gayly; and small as

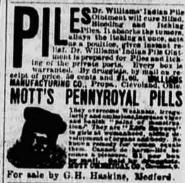
it is, it is conspicuous among the rest on account of its beauty. There is left in the larmit's tank at the aquarum a number of spare shells, for the convenience and comfort of crabs that may desire to change their guarters, and those may serve also to accommodate strangers. There was brought to the squarine the other day, for instance, from Gravesend bay, along with a lot of killies, a hormit crab. This crab was in a worn and broken nation shell; the shell had a hole through its ton sub hold is the more through its top, and half its lip was gone; a pretty dilapidated sort of a house for a hermit crab to live in. It would seem as though it might have found in the sea a better shell than that, but it hadn't, and the crab was lively and is good condition, too. But within an hour after it was placed in the tank it had left the old shell and taken one of the spare shells for its own. The new shell is a natica, like the one it left, and a little smaller. It is cleaner and brighter, but clearly this change was made for the sake of utility rather than of appearance, for the beas-effits to be derived from the new shell's tight roof and projecting hood.

The hermits are not very much given to fighting, but occasionally they do Two hermits that met in fight this tank the other day, face to face, grap-plod and struggled with each other at a great rate. They were pretty evenly matched in size, but one was stronger

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was transied with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was

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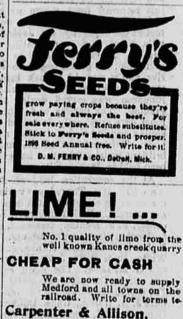
India rubber, yuecas, dracemas, tree ferus and other conservação plants prized frequently for their associations or other matters of interest connected with them often get teo tall for their quarters, and yet the owners would not under any circumstances part with them were it possible. To shorten these, it is advised in Mechan's Monthly to creet a rough platform around the stems and place boxes of earth around the trunks at the point from which one would like to have roots proceed. Before placing the earth boxes finally around longitudinal incisions should be made in the stems, which will help to facilitate the production of roots. If kept well water ed, in most cases there will be a mass of roots in the box of earth within 12 months, when the part can be cut away and treated as an ordinary small plant



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"Did you ever know that there is a deadly antipathy between a common water anake and an cel7" asked the faherman, scoording to the Indianapo-lis fontime. "Well, I never know it ustil an apperience I had in witnessing a fight between the two. Personally, I have the greatest dread of cels. The more afraid of them than I am of a

more afraid of them than I am of a make, and you can imagine my chagrin when I happened to hook one on one of my fishing expeditions. I was afraid to touch it, and all I could do wis to let it dangle in the sit. I could not get it off my hook, and I was medicating what to do, when altogether unachieved I allowe to allong object to drop into the wat. In a moment I usw a big water runte runte a dire for it. At the first in the seck of the millionit in the seck of the millionit in the seck of the

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