A PHRENOLOGICAL INQUIRY.

An intelligent gentleman, evidently of a philosophical turn of mind, but who assumes to be uninformed on the subject of phrenology, sends us the following pertinent inquiry:

To THE EDITORS:—For the enlightment of myself, and others who are not informed on the subject, I would like to ask some questions suggested by an editorial in the WEST SIDE of Dec. 19, on phrenology. Webster defines phrenology as "a discourse about the mind," and if not trespassing too much on your valuable space I would ask:

1st. What are the claims of phrenology?

2d. Is there any scientific bases upon which phrenology rests?

3d. What is the Fowler-Wells theory?

4th. What is "bumpology?"

By giving an early reply to the above questions you will greatly oblige

AN INQUIRER.

The editorial paragraph to which "An Inquirer" refers was written somewhat hurriedly and more for the purpose of filling up space than any thought of eliciting comment, but since our correspondent and some others are interested in the subject we take pleasure in answering the inquiries submitted to us. Our reply, however, will have to be quite brief.

1st. Prof. O. S. Fowler was the great apostle of the popular school of phrenology, and according to his doctrine it is a science which enables an expert in the profession to describe character—each particular intellectual and moral quality of an individual—by the elevations and depressions of the skull. This is demonstrably absurd. For instance "vitativeness," or the desire to live, is located by phrenology over the mastoid process, behind the ear—a huge bump of bone into which the surgeon's lancet is often deeply thrust without any fear of injury to the brain. The "perceptives"—form, size, color, weight appreciation, etc., are placed along the eyebrow ridge, though the brain is very remote from that part, and primitive races or even apes have the largest development of that arch. Races are now known to have head shapes peculiar to themselves; but only in a general way does skull conformation indicate mentality.

2d. There is a new phrenology which is being studied from the standpoint of craniology and cerebrology, and it includes not only a study of the brain but several other sciences which the old school either utterly ignored, or was defiant of There is an able article on this subject (somewhat extravagant perhaps) in the August number of the Popular Science Monthly.

3d. In our reply to your first inquiry we have briefly outlined the Fowler-Wells theory, as we understand it.

4th. "Bumpology" is a satirical term used to designate the popular conception of phrenology.

[Messrs. Pentland & Bell are not responsible for the above statement of opinion.]

FALLS CITY RAILROAD.

Since the building of new railroad lines is being actively discussed in other parts of the state, perhaps it would not be amiss for us to again call attention to the proposed route from Independence via Monmouth to Falls City on the Little Luckiamute. There is probably no other local road in the state of so much importance as this one. A road which is absolutely necessary to the shipping interests of one of the finest agricultural regions of the Willamette valley, besides affording an outlet to the great timber region in the mountains along the waters of the Luckiamute. It is estimated that the timber supply of this region is amply sufficient for the wants of half the Willamette valley for the next twenty years. The motor line in operation between this place and Monmouth is a standard gauge and could easily carry freight traffic. The road bed between Monmouth and Falls City is of easy grade and could be put through comparatively cheap. There is no question but this road will be built in the near future. The sooner the scheme is placed upon a solid footing the better for all parties concerned. There is almost enough local capital interested in the scheme to practically assure its completion, and by an energetic effort the road could be pushed through within the next fifteen months. Falls City probably has the finest water power in the Willamette valley excepting Oregon City, and whenever a railroad is completed to that point, then, manufacturing interests are sure to be developed there. The town is favorably located in many particulars; a country around it rich in agricultural wealth, and the mountains just back of it full of the finest timber—white, red and yellow fir, spruce, cedar, hemlock, oak, alder etc. Falls City has a promising future. Besides, Monmouth and Independence are sure to build up and develop into large and thriving industrial centers of far more than average commercial importance.

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A STRONG MAN.

The new governor of South Carolina is probably the most original and forcible character that the Alliance movement has yet brought into political prominence. That Gov. Tillman is an able and independent man is evident from the tone of his inaugural address and the strength and deftness of hand with which he handles the political reins. In the interest of clean politics and good government it is to be hoped that this modern Cincinnatus will be able to successfully carry out the reforms which he so ably advocates. The governor says that lynch law must be suppressed if he has to remove every sheriff in the state. Next the law must be more promptly and efficiently executed—one fair, speedy trial and that must end it. Professional jurymen and drunken justices must go. In the matter of educational reform he advocates the wiping out of the military school and its appropriation used for a girls' school which should do away with oil painting etc., and teach something practical and useful instead. This iconoclastic governor also says that the "tax-dodgers" both corporate and individual must bear their share of the taxes. Lastly he advocates a new state constitution so framed as to mutually protect the interests of "two races who could and should live together in peace." Gov. Tillman is evidently a man of broad political views whose patriotic love of country rises superior to all party considerations. Such men are non-partisans and it is in the spirit of non-partisanship that we mention the reforms Gov. Tillman is seeking to bring about.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

A very pleasant social gathering was held at Hon. J. H. Hawley's, of Bethel, on the evening of Dec. 26th, in honor of Miss Constance Hawley who was spending her holiday vacation with her parents. Miss Hawley is attending school at St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Or. The party is spoken of by those who were present as being an entertaining and charming affair. There were about forty guests assembled and the hours passed away as pleasantly as the chimes of "the merry Christmas bell." Mr. W. H. Hawley welcomed the young people in a very neat five minutes speech which made everybody feel at home. The festivities consisted of parlor games, charades, instrumental music, solos, duets, social chat, and finally a magnificent lunch that would tempt the appetite of an epicure. Miss Lulu Miller, W. J. Demorest and W. H. Hawley, of this city, were among the guests. Mr. Demorest is enthusiastic in his praise of the hospitable manner in which they were all entertained.

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COMING EVENTS IN THEATRICALS.

The Louise Howard Dramatic company will give one of their inimitable entertainment at the opera house, Friday, Jan. 2. This is a first class combination of brilliant theatrical talent composed of both gentleman and ladies. Aside from general theatricals, this company have individual specialties in certain artistic line that never fail to elicit the wildest applause from the audience. Be sure and secure an early seat.

On Monday, January 5th, the Arlington Comedy company composed of eight brilliant and talented artists—3 ladies and 5 gentleman—will appear at the opera house in the laughable and mirth provocation play entitled, "Fun in a Boarding House." They will play one night only. Secure an early ticket.

Negotiations are being made to have Prof. Charles Catulle, the great French illusionist, to entertain the people of Independence with his celebrated "Palace of Illusions," sometime during the latter part of January. This wonderful entertainment consists of eight separate acts, each of which is a wonder world of startling illusions to the beholder. These acts consist of No. 1, L'Amphitrite or Angel of the air. In this act a lady floats through the air without any visible means of support. No. 2, Miraculous Bower or two Graces; No. 3, Metempycose or Secret of Pygmalion; No. 4, Sybil de Cumes—the Roman mystery: No. 5, Thricephale or Three Minded Lady; No. 6, Spaharazache—Roman history; No. 7, The Spectres; No. 8, Living Decapitation, etc., etc.

Also during the latter part of January or the first of February the Hyer Sisters Musical Comedy company, will appear at the opera house in the new and original musical comedy, "The Blackville Twins"—full of fun, frolic and flirtation.

The National Swedish Ladies' Concerts will probably appear at the opera house in this city in the near future. This magnificent musical troupe consists of eight young Swedish lady singers. They will play at the Marquam Grand in Portland on the 5th and 6th of January. They captivate their audiences wherever they play.

Arrangements are also being made with a New York Dramatic company now playing in Michigan. This is a live, highly talented and distinguished theatrical troupe, one of the very best that ever visited this coast. Full announcements will be made in due time.

WASHINGTON TAX LAWS.

The Bankers of Oregon are to Blame—The Rich can Escape.

Saturday afternoon we took the steamer Fleetwood from Tacoma to Olympia. While on board we met a Mr. Nightheart of North Dakota, who was traveling on the Sound for the purpose of making investments. We tried to induce him to come to Oregon and make some investments, but he had heard that Oregon was not advancing like the Puget Sound country. While in Olympia he purchased a lot 86x102 two or three blocks above the Olympia hotel, paying $2400 for it. He intends making other investments on the Sound.

Sunday we called on Mr. Ira A. Smith at his residence. He informed us that he had already made more money since going to Olympia, than he had made in the sheriff's office in a year. He said: "I had a good opportunity to see the practical workings of the tax laws in Oregon, and I know what frauds are practiced. I never could see why the farmers wanted the mortgage tax law since the burdens falls mostly on them and the so called capitalist goes free. The mortgages mostly all call for payment of taxes by the borrower, consequently a deduction does not save the borrower. I like Oregon, and I still have a great regard for Polk county, particularly the people I know there, but more money can be made here than in Oregon with less capital."

STATE AUDITOR REED.

In Washington, instead of a county clerk, they have a county auditor and besides a secretary of state they have a state auditor. Mr. Reed has lived in Washington for many years. He has seen the effect of laws favoring the admission of money into the state, and thoroughly believes in having plenty of people. He said: "The bankers of Oregon are well protected and are reaping a golden harvest off the people of that state. We can get money on long term loans here at very reasonable rates, and there is plenty of money to be had on such security. The effect of your Oregon law is to place the money of your state all under the control of your local banker, and as a consequence he has control of the money market. The Oregon law is a good thing for the banker but bad for the borrower and has a damaging effect on the progress of your whole state. Mr. Reed then gave us the report of the State Board of Equalization of which he is a member, also the assessment blanks of the state, and the blanks for receiving returns from the several counties. We then went to the state printing office where we met a schoolmate of by gone days, O. C. White state printer, whom we last saw at The Dalles. We also met Wm. Clark, formerly of Salem. On the street we met Prof. Hull, formerly of Corvallis. We met a number of other Oregonians—in fact a great many Oregon people have gone to Washington, and they all seem satisfied.

The result of our trip, however, has has not been to cause us to fall in love with Puget Sound, on the contrary we come back to Oregon impressed with the the idea that if Oregon can be given the same chance for advancement that Washington has it will make a better state. Portland is a better town than any of the Sound towns, and while Oregon has grown slowly and the tide of immigration continues to pour into Washington, yet the resources of Oregon will attract a large population particularly if the people will open their doors to the investment of capital by passing such laws as will allow it to be invested without restrictions.

If we thought for a moment that the superior resources of Washington accounted for the rapid advancement we would close our lips and quietly accept the situation and make the best of it. It is because we love our state and wish to see it prosper that we are so outspoken on this subject of taxation. We see the rich paying scarcely any taxes, and the man in moderate circumstances bearing the heavy burdens. We see the rich city of Portland with its millionaire bankers paying less taxes than half the population in Seattle. We see the state of Oregon levying a state tax double that of Washington. We see the state of Oregon returning one hundred million dollars assessable property and Washington 2 hundred millions. These facts open our eyes to the glaring frauds practiced and we would feel recreant to our trust were we not to speak. However we believe in the majority ruling, and if the people of Oregon, both the farmer and banker, desire to continue the same state of affairs, we can but accept the situation. We feel that within two years Oregon will step grandly to the front, and if a tax law based on proper principles were to be passed that two years hence it could not be repealed.

CHRISTMAS AT RICKREALL.

TO THE EDITOR:—Our little village was all alive with enthusiasm and hilarity on Christmas eve, and thinking that a report of our Christmas "bee" would be of interest to the many readers of your valuable paper in this vicinity I have presumed to write a brief account of the affair. Almost every one in the community took an active part in arranging the program, decorating the tree and helping along generally. At a rather early hour people began to flock into the little church, and about 7:30 p. m. the house was crowded and the program was on. First was a song by the "Tonic Solfar" class, followed with prayer by Mr. W. E. Goodell. Then a beautiful recitation "The Hidden Trundle Bed," by Miss Mattie Dempsy. This was emphatically the finest effort of the evening, and elicited prolonged applause. Messrs Ellis Samington, Ernest Stenson, Charlie Smith and O. F. Stoner rendered a musical quartette quite acceptably. The Rickreall orchestra rendered some lively music specially selected for the occasion, after which Miss Jessie Toner gave a recitation entitled the "Escape Rock," in a very pleasing manner. The final act on the program was a double quartette by Sadie Samington, Fannie Orr, Lillie Samington, Ellis Sainington, Ernest Stinson, Charles Smith and A. F. Stoner. The festival was largely attended and many valuable presents were distributed. There were two large trees and an evergreen arch connecting them, and a large star set in the midst of a cluster of smaller stars. Everybody enjoyed themselves finely. VICTOR

A JOYOUS DAY.

Through the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Madison to partake with them a Christmas dinner, the 25th day of Dec. 1890 was a most enjoyable day. Accepting the invitation we met with friends around the hospitable board, and partook of a feast that even high-toned "aristocracy" might envy. Words were vain to give a description of the bounteous fare set before us, suffice it to say, all the luxuries obtainable were presented to our view, edibles sufficient to satisfy the most epicurian appetite.

Mr. and Mrs. Madison are pretty well advanced in life, but they have lost none of that vigor of spirit and generous hospitality that renders life in its social relations "worth the living." As they glide down the stream of time, may no tempestuous waves mar the harmony of their lives, and when the final summons come, may they be prepared to rest with Him to whom they have pledged their faith and in whom they have put their trust. He, who has made this natal day, a day of rejoicing throughout Christendom. May they have many returns of such days as this, and may the friends who shared in the pleasures of it ever bear in mind the enjoyments made attainable by our respected host and hostess. A happy New Year to them.

A GUEST.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Oak Grove Grange met last Saturday and elected officers for the next year as follows; J. C. White, M; J. W. Edgar, O; J. P. Emmett, lecturer; I. M. Robertson, S; H. M. Edar, A. S.; E. S. Steven, Chaplain; H. Fulkerson, treasurer; F. Edgar, secretary; Linn Gay, gate keeper; M. M. White, pomona; Mrs. A. Hastens, flora; Mrs. M. Link, ceres; Mary Ghastens, L. A. S. Delegates to Polk county council P. of H.; F. A. Link, J. W. Edgar; Grange trustees: E. S. Stevens, John Vernon, J. C. White.

The installation of officers will take place Saturday, Jan. 10th. Mr. McMinn Dodson, state deputy, will officiate at the installation ceremonies. The public cordially invited.

SUDDEN DEATH.

It will be remembered that week before last this paper gave notice of the arrival of Mr. F. M. Weaver and family at Independence on a visit to relatives. They remained but two or three days, and returned to Portland. The day after their arrival in Portland, Mrs. Weaver received a dispatch from St. Louis, Mo., that her father S. L. Ladin had demised. This was sad news to be received on the time for Christmas rejoicings. Her uncle Stephen Staats received word from his niece of the sad occurrence. We, her relatives, extend our warmest sympathies to the several afflicted ones and can only point them to Him, who on this natal morn gave birth to the higher hopes of the Christmas world. A RELATIVE.

There is a mischievous pappoose living in a wigwam about half a mile above the agency, says the *East Oregonian*, who has an unpleasant habit of throwing rocks at trains. He fired one through the window of the caboose on freight No. 23, last week, which narrowly missed Roadmaster Peters's head. Some day the bad little Injun will be lassoed and trailed after the train like a tin can attached to a dog's tail.

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