

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

ANKENY'S NEW MARKET BLOCK. owned by Capt A. P. Ankeny, is located on the west side of First Street between Ash and A. It is one of the handsomest blocks in this city, was built in 1872 and 1874, is constructed entirely of brick and iron, and has a frontage of 230 feet on First street, being 30 feet in excess of any block in Portland, which is caused by the curve made in First Street at this point to connect with North First. The north end of the block is occupied by Wells, Fargo & Co. The interior is finished up in elegant style for the convenience of both the Company and its patrons; Mr Dudley Evans is the Agent here. Next we come to the Western Union Tel. Co.; they occupy the lower story as a neat office, the upper being used entirely by the operators. The establishment is ably presided over by Mr. James Guild, the Portland Manager. Adjoining this is the neatly furnished office of Mark A. King, who has been favorably known to our business community for a number of years. He is the Agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, with \$80,000,000 assets, and the Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Insurance Co., with \$18,000,000 assets. These two Companies are the largest in the world, and those seeking either Life or Fire Insurance will do well to call on Mr. King. At No. 7 First st., we find the firm of James Laidlaw & Co., Commission and Shipping Merchants, they do a large business in that line and are also Agents for Calcutta Gunny Bags, Dundee Grain Bags and Baggings, Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce, and Giant Powder; they are also heavy exporters of Columbia River Salmon, and have been established here since 1872. Mr. James Laidlaw the resident partner here, is the British Vice Consul. Adjoining we find the Oregon & Washington Trust Investment Company, of Scotland. This Company started business in Oregon two years ago with a capital of \$750,000 and have during that time loaned out in this State \$522,550. The President in Scotland is the Right Hon. "The Earl of Airlie." The Managing Director here is William Reid, Esq., who himself formed this Company in 1873 and is a large stockholder in it. He came to Oregon specially to take charge of that Company's business, and has since taken part in every public enterprise calculated to develop this State. The Local Directors here are B. Goldsmith and Donald Macleay, of this city. Ascending an easy pair of Stairs we come to neat suits of offices occupied, respectively, by Ellis Hughes, Esq., as a Law office, James T. Ghiselin, Physician and Surgeon, formerly of the U. S. A., and by our County Judge, J. H. Woodward, the Portland Board of Trade, the St. Andrew Society, and the Oregon Board of Immigration, have each their respective rooms on this floor. Mr. L. B. Stearns, the assistant Secretary of the latter institution, will be found here from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., to furnish all information to immigrants free of charge. We are now in the three story Building which is known as the Market; the 2nd and 3d floor is fitted up as one of the most elegant theaters on the Coast. There are few public halls anywhere capable of holding 1,000 people that can be vacated so rapidly as the New Market Theatre, in case of fire, there being three different pairs of stairs leading from the main hall to the street besides balconies for one-half block, leading from the windows both north and south; the ground floor runs through one block from First to Second with entrance on both streets, and is used as a market.

It is a matter of pride with our citizens,

and especially the owner, Capt. Ankeny, that they can truthfully say that even San Francisco, with its 160,000 inhabitants, cannot show so neat, clean and well furnished a public market. Entering on First Street, we find to the right Spaulding Bros. occupying Stalls 1, 2 and 3, for the sale of meats. They have been established since 1872, and being both energetic and enterprising, not only do a large city trade, but also supply the country for a circuit of twenty miles.

We next find the Seed and Nursery Depot of H. Hanson, whose Nursery is located in East Portland, and has been established 20 years. Samples of plants are kept at this Depot, to make selections from, which are filled from the Nursery. The seed business, although only started in 1873, has grown extensive, undoubtedly owing to the fact that Mr. H. grows most all his own seeds, and is therefore enabled to guarantee them fresh and true to name.

Henry Martin occupies Stall 13, for Fish and Poultry.

Ad Burchard will be found in the last Stall on this side, it being the first from the second Street entrance.

Crossing over we come to Fabre's famous coffee stand, now run by Barnes & Son, as is also the Grocery adjoining. They occupy one fourth of all the available space in the Market.

Last, but by no means least, we find A. H. Johnson, his being the first three Stalls on the left of the First Street entrance, they are known as No. 26, 27 and 28. Mr. Johnson has been in the business here for 24 years and not only has he a large city

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COLLEGIATE, Salem.—A cord of wood will make from sixty to sixty-five bushels of charcoal. They generally burn it in pits of say sixteen cords. The wood is piled conical in shape, and a sixteen cord pit is covered with about two hundred lbs. of hay, then with soil on top of the hay, so as to prevent it from blazing. It takes from six to eight days to burn a pit, and this must be watched day and night. Should it not burn fast enough, one or two air-holes are opened at the bottom to give draft. If it burns too fast, these are closed. The top of the pit is generally kept moist by sprinkling, to prevent it burning too fast. The principle is to char the wood, but not to let it burn, otherwise it would burn to ashes and be useless. The price of charcoal varies according to locality, from eight to fifteen cents per bushel. The wood is generally obtained at two dollars per cord.

MAY, Clackamas.—To DISTINGUISH MUSHROOMS FROM POISONOUS FUNGI.—1. Sprinkle a little salt on the spongy part, or gills of the sample to be tried. If they turn yellow, they are poisonous—if black they are wholesome. Allow the salt to act before you decide the question. 2. False mushrooms have a warty cap, or else fragments of membrane adhering to the upper surface, are heavy, and emerge from a vulva or bag; they grow in tufts or clusters in woods, on stumps of trees, etc., whereas the true mushrooms grow in pastures. 3. False mushrooms have an astringent, stiptic, and disagreeable taste.

more nearly fulfills the condition of a consumptive's home than any yet under consideration. The climate is dry, summer and winter. The total rainfall is not over 20 to 25 inches annually, and that comes in modest showers in spring and fall. The prevailing winds are from the west in winter and spring, but they have lost their moisture in passing the summits of the Cascade Mountains. In summer and fall the wind is from the northwest, a strong breeze, delightfully cool and invigorating, but never attaining to the height of a gale. There are no violent changes of temperature. The winter is of short duration, during which the air is sharp and bracing, very rarely biting cold. The summer is long; always dry; sometimes quite warm; never hot or sultry. The air circulates freely over the high rolling table lands which constitutes almost the entire surface of the country; a pure mountain air, that carries fresh life and renewed vigor and energy into the system of the debilitated consumptive. Neither the summer's heat nor the winter's cold is so severe as to render the climate an undesirable one for the native of any temperate climate on earth. Fruits of all kinds flourish most luxuriantly, especially plums, apples, pears, and cherries. It is very difficult to say what part of this State is the best, each section has its peculiar advantages. It is no hardship at all to come here; railroad to San Francisco and steamer to Portland. That would be the best route traveling with children. Portland has 13,000 inhabitants, Salem 5,000, Albany 4,000. The prospects for a "all rail" route to the East is good; it may, however, take several years before it is finished.

A Mother, in Table Rock, Ark., wants to know, "do children flourish in Oregon." It is a standing joke on this State all over the coast that Oregon is especially noted for its large babies and apples. Out of a population of 105,000 this State has nearly 32,000 under 10 years of age. This does not include the crop of 1876.

Inquirer, Des Moines, Iowa. The area of Washington Territory in square miles is 69,994; in acres, 44,796,160.

Its population, at the formation of the Territory, in 1853, was about 7,000; in 1860, at its first separate U. S. census, a little in excess of 11,000; in 1870, 23,955;

in 1876, (estimated) 40,000. Its taxable property is about 16,000,000. Up to June 30, 1875, the whole number of acres of public land in the Territory surveyed by Government was 11,290,115, leaving unsurveyed 33,506,045 acres. The two principal bodies of water connecting with the territory are Puget Sound and Columbia river; the former having a shore line of 1594 miles, and the later extending along the southern boundary 300 miles and through the eastern continent 350 more. The three leading cities are Seattle, Walla Walla and Olympia. The three highest mountains are Rainier, 14,444 feet; Baker, 11,100 feet; and St. Helen's, 9,750 feet.

JOHN B. JEROME, IND.—Samish is a rich agricultural district in Whatcom county, W. T., but is as yet sparsely settled. Good farming lands can be bought or rented there on reasonable terms; many desirable claims of Government lands are yet to be had at usual price. The lands in that locality comprise thousands of acres of tide and fresh water marsh, and some excellent timber lands.

Behavior is a mirror in which every one shows his image.

As a moth gnaws a garment, so doth envy consume a man.

Money is a good servant, but a dangerous master.



SCENE ON THE COLUMBIA. CASTLE ROCK IN THE DISTANCE.

retail custom, but he also slaughters for a great many of our city retail markets, and does a large business as a live stock broker. His slaughter house is located at the head of B Street, in what is known as Johnson's addition to Portland.

Passing on further south we find the offices of P. W. Gillette, real estate dealer and Ed. Hall, Agent for the North British and Mercantile Fire Ins. Co.

The corner of Ash is the Drug Store of Wm. Pfunder. Mr. P. was educated and passed examination in Germany as Chemist and Apothecary. In 1864, he came to the U. S., serving in the largest and finest Apothecary establishment in Boston; in 1870 he came to this city, being employed as the compounding chemist, in the largest Drug Store here. In 1873, he started a Drug Store of his own, at the corner of Oak and First Sts., and last year took possession of his present elegant establishment. His prescription list has now reached the immense No.—64,000. His selection of perfumes, toilet articles and fancy goods is immense, and he makes a specialty of rare chemicals and pure drugs. Mr. P. is ably assisted by Louis Brunnow, Esq., formerly Secretary to the Medical Director of the Department of the Columbia. Mr. Pfunder being absent on a business tour in the Eastern States at present, the establishment is in charge of Mr. Brunnow.

4. When cut they turn blue. 5. They are moist on the surface, and generally of a rose or orange color. 6. The gills of a true mushroom are of a pinky red, changing to a liver color. 7. The flesh is white. 8. The stem is white, solid and cylindrical.

CHAS. G. JR., & CO., NORTHFIELD, MINN.—There are several tanneries in this State, all doing well; one, especially, has amassed a large fortune in the business. Hemlock flourishes in Oregon, furnishing a sufficiency of bark. The demand for leather is good. A firm with some "grit" and "push" could establish a large business in this line with our neighboring Territories. The "fever and ague bugbear" is all bosh; we haven't as much of it in this State as your own Minnesota has. The rumor you heard of is perhaps a weak invention of some of our California friends (?) who are not over-anxious to see our own State settled up. By the way, speaking of fever and ague, their Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys are nice little hot-beds for that pleasant (?) sensation.

G. A. M., JOLIET, ILL.—The general health in this State is good. Consumption is not a prevalent disease here; however, we should not advise one already having that disease to settle in Western Oregon. Eastern Oregon has a climate that