

## TABLE ROCK.

Table Rock, an engraving of which we present in this number, is one of the prominent natural land-marks in Southern Oregon. It is situated on the north bank of Rogue river, in Jackson county, and about twelve miles from the town of Jacksonville. For many miles along the Oregon and California stage road it is plainly visible, and is an object of admiration to all who appreciate the grand and picturesque in nature's panorama. Viewed from a distance, on the southern and southeastern sides, it resembles a vast fortress with trowning battlements and insurmountable walls. Its top has the appearance of a level surface, which is more striking because it is seen without background, except the clear sky, at this season of the year. Upon close inspection, all ideas formed from a distant view vanish. Its symmetrical proportions are lost and it is found to be

the molten lava. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that on the outside, and at the base of the eastern wall, a small stream of asphaltum issues forth and congeals into flinty hardness after being exposed a short time to atmospheric influences. The highest point of the wall is on the east side. Here there is a perpendicular precipice of three hundred feet, and for more than two miles the height varies from one hundred and fifty to two hundred feet. The rock is basalt, and it rests upon a gray sandstone base, which seems to dip from the outer edge of the wall, inward. The upper two-thirds of the basalt has a smooth surface, and the lower third is crystalline, or, rather, composed of groups of Duric columns, cemented together.

Table Rock is an object of historic as well as geologic interest. In a military view it is one of the most easily fortified strongholds in the world. This

The Umatilla river, on account of its valley, is one of the most important streams of Eastern Oregon. The Umatilla valley, together with the bottom lands of several tributary creeks, furnishes a fine tract of rich alluvial land, having a high reputation for its agricultural capacity. Large sections are open for settlement, ranging from mountainous and wooded tracts to rolling prairies covered with bunch grass, and lastly, the narrow but rich bottoms of streams, rendering it an easy matter to select a farm or timber claim as may be preferred. Should the Indian reservation be thrown open for settlement, which will undoubtedly be done at the expiration of the present treaty, within two years, it will make Umatilla the richest county in Oregon.

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## A NEWSPAPER'S FUNCTION.

In a recent speech of an attorney in a libel suit, the following language occurs: There has grown up a sort of common law of obligation, recognized mutually by the press and the people, by which the people expect that the press, as distributors of useful intelligence, shall inform them, as well what is to be avoided as what is to be sought, as well who is to be suspected as who is to be confided in. And a newspaper, as a garnerer and distributor of news, is a public monitor, and it is its duty to admonish the people against frauds and shams, and impostures and dishonesties. It is to be a beacon as well as a guide; and whenever a public newspaper, through its diversified appliances for the collection and distribution of information, discovers anywhere in public life and in public avocations, whether it be a lawyer, or a clergyman, or a physician, a man who, instead of securing the public welfare by honorable methods and practices, simply prowls about in the back yard of his profession, and uses the means and instrumentalities which honorable title gives him to pan-



TABLE ROCK, SOUTHERN OREGON.—FROM A PHOTO BY PETER BRITT, JACKSONVILLE.

two walls of crescent form, inclosing a miniature valley, through which a small stream courses down into Rogue river, with the two southwest points of the crescent walls near each other. This stream was once rich in gold, but, like the many placer deposits in Southern Oregon, it was long since worked out and deserted.

The area inclosed within the walls, is, in extent, about half a mile from one extremity to the other, and is nearly round. At the northeast points of the crescents there is an opening through which a bridle trail leads down a gentle declivity into the broad valley below. From the formation of the whole geological structure, known as Table Rock, it is reasonable to believe that the walls were once complete, and inclosed the crater of a volcano. The waste of time, through the lapse of ages, wore through the stony inclosure; the fire retreated back to their subterranean home, and a cold stream of water trickles down where once flowed

fact was well understood by the Indians during their war with the settlers in 1855-6. On the 14th of October, 1855, when one of the famous Rogue river chiefs was hard pressed by the volunteers, he took refuge on Table Rock and kept his enemies at bay during the whole day. At night, he escaped with his band, after having killed and wounded several of the attacking party, without losing a man. Fort Lane, named for Gen. Joseph Lane, was situated a short distance to the southwest of Table Rock, and the soldiers, while stationed there, by frequent excursions, made themselves acquainted with all the intricate fastnesses of the grand natural fortification.

But the incidents we here relate have passed into history, and the herdsmen's flock now wanders in security around the rocky fortress which once echoed back the wild warwhoop and the sharp ring of the frontiersman's rifle.

Prosperity does best discover vice, but adversity does best discover virtue.

lieves them from the destructive beating or rubbing, but we cannot say that it does not rot them: One kilo (2½ pounds) of soap is reduced with a little water to a sort of pap, which, having been slightly warmed, is cooled in 45 liters (10 gallons) of water, to which is added one spoonful of turpentine oil and two spoonfuls of ammonia; then the mixture is agitated. The water is kept at a temperature which may be borne by the hand. In this solution are introduced the white clothes, and they are left there two hours before washing them in soap, taking care in the meantime to cover the tub. The soapy water may be warmed again and be used once more, but it will be necessary to add half a spoonful of turpentine and another spoonful of ammonia. Once washed in soap, the clothes are put in warm water and the blue is applied.

Life in itself is neither good nor evil; it is the scene of good or evil as you make it; and, if you have lived a long day, you have seen all.

It is not enough to have great qualities; we should also have the management of them.

der to his own lust or avarice, or any other vile passion, and that paper fails to send out some admonitory voice, and sound some signal of warning, it is recreant to every principle of duty and responsibility, and should be stigmatized by the public it pretends to represent and to serve.

As a "rustler," Samuel, of the WEST SHORE, has no equal. He came to town last week, stayed with us one day soliciting subscribers to his paper, and then bade us good bye with his pockets so full that there has been a stringency in the money market ever since. The WEST SHORE, however, is a good paper, and we do not feel inclined to grumble because it is so liberally patronized.—*Roseburg Independent.*

Crops throughout this State are looking exceedingly well, and as the general prospect at present is that prices for grain will rule high, we may expect an extraordinarily prosperous year, commencing with the present harvest.

A kiss ought to be a mark of honest affection, not a weapon of hypocrisy.