

Sound, reached a higher altitude in the southern than in the northern part.

The gorge through which the Columbia flows at the Cascades, is gradually closing, rapidly enough, however, to cause the adjustment of the railroad that runs from the Lower to the Upper Cascades, through the gorge, along the river, several times within the last decade. A heavy earthquake shock would completely close the opening, and prevent the waters of the Columbia Basin from escaping, consequently a lake would form again between the Cascades and the Rocky Mountains because there is no other outlet. The whole country, just spoken of, is drained by the Columbia, hence all waters must flow through said gorge.

Popular Indian tradition has it that years ago Mts. Hood and St. Helens had a fight, and in their anger they hurled fire and rocks at each other, and shook the earth for miles around causing the highest mountains to tremble, and the waters of the Columbia to foam with rage. A volcanic eruption accompanied by violent shocks of earthquake, is undoubtedly the foundation upon which the above uncouth tradition rests. Mt. St. Helens is represented as a volcano by nearly all Geographers; however, she is quiescent at present. Mt. Hood is also quiescent; but was, years ago, the seat of volcanic action, on this side of the Columbia, and the discharge of lava has been immense. Large trees have been found in the quarry near The Dalles, far below the surface, completely charred, securely encased in rocks, (which are of a lava formation). They evidently grew upon the mountain, and were submerged by the overwhelming discharge of lava that flowed from Mt. Hood.

LITERARY NOTE FROM SCRIBNER & Co.

A short serial by Mrs. Burnett, author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's," etc., will begin in the February SCRIBNER. Meantime Mrs. Burnett is writing what promises to be her longest novel, for SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. Its scene is laid in Washington. Mr. Cable's new serial, "Madame Delphine," will also begin in February, and run through three or four numbers. Mrs. Schayer's "Tiger-Lily" will be concluded in the January number.

A significant article by the Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell in the *North American Review* for December, entitled "The Future of the Republican Party," is sure to arrest public attention. Written after the result of the recent elections had been ascertained, this article defines the position which the Republican party is, in logic and in policy, bound to assume toward the Southern States. Concession, compromise, conciliation, the author says in substance, will no longer be tolerated. No person is to be admitted to a seat in the Senate, unless the record of his election is clear. New laws are to be passed for the supervision and protection of the ballots in the elections of members of the House of Representa-

tives and Presidential electors. The civil magistrates must have the means within call [the army] of protecting the ballot and keeping the peace. The United States must insure to the people of each state a truly republican form of government. No grants will be made for internal improvements in any southern state where the equality of all men before the law is not a living, practical fact. The other articles in the December number of the Review are: "The Discoveries of Olympia," by Prof. Ernst Curtius. "Rational Sunday Observance" by the Rev. James Freeman Clarke; "Southern Statesmen and their Policy," by the Hon. John Jay; "The Ruins of Central America," by Desire Charnay; "The Distribution of Time" by Dr. Leonard Waldo; "The Public School Failure," by Richard Grant White; "The Validity of the Emancipation Edict," by Aron A. Ferris. For sale by booksellers and newsdealers generally:

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