

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

THE ARMY IN MEXICO.—It is to be hoped that such days in Mexico are gone, and that, from Diaz on, the Presidents will be of the people and for them. Then the army, which has proved to be worse than any other plague that Mexico has been vexed with, will be no more. As in the United States it will remain latent, to be brought out, when needed, by the friction of the occasion. It is up to no very remote day that the army in Mexico was as Hubert Howe Bancroft describes it in the following paragraph, taken from his last published volume of the "History of the Pacific States":

"A leading factor in the strife is the army; at times a mere instrument, but too often the arbiter. Inflated by self-importance since the war of independence, it readily develops into a cormorant feeding on the vitals of the nation. It becomes the pliant instrument of its ambitious spirits—men who, impelled by vanity and greed, seize a favorable moment, and, assisted by distance from the centre or by the preoccupied or enforced situation of the authorities, swing themselves by a series of frequently bloodless revolutions from corporals and lieutenants to generals, meanwhile hiding defalcations and extorting concessions. With growing strength they become party leaders, menace the supreme government itself, and either dictate terms or install more compliant rulers."

The benefits to be derived from an organization of the press of the Pacific Northwest for the promotion of friendly intercourse and co-operation in business interests ought to bring into such a society every journal in Oregon and Washington. A preliminary meeting was held in Portland a few weeks ago, at which it was decided to issue a circular calling for an expression of opinion on the subject. So many favorable responses have been received that a call has been issued for a convention of the press of Oregon and Washington, to be held in Portland May 19, in the hall over the *Standard* office. It is hoped that as many as possible of our brethren of the press will attend, or at least signify their intention to unite with the organization which will then be formed. All who favor the movement are requested to give the time and object of the convention prominence in their columns, so that the matter will be thoroughly understood.

The press associations of two States have arranged for excursions to this region the coming summer. The Iowa association will leave Council Bluffs on the 9th of June, and will be absent eighteen days. The Colorado excursion will be a month later. To both the courtesies of the press of this region will be extended. Each paper represented will contain descriptions of the trip, and especially of the region traversed by the Oregon Short Line and Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, over whose lines they come. Much good will result from this visit, as descriptions of our country and its advantages will be placed in an attractive form before the thousands of subscribers to the papers of Iowa and Colorado.

At last Portland has a first class hotel, elegantly furnished, handsomely decorated within and without, all its appointments rich and attractive, and, above all other things, presided over by a thorough hotel man of long experience and great popularity on the Coast. This is the Esmond, which has been rebuilt and enlarged, and has just been opened to the public by Mr. Thomas Guinean. As a hotel man Mr. Guinean has no superior on the Coast. His long experience in managing first class hotels, such as the popular Arcade at Sacramento and the favorite St. Charles in this city, has given him an acquaintance with the traveling public which they will be pleased to renew at the Esmond. Its elegant parlors,

bay window suits and large single rooms, as well as its superb table, render it specially attractive to tourists who desire to make Portland their headquarters while visiting this region.

For a month past Mr. Albert Feldenheimer has been busily engaged in decorating and improving his handsome jewelry store, the one widely known as "Stone's Jewelry Store." It is without exception the most elegant store on the Pacific Coast, and Mr. Feldenheimer has stocked it with goods that in variety and quantity are unsurpassed by any establishment in the West. Jewelry should be purchased only of responsible and reputable dealers, whose representations of quality may be relied upon. Such a place is Stone's Jewelry Store. When to this is added the elegant surroundings and the unrivaled assortment from which to select, the great popularity of Mr. Feldenheimer's establishment is easily understood.

The Cosmopolitan Hotel, J. J. Hunt, proprietor, is one of the institutions of Port Townsend. It is a favorite hostelry with the traveling public, especially with that portion whose intimate acquaintance with the hotels of the Northwest enables them to form an opinion based upon experience. This arises not only from the excellent table and accommodations, but from the courteous attentions of the genial host as well.

One of the most energetic and valuable agents in the service of Wells, Fargo & Co. is Mr. F. W. Spencer, the gentleman in charge of the office at Port Townsend. Owing to its location the office is a very important one, and the company is to be congratulated upon having so thorough a business man and gentleman to represent it there.

Owing to its central position as regards a large surrounding region, Port Townsend has need of good hotel accommodations. These it possesses in the well-known Central Hotel, which is always crowded with travelers and those visiting the city from adjacent towns. Special facilities are provided for commercial travelers. Parties desiring to spend a few weeks enjoying the summer climate and scenery of Puget Sound will find the Central a very pleasant home.

The Northwestern Fruit Company of Seattle are quite extensive dealers in fruit, nuts, poultry, etc. Their store in that city is crowded with the products of home orchards and imported fruits from California. The quantity of fruit handled by the company is enormous.

Among the business establishments of North Yakima, whose energetic and enterprising managers have done much to promote the growth and welfare of the town, may be mentioned T. J. V. Clark, general forwarding and commission merchant, and extensive dealer in groceries, produce, crockery, tobacco, etc. Mr. Clark has already established an extensive business. The I X L Company, wholesale and retail dealers in clothing, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hats and caps, trunks, valises, etc., is an establishment conducted strictly on the "one price" principle. The Capital Restaurant, Theodore Steiner, proprietor, is an attractive eating house. In the Guiland House, the first hotel in the city, and one favorably known in connection with the old town, North Yakima possesses an excellent hotel.

SOME FACTS ABOUT CORSETS.

The annual sale of Corsets in the United States is about \$10,000,000, of which two millions are imported and eight millions are manufactured in this country. The largest manufacturers of the world are WARNER BROTHERS, whose factory is located at Bridgeport, Conn., with salesrooms at New York and Chicago. The business of this firm has been built up entirely within the past ten years, and is due largely to the discovery by them of a stiffer for Corsets, called Coraline, which they use in place of the rigid and brittle whalebone heretofore employed. The cloth which this firm cut into Corsets in a single year, if drawn out in a continuous line, would more than reach from Boston to Chicago, while the Coraline which they use in stiffening these Corsets would extend over half way round the earth.