

Articles have been filed incorporating the Northwest Water company, at Seattle. The incorporators and first trustees are J. M. Wiestling, Frank Wiestling and J. V. Chown. The capital stock is \$100,000, and the object of the company is to furnish water to towns and cities, and to buy and sell real estate.

The Mexican government has lately ordered 1,000,000 grape cuttings from California, and will distribute them free to all who wish to plant them in Mexico.

The Hamilton Electric Light and Power Company of Hamilton, Skag't county, Washington, has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

A starch factory at Tacoma is making a ton a day of starch from wheat, and expects by summer to double the output, making glucose as well.

The Idaho Commercial company have in their warehouse at Weiser 500,000 pounds of wool after having sold 150,000 pounds last week.

The Olympia Light & Power company have bought Tum-water falls, and will use it for a water power for their electric railway.

The editors of Southern California will hold a convention at Santa Barbra during the second week of July.

Milton, Oregon, is to have a new brick manufacturing plant.

Walla Walla is extending its water works system.

The steam moter of the Bay Railroad company made its trial trip in Astoria, Oregon, last week. It is a success.

The Hastings Manufacturing company, for sash, doors, etc., started up at Port Townsend, Washington, last week.

The people of Cheney, Washington, have incorporated the Washington Farmers' Mutual Insurance company.

The new *Chronicle* office in San Francisco, just completed, is ten stories in height and cost \$1,000,000.

The Bellingham Bay Gas company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$200,000.

Centralia, Washington, is to have a national bank. It will be in operation by July 15th.

Moscow, Idaho, has just completed new fair grounds and an excellent one mile race track.

The Petaluma Fruit Packing company has incorporated with a capital of \$100,000.

The town of Blaine is to have an electric light plant at once to cost \$25,000.

The fruit crop on Snake river is said to be excellent this year.

Astoria, Oregon, is to have a new system of water works.

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A pork-packing plant has been established at San Francisco on land leased for ninety-nine years. A year more and it would have been a century plant.—*Texas Siftings*.

"What are you doing now?"

"I'm writing for a living."

"For the papers or magazines?"

"No. Writing to the old man for money."—*Light*.

There have been some important carbonate strikes made this season on Pritchard creek, in Northern Idaho. That is the oldest camp in the Coeur d'Alenes, though the most attention has been paid to the others. Extensive development work is being done there this year.

FRIEND (to actor)—You must be tired traveling all the way from Kansas City.

ACTOR—Yes; the journey is a long one.

FRIEND—Do the railroad companies show the profession any favors nowadays?

ACTOR—Oh, yes; all engineers are instructed to blow the whistle five times as a little act of courtesy.—*Judge*.

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