

The School Marm Problem.

Captain Allen D. McLean, surgeon at the United States hospital at Mantinlupa, in the Philippines writes thus to a friend in Detroit: At present the general topic of the day is, What is Uncle Sam going to do with the new white elephant—the 700 school teachers recently sent here—he so philanthropically or unknowingly saddled upon himself. Without the commissary privileges, their salary of \$75 a month doesn't even keep them in food. Cannot speak Spanish, and never will learn to understand Tagalo. The general impression is that it would be cheaper for Uncle Sam to transport all the Filipinos to the United States to learn the language there than to attempt the school ma'am scheme. They have only been here two weeks and have raised more pow wow and disturbance than the whole army did during the palmy days of the insurrection. Since leaving the United States about 100 of them have been married, and the remaining 600 are busying themselves day and night to get into the matrimonial band wagon, the wheels of which never cease turning, even in the Philippines."

After Oregon Oil Land.

A dispatch from Vale, Oregon says: Much interest is being taken in the favorable oil prospects of Malheur Basin. H. B. Orcutt, of Duluth Minn., who represents 24 Eastern capitalists, among whom are Hon. Chas. A. Towne, president of the Beaumont Oil Company, of Beaumont, Tex., has gone into the district. He says the Oregon oil excitement has struck the Eastern states and Eastern capitalists stand ready to invest.

J. H. Meikle and A. W. Thayer, of Baker City, are also here. Those gentlemen represent Denver and Los Angeles capitalists, who are interested in the oil business of California. Thayer and Meikle have located a large section of the choicest land near here. This company's drills are new idea, and they will ship them from California and commence boring some time this winter.

Thayer and Meikle brought in some oil rock, and a number of fine fossils. Some of the fossils are rare specimens. One is a rock with a piece clipped off, exposing six well preserved teeth. This is a beautiful specimen. Another is the piece of a human jawbone, about three inches in length, containing a double tooth, or grinder, perhaps that of a giant.

Good Price For Cattle.

Mr. H. A. Summerville returned last week from the range on the South Fork of the John Day River, where he and W. S. Brown have their stock. He reports that while there they sold 200 head of beef steers for \$3.65 per 100, and 50 cows for \$3.10 per 100 lbs., all delivered at Pendleton, and, that since he left the range Mr. Brown sold another 100 head of beef steers for \$3.50 per 100 lbs., to be delivered at Ukiah. From this range, Mr. Summerville says, there has been sold this season 1400 head of beef cattle, and several bands of range horses. The horses, in promiscuous lots, brought \$10 per head; also that many cavalry horses had been picked up on the range at \$30 and \$35 per head. He further mentions that he and his partner have 700 head of cattle which they will winter and for these have plenty of feed now on hand.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

Work is progressing rapidly at the Victor mine, near Baker City. A force of 65 men is employed in replacing machinery. Prospecting is going ahead on the hill, and preparations are under way for work

in the new tunnel, which is being timbered. The steam pipes are being fitted, it being the purpose of the owners to heat the office and all mine buildings by steam during the coming winter.

Isaac Guke and R. B. Clayton have received a payment of \$3500 on the Fremont group of mines, which they recently sold to the Standard Mining Company, says a Grant county paper. Their final payment on the property will be made January 1.

The local Land Office has received filings on eighty sections of oil lands situated in Malheur county, near Huntington. The filing is made by Solomon Hirsch, of Portland, and covers the largest tract of land of that nature that has yet been filed in that district.—Burns News.

A Sportsman's Paradise.

Al Otness, Charles W. Seed, Ed Flues and Young returned from Harney lake last night, where in one day and half shooting, they killed over 300 ducks and geese, bringing in with them fully 250, says the Sumpter Miner. They claim to have run out of ammunition otherwise the slaughter would have been greater. They also say the country is alive with grouse, prairie chicken and sage hage hens, and a band of about fifty antelope was seen but not near enough to invite a shot. Many swans were coming in and in a week more they will be in great flocks. Harney lake is certainly a sportsman's paradise.—Weston Leader.

Yes it is a sportsman's paradise now, but what will it be in a few years if the present rate of slaughter keeps up? The slaughter reported in the above article would have been considered a big kill even in the palmy days of pot hunting when men killed ducks simply for their feathers. It must be admitted that some very foolish game laws have been made in this state, but none of them would temporize with such game hogs as the above. The fast vanishing flocks of wild fowl and the rapidly diminishing herds of deer must be preserved if future generations are to know what the noble Mule deer looked like when this country was in its pioneer state.

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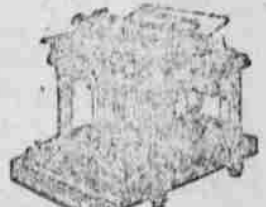
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