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The oldest code of laws has been found in the ruins of Susa, and dates back to 2200 B. C.

Will the republicans do anything to remedy the currency laws which they are pledged to perfect? Secretary Shaw says not.

Alaska is proving its adaptability to agriculture. Good crops of garden truck and fair crops of grain were made during the past season.

If the Dingley bill does not need revision, it proves that the protection policy is a failure, for it has not built up American industries to a point where they can stand alone.

It begins to look as though the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy would prove a success, the government officials to the contrary notwithstanding.

The republican chairman of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives declares that there are no trusts. Needless to say the prospects of anti-trust legislation are not bright.

Representative Littlefield, of Maine, who believes he has a remedy for trusts, is being made the butt of ridicule by his colleagues for his lack of republicanism.

The unfortunate beet sugar manufacturers of Michigan can guarantee, under existing conditions, only 82 1/2 per cent. on their investment. Naturally they will strive earnestly to defeat the Cuban treaty.

There is every indication that the tariff schedules which Mr. Dingley purposely made too high, to permit of their reduction by reciprocity, will continue too high after the fifty-seventh congress adjourns.

There has been a cut in the price of beef on the hoof of over 30 per cent. with no corresponding reduction of the retail price, and yet some people have the temerity to tell us that there is no beef trust.

There will be no bureau of mines in the new department of commerce and labor. The mining interests of the country generally wished for one, but the anthracite coal operators opposed the publicity of their affairs, which such a bureau would imply.

It is somewhat of a commentary on the much-vaunted honesty of the army that the transportation of troops across the Pacific can be more economically conducted by private concerns, which must naturally figure on making a profit, than by the government through the war or navy department.

In the eighty years since the Monroe doctrine was first propounded, the navy of the United States has never equalled that of any of the great European powers, and yet the doctrine has never been violated. The reason is plain. The United States feeds a large portion of Europe. Were Germany or England, for instance, to make war on the United States, their armies would starve. All this talk about making our navy equal in strength to theirs is jingoism.

THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY RECORD.

We welcome to our exchange table this week a copy of the Clackamas County Record, a new paper launched into this troublesome world by Brodie & Davis of this city. The paper is a clean, well gotten up and up-to-date country newspaper. The boys promise in their salutatory that the paper will be published twice a week, and that it will be a staunch republican sheet in politics. Messrs. Brodie & Davis are young men of this city, of character, ability and intelligence, and with the facilities at their hands ought to be able, and we do not doubt that they will be able, to make a worthy newspaper. The putting on foot of a newspaper is always more or less of a speculation. The history of newspapers is that only one in ten that are published live to become a success and a money-maker. We sincerely hope that our neighbor and friends may be the "one," and that the Record may live long and prosper.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

On next Monday the biennial session of the Oregon legislature will convene at Salem for the usual forty day's session. There are many important matters to be attended to in the few brief days of its legal life. A United States senator must be elected, a Lewis and Clark fair appropriation should be made, and these two things ought to be attended to in the very opening days of the session. Then, again, it would be well to so modify the taxing laws of the state of Oregon that the burden of taxation would rest more heavily upon the shoulders of corporations and franchises and more lightly upon the farming and commercial classes. In the great states of the East, both democratic and republican, the burden of taxation is being placed upon privileges and franchises and corporate wealth. In Ohio the direct taxes have almost entirely disappeared, and the same is true in the great state of New York. It will not do for a young and growing state to become too radical in matters of this kind, as we want more railroads, telegraphs and telephones, and want to encourage capital to enter and invest in the state; at the same time the franchises possessed by these corporations are of great value and ought to be taxed as heavily as justice to other interests justify and demand. The question of state taxation is always the big question in state politics, and the growth and development of the state depends largely upon the manner in which it is handled. The eyes of the entire state will be upon Salem for the next few weeks. As the republican party is in supreme control in both branches of the general assembly their power carries with it the burden of responsibility, and the people of the state, regardless of politics, will watch their proceedings with more than ordinary interest.

JACKSON'S DAY.

Anniversaries are the mile stones that mark epochs in the lives of men and nations. Few have a more attractive history woven around and into the skin of their origin than has that of Jackson's Day, which is celebrated in memory of the battle of New Orleans and that rugged honest soldier, Andrew Jackson, whose indomitable will made the battle possible and whose Kentucky and Tennessee rifleman made it a victory. We celebrate the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans fought on the 8th of January, 1815 as Jackson's Day, as an epoch in the history of the development of this country, as a milestone on the pathway of human progress, as a monument erected of the bones and blood of our soldiers to mark the passing of foreign supremacy in the Mississippi valley and the spread of Democracy in the western world. Few battles have been fought in the world's history more remarkable in many respects; than this great battle at the beginning of the last century, just below the present city of New Orleans, on the left bank of the "great river." The battle was fought after a treaty of peace had been signed between the warring nations and while the peace commissioners were on the high seas bearing to this country the olive branch that was to end possibly forever war between this country and any English speaking race. That was before the days of the telegraph and cable. In our modern world no such fatuity of circumstances could bring such dire results. Then again the battle was between the backwoodsmen of Kentucky and Tennessee who had seen little service and knew little of army tactics and army drill on the one side and the trained and hardened soldiers of Wellington's army fresh from their last campaign against Napoleon resulting in his down-fall and destruction at the battle of Waterloo. They were the best trained soldiers in the world and in an hundred battles had won honor for themselves and fame for their country. The contending forces were nearly equal but the British soldiers under Packingham were cut to pieces by the deadly fire of the backwoodsmen and were routed and driven from the field if not in disgrace at least in a panic; another triumph of the new world over the old. Eighty-eight years have come and gone since the battle of New Orleans when the Briton met Jackson and his men and since that good day no foreign foe has placed foot upon American soil. As Jackson soon afterwards became the great prototype of all that is honest and Democratic in our government, laid his mailed hand upon the wrongs and abuses that were growing up under a system of governing, he was hailed as the Democratic Moses and made a Democratic idol. He will live in all history as a fearless, honest soldier and a statesman whose sole aim was the perpetuity of the American Republic. With becoming reverence we celebrate this day and only wish that somewhere in this great Republic we might find another great Democratic leader who might become to this generation what Jackson was to his, who would lay his hand upon the corporate greed that today threatens the ship of state, who would drive the Shylocks and money changers from the Temple and restore the people to their own.

ASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

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SEEDS IN THE PRIZE PUMPKIN.

Remarkably Good Guesses Were Made and the Prizes Widely Distributed.

About Seven Hundred Guesses Were Made and Over a Thousand Dollars Paid on Subscription.

Pumpkin Cut, the Seed Counted and Prizes Awarded Last Thursday.

The Courier Pumpkin Seed Guessing Contest came to a close Thursday afternoon of last week. Guesses were made right up to the time the pumpkin was cut, two having been handed in not five minutes before. In all about seven hundred guesses were made and nearly all of them were on subscriptions at a dollar and a half each, only a few having taken advantage of the fifty cent offer.

There was a wide variety in the guesses that were deposited. The lowest guess made was 26; the highest was 5,000. But the great majority of guesses fell between two and seven hundred.

The number of seeds in the Prize Pumpkin was 404. Three persons guessed this number exactly. These three were P. J. Ridings, of Marquam; Ernest Mass, of Willamette Falls, and James Roake, of Long Beach, California. Mr. Ridings made his guess early in the action while Mr. Mass and Mr. Roake did not guess until towards the end of the contest.

The second best guess was 403, and singular to relate there were six parties who guessed this number. All of the prizes were divided but the seventh and ninth, and in many instances were divided between six or eight contestants, so that some of the winners received a very small part for their share.

Only two of the prizes go outside of Clackamas county, the others being distributed to almost every part of the county. The sixteen prizes were distributed among fifty persons.

The Committee that cut the pumpkin, counted the seeds and awarded the prizes was composed of the following well-known gentlemen: Col. R. A. Miller, Hon. Gilbert L. Hedges and Mayor G. B. Dimick. It was at first decided that only seeds that would grow should be counted, but after the committee had looked over the seed they found it would be impossible to distinguish between a seed that would grow and one that would not unless they submitted all the seeds to chemical test. This would have been impracticable as it would have probably taken days, and all seeds that looked like they were good were counted.

P. J. Ridings, who was the first to make the lucky guess, made four guesses and paid four subscriptions. The manner in which he arrived at the correct number was a novel one. Having four guesses he asked two bystanders to make one each while he made one. This they did and taking the three numbers he found the sum total and divided by three. The dividend was 404.

The following is a list of the winners, the number of seeds guessed and the amount received by each:

Table listing winners and amounts for various prize levels: FIRST PRIZE-\$50, SECOND PRIZE-\$25, THIRD PRIZE-\$15, FOURTH PRIZE-\$10, FIFTH PRIZE-\$10, SIXTH PRIZE-\$5, SEVENTH PRIZE-\$5, EIGHTH PRIZE-\$5, NINTH PRIZE-\$5, TENTH PRIZE-\$5, ELEVENTH PRIZE-\$5, TWELFTH PRIZE-\$2.50, THIRTEENTH PRIZE-\$2.50.

BISHOP HANDY SAYS

"I take great pleasure in acknowledging the curative effects of Peruna. At the solicitation of a friend I used your remedy and cheerfully recommend your Peruna to all who want a good tonic and a safe cure for catarrh."--JAMES A. HANDY.

Prominent members of the clergy are giving Peruna their unqualified endorsement. These men find Peruna especially adapted to preserve them from catarrh of the vocal organs which has always been the bane of public speakers, and general catarrhal debility incident to the sedentary life of the clergyman. Among the recent utterances of noted clergymen on the curative virtues of Peruna is the above one from Bishop James A. Handy, D. D., of Baltimore.

OTHER NOTABLE CURES. A Husband Escaped the Pangs of Catarrh of the Lungs. Most Cases of Incipient Consumption are Catarrh.



Edward Stevens.

Mrs. Edward Stevens of Carthage, N. Y., writes as follows:

"I now take pleasure in notifying you that my husband has entirely recovered from catarrh. He is a well man today, thanks to you and Peruna. He took six bottles of your medicine as directed, and it proved to be just the thing for him. His appetite is good and every thing he eats seems to agree with him. His cough has left him and he is gaining in flesh, and seems to be well every way."--MRS. EDWARD STEVENS.

Any internal remedy that will cure catarrh in one location will cure it in

any other location. This is why Peruna has become so justly famous in the cure of catarrhal diseases. It cures catarrh wherever located. Its cures remain. Peruna does not palliate; it cures.

Mrs. Frederick Williams, President of the South Side Ladies' Aid Society of Chicago, Ill., writes the following words of praise for Peruna from 973 Cuyler avenue, Chicago, Ill.:

"My home is never without Peruna, for I have found during the past six years that there is no remedy that will at once alleviate suffering and actually cure, as Peruna does. Four bottles completely cured me of catarrh of the head of several years' standing, and if my husband feels badly, or either of us catch cold, we at once take Peruna, and in a day or two it has thrown the sickness out of the system."--Mrs. Frederick Williams.

Mrs. W. A. Allison, of 759 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, Ill., is the Assistant Matron of the People's Hospital. She has the following to say about Peruna:

"I have had frequent opportunities to observe the wonderful curative effects of Peruna especially on persons suffering with a congested condition of the head, lungs, and stomach, generally called catarrh. It alleviates pain and soreness, increases the appetite and so tones up the entire system that the patient quickly regains strength and health."--Mrs. W. A. Allison.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Table listing winners for FOURTEENTH PRIZE-\$2.50 and FIFTEENTH PRIZE-\$2.50.

While the guessing contest closed last Thursday and the list is pretty well cleaned up, there are still several hundred delinquent subscribers on our list. As we are very desirous of running on the cash in advance system we will feel deeply grateful to all of these if they will come in and pay up. Bills will be sent to all of our friends who are behind outside of the county within a few days and those who do not pay will pay will be taken off our list and the amount they owe put into the hands of a collector. If you do not want the paper stopped and have not the money to pay with at the present time, notify us and we will send it on but we must have some satisfactory arrangement. We will publish a weekly news letter from Salem, covering the doings of the state legislature, during the session of that body, and will send the Courier to any address for two months for the small sum of 25 cents. If your neighbor is not a subscriber tell him about this offer. Help us in building up our subscription list and we will give you the best paper Clackamas county ever had.

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