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STATE NEWS NOTES

Astoria and Columbia River Railroad Completed—March Shipments of Wheat and Flour.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 5.—State Senator Samuel R. Hughes died at his home in this city at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon of apoplexy, at the age of 62.

SALEM, April 2.—Applications for commissions to fight Spain continue to be received at the executive office. One Eastern Oregon man wants to be commissioned to raise a troop of mounted cowboys to drive the Spaniards off the Western hemisphere.

CLATSkanie, Or., April 5.—The two track-laying crews on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad completed the all-rail connection between Astoria and Portland at a point near this place at 4:30 p. m. today. Several hundred citizens of this place, headed by the Clatskanie band, were present to witness the driving of the last spike.

	Bushels.
Total wheat to Europe	1,763,456
Wheat to San Francisco	54,718
Total wheat	1,818,174
Total value	\$1,313,075
Total flour to Europe and Africa	54,687
Total flour to the Orient	26,130
Total flour to San Francisco	10,426
Total flour	94,243
Total value	\$353,948
Value wheat and flour	\$1,667,023

Darkey of the Eastern Shore.

It is worth while to see them drive into one of the villages, say on a Saturday when the country people are gathering to do their shopping. One will see many an old negro come driving in at a snail's pace, clad in ill fitting garments too big or too little, of any color or no color, ragged and patched. He slouches on the seat of his tumble down wagon as if it were too much trouble to sit erect or as if he were about to fall over into the bottom of the vehicle and go to sleep. His steed is a mule, small, bony, starved looking, waddling in gait, a very caricature of his kind. One expects him every moment to stop and go to feeding on the grass that grows near the gutter. The wagon rattles from afar. Every bolt and screw is loose, the wheels seem about to fall entirely off, the sideboards sway and the seat moves from side to side, apparently at the peril of the occupant. The harness is composed largely of rope and twine. The lines are innocent of all accusation of being leather. One would be willing to risk his life on a venture that such a team would never get down the street to the hitching place by the pump, but the zigzag journey is safely made, with no sign of anxiety on the part of the driver, and he bails his lounging comrades on the pavement with a guffaw that can be heard a mile. The voices of the ill clad but happy group sound mellow and sweet and good natured as they chaff each other. These voices are the very expression of the happy go lucky, idle, easy, careless life of these people, too indolent to sound all the syllables of their words. Yet they are happy. To see and hear them one would think there was no tomorrow, nothing to be done in the world and no such thing as care upon earth. —Calvin Dill Wilson in Lippincott's.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer \$100 for any case that fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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FRUITS FOR THE TABLE.

Mrs. Rorer Tells the Best Kinds—How They Should Be Served.

Fruits are more appetizing and, perhaps, more easily digested if taken in the early part of the day—whether or not before the breakfast must be determined by the eater.

Grapes, oranges and shaddocks may be served before the cereal. Baked apples, peaches, baked bananas, figs, dates, prunes or stewed fruits should be served at the close of the breakfast.

Raisins, sultanas, dried figs and prunes should be soaked thoroughly, so that they may take up the same amount of water with which they have parted in the process of drying, and should then be heated just enough to soften the skins.

The subacid fruits, such as apples, figs, dates, peaches, persimmons, pears, prunes and apricots, are, perhaps, the best of the winter fruits and may be used to good advantage with animal foods.

Acid fruits must at all times be used most sparingly, especially by persons inclined to rheumatic troubles. The continued use of an orange or shaddock before breakfast will diminish the power of stomach digestion, for which reason they should be served with cereals or such foods as require only intestinal digestion.

The papaw and pineapple belong to a class alone. They contain a vegetable pepsin which assists in the digestion of the nitrogenous principles. These fruits, then, may be served with meats and will aid in their digestion. When served with bread and butter, they do not form so good a diet. They are more digestible raw than cooked, as the heat destroys the activity of the ferments.

Apples as a rule are more easily digested cooked than raw, although raw apples are more palatable.

The fashion of adding sugar to fruits should be avoided, as they have already been endowed with a sufficient amount of sugar, and as all the starch and cereals are converted into sugar any further amount would be stored in the system, to its detriment. If our bilious friends would throw aside their liver pills and with them sugar, they might be free from much discomfort.—Mrs. S. T. Rorer in Ladies' Home Journal.

EDWIN BOOTH.

The Great Tragedian Was Possessed of a Keen Sense of Humor.

Booth had a keen sense of humor, and among his intimates he was anything but the sad and gloomy man whom the outside world associated always with the character of the melancholy Dane of the stage. His published letters show how bright and cheerful he was usually in his familiar correspondence, and the following rhyming epistle is worth printing here as an example of his not infrequent efforts in that peculiar line. It came with an engraved portrait, neatly framed:

DEAR H.: XMAS EVE, 79.

Think not that I forget,
Or that because the walkin's wet
Is why I haven't called as yet
Fumer is pipe, on cigarette,
In your sanctum sanctorum.
'Tis but because I have to fry
Some other fish before they're dry.
This only is the reason why
My friends I do not bore 'em.
So, since I can't aller chez vous,
This deadhead I present in lieu
Of the one which here I shoulder,
Hoping this, too, may likewise call
Before the New Year learns to crawl
Or the old one grows much older.
But I know not, dear Hutton,
If you'll care a button
For this mug of my own that I send,
Though 'tis told me as truth
(May be flattery, forsooth)
By some who are judges
That this very mug is
By far the best pliz.

Of your friend
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P. S.—You may spurn it, or dera it,
Or dash it, or dang it, or burn it,
Or smash it by putting yer fut on.
Do any thing—rather than hang it,
If you don't like it, dear Hutton.

—Laurence Hutton in Harper's Magazine.

For Young Men and Young Women.

There is nothing that will arouse the rife of a young man or woman so quick as to have inferior laundry work put off on them. They may dress ever so well, but if their shirt front or shirt waist is mossy their neat appearance is spoiled. The Troy Laundry makes a specialty of ladies' and gentlemen's fine work. There can be no better work than is done at the Troy. Leave your orders at Johnson's barber shop.

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NATIONAL

Danish West Indies Will Not Be Purchased—Senator McBride's Bill Concerning Forfeited Lands.

CHICAGO, April 2.—A Times Herald special from Washington says:

The Government of France has tendered to the United States the aid of its good offices in preserving peace between this Government and Spain, and this offer has been declined by the Washington Administration. The tender by France came in a cablegram from Ambassador Porter, stationed at Paris, and was replied to in a long cablegram prepared at the state department.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Senate spent almost the entire day in the discussion of the resolution reported yesterday from the Committee on Foreign Relations for the acquisition of the West Indian islands owned by Denmark, and the resolution was retired by the practical withdrawal of the resolution by Lodge (rep. Mass.), its author. He stated that the debate has developed such a wide difference of opinion in the senate, where there had heretofore been such unanimity, that he would not further press the matter at a time when the president needed the support of all Senators of all Parties.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator McBride has presented to the Senate a bill providing that in all cases where lands have been or will be granted to railroad companies by the United States and afterwards such lands have been or shall be declared forfeited by an act of Congress, and persons have settled upon the forfeited lands under the land laws of the United States, such persons shall be entitled to pay for their improvements upon lands so settled upon, and shall be allowed reasonable value for same in any action or suit brought by the railroad company or upon any title derived from the railroad company whose grant has been declared forfeited, provided that any person claiming the benefit of this act shall settle upon such lands in good faith, believing them to be a part of the public domain.

FOREIGN.

Lord Salisbury Probably to Retire—Pope's Offer of Mediation Has Been Declined.

MADRID, April 3.—Senor Capdepon, Minister of the Interior, states officially that the Pope has accepted the task of mediation between Spain and the United States, at the suggestion of the latter, both nations accepting his mediation.

PARIS, April 2.—The French International Arbitration Society has sent letters to the Spanish minister, Gallon, and to the American secretary of state, Sherman, urging the advisability of arbitrating the differences between Spain and the United States.

PARIS, March 31.—The Court today began hearing the appeal of M. Zola against the sentence of imprisonment and 1000 francs fine imposed upon him, February 23, after he had been convicted of making libelous charges in *Aurore* against the conduct of the Esterhazy court-martial.

LONDON, April 2.—(Copyright, 1898, by the Associated Press)—The crisis between Spain and the United States is hard pushed for first place in public interest here by the question as to whether or not the Marquis of Salisbury will retire from office and the consequent reorganization of the Cabinet.

The Treating Habit.

It was Pope Telesphorus, who died before the year 150 A. D., who instituted Christmas as a festival, though for some time it was irregularly held in December, April and May. But for centuries before there had been a feast of Yule among the northern nations, whose great enjoyment was in drinking the wassail bowl or cup. Nothing gave them so much delight as indulgence in "carousing ale," especially at the season of short days, when fighting was ended. It was likewise the custom at all their feasts for the master of the house to fill a large bowl or pitcher, to drink out of it first himself and then give to him that sat next, and so it went around. This may have been the origin of that popular American custom known as "treating." It is certain that upon our Christian observance of this glorious day have been ingrafted habits taken from rude and barbarous people.—St. Louis Republic.

Thoughts Best Kept Unsaid.

"John," said Mrs. Younglove, "do you always tell me all your thoughts?" "Well, nearly always," John replied. She drew back frightened and exclaimed: "Nearly always! Oh, John, then you have some thoughts that you don't tell me?"

"Yes, dear," said he, attempting to put an arm round her, "there are some that I think it best not to tell you."

"Oh, and I thought you were so honorable!"

"But, love," the fond husband cried, "you would not care to hear the thoughts I allude to."

"Then what are they?" she tragically demanded.

"They are those," he meekly said, "that come to me when I am shaving."

—Pearson's Weekly.

Winner Either Way.

"Young man," said the multimillionaire angrily, "how dare you get engaged without my knowledge and to an actress?"

"Such a matter, sir, is one in which I do not think that even a father should be absolute."

"But you never earned a penny in your life. Supposing I publicly renounce you?"

"All right, sir. The more you publicly renounce me the more you advertise my wife."—Strand Magazine.

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