

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Truth never dodges up an alley, no matter whom it meets.

Few officeholders ever resign and few politicians ever reform.

Every time a lazy man looks at the clock the day becomes longer.

Men who prevaricate are just as little appreciated as the ordinary liars.

It is almost impossible for a man to go ahead after he is sure he's right.

A wise man looks into things for the purpose of enabling him to size up the outlook.

What a brilliant lot we should be if every man was half as smart as he thinks he is!

It is always cowardly to speak ill of a man behind his back, and it is often dangerous to say it to his face.

Many a rapid youth finds it easier to contest his father's will after the old man is dead than while he is on earth.

A Kansas spiritualist claims to be able to materialize the Angel Gabriel. But who cares as long as the horn is omitted?

There are several kinds of talking machines on the market, but none of them can hold a candle to those in evidence at an old-fashioned sewing circle.

Lord Wolsey says he thinks American soldiers are the best in the world. His predecessors of some one hundred and twenty years ago were persuaded into a like opinion.

A German military balloon was struck by lightning and its navigator precipitated to the earth. If this sort of thing keeps up aerial navigation will soon become as dangerous as automobilizing is for the pedestrian.

The tolling newspaper paragrapher qualifies his delight over peace in South Africa by the mournful thought that the good old Missouri mule joke will henceforth be a mighty hard one to work off on the reading public.

London brokers are wearing a badge bearing the words: "Permit bearer to walk about the earth. Pierpont." They think it's a joke, but are likely to wake up some morning and find that it is only another truth in the form of a jest.

Some societies are better than others. One of the good ones was organized in New York about two years ago to instruct the children in the tenement districts in the care of domestic animals. Already it has twenty-five chapters in the city, the members of which attend meetings where they talk about animals, and tell how they have helped those in distress. If there were more such societies, the work of the organizations of adults for the prevention of cruelty would be considerably decreased. It is good for the animals to be cared for, but it is better for the children to learn consideration for all living things.

"How much is it worth?" is a characteristic Yankee question. Light has been thrown on the value of a new commodity by the recent settlement by a certain railroad of a claim for damages. The claim was that of a charming young woman and was brought for the destruction or serious disfigurement of her nose. There seems to have been a wide difference of opinion as to the value of beauty as represented in a nose. The railroad originally thought that \$2,000 was about the right figure. The attorney for the heroine (she was a heroine in allowing her nose to act as witness in its battered condition) thought that \$75,000 was not too high a price. The compromise arrived at was \$18,000, and all the expenses of "nurses, doctors and specialists." Now one wishes to know whether a nose ranks higher in the beauty-market than any other feature. Would a chin be worth \$10,000 or \$25,000? An eye has value as an ornament and also as an instrument. What about the price to be set on a smooth and rounded cheek? And would it be profane to speculate on the market quotation of a dimple?

The report that certain great railroads intend to reduce the running time of their fast trains between Chicago and New York to twenty hours naturally revives speculation concerning the possibilities of transcontinental travel. The move, it is said, "is another step in the direction of bringing the two coasts at least a day nearer together," and the inference that such a gain in time will be made ultimately by no means unreasonable. Roughly speaking, twenty hours from New York to Chicago would mean an average speed of forty-five miles an hour. It might probably be increased to fifty miles an hour, and the total time might be thus reduced to eighteen hours, but the greatest saving would have to be made in the connections in Chicago and in the rate of speed westward. The lines from Chicago to the Pacific coast fall considerably below forty miles an hour with their fastest trains, and though they have an admirable service now there can be no question about their ability to increase their speed to an average that would accomplish the desired result in spite of the fact that they have a great deal of

hard mountain climbing to do. For they operate long stretches of track which admit of as great a speed as can be attained anywhere in the world. If the traffic promises to be profitable enough the trains will be put on as a matter of course, and the necessary connections will be made with the East.

Connecticut farmers discovered some time ago that birds were their friends, and secured the passage of laws to prevent their wanton destruction. Furthermore, they saw that the laws were enforced. Some of the farmers even set out cherry and mulberry trees, expecting that the fruit would attract to their fields birds which would eat the bugs and worms that injured their crops. This spring the result of the past few years' care were apparent, and flocks of a hundred robins were not uncommon. As the season advanced other birds appeared in large numbers and were welcomed. It is an old error to suppose that birds are the farmers' enemies. No doubt sometimes they injure the crops; but usually they attack the insect pests. Thirty robins will keep five acres of potatoes free from bugs. The meadow lark, instead of hurting a clover field, eats grasshoppers in clover time. The bluebird, phoebe, brown thrasher, kingbird, house-wren and catbird are insect-eaters, and by their services in the field more than pay for the small amount of fruit they take to vary their diet. The Connecticut experience has been duplicated in other States. The birds were first foolishly driven away; then the crops suffered, and laws had to be passed forbidding the killing of birds. The Audubon societies have done much to enlarge popular knowledge, and now it is not uncommon to see people feeding birds in order to invite them. A few crumbs thrown out of the house every day will soon attract them, and no town resident with a small garden would find any other hospitality so profitable as that which he might bestow on a family of robins or bluebirds.

The evolution of the abandoned farms into something better and more profitable than they ever were before has become a noticeable feature in the rural sections of New England. The Boston Transcript calls attention to the change in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, where abandoned farms a few years ago were so numerous that it was feared the western part of the State in some sections would soon be depopulated. In place of that "there has been a record-breaking period of construction of street railways. The erection of big and modern hotels has been noteworthy. A large number of new industries of a minor importance have been inaugurated. In many cases the former abandoned farms have become summer residences for those who have plenty of money to spend and who are anxious to spend it. The advent of the summer boarder has caused the desert of the last decade to bloom as a rose garden. The abandoned farmhouse has now become a summer cottage, whose picturesqueness delights the trained eye of an artist." All this is but the natural outcome of the movements of social summer life. Originally the season lasted only from June until September and the seashore was the favorite resort. Gradually the rush for investments became so great that nearly all available sites on the New England shore from Stonington to Eastport have been taken up, as well as the islands near shore. Those that are left are held at such high figures that only millionaires can purchase and improve them. Little by little the summer cottages have been pushed farther inland, and as the season has now been extended from September, when the seaside resorts close, to Thanksgiving time, and the social locality changed from the shore to the hills, there has been a steadily increasing demand for these "abandoned farms" as autumn residences and summer residences alike. Not a few of them also have been bought for golf links and the old farmhouses turned into clubhouses. Thus what was at one time a serious problem has been most happily solved, and those who have been lucky enough, after moving away to the cities or elsewhere, to hold on to their land will make handsome profits. The worn-out old farm has more than once proved to be a bonanza.

Lost by a Toy Balloon. Diamonds and other jewels have been lost in all sorts of queer ways, but in none more unusual than the accident mentioned in the Boston Transcript, by which a diamond brooch was snatched from the owner's dress and left somewhere on the great plains. A young woman was traveling by rail through Kansas. At Kinsley, where the train made a considerable stop, a fair was in progress. Here the young woman bought of a peddler a toy balloon for a little girl who had won her fancy. The child was delighted with the plaything, and as they rode along she chatted with her new friend and pulled the balloon up and down. At length she playfully fastened the string to the lady's diamond brooch. The train was rounding a curve at the moment, and a strong gust of air came through the car. The balloon was carried out through the open window. The sudden jerk on the string loosened the brooch, and away it sailed. The jewel was so valuable that the young woman offered a reward of five hundred dollars for its recovery. Spurred by this incentive, cowboys scoured the plains for days in all directions, but without success.

We have noticed that no one is so eloquent over the attention we owe the graves of the dead as the man who has a monument or flowers to sell.

LEADING BUSINESS FIRMS OF EASTERN OREGON. THE MINT SALOON. O. L. MELLQUIST, Prop. BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND LIQUORS. IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CIGARS. Corner Depot Street and Jefferson Avenue. LA GRANDE, OR.

The Leading FURNITURE DEALER AND UNDERTAKER OF EASTERN OREGON IS M. A. RADER. Funeral Director and Embalmer. Lady Assistant. PENDLETON, OREGON.

W. Y. JUDD, Pres. F. E. Judd, Sec'y and Treas. THOMAS E. FELL, Manager. Incorporated, 1896. Capital Stock, \$10,000. PENDLETON Woolen Mills. Manufacturers of Fleece Wool Blankets, Indian Robes, Cashmeres, Flannels. Pendleton, Ore.

Leading Business Firms of The Dalles. THE CELEBRATED COLUMBIA BREWERY. AUGUST BUCHLER, Prop. This well-known brewery is now turning out the best Beer and Port of the Cascades. The latest appliances for the manufacture of good healthful Beer have been introduced, and only the first-class article will be placed on the market. East Second Street THE DALLES, OR.

Dalles Laundry Co. FIRST-CLASS WORK at Short Notice. Gentlemen's Work a Specialty. Local Phone 341 Long Distance 929. THE DALLES, OREGON.

Z. F. MOODY THE DALLES, OR. General Forwarding AND Commission Merchant. Offices and Warehouse at Wool handling our specialty. Grain bought and sold.

The Celebrated Columbia Brewery. AUGUST BUCHLER, Prop. Of the product of this well-known brewery, the United States Health Reports for June 25, 1900, says: "A more superior brew never entered the laboratory of the United States Health Reports. It is absolutely devoid of the slightest trace of adulteration, but on the other hand is composed of the best of malt and choicest of hops. Its tonic qualities are of the highest, and it can be used with the greatest benefit and satisfaction by old and young. Its use can conscientiously be prescribed by the physicians, with the certainty that a better, purer or more wholesome beverage could not possibly be found." East Second St., THE DALLES, OR.

Bar Fixtures and Billiard Tables. BRUNSWICK-BALKE-COLLENDER CO. Have Re-established their business in PORTLAND, at 49 Third Street. A full stock of Bar Fixtures, Billiard and Pool Tables. Bowling Alleys and Supplies always on hand. EASY PAYMENTS. J. G. REDDICK, Manager.

LIPPINCOTT'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE A FAMILY LIBRARY The Best in Current Literature 12 COMPLETE NOVELS YEARLY MANY SHORT STORIES AND PAPERS ON TIMELY TOPICS \$2.50 PER YEAR; 25 CTS. A COPY NO CONTINUED STORIES EVERY NUMBER COMPLETE IN ITSELF

CALL AT THE COULTER GROCERY STORE FOR FIRST CLASS GOODS. Carry Full Line of Staple and Fancy Groceries. Telephone White 967. EAST SIDE.

THE H. T. HUDSON ARMS CO. Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Guns, Fishing Tackle, Bassball, Theatrical and Gymnasium Goods. A. G. Spalding's Athletic Goods. Headquarters for Golf Goods. Hand Loaded shells to order of every description. Fine Gun repairing a specialty. 110 Third St., PORTLAND, OREGON.

"QUELLE" Fritz Sechtem. "Baron" Schlenk. Most Elegantly Appointed Refectory in the Northwest. Crawfish a Specialty. Foreign and Domestic Delicacies. Grill Room in Connection.

PHILLIPS TRUNK CO. Trunks Made to Order Also Taken in Exchange. TRUNKS REPAIRED. 311 Morrison St., Opposite Postoffice.

Nottingham & Co. (Established 1882.) JOBBERS IN Lime, Cement, Plaster, Land Plaster, Hair, Lath, Shingles, Flour and Feed. SOLE AGENTS FOR Big Bend and Moss Rose Flour. Both Phones 381. Central Dock, Foot of Washington St. Portland, Oregon.

GOODNOUGH & STEARNS Real Estate Loans and Insurance. Washington Building, Portland, Or. City, Suburban and Country Property, Improved and unimproved. Timber and Coal Lands. Choice Water Frontage, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Valuable business property for sale.

OWEN H. SEIPLE & CO. Dealers in STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES. PHONE SOUTH 1696. 363 Morrison St. PORTLAND, OREGON.

Timber Lands and Homesteads. Located; Estimates of Timber by Competent Estimators. EQUITY RENTAL AND REAL ESTATE CO. Dealers in Real Estate. Rents Collected; Business Chances and Loans Negotiated. C. L. Case. A. R. Spreadborough. Oregon Phone Union 1456. Main Office: 304 East Morrison St. PORTLAND, ORE.

TIME CARD OF TRAINS. NORTH PACIFIC PORTLAND JOHN M. FELLOWS, Agent. J. A. TAYLOR, Agent. J. J. LUCKEY, Agent. WOLFORD & WYERS, Agent. H. C. WYATT, Agent. R. B. GILBRETH, Agent. JOHN M. TUTTON, Agent. HENRY OLMSTED, Agent. WM. BUTLER, Agent. E. W. CRICHTON, Portland, Oregon.

Take the Puget Sound Limited For Olympia, South Bend and Gray's Harbor points. All trains daily. Our trains daily to Tacoma and Seattle. Three through to the East. A. D. CHARLTON, Assistant General Passenger Agent. 355 Morrison St., cor. Third, PORTLAND, OREGON.

O. R. & N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC. DEPART TIME SCHEDULES Portland, Or. ARRIVE

Table with 3 columns: DEPART, TIME SCHEDULES, ARRIVE. Rows include Chicago, Portland, Huntington, St. Paul, etc.

72 HOURS PORTLAND TO CHICAGO. No change of cars. Lowest Rates, Quickest Time. OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE FROM PORTLAND.

Table with 3 columns: DEPART, TIME SCHEDULES, ARRIVE. Rows include Daily Ex. Sunday, Columbia River Steamers, etc.

A. L. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Or. EAST AND SOUTH SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. Shasta Route.

Table with 3 columns: DEPART, TIME SCHEDULES, ARRIVE. Rows include Albany, Sacramento, San Francisco, etc.

White Collar Line Portland-Astoria Route. Str. "BAILEY GATZERT." Daily round trips except Sunday. TIME CARD.

The Dalles-Portland Route STEAMERS "TAHOMA" and "METLAKO." Daily trips except Sunday. Str. "TAHOMA." Str. "METLAKO."

THE HOUSE FURNISHING CO. (Incorporated.) Manufacturers of Woven Wire Mattresses. Carpets, Portiers, Rugs, Lace Curtains, Bedsteads, Furniture, Wall Paper, Picture Frames, Mattresses, Bedding. Undertaking and embalming a specialty. Stores at Albany and Salsu, Ore. Factory at Albany, Ore. Masonic Temple, ALBANY, OREGON.

BY RAIL AND WATER. ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD CO. Two Straight Passenger Trains Daily THROUGH PARLOR CARS BETWEEN Portland, Astoria and Seaside.

Table with 3 columns: Leaves Union Depot, For Mayers, Rafter, Clatskanie, Westport, Clifton, Astoria, Barrington, Flavel, Gearhart Park and Seaside, Arrives Union Depot. Rows include 8:00 a.m., 6:55 p.m., 12:30 p.m.

SHAYER TRANSPORTATION CO. STEAMER GEO. W. SHAYER. Will leave Portland, foot of Washington St. Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening at 5 o'clock, for bayview, Miami, St. Helens, Caples, Deer Island, Marine, Klaming, Near City, Hanter, Mt. Coffin, Mayer, Stella, Oak Point, Freemans, Manzanillo, Clatskanie and all way landing.

"BEST OF EVERYTHING" In a word this tells of the passenger service via THE NORTHWESTERN LINE. Eight Trains Daily between St. Paul and Chicago, comprising The Latest Pullman Sleepers, Feather Beds, Library and Observation Cars, Free Reclining Chair Cars.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY TRAIN "THE NORTHWESTERN LIMITED" Runs Every Day of the Year. The Finest Train in the World Electric Lighted—Steam Heated TO CHICAGO BY DAYLIGHT.

The Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Pacific Railways. This is also the best line between Omaha, St. Paul and Minneapolis. All Agents sell tickets via "The Northwestern Line." W. H. MEAD, General Agent. H. L. SISLER, T. A. 248 Alder Street, Portland, Or.

GO EAST. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Shortest and Quickest Line TO ST. PAUL, DULUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, CHICAGO AND ALL POINTS EAST.

PARRISH, WATKINS & CO. REAL ESTATE Insurance, House and Loan Agents. 250 Alder St. Portland, Oregon.

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE PATENTS TRADE MARKS DESIGNS. Anyone sending a sketch and description will quickly ascertain our opinion as to whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Send on Patent form free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. Receive special notice, without charge, in the Scientific American. A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Published 31 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers. MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York. Branch Office, 617 F St., Washington, D. C.