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be maintained more easily at the necessary depth. Portland is infinitely more concerned about the bar below Astoria than about the river above Astoria. For Portland is in position to know what she is talking about, while they who talk or write as in the Tacoma paper, in the first place don't know of the river and in the second, settlements of the Middle West as "open-faced camps," have been established, a water supply has been secured, and now only the simple furnishings of the shelter tents are required before patients can be taken.

WYETH'S OREGON EXPEDITION.

Perhaps the rarest book in the annals of Oregon is "Wyeth's Oregon Expedition," published at Cambridge, Mass., in 1833. Its author, John B. Wyeth, was a cousin of Nathaniel J. Wyeth, who led the expedition to Oregon in 1832, and a second expedition in 1834. John B. Wyeth was a young fellow of twenty, who had a boyish eagerness for starting on the expedition, but soon became dissatisfied, grumbled against his kinsman, and in company with others, quitted the party July 28, 1832, at a place about a hundred miles from the main ridge of the Rocky Mountains and returned to St. Louis, where, embarking on a steamboat, he reached New Orleans and managed there to obtain passage on a ship for Boston, where he arrived January 2, 1833, after an absence of ten months.

Of this book, which contains but eighty-seven pages, there is but one copy in this country. It is not a true diary, for its possessor is not sure that there is another in existence. It is written in a style that indicates "an older head" than a youth of one and twenty. It abounds with pessimistic reflections and sage but rather dull moral observations. The author confesses that he was a fool for starting on such a journey, and intimates that the leader, his kinsman, Captain Wyeth, was a man without judgment. He never would have undertaken so crazy an enterprise. The Oregon country wasn't worth anything—though he hadn't seen it; it was a barren waste with a horrible climate; everything on the journey was disagreeable and dismal, and the prospect at the end was worse. Young Wyeth, therefore, was glad to quit the expedition and return to his home.

IS THIS POLITICAL NEWS?

In an article written in advocacy of the re-election of Senator Foster, of Washington, the Tacoma Ledger makes this excursion, to-wit: It is pertinent to call attention to the fact that the powerful Portland influence at Washington has been carried in favor of improvements there. Portland is not opposed and has never been opposed to the improvement of the river to the detriment of the upper river. Puget Sound is not opposed and has never been opposed to the improvement of the river to the detriment of the upper river. Puget Sound is not opposed and has never been opposed to the improvement of the river to the detriment of the upper river.

A STRANGE "FIND."

An interesting letter from General Sherman to General Howard, which has lain in a dark hole nearly forty years, has just come to light. The history of it throws light on the characters of three eminent men whom it concerned—the third man being General John A. Logan. When McPherson, commander of the Army of the Tennessee, was killed near Atlanta, Logan desired and expected to succeed to the command of that army, but Sherman gave the preference to Howard. Of course Logan was too good a soldier and too high-minded a man to show any disappointment. When preparations were making for the great review at Washington, at the end of the war, Sherman suggested to Howard that he should concede to Logan the honor of leading the Army of the Tennessee at the review. Howard conceded it, at once. Then under date of May 1, 1865, Sherman wrote Howard, saying: I am this moment in receipt of your communication of the date, and I thank you for your generous act. I do think it but just to Logan, and notwithstanding his modest reply that he would not accept of it, I will be at the review on the 22d of May next, as you near the Capitol, and beg you will join me there. Your personal staff can ride with me there.

SIMPLE EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

It seems incredible, and it certainly is cause for regret, that the opening of the Portland Open-Air Sanitarium is likely to be delayed beyond the first of the year from lack of small donations, such as bedding, bedsteads and the simple furnishings needed to make the simple open-air dwellers comfortable. Of the open-air dwellers are needed, such as chairs, washbasins, bedsteads, bed and table linen, towels, etc., and second-hand articles will answer the purpose.

THE SOUTHERN PLANTER.

The Southern planter, intoxicated with the great prosperity that normally follows in the wake of the boom in prices, increased his acreage, and now there is a crop of 12,000,000 bales on the market, in addition to some high-priced stock carried over from the preceding season. The rampant bull sentiment which carried prices to last year's exorbitant figures permeated every branch of the industry, and speculators and planters alike were led to the guards with arguments to prove that the price could never again recede to the normal figures which were the base of prosperity for the industry. But the unexpected happened, and today it is impossible to find a market for the immense crop, even at figures 50 per cent less than those prevailing a year ago, and the planters are discussing the foolish plan of destroying a portion of the crop in order to make prices higher. This is the portion which they will retain. This idiotic policy, if carried far enough, might result in higher prices, but in the end the disaster will be more pronounced, for, as proven by last year's experience, high-priced cotton curtails the demand and increases the supply in other countries.

IN THIS CONNECTION IT MIGHT BE WELL TO REMEMBER THAT ALL THAT IS TRUE OF COTTON MANIPULATION AND ITS ATTENDANT EVILS IS EQUALLY TRUE OF WHEAT SPECULATION.

The American wheat markets have been forced to extravagant heights by skillful manipulators taking advantage of a remarkably strong situation in the United States. The entire wheat crop of this country has been sold at a higher average price than has been maintained since the preceding twelve months in the last twenty years. This has resulted in a curtailment of our export trade in both flour and wheat, and in correspondingly larger shipments from competing countries, which are in a position to accept lower prices for the cereal. India and the Argentine have both unmade record-breaking crops on

an open-air sanitarium is not expensive, but to install such an institution and maintain it in active running order requires some means. The equipment for the Portland Open-Air Sanitarium has been partly secured. A suitable site has been purchased, some clearing has been done, a number of tents, some of the most modern in this country, settlements of the Middle West as "open-faced camps," have been established, a water supply has been secured, and now only the simple furnishings of the shelter tents are required before patients can be taken.

IN COLORADO.

James H. Peabody, Governor of Colorado, made a noble record as a fearless and high-minded executive. Lawless miners and their murderous allies had broken down orderly government in several counties, and a reign of night powder by day and dynamite by night ensued. In this inflamed situation Governor Peabody stepped in and restored peace. The Western Federation of Miners was put to rout, incendiaries and agitators were expelled from the state, property was restored to the strikers, the safety of the citizen was guaranteed, and a foul stigma removed from the good name of Colorado. The lawbreaking strikers said that Governor Peabody pursued unconstitutional methods to suppress riot and punish the miners' union. Perhaps it isn't worth quibbling about. There was a grave crisis in Colorado in which organized lawlessness was fast getting the upper hand of disorganized law. Peabody rose to the occasion and with a strong hand took such means as he could to insure the administration of justice.

At the recent election Governor Peabody was on the face of the returns defeated by Adams (Dem.) by 10,000 or more votes. This was occasion for regret, but not for chagrin nor humiliation. Good friends who have been indeed truly a rotten bore—in Colorado, Denver is usually regarded, so far as its politics go, and other places are perhaps as bad. Senator Patterson was elected as the result of flagrant and extensive ballot-box stuffing in Denver; and Senator Teller was re-elected under the same auspices. Representative Sherman (Dem.) a year ago resigned his seat in Congress, thus repudiating the shameless and infamous methods of his supporters.

No attempt is to be made to reseat Peabody. Its sole justification appears to be that Democrats have always stolen elections in Colorado, and therefore Republicans must pursue the same tactics. The Republican Supreme Court is actively backing up this scheme, and the Legislature is expected to do the rest. Ten precincts where there were gross frauds by Democrats have been thrown out, and it is proposed to cancel the entire returns from Denver, thus disfranchising its entire citizenship—male and female, good and bad. If an honest count of legitimate ballots can be procured, and Peabody thus be shown to be entitled to his seat, drastic measures may be warranted; but the Republican organization scarcely pretends that it has any other purpose except to cast out all ballots whose frauds have been perpetrated, and has taken care that such ballots shall be in overwhelmingly Democratic precincts. Fraud by Democrats does not excuse fraud by Republicans.

PENALTY FOR WILD SPECULATION.

Speculative manipulation of any commodity for which there is a universal demand invariably results in abnormal prices and the creation of unnatural conditions, which are anything but healthy for legitimate trade. This fact, which is fully understood by legitimate traders, has been strikingly demonstrated this time in the cotton situation. About a year ago, when Sully, the cotton speculator, was forcing prices of that great staple up to dizzy heights, it was pointed out that there was danger ahead for the industry from at least two sources. Eighteen-cent cotton was so much too high that it closed scores of mills, threw out of employment thousands of operatives and increased the cost of the manufacturer's product to such an extent that the demand was greatly curtailed. Europe, which had for generations been depending on America for supplies of raw cotton, began spending vast sums of money to encourage cotton-growing in other parts of the world, meanwhile cutting down her orders for the high-priced American product.

FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.

The stork disappears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measles, mumps and chickenpox, he enters school. At the age of 10 he is a red-headed, freckle-faced boy and the terror of his neighborhood. At 12 he is an apprentice in a printing office. At 15 he has acquired two cases of long primer and an army press and is the editor of a country newspaper and he is married. At 20 he is bald-headed, stoop-shouldered and the father of a large family. At 25 he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin, and as 50 delinquent subscribers file pay his bill for the last look they are heard to say: "He was a good fellow, but he couldn't save his money."

WHY SHOULD WE STRIVE WHEN ALL THINGS ARE DECREASING?

As well may planets tug against the sun, Or rivers, by revolving, cease to run, As we by striving raise our word of deed. All Darwin's science and all Calvin's creed Tell the same truth; that which is done is done, And we elect or dumber, ere life be begun, Are forced to be a fanner, or a weed. Upon the plastic wax of infancy A thousand years of habit set their seal; As we by striving raise our word of deed, Strive we or shrink we, such we too must be. Thus Reason speaks, and having talked her something within us, answering, says: "I will."

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GREAT WOMEN OF MODERN TIMES

MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

(By Arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.)

Whatever policy is in the chief and best practiced heads of France, whatever craft, falsehood, and deceit is in English brains of Scotland, is either French in this woman's mind, or she can fetch it out with a wet finger. Said by an English envoy of Mary Queen of Scots. There is no story of more dramatic and tragic interest than that of the unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots. If she had lived in peaceful times she might have been remembered as a sensual, but beautiful, fascinating and able Queen. Born in an age of loose morals, political turmoil, and fierce religious struggles, she is branded in history as a cheat, an adrocer, murderer, a sensual, but beautiful, fascinating and able Queen. Born in an age of loose morals, political turmoil, and fierce religious struggles, she is branded in history as a cheat, an adrocer, murderer, a sensual, but beautiful, fascinating and able Queen.

The marriage with Darnley was planned by Rizzio, a mean-looking but astute Italian, who had become practically the Queen's sole Minister. Darnley and Rizzio had been such friends that they had eaten and slept together. Nevertheless, Darnley suspected that Rizzio was a chief obstacle to his throne, and that his relations with the Queen were questionable. He therefore conspired with Murray and other Protestant Lords to murder the Italian. Rizzio was dragged into an ante-chamber and strangled to death, being given more than 50 wounds.

Mary dissembled and lavished caresses upon Darnley, but it was only to lull his fears, separate him from the other conspirators, and get him upon whom she might take terrible vengeance upon him. In July, 1567, Rizzio was born. After the death of Rizzio Mary gave a larger share of her favor to the unscrupulous Earl of Bothwell. The night of February 2, 1567, she fled to Edinburgh, and fled to a small house beside the Kirk of the field near Edinburgh. A few hours later the house where he lay was blown up by gunpowder and his lifeless mangled body was found in an adjoining field. Bothwell, author of the crime, was brought to a mock trial and acquitted. Twelve days later, Mary was married to Bothwell and carried her little boy, James, to Dunbar. May 7 he divorced his comely wife. May 17 Mary publicly pardoned him for selling her and making her his prisoner. Elizabeth, old, was betrothed to Francis, the dauphin of France, and sent to France to be educated, and in 1568 they were married.

Mary claimed she had a better right to the English throne than Elizabeth, who she (Mary) was a legitimate descendant of Henry VII of England, who was her great-grandfather, while Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII, had been pronounced illegitimate both by the English Parliament and the Pope, and when Elizabeth took the throne in November, 1558, Francis and Mary assumed the titles of King and Queen of England. Then she that long rivalry between the Scotch and English Queens, which was to result fatally for the one, was to give the English throne to Elizabeth, who she (Mary) was a legitimate descendant of Henry VII of England, who was her great-grandfather, while Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII, had been pronounced illegitimate both by the English Parliament and the Pope, and when Elizabeth took the throne in November, 1558, Francis and Mary assumed the titles of King and Queen of England. 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