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SIX MONTHS OF THE PANAMA CANAL. Some conclusions can now be formed from actual experience of the operation of the Panama Canal.

Table with columns: Route, Number of vessels, Tonnage. Lists routes like U.S. coastwise, eastbound, and westbound with corresponding vessel counts and tonnage.

Of the cargoes 41 per cent was in United States coastwise trade; 21 per cent between the Pacific Coast of North America, principally the United States and Europe...

Experience thus verifies the prediction that the movement would be chiefly in bulky traffic of low value. As trade routes are changed to use the new waterway...

BETTER FEDERAL JUDGES. In his official organ, the Commissioner, Secretary Bryan has taken a step forward by adding to a bill providing for an additional district judge in Georgia...

At what stage of the proceedings are the indorsements to be published, before or after confirmation? The House has no power to extend the House to compel compliance with the proviso...

"SPRING IS COME." Not only do we find these to be among the first days of Spring by looking at the calendar and by taking note of the lengthening of the days...

Impediment of several Judges in recent years has failed, though their unfitness was conclusively proved in the judgment of average men.

been excluded from decent society. Such men should also be excluded from the office. Let Congress raise the standard of conduct required of Judges and a higher type of men will seek appointment and will be selected by the appointing power.

FOR AN AUDITORIUM AT LAST. The most obvious observation to be made on the decision of the State Supreme Court as to the Portland auditorium is that it is no surprise. The market here is not an unmet need for a public market, except temporarily, but it has been employed for exposition and other public purposes.

The auditorium is a commendable public enterprise. There is nothing like it in any North-western city. It is well that Portland seek its distinction in this respect. But novelty is not its chief merit, but utility.

BEHIND ALL THE TROUBLE OVER ROADS IN Columbia, Clatsop and Jackson Counties is the fact that the money realized from the bonds was not expended wisely.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS IN NEW YORK. Mothers' pensions may soon be paid in New York state. A bill providing them has passed the Senate unanimously and is before the Assembly.

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who made that remark had been on the hills and through the woods and over the hills and had returned, while yet the sun was young in the heavens, with nineteen different specimens of Oregon flora!

OUR SCHOOL GARDENS. The desire to see vegetation growing, even to assist in that growing, comes naturally to nearly every human being. To foster and encourage that desire is one of the most sensible labors our educators have ever undertaken.

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the Alabama was allowed to set out upon her destructive career and many similar unprovoked acts were committed. Still it is believed that his influence prevented Great Britain from definitely espousing the Confederate cause.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of March 24, 1890. Frank M. Pitzer, the well known editorial writer of the San Francisco Advertiser, is at the Emerald while on his return from a trip to the East in the interest of his silver.

Mr. J. A. Estes, the popular book-keeper of the Albina sawmill, sometimes speculates with his surplus cash. Yesterday he purchased a barrel said to contain cylinder oil, which was fished up from the bottom of the Willamette River.

The mud in Russell street, Albina, is so deep that the other day a wagon with wood sawed it in bed, reaching the conveyance would entirely disappear from sight.

J. R. N. Bell, editor of the Roseburg Review, was among yesterday's arrivals at the St. Charles.

The Portland police department was mustered out for review at the City Jail yesterday. There were 56 men present, including the special and four were absent owing to illness.

The citizens of Ellensburg, Curry County, are anxious to have the name of their town changed to Gold Beach. They have forwarded a petition to Congressman Herrmann asking that he bring about the change.

A big landslide two miles east of Yaquina has unearthed a vein of coal which experts proclaim to be very valuable. Muffin property on Coos Bay now brings \$200 per acre.

The leveler girl in Iowa who wrote Postmaster Roby to find a husband for her has touched the hearts of two men, both of whom have written the postmaster that they will accept her proposal.

John C. Boyd, of this city, formerly connected with the Portland Board of Immigration, has signed a contract with Jacob and Peter Graber, of South Dakota, to locate 85 families here.

AS PESHMIST SEES THE WORLD

No Culture, No True Religion, No Good Anywhere Except in Ford's Factory. BAR VIEW, Or., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—To the reader of the daily papers, who has noticed the great increase of crime, must often come the question: "What is the cause of this?"

When we read every day of high-wheeler robberies, murders and outrages with very few arrests, and fewer convictions, and when one is convicted and sentenced to a few months in jail and perhaps on parole, and then is allowed to immediately commence preying on the public, or pardoned out before he has served half his sentence, we sometimes wonder if courts and police are really anxious to stamp out crime, for fear of putting themselves out of a job.

Or perhaps the courts are getting into the view of the common people, and are beginning to realize that there must be nearer an equality of punishment between the rich and the poor, and the one who steals \$1,000,000, and as it would not do to add to the punishment of the big thief they must let the small ones go.

But perhaps it is not the immunity from punishment, but that the cause for the increase of crime lies much deeper. Possibly the wide contrast in social and economic conditions, bitter poverty and want on one hand and great wealth and extravagance on the other, has bred a feeling among the people that they are not getting their share of the good things of this world and so they are trying to equalize conditions in their way.

When all the nations engaged in this war and murder are praying to the same God to help them, and the Christian brother simply because he belongs to some other nation? Have we forgotten the new dispensation taught by Jesus and sent back to the Bible, and that a tooth for an eye and a tooth for a tooth? Or perhaps it is as the Christian Scientists tell us, all this warfare, poverty, suffering and death, but imaginary, unreal and do not exist at all, or it is all according to God's will, and he created men to be slaves and out-cast, children to be starved in order to make room on earth for more people to go through the same process.

But when we have hope left. We are the only ones that are engaged in killing anybody, that is not by wholesale, although we may have to go down in Mexico and slaughter the people of that country, and the only God, God. But just now we are fairly peaceable if we don't count the daily murders in our cities. We strike our own people, and we have killed the Johnson-Willard prize-fight to Cuba, have made a long start towards banking rum, have given a party to the Congress and most of our State Legislatures.

We don't fight dueling in our colleges, we don't fight in our streets, we always punish the evildoers by frowning and saying "Boys, boys, you must not do that." The highest culture we pay our baseball players more than our college professors, and our prize-fighters more than our preachers. And we doubt the beneficial results of this culture on our literature, let us read the sporting page of our daily papers. If any of our strikes are not a high culture, we have a high culture in our sports. We have a high culture in our sports. We have a high culture in our sports.

If this don't work out all right, suppose we try Mr. Ford, the automobile man's plan. It seems to me that it will all right. E. P. CARTER.

TRUCK USED TO GAIN ARRESTS. Correspondent Charges Deputy's Enticement to Break Speed Limit. PORTLAND, March 23.—(To the Editor.)—It appears that since the new speed law has gone into effect our best speeders are endeavoring to increase their speed by using the Ford truck. Which one it is, I am at loss to know.

Nowadays he has a separate motor for each machine—direct connected—which applies the power directly to the shaft. Where it is wanted and when it is wanted. Nowhere else.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of March 24, 1865. The weather continues very unfavorable, making it very bad getting about, and as a consequence the great mass of matters and business is dull. We are without the simplest thread wherewith to weave a web of gossip, but such a state of things cannot last long, and soon we may expect a rush of matters interesting to our people.

There was the usual attendance at Willamette Theater last evening and the plays of "The Mysterious Murder" and "Cross Purposes" were finely acted, interspersed with song and dance.

When Sam Drannan heard of the fall of Charleston he got up a private celebration of his own and fired a battery on Montgomery street. The glad-tidings of the falling of the city were valued at \$200. Sam is a patriotic "cuss" and don't care a darn for anybody.

It is related that when things were working so badly in Shenandoah Valley Secretary Stanton applied to General Grant for a remedy. "Send me your army," said the Secretary. Grant replied by sending Phil Sheridan, saying "There isn't much of him, but he's the man you want." It is said that the Secretary looked somewhat abashed at the slight and youthful figure standing before him, but he set him at work and now he is convinced that Grant knew his man.

Since the failure of peace negotiations the National Intelligencer, a patriotic paper, has been publishing a return of the rebel states by compromise, is out in support of the war. It says that the rebels demand terms that will not be granted until they are over-come. The issue is merely one of union or separation.

NEW MARKET THEATER RECALLED. Pioneer Who Saw Opening and Closing Tells of Its Triumphs. PORTLAND, March 23.—(To the Editor.)—I am anxiously waiting, with many others, from Sunday to Sunday, to see what is going to be sprung on the market. Last Sunday we are treated to the seventh article of the Newmarket Theater and Ankeny market. May be surprised to find that the description of this early amusement and market place.

Writing from memory, I doubt that if we have today in sight anything that can be called a hall in the city of spaces for dancing before it was remodelled into a theater.

One of the memorial events held here was the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Willamette Engine Company, No. 1. There is nothing in decorations that could touch it today, with flags of all nations, ship's equipment, evergreen festoons and, lastly, multitudes of canary birds in cages distributed through the hall, their shrill notes mingling with that of the strings of an orchestra. It was an inspiring event and there may be a few left who remember and enjoyed that evening.

When Captain Ankeny commenced the building of his theater it was the second of the city playhouses. The Oro Fino Theater was a two-story wooden structure, upstairs over a beer hall and a restaurant, and when it was destroyed by fire it left the city without any place of amusement. When Captain Ankeny's theater was completed it was opened by James A. Hearn and the play was "The Two Orphans" by J. H. Pate. The part of Nancy Sykes was taken by Blanche Galton. That was some opener of a play. In after years Hearn became author of plays of minor importance, such as "Shore Acres" and others.

The old theater housed many fine productions. I think that the Burlesque and the "The Two Orphans" were the best. The writer was at both the opening and closing of this theater. The honor of the closing came to the well-known comedian, George H. Brown, and Betty Nobles, in the play "From Sire to Son." When the curtain went down, closing it, it was soon after dismantled. Let's go downstairs to the market place. Captain Ankeny had a market place in the way of a market. It was fitted up in the finest shape that money could produce. Among the early proprietors who had stalls there were W. W. Johnson, Spaulding Bros., and A. H. Johnson, and among the employees of the market were the O'Shea brothers, who now are enjoying their retirement as owners of fine business property.

Law as to Flag. INBLER, Or., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—Is there any legal punishment for an individual who, in the street, displays a privately-owned United States flag?

No Lost Motion. The up-to-date machine shop owner is getting out of the habit of using power to keep a long shaft running when he doesn't want to use the machine it supplies. Too much energy goes into useless motion.