

In Other Days

Half a Century Ago.
From the Oregonian January 4, 1884.
Washington—Mr. Seward has issued an admirable and creditable newspaper reporter from entering his department as a result of the premature publication of the news of his appointment as Minister to Japan.

Colorado has asked to be admitted as the 36th state in the Union.

"Speed the Plough," Thomas M. Brown's comedy, will be presented by the University of Oregon at the University Mr. Ward and company tonight at Willamette Theater. "The Swains" will conclude the bill.

R. J. Ladd and Walter Moffet have petitioned for the right and license to lay a railroad track and operate street cars on First, Second and Third streets, a grant to run for 30 years.

The remains of President Lincoln were received December 21 from the capto vault at Oak Ridge Cement works in Springfield for the new vault erected

Twenty-five Years Ago.
From the Oregonian January 6, 1891.
Washington, Jan. 5.—There is some chance for the settlement of the controversy between the United States and Great Britain over the Northwest. It has been ascertained, however, that General Miles had not been killed, as was reported.

Interesting correspondence on the Behring Sea controversy with England has been made public and shows that Secretary Blaine was firm in his demands for the United States. The view of England will have to be reconsidered though Lord Salisbury's defense is diplomatic.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 5.—Emma Abbott, the opera prima donna, died early this morning from pneumonia. She died on the anniversary of her husband's death which was a sad day. \$3,000,000. She was developed by C. Louis Kellogg, who was her benefactor, who put her to study under Franz Liszt.

singer in Dr. Chaplin's church there met such men as Horace Greeley, C. Huntington, George G. Lake and George G. Thompson. They sent her abroad to pursue her musical studies. La Baronesa Solomon de Rothschild is gaseous and fat. She sang in Portland five weeks ago.

Washington—Miss Mildred Fuller, daughter of Chief Justice Fuller, and Hugh Wallace, of Tacoma, were married here January 5. The President is Mrs. Harrison attended.

Lily De----- and Jasper Woodcock were married Sunday afternoon by R. F. B. Tichenor.

Rider Haggard, who is digging for Aztec treasures in Mexico, has made some rich finds it is said.

United States Coast Line.
PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—In connection with the matter of preparedness in question of the United States coast line, the district attorney has been asked approximately the extent of the

The records at the United States Hydrographic office in Portland show that the continental coast line of the United States is 13,000 geographical miles. This is in a straight line. Pursuing the indentations the length is 64,604 miles. The Pacific Coast line is 1300 miles; the Gulf Coast line 1856 miles; the Atlantic a little more than 1000 miles and the Alaska coast line (under the junction) 2100 miles. The coast line on the United States side of the Great Lakes (not pursuing indentations) is 2760 miles; pursuing indentations, 4329 miles. Geographical miles are 6080 feet, as against 5280 feet for land miles.

If all debts are paid the estate so not need to be probated. If real property rights are involved, it is advisable that the estate be probated. If then the title would rest more secure. If "other property" means that which does not fall to the husband, it can be equitably divided without going to court. One-half of real property goes to the husband for life and one-half to the children. One-half of personal property is the outright property of the husband, the rest going to the offspring.

SHAKESPEARE, Ever-Writing Hand.
PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—To the Editor:—Is the circumstance in the life of a man or country in the world's age that Shakespeare hasn't recorded? For in

stance, from a killing man, this:
"Mill-livered man!"
That bearest a cheek for blows, a head
for wrongs;
Who hast not in thy brow an eye di-
vined
Thine honor from thy suffering; that
thou knowest
Fools do those villains pity who are
punished
'Ere they have done their mischief
Where's thy drum?
With plumed helm thy slayer begins
to thrust;
While thou, a moral fool, sits still and
criest
Alack! Why does he so?"
J. D. STEVENS.

Tact of Her Husband.
Birmingham Age-Herald.
"What's the matter with young Mr.
Gadder?" "She's a cold-hearted
sneer." "Why does he not longer loves her?"
"Why does she think that?" "She wrote
a letter to Sam and said, asking for a
few of furs, and gave it to him to mail."
"Well?" "And he mailed it."

Snakes as Evidence.
Washington (D. C.) Star.
"Crimean Gulch doesn't look anything like it did 10 years ago," said the traveling man. "No," replied Broncho Boy "10 years ago, before we saw a rattlesnake comin' up the road. He knew it was sure-enough rattlesnake."

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