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been disburged for their benefit as volunteers of the Indian Wars of 1855-1856. This fact disposes of the statement that these brave men were dealt with by the Government in a spirit of parsimony...

THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

Public meetings in behalf of the reelection of President Diaz will be held all over the Republic of Mexico on the 24 of April next, President Diaz is in his 73rd year, and measured by his public career, deserves to be placed in the first rank of the world's living statesmen...

A GRATEFUL TRUCE.

The public walls with much interest and some anxiety the findings of the Coal Commission. The great strain of the coal strike is now nearly a year old; its losses have been enormous, its inconveniences great and the suffering that it has inflicted has been widespread.

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up. The important necessities and comforts of life were obtainable by sailing vessels that came around the Horn. The Western Oregon pioneer did not have to wait many years before he was in a state of easy supply of the commodities and necessities of life superior to that enjoyed by New England when Washington was elected President.

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SPRIT OF THE NORTHWEST PRESS

One half century of existence does not weigh heavily on the point of population and development we have outstripped our parent state of Oregon.

NO MORE STATE DIVISION TALK.

With the Dalles-Celilo portage railway in operation and an open river from the head of navigation to the sea, all talk of a division of Oregon will be at an end.

FIGS FROM BRAMBLES.

According to the statement made by ex-Governor George E. Cole, who was a member of the Oregon Legislature of 58 years ago, the first figs were brought up in America. The year 1846 therefore was a happy time for the beginning of the first important exodus of emigrants to the Pacific Coast of Oregon.

REFERENDUM WOULD BE UNJUSTIFIABLE.

The fair will be of vast benefit to Washington County, and it is almost assured that the county would not vote against the appropriation. In Hillsboro it would carry by a considerable majority.

SPokane's Population.

Spokane's population, in 1880, the 20,000 mark. The new city directory will contain approximately 25,000 names. To these must be added 10,000 children of school age, about 400 other children, 800 married women and 3,000 children not listed in the directory.

Malheur Will Exhibit Products.

The Union Depot at Portland is going to maintain an exhibit of the products of each county for the benefit of Eastern visitors as they arrive in that city. Each county is to be given a space in which to exhibit its products.

Honor in His Own Country.

Securing decision of the department to establish an irrigation system in Oregon evidences the fact that Mr. Moody is an untiring worker for the state he represents.

Warning Was Not Heeded.

An official of the Oregon Penitentiary recently scaled the walls in the night, moved about at his leisure, and then returned to his cell without being detected.

Those Puddle Things.

The Seattle Bulletin thinks that the bill aimed at the Associated Press should pass but ventures the prediction that it will not, because "the monopoly's lobbyists will kill it."

The Slave Pension Bill.

Chairman Cannon, of the Senate committee on appropriations, says there is not the faintest chance that the slave pension bill will ever pass the House.

TOUGHENING PROCESS FOR BABIES

Over in Germany the scientists have been carrying on a series of experiments in toughening babies, subjecting them to extreme cold, both air and water.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The handwriting of the clerks in the Schuykill County, Pennsylvania, Recorder's office was so bad that the County Commissioners refused to pay for their services.

THE LATEST CITY FOR VICES COMES FROM OMAHA.

Dakota called to Indiana and Washington to Troy, N. Y., and it is believed not in vain, but Oklahoma bachelors in their distress call to the whole country, and will they call in vain?

THE WILD TURKEY IS RAPIDLY FOLLOWING THE BUFFALO INTO EXTINCTION.

Two hundred years ago it was common over a vast area comprising more than one-half the present United States. In the greater part of this territory it is now extinct.

CELIBATES UNDESIRABLE.

There is real cause for worry about the decreasing number of fit, healthy human beings who attempt to live in a condition of celibacy.

THE LOTTERY DECISION.

In the lottery cases just decided the United States Supreme Court has divided as evenly as is possible on a momentous question involving the line between National and state sovereignty.

FAMINE AND FARM LABOR.

The scarcity of farm labor in the United States and the famine in portions of Scandinavia suggest the need of some thing to suspend for a time the law against the emigration of the contract labor, especially farm labor.

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PLEASANTRIES OF PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Kingley—"You say you like colored servants better than white because they are slower. How is that? Mrs. Bingley—"It takes them longer to leave—Town and Country."

INQUISITIVE.

Somebody wants to know if President Roosevelt will insist upon putting a state family plan in the next Republican platform.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Cloudy, with rain or snow; winds westerly southerly.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Maximum temperature, 46; minimum temperature, 41; precipitation, 0.21 inch.

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PERSISTENCE OF LANGUAGE.

Language is the subtlest instrument ever played on by man. Its variations are limitless—that is, they are limited only by the powers of the human mind and soul, in all possible situations.

ONE TRIUMPH OF STEAM.

The celebration last week of the fiftieth anniversary of the territorial birth of the State of Washington largely involves, of course, the story of the settlement and civic organization of Oregon.

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