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A movement was on foot at Chattanooga to tender General Grant free use during his convalescence of a private hotel on Lookout Mountain...

Notwithstanding the hard times prevailing all over the whole country and especially at this place, Corvallis is gradually making strides ahead in some very substantial and important improvements.

A recent dispatch announces the fact that Mr. Horne, editor of the Meridian Mississippi Mercury, one of the leading democratic papers of that State, without consulting Mr. Davis, forwarded to President Cleveland a petition asking for the pardon of Jefferson Davis.

Before us we have a copy of Mr. Horne's paper alluded to in the dispatch. This paper is dated September 11th 1850, and in its editorial columns we find what may be well for people to consider under the circumstances the following, to-wit: "There are many men who now affiliate and act with the Democratic party in the South from necessity as it were who are not Democrats and who do not endorse the great and fundamental rules of the party taught by Madison and Jefferson, and permanently among these is the states rights doctrine, of secession."

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Sir Siemens has for several months been quietly testing in his own house the value and durability of electrical storage batteries. During the day he has charged the batteries by means of a small half horse power engine, and at night has had an accumulation of electricity sufficient to supply forty incandescent lamps for five or six hours.

A committee was appointed by the British Association for the Advancement of Science several years ago for the purpose of ascertaining whether meteoric dust could be found on the earth. Such dust, in the form of spherical particles of iron, has since been obtained from the snow of the Himalayas, at a height of 13,400 feet, and at a distance of fourteen miles from any human habitation.

The rapid development of botanical science in recent years is well shown by a comparison of the successive lists of plants compiled during the last century and a half. The number of genera of flowering plants given by Sinnaeus in 1737 was 887; by the same author in 1764, 1189; by Jussieu in 1789, 1707; by Endlicher in 1843, about 6400; and by Bentham and Hooker in 1833, 7535.

Since 1876 the marine life of the Holland coast has been studied from a building so arranged that it may be readily moved from time to time. This novel zoological station was located at Helder during the first year; was transported to Vlissingen for the second year's work; and has since been established at Bergen-op-Zoom.

Herr Holtz has found that steel tubes retain more than twice as much magnetism as steel rods, and are therefore better for permanent magnets.

An Italian writer asserts that some minutes before the first shock of the great earthquake was felt in the island of Ischia symptoms of terror were exhibited by the domestic animals, rabbits, birds, fishes and even ants and reptiles.

The correspondence of Holman of the Oregonian which appeared from Salem in that paper one day last week and contains comment on the condition of the State Agricultural College was certainly made without due consideration. The bill past at the last session of the legislature locating the College at Corvallis and providing for the erection of a \$25,000 building for the school in no way interferes with the management of the school or the drawing of its funds.

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