

ABOUT THE ALSEA COUNTRY.

The following article, headed "Alsea Valley," is taken from the Lebanon Express of Lebanon, Linn county, dated Oct. 12th, and it is concerning a valley in Benton county:

"This valley is about twenty miles west of this place. The first settlements were made in the year 1854; and the emigrants entered the valley on pack mules, and for several years this was the only means of ingress or egress; now they have a real good wagon road from Philomath that crosses the Coast range mountains just south of Mary's peak. The denizens of this valley are a kind, hospitable people, and considering their isolation from the outside world, they are well informed and take a lively interest in all matters of public interest both in church and state. They speak of all the world as "on the outside," and regard themselves as the very center of civilization.

The valley proper begins about six miles west of the summit of the Coast range, at the confluence of the Alsea proper and Rugels creek, at which place there is a saw mill, planing mill and grist mill. Four miles below and directly west of these mills is the postoffice and a general merchandise store conducted by Moses Brothers. These are enterprising, reliable and courteous young men who well deserve to succeed. One mile still further west of the store is the saw mill and flouring mills of the Chandler Brothers, who also run a blacksmith and wood shop. These constitute all the public enterprises in the valley, and the settlements only extend some five miles below this, from which point there is no other way but a trail to tide water, which is not less than twenty miles. The county of Benton is aiding the citizens to open a good wagon road to the coast, and they hope to have it completed next summer. This will then be the best route for health and pleasure seekers of Linn county going to the coast.

Opposite the postoffice, and running direct north, is the South Alsea river, that unites here with the main river. The valley on this stream for some three miles back south is much wider than the main valley. This entire valley is about one mile wide on an average, with gradual sloping hills that afford fine grazing land. The entire population of all this section is about seventy families. There are yet a good many quarter sections of land, some of it very fine, still open for actual settlers, and emigrants or anyone else wanting a desirable home would do well to visit this section.

Last June Rev. B. H. Baker held a protracted meeting here, which resulted in organizing a Cumberland Presbyterian church of forty-seven members. This church is now building an elegant house of worship near the postoffice. There are three good schools in this valley, two of which are open six months in the year and the other nine months. These schools are under the management of competent teachers, and so far as we could learn, are giving entire satisfaction.

After the fall rains, the salmon sport and spawn in the Alsea and all its little tributaries. The natives and many others kill and pack them up in barrels and boxes for winter use. If any of our friends have leisure time and are fond of this kind of sport, we would recommend this favorite resort."

AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE.

Among the recent applications for patents is one for a "cigar-selling machine," which drops a "Havana," clips the end off, and exposes a match and a piece of sand paper whenever a nickel is dropped into a slit in the side of the machine. The patent office has decided not to grant a patent until the inventor attaches a contrivance to his machine that will also produce an automation that will grab the nickel cigar and go to the end of a pier and smoke it.

NOT HER MATCH.

Irascible wife to husband—You are no match for me sir. Husband (weakly)—If I am not my dear, why do you always want to scratch me?

ALLEGED FACTS.

Boston has invested nearly \$50,000,000 in copper mines.

The Suez canal takes in about \$1,000,000 a month in tolls.

It is said that 30,000,000 trees have been planted in Kansas this year.

Ghent, Belgium, has the biggest cannon. Its bore is 2 1/2 feet in diameter.

There are 2,300 miles of mains for conveying natural gas in this country.

Great Britain mines 16,000,000 tons of iron per year, and imports 3,000,000 tons.

The state of Sonora, Mexico, levies a tax of \$2 on every baby born within its limits.

Indianapolis claims that hers was the first union railroad depot. It was erected in 1852.

Texas is putting down artesian wells, one of which is to yield a million gallons per day.

A conservative estimate is that 7,000,000 gallons of alcohol are used in the arts annually.

The probable cost of the Nicaragua canal is put at between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

It is a fact that will astonish a great many people that cigar smoking is on the decline in this city.—N. Y. Ex.

This is the season of the year when waste baskets are filled with circulars, which cost more than an advertisement.

An immigrant who landed at Castle Garden, New York, lately, had with him a trunk made in Germany in 1667.

The prisons of the United States are reported to have nearly sixty thousand inmates, only five thousand of whom are women.

Mrs. Crane Washington, a colored woman living near Charleston, S. C., has given birth to five children during the past year.

The kitchen and dining room of the new Midland hotel, at Kansas City, are located on the eighth floor and reached by six elevators.

The latest definition of a strong-minded person is one who can read the advertisement of a patent medicine and yet not have the disease.

Some genius has discovered the difference between an apple and a pretty girl. One you squeeze to get cider, and the other you get 'side her to squeeze.

A Kentucky girl measures seven feet three inches around the waist, three feet six inches around the arm, and weighs 672 pounds. It has been suggested that this may be Col. Watterson's "Star-Eyed Goddess of Reform," grown fat under the protective tariff.

Jeweler's Weekly—"Darling," he said, "your eyes are as bright as diamonds, your teeth as white as pearls, your lips as red as rubies, and—"

"Yes George," she replied sweetly, "and you are as green as an emerald." Then George went out into the jet black night.

HOW IT PAYS. An exchange gives the following interesting base ball facts, and as well points to a moral which Pacific Coast people generally may well consider seriously: "It is stated that the eight ball clubs in the organization known at the National league have made profits this year aggregating nearly \$390,000, while the eight clubs in the American association have probably failed to clear \$50,000 all told. Several of them have lost money. The clubs in the first organization play no games on Sunday, while those of the second have relied on Sunday games for a large share of their support. The League clubs, also, have been more expensive than those of the association. If this does not mean that respect for religious scruples of the best element of every community pays, in sporting matters as in other things, then we do not know what its significance is."

Children Cry for

Pitcher's Castoria.

WHAT CAUSES TYPHOID.

The typhoid fever, it has been ascertained by scientists, is generally caused by the existence in the water used for domestic purposes of minute animalculae, which are visible only by the aid of the most powerful magnifying glass. It has been proven that these microbes are generated by contact with sewage products, and are taken into the system through the use of such water, passing from the digestive system to the circulating system of the human body and multiplying in such enormous numbers as to change the character of the blood and bring on the dangerous and contagious diseases known as typhoid fever, diphtheria, etc.

These are facts accepted generally by the medical fraternity, and it has been termed scientific in their character. The life and habits of these microbes have been studied by eminent practitioners, and it has been ascertained that they can be and are destroyed by boiling the water, containing them at the highest temperature, this process rendering it perfectly innocuous and healthy.

In many cities where the water supply is taken from the rivers subject to pollution, or from springs of doubtful character, a great many people resort to boiling all of the water used in their households. The trouble of this is something, of course, and the water so heated lacks the life and vigor of fresh spring water, but this difference is not perceptible or disagreeable after a little use. The typhoid poison is effectually removed by killing the fungus life which sewage water has imparted to it.

DECEIVING LADY CUSTOMERS.

They do say that sales-people in shoe stores have a unique way of deceiving lady customers. Their method is to lay aside a pair of shoes to which trivial objections had been made and bring forth others, which are tried on without success. Then the sales-person suddenly remembers that a few hours previous there arrived a case of sample shoes which have not yet been put upon the market. After a few moments spent in another part of the establishment the attendant comes forth with the first pair of shoes condemned, done up in an elegant box, which is unwrapped with due ceremony, and the shoes held before the customer's eyes in a way that is both tempting and convincing.

"That is a new style," says the salesperson, "and one that will become popular." "Have none of them been sold yet?" asks the customer. "No, madam, let me try this one on you. Ah, that's your fit and gives your foot an uncommonly pretty look!"

Nine times out of ten the trick does the work, and the customer makes the purchase, all unconscious of the fact that she has a shoe which has been in the store probably for months, and to which she took exceptions but a short time before. It may be very wicked to deceive the ladies in this kind of style, but the seller exercises his conscience by declaring that it is a deception which has done no harm while it aided him to make a sale.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

VERY REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE. When doctors disagree who shall decide? A bit of enterprise on the part of the Boston Globe discloses a remarkable difference of opinion among the physicians of that city.

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