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A DEEP SEA HARBOR FOR OREGON.

The arrival of the government's greatest cruiser off Yaquina bay—The Charleston, August 21—from Honolulu calls attention to the fact that Oregon has the nearest harbor for vessels from the great Asiatic ports. To the surprise of all, this war ship, supposed to be then thousands of miles away, drops down at Oregon's nearest deep sea harbor, and after taking supplies, departs for Alaskan waters.

The harbor of San Francisco is nearly a thousand miles to the south. The Puget Sound ports are all too far inland to be expeditiously touched in emergency or in case of a forced voyage. The dredging of Yaquina bay will give the government its most valuable, because most available, deep sea harbor on the Pacific. It is the nearest from any of the greatest Asiatic ports. In time of war it would be most easily fortified of any, as it is a small harbor, perfectly land-locked, and open at all seasons of the year.

No other point on the coast above San Francisco offers a harbor, at once so safe, easily improved, and naturally fortified. At the same time Yaquina bay is most desirable as a rendezvous for Asiatic and Alaskan operations. The attention of the government should be directed to the advantages to be derived from an early deepening and fortification of Yaquina bay.—Salem Journal.

The people of the United States use 1,500,000 postal-cards every day.

RECENT very trustworthy circulations of the population of the Chinese empire by Russian authorities reckon it at 382,000,000 and the annual increase at 4,000,000. Not one in 10,000 ever heard of the religion of Jesus Christ.

SHOULD Chauncey Depew return home, send Vice-President Webb to the rear, and take hold of the New York Central side of the great strike and settle it satisfactorily to the employees and every one else, wouldn't it give him quite a little boom for the presidency in 1892?

It looks as though the Pacific Coast hop growers would get pretty nearly their own price within a few months. Dear wheat, the eastern fruit famine, and a short European hop crop promise our farmers a profitable year in spite of last winter's deluge and a small wheat harvest.—S. F. Bulletin.

WHAT is wanted is to treat this tariff question as a business question, is to apply to these schedules precisely the rule we apply to all other legislation. Whoever demands taxes to be levied for his benefit, let him show conclusively that what he wants for his interest is equally for the public interest.—Senator Plumb.

The expectation that the spread of electric lighting would seriously diminish the consumption of gas is not being realized, says Bradstreet. On the contrary, the use of gas is steadily increasing, even where electricity is gaining the most popularity. Output figures from forty different points for the first five months of the year show an average increase in the consumption of gas over that for the first five months of 1889 of 13.2 per cent., and it is expected that the gain for the year will be even larger, owing to the increase in the use of gas stoves. This tells most, of course, in the summer months.

CHOLERA WARNINGS.

In view of the prevalence of cholera in Europe and also in Japan, the state board of health of California has issued a warning to the people of that state. While we all hope for the best there is a possibility of the disease being brought over to the Pacific coast, by means of some of the steamers that ply between this country and the Orient. In no country where it is prevalent does it show any signs of abatement, but on the contrary, is spreading, and, notwithstanding the most careful precautions on the part of sanitary officers, the disease, it is reported, has got into London.

It has been nearly forty years since cholera appeared on this coast, but it may come upon us at any time, and its ravages would be terrible, decimating our population to such an extent that it would require a decade to recover.

The boards of health of every city should be prepared for such a visitation. Every city should undergo a thorough cleaning. This certainly could do no harm even if the cholera did not reach us. A city where no vegetable or animal matter is permitted to decay and pollute the air, where all areas and spaces on low ground, beneath walks and floors, are cleaned out and every sewer and drain flushed and disinfected, would be pretty well armed against cholera or any other infectious disease. The property owners should do this and if they refuse they should receive a visit from the health officers. There is no telling what might be the result of neglect in such a matter.—Telegram.

THE present method of contract prison labor now in vogue in this state is a disgrace to the commonwealth. A Portland firm has a large number of convicts employed in the manufacture of stoves. They secure this prison labor at a merely nominal sum, and besides throwing hundreds of honest laborers out of employment, manufacturers doing a legitimate business are unable to compete with them. Some of the southern states have an admirable plan by which the convicts are taken into the various counties and made to work on the state roads. As a consequence, they have splendid roads, and the farmers, the producers of the country, save thousands of dollars each year in the wear and tear of vehicles. This plan could be adopted in Oregon with the most favorable results. Nothing adds more to the wealth of a state than good substantial roads; besides the labor of penitentiary convicts belongs to the state, and it is a violation of the fundamental principles of our government to let out prison labor for a mere pittance to corporations and trusts.—Enterprise.

THE Salem Statesman voices the sentiments of the people of the entire Willamette valley in saying that a good dredger should be built at once for the work of keeping the channel of the upper Willamette river clear. While the railroads will carry the great bulk of freight hereafter, an open river is the farmer's safeguard against transportation monopolies. The freight record on each year shows that many shippers find it convenient as well as economical to patronize the steamboat trade, while no doubt the river tonnage would be largely increased by such attention to the channel as is required to keep it in good condition throughout the boating season. If the government does not see fit to provide a dredger for this purpose the suggestion of the Statesman that the towns along the river should contribute to the construction of one, is worthy of favorable consideration.—Oregonian.

ALL the bank-note currency of the Italian Government is engraved and printed in the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Royal Library of Berlin contains 797,974 bound books.

Yonkers Statesman—Kansas has a town named Atoms, and that is where the cyclone blows things to.

Burlington Free Press—Marriage is a lottery in which all draw something—usually a baby carriage.

The New York Journal knows a Brooklyn deacon who refuses to play croquet because it is a wicked game.

People who complain that the census is too small will perhaps find the tax large enough to satisfy them.

It would be something of a job to enumerate the kicks against the census.—Ex. Yes in Oregon especially.

The champion load of logs was hauled at Marshfield last week by E. A. Pollard. Nine logs scaled 18,578 feet.

When southern cities brag that their population is doubled up, it only means that the watermelon season is on.

Governor Hill is frequently a spectator at the New York theaters. He has an especial fondness for "Castles in the Air."

The St. Louis Globe Democrat says: "Mr. Mills is not making any votes for the democratic party in Missouri, but he is showing how badly it needs them."

Three locomotives have been shipped from this country to Palestine for the new railroad between Jaffa and Jerusalem. They are named Jaffa, Jerusalem and Ramleh.

An exchange thinks it is rather odd that of the 80 or more Irish members of parliament over one-half are bachelors who don't know anything at all about Home Rule.

American tourists in Paris have been having a hard time of it. They have been drenched with cold rains and icy winds have chilled their blood. But then, after all, it is "Paree."

Down in South America, when the warring factions run out of ammunition they change their tactics and fight with manifestoes. The pen is not only mightier than the sword, but it's also safer.

Senator Stanford of California, now owns three horses, the like of which no other man ever owned:—Sunol, with a trotting record of 2.10; Palo Alto, with a trotting record of 2.12; and Racine, with a running record of 1.39 for one mile.

Dr. Talmage receives \$15,000 a year from his Brooklyn congregation, \$12,500 from a firm for the advance publication of his sermons, \$6,500 for his contributions to a religious journal, besides what he earns on the lecture platform and from general literary work.

The California idea of Grover Cleveland is thus presented in the Los Angeles Tribune: "Cleveland was never west of Buffalo until after he became President, and he never got any farther west than Buffalo during his administration either in his favors or policy."

Nineteen years ago, a Gratiot county (Mich.) farmer refused to let his daughter go to a candy pull. She went, though, and remained away. Last week, she drove up to her father's door, lifted out her eleven children, coolly took off her wraps, and astonished her father by declaring that she had concluded to return and stay home, and hereafter to be an obedient daughter.

The United States exports one-fourth of its wheat, one fifth of its cheese, one-half of its tobacco and two-thirds of its cotton.

ACCORDING to dispatches from Santa Fe, New Mexico, it would seem that the long looked for murderer, William B. Tascott, has been captured. If so, the lucky detective will receive a reward of \$60,000.

THE INDIAN WHEAT CROP.

Hon. J. R. Dodge, Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, in his August report says that the Government of India has just issued its final report upon the wheat crop of 1889-90. From this it appears that the acreage amounted to 24,983,100 acres, and the product 6,303,900 tons, or 235,345,600 bushels of 60 pounds. The acreage was smaller than for several years, and the crop the smallest reported since statistics of production have been regularly collected.—Pacific Rural Press.

SEVEN years ago 83 per cent. of British vessels were iron. Now 92 per cent are steel.

THE government printing office, in Washington, now employs six hundred compositors and ninety pressmen. It is the largest printing office in the world, its annual output being valued at about \$3,000,000. A better grade of work is done there than formerly and this includes some very fine illustrations.

THE settlers of Oklahoma have appealed to the national government for relief. It is stated that fully one-third of the people of that territory need aid and two-thirds of the farmers need seed wheat. Food is scarce and many are suffering from hunger. Those eastern people who were forced out of Oklahoma during the great boom, by not being able to secure homes there, and came west, can congratulate themselves upon their good fortune.

THE New York legislature probably didn't mean it, but they made April fools of the prohibitionists. The last New York legislature did just as our Oregon legislature did in 1887—yielded to the prohibitionists so far as to provide for a special confirmation or rejection of a prohibitory amendment to the state constitution. The vote is set for April 1, 1891. But the expenses of this special vote is figured at \$600,000. The joke is that the legislature forgot to provide for this expense of \$600,000. So, unless the brethren and sisters raise that amount by special subscription, there will be no vote in the state of New York on the 1st of next April. Those things come high, and if they want them they must pay for them.—Ex.

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