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## Corballis Gazette.

HEAVY TIMBERS.

of her great resources. A dispatch

from Tacoma says that ten im-

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inches in diameter at the little end. In New York the switchmen's Every two logs required 7 cars, strike appears to be strong and 37 cars in all being required for well organized. It would have been stronger had the men refrained from acts of violence and intimidation at the outset. That misconduct aroused public indignation. Governor Flower was compelled to order out part of the state militia. This was done so promptly that there are 8,000 men under arms in Buffalo today. The number will be increased still more when the troops from New York city and the river counties arrive. Governor Flower's alacrity contrasts favorably with Governor Pattison's tardiness in sending troops to Homestead, where there had been much greater dis-

gun.

of the outbreak the strikers have a few weeks, however, as he drew acted shrewdly. In that city the the short term. He will be elected city owns its own water. I don't Erie, Lehigh Valley, New York governor without doubt .-- States- think we are yet ready for a Central and Lake Shore lines all man.

meet. The traffic is large, for the

great lake port retains its hold on be dedicated the 21st of October New York commerce and has beinstead of the 12th, congress having come the distributing point for western grain and Pennsylvania passed a bill to that effect. Occoal, as well as for much of the tober 21st is the exact anniversary merchandise that is sent from New of Columbus' landing, allowance York to the west. The traffic of being made for the correction in the Erie canal alone imparts im- the calendar made by Pope Gregportance to Buffalo, which is like. ory. The change of date of dedi-

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believe that either will pay ex-

penses and the current interest on

CORVALLIS, Or., Aug. 23. 10 logs; 126 logs in all are required that reasoning from some other and must be a final trial of strength EDITOR GAZETTE: - It is imdifferent kinds of investments between organized labor on the for the foundation of the Washington building. Thirty-two logs, potrant that the question there might be a right violated in one side and the people of the nearly as large, besides a flag-pole of city improvements, to be compelling a sale, for to carry this United States on the other. It is 250 feet long goes into the centre voted on August 29, should be question at the polls virtually certain to come, and to have its of the building. Train loads are discussed and understood and I compels a sale to save themselves, beginning in troubles like those at to be shipped from Tacoma every venture a few remarks on the subas any one-eyed man can see, of Homestead. It may not come few days. Over 120 carloads of ject, if you can spare me necessary the works in question. But view- this year nor next, but that it will m steral for building have already space. ing the case from my knowledge, be here there is little room for

There are some considerations why it seems impracticable, un-

THE many friends of Hon. W. J. business-like and not to the best McConnell will feel gratified at his interests of any city to own it nomination for governor of Idaho, public works. Some persons adby the republican convention, vance good reasons showing that Mr. McConnell is an old Oregon- the centralization of power in the ian, and was once a member of hands of government has a demorthe state senate, representing alizing tendency. Then there are turbance than at Buffalo. This Yamhill county. As president of various other reasons along this strike began in a dispute about the the senate he was presiding officer line which are all more or less hours of labor, but it is regarded of the convention in 1882, during good and sensible. On the other by the railroad companies as a de- the protracted effort to elect a side of the question there are conmand for an advance of ten per United States senator that year, siderations, which seem to me at cent. on the present wages. The when J. N. Dolph was chosen a this time to make it more importstate of New York has a board of few minutes before the final ad- ant to Corvallis and her immediarbitration for conflicts of this journment of the legislature. For ate future to own and control her kind, but it has not been able to the past eight yeaas Mr. McCon- electric light and water plants and avert this strike nor to prevent nell has been a resident of Idaho, operate them in unison, and to it from extending after it had be- and was one of the first United have a sufficient system of sewer-States senators elected. His career age which, once constructed, will In selecting Buffalo as the scene in the national senate lasted only be easily kept in proper condition

and admit of a considerable deat no additional expense, if the crease in the price of water and light to the consumer. Self interest is generally at the bridge, or at least do not think the bottom of the interest men take

city should issue any bonds for in matters finâncial, and I am no THE world's fair buildings will that purpose.

The very first thing to be taken I should like to get water and into consideration in regard to light-considerably cheaper than water and light plants, it seems to the rates I now pay, and I conme, is the relations existing be- sume a comparatively respectable tween the present proprietors of amount of each.

the city. By the city I mean the light and water at reduced rates, land: Portland proposes to have



and further belief in the unremu- doubt. What will be the out

nerative quality of the property come no one can predict, but

known, and the water plant and that the country will witness vio-

right would be violated if the per- land, both on the stump and in

back, and I think they would be of the law will have to be strong to

glad to do so. As two separate prevail there is but little question. and distinct companies I do not The spark that starts it may be

the amount invested. Certainly the country to the other .- Chroni

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not more at the present time. I cle. have good reasons to believe this. THE Alaska Herald says that if But as one enterprise under one the seals were all destroyed, the management, at one expense, I am Pribyloff islands would still be not sure but that, carefully hanvaluable by reason of the bone de dled, it might be remuenrative posits. On these islands seals enough to pay all expenses, interhave been killed in almost count est on the investment (at 6%), less numbers for more than a cenbones is correspondingly large. To give an idea of this deposit it is only necessary to consider that a single year, under present circumstances, would yield a hundred exception to the rule in this case. thousand carcasses, each containing at least twenty pounds of bone,

small, but the blaze of the confla-

gration will reach from one end of

or a total of one thousand tons. THE San Jose Mercury has the following comment upon the prothe plants established here and If this movement will afford posed exhibition wedding in Port-

cation was made in the interest wise one of the seats of the milling of chronological accuracy, and business. By stopping traffic at also to oblige New York city, this point the strikers expect to which will have a Columbian bring the roads to terms more celebration on October 12th. readily than they might elsewhere. Besides, Buffalo served best for a concerted movement, embracing the switchmen on strong trunk lines.

The warfare in Tennessee is of a different character from that in New York. The Tennessee miners strive to abolish the use of convict the sum of \$275,000,000, and that company have both obtained fran- expense any amount of water labor in the mines. The strikers the annual interest charge, which, chises from the city, have invest- necessary could be made available had everything very much their own way until they attacked the stockade at Coal Creek, where they were three times repulsed with 881.20, a decrease of \$11,685, 588 .- who have thus invested their cap- kept constantly on hand the conheavy loss. Troops and citizens 60, or about one-third. are now rallying to the defense of ONE of the ward politicians of

law and order. The strikers are the people's party was asked the overmatched and must submit. other day, says the Mercury, They might have abolished convict "How does your party stand in labor in mines if they had acted peaceably and prudently, but the respect to the Mills bill and the McKinley bill?" He scratched his moment they took the law into head, looking thoughful a moment, their own hands, they aroused the and said: "Well, we are in favor spirit of conservatism and rcof paying off the Mills bill first, spect for authority which are still as it is the oldest." strong in the southern states.

A POLITICIAN of a statistical apprehension in the minds of in In Idaho the onslaught on the frame of mind has figured out that vestors that rival private enternon-union miners has ended in the legitimate campaign expenses prises of similar nature could seridisaster. The valleys, gulches and of each of the two great parties ously jeapordize their capital after mining camps of the Cœur d'Alenes are all under martial taw. this year will amount to \$1,425,-000, and that when the expenses ply and demand, and the well-Even some of the saloons are closed. The independent miners are of all the different polling places known rules which govern the in at work and over a hundred of the are added to it, the aggregate cost vestment of capital put the danger union men are to be placed on of all will be not less than \$10, trial for various crimes. In view 000,000. of such widespread failure to ac-

complish their purpose the union pay ?"-Astorian.

CAPTAIN John T. Apperson, day than was ever sent from this their present value. If I am corregister of the land office at Ore- office in one mail before. New rect in this position, do not the gon City, makes a statement that port is the resort of Oregon and persons who have their capital inwill be of special interest to all no amount of talk or adverse vested in these works have a subsettlers. He says that settlers advertising can make it otherwise. stantial right to be considered in -Newport Times. who have filed homestead claims and desire to make proof and pay Accornding to the careful inves for the land, must prove at least tigations of the New York Tribune 14 months' actual residence since there are only 4047 millionaires the date of entry to entitle them

in the United States. This leaves to commute and pay cash for the plenty of room in the country for land. The time they have lived the ordinary man to get around on the land before filing will not in. be allowed when they seek to

commute. It will be allowed where they continue residence and make five years residence on but they shouldn't make it hot by works, for instance, at its actual setting fire to freight cars. their homesteads.

citizens of Corvallis. It is all very and not impair our protection a christening and a wedding well to say the city did this or that from fire, or violate the rights of among the attractions at her inor the other, but as a matter of those having capital involved, dustrial exhibition, and Bishop fact it is the citizens, those who then I want the city to own its Morris has protested against it on vote and whose duty it is to vote own works.

on these questions, who occupy It has been suggested that a "to make a vulgar display of relig-SPEAKING of the diabolical way the relation to these corporations steam fire-engine would afford a jous rites." It would seem, howin which the republican party has which is expressed by the word better protection from fire than ever, that these particular ceremosquandered the surplus," it is im- "City." To be plainer and more can be economically had from nies might be fairly classed as exportant to note that the interest- explicit, when I say "city" I mean water works. That question is hibits of "infant industries."

bearing debt of the United States every citizen whose duty it is to not under discussion. But if the has been reduced since the inau- vote on these questions. The elec- city owns its own water it is cerguration of President Harrison in tric light company and the water tain that by no very considerable when he was inaugurated, ed capital in these enterprises and at any point in the city, remote or amounted to \$34,578,469.80 was, there is an implied compact be- near, at slight additional running on June 30, 1892, only \$22,892, tween the city and the persons expense. If a supply of water be ital to protect that capital. venient hydrant would become a

Whether the franchises be exclu very great help, to say the least, sive or not does not alter the case in case of a fire.

so far as an implied protection of Then for purposes of sewerage, that capital is concerned. The water is absolutely indispensable, persons who invested in these enand if there be no great additional terprises could not expect any procurrent expense, that seems to me tection from the city more than to be a good reason for the city to their franchises give, but taking own its own water. With its own into consideration the size and plant the city could afford a great prospective growth of Corvallis,

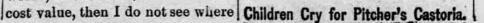
many times the incandescent there could have been no great lights now used on the streets at no perceptible addition to the expense. If desired, are lights could be used on streets and the current of fruit ever made from the Pacific expenses not to be materially inbeing invested. The laws of supcreased.

It is not the original cost of the appliance which furnish the commodities that make it wise or not of any private rivalry out of the wise to own the plants, it is the question. But that the city should current expenses which make it conceive the idea of owning and profitable or unprofitable, and if In spite of croakers, there are controlling its own works of a pubmen may well inquire: "Will it more tourists in Newport this year lic nature probably never entered by combining the two they can be run nearly as cheap as either one, than ever before. Postmaster the minds of the persons who have

and admit of cheaper water and Hampton reports more mail Tues- developed these enterprises to light to the city and to the individual consumer, it seems plain, that, from a financial point of view, it would be a good move to vote in favor of them, always with the proviso that existing invest-

an election, which, if it results one ments be not forced to thereby way, will give persons, having no shrink in value. Then there is the substantial rights involved, the almost certain increase in the numpower to seriously jeapordize the ber of consumers for both water value of their security? If the and light if the rates be reduced. voters should say, in the event This is worthy of consideration, that they should desire the city to, own these plants, first give the and were private capital seeking present companies a chance to save the investment, it would be care-

It is permissible for railroad their capital by selling to the city fully estimated in the future prosmen to strike while the iron is hot, at the reasonable value of their pects of the business. CITIZEN.



the ground that it is sacrilegious

THE world is beginning to turn its eyes toward New Orleans, where, in the near future, laurel wreaths will be placed on the bloody brows of a trio of pugilists and another trio will explain to broken tackers how it all happened. It is not every city that can have the proud distinction of being a municipal circus with three rings .- Examiner.

The oddest freak of midsummer madness this year has occured at Zanesville. Ohio, where river merchants have set the women crazy by giving corsets away; and now Jeness Miller has a right to ask, "Where was I?"-Ex.

On Wednesday last, sixty-five carloads of fruit were shipped from Sacramento. This is said to have been the largest single shipment coast.

RUSSIA is suffering severely from the cholera, but the dread of a continuance of the famine is about over as the growing crops promise a heavy harvest.

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