

Eugene City Guard. The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused by considerable troubles by correspondence addressing the proprietors personally. Address all letters referring to the newspaper or business connected therewith to THE GUARD, Eugene, Oregon.

SILVER PRODUCE AND COINAGE. From all information received at the Treasury Department from 21 countries the coinage of silver during the calendar year of 1895 amounted to the aggregate of \$113,672,200. Of this sum \$13,603,200 was recoinage. Deducing the sum from the total coinage gives the coinage of silver from new bullion in 1895 as \$100,069,000.

The country counting the largest amount of silver in 1895 was Mexico, with a coinage of \$24,882,350, followed closely by Japan with a coinage of \$23,883,500. Next comes China with \$8,253,340; Spain, \$7,969,500; Great Britain, \$5,821,151; United States, \$5,698,000; Austria-Hungary, \$5,299,000; Peru, \$4,073,000; Russia, \$3,554,000; Ecuador, \$2,500,000; Germany, \$1,826,000.

The world's product of silver during the calendar year 1895 is estimated to have been \$226,000,000. The amount of new bullion used in the coinage, so far as known, was \$100,069,000, and from reports received from 12 countries the amount used in the industrial arts was \$42,000,000, while the exports to the East amounted to \$37,530,000, making the total disposition of the world's silver product for 1895, so far as known, \$179,569,000, which would leave \$46,430,000 for coinage and use in the arts by the countries from which no reports have been received.

CUT DOWNS HIS PRUNE TREES. Oregon Agriculturist: A case has been reported of an orchardist in Oregon who has this fall cut down an orchard of French prune trees in disgust because the prunes were so small and poor as to be unprofitable. It is said that his object in doing so is to use the ground for a hopyard. If he does this it is probable that in about three years he will be again transforming the hopyard into a prune orchard. The man who starts a hopyard when hops are high and plows up his yard when hops are low, and follows a like plan with fruit trees, will inevitably get the worst of it as a steady thing. The orchardist who destroys his French prune trees because they were not profitable this year may be sorry for his act next year. We believe that a well kept orchard of French prune trees on suitable land is worth keeping. By a system of severe pruning the trees can be kept from overloading themselves with fruit, and large prunes can be secured. The French prune rarely fails to bear; the trouble is that it is apt to set several times too many prunes.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison has been reinstated by Venezuela to represent that Government before the Arbitration Commission that sits in Paris within a short time to settle the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela over boundary lines. General Harrison is said to have received a retainer fee of \$100,000. Ex-Secretary Tracy is said to be an associate with General Harrison, and his retainer is reported to be \$50,000.

The vote in Indiana shows that the middle of the road Populists cast only about 5,000 votes this year; while in 1896 they cast about 8,000 votes. On the other hand, the Prohibitionists cast about 3,000 votes in 1896, while this year they polled almost 10,000 votes.

The American bucco man is taking on international airs. He is operating among the simple minded Belgians passing off worthless bills for their hard coin. The next thing he will be selling gold bricks to them at a discount.

NATIONAL WEALTH. Table with 2 columns: Country, Amount. Includes United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain.

BELOIAN LACE MAKERS. The Queen of the Belgians has issued a rescript to her sister queens and empresses asking them to form an alliance for the purpose of helping the lace makers of Europe. She has appealed to them to persevere wearing imitation lace and bind themselves to wear hand-made lace only, pointing out that the machine made fabric threatens the extinction of the artistic hand-woven fabric.

HARNESS REINS. Made From the Stoutest of Leather. A Word About Hand Holds. The reins of a set of single harness are each about 13 feet in length, those of a double harness about 15 feet. For business harness reins are made of leather, tanned black; the reins of carriage harness are made of russet colored leather.

Not Yet Found. Brownsville Times of Friday, Dec. 2. After spending several days assisting in the search, Messrs Henry Blakeley, Geo. Tyeer, Lester Curtis and the writer, returned Wednesday afternoon from the head of Parson's creek, in the Cascades—the place where J. R. Buckman of Harrisburg, became lost two weeks ago today while hunting deer in company with Judo Morris.

One Day at a Time. It is a blessed secret, says the British Weekly, this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. Do today's duty. Fight today's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see and could not understand if you saw them.

Another Paper.—Cottage Grove Leader: "It is reported that a new newspaper will be started here in a short time, of the republican persuasion with Mr Howard, of Eugene, as managing editor."

TENNYSON'S FAITH. The Problem of the Future Life Had the Dominant Interest. A reader of the "Life of Tennyson," by his son, will be struck by the fact that no subject interested him so deeply as the problem of the future life. He will also observe that it was always a problem to him, one that he was constantly raising, that would not stay settled. To be sure, he was a believer in immortality, but not a resolute believer. He was all the time digging up the roots of his faith to be sure they were alive. The old question would not stay unanswered. The reader of his poetry observes the same thing. He is always on the side of faith, but of a somewhat disturbed faith. He belonged to that "metaphysical society" which invited into its membership believers of all shades, with all shades of unbeliefers, whose object was to raise and answer doubts about God and the future life. He was the spokesman of the scientific doubt of the age, fluttering over the dovetails of faith, but hardly settling and resting and nesting therein.

Webster Cowed Them. William Wetmore Story, the sculptor and poet, was one of the few men who presumed to call Lowell "Jim" to the end, and Miss Mary E. Phillips, in her "Reminiscences of William Wetmore Story," tells in Story's own words to her, the following tale of the two young men: "James Lowell and I were very angry with Webster for staying in old Tyler's cabinet, and as he was to speak in Faneuil hall on the evening of the 30th of September, 1842, we determined to go in (from the Harvard Law school) and hoot at him and show him that he had incurred our displeasure. There were 3,000 people there, and we felt sure that they would hoot with us, young as we were.

His Hair in Danger. A young artist whose pipe, eyeglasses and luxuriant blond hair have made him well known in town went to a garden party not so much for social amusement as for pencil studies of high life. He wore a tall hat, frock coat and lavender trousers and carried a sketching block a yard square. At the party his epigrams, paradoxes and sundry silvery laugh overwhelmed, as he intended, all the girls in sight or hearing, but he got through with his social duties as speedily as might be, then went and sat down on a distant fence.

Some Extraordinary Mothers. Probably the youngest grandmother of whom we have record was a Lady Child of Shropshire, England. She had married at 13 years of age and had a child before her thirteenth year was completed. This child in turn married while still very young, with the result that Lady Child was a grandmother at 27. The most extraordinary cases of motherhood were those of Mrs. Honeywood of Charing, in Kent, and Lady Temple of Stow. When the former died, on May 10, 1620, aged 93, she counted as her descendants 16 children, 114 grandchildren, 228 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren. The other case was even more remarkable. Lady Temple, who died in 1650, had given birth to 4 sons and 9 daughters and lived to see more than 700 descendants.

Taste of Boiled Water. In advocating the practice of boiling water (and milk) of uncertain purity Professor Bizzozzo combats the prejudice against boiled water as a beverage. He maintains that the "taste" frequently complained of in boiled water is really caused by the kettle and can scarcely be due to the absence of dissolved air, of which water from wells of great depth often contains very little. —Pittsburgh Dispatch.

A Question of Locality. "I'll tell you one thing," said Madpop to his long suffering wife, "if Willy does not behave himself, I'll give him the worst spanking he ever had. He'll get it in the neck." "Do be serious, my dear," replied Mrs. Madpop. "The neck is no place on which to spank a child." —Harper's Bazar.

Which End? Insnoble Lieutenant (down engine room tube)—"Is there a blithering idiot at the end of this tube?" Voice From the Engine Room—"No at this end, sir." —Punch.

Worth Discussing. "Doctor, I don't know what's the matter with me. I can't sleep nights any more." "Um! Let's see. What is your business?" "I'm a night watchman." "Ah, your case is a remarkable one. I must write it up for our Monthly Medical Record." —Chicago News.

Porpoise Oil. Oils, animal, vegetable and mineral, are second in importance to but few domestic articles of commerce. Already medicinally invaluable in the bygone ages of hand labor, lubricants have become almost a condition of existence in this century of machinery, and of all oils porpoise oil is the finest, the most difficult to obtain, almost the most costly. The difficulty, be it incidentally remarked, lies not in expressing the oil from the porpoise, but in catching the porpoise itself. These cetaceans, like the fish they prey on, are most uncertain in their movements, at one time playing by the week in our very harbors, at others staying a whole month far from the coast. An economic and reliable method of obtaining a regular supply of porpoises from our seas would be worth a fortune.

At present their capture is no more than accidental. Porpoises are known to venture into salmon estuaries during spring flood tides, returning to salt water with the ebb, and, as an improvement on the present casual supply system, strong rope nets might be cast at the mouths of these estuaries to intercept the invaders as they leave. Probably, however, the ultimate solution will be found in the rifle and some particular cartridge, preferably fronted with soft, hollow lead to flatten in the creature's ribs. It may be that even with a fatal bullet the difficulty is not ended, for it has not yet been shown whether, when fatally hit, the porpoise sinks or floats. —London Spectator.

NEW SCHEME. The Nettle in the Eye Machine. Bitten By Experts. Thursday's Albany Democrat. "One well dressed man came to Albany last Tuesday night and yesterday forenoon proceeded to get up the nettles in the slot machines of the city. They succeeded in two cases. At Wall St. and Max Bateman's they presented royal flushes and received \$500 in money from each. Their game was a new one. After putting in a nickel or two and they got the ends in sight they wish, they stop and take up a paper and go to reading it. While the proprietor is at something else they deftly manipulate a wire through the slot and bring in sight the needed card—a royal flush is in view. Then they put a penny in the slot which of course goes through, strike the button and call the proprietor. If he has not seen the operation all the cards are turned out. This they do at the places mentioned. As often they beat seven machines. Word was received here yesterday noon of the syndicate but the men had flown on the new train."

DIED.—Mrs. Charity E. Wentz, died Monday, Nov. 29, 1895, at her home on East Third street, Eugene, aged 45 years, 10 months and 15 days. Deceased was born in Wilmansack, Indiana; Death was caused from consumption, of years standing. Mrs. Wentz's home was at Olympia, Wash. She came to Eugene to try and regain her health. High Requiem Mass was held at the Catholic church yesterday morning, then her remains were carried to the Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Wentz was a valued member of the Altar and Sacred Cross societies. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss. Many friends will miss the kind and loving face that they will see no more on this earth.

Portland Telegram: Rev Robert McLean of Grant's Pass, will probably be called to fill the pulpit vacated by Rev J. E. Snyder, of the Third Presbyterian church on the East side. Mr. McLean is a minister of unusual ability and has built up a splendid congregation during his ten years' residence at Grant's Pass, where he is very highly thought of.

BARKER TALKS; And Means What he Says. We have now opened and ready for inspection the great and grand display of Xmas goods and toys, a stock three times as large as we had last year.

The variety and assortment are greater and more varied than ever before. It is believed that our Xmas display is as large as all the rest in town put together. Besides filling a room 20 by 80 feet too full on the second floor we have prepared a place and have a creditable display on the lower floor.

You should not fail to call and look this assortment over before buying it is so varied and of so wide a range it will pay you to come and see it. It makes no difference what you want, come here and look around, then you may find something that suits you better than you expected. Don't fail to call.

BARKER GUN WORKS. Opposite Racket store Eugene, Or.

TIME EXTENDED.—Judge Hamilton has granted the attorneys for Claude Branton until December 15th to file their bill of exceptions. The time for merely granted expired Dec 8th.

Last Valley Item in Condon Globe: "Mr. J. M. Sloan left a few days ago for his home at Eugene, Lane county. He came up about three weeks ago to look after his interests at this place. Mr. Sloan is a typical Oregon pioneer, and we regret that we have to lose him as a neighbor."

Friday's Roseburg Review: "H. R. M. Hatch, of Cottage Grove, is in the city to day. His numerous friends here are glad to see him again."

SPANISH PREDICTIONS. Claim That the Philippine Insurgents Will not Recognize United States Control.

WASH. TALKS BY TELEGRAPH. Madrid, Dec. 1.—Advices from the Philippines say the insurgents there have decided not to recognize the creation of the senate to the United States, and that they will resist to the last. It is also claimed that the United States will require 70,000 troops to put down the rebellion, and it is alleged that the insurgents hold 10,000 Spanish prisoners whom they will force to serve against the Americans.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Helmet Lodge No. 33, Knights of Pythias, of this city, elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: I. T. Nicklin, G. C.; C. A. Wintermiller, V. C.; Dr. W. L. Chesler, Prelate; D. P. Hall, M. W.; C. L. Winter, K. R. S.; H. W. Rowland, M. F.; W. W. Brown, M. E.; G. W. Griffin, M. A.; Geo. Barger, I. G.; W. H. Alexander, O. G.; D. E. Yoran, trustee for three years.

MR. EDITOR:—I notice in your paper a list of names of Company "C", Second Oregon Regiment, at Manila, testifying to the honesty of the captain—about one-third of the company. I would ask any veteran of the Civil War if he ever heard of such a thing in '61 to '65. His answer would be useful. It might do in the militia at home but not at the front. Would an officer in the regulars do it? If he did he would be court-martialed for conduct unbecoming an officer, and as for the men, they forget they are not heroes.

It is none of their business what is done with money given to an officer of a company. If the men had written to the papers who sent the money to the officer they would have inquired about it, and no hard feelings would have existed between the officers and men. Officers are only men, and often in the ranks there are better men than those who command. A d. if the regiment had been in a few battles, the best men would have stood up but garrison duty spoils good men and makes officers autocrats and tyrants. I have served in both regiments and volunteers, and carried a gun and commanded a company.

Rev Frank Chevallier, of Thurston, has left for Washington. Mrs. Chevallier, formerly Mrs. Taylor Reed, owns her store and fruit farm for sale cheap. A good stand.

Rev Helen E. Johnson discharged. Mrs. Helen E. Johnson received a telegram this morning from her son Herbert, of Pitt-field, Massachusetts, that the war department at Washington had made an order discharging her from the United States army. Our readers will remember that her son left home and enlisted in company "I", of Portland, and with his company went to the Philippines. His discharge from the service has been brought about on account of his youth.

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