

Not Unavoidable. Mrs. Gadabout—That Mrs. Hard next door doesn't seem to have any friends. Hostess (wearily)—No-o; I wonder who she manages it?—Judy.

A West Indian Hurricane. Recently traveled up the coast at will, and died in an entirely different manner from other storm. Sometimes dyspepsia is the same way. It refuses to yield to treatment which has cured similar cases. Even Hostetter's Stomach Bitters should be taken. It has cured stomach trouble half a century.

A train running from New York to Boston made over 80 miles an hour recently.

In France advertising posters must bear revenue stamps varying in value according to size of the poster.

ALONG THE COAST.

Items of General Interest Gleaned From the Thriving Pacific States.
The Stage Robbery.
It transpired that Van C. Alexander, the man who gave up \$170 of the money stolen from the United States mails on the stage near Westfall, Or., on September 22, is admittedly the main person responsible for the hold-up. The indications during the examination in United States Commissioner Halley's court here on Saturday, pointing to Alexander as the one planning the robbery, with the two boys as his accomplices, are confirmed by the developments. It is announced here that this phase of the case will be called to the attention of Judge Bellingher, of the federal court at Portland, before whom the two boys are to be tried.

Big Steam Heating Plant.
Upwards of \$600,000 is to be spent by the Boston capitalists who have purchased the plant of the Seattle Steam Heat & Power Company, and six of the street railway lines of Seattle, in the erection of a new and modern power plant and in the rebuilding and the distributing system. This part of the plant will be almost wholly reconstructed, new mains being laid in conformity with the latest ideas of steam engineering. This is but the beginning of large improvements which will be made. Plans are now being drawn for the new building and plant, which will be finished by January 1, and for the rebuilding of several of the street car lines recently purchased.

Motioned Sustained.
Judge Burnett, of Salem, has sustained a motion for non-suit against the plaintiff in the case of L. H. McMahon vs. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The action was begun to recover about \$550, alleged to be due the plaintiff on account of advertising in the Woodburn Independent and the Salem Independent. The defense claimed that the agent who made a contract for the advertising had no authority to do so, and that the newspaper company was to take pay in transportation.

Labor Scarce at Fairhaven.
Labor is so scarce in Fairhaven, Wash., that railroad contractors and others are delaying work on various enterprises until more plentiful supply of workmen are to be had—a change from three years ago, when laboring men were sitting around on the curbsides, waiting for something to turn up. Fairhaven's pay roll is almost 16 times larger than it was two years ago, with a certainty of an increase next year.

Hillsboro Young Man Hurt.
Charles V. Doughty, a young man and resident of Hillsboro, Or., while riding a bicycle at a rapid rate over a crosswalk, was thrown from his wheel and seriously injured. He was rendered unconscious for about two hours, and received a deep cut across the left eye and his upper lip was badly lacerated. The wheel was completely demolished. Young Doughty was a member of company H, Second Oregon volunteers, and enlisted from Hillsboro.

Landlords Smiling.
Portland hotels are generally doing a good business these exposition times, and would soon be filled to overflowing were it not that guests keep going away as well as coming in. About two days is the average length of the out-of-town visitor's stay in the city, and his place is taken just about as quickly as he has vacated. The principal hotels have good long lists of names on the daily registers.

A Ninety-Pound Pumpkin.
A clothing house at New Whatcom, Wash., gave farmers pumpkin seeds last spring, and offered five prizes for largest results. The first prize went to R. D. Perry, of Clearbrook, whose pumpkin weighed 90 pounds; second, Cal Watkinson, of Edison, 88 pounds; third, Cyrus Bradley, of Lynden, 61 pounds. The fourth and fifth weighed 42 and 37 pounds respectively.

Gold Hill Water Ditch.
Engineer J. S. Howard, of Medford, Or., has completed the survey of the Gold Hill water ditch. He employed a party of 12 men, who completed the permanent survey in 98 days. Much interest is shown in the ditch, not only by local enterprise, but by many Eastern capitalists, who are ready to invest money in it.

To Propagate Steelheads.
The Willapa hatchery will be completed this week. As steelheads are more numerous in Willapa river than in any other stream in this section, a special effort will be made to propagate them here, and to stock other streams from this hatchery. The propagation of steelheads has not as yet been attempted in any Washington hatchery.

Catches All the Fish.
Lew and Sanford Mayhew have one of their floating traps located near the Point Francis portage, near Whatcom, Wash. It has 300-foot leads and catches all the fish that come its way. The boys say the trap's success is assured, and they will have it towed farther up the Sound, where the fall run of fish is better.

The Sunday Law.
The cases at Fairhaven, Wash., against Loux and Beck for violating the Sunday law have been striking from the docket, the evidence being deemed insufficient to convict. Borgerson Bros., who run a bar in connection with a hotel, were tried and acquitted.

Dynamiters at Work.
It is reported that dynamiters are at work again on the Wallows river, below the bridge, and that salmon are being slaughtered in a very reckless manner.

THE AMERICAN CHARACTER.

Investigation Seems to Prove that I Can Stand Test of Comparison.
It is quite easy for the scientists to trace the development of the human body and the effects of foods and climate and temperatures upon the human animal. The affluence of medical literature of the day is full of instances in which the animal-man has been under rigid and productive investigation, every part of him and every fiber of him yielding information for a better appreciation of his physical self. And thus there are numerous prophecies, as to the future form and semblance of this interesting creature, and we are satisfied to know that while bald heads are increasing and dentists multiplying, and other specialists abound more numerous each year, the prospect is that man is not going to be civilized into a breathing mummy for many centuries to come.

But it is different with the finer part of the animal. Even the specialists cannot keep a finger on the pulse of character. It is hard to take character's temperature, for the standards vary worse than cheap thermometers. We see as far as to-day, and to-morrow has its mysteries, while yesterday is forgotten. In all literature there is not an absolutely truthful presentation of a human life. We cannot put the character in the cage as we can the animal and feed it on conditions and emotions to find their tendencies and effects. Nor, to group ourselves together and call the result a nation, can we find exactly the points from which to proceed in order to get a verdict. New York and Chicago are wide open on Sunday, and very respectable people sit in restaurants eating and drinking as if it were perfectly proper, while within 100 miles of either city are communities where a Sunday drink is regarded as a crime. Boston and New Orleans would find each other considerably embarrassed if they were to exchange customs and standards for a few weeks. San Francisco and Philadelphia would each raise a great ado if they were to trade Sundays. And so it goes over this great land.

It might be discouraging if it were not for the fact that it takes all sorts to make a nation of seventy or eighty millions of people, and they are apt to be right in the main if the thing that holds them together is sound. After years of trial there seems to be no doubt of that, and it is generally agreed that the American character is as strong as any on the earth.—Leslie's Weekly.

An Ingenious Chinese Weapon.
An ingenious Chinese military man has recently invented a weapon which the mandarins at Peking think will cause terror in the hearts of the invaders, and an order has been issued for the manufacture of a large supply to be distributed throughout the army. According to a description that appears in the Chinese papers this terrible weapon is a combination of spear and shovel. At one end of a pole there is a large sharp pike, such as knights of medieval times used to carry. At the other end there is a shovel, or spade, with a blade about eight inches wide, which can be used both as an intrenching tool and as a weapon. It is especially handy in befending prisoners, and all the Chinese soldiers have to do is to stick the pike at one end of his pole through the body of his enemy, and then turn around and cut off the head with the shovel. Instead of sending the inventor of this terrible weapon to the Hague to represent China at the peace conference, the Empress Dowager rewarded him with a button of the second class.—Chicago Record.

Manly Brind.
Men brinded in an avalanche of snow hear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of snow.

The distance from the farthest point of polar discovery to the pole itself is 460 miles.
The animal that lays the greatest number of eggs at a time is the white ant of tropical countries, which, according to a high authority, produces 86,400 each day during the season.

Analyses made recently by the agricultural department in Germany showed that of 557 samples of fertilizers, 198 were adulterated, and of the samples of bran 74.1 per cent were adulterated.

Manila's Streets.
The streets of Manila are so modern as to be quite out of keeping with the general appearance of the town. They are perfectly straight, macadamized and provided with ample granite walks. Of these the Escolta and the Rosario are the best. In both there are excellent shops, kept principally by Chinese merchants, most of whom come from Amoy. Tin-roofed houses line each side of both thoroughfares.

A Strange Custom.
The Bayanzi, who live along the Upper Congo, have a strange custom which makes life a burden to the married women. Brass rods are welded into great rings round the necks of the wives. Many of these rings worn by the women whose husbands are well to do weigh as much as thirty pounds, and this burden must be carried by the wretched creatures as long as they live.

Local European authorities estimate the area of the Philippine Islands at 130,000 square miles and their population at 8,000,000 to 10,000,000. The island of Luzon, on which the city of Manila is situated, is larger than New York and Massachusetts, and has a population of 5,000,000; and the island of Mindanao is nearly, if not quite, as large.

Marble That Is Best Known.
Perhaps Carrara of all marbles is most famous and best known. It is always used in the finest statues. The Apuan Alps of Italy hold the quarries. Indeed, the mountains are nearly solid marble and 2,000 years' work has not made much impression on their treasures.

Bamboo Telegraph Poles.
The French lately adopted for their field telegraph lines poles of Indian bamboo, which they can readily carry about with them on the march.

The self-made man is usually proud of a very poor job.

Followed Her Doctor's Advice

Mrs. G. W. Palmer, of Jonesville, Va., said: "Two years ago I was afflicted with stomach and bowel trouble. My case puzzled the doctors. I subsisted only on the lightest kind of diet. My stomach would not take solid food. The pain in my stomach and bowels was so intense that I could not describe it. I continued to grow weaker. I lost 48 pounds, my nerves were completely shattered, and I was very weak. Dr. C. W. Jacobs, of Richmond, advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I began to take the pills, and the first effect was the restoration of my appetite, and the quieting of my shattered nervous system. I began to take the pills, and in one month after commencing to take the pills I was able to do my housework. I have gained 30 pounds and today am in good health."
From the Free Press, Burlington, Vt.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are never sold by the dozen or hundred, or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, 6 boxes \$2.50.

Not Always.
Bertha—"It's a curious expression, 'she went in bathing.' Why is it not enough to say, 'she went bathing?'"
Bobby—"Sure enough. When a girl goes bathing she doesn't usually go in."
—Boston Transcript.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

At Tacoma tinmiths and men skilled in regular tin and sheet iron work are hard to get and are getting \$2.50 a day.

At Dawson City eggs cost 50 cents a dozen.

The number of mining firms using coal-cutting machines in 1898 in the United States was 36 per cent greater than in 1897, and the gain in Pennsylvania was about 60 per cent.

Jonas W. Thompson, of Pine Plains, N. Y., found a black snake milking one of his heifers. He struck the reptile with a stick, and it attacked him, sinking its fangs in his leg. Thompson finally killed the snake, but it is thought that his leg will have to be amputated.

The city council of Akron, O., recently passed an ordinance requiring the union plumbers' label to be affixed on all city work.

Telegraphic communication will be established between the Scottish islands of Muck, Egg, Canna and Rum. They are all to be connected with the mainland and with the Isle of Skye.

So great has been the improvement of the storage batteries of late that, according to an English engineer, a car now requires 500 pounds of cells that two years ago needed 1,600 pounds.

A War-Time Mistake.
In a Missouri court recently a rather novel case came up for decision. During the civil war a certain Northern soldier went into the service, leaving a young wife at home. In due time the news reached him that his bride had died and when the war ended he did not return to his old home, but settled on West. He married again, and with his second wife accumulated a large amount of property in Pratt county. Not long ago he learned that his first wife had not died, but supposing him to have been killed, had married another man. This man died, leaving her a widow. When the Pratt county man learned these facts he brought suit for divorce, and the woman in the East heard of it and went out and fought the case, asserting a claim to part of the Pratt county man's property. However, after the lawyers had made a great fight before him, the judge granted the divorce and left the Pratt county man free to marry the woman who has been living with him for many years as his wife.—N. Y. Tribune.

Conscripts in Cologne produced symptoms of heart disease by taking pills recommended for that purpose by local doctors. Several of the physicians have been arrested.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a lock disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 30 drops to one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. The Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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The clergyman said:
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"Millions!" replied the boy. "How many does he put on at a time?"
—Spare Moments.

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Coffee tablets or lozenges are coming into use in Brazil. One of them dropped into a cup of boiling water produces excellent coffee in three minutes.

The Company General of Manila, the largest cigar making concern in the world, employs 10,000 hands, and turns out every year 80,000,000 cigars, 40,000,000 cigarettes and nearly 3,000 tons of cut tobacco.

Hereafter bells that can be heard a distance of 500 feet must be attached to all private scavenger wagons in Chicago, and these bells must be rung continuously while the wagons are in service, which may be between sunset and sunrise.

The authorities in Algeria gave \$40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the place where eggs had been deposited.

In the ship building and engineering trades of Belfast, Ireland, 270 out of 8,000 members of the union are employed; in the linen trades, 60 out of 1,012; building trades, 43 out of 2,168; furnishing and wool-working trades, 29 out of 880; printing trades, 45 out of 958; miscellaneous, 36 out of 1,664.

In the United States 890,000 cubic feet of pine is used annually in making matches.

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Arcola, Ill., with a population of less than 3,000, leads the world in the broom-corn industry.

The machine shops of the Northern Pacific railroad are compelled to run half a day overtime every other night in some departments in order to catch up. All the engines of the railroad company are in service.

There are 850,000 men in the world who gain a livelihood chiefly by fishing, making an annual catch of \$225 worth of fish for each man. The fisheries of the United States supply 800,000 pounds annually, and those of Europe 1,800,000 pounds.

At Tacoma while in some lines the supply of skilled labor is equal to the demand, there are others in which employers complain of lack of help and could employ more men if the right kind offered. Men employed on scrapers and graders on the streets are paid \$1.75 a day, while men in positions requiring somewhat harder work get \$2.25 to \$3 a day. Machinists' wages run from \$2.25 to \$3.50, depending largely upon the ability of the man and the nature of the work.

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