

The New Northwest

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LECTURING TOUR.

Mrs. M. M. Miller and the author of this paper design starting next week upon a lecturing tour up the valley.

A GOOD WORD FOR WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—A late number of the New York Tribune has the annexed in regard to Washington Territory, which we give for the benefit of our many patrons in that section: Washington Territory has caused herself to be represented at the leading house of Jay Cooke & Co., Wall and Nassau streets, by one of the finest collections of products of the soil we ever set eyes on. It includes apples of two pounds weight, with enlarged specimens of some of our best-known varieties; pears nearly as large and very good; turnips weighing thirty-four pounds each, with beets, parsnips, etc., to match, and a wondrous show of wheat, barley, oats, etc., etc. Blackberry canes of this year's growth, ample stout enough for walking-sticks, give variety to the exhibition. We urge the ladies about our city, vainly seeking "something to do," to examine these products of land whereof a settler can take 160 acres for nothing (and there is plenty of such this side of the Missouri), and be ashamed of turning their backs on the bounty of God to depend for a precarious subsistence on the needs or caprice of man.

NEW SCHEDULE.—The Oregon and California Railroad has issued a new time schedule, which took effect on Wednesday, December 13th. From it we learn that the passenger trains bound south leave Portland at one o'clock P. M.; Oregon City at 2:40 P. M.; Salem, 4:47 P. M.; Albany, 7:12 P. M., arriving at Eugene at 8:30 P. M.; Corvallis at 4:30 A. M.; Albany, 7:05 A. M.; Salem, 8:30 A. M.; Oregon City, 10:30 A. M.; East Portland, 11:45 A. M.; arriving at Portland at 11:45 A. M. The freight and accommodation trains will leave Portland, bound south, at 6:30 A. M. and 4:30 P. M., arriving at Eugene City at 7:30 A. M. and 4:30 A. M.; leaving Eugene at 4:30 A. M. and 8:30 P. M., arriving in Portland at 4:30 P. M. and 6 A. M.

ANOTHER LOCOMOTIVE FOR THE WESTSIDE RAILROAD.—The bark Webfoot, says the *Bulletin*, which arrived here on Monday from San Francisco, brought for the Oregon Central Railroad 2,122 bars of railroad iron, which will enable the Company to lay the track to Cornelius. The Webfoot is now present discharging, and the track will very soon be laid. The bark also brought a locomotive and tender which are intended for this road. They will be discharged on this side of the river, and will soon be in use hauling trains over that portion of the road completed.

THE HARRISBURG HERALD.—The Herald has been furnished the following statistics of the dimensions of the Harrisburg bridge: One draw, span, 240 feet; two Howe trusses, each 210 feet, 630 feet; two swing beam trusses, each 35 feet, 100 feet; pile trestle work, 7,740 feet; total length of bridge, 6,500 feet. The same paper also says the Oregon and California railroad will be complete, to the California State, within the next year; and if those constructing the other end of the line are equally anxious, we may as well go all the way from Portland to New York by rail, in 1872.

MCMINNVILLE.—A McMinnville correspondent of the *Bulletin* furnishes that paper with the following statistics: In this snug and thriving business town there are four large dry goods stores, one grocery store, three hotels, one nice restaurant, a bakery, two blacksmith shops, one saloon, four churches, one livery stable, one tin shop, two wagon shops, five carpenter shops, two paint shops, one steam and one water-power grist mill, two drug stores, nine physicians and surgeons, a few with pretty girls in abundance, and of young men none.

PROSECUTIONS.—The Benton Democrat says that District Attorney Webb has commenced proceedings against the different saloon-keepers in this city, to compel them to pay a county license in addition to the city license of \$200 per year. This action is continued as the part of the defendants, in order to test their liability to pay two licenses to a County House, the city has no claim on them.

ANIMAL SKULLS.—Mr. E. C. DuBois, the furrier, says the *Herald*, has received orders from Yale College to make up a collection of the skins of all animals in this State, Washington Territory and Alaska, for the museum attached to the College. He has entered upon his duties already, and intends to have completed one long a collection worthy of this State.

RAILROAD SURVEYS.—The Benton Democrat says the surveys on the Westside Railroad passed through Corvallis recently, making the preliminary survey to Junction City. They will soon return over the same route, and then we can tell near where the road will be located.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—Information has reached Salem of the death of Joseph Waldo at Clarksburg, West Virginia. The deceased was for many years a resident of Marion county, and was in Virginia visiting his relatives when death overtook him.

LECTURES ON GEOLOGY.—Mr. Condon lectured at Salem on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week on the Geology of Oregon. Mr. C. has made this subject his study for many years, and is amply capable of interesting all who choose to hear him.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We present herewith the material portions of the President's Message, not having room for all the document:

In addressing his third annual message to the law-making branch of the Government, it is gratifying to be able to state that during the past year success has generally attended the effort to execute all the measures with the object of giving into the wisdom of laws already enacted, but to learn their specific interest, and to enforce them accordingly.

OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS—THE ALABAMA CLAIM.

The relations of the United States with foreign powers continue to be friendly. The year has been an eventful one, in witnessing two great nations speaking one language and having one lineage, settling, by peaceful arbitration, disputes of long standing and liable at any time to bring about a serious hostile conflict. An example has been set out, which, it is desired to go far in, may be followed by other civilized nations, and be the final means of returning to productive industry millions of dollars annihilated by strife, the destruction by the bayonet and broadsword. I transmit herewith a copy of the treaty.

THE "WICK SIDE."—Bro. Handley has actually got a new dress for his *Wick Side* at last. We wish him success, and will take great pleasure in reading his paper.

NEARLY RAISED.—The steamer Senator, which sank recently near Ross Island, is nearly raised. In a few days more she will be ready to be towed to a dock to be repaired.

Mrs. GARDNER F. YOUNG.—This lady has been lecturing at Hillsboro lately, and caravanning for her paper. We heartily wish her success.

CANVASSING.—Mrs. Rosa Martin is now canvassing for colored popular papers. She deserves liberal patronage, and we have no doubt will obtain it.

HORRIBLE ROADS.—Secretary Chadwick has returned to Salem from a trip to Roseburg. He reports the condition of the stage roads as horrible.

NEW SKATING RINK.—A new skating rink is to be erected in a central portion of the city by Messrs. L. Besser and C. D. Folger.

OREGON PATENTS.—During the first six months of 1871 ten patents were issued to Oregon inventors.

TERMS CLOSED.—The Willamette University closed its first term yesterday, (Thursday).

From California to Oregon.

BETWEEN YREKA AND THE OCEAN.—Between Yreka and the top of the range separating California and Oregon, the country is as bare and desolate as can well be imagined, yet the cattle, sheep and horses were in good condition. The bunch-grass was ripe and dry, and until the fall rains should wash it, was equal to or better than the best cured hay.

There was a long, wearisome, hot drive of forty miles to the dividing-plains. From that point the ascent was gradual. In three hours' drive we passed from the parched sage-brush desert to the summit of Shasta mountain, where cool breezes, soft, and perfumed with clover and wild roses, fanned our fevered brows; green grasses and wild flowers rested our weary eyes. One of the enthusiastic passengers cried out: "Hark, here comes the mighty coming out of Heaven!" We had not expected to find such a climatic change and time to be as easily drawn or clearly defined in a mountainous country as they were there.

Without a doubt, the soil and the rocks on the Oregon side are thousands of years older than on the other side. Oregon has a splendid growth of deciduous and evergreen trees; the California side, a stunted, gnarled growth of dwarfs. Oregon, a dark lawn, thickly dotted with succulent grasses; the California side, a barren, sandy gravel and hard, clayey soil. On the one side, searching, laden with moisture and perfume. On the other, hot, dry, and of dust and sand.

Mountain-snows have played hide and seek in the apple blossom.

Passing down the Oregon side, we saw long lines of covered wagons, and glimpses of tents and camp-fires, where travelers and emigrants were camping to rest and recuperate themselves and their teams. These already granted have been, in great part, disposed of in such a way as to secure houses to the Indians by the hasty settlers who may wish to avail himself of them, but caution should be exercised.

Them in attaining so desirable an object, our educational interests may well be assisted by the grant of proceeds of sale of public lands to settlers. I do not wish to be understood as recommending the least degree of curtailment of what is being done by the General Government for the encouragement of education.

A CIVIL SERVICE REPORT.

Which can in a measure correct this statement, is much desired. In mercantile pursuits, the business man who gives a letter of recommendation to a friend to enable him to obtain credit from a bank, or to secure a position in the employ of the community or his country, his ability to meet his obligations. This principle carried out would insure great caution in making recommendations.

Portland Market. (From the Bulletin.)

Flour.—We quote to-day: Extra at \$1.50; Extra No. 2, \$1.25; Extra country house, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel.

Wheat.—We quote to-day the market dull at \$1.25 to 25.

Date.—We continue our quotations at \$1.00 per bushel.

Barley.—The price may be quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per barrel.

Flax.—The price has been gradually falling, until there is barely enough to forward to supply the demand for its consumption. The result is that prices have advanced from 10c to 15c per dozen since our last report.

Hay.—We quote at \$600 to \$1,000 per ton.

Feed.—Barley at \$600 per ton; Middlings, \$47 per ton; Oatsmeal, \$47 50 per ton.

San Francisco Market.

SAFETY MATCHES.—SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13th. Four Superfine in boxes, \$6 25 to 75; Extra, \$7 50 to 75; Oregon and Indian brands, \$8 50 to 80 per barrel.

Barley.—Range \$2 42; choice, \$2 50.

Oats.—Fair to good feed, \$1 25 to 1 50; Potatoes, \$1.

Onions.—75c to \$1.

Corn.—Range of market for all kinds, \$1 25 to 1 50 per bushel.

Kytes.—75c to \$1.

Buckwheat.—\$2 50.

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