

HOME NEWS.

Salem needs more dwelling houses. Considerable building is going on at Seattle.

Small pox is reported in San Francisco again. The citizens of Dayton intend having a free bridge.

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. met this week at Salem.

The wheat crop in Linn county looks very promising.

Picnics of all sorts and descriptions are plentiful just now.

The Multnomah Democrats have endorsed the People's Ticket.

Mrs. Shafer, mother of ex-Gov. Salmon, died at Olympia recently.

The property value for the present year of Clark county, W. T., is \$750,000.

Several cases of small pox are reported among the Indians on the Siletz Reservation.

The Columbia river is rising, and consequently the Willamette is also rising at this place.

The Improved Order of Red Men of Portland held a picnic last Tuesday at Sauvie's Island.

Grand preparations are being made for the celebration of Decoration Day on the 30th inst.

See notice of Spiritual Grove Meeting, which commences June 17th next at Woodburn Station.

Godley's Lady's Book for June at hand. It is a number that will be found unusually interesting.

Crops in Washington Territory are looking well, but need a little more rain to secure a bountiful yield.

A military company, to be known as the "Dolly Varlen Zouaves," is in process of organization at Salem.

The annual meeting of the Christian Brotherhood will be held near Dallas, Polk county, on the 13th of June.

Corvallis has been visited by another destructive fire. Loss, about \$5,000. As usual the fire started in a liquor shop.

At Albany butter is selling at 20¢/25¢ per pound; eggs at 25¢ per dozen; wheat at 50¢ per bushel; oats at 50¢ per bushel.

Rev. A. W. Sweeney, formerly of Albany, has taken charge of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Walla Walla.

The M. E. Sunday school of Portland held a very pleasing picnic at Sauvie's Island last Friday. There was a large attendance.

Recent heavy frosts have committed sad havoc with the fruit prospects in Yakima valley. The entire peach crop has been destroyed.

Work has been commenced on the new lighthouse at Cape Foulweather, in Tillamook county, near the southern boundary of Benton.

The State Horticultural Fair met yesterday at the skating rink. It will continue to-day and to-morrow. Liberal premiums are offered.

Rev. Geo. Burton delivered a very interesting lecture last Wednesday evening in Masonic Hall, on the "Limits of Human Knowledge."

A vocal and instrumental concert, under the direction of Prof. J. B. McGibeny, was given at the Congregational Church last Wednesday evening.

The Common Council of Vancouver have passed an ordinance granting to Captain Joseph Knott the ferry franchise across the Columbia river at that place.

An aggregate of 5,140 tons of railroad iron, enough to lay sixty miles of track, have been shipped via San Francisco to Kalama, from the East, for the N. P. R. Co.

Hart, the railroad contractor, who was arraigned on a charge of perjury, has been adjudged not guilty. He is now being tried on another charge of fraud.

Geo. W. Traver, Agent, has just received a new invoice of Home Shuttle Sewing Machines. Call and see him, all you who want good, efficient, substantial and without cheap sewing machines.

From Humphrey's (now Olqua) to Olympia competition has reduced passenger fare to eight dollars by the opposition line of Corbett & Co., although the regular mail-coach line yet charges ten dollars.

Portland evinces substantial signs of improvement and prosperity in the many new buildings constantly being built. It is estimated that not less than five hundred new buildings will be erected during 1912.

The California Horticultural and Floral Magazine published at San Francisco, Cal., is a periodical deserving patronage. It is filled with interesting articles in its line, and must be of much value to all horticulturists.

The local of the Oregonian observes that the "Nicholson pavement is being repaired in numberless places. Wouldn't numerous be the better word? Couldn't the places really be counted now, say in the course of twenty-four hours?"

It is estimated by the English press, that when the Northern Pacific railroad is finished, they will be able to go from Liverpool to Japan in thirteen days less time than by the Suez canal. The route will be from Liverpool to Halifax, thence by the Canadian system of railways to Duluth and Puget Sound.

An official letter from the Commissioner of the Land Office at Washington has been received by the Register at Walla Walla, informing that officer that the whole district of country north of the Spokane, and extending to the British possessions, has been set aside as an Indian Reservation. This reserve includes the whole of Colville valley, and takes in a scope of country that now furnishes homes to several hundred white settlers. What will be done with these settlers?

Miss Anna Mohlig, the celebrated pianist, is coming to Portland. She will sail to-morrow from San Francisco. Much credit is due Mr. DePans, manager of Gray's branch music store in this city, and others, for their efforts to induce this lady to visit this point. Everybody should hear and witness her performance upon the pianoforte.

There was received from Washington, at the Executive Office at Salem last week, List No. 2, embracing 61,127 83-100 acres of lands, approved by the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Military Wagon Road; also list No. 3, containing 68,487 00-100 acres, approved by the Dalles Military Wagon Road, from Dalles City to Fort Boise, on Snake river.

The Colorado Monthly, devoted chiefly to the resources, industries and wants of Colorado, has reached us. It is a spicy little publication, and evinces good judgment and taste in the articles which appear in its pages. As there should be, it contains a Woman's Department, which is edited by Mrs. Dora T. Boyer. We welcome the Colorado Monthly to our exchange list.

Samuel P. Warren, of Washington Territory, Charles T. Warren, O. S. Warren, J. S. Lockwood, W. H. Hood and R. N. Moxham, of New York, and A. L. Winner, of Kansas City, Missouri, have filed articles of incorporation for a company, the object of which is to carry on the business of banking in the city of Seattle; capital stock, \$500,000, with the right to increase the same to \$2,000,000.

Dr. Bourne lectured last Monday evening in the Masonic Hall in this city. As is well known, the Doctor is a reformer in the medical profession. His manner of delivery is free and easy, with no attempt at flourish, simply telling what he has to say in a practical manner, which comes right home to all.

He is very severe on the allopathic practitioners and drug stores, thinking there is very little use for either. Dr. Bourne believes in the simplest kind of diet, excluding all kinds of meat, salt, pepper, tea, coffee, tobacco, whiskey, etc., also rich cakes, pies, pastry, etc. Water, in his opinion, is the sovereign remedy for diseased humanity.

He declares that there is more virtue in a few pails of water than in all medicines. The audience, which was a fair one, but not as large as it should have been, was highly interested to the close of the lecture, which occupied an hour and a quarter in delivery. Thursday night he lectured to gentlemen alone. Dr. Bourne intends starting to California Monday, making the trip on foot. There are not many persons in this country sixty-six years of age.

Dr. Bourne, age—who would voluntarily undertake such a journey. He intends to average thirty-five miles a day on his journey. We bespeak for him a cordial reception wherever he may lecture along the route. The Doctor will lecture at Corvallis Wednesday evening. Let there be a good turnout. He will also lecture at Aurora Monday evening next, provided a suitable hall can be obtained for the purpose.

FASHION IN THE NEW AND IN THE OLD WORLD.—The young king of Siam, cherishing a friendly feeling for an American lady who had, during the reign of his late father, resided in the royal city, requested her to send him her likeness. This was accordingly done by the hands of a mutual friend, and the gift, as we learn from a recent letter, was received with marked pleasure by the monarch. But after a long and careful scrutiny, he asked with a pained air: "Has my friend changed her nation or her religion? It must be one or the other. The features are the same, but the dress? This was the costume she wore when I saw her last."

And thus it ever is in the East. Orientals cannot possibly comprehend why the style of dress should be changed, unless of necessity. Among them each nation and tribe has its peculiar costume, as well as its insignia of religious creed; and those fashions are perpetual, the lapse of thousands of years ordinarily being unmarked by any special change. The loose Oriental sleeve, adopted of late years by our ladies, has been worn in China for thousands of years.

At the various masques, balls, and jockets, so generally prevalent among us at the present time, have all been portions of the national costume of Burma, Siam, and Malaya from time immemorial. Many of the styles introduced as new in our Western World. Some of their fashions, it is true, seem very absurd to our unaccustomed eyes; but ours doubtless appear equally strange to the eyes of the natives of the lands which regard us as the appropriate color for a bride, white for mourning, and yellow as the distinguished costume of the clergy.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Helen Barnard is the New York Herald's special reporter of proceedings in the House; in filling which position, she has the honor of offering a precedent to her sex that reflects great credit upon herself. So admirably has her work been executed that serious doubts are expressed at headquarters whether a man who ranks her socially as a member is questionable, perhaps; but in the present status of the sex, it is probably the highest that could be offered.

SPIRITUAL GROVE MEETING. There will be a Grove Meeting at Woodburn station, commencing the 17th of June and lasting one week. There will be a large number of mediums and speakers in attendance. Prof. W. H. Chaney, of New York, will be there with his new and wonderful painting, gotten up especially for the purpose of illustrating the science of Astrology. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Clothing Trade has, within the last thirty days, undergone a regular revolution. Fashionable designers of First and Washington streets, where Men and Boys can be fitted to perfection in every class of clothing. They are manufacturing on a large scale, and make anything for Men and Boys' wear in the very best style, at reasonable prices. Their aim is to please both in fitting and quality. A call to their store, at the corner of First and Washington streets, will convince all of the fact.

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A South Sea Eden. According to the account of a correspondent of the Washington Chronicle, who has lived at the Navigator Islands, they might well have been the scene of our first parents' little adventure. The writer says: "I know of no island in the world of equal dimensions so well watered as that of Upolu, with its numerous rivers and waterfalls. Brooks which are supplied from cascading springs of pure, cool, crystal waters are to be met at short distances in all directions, and together with a lake of fresh water, situated at the summit of the highest ridge of land, surrounded with a scenery which with that of the surrounding landscape is unsurpassed, and may be justly classed among the most picturesque and beautiful that is to be met with in any part of the world. In fact the whole surface of this island is beautifully diversified with valleys, plains and irregular hills, the whole of which is covered with shrubs of various kinds and trees of perpetual verdure. It is here that the wanderer may enjoy the pure air, and truly paradisaical scenery that surrounds him. They may talk of the Italian skies and Sicilian shrubbery, but the beauty which is to be met with here is not to be compared with that of the Mediterranean. Sea and air are rivalled in salubrity of climate, fertility of soil or beauty of scenery. Its air is deliciously balmy—its shrubbery luxuriant, its health and purity which together, Nature is dressed in ever-changing but never-fading charms, and her sunny smiles are reflected from the human countenance. From the dawn of day until some time in the afternoon, the most sparkling fable of Turkey, Persia or the East is fully realized. Every leaf and flower and spray and blade of grass is gilded with dew drops of extraordinary clearness and purity, which have imbibed so much of the vegetable fragrance that when they begin to exhalate in the increasing warmth of the solar rays, the atmosphere is filled with the most delightful perfume, ever passing a zephyr scatters grateful odors from its wings. This is the hour for healthy recreation; the by-paths are now crowded with the equestrians of both sexes, while the fields, meadows, lawns, hills and valleys are sprinkled with people—some in groups, others in pairs, and many in contemplative solitude. But when the sun has attained a somewhat higher altitude and the shadows begin to feel the potency of his beams, they all repair to their dwellings with keenly-sharpened appetites for the luxuriant breakfast which is served. The natives are the finest specimens of mankind that have been found in the Polynesian world. They are polite, intelligent and hospitable; their language is soft and harmonious. They are renowned for their chastity and moral behavior. They have intelligent and pleasant countenances, and modest demeanor, and a most noble carriage of the head. Many of the females are no darker than a Spanish brunette, are very handsome, with the most symmetrical features. They have never been drawn up in a machine of torture, and never heard of among all the diabolical inventions of the inquisition—a machine of whalebone and steel, and cord and pulleys and levers; a machine far more ridiculous and unpalatable to the iron shoe of China, as the body and vitals of a human being are of more value than the feet. But they stand out in their beautiful simplicity and loveliness, the emblem of the great Master's handiwork in His happiest mood, a combination of beauty, grace and innocence, which no Christian can look upon without the deepest sentiments of love and admiration both toward the Creator and the created.

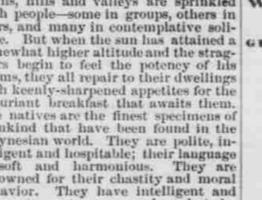
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GOOD ENOUGH TO BE TRUE.—In a little Vermont town, the Methodist and Universalist denominations combined to build a chapel, which is occupied in the morning by the former, and by the latter in the evening. A few weeks since, the Universalist pastor asked the Methodist minister to announce that the evening's discourse would be on "The Death of the Devil." The study followed of John Wesley, irritated by this summary taking-off of a percentage of the utmost value for seating sinners into sinfully, revenged himself by saying from his pulpit: "This evening, my friends, there is to be a funeral in this house. One peculiarity about the service will be the fact that the son preaches his father's funeral sermon." The church is now closed until the pending lawsuit gives all right to one or the other sect; and the Universalist clergyman believes that if there is any man too wicked to be saved, it is his Methodist "brother!"

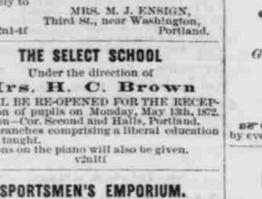
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