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#### Half a Century.

"Fifty years ago, Portland contained only two log cabins and they of most primitive architecture, with nothing but mother earth for a floor," said Captain J. H. McMillen, an old settler there from Wayne, Dupage county, Illinois, where we well remember the Captain and his family. His house was the polling place for Wayne for years, both before and after he left for the far west. then a howling wilderness, in which savage tribes of Indians roamed in undisputed control from the western shores of the Mississippi river to the dashing foam of the Pacific Ocean. How marked the change within half a century. Where stood the primeval forest in all its grandeur, now is seen populous cities. villages and farms. Where then flowed in silent beauty the placed waters of magnificent rivers, disturbed by naught but the paddle of a native in his canoe; now is seen the magnificent steamer moving like a floating palace.

How changed the scene. It has been transformed as if by magic.

Fifty years ago the tide of empire took its westward course from the seething cauldron of restless life in the Orient and flowed toward the Occident. It pressed onward, not ceasing or pausing on its determined move westward. Mountain barriers and savage opposition seemed to interpose no serious impediment.

On, on, on, the stream of human life pressed, over streams, arid plains, moundesert, with resistless force, till the surge of the Pacific ocean stopped their course. It then began to spread out like the the delta of a mighty river. Then began the transformation of the

Quietly, silently, steadily, yet persistently, the latent forces of an Anglo-American race began the construction of a new empire, based upon principles of liberty, justice and right, as broad as human needs and as liberal as fraternity is extensive in its aspirations. In its transit here it eliminated many of its effete crudities, as a serpent sloughs its skin and left the new body purer.

#### It is Not Old Age.

It is claimed by a large number of people that this earth has reached its perfection and must soon pass away. Many are living in constant expectation that it may die of old age at any moment; others have some particular time set for its demise.

That the earth, like all it contains, will ripen and decay we have no doubt; but before it dies from old age, every thing that lives upon it must pass away; for so long as the earth continues to support life it is not going to die of old age; what may happen to it in the way of accidents no one knows.

The earth, like humanity, is continually unfolding; thus all its products and conditions are changing, and the death (change) that is felt so generally throughout the earth is not the death of the earth itself, but it is the Death of the Old Order of things. The breaking up of the Idols that mankind have so long worshiped, is like taking their means of existence from them entirely. But it is only their Idols that are passing away, to give place to the Real. They pass away, just as humanity have progressed beyond the worship of wooden Gods; the earth itself is developing new beauties; it has not begun to give out all that it contains. -Lucy A. Mallory, in Advance Thought.

Professor Adams, the child-beater of A refractory child must be unmercifully learn prices, etc., call upon beaten with a cowhide to maintain discipline, but a teacher who cannot govern his own temper may give vent to his anger and escape scott free, all for discipline. A teacher who cannot govern address,

his school without the use of a rawhide is unfit to teach in our public schools. Moderate corporal punishment may be solutary at times, but the use of a raw hide should never be tolerated.

#### OLALLA.

We learn from Henry Bushnell that his mother, of whom we made mention in the Plaindealer as being very sick, is thought to be slowly improving.

William Coats of Ten Mile was in Olalla yesterday looking much improved in health. Mr. Coats has suffered untold pain with his hands this fall, and it was thought by some that he would lose some of his fingers, from the effects of having them pricked by Napa thistle while feeding a threshing machine.

Joe Bice is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Morton.

Jimmie and May Kester have gone to Roseburg to go to school, and Miss Bessie is also expecting to soon take up her abode in Roseburg. G. M. Rose and his daughter, Mrs. T. C. Stewart, will stop for the present with C. L. Kester.

Geo. W. Davis has just come down from his farm above the Measle ranch, where he has been clearing up land.

Some miscreant applied a match to a dead tree top lying contiguous to the field fence on Asher Marks' farm last Thursday and burned several rails, and had it not been discovered by G. M. Rose and your correspondent it would undobtedly have destroyed that string of fence.

Mr. Jonas Smith of Camas valley visiting at Professor Morton's.

School will close next Friday.

Miss Macie Walsh has commenced school in Ten Mile. The Browntown boys are expected

some the first of December with their pockets full of money. T. W. Newland is still working on his

W. R. Wells will leave for Browntown n about a week, to help in the mines at

Prof. W. Martin was over from Riddle

Thos. Nevens has returned from Coos

Miss Lucy Byron made a business to business trip to Brockway last Satur-THREE SCHOOL BOYS.

#### Resolutions of Condolence.

To the W. M., Wardens and brethren of Laurel Lodge No. 13 A. F. and A. M. We, your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of our brother Nathaniel Perkins Bunnell, would respectfully report the following: WHEREAS, By the translation of our beloved brother, from the toils, sorrows and labors as an operative mason, to perpetual enjoyment and refreshment in the higher lodge above, we realize that and valued member, and the separation

from us of a kind and noble brother. WHEREAS, Through the loss of our deceased brother there has been removed from us a man of unblemished and spotless character, who won the respect of all men by his unostentations and modest manner, who was beloved by all for his kind and genial disposition, who always sympathized with those in sorrow and affliction, and who gave generously of his means to relieve the distreesed; therefore be it

Resolved. That while we deplore the loss of our honored brother, yet we realzie in his removal that he is not dead but only gone before, there to be re warded for good and faithful services, while here, by our Supreme Grand

But still be lives in mind and heart, Absent, we feel an inward smart, Yet bow with reverence to the rod, Knowing the absent is with God.

Resolved, That we extend to the be reaved widow and daughter our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and assure them that this Lodge shall ever remember the husband and father who has been called hence, and shall always have a kindly interest in their happiness and

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, one copy each, under the seal of the lodge, sent to the wife and daughter of our deceased brother, and one copy each handed to the city papers for publication. Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES GRAHAM. SIMON CARO, W. F. BENJAMIN, JOHN H. SHUPE, J. J. CAWLFIELD.

#### Special Notice.

The Bushey addition in North Roseburg, coneisting of 200 acres of choice land, having been platted into large residence lots and acreage property, is now placed upon the market at cut rates, payable in yearly installments, bearing the Stephens school of East Portland, six per cent interest per annum. The has had a trial on the legality of his title is perfect and every parcel sold wil right to cowhide refractory pupils and be released by the mortgager from the has been acquitted, on the grounds of operation of a certain mortgage now upmaintaining discipline in the schools. on the property. To examine plats and

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#### BINGER AMONG THE CHANNEL SCRAPERS.

Mr. Hermann made the Chamber of Commerce of Portland a visit last Saturtion of depening the channel of the Columbia river and bar. The leading men of Portland, it appears, had expended \$450,000 in dredging the river rather than wait for the slow and doubtful way by appropriation of congress. They now hope to get a liberal appropriation to aid them in deepening the channel and keeping it at a proper depth.

The strength of a chain is measured by its weakest link. So, too, the depth of a water way is guaged by its shallowest point along its line. There are a few enable boats of heavy draft to pass.

After hearing from several members of the Chamber on the wants and needs for improving the river, Mr. Hermann made a talk on the subject of cheap carriage of freight, furnishing the Chamber some valuable information on the subject he had learned from his trip last summer through the Sault Ste Marie Canal. He was informed, he said, by the proper authorities that freight had been carried through that canal for the almost infinitismal sum of .99 of a mill per ton per mile, on account of the increase of tonnage of ships.

He said that the architecture of ships are engaging the closest attention by ship builders on the great lakes. So close are their calculations that only one inch of additional perpendicular displacement adds many tons to the capacity of the vessel. In view of such facts, with a given draft of a vessel, it is of great and vital importance to safe shipping that certain depths be maintained in our great water ways.

Mr. Hermann will doubtless be in a position next congress to secure the needed and for Oregon. Oregon is forging forward with rapid strides on the highway of progress and if she got half the aid she deserves she would in a few ears become one of the first states in the union. But Oregon has done pretty well. Her delegation in congress have been vigilant and persistent and have pressed our claims for recognition with rare ability.

Dolph and Mitchell in the senate and Hermanu in the house have made the name of Oregon heard rumbling on the shores of the Atlantic, while Washington echoes and re-echoes in our praise.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

#### Died.

A. J. Chapman of Wilbur died this morning at 9:40 of heart failure, aged 75 years. His funeral takes place at Wilbur at 1 p. m. Tuesday-tomorrow. Mr. Chapman was an old pioneer of Douglas county and helped redeem it from its wild and primitive condition as it was found in the early fifties. Mr. Chapman was an active and energetic citizen who figured conspicuously in the early settlement of this county. He leaves a host

many sterling neighborly qualities. For Rent.

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#### A Protectorate Established.

Paris, Oct. 26.-The treaty between France and Madagascar has been publised in brief. The queen accepts the day, where he heard discussed the ques- protectorate of France, and the latter represents Madagascar in all foreign relations. Questions concerning foreigners will be in the hands of the French resident general and the republic undertakes to defend Madagascar against all dangers. The resident general will have control of the internal administration of Madagascar, but the republic does not assume responsibility for treaties or concessions beretofore granted. The public expenditures and debt will be secured by the revenues of the island. The queen agrees not to contract a loan withpoints on the river that need dredging to out the authority of the republic. French diplomats and consuls abroad are charged with the protection of the interests of Madagascar.

> Practically a Dependency of France. Washington, Oct. 26.—The dispatch giving particulars of the treaty between France and Madagascar conveyed the first details of the situation to the state department. The officials expressed interest, but declined to be quoted in the absence of the full text. It may be given, however, as the general opinion in the department, that, according to the agreement so far as known, the French have succeeded in making their own terms with Madagascar, and that the protectorate for which it provides really amounts to making Madagascar a dependency of the French republic.

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