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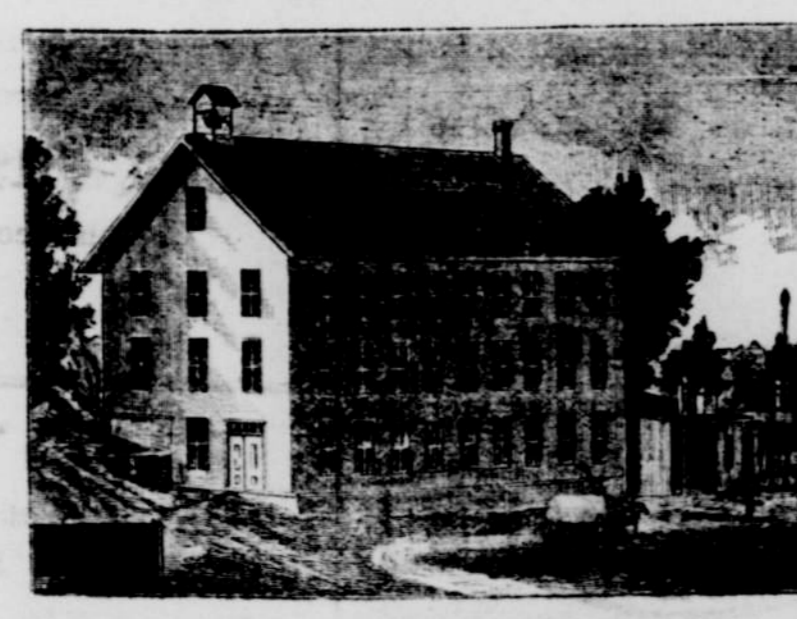
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ELECTRIC MOTORS.

Some of the Wonders Accomplished by Electricity. (Boston Globe.)

Recently, when in the city of New York, it was my good fortune to ride with more than fifty others in an ordinary Manhattan railway car, propelled by electricity.

Was it not marvelous? Think of gliding along silently, swiftly, safely, by a power generated half a mile away! Yet there was, barring certain electric demonstrations, nothing novel about this.

The question has gone beyond the domain of scientific theory and experiment. It is now being answered by the engineer and the mechanic. These two stand ready to solve the vexations problem of rapid transit in cities, and ultimately to facilitate and cheapen the carriage of men and products from region to region.

Under a stationary boiler can be burnt fuel cheaper by one-half than that burnt under the locomotive boiler. The stationary engine gets more energy out of coal weight for weight than the locomotive engine. One big engine wastes less power than a dozen little engines of the same gross capacity.

AN HISTORIC BUILDING.

The old asylum in East Portland that burned to the ground yesterday was the first building provided by private enterprise or state benevolence for the shelter of Oregon's insane.

It has been but a few years, comparatively, since the insane were regarded as entitled to any consideration than that which is accorded to dangerous animals. An insane reverence for human life is thus presented to the eyes of the world.

Before the establishment, in 1857, of an insane asylum in the then territory of Oregon, the population was scant, and the insane, relatively even, were few. Still a number of cases of lunacy of various types taxed the resources of relatives, all able to care for them, and not infrequently a violent person, who should have been a patient in an asylum, frightened a community by his wandering abroad at unseemly hours, his antipathy to clothing or his desire to kill.

The motor is in the nature of a gas engine, in which the piston is replaced by a ball of water. The probable temperature during an explosion is 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. There are about eighty explosions per minute. The experiments thus far have proved a success, though the speed was not equal to that of an ordinary steam yacht.

The Hop Market. Matters have assumed a certainty now, with regard to the rise in hops, as the New York state hop growers have given up all hope of any crop at all.

Gen. Grant's daughter Nellie, who married into the Sartoris family of England, and whose treatment by her husband has become so notorious throughout this country, will leave her unpleasant home in the north of England and return to America with her children.

A correspondent, writing to the San Francisco Bulletin, says: Since the California Southern railroad was completed, the growth and development of San Diego has been phenomenal.

A NEW MOTOR.

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Teemer's Silver Bottle. Since Teemer, by his victory over Hanlan, has become champion oarsman of America, a great deal of interest is taken in him abroad and efforts are being made to bring about a match between him and the best of Australia, who now holds the world's championship.

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STATE AND COAST.

D. P. Thompson wants to build water works at Eugene City.

Grapes are being contracted for at Vacaville, Cal., for \$20 and \$100 per ton.

The Yankhill Reporter says the narrow gauge will be completed to South Portland in ninety days.

Parties in St. Louis, Mo., have formed a company to sink artesian wells near Phoenix, Arizona.

To the rotting timbers in the mines at Virginia City is attributed the virulence of diphtheria in that city.

Fruit checks to the amount of \$60,000 have been paid at the Vacaville, Cal., bank from June to July 13th.

The Los Angeles Herald says that 2,500,000 grapes in that county will come into bearing this year.

An examination of the carcasses of the jack-rabbits which are dying by thousands in the eastern part of Nevada, shows that the animals are filled with tapeworms.

One of the practices adopted by the farmers this summer is to run their self-minders by moonlight. It has proven to be a great success.

Two Chinamen found a chunk of gold weighing 115 pounds, at Dutch Flat, Cal., which sold for \$26,000. It is not known how it was discovered, but it is thought among the old placer diggings and abandoned claims.

Astoria: Figuring on the results of the June election shows that Gov-elect Penneyer was the only candidate who got a majority of all the votes cast. His majority over both competitors was a little over 800.

East Oregonian: There is only \$204,500 of school money to be apportioned in Umatilla county this year, where in the vicinity of dealers who can afford to decorate their saloons with \$10,000 paintings.

During the past three months about 30,000 rabbit skulls have been brought in and the Modoc county board of supervisors at its last meeting last week allowed rabbit bounty claims to the amount of about \$900.

Last week Col. B. Jennings, of Clackamas county, received \$3000 from the government on a claim that has been before congress for three years. Col. Jennings was connected with the land office at Oregon City before the war, and was removed. It seems he claims that his salary on fees was cut down to the extent of \$3000 and demanded payment. No interest was allowed on the claim.

The whole number of Postoffice in the United States is 53,614. Of these 2,265 are presidential offices; that is to say, the postmasters of these last number are appointed by the president. This leaves 51,349 appointments to be farmed out among the friends of congressmen, which is done without, in most instances, the slightest regard to the fitness of applicants.

From the most authentic sources it seems the fish ladder which was constructed last season at Oregon City, by authority of the state, at a cost of \$10,000, is in reality a thing of the past. The stone steps have been nearly all carried away, and the only thing left standing are the iron bolts, and even they are bent over. It is very evident the work was done poorly, and the state is out and injured to the tune of \$10,000. High water and drift wood are said to be the cause of the foundation and stone steps being carried away.

Indians have already commenced to arrive at Seattle, says the Post-Intelligencer, to engage in hop picking. T. G. Wilson, representing the Seattle Hop Growers' Association, has written to British Columbia to engage pickers for their crop. The association has 300 acres in hops, and will require at least 2000 pickers to secure their crop. Last year they employed 1500 Indians and 300 whites. This year it will be difficult to secure white pickers, and more Indians will have to be employed. It is thought the advance of 25 cents per box will induce enough Indians to come to the sound to gather the crop. Picking does not commence until September, and generally lasts about four weeks.

The exhibit car which will be sent east in the course of a few weeks seems to be in active demand, judging from the applications made for it. Four applications thus far have been made to the board of immigration. The first application is made by the officers of the Mechanics' burz, Pennsylvania, exposition, which will open August 30th and continue for two weeks. The second comes from the exposition at Minneapolis, which opens on the 23d of August and does not close until October 30th. The third application was made by the officers of the fair that will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska, from September 10th to the 17th. Mr. A. W. Swallow, the editor of the Oklahoon (Iowa) Herald, who last year took so much interest in Oregon's exhibit car, and so greatly favored its exhibition at the fair in this city and at Des Moines, telegraphed the state board of immigration, under date of July 28th, as follows: "Want Oregon exhibit car for fair here, one week, commencing August 30th."

As Many as He Wanted. The son of a rich American was in Paris with an open check for his father on a certain bank there, and the head of which ran over to New York, there he happened to run on the father. The banker reported that the young man was in good health and having a good time, but that he was spending a good deal of money. "We let him have 10,000 last month, and just before I left Paris he came in for 5000 more." "What?" cried the father, "pounds?" "Oh, no," replied the banker, "francs." "Oh," said the father, with a sigh of relief, "those little things—let him have as many of them as he wants."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Vermont proposes to establish a state institution for the criminally insane.

About 80,000 barrels of oil are produced daily by the wells of Pennsylvania.

Baker City has one hundred and sixty-six business houses, of which sixteen are saloons.

J. T. V. Clark of North Yakima, will pay \$100 per ton for merchantable broom corn.

During the first six months of 1886 Montana mines have paid dividends aggregating \$991,750.

Brooks, alias Maxwell, was sentenced to be hanged on the 27th inst., for the murder of Preller at St. Louis.

The health of Justice Field is improving in Europe. He writes that he is much better than when he left the United States.

Wm. P. Pierson, cashier and book-keeper of the American Baptist Publication society, is a defaulter to the sum of \$60,000.

It is said the failure of the crops in Northwestern territory, Canada, is due now to the ravages of the gopher than to drought. The little animals are countless in number, and as they go through a field the crop looks as if it had been cut down with a knife.

De Lessips says it will only take \$120,000,000 to complete the Panama canal and enable France to make "pencil" conquest of the Isthmus of Panama. The sanguine Frenchman thinks the canal can be completed in three years with the small amount named.

A liquor convention in an eastern state will make an effort to "elevate the business" by "driving unft persons out of it." The gauge of fitness is not published, but the line will probably be drawn somewhat in the vicinity of dealers who can afford to decorate their saloons with \$10,000 paintings.

The N. Y. World's Washington correspondent says that the Treasury looks about that Charles Francis Adams Jr. is even further behind in paying the obligations of the Union Pacific than any of the previous managements. An official statement shows that the debt due by the Pacific railroads to the Government up to the present time is \$12,447,748.97; of this over \$47,000,000 is back interest which has been paid by the United States.

Boise City paper: The crops are nearly all destroyed on Five-mile by rabbits. The settlers are getting even on the rabbits by selling their ears to the county. If the governor had not got drunk and lost the bill abolishing the bounty on rabbit ears which passed the last legislature, these settlers would now be in a suffering condition. It is estimated that \$7000 will be paid by Ada county this year for rabbit ears.

Hereford, Yaqima has been the first, last and only mine of the little town on the bay, which is located only a few miles from Newport. For some reason it was desirable to change the name of the place and an application was made to that effect. Mr. Jarvis Patton, commissioner of navigation at Washington, has ordered the name to be changed from Yaqima to Twakima City. This order has just been issued. Persons having letters to send, or articles to ship to that point should bear this change in mind.

A dispatch from New York states that John W. Mackay and several of his friends, the names of whom are not given, have personally undertaken the construction of an overland telegraph line in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway. It is also proposed, as stated, to build a line from New Westminster to San Francisco, in the hope of securing a share of California business. Branch lines are also, as stated, to be constructed to different points in Canada and the Eastern states. The length of these branch lines and connections will alone aggregate over 4000 miles, not including the distance traversed by the Canadian Pacific lines. The work of construction will, it is stated, occupy only six months, but this statement is looked upon as a mistake, as the construction of a line from San Francisco to New Westminster alone would, under the most favorable circumstances, occupy over two years.

A Badly Sold Man. (Portland News.) A good story is told on Swan Conser, the well-known conductor on the East Side division of the Oregon and California Railroad. A short time since he purchased five lots at Jefferson for \$10 apiece. A few days since a neighbor commenced to sink a well on a lot adjoining those owned by Conser, and had delved but a few feet when he struck gold. Among smaller pieces unearthed was a very fair-sized nugget. The trend of the deposit was toward Conser's claim and the discoverer determined to secure Conser's lot. Conser was soon hunted up, and after a great deal of haggling the lots were sold for \$100, or an advance of \$10 apiece. Then the purchaser told Conser that he had just sold a valuable mine, and that he has been madder than a wet hen ever since.

In Twenty-two Poses. Since her return from Deer Park Mrs. Cleveland has given a great deal of time to a Washington artist, and has patiently posed for twenty-two negatives, taken in as many different positions and toilets. For several days the White House conservatory was transformed into a photographic studio, and the whole morning were devoted to transferring the beauty of the bride upon glass. Half a dozen negatives were taken in her bridal robes, from different directions, in different poses and sizes, and others were made of her in street costumes and morning gowns.

The public has not been allowed to see the collection so far, and now will be exposed until the president and Mrs. Cleveland have inspected them and then those they prefer to have hung up in the parlors of the populace.—[Inter-Ocean.]

For gents' fine dress shoes go to Hatfield & Herrin.