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In connection with the coming fair at St. Louis, to commemorate the Louisiana purchase, the statement is frequently made that the States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho were originally included within the limits of Louisiana. This is incorrect. The title of the United States to the old territory of Oregon, which includes all north of the California line, and eastward to the summit of the Rocky mountains, was not based upon purchase. This peculiar territory stands in a position particular to itself, and the people resident here have a natural pride in that fact. This territory was acquired by original discovery on the part of the citizens of the United States, both private individuals and those in the employ of the government, followed by the occupation and settlement of the country by American citizens, some of whom still reside within its borders together with thousands of the descendants of themselves and others of the pioneers.

There is no fact in the early history of the country more easily proved by official documents than that the French claim to Louisiana territory did not extend further than the summit of the Rocky mountains, or the "Stony mountains," as they are styled in some of the older documents upon the subject. While, in the debates on the Oregon question in congress, the statement was loosely made by some men of character and standing that our claim to Oregon was based in part upon the cession of Louisiana to France, no such claim was seriously urged by the political department of the government in its negotiations for the final settlement of the boundary question with Great Britain. There proper stress was laid on the discovery of the mouth of the Columbia by Captain Grey, the formal military expedition of Lewis and Clark, the establishment of an American company, and the settlement made in the territory by American citizens. The latter was the fact of paramount importance.

In simple truth, the great Pacific northwest was a gift to the United States made by the hardy pioneers who first settled it, and who held it for this country for many years before the United States formally decided to take the gift thus tendered it. Without official recognition by the United States, these settlers established their own provisional government and made their own laws, including laws for the disposition of public lands. They were urgent and persistent in their request to be recognized and organized as a territory of the United States, until finally their prayers were answered. Oregon and Washington never caused the government of the United States to expend a dollar in money, or the blood of a single soldier in their acquisition. They do not owe and they have never owed a pecuniary debt to the United States for anything which the federal government has ever done on their behalf. On the contrary, and very unjustly, they have been mulcted by the federal government in millions of dollars.

Consider the situation: In the original states, and in those which were earliest admitted into the Union, all the vacant and unappropriated land was retained absolutely by the state governments. When the Northwest Territory was divided, in the states which were erected out of it the public land was retained by the United States, with a show of justice, because the title to that land had been expressly gained to the United States by the states which originally owned for the purpose of providing a fund with which to pay the national debt. So in Louisiana territory, there was a show of justice in permitting the United States to reimburse itself out of

the sales of the public land for the money expended in the purchase.

With Oregon and Washington the case was different. There was no pecuniary burden imposed upon the federal government in their acquisition. The extension of the sovereignty of the United States over the territory was due to the action of the people who settled and held it for the United States. Yet without reason of justice, on the admission of these states into the Union, congress demanded as a condition precedent that they should waive all claim to any of the public lands within their borders. This vast area of public lands, from which millions have been received by the federal treasury, belonged in actual justice to the people of the states in which it lay. No claim to the unoccupied land was ever asserted by the United States in the original states, nor in any of those which were earliest in admission into the Union, nor in Texas.

It is too late now to remedy the matter. The greater portion of these public lands have passed into private ownership by grant or purchase. It should be remembered, however, that when public land grants are made to these states, it is not a mere bounty or gratuity of the congress, but simply a partial return of property which has been unjustly withheld. Furthermore, when appeals are made for federal appropriations for public purposes in Oregon and Washington, it might be well to call attention to the fact that these states have paid millions of dollars into the treasury of the United States for property which should have belonged to them, had the precedents in admission of the earlier states been followed. In honor and in fairness the general government is a heavy debtor to Washington and Oregon.

Eczema, salt rheum, pter, chafing, itching, and all skin troubles are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The certain, safe cure. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

At last there seems a clear way to get hold of Dowie. The man is a raving lunatic.

A surgical operation is not necessary to cure piles. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve saves all that expense and never fails. Beware of counterfeits. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

If the sliding down hill indulged in by Butte were a moral instead of a physical proposition, it might be accounted for by the price of the Clark vindication.

Mr. James Brown of Putnam, Va., over 50 years of age, suffered for years with a bad sore on his face. Physicians could not help him. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured him permanently. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

There will be genuine regret over the death of Actor Herne, because he was a good actor and a good man.

Danger, disease and death follow neglect of the bowels. Use DeWitt's Little Early Rise to regulate them and you will add years to your life and life to your years. Easy to take, never gripe. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Every woman is born with a madder mind and she isn't satisfied until she finds some man to "madder" it.

The bilious, tired, nervous man cannot successfully compete with his healthy rival. DeWitt's Little Early Rise removes the cause of your troubles. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

The fact that a Missouri man died while praying against saloons might be pointed to as a warning by some saloonkeepers, if they were not so earnestly engaged in speculating on what the police commissioners will conclude they cannot do.

"The doctors told me my cough was incurable. One Minute Cough Cure made me a well man." Norris Silver, North Stratford, N. H.—Because you've not found relief from a stubborn cough, don't despair. One Minute Cough Cure will cure thousands and it will cure you. Safe and sure. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Dowie says Mormonism is all right. John Alexander is at last developing the convictions and practices.

"A few months ago, food which I ate for breakfast would not remain on my stomach for half an hour. I used one bottle of your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and can now eat my breakfast and other food with a relish and my food is thoroughly digested. Nothing equals Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for stomach troubles." H. S. Pitts, Arlington, Tex. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

One of the advantages of compulsory arbitration consists in the fact that the state is obliged to club the contending parties into a proper state of mind in order that they may get what is coming to them.

Dyspepsia cannot be long lived because it is not nourishing until it is digested. A disordered stomach cannot digest food. It must have assistance. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests all kinds of food without aid from the stomach, allowing it to rest and regain its natural functions. Its elements are exactly the same as the natural digestive fluids and it simply can't help but do you good. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

It is said that a Westmoreland, Kan., man never fails to feel rain when he prays for it. He must have secured his pull with heaven before he moved to Kansas.

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Edward Huss, a well known business man of Salisbury, Mo., writes: "I wish to say for the benefit of others, that I was a sufferer from lumbago and kidney trouble, and all the remedies I took gave me no relief. I was induced to try FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE, and after the use of three bottles, I am cured. Hart's Drug Store."

Some good friend takes the trouble to send in a marked copy of The New Voice. Time wasted. Unfortunately, The New Voice is not a authority on anything. When yellow journalism pretends to be moral it becomes most objectionable.

The lack of energy you feel, the backache and a run down condition generally, all mean kidney disorder. FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE will restore your strength and vigor by making the kidneys well. Take no substitute. Hart's Drug Store.

It is said the Salvation Army and the one that branched off from it in a suit are about to keep the army in the course would permit them to preach the pleasing gospel of peace without a mental reservation.

Allen Halversen of West Prairie, Wis., says: "People come ten miles to buy FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE," while J. A. Sporo, of Helmer, Ind., says: "It is the medical wonder of the age." Hart's Drug Store.

Civilization is a great thing. Some British soldiers had to kill a few French soldiers in order to discourage the practice of house-breaking. But the French are civilized! Well, peace do not mention it.

A. O. Blanchard, West Bangor, N. Y., says: "I have been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years. Have doctored with several physicians and I get no relief until I used two bottles of FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE." Hart's Drug Store.

Mr. Stubbs, of the Southern Pacific, denies that he has been offered a fancy salary or any other kind of a salary to act as commissioner for all the Pacific roads. His statement will be accepted as authentic, and also as a relief.

William Woodard, of Decatur, Ia., writes: "I was troubled with kidney disease for several years and four one dollar size bottles of FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE cured me. I would recommend it to anyone who has kidney trouble." Hart's Drug Store.

Back in New York they arrest people for playing golf on Sunday, but perhaps this is due to the quality of the golf.

Cyelling has its ups and downs. After the downs, use BANNER SALVE if you are cut or bruised. It heals the hurt quickly. Take no substitute. Hart's Drug Store.

There has been another kidnapping in Nebraska, directly traceable, of course, to the circus. A local doctor has decided that kidnapping is no crime.

Ira D. Reckard, Duncombe, Ia., writes: "My little boy scalded his leg from the knee to the ankle. I used BANNER SALVE immediately and in three weeks' time it was almost entirely healed. I want to recommend it to every family and advise them to keep Banner Salve on hand, as it is a sure cure for scalds or any sores." Hart's Drug Store.

France needs American goods to such an extent as will embarrass her in joining in a combination against the Yankees. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate the bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at Hart's Drug Store.

A girl back in Indiana went into a pulpit to commit suicide. She must have been a believer in pulpit sensationalism.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Its severest tests have been on hopeless victims of Consumption, Pneumonia, Hemorrhage, Pleurisy and Bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Hay Fever, Hoarseness and Whooping Cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by Frank Hart who guarantees satisfaction or refunds money. Large bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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STRIKES A RICH FIND.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. Y. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did more good for me than all the medicine I ever used. They have also kept my liver in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for general troubles that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hart's Drug Store.

A new ten-dollar note is to have the figure of a buffalo in the center. There will be a general effort to keep it from becoming extinct.

IT GIRDLES THE GLOBE.

The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sore, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Feloons, Aches, Pains and all Skin Eruptions. Only in fallible Pile Cure. 25c a box at Hart's Drug Store.

After seeing a picture of the Gomez who leads the anti-American party in Cuba there will be a feeling of gratitude that this country does not have his support. Sensuality and brutality are stamped on his face.

QUICK RELIEF FOR ASTHMA.

Miss Maude Dickens, Parsons, Kan., writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was not expected to live through them. I began using FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR and it has never failed to give immediate relief." Hart's Drug Store.

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That the Common Council of the City of Astoria has declared its determination of intention to improve all that portion of Seventeenth street, in the City of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, from the south line of Commercial street to the north line of Franklin avenue, to the full width thereof, and on the established grade thereof. From the south line of Commercial street to a point fifty feet north of the north line of Exchange street, said portion of said street shall be improved by grading and planing the same throughout the width thereof, and constructing sidewalks on each side thereof, ten feet wide, the covering plank of the said portion of said street from curb to curb to be 4 inches in thickness by 12 inches in width. 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