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It seems to us Salem should have secured Astoria's permission before providing rain for her fair visitors. The Capital City has been guilty of a serious breach of etiquette.

And now comes the Pendleton East Oregonian with a peculiarly distinguished distinction between West Oregonians and East Oregonians. It ventures the assertion that Governor Geer's feet are supplied with the vulgar web-feet that do not grow in Eastern Oregon.

Wednesday was Oregon day at the Pan-American exposition, and Editor Scott, of the Oregonian, was there with the woods. During the course of an excellent address touching this Western country, Mr. Scott graphically described how the Columbia—the mighty Columbia—leaps from its cradle in the sorrows of the Rocky mountains, winding its way down to the sea, on past the city of Portland, and 100 miles further, past the city of Astoria. Why didn't Mr. Scott tell how the Columbia leaps past Seattle and Tacoma, and make it unanimous?

The increase made by Assessor Carnahan in the valuation of timber lands is none too great, though the syndicates holding these lands were expected to file complaint with the county board of equalization. Inactively is what has kept this county back for a great many years, and the speculators who have acquired large tracts of choice timber lands are willing that present conditions should continue.

In the wife-beating case of Minnie Heacock vs. Rees J. Heacock, Judge Emery, of Seattle, has rendered a decision that is of importance because of the principle involved. He holds that a wife cannot maintain against a husband a suit for damages for assault and battery, as the state has no statute on the subject; such a case being governed by the common law which does not permit husband or wife to sue each other.

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THE TRANSPORT BUSINESS.

If any concerted effort were made by the people of Portland and Astoria, there is no question that much of the government transport business could be secured for the Columbia. Astoria has contended for years that it was to Portland's highest interest, as the distributing center of the Columbian basin, to make Astoria a great port, but the view has not been regarded with favor by the people of the Oregon metropolises.

presence of the Oceana as a basis for its contention that Portland has not been unjustly discriminated against. The Seattle paper says:

The advantages of Portland as a harbor and as a point of departure for deep water trade are handsomely illustrated by the recent experiences of the steamship Oceana. The Oceana recently made the dangerous trip up the river to Portland, and there took on a large cargo of lumber. On her way down the river, according to the Astorian, she reportedly found bottom, and it finally became necessary to discharge nearly one-quarter of her cargo and transfer it to lighters. Thus lightened, she finally succeeded in making her way down the narrow and tortuous channels and across the banks and shoals, her cargo was again taken on board, and she proceeded to sea.

As a matter of course, it would have been decidedly cheaper to have lightened the whole cargo down the river to Astoria in the first instance, as the Astorian points out, than to load the vessel twice and discharge her once, in order to get to sea.

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SILVER SPOONS IN HIS HAT.

Why a Man Declined to Uncover His Hat When Nearer My God, to Thee, Was Sung.

New York Tribune. One man stood with his hat on white hundreds of passengers, longshoremen and others on the Hamburg-American pier, in Hoboken, with reverence and uncovered heads listened to a double quartet of custom house inspectors sing "Nearer My God, to Thee." The one man, tall and handsomely dressed, was Professor Hattestadt, of the university of Milwaukee. He had just arrived on the Belgavia from a European trip a few minutes before, 3:30 o'clock, which was the hour set for standing work on the pier.

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SOME ODD WAYS OF WOOLING.

There are more ways of wooling than there are nations, and to the everyday American many of these may well seem very strange indeed.

The etiquette of love among the Hungarian people, for instance, is as follows: Cakes are used as love-letters. A cake is baked into the cake, which, at the first opportunity, is flung to the favored object. The recipient of this is looked upon as a virtual "acceptance"; its forcible return, an intimation that the "attention" are undesired.

This, of course, requires an eloquence on the lover's part. In some parts of the world, indeed, all that is demanded of a lover is physical force. Among the semi-savage tribes in the Arabian desert, round about the lover tries to pierce the girl while she is assisting her father's flock. She gets a mouth full of sticks and stones, and will be held in life-long repute if she succeeds in wounding him. Once driven into her father's tent, the lover's object is attained and the betrothal is complete.

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FOR PNEUMONIA.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in every severe case of pneumonia with good results in every case. Beware of substitutes. HART'S DRUG STORE."

French women wrap in red cloth children who have measles. Nip a scolding named Chastity proves to expert that red paper pasted on the windows of patients having measles has a good influence.

Formerly most opals came from Hungary and more recently from Mexico. In 1859 an Australian hunter, while pursuing a wounded kangaroo, came across an opal. Since that time Australia has yielded nearly \$2,000,000 worth of opals.

A specially trained sanitary troop nearly 300 strong has been organized from corps of different kinds into hospital corps with berths for sick or wounded in from three and one-half to five minutes per car.

The war bureau will curtail the production of whisky in Kentucky. A bushel of corn makes 4 1/2 gallons of spirits, making it cost 1 1/2 cents at 40 cents a bushel for corn. At 45 cents the spirits cost 10 cents, a difference of 8 1/2 cents out of every year's crop of 27,000,000 bushels of 16-37,000 bushels were turned into whisky.

Towns who have reached the age of 85 years and are still happy, hale and hearty, are Julius H. and Annie Benjamin of Heidelberg, Conn. They have been in business together since they were 22, and have always held their property jointly. They came from their native town of Middlebury, Conn., together and started in business on a capital of 20 cents.

In shortening the Union Pacific railroad between Omaha and Ogden by thirty miles, reducing the grades from a maximum of 35 to a maximum of 10 feet, and expanding the capacity of 115,000 to 160 will have been expended. It is said when the work is finished, there will be a great saving in fuel, in the use of much longer freight trains, and the resulting increase of earnings has been estimated at \$2,000,000 a year.

The constant growth of a knowledge of English in Mexico is made evident by the new demand on the part of Mexican youth for books and periodicals of this language. One dealer in books and periodicals in English says that half his customers are Mexicans. They have learned the language with such a degree of thoroughness that they demand English reading. How many people in whom English is a mother tongue buy Spanish books and periodicals? The native bookkeepers say they are very few.

MISCALULATION. Chicago Tribune. "Chicago of you know, probably" said the man in the mackintosh, "that I spent a summer out West some years ago, in a mining camp. There was a mine of rough fellows."

Washington Post: The clerk of the New Orleans police board took one next morning found himself in a hospital. He got up early.

IF BANNER SALVE. Doesn't cure your piles, your money will be returned. It is the most leading medicine. HART'S DRUG STORE.

Baltimore American: When the czar goes through Rheims no person will be allowed on the streets traversed by the imperial train. This must be a great deal like having a circus parade in a deserted village.

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