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The steel product of the United States for last year was about three times that of Great Britain and twice as large as Germany's. The pig iron production of this country also more than doubled that of Great Britain and Germany together. There will never be a return to wooden bridges, wooden buildings or wooden ships—in fact steel is being substituted for wood and other materials in hundreds of ways every year. The known supply of iron ore is of less than sixty years duration according to the highest authority in estimates. With all these facts in view, it will occur to most logical minds that only rank mismanagement can bring anything like serious disaster to the steel business in this country.

A rich copper district is being opened up in Walla Walla county. A railroad ten miles long has been built through a gorge connecting the mines with the Snake river and a steamboat constructed for transportation down the Snake river to Lewiston. Several buildings have gone up and there is promise of a flourishing mining town in the near future. Southern Oregon copper prospects are also being exploited by an English syndicate and claims are made that copper mining on a large scale will soon be in progress in that section. Copper mining is something new in Oregon and adds another to the states varied resources.

An exchange has discovered that Joseph Brown, a citizen of California, who attended the Grand Army Encampment at San Francisco, was a son of John Brown of Harpers Ferry fame. Salmon Brown, another son lives in Portland. A grand-daughter Nellie Brown was in Astoria until recently. She was a member of the Salvation Army and a good violinist.

Caleb Powers, after two successful appeals from a life sentence for complicity in the murder of Goebel, has upon third trial, been found guilty and sentenced to hang. In Oregon this could not occur, since in subsequent trials here the accused may be convicted of crime in a lesser but not greater degree than at the first trial.

The holding of the national guard encampment at Seaside this year suggests the propriety of a military company at Astoria. Portland, eastern Oregon, southern Oregon and the Willamette valley have their organizations. The coast alone is without a military organization.

A divorced man in Chicago took carbolic acid, but the woman in the case took another husband. Desperation finds different ways of expressing itself.

Perhaps the suggestion of replacing army horses with automobiles will be followed in some century to come, but the plan of abolishing armies may get into operation first.

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More than \$50,000,000 is invested in America's yachting fleet and of this fully, \$40,000,000 is invested in steam yachts. The latter number more than 600 vessels. The approximate annual cost of running this fleet may be figured as follows: Wages of 5000 professionals, seamen, engineers, firemen, cooks, stewards, waiters and coal passers, \$1,500,000; stores, including coal, ice, provisions, wine and entertaining, \$3,500,000; repairs of all kinds and insurance, \$1,000,000. In other words, a grand total of \$6,000,000 a season is paid by the American people for the pleasure of steam yachting says Sporting News.

In two weeks time Oregon and Washington, last summer lost \$30,000,000 in forest fires, while the annual loss of the entire country is estimated at \$30,000,000 and yet according to the national bureau of forestry only three states, New York Pennsylvania and Minnesota have made a systematic attempt to prevent them. Oregon has a law fixing a penalty for starting forest fires, but it is practically a dead letter and the government sends a few rangers into the mountains every summer to prevent the starting of fires on its enormous reservations.

It is announced that Jim Corbett, the man with the dented solar plexus is to go on the stage in "As You Like It," which will surely cause the immortal bard of Avon to get up out of his grave and carry his tombstone away on his back.

It will be some comfort to our school-ma'ams to know that the average term of women at this profession in England is eleven years, owing to the remarkable havoc wrought by matrimony in this very attractive portion of the population.

San Francisco papers are darkening their pages with pictures of Rufe Turner and Sam McVey, (colored) in various poses, as prize-fighters. Scenes from the arena of a Mexican pull-fight would look better.

Turkish assassins have had a little demonstration of what may be expected if they start to shooting down American consuls. They will probably train their guns on somebody else hereafter.

Dowle is going to send a delegation of Zionists to Utah to convert the Mormons. It would be a good idea to increase the strength of the military post at Salt Lake about that juncture.

It is a big drop from writing stuff about the pursuit of Tracy last summer to filling space over a land-office appointment at LaGrande this dull season. But the space must be filled.

And what is it to the ordinary citizen of Oregon whether a man named Davis or a man named Knowles is registered of the land office at LaGrande?

The Examiner of San Francisco, still professes confidence in the chances of Hearst. It is believed to be biased.

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