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METHODS AND RESULTS.

The state of Washington has developed much more rapidly than Oregon, says an exchange, and the reason is not far to seek. They never let an opportunity to advertise their resources slip, while we have lost our birthright as a leader of the Pacific coast states through allowing each and every chance of making our unparalleled advantages known to the outside world pass heedlessly by.

THE DALLES WILL BE REBUILT.

Any one who has any doubt that The Dalles will be rebuilt has only to take a walk through the burnt district and take an inventory of what is going on. In every quarter houses are already in course of construction, foundations are being laid, lots are being cleared preparatory to building or lumber is being hauled upon the ground.

The East Oregonian says: The men responsible for the good assessment in Umatilla county lean toward the "single tax, which THE CHRONICLE does not believe in because it is too dogmatic to understand it.

To the CHRONICLE this is no commendation. The nearer an Oregon assessor leans to the single tax the further he leans away from the law he has sworn to follow. The nearer he leans to the single tax the less will be the amount of personal property assessed, and the greater the tax on lands; for the single tax crank does not believe in taxing money and bonds or any other kind of personal property.

Number of papers in the first Oregon congressional district are booming. Hon. H. B. Miller for congressman in lieu of Binger Hermann. The scheme won't work, and there is no reason that it should. Oregon has tried Binger Hermann and found him a faithful, honest and devoted servant of the people, and when the time comes she will show that she is not going to set him aside to gratify the ambition of any untried aspirant to congressional honor.

A number of our exchanges have it fixed up that Binger Hermann will not be a candidate for congress at the next election and that he has written to H. B. Miller to that effect and that he is in favor of the aspirations of Mr. Miller, etc., all of which, it is safe to say, is without the least bit of foundation in the world. Mr. Hermann will be a candidate next June just as safe as he is alive, and it will be very hard to beat him.

THREE MILES UNDER GROUND.

The Unique Experience of a Foolhardy Texan Colonel.

Colonel Rufus Hephtherone is a prominent ranchman of Martin county, Tex., says the Philadelphia Times. He was

recently the hero of an adventure rivaling the extravaganzas of Jules Verne and Haggard, but which is vouched for by several other well-known reliable gentlemen. Colonel Hephtherone, in company with three others, was endeavoring to force a small stream of the class known as lost rivers, as it loses itself in the earth after a run of a few miles. This stream, known as Pilgrim's Friend, is very rapid, running downward with great speed, and is at all times considered dangerous to cross, but, being in haste, Hephtherone and his party resolved to try it.

Hephtherone led the way and had only proceeded a few feet when his horse was caught in the current and borne away before the others could lend any assistance. Hephtherone soon lost his hold on the animal and gave himself up for lost on approaching the sink-hole through which the stream loses itself. He made an attempt to catch the earth as he went under, but harried by the powerful suction, vanished with the stream. He became unconscious at this point and knew no more until he found himself in the hands of a couple of negroes, who were endeavoring to restore him to consciousness.

These stated that they had been fishing in a small lake known as John's pond, when they saw the body of a man rise suddenly to the surface of the water, and putting out in their boat, rescued the colonel, whom it proved to be though their boat was nearly capsized by the volume of water that seemed to burst at this moment from the bottom of the pond. The spot where the Pilgrim's Friend loses itself is over three miles from the lake, with which it has no visible connection, and there can scarcely be a doubt of Colonel Hephtherone having this incredible journey under ground and all in the space of a few minutes.

BRIEF STATE NEWS.

Portland and Astoria marketmen are now on Shoalwater bay contracting for their oyster supply for the winter.

As J. Wilsey, of Camas valley, was on his way home from Roseburg his team ran off a steep grade. The horses were crippled, the wagon demolished, and Mr. Wilsey badly hurt.

Peter Hume, a farmer southwest of Brownsville, was thrown from the high seat of a grain wagon, receiving a severe injury to his spine. He was insensible for a long time after the accident.

Work has been begun on the bridge across the Willamette at Albany. The cantilever idea has been abandoned, and the old plan of circular piers will be carried out. It is expected the bridge will be completed by December 1.

Bert Jennings, a son of Hon. A. C. Jennings, aged 18 years, met with a severe accident at the farm of his parents, near Irving. He was riding a horse, when it stumbled and fell on him, breaking both of his arms, the left arm between the wrist and elbow and the other one at the wrist.

Isaac London and Charles Hull, Southern Pacific section hands at Twin Buttes, received some painful but not fatal injuries from a plank thrown from a passing train. Both men were struck in the face by the flying missile, London receiving a severe cut on the cheek and Hull a deep gash upon the nose.

Fish lake, up in the Cascade mountains, has been visited this year by more campers than ever before. Messrs. Farlow and Wright, of Upper Butte creek, have made a good dugout canoe and are spearing the lake trout at night. There are some fine fish in the lake, but they are very shy and hard to get.

Residents in the timbered districts of Clatsop and Tillamook counties say that large gray wolves are becoming more numerous, and that they are rapidly destroying the elk, as they kill the young calves in the spring, and even the old ones when they catch them alone. A bounty on wolf scalps would, in their opinion, do more to protect the elk than the rigid enforcement on game laws.

The Coos bay steamer Express caught fire while lying at the Marshfield mill wharf early Monday morning. She was beached on the mud flat opposite, where she burned to the water's edge. The hulk lies near the wreck of the old Messenger, which met a similar fate many years ago, where a small portion of her hull and her machinery are now visible at low water. It is not known how the fire originated.

A soda water deposit has been discovered in the Nehalem valley, near Vernonia. A soap mine has been found near Caldwell, on Lewis and Clarke's; crystal springs of the purest water are bubbling up on the hillside in Astoria; gold is being dug out on Genevieve street, and coal on West Eighth street in the same city. This is the record of the week with forty-eight hours more to go on, says the Astorian.

The government snag boat is still at work below Weston. The windmill there, which has just been completed, is 400 feet in length. Captain Rappe, who has the work in charge, is doing the work faithfully and well, says the Dayton Herald. The Three Sisters went up to Lambert's landing, above Weston, on Monday and took down a load of wheat without any trouble. Work is now progressing on the dam just below Weston, which is to be 175 feet in length. The windmill at Candana, just below where the boat is now at work, will be extended, and will be 100 feet in length. The snagboat went up the river as far as Harrisburg. On the trip up and down the river from Portland the boat pulled 419 snags. Captain Rappe has orders to take his boat to Portland on the 20th of September.

In the vicinity of Sacramento, Cal., over 50,000 bushels of fine potatoes will be allowed to lie and rot in the ground, the low price of the tubers making them not worth digging. Potatoes can't be given away in San Francisco. Along next spring potatoes will be worth money. Then Oregon will send a lot down.

An Expensive Bit of Tapestry.

To those interested in tapestry it would be well worth a visit to Slouane's store to view the greatest piece of Gobelin tapestry ever presented—as far as known—to any one excepting royalty itself. For it is a princely gift that the French government has recently presented to the New York hospital. The cost was \$50,000, and it is fifteen feet high and twenty feet long, and describes with cruel realism the "Pestiferes de Jaffa," and is a slightly diminished fac-simile of the celebrated painting of that name, done in 1804 by the famous artist Gros. Napoleon has entered the plague stricken hospital at Jaffa, followed by several of his brilliant suite of officers—Berthiers, Bessiers and Davoust—and one of his surgeons. They press closely after their chief, with handkerchiefs held to their faces, gazing with wonder at the dauntless courage displayed by their brave commander.

Napoleon, still believing in his star of destiny, stands fearlessly amid his plague stricken soldiers, daring even to touch one of them, who upon hearing his beloved general's voice has dragged his poor, diseased, worn body before him, and with true soldierly instinct raises his hand to his head with military precision. One of the native surgeons in Turkish costume endeavors to keep the emperor from too close contact with the plague stricken man by gently pushing him away, but it is of no avail. The brilliant trappings and rich colors of the officers' uniforms throw into yet stronger contrast the sickening spectacle of the inmates of the place. It is stated that it took three men twelve years, working steadily upon it. The wonder grows when one thinks of the marvelous blending of the flesh tones and the rich colors of mantles, scarfs and effects reproduced by this medium in wool, and to think of the weaver doing his picture on the wrong side with such wonderful results. There are twenty-four figures in the foreground, the central group being Napoleon and his generals.—Brooklyn Eagle.

One Cent Damages for a Minister.

The case of the Rev. E. S. Huntress against William L. Breckenridge on the charge of slander was continued at the superior court in Northampton recently, the minister asking \$10,000 for his alleged slandered reputation. This case is a peculiar one, as it is rarely that a clergyman brings such a suit against any of his parishioners. The history of the case goes back to April, 1889, when the Rev. Mr. Huntress was preaching at Ware for the Centre church. He proved an erratic preacher, a lively talker and inclined to fire sharp shots at his people. To use his own expression, he "plowed deep" in his preaching, so that Deacon Anderson was led to exclaim: "Why, he pounded us so much that every one of us was mellow all over. His metaphors took a personal twist in his preaching. The church got into a row in which the defendant took sides against the minister, so that he was designated by Huntress as the "dominating personality" in the contest. After Mr. Huntress was dismissed the contest was still kept up. The jury gave Huntress one cent damages.—Springfield Republican.

The Banner Baby Year.

In 1888, which was considered a remarkably prolific year, the number of births recorded in this city was 28,296, an increase of nearly 2,000 over 1887, while the regular rate of increase from year to year is about 900. The records of 1891 promise to completely eclipse these figures. From Jan. 1 to June 1 the births registered at the health office numbered 18,317, while for a corresponding period of 1889 10,788 was the number, an increase for the five months of 2,544. Physicians say that there will be a remarkably large number of happy families before the year 1892 comes to greet us. The health office has also noticed the large increase in births for this year and will take extra steps to procure a thorough registration. Advice received at this office show that the increase is true of the whole country. An extraordinary large number of birthdays will date from the good year 1891.—Philadelphia Record.

Hatbands and Headaches.

"Cheap hats may be good enough," said a dispensary physician to me, "but I think some action must soon be taken to suppress cheap hatbands, just as the board of health now moves against unwholesome meats or adulterated milk. "Within two weeks I have been called upon to prescribe for seven men afflicted with raging headaches, due in every instance to poisonous coloring matter extracted by perspiration from the lining bands of their hats and absorbed through the open pores of their foreheads. What these noxious dyes are I have had no time to determine, but I would advise nobody to wear a hat which discolors the brow, especially if the discoloration be of a yellowish or brownish tint."—New York Telegram.

Strolling Minstrels in the City.

Now that the "sitting on the stoop" season has set in, the colored minstrel has begun his rounds. Sometimes he comes along and simply sings, sometimes he has a banjo or accordion with which to accompany himself, and sometimes he has a couple of brothers along to play the accompaniments for him. Rarest of all, four of him will make up a quartet and do some really effective singing. These wandering songsters usually make a good bit of money on an evening's journey, for the stoop dwellers can overlook little defects in quality in music brought to their doors, and they pay liberally for the entertainment.—New York Times.

Mrs. Emily Verdery-Battey, for several years a faithful worker on the New York press, is about to take the field as a lecturer. She has read two or three of her abortive papers and one lecture to critical audiences with marked approval. Mrs. Battey will presently speak on "The Women of the Future," and will give in an interesting form her reminiscences of "Twenty Years on the New York Press."

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