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#### OREGON'S CHANCE.

Chief Buchanan of the world's fair requests that each state contribute the trunks of three of its most characteristic trees to be used in constructing a rustic colonnade for the forestry building. Here is our chance at last. In the western part of the state where the woods are covered with fallen timber of little earthly account, it will be easy to find three trunks handsomely decorated with moss, our "characteristic" lycopodium. Then let us try if some of the railroads that traverse the state would not carry them to Chicago for nothing. It is quite possible some enterprising citizens might put up enough money for the expenses of such an exhibition and there would be no question about the "characteristic" business.

Appreciating McKinley's victory in Ohio, Salem republicans are sending him a fine pair of Oregon-woven homemade blankets.

Not the least significant fact connected with the late elections is that the only state where the fight was fairly and squarely on the tariff question, and its chief apostle the leading candidate, was Ohio and this state pronounced in favor of that issue by 20,000 majority.

That was a handsome act of Governor Campbell when after learning of his defeat he sent the following congratulatory message to his successful rival: "I heartily congratulate you upon your election. I have no doubt you will serve the people of Ohio with fidelity and honesty."

No. 1 of volume 1 of the Troutdale "Champion," the only paper published in Multnomah county outside of Portland has come to hand. It is intended to represent the agricultural and manufacturing interests of the section of country in which it is published. The Chronicle bids it welcome.

The New York Presbytery, last Wednesday, by a vote of ninety-four to thirty-nine, dismissed the case against Professor Briggs in which he was charged with having given utterance to certain heretical statements in his inaugural address before the Union Theological seminary. This action, however, does not end the controversy as it will undoubtedly be taken before the New York synod.

A gentleman living in Salem came into possession of a black eye and badly bruised face the other day and for fear any one would think he had been in a scuffle he got the Journal to publish a real nice little story about falling over a wire that a bad boy had stretched across the sidewalk, as the good man was going to church. That's a decided improvement on the old chestnut about the sidewalk flying up and hitting its victim.

The assessment roll of Marion county has been completed and the result shows a gross property value of \$11,670,322 or an increase of more than two and a half million dollars over the assessment of 1890. The indebtedness is \$3,033,353, the exemptions \$698,017, leaving a net taxable valuation of \$7,938,950, an increase of a million and a half over the assessment of 1890. There is an increase in two lots of over a million and an increase in every item excepting those of sheep and land. Speaking of the two and a half million increase in the gross valuation the Salem Journal says it actually represents a real increase of ten millions as the Journal considers the assessed valuation is not more than twenty-five per cent. of the real one. If this estimate is correct the Journal can well afford to ask "Where is there a county in Oregon that can show a better gain the past year?"

#### A Military Novelty.

A vegetable cartridge shell, which is entirely consumed in firing, is now coming into general use in the French army. The cartridge has scarcely half the weight of one with a metal shell; the cost is considerably less, besides the inconvenience of removing the shell after each shot is avoided. At present the composition of this military novelty is kept a secret.—New York Telegram.

#### Protected by a Child.

The grandson of Count d'Haussonville in La Vie de Mon Pere relates how the noted royalist escaped from the mob on the terrible Aug. 10, 1792. My grandfather did not emigrate. Louis XVI, who had confidence in his rare courage and entire devotion, had made him promise not to leave him, and he was always one of those who in moments of danger hastened to the Tuileries to defend the royal family. He was with the king throughout the 10th of August. When the royal family left the legislative assembly he found himself in a position of great danger.

He took advantage of the semitwilight in the lobby to destroy his lace ruffles and hid his gold laced hat and his sword under the seats. Then he joined the crowd which was leaving the hall and the offices. But the difficulty was to pass from the entrance to the assembly hall to the gate of the drawbridge of the Tuileries without being recognized. In this space and at the gate were the people, excited by having taken the palace and by the massacre of the Swiss, which had occupied them nearly all day.

In crossing the garden my grandfather noticed a child who had been hit by a bullet and was moaning on the ground surrounded by several persons. He walked straight to the group, lifted the child in his arms without saying a word, and went on toward the gate, walking slowly and apparently quite absorbed in comforting the little child. His face was thus concealed as he reached the gate and ordered the crowd aside.

He was allowed to pass unsuspected, and still protected by his precious burden he passed through the streets and neared the d'Haussonville mansion. Then he left the child and a sum of money with a physician, with instructions that the little one should be given the best of care.

#### Crime in the Air.

It has been frequently noticed that there are epidemics of robberies as well as of suicides and other crimes. A criminal epidemic, peculiar to a half dozen large cities of the United States that have a large and vicious population, is that of Sunday murders, which are the results of a day of idleness. Then, again, murders with peculiar features often occur in groups in all parts of the country. In France there is a tradition, centuries old, that epidemics of suicide return in regular cycles, at each recurrence of the suicidal furor the successive victims of their own murderous hands vieing with one another in the greater ghastliness of the tragedy that they enact.

Stories of wife murders in various parts of the country, relieved by a few exceptional murders of husbands by their wives, reach the press simultaneously from many different sources. "Murder is in the air" has become a stereotyped expression among newspaper men and detectives, who know from experience that such epidemics will run their cycles and cause many bloody records to be made before they have spent their fury.

With bank robberies it is the same. It is not often that a single robbery is made—one is sure to breed others; "they come not singly, but in whole battalions." This is not because the same gang engages in many different enterprises, but because a universal similar impulse permeates the minds of the classes devoted to that form of guilt.—St. Louis Republic.

#### The Terrible Aboma.

In "Stedman's Expedition to Surinam" the following wonderful account of the aboma or dragon is given: "This remarkable creature is called aboma in the colony of Surinam. Its length, when full grown, is often more than forty feet, its body being four feet and over in circumference. Its color is a greenish black on the back, a fine yellow on the sides and a dirty white on the belly, the back and sides being spotted with irregular black rings, with a pure white spot in the center of each. Its head is broad and flat, small in proportion to its body, with a large mouth and teeth set in double rows. It has two bright, prominent eyes, is covered all over with scales about the size of a shilling, and has two sharp claws under the belly near the tail which it uses in seizing its prey.

"It is an amphibious animal, that is, it delights in low, marshy places, where it lies concealed under fallen timber, ready to seize its prey, which, from its immense bulk, it is not active enough to pursue. When hungry it will devour any animal that comes within its reach, and is indifferent if it be a sloth, a wild boar, a stag or a tiger. After twisting itself about the body of a buffalo, a stag or a tiger, by help of its claws, it breaks every bone in the poor victim's body. I have been told of negroes being devoured by this snake and am not disposed to discredit the story. He bites from no other impulse but that of hunger and is not venomous."

#### Unclaimed Funds.

There are tens of thousands of dollars lying in the vaults of the treasury in New York which belong to pensioners. Checks have been issued probably covering the whole amount, but from one cause or another the money has never been presented. The checks have never been cashed. The money stands to the credit of the various pension agents acting as disbursing officers of the government. An account with one of these officials is never closed until all the checks come in and no more are to come. He may have overdrawn. There is no way to determine this until everything is squared up.—New York Herald

#### Reticence Regarding That Hat.

Says a society paper: "Let a gentleman making a call take care of his hat without your assistance. He can either leave it in the hall or carry it into the parlor." The writer has omitted one thing here. Besides being allowed to take care of his hat the gentleman should not be asked where he got it.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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