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The Goldendale Sentinel says it conversed lately with a gentleman who has spent several years ferrying on the Columbia river between Celilo and Pasco, who said between these two points there are numerous shoals and rapids that only flat bottomed boats, drawing not more than four feet of water, could sail over at all times of the year. We have no knowledge that this statement is correct, but if it is it has a strong bearing on the question of a portage railway. Vessels adapted to the traffic of the lower and middle river would be of no account on the upper river. Trans-shipment of freights would become a practical necessity and this is one of the strongest arguments used by those who favor a boat railway as opposed to a portage. The Sentinel is not far astray when it says that the cost of a boat railway would exceed the value of the whole country between the Cascades and Celilo. This, however, is a small matter where Uncle Sam would foot the bill. The cost of operating the boat railway is the serious part of the business. An annual tax of \$80,000 on the traffic over this one obstruction would, for years to come, materially impair the value of a boat railway as a cheap method of transportation. Uncle Sam may build a boat railway if he wants to but Oregon wants a portage for temporary if not permanent relief and it is only a question of time till she'll have it.

The farmers of Centerville, Klickitat county, have called a meeting to consider the advisability of sinking an artesian well somewhere in the valley. The artesian wells of the Yakima valley have made that country one of the richest spots in the state and their success has strongly stimulated the residents in adjoining counties to put forth efforts to obtain more of them.

The Northwest Pacific Farmer very truly says, "This tax question, about which there is so much agitation, hinges on this one point. Shall a man be allowed to deduct his indebtedness without some one paying taxes on the amount? Reason says that he should not." No fair assessment law will ever be passed that does not allow deduction for bona fide debts and no indebtedness should ever be deducted that cannot be assessed.

A gentleman prominently identified with the fruit interests of this county made the statement to the CHRONICLE yesterday that there is not a California orange on sale in this city that is not covered with the San Jose scale. This is a serious state of affairs and of threatening import to our fruit interests. It implies an urgent demand for better laws against the pests of the orchard or a more vigorous execution of the laws we have.

The Willamette valley papers have a charmingly euphonious way of referring to candidates for office. The Salem Statesman says Jennings of Lane, who, rumor says, has aspirations after Binger Hermann's shoes, is an ever-blooming jaskass. How nice Mr. Jennings will feel when he reads that.

The silver men of this country ought to be grateful to a government that takes all their surplus at a profitable market price instead of demanding that it must take all the surplus of the world at the price of twenty years ago.

C. P. Heald of Hood River has been appointed to fill the place on the state board of horticulture made vacant by the resignation of Gen. James A. Varney. The appointing board could not have made a better selection.

The letter of "J. W.," from Nelson, Washington, cannot be published in these columns. We have never allowed the CHRONICLE to be the vehicle of scandal and never intend to.

The republicans of Wasco, Sherman county, organized a club on the 17th. It started out with a membership of twenty.

The county court of Polk county, by a new ruling, offers to add 50 per cent to any sum raised by private subscription for the improvement of the public roads.

When the "Hunchback" Was First Given. When Sheridan Knowles offered Mr. Charles Kemble the "Hunchback" for Covent Garden theater it was immediately accepted. Fannie Kemble, then in her twentieth year, has recorded her first impressions of the comedy. "After my riding lesson," she writes, "I went and sat in the library to hear Sheridan Knowles' play of the 'Hunchback.' He read it himself to us. A real play, with real characters, individuals, human beings. It is a good deal after the fashion of our old playwrights, and does not disgrace its models. I was delighted with it. It is full of life and originality; a little long, but that's a trifle. I like the woman's part exceedingly, but am afraid I shall find it very difficult to act." She was cast for Julia, her representation of which Knowles subsequently acknowledged far outstripped his most sanguine hopes. The author enacted the part of Master Walter. The play was produced on April 5, 1833. The crowded house which assembled to witness its performance was unanimous in its appreciation, and during the latter scenes between Julia, Clifford and Master Walter, "the audience was overwhelmed with tears." When the curtain fell, The Morning Chronicle states, "the applause was tumultuous, and a general call was made for Knowles. He was confused by the novelty of his situation, and exclaimed that, 'conscious of his own unworthiness, he presumed the audience was applauding their own kindness.'" The comedy ran to the close of the season, being only interrupted by a few benefit nights.—Chambers' Journal.

Personal Appearance of St. Paul. The following fragment of early Christian literature is unquestionably of great antiquity, some of the foremost writers on Christianity having gone so far as to attribute it to St. Paul himself. The copy from which it was taken is in Greek, and is now reposing in the Bodleian library, Oxford, England: When Paul was going up to Iconium, as he fled from Antioch, he was accompanied by Hermogenes and Demas, men full of great hypocrisy. But Paul, intent only on the goodness of God, suspected no evil of them, loving them exceedingly, making the Gospel of Christ pleasant to them, and discoursing to them of the knowledge of Christ as it had been revealed to him. But a certain man named Onesiphorus, and his wife Lectra, and their children, Simmia and Zeno, hearing that Paul was coming to Iconium, went forth to meet him, that they might receive him into their house, for Titus had informed them of the personal appearance of Paul, but as yet they had not known him in the flesh. Walking, therefore, in the king's highway, which leads toward Lystra, they waited, expecting to receive him. Not long after they saw Paul coming toward them. He was small of stature, bald, his legs distorted, his eyebrows knit together, his nose aquiline, but was in all a man manifestly full of the grace of God, his countenance being sometimes like that of a man and then again like that of an angel.—St. Louis Republic.

Elderly Men and Exercise. While the elderly man has less capacity for some forms of exercise than the younger adult, he has no less need than the other of the general and local exercise. It is in the earliest period of mature age that the most characteristic manifestations of defects of nutrition—obesity, gout and diabetes, in which lack of exercise plays an important part—are produced; and the treatment of them demands imperiously a stirring up of the vital combustion. Placed between a conviction that exercise is necessary, and a fear of the dangers of exercise, the mature man ought therefore to proceed with the strictest method in the application of this powerful modifier of nutrition. It is impossible, however, to trace methodically a single rule for all men of the same age, for all do not offer the same degree of preservation. We might, perhaps, find a general formula for the age at which the muscles and bones have retained all their power of resistance, and at which the heart and vessels begin to lose some of their capacity to perform their functions. The mature man can safely brave all exercises that bring on muscular fatigue, but he must approach with great care those which provoke shortness of breath.—Popular Science Monthly.

Humorous Toasts. A publisher once gave the following: "Woman, the fairest work in all creation. The edition is large and no man should be without a copy." This is fairly seconded by a youth who, giving his distant sweetheart, said, "Delectable dear, so sweet that honey would blush in her presence, and treacle stand appalled." Further, in regard to the fair sex, we have: "Woman, she needs no eulogy, she speaks for herself." "Woman, the bitter half of man." In regard to matrimony some bachelor once gave, "Marriage, the gate through which the happy lover leaves his enchanted ground and returns to earth." At the marriage of a deaf and dumb couple some wit wished them "unspeakable bliss." At a supper given to a writer of comedies a wag said: "The writer's very good health. May he live to be as old as his jokes." From a law critic: "The bench and the bar. If it were not for the bar, there would be little use for the bench." A shoemaker gave, "May we have all the women to shoe, and all the men to boot."—London Tit-Bits.

German Easier Than French to Acquire. German is on the whole easier than French; its character is in accordance with the genius of the English language, and, if it has retained inflection of the sentence, making it necessary to put the verb at the end of every subordinate clause, this peculiarity does not constitute any special obstacle in the way of progress.—Boston Herald.

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