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G. T. Hollister of Greenville, is in favor of taxing dogs in this state \$1.00 to \$3.00 per head, thus making dogs "property" under the laws, and creating a special school fund to be used only for the building of better school houses and for furnishing fixtures for the same. The said tax to be collected or assessed by the clerk of each district while taking the numeration of their respective district, and to become delinquent on the first Monday of March, the clerk to be allowed a certain per cent, for the assess ment; the amount to be fixed by the county school superintendent of each county, and when not paid before delinquent to be collected as any other tax. A tax of this kind would have a tendency to the building up of a better breed of dogs, for people owning worthless cars would probably then dispose of

A twenty-four-foot wheel, on a catamaran in the Columbia river, is to be up to a hight of sixty feet to be distributed by a system of ditches over Dr. Blalock's Blalock ranch. The boats will be anchored in the river, and by the natural current of the water will revolve the large wheel, which will furnish the motive power for working the pumps. If it proves successful a number of others will be immediately con-

them and keep only dogs of some value.

That there is to be an awakening of the gold mining interests of the Inland Empire at no very distant day, possibly next spring, is evidenced from reports which reach THE CHEONICLE from various sources. The Long Creek Eagle says a big ledge of free gold ore has been discovered on Olive creek. It is about 100 feet wide and sticks up from the ground in places thirty feet high. Croppings assay from \$7 to \$40 per ton. A mill will soon be erected on the prop

The meeting of the state horticultural society promises to be a most interesting and profitable one. It will convene at the council chamber in Portland, January 11th and 12th. Mayor Mason has promised to grace the meeting with his presence and deliver an address of welcome to the members of the board and to all visitors from abroad. There are a number of important subjects to come before the meeting for discussion and action.

Oregon horsemen are taking an interest in the matter of introducing Kentucky blue grass into this state. The more it is discussed the more pronounced is the expression in its favor. It is claimed to be just the thing for the rolling lands in the valley and the southern part of the state, and also for the foothills. A man in Washington county has experimented with a small field of it, and finos that it does very well.

The Snake river canal, which is to be constructed as soon as possible, will be over 100 miles in length when completed. It will be 48 feet wide at the bottom and 74 feet wide at the top, and will cover 300,000 acres of land. At the point where the water is taken from the river the canyon is 200 feet deep, and the water will be raised by means of a dam. The proposed terminus will be near Huntington.

A road supervisor in Washington county, whose district tax is \$4,000 annually, states that by estimates recently made, this sum will plank five miles of road that will not have to be again touched for five years. In the meantime twenty miles can be built. Yet by the present system the dirt roads are worse than they were a year ago.

Gen. Butler thinks the best ballot law Massachusetts ever had was that in force for two years about forty years ago, when the citizen placed his vote inside a small envelope. If two votes were found they were both rejected, and there were rarely more envelopes than voters names on the poll list.

The Catholic Sentinel comes to us this week in a much better style than that of an ordinary newspaper. It says the enlargement, the change of form, and the new dress of type are not evidence of the prosperity of the paper, but of a renewed and costly effort to deserve

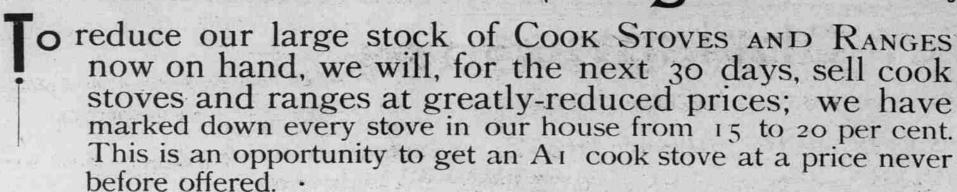
A special election was held in the Harney district yesterday which is the 2d attempt since last June to secure a representative to Salem. A. W. Gowan, Mell Fenwick and W. C. Byrd were the candidates voted for.

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