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WEDNESDAY, - - APRIL 22, 1896

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Random Observations and Local Events of Lesser Magnitude.

Forecast—Tonight and tomorrow light rain and cooler.

See us on bicycle goods this week. Prices on sweaters cut in two at J. C. Hertz'

Mr. F. C. Sexton has purchased a half interest in Mr. K. H. Darnielle's feed yard and the two will hereafter operate it jointly.

The ladies of the Guild desire to thank those who contributed to the entertainment at the sociable Monday evening at Mrs. DeHuff's residence.

The citizens' meeting last night was sparsely attended, and little enthusiasm was manifested by those who did attend for or against the chemical engine.

Prof. John F. Graf, scientific optician and eye specialist, will be at the European House until April 28th.

Dr. H. W. Sturdevant, the dentist, wishes it distinctly understood that he does not intend changing his place of residence to Astoria or elsewhere.

Engineer Eastman took a little stroll across the river into Rockland yesterday, and among the curious things he saw was a large rattlesnake which measured about four inches through the body and was only about four feet long and had nineteen rattles and a button.

An attempted burglary was made on the safe of VanDuyn, Adams & Co. at Tygh Sunday night. The attempt to blow open the door was a failure, and they left without obtaining any money.

Dr. Grant and party left this morning on the Regulator for Portland. Mr. Grant's photographer will take views along the river of the several points of interest, among them a precipitous rock on the Washington side, which has been termed "Dr. Grant's castle," about twenty minutes' run from The Dalles.

Several wool buyers are again in the city, looking after their yearly business. The names of J. W. Russell, Portland, and E. Judd, Pendleton, are inscribed on the Umatilla house register.

the most skillful buyers of wool on the coast. Mr. Davis died at a resort near Bakersfield, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health. He was the main representative of Koshland & Co., a heavy wool concern of Boston and San Francisco.

Mr. Gourlay and Dr. Grant.

Dr. Roland D. Grant, who was in the city yesterday, desires us to make the following statement: "Mr. Gourlay misquoted me on the occasion of my first lecture in saying that I asserted that Washington said: 'Put none but Americans on guard tonight.' I preceded the statement with the words 'It is said' Washington gave that order, whereas Mr. Gourlay claims Washington said not only that, but adds another statement, 'because we shall need the Irish in the morning.' Speaking of Mr. Gourlay's communication in yesterday's CHRONICLE, Mr. Grant said: 'He condemns me for not what I said, but something I didn't say—something he wanted me to say; but I never get caught in that kind of a trap. I assert nothing but what I can prove. The statement about the 104,000 Catholic desertions first appeared in a New York daily newspaper, and was copied by the A. P. A. press. The paper which originated the story later corrected it, but not all the papers which reprinted the original article saw the correction. It is of such material Mr. Gourlay makes out his case. He doesn't attack our fortress.'"

Mrs. Kinney's Lecture.

Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney entertained a large audience last night on the subject of temperance. She spoke in glowing terms of the work accomplished by the W. C. T. U., which is now 21 years old, the largest band of women ever organized for any purpose. Its numbers 400,000, distributed in forty different nations and comprising fifty languages. Its work has been apparent in legislation on many lines. The organization has raised the age of consent from 10 and 12 years to 14, 15, 16 and in three states as high as 18 years of age. In Oregon it has prohibited the selling of cigarettes to minors. Mrs. Kinney spoke of many other reforms of like excellence that were attributable to the influence of the W. C. T. U. Speaking of the progress of temperance, she said that while the liquor traffic was apparently carried on to as large an extent as ever before, there never was a time when there were so many total abstainers as now. She then continued, with argument, example and precept leading to a full conception of the importance of the work of the W. C. T. U., and at the close of the lecture many ladies signed a pledge and membership cards of the organization, re-establishing on a firm foundation a branch order in The Dalles. The speaker was pleasantly introduced by Mrs. Smith French, Rev. Wood read a scripture lesson, and Rev. Hawk of Goldendale, who was present, made a short prayer.

BITUMINOUS COAL.

"Blossoms" Discovered Near the City as Large as Lard Pails.

Mr. E. B. Burns is the name of a man who has been in our city for about three weeks, and in that short time has accomplished what others who have been here for many years would have been glad to find. Such is the irony of fate. He has discovered the best specimen of bituminous coal ever found in this region of country. It is soft coal, the specimen being as large as a 5-pound lard pail, broken from a piece much larger. He made the discovery about a week ago a few miles down the river from The Dalles on the Oregon side. The specimen was accompanied by another, showing the colors of "peacock coal," a quality second only to anthracite.

Mr. Burns claims to be a prospector of twelve years experience in Colorado, Wyoming and the southwest territories, and he certainly talks coal very familiarly. He has been in Oregon since January, principally in the Baker City country. He was laid off the Virtue mine, and came to Wasco county, as he had heard there were recent coal discoveries here. He says everything indicated the presence of coal. The base metal being dug by A. M. Williams & Co. shows carbonates, but they have been burned and are lifeless.

In his walk of a week ago he discovered familiar signs, known only to coal prospectors, and digging down procured the specimens he exhibited to a CHRONICLE reporter today. He claims that every coal region has faults and the fault of this is that the veins are not flat, but pitch at various angles from 20 to 45 degrees, caused by past ebullitions of nature. Therefore coal is harder to find, and when found may be broken off unexpectedly and the vein lost for a time.

Mr. Burns does not know whether the land upon which he found the coal is still government land, and will not tell its exact location until he ascertains. It is, however, on the mountain which lies between Chenoweth and Mosier creeks. Our people need not be skeptical over the existence of coal. Everything reads coal, and the opinion once expressed of our state geologist, Mr. Condon, is entitled to considerable weight. He said that The Dalles was built over a valuable bed of coal, but he couldn't say how deep it was.

The orchestra disbanded last night. There was a reorganization of the band perfected.

For Sale.

Three Jerseys, a cow and two yearling heifers. Inquire of H. A. Bills, at Maier & Benton's store.

Stray.

From the ranch of the undersigned, at Hood River, two bay mares, both in poor condition. One has long curly mane, and is branded with a heart on right hip. The other branded with circle and bar on left shoulder. Take them up and notify H. C. Cox, Hood River.

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A VALUABLE QUARRY.

An Inexhaustible Ledge of the Stone the Locks Are Made Of.

Mr. W. R. Winans was in town yesterday, having in his possession a handsome specimen of the building stone of which the main wall at the Cascades is built. Mr. Winans has been developing an immense ledge of this valuable stone which exists on his homestead about 20 miles from the mouth of Hood river. It has a mile of front, and is about thirty feet deep, an inexhaustible supply. It is the only known natural quarry of this valuable stone in the country. The immense amount that has been used at the locks of this same kind of stone has been float, existing as bowlders in a creek bed mixed among other kinds of rock and debris, and probably glacial.

This stone is more durable than granite, some kinds of which are subject to considerable erosion. Mr. Winans' building stone partakes of a fine polish, when it shows a uniform blue color of very handsome shade. It is very compact, therefore capable of immense pressure. It splits uniformly, and the action of centuries of weather does not make it crumble. It is an ideal rock for the construction of the locks, for it will not wear a quarter of an inch in a thousand years by the action of the water. The locks are therefore as permanent as the pyramids of Egypt.

Mr. Winans has taken no steps to develop his quarry, but he has a property more valuable than a gold mine, if he could get the stone to market. This would necessitate the construction of a railway to Hood River, when the entire United States would be tributary as a market.

After a Murderer.

Mr. J. H. Law, a Pinkerton detective is in the city en route to Heppner. He is trying to locate the murderer, Wolf, who killed his sweetheart something over a year ago, while she was going to church in Mt. Tabor. The shot was instantly fatal. She fell to the sidewalk dead. The murder was done through jealousy. Wolf escaped and there is a reward of \$1,000 for his capture. Mr. Law believes he is now at Heppner.

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