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### NEWS NOTES.

Yesterday John Fox was appointed collector of customs at Astoria.

It is reported that the Spanish generals are having serious trouble among themselves.

H. C. Adams, one of Oregon's wellkrown pioneers, died at his home in Salem last night.

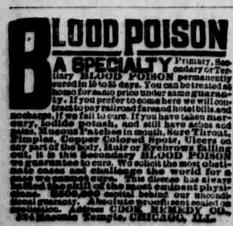
Reports received from Portland this morning state that the Mitchell Republican proposition for harmony has been

Addie Brown, who was burned by her gone by, but that was all. clothes catching on fire while she was asicep near a stove at Salem Monday, died at the hospital yesterday morning.

the Nicaragua canal commission is still in camp near Greytown. Everything is progressing favorably. The laborers at Camp Cheney, near the canal com-

pany's breakwater, yesterday. John Cardwell and G. Karg late last night were crossing a long bridge over Grave creek, about 25 miles north of from the surface of a desert of sand, Grant's Pass. When they were about protruded out of the ancient sea that half way across, a south-bound freight covered this section of the world in the train came along. Karg retained his presence of mind and lay down on the same to-day as it was in those days, ties, the train passing safely over him, but Cardwell became frightened and jumped off the bridge, which is about 70 feet high, and was instantly killed.

Desert Rattlesnakes. In the sand wastes of southern Calirattlers," sometimes attain a length of est for years. Numerous attempts have four feet, but it is said that they are sluggish, and far less dangerous than a doomed to failure. smaller variety named the "side-winder." This name comes from the snake," on account of the horn-like proceeds a foot and a half in length, but came, like a cloudburst, and ate away its motions are very quick, and it has the the sandy foundations of the pillar, reputation of being "vicious."-Youth's which fell, and the inhabitants on the Companion.



### A GREAT FEAT.

The Mesa Encantada Explored at Last.

after Many Years of Conjecture the Truth Concerning the Famous Rock Is Now Positively Known.

For the first time in the history of man the celebrated Mesa has been mounted. The honor belongs to Prof. William Libbey, of Princeton university, New Jersey, and the fact has been scientifically established that the summit is uninhabited, and, as far as the party could discover, has ever been. There were absolutely no traces of animai life.

It may be that new specimens of flora have been found that existed in the prehistoric world, but sufficient examination has not yet been made to determine this fact. The Mesa Encantada is said to be the only spot on the face of the globe where the flowers of the period of long ago can exist without the contamination and war of plant life with the world of the present day.

Prof. Libbey succeeded in making his much-talked-of ascent of the encantada a few days ago. The trip to the summit was fraught with great perils, and the result is of little value from an archseological standpoint.

The party consisted of Prof. Libbey, cent bottles by all leading drug-gists. Any reliable druggist who correspondent of the Times-Herald. Every preparation had been made for the ascent, there were great kites and balloons ready for use, but it was decided to throw a line across the top of the Mesa with a gun, borrowed for the purpose from the United States life-saving service.

The first shot was too low. The second, carrying a steel wire, went over the summit, but took two days to draw the cord which was attached to a longer rope over the rough, rocky surface of the spot described by Coronado in his report to the king of Spain nearly three centuries ago as being the strongest natural fortification in the known world.

When the ropes were made fast a block was arranged, and a great chain of boards, 20 feet across, was fastened to it. A huge rock was sent to the summit without tipping, and then Prof. Libbey made the ascent. It was dangerous, exceedingly so. As the professor came close to the summit he had to hang on by one hand, while with the other, he disengaged the ropes of the chair, which had caught in the rough rocks. The remainder of the party then made the ascent, and were assisted on the surface by the professor.

Next a great difficulty presented itself in the form of a gaping chasm. This was crossed on the ropes, and the ten acres of the surface of the rock were explored by the daring scientists.

They spent the entire day there, scarching for the evidences of the village, said to have existed 500 years ago, but there was nothing to indicate that t ever had existed in reality. There were monuments of rock, such as the Indians built in the ages that have

There were some pools of water that had callected, but whether they were worn by the action of small particles of rock carried by the winds or whether The surveying expedition attached to they were in reality constructed by the Acoma Indians in the centuries that have gone down into the silence of the past is not known.

Search was made for the bones of the hired at Port Limon, Costa Rica, landed human beings whom the legend of the haunted rock describes as having been starved to death there, but they were not found.

It is assumed by botanists that this great rock, which rises over 700 feet distant past, and that the flora is the when the world was young and of which history has no account. Specimens, such as there were, were collected, but whether they belong to this day and age or to the realms of the prehistoric world is not known.

This rock, enchanted or haunted, as it fornia two varieties of rattlesnakes are has been called by the Acoma Indians. found. The larger ones, called "tiger has been the center of scientific interbeen made to mount it, only to be

The legend of the Indians is that the summit of the rock was once reached snake's habit of moving sidewise, as by a natural ladder in a pillar. On this well as advancing in the ordinary man- place the old and decrepit were kept to ner. It is also called the "horned rattle- shield them from the attacks of hostile foes, while the men were in the valley tuberances over its eyes. It seldom ex- at work. Once a great torrential rain rock, several hundred in number, starved to death.

It has even been asserted that the place was inhabited, and the ascent by the Libbey party was made to set at rest the rumors and determine once and for all whether or not the stories as old were true.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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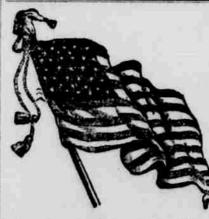
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