

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

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FINDS IN FIJI.

Exploration Party Discovers New Wonders on the Island.

A scientific exploration party in charge of Prof. Agassiz recently paid a visit to the Fiji islands, making some discoveries of much general interest, reports the Japan Gazette.

In the various lagoons visited dredging was resorted to for the purpose of securing specimens of coral and marine animalcules.

The capture of several live specimens of bulolo, or coral worms, appeared to have caused much gratification to the searchers, who, aided by the natives in canoes, discovered them in thousands.

EXIT THE ARCTIC WHALE.

Pursuit by Man Has Virtually Extinguished the Deep-Sea Monster.

Whalers, and especially the man with the harpoon, have always been popular characters, and, indeed, the perils and exploits of their trade form not the least stirring chapter in the romance of commerce, says the London Graphic.

It is advisable for anyone who may be tempted to try this remedy to be careful not to remain too long in the ant bath, as the consequences might be a total disorganization of the skin, which would peel off, due to the violent action of the acid.

THE JACK RABBITS OF TEXAS.

Not Commonly Used as an Article of Food.

"The big rabbits or hares that hang in front of Washington restaurants are not the jackrabbits or 'mule ears' that abound on the Texas prairies," said Mr. C. O. Kerns, of the Lone Star state, reports the Washington Post.

NOVEL TREATMENT.

The Russians Take an Ant Bath to Cure Rheumatism.

The Russian peasants, more especially those residing in the neighborhood of Moscow, have a peculiar and original method of treating themselves for that baneful ailment, rheumatism.

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IN THE NATURAL GAS DISTRICT.

A Very Unattractive Place Where Many Accidents Occur.

Passing through a gas-belt one will see near the roadside, in a farm lot, a mud-bespattered, weather-beaten derrick, with the apparently rickety accompaniment of crude appliances made familiar years ago in the oil regions.

At night the measured beat and clatter of the rig in the dim light of a few flickering torches of gas, piped from some neighboring well; the trembling derrick, its lofty top lost in the darkness; the driller carefully manipulating the temper screw after each stroke, controlling the bit at the end of a rope perhaps half a mile below the surface, all form a weird sight.

Cattle Utilized for Smuggling.

"Some of the shrewdest tricks ever played are by the smugglers of opium," said H. A. Fanning, of Seattle. "A very unique smuggling scheme was unearthed a few years ago by the United States secret service officers in North Dakota.

RICH STRIKES YEARS AGO.

Nevada City District Equalled Some of the Klondike Region Records.

The city papers are publishing accounts of the fabulous richness of the gravel mines in the Klondike section of Alaska, and while in some instances the stories appear to be rather highly colored they are not ahead of what happened in different parts of California in early days.

All of these rich strikes were made near the city, none of them two miles away. Notwithstanding the great quantity of gold that has been taken out in this vicinity since 1849 there are yet untold riches buried here in the gravel and quartz mines for which Nevada City district is noted.

WHISKY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mississippi Steamboat Man Preserved His Anatomy Intact.

Charles Gross is a white-headed negro porter on the steamboat St. Paul, says the St. Louis Republic.

Charlie has some very pronounced opinions, which amount to convictions. One of these is that, while whisky costs some men their lives, it saved his.

Seven years ago Charlie was porter on the Mascot, a packet boat running between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.

He had been imbibing a prodigious amount of fire water when a friend of his came into the saloon on the levee where he was enjoying himself and said: "You mus' hur' up, Charlie. Yoh boat's ringin' her bell."

He has sworn off since at the emphatic request of Capt. Burke, but what he has lost in the way of accomplishments in the line of "throwing beer into himself" has been the cause of anxiety on his part.

GIANTS OF PATAGONIA.

The Tuelches Average But Little Under Six Feet.

The tribes to the east of the Cordilleras, in southern Patagonia, belong to Araucanian stock, and are a superior race, says the Boston Transcript.

Unsundered hunters, they capture the guanaco and the rhea, or South American ostrich, and from the skins of these and other animals they make clothes and coverings for their tents.

The Kaiser's Titles.

In case any of our readers may have occasion to address the German emperor, we have modeled on his brother's speech of yesterday the mode of appealing to his majesty which is most likely to elicit a favorable response.

Cash in Your Checks.

All county warrants registered prior to Feb. 1, 1895, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after Nov. 14, 1898.

BLACK-TAILED GRUNTS IN LUCK.

How They Managed to Get Their Full of Shrimps Daily.

The varieties of fishes at the Aquarium number more than the tanks there, so it is necessary to double up some of them, putting more than one variety in a tank.

One of the regular articles of food on the Aquarium bill of fare is shrimps; pretty much all fishes are fond of them. In summer, when shrimps are plentiful and easily obtained, they are fed more or less freely to all; in winter, when shrimps are scarce and difficult to obtain, they are fed only to such fishes as need them for their well being.

The moonfish are lively and quick, but the black-tailed grunts in the same tank are livelier and quicker still. The grunts, if they couldn't get anything better, would eat cut-up herring and pieces of clam, and do well on it; but they don't eat such coarse food when they can get shrimps, as they can here.

Thus the black-tailed grunts are in great luck. They get their fill of shrimps daily, and not until they are satisfied do the moonfish come in for their daily meal.

Sea Shells That Explode.

A contributor describes the curious phenomena of explosive sea shells. He says: Walking along the beach on Mobile bay, a young woman, a relative of the writer, picked up a handful of little shells, left by the tide, and among them were several shells of a small marine "snail," the largest of which was probably a half inch in diameter and the smallest some three-eighths of an inch.

SWEETS IN QUEEN BESS' TIME.

Odd Names of Some Old Time Delicacies.

During the Elizabethan period there grew up in England a great national liking for sweet things. Not merely was this seen in the general taste for sugar confection, but it was manifested in the general demand for sweet wines, the rich sherries, the charneco, the sack, the sugary almond-flavored sack-posset, and other drinks of the same class.

Use Washington's Mirror.

A family at Warrenton, Va., see themselves daily in a large mirror before which George Washington used to regularly make his toilet. They have had it some 35 years, having acquired it at a sale of the personal effects of Laurence Washington, a great nephew of the great Washington.—N. Y. Times.

Minors in the British Navy.

More than half the infantry recruits of the British army for the past year have been under 18 years old.—Chicago Chronicle.

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PECULIAR CHINESE CUSTOMS.

The Young Are Buried with Few Formal Rites.

The customs of the Chinese in the matter of death and burial are certainly peculiar. Infants are buried summarily without coffins, and the young are interred with few rites; but the funerals of the aged of both sexes are elaborate in proportion to the number of the descendants and to their wealth.

WASPS IN THE PULPIT.

Nest of the Fiercy Insects Made in the Minister's Pocket.

A well-known Pittsburgh preacher tells an amusing incident of his early career, when he was serving a country church. The time was midsummer. One Sunday morning he was unable to find his conventional black frock, and at the last moment his wife persuaded him to wear an ordinary coat which had been lying on a porch for several days.

When he arrived at the country chapel the congregation was waiting. The services had already commenced by singing. As the aspiring preacher walked up the aisle a peculiar buzz was heard coming from the minister's person. Entering the pulpit he began his sermon by reading a passage of Scripture.

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