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New Magazines.

St. Nicholas for September comes laden with pleasure and instruction for the little folks, as usual. "Young Folks' fun in Central Park," by Charles Barnard, is of interest, especially to boys and girls who know nothing of the delights of Central Park.

SHERMAN & HYDE'S Musical Review for September is on our table and is one of the best numbers we have received. The biography of Franz Abt is interesting to all who love and appreciate his music.

The full number of Vick's Floral Guide for 1877 has reached us, and contains much useful information for all who wish to raise flowers for winter blooming.

Cure for Diphtheria.

COTTAGE GROVE, AUG. 19, 1877.

ED. FARMER: I hardly pick up a paper but what I see an account of the death of some little one by diphtheria. I cannot agree with your lady correspondent of Astoria, that it is occasioned by filthiness, but am of the opinion of Dr. S. S. Fitch of New York, that it is produced by a poison in the blood, induced by taking cold.

TREATMENT OF DIPHTHERIA.

The object is to arrest the progress of the disease and thus save the life of the patient. The mode is by such practice as will reduce the swelling, inflammation and congestion inside and outside of the throat, and remove the poison by which it is excited.

School District No. 24.

Mr. Jay W. Cox, the Clerk of this School District, has just finished the assessment roll for the current year. From it we learn that the taxable property in the District amounts to \$1,434,706, and the tax levy is \$4,324.74.

If you want to insure go to Reed & Cox's Opera House building.

PASSING WORDS.

A passing word of truth may be likened to an ostrich egg chance-laid in sand. Warmed by the sun alone, without the help of brooding wings, untended and unwatched, the noble bird bursts, in due season, from the shell. Even so that living truth, dropped without thought, unfostered, save by Heaven's quickening heart, may rise betimes in glorious growth.

It has healed wounds no Galen's skill could reach;—it has lifted up prostrate heads no Titan's strength could raise;—it is the talismanic pearl of all speech!—how great is its might! It has warbled off the cutting assuasive of a sharp tongue, even as a polished shield causes the keenest weapon to glance aside.

"GO TO FARMING."

Franklin Burrill writes to the Fredonia Advertiser: "What a cruel fatality it is then constantly to prate to a starving mechanic or clerk in a crowded city with not a shilling in his pocket to get him out of town to look for work as a farm hand!

NEVER DESPAIR.

People are apt to think that the hard times which they experience are the hardest times that ever were; and so they are for them. But one only needs to read the history of the world to learn that hard times have been perpetually coming to all nations in all periods of their existence.

LABOR.

Labor, though it was at first inflicted as a curse, seems to be the greatest of all punishments, and is fruitful of a thousand blessings; the same Providence which permits diseases, produces remedies; when it sends sorrows, it often sends friends and supporters; if it gives a scanty income, it gives good sense and knowledge, and contentment, which love to dwell under homely roofs; with sickness come humility, and repentance, and piety; and affliction and grace walk hand in hand.

THE PATH OF RECTITUDE.

It has been said that some daring explorer has discovered some grass from the "path of rectitude." We are not at all surprised at the discovery. The "path of rectitude" is traveled by so very few people in these degenerate days, that the grass must grow in it with great exuberance.

From the Mud Springs.

Parties just over from Placerville inform us that the people over there now have more confidence in the "soap holes" than ever before. The Companies owning the machinery which was lately taken over there, lost confidence in the man that was superintending their work and discharged him.

SMILES AMONG TEARS.

[Communicated.]

"Life is in living—Death is not in dying." Life is in but little acts, the good intentions, the purity of our motives. Death is in the memory we leave behind us for others. But few of our hopes are ever realized. It is in fancy that we revel in love and find happiness in a glimpse of here and there. From the dreams we see the light is not so sweet forever as once. The soul is at times something besides a harmonious harp.

Every good deed is an evergreen that will mark of a living place. Every good act is a flower which will beautify our final home. Every good intention is a bird which will sing the harmony of love over our graves. Every pure motive will be a screen to beat back the sun of calumny, and every friend who is true to us, will be a shield to us when we are assailed.

About Postage.

Were the law regulating the rates of postage hung in each man's house and be compelled to read it three times a day right along, yet half of them would try daily to forward six cents worth of matter for one cent, and the postmaster as regularly toss it under the table to be used for starting fires.

The above association will convene at Zana, Polk county, Oregon, beginning Friday, Oct. 5, 1877, at 10 o'clock and holding over Sunday. Ministers to be present, Revs. A. J. Wigle, of Harrisburg, Oregon; David Sires, Seattle, W. T.; Albert Hodges, Menmouth, Oregon; Paul A. Smith, Bethel, Oregon.

Friday, 10 to 11, social meeting, organization. The arrangement of business for balance of the session, will be left to a committee appointed by the association.

The following subjects will be discussed: "Universalism in Oregon and Washington Territory," "Church Organization," "Missionary Work."

SEEDING.

WALDO HILLS, Sep. 25, 1877. Scores of plows may be seen now turning up the black and red soils, to receive seed. This is as it should be. Some are loth to sow now—too soon, grain all lodge. Nonsense. It has been tested this season, that the September sowing here last year, after affording the most luxurious sheep pasture for five or six weeks, last Spring, and having the wheat lands generally enriched, brought from five to ten bushels of good wheat per acre more than wheat sown in October and November.

Suit Decided.

The celebrated suit entitled Holladay et al. vs Elliott et al., which was on trial so long last Summer, was yesterday decided by Judge Boise. The findings of the referee were in several instances modified. The co-partnership existing between Holladay and Elliott was dissolved, and judgment for \$477 was rendered in favor of plaintiffs.

A Dwelling Burned.

One day last week the dwelling house belonging to Wilson Kendall, near Shedd's Station, was burned to the ground. The family were all out in the orchard drying fruit when they noticed the flames bursting through the roof, and when they arrived at the house the fire had made such headway that no one could enter. The cause of the fire is not known to a certainty, but it is thought it originated from a defective flue.

W. L. Wade, of North Salem, the popular and long established merchant, is receiving his fall stock; for city and country trade and is prepared to suit the wants of all customers. Mr. Wade is a liberal dealer and about as honest and straightforward as most of us, and those who know him need no endorsement from us.

FROM WALLA WALLA.

WALLA WALLA, Sept. 20, 1877. The annual Fair commenced here on the 19th inst. Its inauguration was rather premature for an assured success. The vast crops that has blessed the industry of our farmers, have required their full attention and consequent neglect of their county exhibition. Some excellent stock, but limited numbers, is on exhibition and a few excellent horses have been entered for the races. The attendance has been respectable but much less than would have been the case had it occurred three weeks later. The visitors, however, have been fortunate in the presence here of

JOHN JACK'S

Grand Dramatic Company, with Miss Anita Firmin as the stellar attraction, assisted by an engaging and dramatic talent superior to anything we have ever seen on our Coast. The plays produced, possess the great merit of novelty and literary culture, and the actors and productions are equal to anything we have ever seen in New York city or San Francisco.

GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN.

Accompanied by an escort of two companies arrived in the city. The General was in excellent health and spirits. He came over the old military road, and says his escort cut down some ten thousand trees in making a roadway, which he predicts will yet become a vast avenue of travel to this Territory. In the evening he visited Jack's theatre and was much pleased with the cultured performance. Wednesday evening he was the recipient of a serenade by Jack's Theatre band, and after being introduced to the people by Mayor Morse, addressed them in a short, spicy speech, of some twenty minutes duration.

WOULD NEVER RETURN.

Bad Indians would continue to annoy various sections for some time to come but they would be punished and annihilated. Good Indians who were willing to work and assist in the grand task set by God Almighty, to prepare this great country for the coming millions, should be tolerated and permitted to remain, in short, said he let the poor devils live if they will.

At 2 o'clock to-day Hon. W. H. Newell of the Walla Walla Statesman, delivered the annual address at the Fair to a large attendance and pursued his subject with an intelligence and eloquence, which combined, proved a delicious feast.

WOULD VISIT SALEM

on or about the 6th or 8th of October, and so have an opportunity to witness the opening of your great State Fair. Teams sweat and wagons groan under the weight of tons of grain that seeks the artery of outlet in the rail to Wallula thence by our noble Columbia to the sea and a golden market.

GOOD AS WHEAT.

In the chief half mile race of the week before Rube, Sixty-six and Scarface Charley, Rube has just come in the winner in 52 seconds followed by the others in the order named. Yours truly,

G. J. McCRAW.

Silverton, Oregon, Sept 11, 1877

Will Soon be Running. Mr. George Tillouson, of Dallas, a millwright, who thoroughly understands his business is putting in for Mr. O. F. Dennis, at the Agricultural works, machinery for a custom flouring mill. It is the intention of Mr. Dennis to fill a want long felt by our farmers, who wish to have flour made from wheat of their own raising, and who can have it ground to suit them by the payment of a small toll.

Organs.

If you want a good, round, smooth, sweet-toned Organ—one that is made of the best of material, and will last a lifetime—get the Whitney & Holmes, of J. H. Robbins, Portland, Oregon.

The timbers of a new bridge that was being built in East Portland across Anjum creek, fell yesterday afternoon. One man was killed and several more seriously hurt.

CURIOS FACTS.

Storms do not affect the water below 15 or 20 fathoms.

The sand banks in the German ocean are one-fifth its area.

A man generates nearly a cubic foot of carbonic acid an hour.

Horses and cattle thrive best if supplied with salt in their food.

Thebes, in Egypt, presents ruins 27 miles round. It had 100 gates.

Windsor forest is 66 miles round, including large and small parks.

Immersion in sand, mud, or water preserves wood for many centuries.

Mrs. Grant's eyesight is said to be rapidly failing.

Love those who advise, but not those who praise you.

SPIRITS OF AMMONIA.—There is no telling what a thing will do till you try it. I knew ammonia, diluted in water, could restore rusty silks and clean coat collars, but when I got a green spot on the carpet, I tried half a dozen things before I thought of that, and that was just what did the work effectually. I put a teaspoonful into a teacupful of hot water and took a cloth and wet the spot thoroughly, just rubbing it slightly, and the ugly spot was gone. It is splendid for cleaning your silver; it makes things as bright as new without any expenditure of strength; and for looking glasses and windows, it is best of all; and one day when I was tired and my dish cloths looked rather grey, I turned a few drops of ammonia into the water and rubbed them out, and I found it acted like a charm, and I shall be sure to do so again some day. I suppose housewives have a perfect right to exprophate and see what results it can produce; and if they are not on as large a scale as the farmers try, they are just as important, and make our work lighter and brighter too.

There is no doubt whatever but that our common parlor matches will ignite spontaneously. We have known instances where boxes containing 500 matches have been partially burned without any one tampering with them. But the fire in these instances fortunately exhausted itself without doing any further damage. There are, however, plenty of fires of mysterious origin that are doubtless caused by these matches either spontaneously, by the gnawing of mice, or in some accidental way. A business-house which has always made it a practice to place these dangerous incendiaries in an iron vessel, has on three occasions found the contents consumed, and no one about the establishment knowing how it happened.

Americans are apt to be scandalized in Europe by the field labor of women, but we learn from the statements of the special agricultural correspondent of the Edinburgh Scotsman that in this country, also, women are similarly employed. Writing from the great settlement in Kansas he says: "The majority of those who have settled here within the past two years are Russians, and being working people without capital, they have reduced the cost of labor greatly. They break prairie and plough land at 5c. or 6c. per acre, which used to cost 12c. or 25c.; and for a day's work Russian women charge only 2c. or 3c., or 1s., and excellent workers they are."

INTERESTING FACTS.

Here are some facts, very old facts, but not too old to be forgotten, which should be treasured up in every American heart. In 1829 the now venerable Peter Cooper constructed the first locomotive in America, and it was run on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. But the first practical use of locomotives in this country was made by the South Carolina railroad in 1830. This road was the first railroad of any extent projected in the United States, was the Baltimore and Ohio. In February, 1827, the first meeting was held to discuss its feasibility. For this road, ground was broken in Baltimore on the 4th of July, 1828, by Charles Carroll, who said on the occasion: "I consider this act second in importance only to my signing the Declaration of Independence, if even it be second to that." The vehicles on this road at first resembled stage coaches and were drawn by horses. Peter Cooper took an interest in the subject and had a locomotive built to experiment with. The engine weighed only one ton and was of but one horse power. It had the first tubular boiler ever made, musket barrels being used for the tubes they suggested. These facts are gathered from a long review of the introduction of steam on American railroads, presented by a writer in the New York Times.

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JOHN MINTO, Salem, Oregon.

N. B.—The Rams and Ram Lambs of the flock can be seen on the ISLAND FARM, adjoining Salem. The ewes can be seen at the same place, or at the HILL FARM four and a half miles south of the city. Salem, September 10, 1877.

Farms and Land for Sale.

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