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THE Oregonian severely criticises Mr Biggs, of Wasco county, because he introduced a bill to establish maximum freight rates that "would not permit the railroads to live."

THE PERHELION CRISIS.

Early in the present decade there was much said and written concerning the coming perihelion, or conjunction of the planets, and many predictions were made as to results that would follow.

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ing storms recorded in previous years. Pestilence was predicted, but human vigilance now stamps out the cause and prevents the spread of contagion thereby, or the cholera, that started in Southern Europe and Spain might have spread the world over.

About the 23d of the past month the vicinity of Genoa and Nice—including the southeast shore of France and the adjoining territory in Italy—has been the scene of fearful earthquakes and great destruction in life. Towns and villages have been destroyed and a thousand persons killed.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

We have heretofore expressed an opinion favorable to compulsory education and for laws to enforce it. The late legislature passed an act that required children of a school age to attend school twelve weeks in each year, of which eight should be continuous.

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to see if the laborer is going down hill and becoming a serf. It is no doubt true that many sewing women in large cities work for a mere pittance, but co-operation will in time remedy that and secure fair rewards for such work.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

There are some facts that most should know and act upon, who have interest in animals. The best of timothy hay will kill sheep, as it is too dry and woody and indigestible. Give them some carrot or turnips, or feed apples, even potatoes, and they will have something to aid digestion.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

There are now pending three amendments for the votes of Oregon to act upon. One relates to prohibition and a special election in November will decide if or no the people of Oregon will decide to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ASTONISHING SUCCESS.

It is the duty of every person who has used Beecher's German Syrup to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in crying Consumption, severe Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Pneumonia, and in fact all throat and lung diseases.

EUROPEAN POLITICS.

When Germany conquered France in 1871, she exacted from the conquered nation the greatest subsidy any nation ever paid and the French people paid that thousand millions in a manner that surprised the world.

As Napoleon the third plunged France into war without provocation sympathy was generally with Germany. An era of good will could have been restored, and permanent peace have been maintained between the two nations had Bismarck been content to win this great victory and levy this great tax, but he was not, and when France lay helpless and despoiled the treaty of peace wretched from France the two famous Rhine provinces, Alsace and Lorraine.

All efforts to enlist the sympathies of these people with their conquerors have utterly failed. Many citizens of those provinces sold out and moved into France, and at the late election to the Reichstag their votes were given to show their utter want of sympathy with the government.

The world looks on and reads this fact as plainly as can be. Now the sympathy of the world is with France to a greater degree than before, and we all feel that Bismarck made the great mistake of his life when he claimed for Germany States whose disloyalty can never be overcome and grafted on the mind of the French nation a hate that he may find is invincible.

TO PROHIBITION OR HIGH LICENSE.

The late legislature adopted a joint resolution to submit the question of prohibition to the people of Oregon at a special election to be held in November. It was demanded, as a means to secure a full expression of popular opinion, that the matter should come before the people as a special measure, unmixed with the political issues that invariably occur at a general election.

As to the importance of this measure there can be no question. Liquor manufacture demoralizes thousands and brings many to untimely graves. Worst of all, these graves are seldom filled before the victim whose burial is solemnized has brought untold evil to his family and often to the human race.

majority against this terrible and criminal vice. The public mind is not yet educated to the need of laws to strangle the monster. If we can educate the moral sentiment of the world to condemn the manufacture and traffic in liquors we may hope to enforce laws made in accord with such sentiment.

We doubt, sometimes, the good to be derived from continual failure. Educate and encourage the workers and carry into the work strong convictions, without cant or bigotry, and results will follow. Many good minds are disgusted at extreme and excited utterances and denunciations. These liquor dealers and makers are often honest, in their way, but it is an infernal highway that they travel.

It is hardly possible for us to estimate the good that will result if prohibition can be enforced. We shall need laws to reduce the revenue, as the support of criminals, and the courts that try their cases, forms the most considerable item of public expense. It will be a moral and physical renovation and purification and will translate earth almost to become elysium.

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