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Diphtheria at Viola.

Numerous Cases are Reported, and the Disease is Spreading.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 2.—Diphtheria has broken out at Viola, and is spreading alarmingly. A physician from this city was called to attend a sick child of William Mattoon, and he found a well developed case of diphtheria. The neighborhood had already been exposed to the infection, and today six other children were treated for the disease. The child first taken died, and all the cases are said to be very malignant form.

A Rich Strike in Blue River District.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 2.—Parties returning from Blue river last evening report that a rich strike was recently made in the Old Exchequer mine in that district. The mine is located on Gold hill, and is owned by Chauncey Dale, of Portland. Quartz was ground in a mortar, and washed \$1.50 to the pan, and it is thought select ore will run \$1000 to the ton. Owners of other properties in this locality are preparing to do quite an amount of development work this fall.

In the markets of Brazil one often sees live snakes—a species of boa—from 10 to 15 feet long. They are employed in many houses to hunt rats at night, being otherwise perfectly harmless. They become attached to a house like a cat or a dog.

The following curious announcement was recently made in a suburban church, says an exchange. "This evening the Rev. Mr. Smith will preach his farewell sermon, and the choir will render a thanksgiving composed for the occasion."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* is on every wrapper.

"They are dandies" said Thos. Bowers of the Crocket, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. Allison & Co.

Beet-Sugar Factory.

Representative of Eastern Capitalists Looking Over the Ground.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 2.—Mr. Alfred Musy, representative of the capitalists who have money for investment in sugar factory industries, arrived from Chicago Sunday evening. Mr. Musy has had direct association with the construction of three of the beet-sugar factories now in operation in the United States. He is familiar with the details and requirements for the successful operation of this line of industry, and his business is to look over the situation here to inform himself as to the adaptability of the country to sugar-beet production, and to investigate all other requirements. In a word he represents the capitalist's side of the case, and the matter, therefore, of the establishment of a factory in this valley hinges very largely upon the decision he may reach after making a full investigation of the question. Mr. Musy is making an extensive tour of the valley, accompanied by members of the Commercial Club. People here are positive that the beet-sugar factory will be a sure go.

The shippers of supplies into the Yukon country appear to be taking about ten barrels of whisky to one box of crackers, which raises the old question of what in the world are they going to do with so many crackers.

A hustling Kansas City real estate agent has this placard on his office door: "Alaska be damned! Kansas City is good enough for any white man. We have some splendid bargains in inside real estate."

The second hot wave of the season is rolling over the prairies of the Middle West. One hundred degrees in the shade in Kansas City, for three successive days, and 98 in St. Louis tell Missouri's tale of blistering woe, while throughout Kansas and Oklahoma the corn is being withered as if from the blast of a furnace. Still, people will live there while wide areas upon the Pacific slope await purchase at reasonable prices, cultivation that promises return in crops and homes through the open windows of which cool breezes may play all day, all summer long.

A Dynamite Bomb.

Three Children Seriously Injured at Butte, Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 2.—What was evidently a fiendish attempt to blow up the house of John Omeara, superintendent of the Moonlight mine, came near resulting in the death of three children today. What appeared to be a Roman candle, was found near Omeara's residence by Mamie Benson and two other little girls. While playing with it one of the children struck it with a piece of iron. It exploded with a report indicating that it was filled with dynamite. The Omeara child was peppered with fragments of brass, lead and glass, part of the contents of the bomb. The other two children were terribly cut. A hole torn in the ground showed that the bomb was charged with dynamite. Several attempts have been made on Omeara's life before.

The Alaska Oil Lake.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—While the whole world is excited over the gold discoveries in the North, sight has been lost of another discovery that promises to be of great value in the development of that section.

Some months ago a lake of almost pure petroleum was discovered and samples sent to Seattle for analysis. The assayer's report on these has just been made public, and the find is reported to be of incalculable richness. A company has been formed in Seattle to handle the product, and travelers from there say that the company intends to put it on the Alaskan market at once.

The lake is of unknown depth, several miles wide and five or six in length, and the quality of the petroleum is said to be of the finest. It is fed by springs, and the hills surrounding it are said to be rich in coal and asphalt. The lake is only two miles from the ocean, so that the difficulties of transportation are reduced to a minimum. It is the intention of the owners of the lake to take its product right into the mining camps of Northern Alaska wherever the waterways will permit.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Margin For Growers.

Small Profit on First Car of Fruit Sent to Chicago.

Returns have been received for the first carload of Oregon fruit shipped East this season. The car was loaded with 934 boxes of peach plums, each holding 20 pounds of fruit, and was forwarded to Chicago, on July 16. The local representative of the company making the sale in Chicago has received a return of sales and checks, for \$401.43, payable to the shippers, who realize 1½ cents net profit on the fruit shipped.

Yesterday another carload was forwarded from Portland to New York city, loaded with 845 crates of Bradshaw plms, and 26 boxes of Bartlett pears. The big C. F. X. car was fully-iced yesterday, 10,000 pounds being placed in the car. The ice will be renewed at various points along the route. At Huntington, 5000 pounds will be added, and unless extreme weather is encountered, the next supply will be furnished at Ogden, when about 3000 pounds of ice will be put in the car, for the purpose of holding that remaining. At La Junta 1000 pounds will be added to the store, which will carry the car in good shape to Chicago. There another ton will be taken aboard, and at Hornellsville, N. Y., 2000 more pounds will be shipped to carry the fruit into the New York market in prime condition. It requires from 10 to 12 tons of ice for a car going to New York city or Philadelphia, the cost of which makes no small item of expense in transportation.

The latest advices are that there is 50 per cent more Pacific coast fruits in Eastern markets this year, but, notwithstanding the great increase, prices are keeping well up in advance of last season.

The steamer Montesano, owned by the Southern Oregon Company, will be sold by the sheriff of Coos county at Empire City next Saturday, to satisfy a claim of \$6841 18, or a portion thereof, for delinquent taxes due Coos county from the company.

Don't thin your blood with sassafras or poison it with blue-mass; but aid Nature by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. Allison & Co.