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## BAD ON FORTUNE-TELLERS.

Much has been said about the crowning of Edward and he was spoken of as the "Uncrowned King," and some old hag of a fortune teller was quoted as saying that he would never wear a crown. But in spite of her prediction and the surgeon's knife, which is much more hazardous, Edward bids fair to be crowned.

It is said that it is an ill wind that blows no one good. In Edward's case it was tough on the fortune tellers, but good for the surgeons. Some are cruel enough to say that doctors are as big fakirs as fortune tellers. Of course this would not apply to surgery, for this class of work demands skill. They may cut at the wrong time and too often, but they must cut skillfully in deep cuts like that in Edward's operation if the patient survives. If there is any such thing as faking by physicians, surgery is nearer exempt from it than any other class of their work.

But it is tough on the fortune telling element. They had a big run all over the country while Edward was lying at death's door. Just after some important event has taken place some Mme. de Propheigh in every city in the country had already foretold it. The Chicago fire, the Johnstown flood, the Galveston horror, the assassination of McKinley, the — everything of importance in the country had been "foretold" by these fakirs, but they always kept it to themselves until after it was over. If these mind readers, and mediums and fortune tellers would impart their information a little earlier it would help the country wonderfully and save a great number of catastrophes.

But in Edward's case they overdid the thing. They tried the newspaper idea of getting a scoop and "foretold" it too soon. It will give the profession a backset for a time, but still the fortune tellers will continue to "foretell" and they will find dupes to sustain them. The world loves to be humbugged.

It is suggested that the Oregonians should have more state pride; that Californians and Washingtonians are always boasting about their respective states and that Oregonians should do likewise. This is true, in a sense. The people of Oregon have greater reason for being proud of their state than any people under the sun, and while it will do no good to always be spouting about one's home state, yet it is always in good taste to speak and write truthfully about the advantages about one's home state when the opportunity is presented and when good can be accomplished thereby.

One of the best evidences of the prosperity of a place is the number of fakirs plying their trade in the community. They do not do any section any good, but wherever they are money is plentiful. They keep posted on such places and follow them up. They go on the theory that the "fool and his money soon parts" and they are about correct.

The annual regatta which has been given at Astoria for the past few years, and which it had announced would be abandoned this year, will be given as usual. It is given by subscription from the business men of Astoria, and as they have been

taxed severely with other public enterprises this year, they thought for a time that the regatta was too much, but the expectation of a regatta throughout the state led them to change their minds and it is now announced that the regatta will be given on a larger scale than ever.

There is considerable comment on the Tracy-Merrill "duel" as reported by Tracy. It is the general opinion that Tracy simply got tired of his companion and deliberately murdered him. There are some, however, that believe that the duel took place between the men just as Tracy tells it. After they had struggled so long to get out of prison and were once free it is very unreasonable at least that they should agree to a duel which meant certain death for one of them when nothing could be accomplished by it for either of them.

The Thunder Mountain excitement is subsiding. Conservative persons returning from that place state that there is nothing in the country to warrant a rush; that there is only quartz mining and that this ore is of a very low grade. It is too close to this country to attract much attention anyway. It may draw on the people from a distance, but fake mining discoveries never catch the people close at hand for any length of time.

A dispatch from Tacoma announces that the chase of Tracey has been abandoned and that this is on account of the fact that the superintendent of the penitentiary of Oregon refused to pay Mrs. Waggoner the reward for finding Merrill's body. The dispatch also states that up to date Tracey has cost the counties through which he passed the total sum of \$10,000.00.

The delay in crowning Edward and catching Tracey has kept the country in suspense long enough. It is apparent now that Edward will be crowned in spite of the predictions of fortune tellers, and that Tracey will make his final escape in spite of the numerous sleuths in the country.

It will now be in order to compile a book giving the life and history of Tracey the Terror. It might be well to add, as a supplement, the "smart" sayings of the newspapers throughout the country on the Tracey subject.

It is claimed that the Western corn crop bids fair to knock the corn trust to pieces.

Now that the Tracy chase has been abandoned the newspaper reporters are telling how they scooped each other.

The Alabama editors recently visited New York in a body.

### THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT.

Dr. J. Henry Smythe, who is connected with the colonization bureau supported by the Harriman and the Gould railroads, is reported to have stated a few days ago that in less than two years upward of 22,000 families have been colonized by those roads in Kansas, Colorado and Texas. The colonists are brought mainly from the New England and Middle states, but many of them come from Great Britain, Germany and Sweden. As a class they are industrious, thrifty and ambitious. They will constitute a notable factor in the population of the Southwest and will undoubtedly be the means of attracting other settlers to follow their example.

The figures given show the returns of Astoria, and as they have been

roads, and notably the Rock Island and the Santa Fe, have also been active in promoting the settlement of the territory tributary to their lines. Moreover, while that migration is going on to the Southwest a still larger movement is directed toward the Northwest and to British Columbia.

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California is sooner or later bound to feel the impulse of this vast increase of western populations to the north and to the south. An increased activity will be felt in every department of industry. We can therefore watch the coming tide with satisfaction, and welcome it as it reaches our borders.—San Francisco Call.

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