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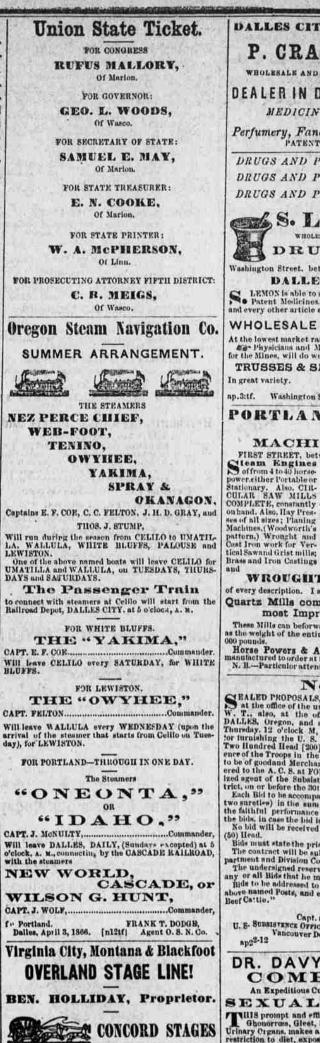
SIZE OF THE ARK .--- Infidels have objected to the size of the ark,-have asserted that it is quite absurd to suppose that ever there could be a vessel constructed large enough to bold all the creatures which must have been placed in it, with sufficient food, it may be for six or twolve months, water for tish, corn for the four footed animals, seed for the birds, and so on. Now we will take the dimensions of the ark from the record of Moses, and calculate them on the lowest possible scale.

There are two definitions given to. cubit; one that it is eighteen inches. We will take it only at the fowest. Moses states that the ark was three hundred cubits long; this would make it four bundred and fifty feet long, or about the length of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The breadth he states to be forty cubits; we then have it seventy-five feet in breadth. He states it to be thirty cubits high, so that is was forty five feet in height. The tonnage of the ark according to the computation of modern carpenters, must have been thirty-two thousand tons. The largest English ship, of a size altogether unimaginable to those who have never seen it, is two thousand five hundred tons burden ; so that the ark must have been equal to seventeen first rate ships of war, and if armed as such ships are, it would have contained beyond eighteen thousand men, and provisions for them for eight. teen months. Buffon has asserted that all four footed animals may be rev duced to two hundred and filty pairs, and the birds to a still smaller number. On calculating, therefore, we shall find that the ark would have held more than five times the necessary number of creatures, more than five times the required quantity of food to maintain them for twelve months.-[Dr. Cum. mings.

NEST OF THE HUMMING BIRD .- The nest of the humming bird is a miracle of perfection in domestic economy. For beauty, fitness and safety the wisdom and taste displayed in its arrange ment are irreproachable. Bedecked in plumage of emerald, ruby and topaz, remarkable for the delicacy of its form and grace of its motion, unsullied by rain from the clouds or dust from the earth, feeding upon the nec-tar of the flowers, its habitation should be in character, and so it is. Shaped like a half cup it is delicatel, formed of lichen, colored like the branch on which it is fixed, and lined with the soft down of plant blossoms, of mullein leaves, or the young fern. It is deli-iontely soft, sheltered, and undistin-guishable from the bark of the tree, of which it seems a most natural exu cresence-a moss grown knot. Two white eggs, as large as peas, adorn the nest, upon which, as asserted by some naturlists, the cock and hen sit by turns for ten or twelve days. The little birds, scarcely larger than flies, enter upon their existance in a chamber tapestried as with velvet, and are fed with the sweets of flowers from the maternal tongue. The tiny houses hold exhibits not only a commendable ueatness, b

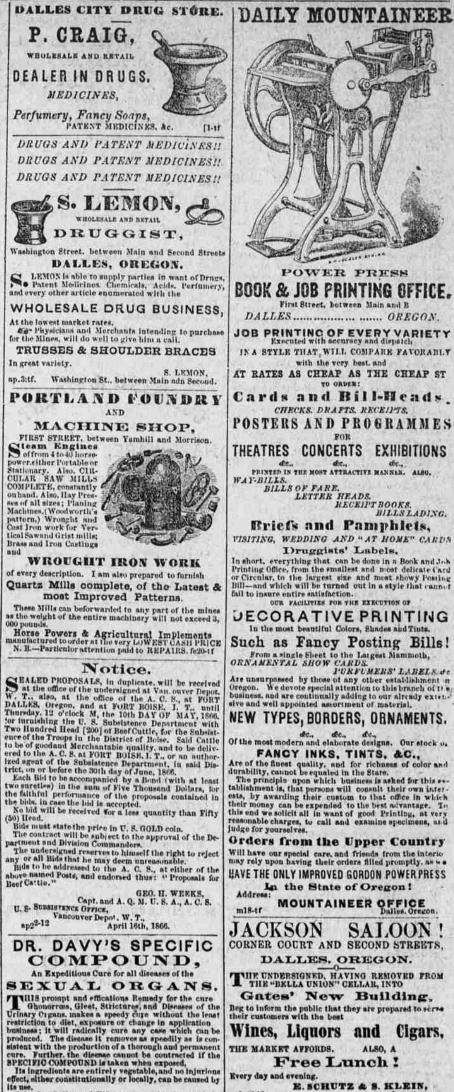
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