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The buildings of the World's Fair will contain twenty-nine acres of glass.
Did any one ever see more lovel eather than this we are now enjoyiaz.
The Oregonian says "Oregon has been lucky, so far, to pass the gauntlet of economy," -in Congress.
Our exchanges will please make correction to-wit: Steamer Chance went aground on a sand spit three-quarters of a mile inside the Siuslaw bar. There were fifteen feet of water on the bar at the time she struck the spit.

Senator Mitchell has asked Congress to appropriate $\$ 250,000$ to improve the Willamette and Lower Columbia rivers. This is to establish a deep weter channel from Portland to the sea, but there is some doubt of Congress passing the bill owing to the oppositi
by various localities in Oregon

The Honorable Binger Hermann cut no small figure in affairs at Washington. Note this: The committee on public buildings appropriated $\$ 50,000$ for the salem public building. Hermann would not have it that way. He wanted more -and he got it. After persistent work
he got a raise of $\$ 10,000$, making the apopriation $\$ 60,000$.
 alked of in San Francisco. The Report that city contends that the theatres are as good a right to use steam whis-
les as the churches have to use bells, ore especially $a_{3}$ the theatres would in announcing their performances, people before daylight in the

The Columbian Exposition at Chicago ought to be a success if money can make it so. Thirty-nine natiops and twentybibits, and the money already "in sight" from various sources to be expended on buildings and exhibits excecds $\$ 25,000$,000 , without counting the expenditures of individuals or the $\$ 5,000,000$ which ongress is to be asked to contribute
The new United States silver coins re ready for distribution, and in a few onths they will be in general circulaion. The designs fire any thing but pretty. The eagle looks as if it had been crushed, and is about as squat and depraved a specimen of the king of birds as has ever been conceived. The head of the Goddess of Liberty is not a modest or lovable female, and the ornament al work is cheap looking.
Officers at the New York Custom House were suddenly called upon no long since to decide the proper tariff on the Pope's blessing. A New Yorke while abroad bought two rosaries at then expended four dollars in having them sent to Rome for the Pope's bless ing. On reaching New York the honest
importer explained the whole matter to
willing to pay duty on the full value of the articles. Accordingly he was assessed forty per cent. on rosaries as such and thirty-five per cent. on the Pope's blessing as an article "not otherwise provided for."
J. M. Mundy, the partially blind sculptor, has just completed in clay a colossal statue of Washington Irving, It has recently been seen in the sculptor's studio at Tarrytown, N. Y., by many who knew Irving, and the likeness is pronounced perfect. The figure is seated in a comfortable looking arm chair, and the pose is easy and natural. It is the only full length statue of Irving in existence, and a movement is on foot to have it cast in bronze and set up in some place associated with the works o life of the great author.

A writer in the New York Tribune suggests that the island of Juan Fernandez shonld be occupied by United State troops and strongly fortified. This island was the lonely home of Alexander Selkirk, immortalized as Robinson Crue. It is described as an earthly paradise where all kinds of tropical fruits grow in profusion, pigs, goats and fowls variou lat. $-2 y d$ and claimed that this island is naturally fit could be easily made as impregnable as Gibraltar, as on account of extensive and dangerous reefs it is approachable only in the direction of its one barbor, Port Cumberland, which has a depth of water sufficient for the largest vessels and is surrounded by highlands from which a plunging fire could be directed against approaching vessels. If filted up as a great coaling station with every facility for refitting both men-of-war and merchantmen, it is believed that it would become an important commercial post in time of peace and give the United States a commanding position

## in those seas in time of war.

The cog wheels of progress are in no way impeded on the Great Siuslaw by fear lest our further bar appropriation should not be forthcoming, neither is there a halt called as to the probable outcome of the proposed transcontinental railroad. All things tending to the early development of the Great Siuslaw valley resources are as flattering at the present time as could well be wished ior. In the opinion of The West there is no question as to the further appropriation of at least one half of the amount asked for and more than that is more probable than less is possible. As to the railroad there is no doubt but work will be resumed at an early date. The extent of the work will, of course, depend largely upon the amount of capital the managers can interest in the project, but even if no capital outside oni gocal stockholders is secured, work wil moporter explained the whole matter to go ahead just the same. There is al-

