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IT IS to be hoped that the rain for the past week will not soak out any of the sidewalk enthusiasm.

THERE is substance for a good sermon wrapped up in the fact that Eugene merchants have formed a commercial agency for their protection in the collection of accounts due them.

LIFE was one continued leap year in Africa for Paul du Chaillu. Few men live to tell the tale of having had 22,000 opportunities to wed, even dusky brides, offered by chiefs in assorted dozens.

EXPERIMENTS of the English army medical officers show that the Mannlicher, the new German rifle, is the most merciful, making a clean wound. The new British magazine rifle smashes bones and tears flesh at a distance of 1000 yards.

THE Governor of Utah in his annual report says that polygamy in the Territory is on the decline, and that it is his conviction that there is a sincere intention on the part of Mormon people not to approve or sanction such marriages in the future.

THE new return postal cards are proving a success. Business men are showing their appreciation by ordering them in large quantities. It needs be something very shaky, provided it is new, that the American people will not take up and thoroughly test.

CANADA has agreed with the United States for the appointment of a commission to consider the question of the protection of the fishery of the inland lakes contiguous to the two countries and the regulation of the use of engines of destruction in non-territorial waters.

ELECTRIC lightning has been so generally adopted on shipboard that steamers are no longer considered to be complete without electric lightning plant. Nor is electric lightning confined to passenger steamers, for cargo steamers are also being supplied with this method of illumination.

Now that the election of Grover Cleveland is nearly a month old it is necessary to the best interest of all parties, that the gentleman of one color of politics who has been saying that the gentleman of another kind of politics is a liar and a horse-thief, gives out that he was only joking.

"EVERYBODY that knows us come and take something. We aint drinking this year, but we are taking quite a plenty of crow." The above is an editorial found in a republican paper of North Dakota just after election. Nothing strikingly grammatical about it but it is a very clever way of accepting defeat.

CINCINNATI has just shown how the blind goddess can hustle if she tries. A certain Charles Boyer was caught in the act of robbing a house. He was taken before the court, bound over for appear-

ance before the grand jury, his case considered by that body, a true bill found, the prisoner arraigned in the supreme court, found guilty, sentenced, and within nine hours from the time of his arrest he was on the way to the penitentiary to serve a term of five years.

THE casting up of a large whale by the waves at our very door must not be looked upon as a Jonah to our harbor, but should be taken as another evidence that the whole world, even the mighty Pacific, is putting forth its efforts to make the GREAT Siuslaw a port of more than ordinary importance.

THE Eugene retail merchants have organized a commercial agency and have a list of all parties who refuse to pay their accounts. The Register says the list contains 140 names. When a man refuses to pay his account the merchant reports his name to the agency and the members will refuse him credit. This organization will only hit the deadbeat.—Junction City Times.

CHOLERA, we are told, is waiting to make a grand rush across our borders in the spring. It is well to remember that the best safeguard is an intelligent, well-fed, clean, self-respecting people. Pauperism, neglect, filth, overcrowding and low diet are its chief allies. An intelligent, economic and sanitary system is the best preventive against epidemic diseases that has ever yet been devised. Quarantine becomes necessary because this system is not in general use among mankind.—Oregonian.

THE annexation flurry continues in Canada. Some of the anti-annexation papers are foaming at the mouth in their efforts to prove that there is no annexation sentiment in the Dominion—a rational mode of argument, to be sure, and likely to convince the doubting. While it is very clear that Canada finds some difficulty in getting along prosperously there is no disposition here to prove to her that it is a hopeless task. There is no sufficient annexation sentiment in the United States to cause the subject to arouse the slightest excitement. The wedding day of Uncle Sam and Miss Kanuck is a long way off.

ONE of our Oregon exchanges is laboring over the solution of this problem: "What becomes of the girl graduates?" In Oregon 100 per cent of them marry immediately upon leaving college. As a matter of course they would much rather remain at home with the old people and help mother do the housework, but the matrimonial market is too brisk. They don't all marry professors or dukes, but they marry. It is generally understood that the graduates go to the same paradise as other women. Girls who go to college, as a general thing, do not marry quite so early as those who have been finished off in boarding schools, but statements go to show that educated women are in the least averse to matri-

mony, for—this is outside the state, where the market is not so good—during the first two years after graduation thirty-six per cent of the graduates get married, while ten years after graduation the statistics show that forty-five per cent of the alumnae have husbands. The remainder become teachers, and for the most part choose vocations where matrimony is out of the question, or is discounted. About the same number of educated women are married as among uneducated women, but the marriage takes place later in life.

THE Chinese living in America have so often been accused of carrying home to China all the money earned by them in this country, that perhaps a statement of the liberality with which those who have become Christians give to home and foreign missions will not be amiss. We find that, with a membership of 161 in the various churches of California the Chinese have raised \$6,290.49 for all benevolences, or \$39.7 for each member. For the expenses of their own association they have given \$2,029.93, or \$12.60 a member. For home missions the amount raised and expended has been \$1,913.45, or \$11.88 per member, while for foreign missions they have given \$2,118.10, or \$13.54 per member.

THE robbery of the passengers of a coach belonging to a Northern Pacific train sixty-three miles east of Tacoma, Thursday evening, demonstrated the fact that these "gentlemen of the road" are possessed of the true spirit of chivalry. While the three highwaymen relieved the male passengers of all of the money with which they were traveling, together with their watches, rings and other jewelry, the women in the coach were assured that their money was not wanted, or at least that no demand would be made for it. The six men in the coach, however, were "done up" in true professional style by the three highwaymen, and the latter decamped with their booty unmolested. While it is common to impugn the courage of men who will permit themselves to be robbed by an inferior force, prudence is very apt to suggest to even a brave man the propriety of handing out his money upon the demand of a desperate fellow who has taken the precaution to cover him with a pistol before making the requisition. As long as life is more than money to the sensible man he will "stand and deliver" before he will be shot, however reluctant he may be to part with his pocketbook and watch.—Oregonian.

STUDENTS of heredity may find some interesting material in the history of the Daltons. The progenitor of this lately renowned family of Kansas outlaws lived in the city of Philadelphia something like ninety years ago, and gave the authorities much trouble by his deeds as

a highwayman. One day he stopped a carriage containing two young ladies and their elderly aunt. One of the young ladies was about to be married, and strongly objected to handing over her wedding presents to the bandit, who, with a chivalry reminiscent of Robin Hood's best days, allowed the party to pass unmolested. Some weeks later Dalton was arrested, and it would have gone hard with him had not the young woman, in the meantime married to an official of great influence, secured him a pardon on condition that he quit the State. This Dalton did, and settling in the west became the progenitor of a long line of highway robbers. While the heredity students are at work dissecting the brain of this father of all Dalton outlaws, THE WEST would like to know what is to be done in the case of the woman who plead for the pardon of the culprit who in after years doubtless committed many murders himself and who reared a family of murderers and outlaws who outshone their sire in acts of blood curdling, fiendish devilment. Is this woman to be credited on the pages of the good book with her generous and forgiving devotion to the uplifting of mankind by interceding and securing the pardon of the culprit, or is she to be charged on this same book with all the acts performed by this original Dalton and his offsprings—which were contrary to the laws of God and man?

## NOBILITY DABBLING IN OUR REALTY

NEARLY all the foreign potentates are investors in New York real estate. The purchase of a valuable piece of property in Nassua street, made about a year ago by a foreign banking house, was an investment of Queen Victoria's. The Queen owns other real estate in that city and she has bought thousands of acres out West. The royal family of Germany has extensive investments in that city and elsewhere, and so has the King of Sweden. The ex-Empress Isabella of Spain owns several pieces of property in New York and in other parts of the United States. She is a woman of great foresight. The land on which the Western Union Building, in New York city, stands was once the property of the Empress Eugenie, and it is presumed that she still has some investments there. King Humbert, of Italy, is reported to be a judicious buyer of property in this country, and persons suspected of being agents of the Czar of Russia have been looking about on this side of the water for first-class investments. We want to remark to you that those people who are in the King business over in Europe are shrewd. They cannot tell how soon they may be shaken off their thrones by political revolutions, and they mean to have something to fall back on in this land of the free. How much better off Dom Pedro would have been if he had invested a few millions of Brazilian money here several years ago.