

A gentleman who has carried daily mail all fall and winter since the heavy rains set in, ought to be a good judge of the weather we have thus far passed through. In conversation with one of these a few days since, we were much surprised to hear him say that we had had no winter and no rain in comparison to what he expected, before he came here, from the reports that he had heard. Taking into consideration that the last 60 days prior to the time he said this there had fallen upwards of 31 inches of rain, it proves more than the general rendering of the old quotation that one-half of the world don't know what the other half is doing; it proves that they don't know what it is thinking and saying. We must indeed have a great record for rain in other parts. In the matter of rainfall and other conditions of the weather are noticed very little by most people. As an evidence of this we call to mind a conversation we heard at the postoffice the latter part of November. In answer to an interrogation—did you ever see so much rain at this season of the year, a number of persons expressed a belief that that month was about the ordinary or average for November, when it was a fact that it had quadrupled the average of the past seven years, as will be seen by report on our first page. These wild statements give rise to the stories such as the mail carrier, above referred to, had heard. It is best in everything that we tell what we know and draw less on imagination.

We frequently hear of subscribers failing to get a number of the HERALD. It troubles us no little when this occurs, and to provide against such we have of late used double diligence to prevent it, but still we occasionally hear from some one who asks if we forget him. We would respectfully call the attention of postmasters to the fact, and ask their co-operation in the matter.

Inspector Lawton, of San Francisco, has been suspended for allowing a Chinese woman to land in San Francisco, after he had been authorized by Collector Beecher, of Port Townsend, W. T., to arrest her on her arrival. She had a certificate from the latter place, and Lawton's only excuse was that he forgot the number of her certificate until she had got ashore, and was lost sight of in the mazes of Chinatown.

A new feature has been introduced by the trans-continental lines in live stock traffic from this coast. Hereafter stock will be carried by passenger trains in cars properly equipped and provided with air brakes, at the following rates: To Missouri river points, \$525 a car; Mississippi river points, \$575 a car; Chicago and common points, \$600 a car. These rates will apply from all Pacific coast terminal points.—Daily Standard.

Yes, this is very kind in a railroad company, but can people afford to pay even these prices? The company's magnanimity is truly great, but it would be hard to convince a stockman of the fact by these figures.

The Daily Standard wants to know if L. W. Felton who used to canvass for that paper and who taught school on Haynes' slough in this county, and on Floras creek in Curry county, had any property. Any one who knows anything of his circumstances or anything of any nature that would be of interest to his folks, are requested to communicate with S. B. Pettengill, Portland. We have known Mr. Felton for many years, but know nothing beyond the fact that he occasionally came among us and seemed rather more inclined to enjoy himself than to accumulate. Though strictly sober, he was liberal and made himself the donor of many presents to the children, and they all knew and admired him.

NATURAL HISTORY CONTINUED.

No. 3.—SMOKERS:—The kinds are so extremely various as well as numerous, that we have concluded to put them all into one general species, as they all depend on combustion to produce visible results. The first and original smoker was probably the earth, as it is not entirely cured of the habit yet, and the cigar shaped cones of volcanoes, probably gave the hint to cigar makers, how to shape their wares. The first smoker we remember seeing, was located at the end of the old log house, and although put up on the outside, it done the most of its smoking on the inside, and when a new back-log was put on, it seemed to take special delight, in making the room resemble the interior of a North Carolina tar kiln as nearly as possible. This species of smokers, have become almost extinct since the invention of the newfangled apparatus called the cooking stove, and to fill their place many expedients have been resorted to. The most successful is probably the cigar and cigarette, the latter of which can be managed successfully by the smaller boys of the family; although among the laboring classes, the pipe seems to be the favorite, being less expensive than the cigar, but furnishing fully as much smoke. As cigarettes are a rather cheap substitute for cigars they are used by the very poorest classes, and as they fumigate a room nearly as well as a regular cigar they are used for the same purpose. Cigars are commonly made of the leaves of plants, old paper &c, and the old stumps are sometimes worked up, with old cabbage leaves and other material, into the modern cigarette, and by placing a fire at one end and a fool at the other, smoke is produced. And after some practice the person seems to rather enjoy the business, and as it is not a very hard trade to learn even very small boys soon get so that they can do nearly as well as large men, and this practice is a sure indication that they belong to the human race, as the other species of monkeys never smoke.

Many Indian tribes, it is thought will resort to the war path before they will submit to an allotment of lands in severalty. So long as the government has to keep them up by annuities, they should be forced to submit. This thing of allowing thousands of acres of the best land in the country to lie idle for a play ground for a lot of lazy Indians, who draw their support from the government, is not right and congress seems determined to remedy the wrong to some extent.

Hermann and the Mail Service. Washington, Jan. 5.—Hermann, of Oregon, will introduce a resolution in the house at the first opportunity, asking the postmaster-general to inform congress what alterations he has made in the mail service in the west, and his reasons therefor. It is said the extent of these reductions will be a great surprise to congress.

Communicated.

Ed. HERALD:—Of the splendid stallion, Young Capt. Sligart owned by Charles B. Crosby, of Coos county, Oregon I would say the equal of said stallion as a roadster or trotter, or for farm work, and horse of all work, is hard to find. For durability, ambition, hardihood and fortitude he is without a superior in the state. There are some of his colts in Marion, Clackamas and Linn counties that are really first class in every particular, and as true workers in the harness as can be found. In my opinion stock men as well as farmers, would do well to breed their mares to said Capt. Sligart, if they desire good substantial stock in horse flesh. As for my part, I would breed to no other horse were it convenient for me to do so. Yours truly, George W. Jackson, Sen. Spokane Falls, W. T.

Mormon Snow.

Ogden, Jan. 6.—Lorenzo Snow, one of the twelve Mormon apostles, was convicted to-day on two indictments for unlawful cohabitation. He will receive his sentence on the 16th.

Iowa Slough Round-up.

Toboggans and fun. N. Thrush is building an immense chicken park; says he is going to egg all creation.

Brother Barker has almost entirely recovered from his injuries. Messrs. Paden and Nosler are splitting the Iowa slough bottom in two with a 6-foot fence. They have also fenced one side of the stock exchange.

Stock in this vicinity look well and are in fair order at present writing.

We haven't got much hog law, but when a fellow gets a few legs chewed off and then has to skin up a tree and stay there till the moon goes over and horns up the sea he naturally thinks he had ought to be a law unto himself.

We hope to be rode on the tail of a comet or kicked through the county jail if we oppose the building of a road without having a reason for our opposition.

One of our trappers has been having a good deal of trouble with the aborigines in his beaver pasture of late, but he finally got away with them by greasing the entire firmament with coon oil.

A few days ago while sitting in the cabin of one of our river steamers with our nose buried in the mysteries of St Jacob's almanac, we became painfully aware of our name (or rather our nom de plume) being taken in vain. The conversation was between two or three of the passengers who were not personally acquainted with us, and who, taking advantage of our supposed absence, expatiated on our merits to an astonishing degree; so astonishing, in fact, that we shrunk away behind that almanac and fell to listening to our pedigree. That we were an all-wood liar, a light-running knave, and a self-adjusting, self-oiling, automatic fool, was not new to us. We had heard it several times before. That much beloged essentially to our old pedigree, and had they stopped here Adonius would not have wept, but they didn't; they went right on and made us a bran new pedigree out of new material, which we don't really need. We expect the old one to last several years yet, consequently we have a new thorough-bred pedigree for sale warranted to neither wear, tack or boxhall. Yours Truly, Lodi.

Securing Evidence.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—Detectives have secured worlds of evidence against Maxwell. At Hongkong they will bring a girl named Grace Maxwell who was acquainted with him in San Francisco. She will swear on returning home one day she found Maxwell with a revolver drawn; she screamed for him not to shoot. He said no I won't but if you had been a man I would, I have just killed a man and I thought they were coming to arrest me.

The Burglar Didn't Burgle.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Leander Smith, who planned to rob the building of Robt. Hughes & Co., slipped down the chimney and got fast. The night was very cold and Mrs. Hughes started a fire and unwittingly roasted the burglar. He yelled, and on being discovered was hoisted up by windlass and landed in jail.

Bully vs. Consumptive.

Drummondtown, Va., Jan. 4.—Thomas Dun can, a bully, and Judson Hickman, a consumptive, had a terrible fist fight yesterday. It was commenced by Duncan speaking disrespectfully of Hickman's fiancée. The fight lasted one hour, and strange as it may seem, Duncan's skull was cracked so that he died.

A Pair for Dakota.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Sam Hanser, governor of Montana, is here, trying to have the territory admitted as a democratic state. The territory has one hundred and twenty-six thousand people. Thinks will act as a pair for Dakota republican.

Col. Robert Ingersoll is accused by the Cleveland liberal league of appropriating \$580 belonging to them.

Communicated.

Ed. HERALD:—The time of this writing finds us commencing a new year with fresher hopes and brighter prospects, than we had in the one just past. As for this part of the country, everybody is enjoying good health at present.

J. B. Fox is fast completing the pump-logs with which to furnish your beautiful town with plenty of good mountain water, which will be conducive to health, as well as beneficial in case of fire.

As John Clinton's camp shut down the day before Christmas, and was not to resume work until after New Year's it has given your correspondent abundant time for recreation and visiting. We spent New Year's at Mr. J. A. Clinton's and witnessed a grand reunion of the Clinton family. We will here state that Dewit Clinton has been in eastern Oregon for several years. But on New Year's day they were all assembled at their father's house to partake of a New Year's dinner. At the suggestion of Mrs G. W. Clinton all of the family sat down to the table to enjoy the repast alone, to suit the occasion. The additional ones by marriage and the invited guests preferred to wait, and witness the scene which the family had not had the pleasure of enjoying for years. And very beautiful it was too to see all of the children that are living, at one table, presided over by their father and mother. In all it was a pleasant affair for all. The only thing that hindered to any degree to lessen the pleasures of the occasion was the absence of Dewit's family. There are eight children living; Dewit is the oldest son and Ison the youngest. Miss Margaret is the oldest daughter living and Mrs Thos. Johnson is the youngest. In the evening there was a social party at L. L. Harmons which was pronounced by all as the best of the season. They danced until daylight next morning; everybody went home with the impression that it takes Lee and his hospitable lady to give a good dance and supper.

Market Report.

Table with market prices for various goods like Eggs, Apples, Flour, Butter, Cheese, Beef, Mutton, Salt Pork, Corned Beef, Hams, Bacon, Lard, Potatoes, Cabbage, Onions, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Beans, Apples, Raisins, Currants, Wool.

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