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MISCELLANY.

Iron Works for Washington Territory.

A syndicate of English capitalists, it is said, will shortly construct iron works in the territory. The company is composed of leading iron manufacturers in various parts of England, and a large amount of money has been subscribed to carry out the enterprise.

Some people are of the opinion that the most available spot will be on Ship Harbor, which is a short distance south of Whatcom. The company estimate that 90 per cent. of their manufactured iron will be shipped to foreign countries.

There are some things which, if the farmers would remember, would mitigate his discouragement over the low prices of produce. In the first place his crops are enormous—he has much more of everything to sell than he usually has which partly makes up for the low prices.

It seems that our scars over the whole side immigration of the Chinese was unnecessary. There is no real inducement for bringing them to this country, for they are not so good laborers as any other race that comes here.

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COUNTERFEIT PRESENTMENTS

Of our beloved ones are always treasures. We should never delay in securing them, while we can; and to those of our readers who visit Portland, we would say, do not return without visiting the San Francisco Gallery, S. W. corner First and Morrison streets, and getting your photographs taken, you may not have another opportunity to secure a perfect likeness and a highly finished picture.

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A Hero of Many Scars.

In his home in Hastings a hero lies dying. His name is Gen. Charles Powell Adams, a familiar name in St. Paul and the State of Minnesota, and known to fame through the military annals of the country.

Gen. Adams has had a checkered experience. He is a native of Pennsylvania. Entering the war as a private, he rose to the rank of Major General.

After the war the martial spirit was invoked in a successful campaign against the Sioux, with a vast area of territory to cover in the dead of winter.

Mary Wager Fisher, correspondent of the Rural New Yorker is traveling through this country; in one of her articles she pictures her meeting with old Mrs. Boycott as follows:

At Carroll's where we touched the Columbia, a woman came into the saloon to ride to the next station. She wore a worried look, and after a little time I asked her some questions which led her to talk almost incessantly for the remainder of the way.

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ECONOMY IN SCHOOL BOOKS.

Should We Have a Change?

To the Editors of the Columbian: The publishers of Bancroft's Readers are placing these books before the County Superintendent of Oregon and asking their adoption in place of the Independent Readers in use during the past six years.

1. THE EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES: A comparison of the relative merits of the books as school readers cannot well be made in a newspaper article, where the books are not present to be compared.

2. THE FINANCIAL GAIN:—This will appear (1) in its cheaper retail price of the Bancroft's series after the books are once introduced.

Table comparing Bancroft's and Independent Readers. Bancroft's: First Reader \$ .25, Second " .40, Third " .55, Fourth " .65, Fifth " .90. Independent: First Reader \$ .25, Second " .40, Third " .75, Fourth " 1.00, Fifth " 1.25.

By a comparison of retail prices of Bancroft's Readers with those now in use it will be seen that Bancroft's are \$1.00 cheaper per set of 5 books, or 20 cents per copy, or 25 per cent. This is well worth saving.

3. THE FINANCIAL GAIN:—This will appear (2) in the gain of the time of teachers. At this point comes in the objector and says: "But what are we going to do with our old books. We can't afford to throw them all away and get new ones."

The publishers were prepared for this objection, because it is now a new one. But they do not meet it as it has been met by other publishers on former occasions, needless of the interests and wishes of the public.

1st. That only the old reader of a particular grade is received for a new reader of the same grade; that is, a First Reader for a First Reader, a Second Reader for a Second Reader, etc.

2nd. That at the end of three months this mild extortion was replaced by a prompt advance to full prices for all books purchased, the old books remaining in the hands of the pupil, counting for absolutely nothing.

Bancroft & Co. present no forcing process of this kind. Their proposition differs from the above in both particulars.

1st. When school opens after July 1885, all children who have finished their old readers may exchange them for the new higher reader, that must be bought in any event, and save 2/3 of the usual price.

2nd. All children who have not finished their old readers, at the close of the preceding year, can give them in payment for the higher book which they need when the lower is finished—in six months or in twelve months or eighteen months or any other time when they need the higher book.

But in addition to this the Independent series has a sixth reader which is used in many schools increasing the cost \$1.50. We have given the prices at which the Independent Readers have been sold. If these prices are reduced when the publishers solicit a new contract, it will be because our competition has forced them to it, but they have not, up to this time, been reduced in Oregon. It may be of interest to the public, however, to know that the publishers of the Independent readers offered them to the Board of Washington Territory on the 17th of last July at \$30 a set cheaper than this. Why they were not reduced to the people of Oregon at the same time so that they could avail themselves of the reduction during the present year, is not for the publisher of Bancroft's readers to explain.

We ask of the public the careful consideration of the above proposition. We think that the bargain of extra "cost" in making a change, is put to death. We have made the statement as fairly as we know how to make it. We ask only that it should not be rejected without justification and investigation is inevitable acceptance.

A. L. BANCROFT & Co.

THE WORLD OF AGRICULTURE.

The AGRICULTURAL WORLD, one of the best, if not the best, farm papers of its class, is making a great success of the plan inaugurated by its editor a few years ago.

There were 32 numbers sold of the dance on Thanksgiving eve at the Masonic Hall. Schuyler Davis, Ed. Pott, T. Tom Welles and a Miss Anderson from Lewis River were residents. The supper prepared by Mrs. Ellen Parry is said to have been magnificent.

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At a noted hardware dealer's man from Columbia County hauled out a Mist. "What is that?" inquired the merchant. "The Mist," replied the man. "Well, anybody must be a fool that would pay two dollars for a thing like that," retorted the merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoyt gave a party on Thanksgiving eve. There were 30 present. It is said to have been a very enjoyable time, and wound up with a dance. All present were pleased, and said they had the grandest kind of a time.

Ladies' Medical Adviser.

A complete Medical Adviser for Women, handsomely bound in cloth and illustrated. Tells how to prevent and cure all diseases of the sex, by a treatment at home. Worth its weight in gold to every lady suffering from any of these diseases. Over 10,000 sold already. POSTPAID ONLY 50 CENTS. Postal Note or 2ct. Stamps. Address NUNDA PUBLISHING CO., Nunda, N. Y.

Eugene Semple and L. G. Palmer have made a donation of lumber, Dr. Wall has furnished the paint, and a number of carpenters and others have volunteered their services, and the engine room under the City Hall is to be finished up. Until repairs are completed, the hook and ladder tracks will be housed with the old hand engine in the Elbert building, opposite this office.—Register.

New York, Nov. 30.—A mad dog made people scatter at the corner of Houston and Mulberry streets this afternoon. In the midst of the excitement a well-dressed gentleman made a run for the rapid animal, picked him up by the nape of the neck and cut his throat with a penknife, saying quietly at the same time; "That's the way we do in Massachusetts."—Telegraph.

We have received Ridley's Fashion Magazine for Winter 15 cts. per copy. E. Ridley & Sons, New York. It is a very desirable book to peruse, and any one can get a better idea of what is fashionable and the price thereof than from any other book with which we are acquainted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COLUMBIA CITY, Dec. 1st '84.

MAJOR ADAMS:—Dear Sir: Will you be kind enough to give notice through your paper that we will have a dance here Christmas night, and Mr. Howe of Portland will be the Editor, with an able assistant from our own neighborhood. Mr. Tom Watts will be Flour Manager. We have also invited several good callers to attend, and expect to have a good time generally. Our friends are all invited. Yours very truly, N. PINCHENEZ.

POLLYFOXIN FARM, OGN, Nov. 29/84.

EN. COLUMBIAN—I write a few lines and give the ups and downs of this locality. Hunter's Point is becoming a place of importance and of quite a pleasing appearance, it being opposite Kalama, W. T. at which place, most, if not all this side the River do their trading.

FREEDPORT, W. T. E. G. ADAMS Esq.—Yourself and ladies are respectfully invited to attend a Grand Masquerade Ball to be given at Freedport Hotel on New Year Eve, 1885. Tickets including supper \$2.00. ANTHONY BERGMAN.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. S. A. Miles went with Josiah Fullerton to Portland and soon got on the track of the robber who had succeeded in going through Portland as well as Columbia County. He possessed a great number of aliases, but was the same old thief for all that. Here he passed under the name of Howard. Mr. Fullerton got \$56 of his money back, the rest was scattered. The watch he had bought of Howard preceding the robbery belonged to the grandchild of Mr. Beck in Portland. Mr. Docker knew the rascal in Deadwood, where he passed under the name of Howard, and had a courtesan for a wife. Evidently a tall egg rotten in the yolk.

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OVER 5,000,000 BIRDS IN ONE FLOCK.

The passenger pigeon is one of the most wonderful of birds. Wilson's description of their camping grounds is: "As soon as the young were fully grown, and before they left their nests, numerous parties of the inhabitants from all parts of the country came with wagons, oxen, beds, cooking utensils, many of them accompanied by the greater part of their families, and encamped for several days at this immense nursery. Several of them informed us that the noise in the woods was so great as to terrify their horses, and that it was difficult for one person to hear another speak without bawling in his ear. The ground was strewn with branches, broken limbs, eggs and young equal pigeons which had been precipitated from above, and on which herds of hogs were fattening. Hawks, buzzards and eagles were sailing about in great numbers, and seizing the squabs from their nests at pleasure, while from twenty feet upward to the top of the trees the view through the trees presented a perpetual tumult of crowding and fluttering multitudes of pigeons, their wings roaring like thunder, mingled with the crash of falling trees." It is utterly impossible to estimate the numbers that congregated together. On some trees more than 300 nests were found, and the branches were continually falling, owing to the weight of the old birds. The amount consumed by a flock of these birds is wonderful. Wilson calculates that, taking the breadth of a column of pigeons he saw to be only one mile, its length to be 240 miles, and to contain only three pigeons in each square yard (taking no account of the several strata of birds one above the other), and that each bird consumes half a pint of food daily, all of which assumptions are below the actual amount, the quantity of food consumed in a day would be 17,000,000 bushels. Supposing this column to be one mile in breadth, and flying at the rate of one mile a minute for four hours, and supposing that each square yard contains three pigeons, the square yards in the whole space, multiplied by three, would give 2,200,270,000 birds! In the Kentucky country, where they are most found, they appear suddenly, darkening the sky so completely that all work and labor is given up until they have passed. The air is filled with their noise, and in some places mortars are used to bring down hundreds at one discharge. Their rapidity of flight is wonderful.

THE WORK OF ONE DAY. In the fall of 1790, Burns shot off at one heat the matchless "Tale of Tam o' Shanter." The poem was the work of one day, of which Mr. Burns retained a vivid recollection. Her husband had spent most of the day by the river-side, and in the afternoon she sought him with her two children. He was busy engaged crocheting to himself, and Mrs. Burns, perceiving that her presence was an interruption, loitered behind with her little ones among the broom. Her attention was presently attracted by the strange and wild gasconades of the lord, who was now even at some distance, agonized with an ungoddorable access of joy. He was receding very fast, and with tears rolling down his cheeks, those animated verses which he had just conceived:

"New Year, O' that had that been gane, A' pu'p and strappin' in his gane." "I wish ye had seen him," said his wife; "he was in such ecstacy that the tears were hopping down his cheeks." The poet, having committed the verses to writing, came into the house, and read them in high triumph at the fireside. He ever after regarded it as the masterpiece of all his poems, and posterity has not, I believe, reversed the judgment.—Men of Letters.

AN AMERICAN EFFORT AT LATIN.

Somewhat credits the Rev. James Freeman Clarke, of Boston, with the following story: "On one occasion I tried the new method of pronouncing Latin. I was traveling in Italy. My wife, happening to see a priest pass by, asked me the meaning of the tonsure. At that moment, not recollecting its significance, I said: 'I don't know; but there is a priest, and I will go and ask him.' So, not knowing Italian then, I first constructed a Latin sentence thoughtfully. I thought I had made it very well, and then I put it exactly, as I thought, into the Italian pronunciation, got it ready to say, and then went to him and said it. 'Ehi! Che dite?' he asked. So I repeated it again. 'Ah,' said he, 'I understand. Here, take this man to a confessor. He wants to confess his sins.' That was as near as I ever came to the continental pronunciation of Latin, and I have never tried it since."

CONFECTIONS FROM RAGS.

The manufacture of glucose from rags, the novel industry recently started in Germany, is regarded with much disfavor, and it is understood that the German Government will be likely to interfere with the business. The glucose is said to be mechanically identical with grape sugar. The process, which is represented to be very cheap, is as follows: Old linen rags, which are composed of hard vegetable fibers, are converted into dextrose by the application of sulphuric acid, and the product thus obtained is then washed with milk of lime. Next it is treated with a stronger solution of the sulphuric acid than the first used, when the material is immediately transformed and crystallized into glucose, from which appetizing jellies and tempting confections can be made.

Excursion Rates to New Orleans.

On and after November 20th tickets from Portland to the world's fair at New Orleans and return may be purchased by way of any direct northern route for \$146.75. This is the first class rate. No excursion rates will be made on emigrant or second class tickets.—Telegraph.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of F. A. Fowler, Deceased. The undersigned, having filed his final report in the above matter, the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, has set the 24th day of January, 1893, at the Court House at St. Helen, in said County, as the time and place for hearing objections to such final report and the settlement of said estate.

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Visitors to Portland

Should not forget to call at Towne's San Francisco Gallery, where may be seen photographs of all the leading men and women of Oregon and Washington Territory. Skillful operators always in attendance, and the most minute attention paid to pictures of children. Don't forget the location, S. W. Corner First and Morrison streets, up stairs. No trouble to show specimens to visitors. Street railroads pass the door every ten minutes, and this is the nearest gallery to the five principal hotels.

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