

OREGON SCOUT.

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ANGLERS now fish by electricity. A small battery is attached to the rod, and near the hook is a small electric light. The fisherman lights up his lamp and the unusual phenomenon attracts the fish. The baited hook does the rest.

The best conductors of electricity are silver, copper, gold, zinc, platinum, iron, tin. The poorest conductors are dry air, ebonite, paraffine, resin, sulphur, sealing wax, glass, silk, wool, dry paper, porcelain.

HERE'S another good argument for taking the tax off of tobacco. A Missouri wretch fired a pistol at a passenger train near Rich Hill, and the ball hit a passenger. It would have made a serious if not fatal wound but for the fact that he had a plug of chewing tobacco in his vest pocket. The bullet struck the plug, and was thus stopped in its course.

A CITIZEN of Orlando, Fla., has a dog that accompanies him everywhere even to church. One Sunday the owner concluded to break the canine of his church-going habits and ordered him home. The dog retreated until his master was out of sight, then promptly turned back, entered another church and remained until the service was over.

MR. GRAIG, of New York, undertook to drive a cat out of a cafe. The contract was a bigger one than he could fulfill without assistance. The cat jumped at him, bit him in the face, caught the lapel of his coat, scratched his chin, cheek and neck, and bit his left wrist through to the bone. The waiter had to pull the infuriated animal off.

DR. JULIUS POHLMAN thinks the reason why our teeth decay so fast is because we do not use them enough, and, like other organs that are not exercised, they tend to atrophy. Our teeth become weak because unused to hard work. The author warns mothers and nurses not to give the children soft food, if they would have them have good teeth—in other words, make them eat their crusts.

TELEPHONIC communication can be carried on between ships at sea by means of a sound-producing apparatus attached to each vessel, to be worked under the surface of the water. Each vessel also has a sound-receiving apparatus to take signals. Intelligible signals could be produced by this apparatus which would be transmitted through the water in all directions with considerable velocity.

JOHN H. CORMER, living on the Oklawaha River, Fla., shot an alligator over eight feet long. Opening it out of curiosity, he was surprised to find, snugly ensconced therein, a water snake about a foot long, and eleven young snakes. The reptiles had evidently been in their novel home some time, as the liver of the alligator was six inches out of its normal position, and was flattened out in places by the continued pressure of the snakes.

THE family of a Georgian were awakened the other night by a great noise under the house which shook violently. At first they were sure that an earthquake was in progress, but investigation with a lantern showed that a cow was under the house. How she got there was a mystery, as she could not stand upright. It was her horns and back that made the noise and shook the house. The householder had to get a pick and spade and dig a ditch, in which the cow walked out.

METALS may be platinized by a new and cheap process in which the metallic object is covered with a mixture of borate of lead, oxide of copper and spirits of turpentine, and submitted to a temperature of from 250 deg. to 330 deg. This deposit, upon melting, spreads in a uniform layer over the object. Then a second coat is laid on, consisting of borate of lead, oxide of copper and oil of lavender. Next, by means of a brush, the object is covered with a solution of chloride of platinum, which is finally evaporated at a temperature of not more than 200 deg. The platinum adheres firmly to the surface and exhibits a brilliant aspect. If the deposit be made upon the first coat the platinum will have a dead appearance. Platinizing in this way costs, it is said, about one-tenth the price of nickel-plating.

The world breaks the hearts of its best benefactors, and then, after many days, builds them sepulchers. If you would raise the age in which you live, you must live above it, and to live above it is to be misunderstood, perhaps persecuted.

TELEGRAPHIC.

An Epitome of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

Andrew Biebel and Mary Henn were drowned while crossing Crow river in a boat at Delano, Mich.

The factory and warehouse of the Eau Claire Sash & Door Company, at Eau Claire, Wis., burned. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$60,000.

Rear-Admiral Charles Stewart Bagge died at New Brunswick, N. J., of paralysis and general debility. He leaves a widow.

James Cummings, manager of the commercial agency, committed suicide at Dayton, Ohio, by shooting. He had been dealing heavily at bucketshops.

C. S. Wertner, known as a crack pigeon shot, has absconded with \$5000 belonging to the Waverly Building Association, of which he was the secretary.

Will English, colored, living in Bonham, Texas, stabbed his wife near the heart three times. He then stabbed himself in several places, inflicting fatal injuries. The cause was jealousy.

William Bullock, an employe of the West Shore railroad at Newark, Wayne county, New York, shot his wife four times with a revolver, killing her instantly. He then shot himself, inflicting a fatal wound.

A serious cutting affray took place in the suburbs of Fort Smith, Ark. Lizzie Posey, a lewd woman, stabbed Josie Martin in the breast fatally for appearing against her in the Police court. Mrs. Posey is in jail, and Josie Martin will die.

Phillip Held, a young farmer living fourteen miles west of Lemars, Iowa, shot and instantly killed his mother, and shortly afterward committed suicide. The trouble which existed for some time in the family culminated in a squabble over selling a horse.

Hardy Posey, colored, was lynched at Bessemer, Alabama, for an attempt to rape a girl 15 years of age. The town is surrounded by armed negroes, who threaten to burn the houses and kill the citizens to avenge the lynching of Posey.

Seven children in less than two years is the record of Mrs. Phoebe Lynch, of Seymour, Ind., who eight months ago gave birth to triplets, and who to-day is the mother of two boys and two girls. All seven, with their mother, are alive and well.

The abolition of slavery in Brazil is progressing with great rapidity. Hundreds of thousands who were slaves have been freed in the past few years, and it is proposed to set a fixed and early day when slavery shall cease.

Dexter, the famous trotter, died at the stable of Robert Bonner, in New York. He was thirty years old. He died of old age and exhaustion. Dexter was the greatest trotter of his day. He was the first horse to trot a mile in 2:17.

John Bogard, 16 years old, pleaded guilty at Kansas City, Mo., to murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to be hanged. Bogard held the hands of James Weir, at Independence, Mo., last January, while Charles E. Meyer struck him on the head, killing him. Meyer was tried last week, convicted and sentenced to be hanged.

Capt. Ramon Arguilles, of the Mexican army, and Adolfo Towesa, clerk in the Mexican national railway offices, quarreled in a restaurant at New Laredo, Mexico. At a meeting subsequently, Arguilles shot Towesa, wounding him in the groin. The latter returned the fire, killing his antagonist.

Policeman Clancy found a man named Chester Williams lying apparently dead on the back porch of a hotel in South Helena, Ark. His head was fearfully bruised either by a club or sand bag. He was taken to the station house, and was partially restored to sensibility. He says while he was walking along the levee a man ran up to him and knocked him in the head.

At a prayer meeting at a colored church in Berkeley county, S. C., two young men got into a row about a girl. They broke the meeting up. The preachers and church officers attempted to quiet the quarreling men, but they did not succeed. One of the men, named Brown, drew a pistol and blew the brains of his antagonist, Richardson, out right in the church building. The murderer has been arrested and jailed.

A duel between women occurred on the island of Corsica. The two viragoes concerned were named Francesca Fortunati and Benoit Pasqualini. A long and bitter hatred existed between them, and during a quarrel they agreed that one must die. Stilettes were the weapons employed, and they were plied with mad energy and rapidity. After a short and sharp struggle Benoit Pasqualini fell, stricken through the heart with her adversary's stilette.

Fire broke out in the second floor of a four-story flat at New York. The building filled with smoke, the inmates thought that retreat was cut off, and, panic-stricken, endeavored to escape by the windows. Mrs. Cook jumped from a third floor rear window into the yard, and was almost instantly killed. Her husband followed her, and also jumped from the same rear window, and was so badly injured that he will probably die. Catherine Mahoney, a servant of the Cook family was seriously injured, as were a number of others.

COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

A six-pound shad was caught at Ilwaco, at the mouth of the Columbia.

Gavin Duncan, a young sailor on the British ship Bhotan, fell from the rigging to the deck, a distance of thirty feet, at San Francisco, and was killed.

P. B. Barrett, of Falls City, Cal., became insane and got away from friends and drowned himself in his own well. He leaves a wife and four children.

Charles E. Bevan, a young merchant of Wheatland, Cal., shot and killed himself. Business troubles were the cause of the suicide.

Henry H. Lindenburger, 24 years of age, and a salesman in San Francisco, Cal., took poison and died. He had been sick and despondent.

The great Montezuma, Cal., irrigation tunnel, which will reclaim 200,000 acres of land, is completed. It is over a mile long, running under one of the ranges of the Rocky mountains. The tunnel and fifty miles of canal will tap the waters of the Dolores river.

Peter Burke was seriously wounded at Sentinel, A. T., by a Mexican named Bastillo Ortega. During a quarrel both drew revolvers, each shooting the other. Ortega, it is supposed, is but slightly hurt, and it is thought that Burke will recover.

Domingo Solar was shot and killed by James MacCarthy at a wood ranch in the southeastern part of Virginia. Solar refused to sell or lend a pony which MacCarthy wanted. The latter is but 17, but has served two years in state prison for arson.

A horrible accident occurred near Bodega, Cal. John H. Miller was engaged in mowing hay, and had cautioned his children against running through the clover in front of the mower. Later in the day his three-year-old child playfully attempted to run in front of the machine, when it was caught by the knife, and both legs were instantly severed from the body.

A wagon and team containing M. Fay, his wife, daughter and baby, Mrs. J. Sissell and Mrs. E. Roche, broke through a bridge over the flume of the Montezuma Mining Company, near Callahans, Cal. The flume was running full of water, and the current was very swift. Mr. Fay and Mrs. Roche fell outside the flume and were uninjured. Mrs. Fay, Mrs. Sissell and the baby, together with the horses and wagon, went through the flume about a third of a mile. The baby was drowned. Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Sissell were both rescued, though they are badly bruised.

The Yaqui Indians are now at war with the Mexican federal forces in Sonora. They are fortifying different places and making a determined stand against the troops. A few days ago Maj. Enciso and Lieut. Villareal, with two columns of federals, attacked the Indians in a strongly fortified position in the Amalgama mountains, near the town of Aguaverde. A desperate fight ensued, but the federals, after a number of charges, routed the Indians from their fortification, killing seventeen and wounding a large number. The federal forces had one man killed and several wounded.

Wm. Holmes, son of A. T. Holmes, of Eberton, met with an unfortunate and painful accident, which, while not necessarily fatal, will cripple him for life. He was out hunting in the mountains near Palouse, W. T., with a rifle, when by some means not learned here, his gun was discharged, the bullet passing through both legs at the knees, and blowing one of the knee-caps off. He was brought to his home and everything possible done for him, but the nature of the wounds renders it certain that it will be impossible to do more than preserve the use of one leg.

Thomas Treste, of Chico, Cal., aged 72 years, some five weeks ago having buried his wife, married Mollie Swofield, who has just served five years in San Quentin. Treste is possessed of some property, which the woman wanted. She got a revolver and attempted to take the old man's life. She told him she intended to kill him and burn his body with the house. Treste made his escape and had the woman arrested, charged with an attempt to commit murder.

A shooting affair occurred at St. Helena, Cal., which will doubtless result in the death of a young man named Budd Vann. He, with some companions, were standing near a house of ill fame, when one of the crowd threw a rock through the window of the house, striking one of the inmates. Graham, a brother to one of the women of the house, was inside at the time, and picking up a revolver, fired into the crowd, hitting young Vann in the abdomen, and inflicting a fatal wound. He was immediately arrested.

The practice of thawing the outside coverings of dynamite cartridges over fires is largely prevalent among the miners employed in the cement quarries at Roundout, Cal. John Lynch was engaged in the thawing process. Four cartridges which he held in a tin pan over the fire exploded. Strange as it may seem, when the smoke cleared away, Lynch was not only alive, but perfectly conscious, but he presented a terrible appearance. His hands had been blown away as clean as though they had been cut off with a knife. The larynx, vocal and some of the other organs in the throat were broken in many places. His whole body presented an appearance as though he had been cut and slashed by a bowie knife, yet, in that horrible condition, he lived five hours.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Legislation Pertaining to the Interest of the Pacific Coast.

SENATE.

The house bill for the relief of the First National Bank of Portland, appropriating \$8249 for money advanced to the contractor for building a revenue cutter in 1875 '76, was taken for the calendar, amended by adding several items for ship carpenters, etc., in connection with the same contract, and passed.

The conference report on the house joint resolution accepting the invitation of the French republic to take part in the International exposition in Paris, was agreed to. It fixes the appropriation at \$250,000.

The senate passed a number of public building bills, among which was a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Boulder, Colorado.

The house bill forbidding the making of "books" or "pools" on the results of trotting or running races, or boat races, or baseball, was passed.

By Anderson—Directing the attorney general to commence judicial proceedings against the Union Pacific railroad company.

The senate committee on education and labor, ordered favorable reports on the following: Senator Blair's bill to restrict the sale of opium in the district of Columbia and the territories; house bill to establish a department of labor; senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution forever prohibiting the manufacture, importation, exportation and sale of spirituous liquors in the United States.

HOUSE.

The committee on elections submitted its report in the case of Frank S. Glover, from the Ninth Congressional district of Missouri. It finds the contestant, Glover, entitled to the seat; placed on the calendar.

Bills were reported and placed upon the calendar for the erection of a public building at Cheyenne, Wyo., and increasing the appropriation for the purchase of a site for the public building at San Francisco.

A resolution providing for investigating the strike of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was reported, and referred to the committee of the whole.

The senate bill granting a pension to the widow of Gen. James B. Rickets, was amended to \$75 per month, and was passed.

Under the call of States, Dunn introduced a resolution, directing the committee on merchant marine and fisheries to investigate the far seal fisheries of Alaska, and all contracts by the government for the taking of fur seals. The committee is also directed to investigate and report upon the nature and extent of the rights and interests of the United States in fur seal and other fisheries in Behring sea, and whether any legislation is necessary for better protection and preservation of such rights and interests. Also a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information relative to fur seal fisheries in Alaska.

By Morrow—To execute certain treaty stipulations prohibiting Chinese immigration. Also authorizing the secretary of the navy to make surveys in the Pacific ocean to determine the extent and position of dangers in the track of commerce and navigation; and for the purpose of ascertaining proper locations for submarine telegraph cables.

The house passed the bill for relief of the Omaha tribe of Indians in Nebraska, and to extend the time of payment to purchasers of lands of said Indians.

PORTLAND PRODUCE MARKET.

Table with columns for Butter, Eggs, Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Dried cherries, Pitted plums, Figs, Cal. Prunes, Oregon prunes, Flour, Portland Pat. Roller, Salem do, White Lilly, Country brand, Superfine, Wheat, do, do, Barley, Oats, Rice, Bran, Shorts, Hay, Chop, Oil cake, Fresh fruits, Apples, Lemons, Riverside oranges, Los Angeles, do, Peaches, Hides, Wet salted, Murrain hides, Pelts, Vegetables, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Onions, Potatoes, Wool, East Oregon, Spring clip, Valley Oregon, do.

OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

A postoffice has been established at Sidney, Coos county, and Samuel Schuck was appointed postmaster.

George L. Mason has been appointed postmaster at Lake Creek, Jackson county, vice Joseph T. Deck, resigned.

The mail service between Vale and Burns, Malheur county, has been increased.

Adam A. Baser, the postmaster at Spicer, Linn county, has resigned, and John W. Ball has been appointed postmaster in his place.

Senator Dolph's bill, giving to Dalles City a portion of the military reservation adjacent to that town for a park, passed the senate.

T. B. Merry, of Portland, has been appointed assistant commissioner to Australia. Lieut. Marx has been appointed secretary of the commission.

John Milligan's team ran away at Lafayette, throwing him from a wagon against a tree and breaking his collar bone.

An east-bound freight train was thrown from the track near Pleasant Valley, and the fireman killed. The engineer and others were severely injured, and the train badly smashed.

There was a shooting scrape at Netarts, in which a man named McCormick was shot by another named Desmond, the bullet taking effect in the groin and making a dangerous wound.

At Astoria, Miss Rhea Durant was awakened by the noise of a man entering her bedroom, who had effected an entrance through the window. The young lady making loud outcry, the burglar decamped in haste.

While the foundrymen at the penitentiary were running off a heat, a quantity of molten metal was spilled from a ladle upon the limb of a convict named Estes. The metal slipped down the unfortunate man's leg and into his shoe. In great agony he ran and jumped into a tub of water, where he stood until the metal was cooled. His leg and foot was painfully burned.

Charles Robertson, a young man engaged in rolling logs near Erwin's mill, two miles above Silverton, Marion county, nearly lost his life by having one of the logs roll over him. The log, which was a heavy one, and was rolling down a side hill, crashed over his legs and things, and then, striking a nail, leaped over his body. In addition to other serious injuries, Robertson had several ribs broken. His hurts were considered very serious, but at last accounts he was getting along all right.

At the Dalles, the little daughter of W. H. Moody, aged about three years, got a bottle of carbolic acid, and before the mother could take it from her had innocently swallowed nearly the whole contents. Fortunately, Dr. Gilmer, in his daily visits to one of his patients, passed by the residence and immediately applied the usual antidotes for the poison and an emetic. This circumstance, and the little girl having eaten a hearty breakfast a short time previously, undoubtedly saved her life. At last accounts the child was doing well.

Fishermen all the way from St. Helens to the Cascades are idle, on account of the enforcement of the law prohibiting them from using nets with meshes less than 8 1/4 inches—that is, a mesh that stretches to that length. They say there is nothing running but blueback salmon, and they have to use a 5 to 5 1/2 inch mesh to take these, and they claim that the enforcement of the law is all in favor of the wheelmen at the Cascades. They say that when this large mesh law was made there were no wheels and no attention was paid to blueback salmon, which have now become of considerable importance, as they are used by the cannerymen.

William Garvin, a locomotive fireman, 31 years old, was killed in the Albina railroad yards, opposite the coal bunkers. While the locomotive on which he was employed, No. 37, was on its way to the bunkers to take on coal, he and Engineer Johnson put in their time oiling the valves, when they died by standing in the cab. When the bunkers were reached, Garvin undertook to step to the platform by passing between the tender and the locomotive. About this time locomotive No. 7, which had been down to the flouring mills, rounded the curve just below the bunkers pushing eight or nine cars. These cars struck locomotive 27 while Garvin was in the position previously stated and the tender being forced forward by the pressure, he was crushed to death. He died in a few minutes. There was a large gash on the right breast and the right leg was fearfully mangled. Several ribs were broken.

The advisability of testing as foggy weather signals sudden flashes, such as those of gunpowder, has been suggested to the British lighthouse authorities by Lord Rayleigh and Professor Stokes, who think the flashes might attract attention where an equal fixed light might escape notice.

An instrument called the autographometer has lately been devised, which autographically records the plan of the ground over which it is dragged. It can be carried about on a light vehicle, and when in use indicates the topography and differences of level of all places over which it passes.

There are about five hundred different kinds of humming birds. These birds belong exclusively to the continent of America and its islands. From America they range north to the Arctic regions and south to Patagonia; and from the level of the sea to the height of the Andes.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Why are women extravagant in clothes? Because when they buy a new dress they wear it out on the first day.

—The man who wants the earth, my son, is the very man the earth doesn't want.—Burdette.

—The girl who thinks she ought to marry no one lower than a Baron, generally compromises upon a Count R. Hopper.

—He was fond of singing revival hymns, and his wife named the baby Fort, so that he would want to hold it.—Our Dumb Animals.

—A comely figure in a woman has its charms. But it is the incomely figure that influences the average wife-hunter.—Philadelphia Call.

—Goliath of Gath was a big man, but that didn't kill him; it was his big nose that brot him face to face with death.—Toronto Grip.

—Women know about as much about politics as men do about making a chain stitch tidy. The difference is that men keep still about the tidy.

—'I live for those who love me,' says a Philadelphia poet. If he is like most amateur poets, then, he hasn't much to live for.—Somerville Journal.

—It is all bosh about women being afraid to tell their age. The trouble is that people are afraid to ask, and perhaps it is safer not to.—Danville Breeze.

—'Look here, Jones, I understand you called me a blooming jackass last night.' That is incorrect, Smithers. I didn't use the word 'blooming.' 'Ah, that's all right, then. Shake, old fellow.'—Philadelphia Times.

—'I'll teach you to play pitch-and-toss!' shouted an enraged father. 'I'll fog you for an hour, I will.' 'Father,' instantly replied the incorrigible, as he balanced a penny on his thumb and finger. 'I'll toss you to make it two hours or nothing!'—Boston Globe.

—Omaha dame.—'Didn't you know before your marriage that the man you loved had contracted the liquor habit?' Neglected wife.—'Yes, I knew he had contracted the habit, and if it had only staid contracted I should not have complained, but after marriage the habit expanded.'—Omaha World.

—A Western school-ma'am has become famous by getting all her pupils out of the school-house while a blizzard was in progress. Some day she may succeed in keeping them all in school while a circus procession is passing, and then her name will go down in history.

—It is stated that over five thousand pianos are ruined every year in this country by sudden changes of temperature. When this fact becomes generally known, the American people will be cheerfully reconciled to sudden changes of temperature—and some will regret that the sudden changes are not more sudden and frequent.—Norristown Herald.

—An old man was on the witness-stand and was being cross-examined by a lawyer. 'You say you are a doctor, sir.' 'Yes, sir; yes, sir.' 'What kind of a doctor?' 'I makes 'tment, sir. I makes 'tment, sir. I makes 'tment, sir.' 'What's your ointment good for?' 'It's good to rub on the head to strengthen the mind.' 'What effect would it have if you were to rub some of it on my head?' 'None at all, sir, none at all. We have to have something to start with.'—Concord (N. H.) Monitor.

A JAPANESE GENESIS.

The Oriental Story of the Creation of the Mundane Sphere.

In the beginning all things were in chaos. Heaven and earth were not separated. The world floated in the cosmic mass like a fish in the water, or the yolk in an egg. The ethereal matter sublimed and formed the heavens, while the residuum formed the present earth, from the mold of which a germ sprouted and became a self-animate being, from which sprang all the gods.

On the floating bridge of heaven appeared a man and woman of celestial origin. The male plunged his jeweled spear into the unstable waters beneath them, and withdrawing it, the trickling drops formed an island upon which they descended.

The creative pair, divine man and woman, designing to make this island the pillar for a continent, separated, the male to the left, the female to the right, to make a journey around the island. When they met the woman spoke first, saying: 'How joyful to meet a lovely man!'

The man, offended that the first use of the tongue had been by a woman, demanded that the journey be repeated, after which he cried out exultingly: 'How joyful to meet a lovely woman.'

Thus ensued the proper subjection; and this, according to the ancient idea of Japan, was the origin of the human race and the art of love.—Overland Monthly.

Virginia's Old Powder Horn.

The old "Powder Horn," an historical building at Williamsburg, Va., is in danger of falling in from neglect and decay. It was built by Sir Alexander Spotswood, Governor of the colony, in the first quarter of the eighteenth century, to store supplies in. But its greatest interest arises from the fact that it was the building in which the colonial ammunition was stored in 1775. Lord Dunmore seized the ammunition and moved it on board a man-of-war, the result being "the first gathering of an armed force in the colony in opposition to royal authority." In later years the building was used as a market, church and stable. It was bought of the city authorities in 1866, and its present owner should not allow an interesting relic of the times that tried men's souls to be destroyed.—Springfield Republican.