

OREGON SCOUT.

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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

An Interesting Resume of the Week's Happenings in Both Branches of the Nation's Legislature.

McCreary hopes to get through the House at this session a bill to provide for a permanent exposition of the three Americas, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery by Columbus.

A lively discussion arose in the House Friday afternoon, based on an article in a New York paper, declaring that there were two elements united against the Nicaragua canal bill.

As regards the commission recently appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, under a provision for that purpose contained in the last naval appropriation bill.

There are some very important measures affecting the north Pacific coast pending before Congress. Senator Dolph states that he has been promised a favorable report on the bill in the Senate for the payment of Oregon and Washington Indian war claims.

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Safe-crackers and burglars are making profitable hauls in San Bernardino.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Matters of Local and General Import Gathered from All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

At Mariposa hay is \$25 a ton. The Fresno Expositor has been enlarged.

The Dalles, Or., pays a bounty for dog scalps.

A turnpike from Chico to Oroville is projected.

The sugar refinery at Watsonville gives \$8 a ton for beets.

The streets of Traver, Tulare county, are to be graded this winter.

A woolen mill is to be started at Brownsville, Linn county, Or.

The strike on the Montana Union railroad has forced several mines to close down.

Hon. Stephen M. White fainted in the court room at Los Angeles recently, the effect of overwork.

Two squaws, who were intoxicated, rolled into a camp fire at Colton recently and were badly burned.

The Woodland town authorities want to drive out the Salvation army and raise the price of theatrical license.

Senator Stanford will be shown points for needed legislation on the southern coast.

The corporation publishing the San Bernardino Times has taken the name of The L. M. Holt Publishing Company.

Chinese gamblers have been hiring substitutes to appear for them in the Los Angeles courts and have thus escaped.

William Wright, a 14-year-old colored boy, stabbed Franklin McAllen, aged 13, with a pocket-knife at Stockton last week.

The Board of Supervisors of Sonoma county have let a contract to build a \$20,000 bridge across Russian river at Cloverdale.

The orchards, vineyards and canneries connected with General Bidwell's rancho Chico are to be leased to a San Francisco company.

Diphtheria still afflicts Bloomfield, Sonoma county. Several cases are yet in danger. The schools have been closed for six weeks.

Four celestials on a hand-car were badly injured near San Fernando, Los Angeles county, last week, in collision with a special train.

Jacob Hodge, a carpenter at the Coe mine at Grass Valley, had both arms broken recently in a fall, and it is believed he is internally injured.

Three deaths so far are reported to the Portland police as a result of the Chinese battle recently. Many are wounded, but they are keeping quiet.

Revenge and not robbery is declared to have been the motive that actuated the scoundrels who attempted to wreck the Oregon express on Tuesday.

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Samuel Sheplar, of Chicago, has purchased a \$25,000 ranch a few miles west of Santa Rosa, which he intends converting into a stock and breeding farm.

Railway postoffice service has been established on the line of the Northern Pacific and Puget Sound Shore railroads between Seattle and Tacoma.

Alfred Schwartz, of Slaughter, W. T., has been swindling the people by obtaining money on pretended certificates of deposit on San Francisco banks.

The first annual promenade concert and ball of the Grand Army of the Republic was given last week at the State capital at Sacramento and was a great success.

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Oregon's tax levy has been fixed as follows: State levy for current expenses, three and seven-tenths of a mill; militia tax, one-fifth of a mill; University, one-tenth of a mill. Total, four mills.

Charles Marshall, a noted horse-thief, was shot in the leg recently by Will Roberts, a San Bernardino deputy sheriff. Marshall was found in the brush in the mountains. He will probably die. There are eight charges of robbery against him in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

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In the trial of John A. Dimmig, of San Francisco, a book agent, for the alleged murder of Henry Benhayon in October, 1887, a number of witnesses were called, but the testimony varied little if any from that elicited at the former trial.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A Brief Mention of Matters of General Interest.—Notes Gathered from Home and Abroad.

Portsmouth, Ohio, is to have a corn fair.

Diphtheria rages in Morristown, New Jersey.

Heavy stitching on the back of a glove is bad form.

Archbishop Riorden has left Rome for the United States.

A famine is threatened among the East African colonists.

There are 3,000,000 women in the United States who work for wages.

The New York law against car stoves goes into effect January 1st.

Straw-bail goers are having an encounter with the courts in New York.

Two-fifths of the Dominion of Canada are under no-license liquor laws.

From 1880 to 1888 no less than 4,637,252 persons have come to this country.

Louisiana has five newspapers edited by women. The New Orleans Picayune is one.

The sword that Ethan Allen carried at Ticonderoga, is owned by a Lansing, Mich., woman.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is rapidly becoming one of the most enterprising cities of Canada.

The Bible has to be printed in 29 different languages to supply the people living in Pennsylvania.

From the best statistics obtainable there are about 1,000,000 Union soldiers living at the present time.

Tramps have filled up the Brooklyn almshouse. One hundred men have been put at work on the sand pile.

Alexander H. Stephens during his life educated 150 boys and 50 girls, giving them all collegiate educations.

There are 1,100 colored preachers in Tennessee, and the highest salary received by any of them is \$200 a year.

Military men believe that the White Pasha, now at Bahr el Ghazel, and moving north, is the great explorer, Stanley.

A Brooklyn boarding-school proprietress has sued a plumber for \$15,000 because the pupils have become sick from sewer gas.

St. Louis painters have condemned the practice of the painting of fire-houses and police stations by policemen and firemen.

They are going back in Philadelphia to the old fashion of selling grains and vegetables by weight instead of measure.

The Brooklyn Engineers' society last week protested against the granting of permission to a company to lay pipes for hot water.

Governor Beaver has just sent in \$1,000 for the John A. Logan monument fund of the G. A. R., collected in various Pennsylvania posts.

The Newark Law and Order league is taking steps to counteract what it deems the "growing influence of liquor interests in State politics."

Minneapolis flour men have selected St. Albans, Vt., as their distributing center for New England, and intend building there two immense storage houses.

Public men in Canada say that the Liberal party will ultimately take up annexation in opposition to the Imperial federation policy of the Conservatives.

Colorado is becoming an oil-producing State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, there are a number of wells, the yield of which is 1,000 barrels per day.

The Rev. Dr. David Spurgeon, aged 89, is an inmate of Flatbush, Long Island, almshouse. He gave away large sums and was ruined by the failure of a company.

It is estimated that from five to six million pounds of turkey and a million quarts of cranberries were necessary to enable the city of New York to enjoy its Thanksgiving feasts.

Minneapolis street-car drivers are no longer furnished with free passes. Fare must be rung up when the passenger gets on the car instead of at the time of payment of the fare.

Seventy per cent. of the infants in the Foundling hospital at Ottawa have died during the year. Within five years 607 have been buried. Improper nursing is said to be the cause.

A deposit of natural gas was struck the other day nine miles north-east of Tuscola, Ill. The pressure creates a flame thirty feet high. The discovery has caused great excitement in the district.

The Toronto Trades Council has requested the city to inform intending emigrants from England that the Canadian labor market is overstocked. The Legislature will be asked to abolish the existing immigration laws.

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THE AGRICULTURALIST

Newsp Notes Concerning the Farm and of Especial Interest to the Pacific Coast Husbandman.

There is a larger yield of cotton per acre in Missouri than in any other State.

The fresh fruit crop of California this season has an estimated value of \$10,000,000.

It is said that by forcing salt into the holes made by borers in trees, the borers will be destroyed.

The water trough needs a thorough scrubbing and scalding occasionally, or it will soon be coated with slime.

It is better to feed a cow every ounce of food she has the ability to take care of than to try to gain profit by saving feed.

Too much grain is more detrimental to breeding stock than not enough. The food should be bulky, with a small allowance of grain.

No animal is so hardy as to require no attention. The more an animal is exposed the less it will produce, either of pork, wool, mutton, beef or milk.

Major Alvord condemns dehorning in toto. He says in the Boston Cultivator that it is cruel, and argues that it does not render cattle less pugnacious.

Aged horses should have ground grain at all times or they will not thrive, owing to their inability to masticate the whole grains. Where a horse is subject to heaves it is best to moisten all the chopped or ground food.

There is no necessity for pampering a bull and allowing it to become vicious. It can be made to work, if desired, in providing power for fodder-cutters, grain-mills, etc. It is done in Europe, and is practicable here.

There is no dodging the fact that the American arbor vite is the best all-around tree for an evergreen hedge. Its hardiness, density obtained by shearing, and its rapid growth alone recommends it for the general purpose of a hedge above all coniferous competitors.

For a narrow and effectual wind-break, a double row of Scotch or white pine, in rows eight or ten feet apart and at about the same distance between the trees in the rows, will form in six or eight years, in a climate where they can be grown, a close and effectual screen.

The Iowa Agricultural college, it is said, has been crossing Southdown ewes with Shropshire bucks for four years. As a result the average of all fleeces has increased from 4.58 to 8.29 pounds, and the percentage of lambs from 77 per cent. in 1880 to 131 per cent. in 1888.

Horses can, of course, stand more exposure in cold weather than men, but the same kind of exposure that produces colds, rheumatism, etc., in men, will be liable to effect horses in the same way. It is, therefore, apparent that warm stables, good blankets and protection from severe weather are necessary.

Professor Henry gives the following as a good ration for a dairy cow where corn fodder constitutes the main portion of the coarse fodder: Corn stalks, cut, 15 to 16 pounds; clover hay, 5 pounds; bran, 6 pounds; corn meal, 4 pounds. This can be fed twice or three times a day, as the feeder prefers.

The drains should be put down before the ground freezes. A single tile drain will sometimes carry off the surplus water from a large field, but enough drain should be used to render the field dry in early spring and be in proper condition for plowing. The use of the drain will add hundreds of dollars to an early crop.

A Western dairyman has hit upon a very simple plan of warming water for his stock to drink in winter. He puts an iron plate, say 18 inches square, on the bottom of his water tank, cutting away the wood, of course, where the iron was. Under the plate he uses an oil stove. He says 10 cents' worth of oil a day would warm the water for 60 cows up to 70 degrees or more.

In developing cows for butter the feeder should be sure that he does not overfeed, but as he finds they eat with a good appetite he may add a little more to each feed, and so continue gradually to increase the feed as they will bear it. This power of digestion will increase, and he may gradually increase the milking capacity of his cows and their production of butter. The skill of that feeder has much to do with the result.

The editor of the Mark Lane Express advises farmers to cut off potato blossoms as they appear. The ball or true seed of the potato, which results from the blossom, are not only unnecessary to the formation of the tuber below, but are a prejudicial strain on the plant. He says: "I have tried it again and again on a large scale—three rows left and three rows cut—and the results have more than satisfied me."

Chairman Britton, of the inaugural committee, has received favorable answers to his requests for the use of the corridors of the Interior and Post-office department buildings for sleeping quarters for troops during the inauguration. The available space will accommodate about 10,000 men. The sub-committee on civic organization has already received applications for positions in the parade from 75 organizations, aggregating 13,000 men. This is 2000 more than there were in the parade four years ago.

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT.

The condition of the local market is all that could be desired, orders from the interior being numerous, owing to the greater circulation among the farming.

COFFEES—Sugars have declined 1c in all grades since last report, as follows: C 1/2c, extra C 1/2c, dry granulated 7/8c, cube crushed and powdered 7/8c. Coffee, with a limited stock on the market, Salvador 18@19c, Costa Rica and Rio 19c, Arbuckle's roasted 24c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams are quoted at 14c, breakfast bacon 14c, shoulders 10 1/2 @11c. Eastern meat is quoted as follows: Hams 13@13 1/2c, breakfast bacon 13c, lard 10 1/2 @11c.

FRUITS—Green fruit receipts 1888 bxs. Apples 6@7 1/2c, Mexican oranges 8@8 1/2c, lemons 4@4 1/2c per bx, bananas \$3.50@4.50 per bunch, quinces 40@50 per box.

VEGETABLES—Market well supplied. Cabbage 2 1/2c per lb, carrots and turnips 7@7 1/2c per sack, red pepper 3c per lb, potatoes 40@45c per sack, sweet 14@15c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Receipts 379 pkgs. Sun-dried apples 4 1/2c per lb, factory sliced 8c, factory plums 8@9c, Oregon prunes 7@8c, pears 8@10c, peaches 10@11c, raisins 22.25 per box, California figs 9c, Smyrna 18c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Butter receipts for the week 94 pkgs. Fancy creamery 32 1/2c per lb, choice dairy 29c, medium 27@30c, common 25c, eastern 25@30c.

EGGS—Receipts 192 cases. Oregon 35c, eastern 32@34c.

POULTRY—Chickens \$3.50@4, for large young and \$4 4/5 for old, turkeys 12 1/2 @13 1/2c per lb, ducks \$5@7 per dozen, geese \$8@9.

WOOL—Receipts for week 35,000 lbs. Valley 18@20c Eastern Oregon 16@15c.

HOPS—Receipts for week 25,600 lbs. Choice 12@14c.

GRAIN—Receipts for week 80,941 cts. Valley \$1.42@1.45, Eastern Oregon \$1.37 1/2 @1.40. Oats 22@23 1/2c.

FLOUR—Receipts for week 9139 bbls. Standard \$5, other brands \$4.75.

FEED—Barley 23@25 per ton, bran \$18, chop \$16@20, shorts \$17, baled hay \$13@15, loose \$12@15.

FRESH MEATS—Beef, live, 3c, dressed 6c, mutton, live, 3c, dressed 6c, lambs \$2.25 each, hogs, live, 5 1/2 @5c, dressed 7@7 1/2, veal 6@7c.

GOTHAM'S TALL SPIRES.

St. Patrick's Cathedral as it Appears Above the Roof.

The twin spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral are the tallest church spires in America and rank among the tallest in the world. They measured in the architect's plans 328 feet, but there has been a certain amount of gain over this in construction which makes them about 330 feet from the curb.

The only tower over a building in this country higher than this is, it is believed, the uncompleted one on the public building in Philadelphia, which will be 550 feet high when it is done. There are higher spires over European cathedrals, among them those at Vienna, Cologne, Chartres, Antwerp and Salisbury. Trinity spire in this city is 284 feet high. St. Patrick's spires, with the whole cathedral, were planned by and built under the supervision of James Renwick, of this city.

The cathedral was first projected by Archbishop Hughes about 1850. In 1853 Mr. Renwick drew the first plans. These were reduced in size and otherwise changed by Archbishop Hughes, and in 1857 Mr. Renwick drew the final plans.

The corner-stone was laid on August 15, 1868—thirty years, one month and nineteen days before the topmost stone was set in the last of the spires. The cathedral was dedicated nearly ten years ago, but the spires were then only to a level of the roof of the building. They were left in that condition until the fall of 1885, when work was resumed. It has been continued ever since, except when the weather prevented. George Mann & Co., of Baltimore, did the work under contract. It has been done without a single accident to any person employed upon the spires. The work at first proceeded rapidly, but as the distance from the ground became greater and the space in which to work decreased, fewer and fewer men were employed and shorter progress made. For the last few weeks only five or six men could be employed, and they had to be expert stepladders. The spires are of white marble throughout, except that a copper rod through the center holds the extreme upper pieces composing the final in place. The spires are octagonal in form, mounted on octagonal lantern towers that rise from the level of the roof. Their design is very elaborate, and it has been carried out with exquisite workmanship that is almost wasted at the great heights at which it is placed.—N. Y. Sun.

The case with which railroad cars get lost in this big country makes it necessary for roads to employ a regular corps of car searchers or tracers, whose sole duty is to follow missing cars and have them returned.

—Mr. Isaacstein—"Shneob, my boy, shoot try on dis coat for dot shentlemans so he sees vat it looks like." Customer (after Jacob has the coat on)—"I don't like it, Isaacstein; it looks Dutchy." Mr. Isaacstein (earnestly)—"My frant, it vassn't de coat vot looks Dutchy, dot vas Shneob."—N. Y. Sun.

—Grocer—"So you've given up drinking, Uncle Rastus?" Uncle Rastus—"Yes, sah. I haint teached a drop in fo' weeks." Grocer—"You deserve a great deal of credit." Uncle Rastus—"Yes, sah. That's jest what I sez, an' I was gwine to ask yo' Mistah Smif, ef yo' eud trus' me to er ham?"—Life.

—"George," she said, "before we were married you were always bringing me rings and breast pins and vinaigrettes and things like that. Why don't you ever bring me any thing now?" "My dear," replied George, "did you ever hear of a fisherman feeding bait to a fish he had caught?"

Feeding red pepper to laying hens is not beneficial unless given very moderately, and not often than three times a week. It acts as a temporary stimulant, but if given continually causes injurious effects.

No flower is more popular than the aster, and few have held so high a place in popular esteem for so many years, and it is still growing in favor. For an autumn show of flowers we have not its equal.

The estimated loss to the cotton, apple and potato crops from insects is \$40,000,000. Yet the farmers take no precaution to protect the birds. Every bird killed adds just the work it would perform to the labor of the farmer, who consequently has a greater number of insects to destroy.