

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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PERNICIOUS READING.

Opinions of the Eloquent Spurgeon—The Colportage Business.

Presiding recently over the twenty-second annual meeting of the Metropolitan Tabernacle Colportage Association... Opinions of the Eloquent Spurgeon—The Colportage Business.

POORLY PAID ACTORS.

Fifty Dollars a Week Less Than Twenty-five in Other Professions.

The actor whose salary is fifty dollars or less per week is not, as a rule as well off as the clerk or salesman who receives half the amount.

At all the agencies lists of actors, classified according to their special abilities are kept, and the agent generally knows pretty accurately what salaries will be accepted.

An Ailment from Erie.

A man stood on the post-office steps the other day looking across the street, and a newsboy stood in front of the man gazing at him very fixedly.

EASTERN ITEMS.

AN ENGLISH SYNDICATE WANTS THE ALTON ROAD.

The Government's Expenses—Died From Delirium Tremens—Beat the Copper Trust—Fighting the Jute Bagging Trust.

Joaquin Miller is in Chicago. Buffalo is to have a "men only" hotel. Gold has been found near Arrow Rock, Mo.

St. Louis wants the World's Fair in 1892. Salina, Kan., lawyers have a gymnasium. East St. Louis is to have an electric railway.

Chattanooga, Tenn., is to have electric street cars. Squash fried in bread crumbs is a new summer dish. A movement is on foot to form an Orange Trust.

A case of yellow fever is reported at Brunswick, Ga. Secretary Tracy is quite ill from an attack of dysentery. Gold is said to have been found in Clermont county, Ohio.

Thirty protective tariff clubs have been formed in Alabama. The average taxation in New Hampshire is \$1.64 per \$100. A wolf-hunting association is to be incorporated at Salem, Ill.

Montana's Convention will declare strongly against the Chinese. Boston wants the big show of 1892 held at Washington, not New York. Alabama farmers are fighting hard to break up the jute bagging trust.

A dispute over the payment of 22 cents has led to a law suit in Pittsburg. The stream sent by a Hartford fire engine beats the world, going 348 feet. A Chicago dime museum is trying to get hold of Geronimo and Sitting Bull.

North Dakota is expected to house about 10,000,000 bushels of wheat to sell. The Scott Elevated Railroad bill passed the Missouri House of Delegates on the 2d.

The Special Senate Committee on Arid Lands held a session at St. Paul on the 1st inst. Murat Halstead has announced that he is a candidate for United States Senator from Ohio.

Editor John Arkins, who was brutally assaulted at Denver by a blackie, is improving. The Constitution of South Dakota is longer and stronger than that of the United States.

It is contended that Black Bart had something to do with the train robbery near Kansas City. A man named J. D. Sullivan from San Francisco, died from delirium tremens at Denver, on the 3d.

Suits are pending against fourteen ex-County Treasurers in Arkansas why are short in their accounts. Kilrain is about to leave Virginia for parts unknown. He says he has no idea of surrendering himself.

C. P. Huntington will head a syndicate, it is stated, to purchase the ship-building works of Roach & Sons. Burke, the Cronin suspect, is safely harbored in jail at Chicago, and it is reported that he made a confession.

The government's expenditure in July exceeded the receipts by \$1,017,311.51, owing to the large pension payments. Hansen, the Minneapolis man bitten by a cat, is to be sent to Pasteur, who has offered to treat him free of charge.

Lightning struck an electric car at Lynn, Mass., the other day. A big scare and fortunate escapes for many passengers. A bona fide offer of \$40,000,000 has been made for the Alton Road by an English syndicate to General Counsel Beckwith.

FOREIGN FLAMES.

Railways in Ireland—To Have a Public Musical Clock—Mrs. Belva Lockwood in London.

Cardinal Lavigerie is now recovering. Extensive floods are reported in Silesia. Belgium expelled 231 foreigners in 1888. Mary Anderson's health is much improved.

Rev. Horatio Ronar died at Edinburgh on the 1st. England's biggest ship has 14,000 horsepower. The Scotch harvest promises to be early and abundant.

The Czar has approved Count Tolstol's reform projects. The practice of cremation is spreading rapidly in Italy. London's policemen number 14,247; huckmen, 14,267.

The notorious Mme. Restell is said to be living in Paris. Schnadhorst, the leader of the English Socialists, is dying. A new poem by Lord Tennyson will bloom in September.

Spain has a floating industrial exhibition at South America. Deserters from Wadel Semi say he intends to fight to the last. Bismarck hopes to bring the three Emperors together at Potsdam.

There is a gold dining-hall in the Imperial residence at Moscow. Froude indignantly repudiates the reports that he is a Home Ruler. The Shah of Persia bought a black diamond for \$6000 in Paris, last week.

The municipal council at Rome has decided to form a Pasteur institution. Queen Natalie will be permitted to meet her son only outside of Serbia. Hungary has cut railroad fares to 12 and 16 cents for fifteen and twenty miles.

The whole of Abyssinia has submitted to King Menelek except the Province of Tigre. England has annexed the Union and Phoenix group of islands, in the Pacific Ocean. William O'Brien has applied for a new trial of his libel suit against Salisbury for slander.

The Italian Parliament has suddenly been prorogued. It caused a general surprise. Not only is the city of Pisa bankrupt, but ten other Italian towns have become insolvent.

Canada has in view the project of a steamship line between Chilean ports and Quebec. There has not been a single death from small-pox in London this year. No Chinamen there. The international sugar bank agencies have announced that they have a capital of \$15,130,000.

The British House of Commons has agreed to grant \$3,000,000 to build railways in Ireland. During the past season Liverpool took 700,000 and London 350,000 barrels of American apples. Thirty persons were killed and eighty injured by the recent earthquake on the island of Kiu-Siu, Japan.

Privy Councilor Kruger has been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the German naval frauds. Queen Victoria desires to visit India, but does not think her health sufficient to stand the long sea voyage. M. Stanley is reported in an Australasian interview as saying that "the good old race of singers is dying out."

The deepest artesian well in Russia opens with a depth of 2090 feet. The sinking operation took two years. The Italian cruiser Sardegna has the largest steam engine. It is four triple expansion and has 25,000 horsepower. Fears are expressed that there will be a massacre at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, if Hippolite succeeds in his work of capture.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood, now in London, is expected "on account of her extreme individuality," to be "much sought after." It is thought that Crisp, the Italian Premier, is near the end of his power, and that with him will fall the terrible alliance.

The Spanish Government supports Austria in advising the Pope to take up his residence in Portugal if obliged to leave Rome. Lord Mayor of Dublin Sexton persists in charging the British Government with having opened the letter President Harrison wrote him. Boulanger says his mental condition never was better, and is amused at the reports circulated in Paris that he had committed suicide.

The greatest house in London before long will perhaps be Lord Portman's proposed reproduction of Woolsey's famous palace at Hampton Court. The Cretan Mussulmans have burned over a hundred houses in a village near Canca. The insurgent leaders have applied to Greece for assistance.

It is reported that Mrs. George Pendleton Bowler, of Cincinnati, has been captured by bandits in Italy. She has been traveling in Europe for years. A small committee has been formed of members of the House of Commons who are interested in the welfare of the Armenian subjects of the Sultan. Premier Salisbury says the increased war preparations of the powers are great security to peace. He does not admit that there will be an early conflict.

A cable message from the European Union of Astronomers announces the discovery of an asteroid of the thirtieth magnitude by Dr. Palesa of Vienna. Melbourne, Australia, is to have a public clock, which will roll off a popular air every hour excepting during Sunday, when only sacred music will be played. Ristic, who has so long been a central figure in Serbian politics and intrigue, is stricken with apoplexy, probably the result of his exciting labors during the past two years.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

CHINESE HIGHBINDER HANGED AT PORTLAND.

The Idaho Convention—Escaped From Folsom Prison—Eloped With a Married Man—The "601" at Truckee in Earnest.

Portland is to have a fire-boat. Eastern Nevada is purchasing California hay. Portland is urging the construction of a fire-boat.

Harvest hands in Oregon demand \$3 a day and board. Seattle intends to have a fire-boat to protect its wharves. A lieutenant and twelve men will remain at Fort Klamath.

Every salmon cannery on the Columbia river has shut down. Santa Rosa declines to suspend the 12-o'clock saloon ordinance. Washington will vote on the selection of a city for its Capital.

Many swarms of bees are found by the lumbermen up in the Sierras. The Indians are flocking to the hop fields of Washington Territory. An immense deposit of mineral soap has been found near San Diego.

W. A. Smith's dry goods store at Napa has been attached by creditors. Ten thousand dollars will be given in purses at the Santa Rosa races. George Gray, of Susanville, Cal., has gone insane from disappointment in love.

Mr. Finley, of Arroyo Grande, has walnut trees that bring him in \$10 for each tree. San Diego and San Bernardino counties are going to law about the county line. Salt Lake City has been carried by the Gentiles in a popular vote by forty majority.

Orange county has adopted as its official seal an orange with a stem and three leaves. In Tehama county the assessor levies upon alfalfa patches, and the farmers are uxorious. The Lima-bean crop of Ventura county this year will amount to 8000 tons, worth \$400,000.

A sawmill costing \$300,000 will be built at Tacoma this year by some Michigan capitalists. The value of the Columbia river salmon catch for this season is estimated at \$2,100,000. A flow of gas has been struck at a depth of 78 feet near Tulara Lake, south of Hanford.

Field fires are doing considerable damage to small holdings in the neighborhood of Portland. A. J. Elliott, a San Diego banker, has disappeared and foul play is feared, as he carried \$700. Three men have died in Tucson within a few days from drinking ice water in large quantities.

Two toughs have been arrested at Baker City, Or., and charged with passing counterfeit money. The forest fires in Montana which have been prevailing for some time, show no signs of abatement. Another little diphtheria patient—the fifth—has been sacrificed under the faith cure at Los Angeles.

Petaluma is worked up over the elopement of a foolish girl with a painter who has a wife and child. Fish Commissioner McDonald thinks salmon can be made as plentiful as ever in the Columbia river. John Miller, a plasterer, was shot, probably fatally, in a bar-room quarrel at Portland, on the 4th inst.

The Republicans of Washington will meet at Walla Walla on September 4th to nominate State officers. Laborers have reached Santa Rosa to begin grading work on the Santa Rosa and Sebastopol Railroad. The Nevada County Fair convenes August 20th and will last five days. The racing events are well filled.

The San Diego Cable Company is a new incorporation, with a capital of \$5,000,000, to work at San Diego. A San Jose man offers to lease Alum Rock Park from the City Trustees and to spend \$28,500 in making improvements. Jewett R. Howland has escaped from Folsom. He is 20 years old and was sent from Sacramento for two years for burglary.

The Sutro Tunnel property has been conveyed to the Union Trust Company of New York, which succeeds to all the property and franchises. Emmanuel Verdugo, who murdered Louis Cohn, a prominent citizen and merchant of Nogales, A. T., has been arrested in Mexico and taken to Tucson.

The Starting of the extensive lumber yard at Moss Landing by the Pacific Lumber Company of San Francisco, has created a lumber war in Salinas Valley. Mrs. Lizzie Grant, wife of J. D. Grant, Jr., of the firm of Murphy, Grant & Co., died on the 8th inst. at San Mateo, of heart disease. She was 27 years of age.

Three Superior Court Judges sitting in bank have decided that all contracts made by the Coronado Beach Company for the sale of lands there and at South San Diego are valid. The railway up Mount Vesuvius has been reopened for traffic. Six months ago it was nearly destroyed by the malicious Vesuvian guides, who found that the line considerably diminished their profits.

The creditors of the Standard Live-stock Insurance Company, which recently failed at Reading, Va., will realize nothing. The Constitutional Convention at Helena, has decided that the State of Montana shall pay its Governor a salary of \$5000.

HOME AND FARM.

Horse Radish as a Poutice—Successful Crops—Plowing Sod—How to Make Soap—Corn Fritters.

Tepid water acts promptly as an emetic. Horse-radish as a poultice, is recommended for rheumatism. Trim up the shade trees and have them in good shape and attractive.

Finely sifted coal ashes are excellent for providing dust baths for poultry. Fresh boiled milk with cut sugar will soothe a cough when other things fail. Sprinkle cayenne pepper in the resort of rats and they will leave the premises.

Better feed the inferior fruits and vegetables to the hogs than to send them to market. Many a vigorous, fruitful tree owes its existence to a mulch, at this season, when it was young.

How to Make Soap.—Three and a half pounds of grease, four gallons of salt water, if possible; one box of concentrated lye. After the lye is dissolved boil three hours. Horses should have at least two hours rest at noon. On very warm days horses suffer severely. They should be watered often, and at night should be swabbed and wiped dry.

Filthy quarters cause lice on all classes of stock, and at this season the vermin multiply very rapidly. An animal that is infested with vermin cannot be kept in good condition, even with the best of feeding. The hens will now begin to moult. Keep the hens that moult early, as they will lay in winter. Late pullets will seldom lay before spring, but pullets hatched not later than April should lay in November.

Corn Fritters.—One cup of corn, one cup of oatmeal, one cup of flour, one egg, one tablespoon of butter, one teaspoon of salt. Drop with a spoon into boiling lard. These fritters taste like fried oysters. Cucumbers are sometimes served as an entree when prepared thus: Take good sized ones and peel them and slice them lengthwise; dip each slice into cornmeal seasoned with pepper and salt; fry them in hot lard until they are a delicate brown.

Beef Croquets.—Take cold roast beef, mince it fine, put in an onion chopped fine, sweet marjoram, a little powdered cloves, moisten with the beef gravy; make it into balls, dip in the beaten yolk of an egg, roll in flour and fry them in lard. The City Council of Spokane Falls, after an investigation into the inefficient working of the water facilities at the beginning of the recent fire, are satisfied Superintendent Jones was negligent in leaving an incompetent person in charge of the water works, and will make him vacate.

Chee Gong, the murderer of Lee Yick, November 6, 1887, was hanged at Portland on the 9th inst. Chee Gong declared his innocence to the last. His speech on the scaffold impressed many with the belief in his innocence. About seventy-five persons witnessed the execution. Plant turnip seed. The ground is in excellent condition, being damp, and the seed should germinate quickly. As soon as the young plants throw out leaves scatter wood ashes along the row. Give the crop extra attention when the plants are young, and but little work will be required later on.

The best time to use the cultivator is on warm, dry days. All weeds and grass will then be quickly killed by the sun, and will have no opportunity to take root and grow. If the ground is damp when it is cultivated the weeds and grass will not be entirely destroyed and the work may have to be done over again. Sweet potato plants should now be spreading, and unless they are cultivated the task will be more difficult after the vines cover the ground. They should be hilled up in order to avoid heavy rains. It is not too late to replant the missing places if a handful of fertilizer is scattered around the plants that may be set out.

Green tomatoes fried are preferred by some people to the egg plant, and may well take its place; cut the outer slices off, and then cut the inner part in slices about half an inch thick, roll them in flour and fry in butter; sprinkle pepper and salt on them. This may be used as an entree or a garnish with meat of any kind. A pretty Chair.—A friend of ours with more taste than money is constantly surprising her acquaintances with little exhibitions of ingenuity. One of the latest of her achievements is this: Somewhere about the house was an old-fashioned, rush bottomed rocker, a relic of the days of our grandparents, a comfortable chair enough to sit in, but wearing a correspondingly time-worn appearance. Out of its hiding place my friend brought this uncomely affair and applied a couple of coats of vermilion to it, which quite metamorphosed its appearance. A square of homespun linen, old but good and strong and mellowed by time into a soft cushion color, made a capital cover for a cushion to the same. A spray of flowers mingled with wheat heads, worked in crevices, served as ornamentation for this cushion, and there isn't a prettier chair in town for the amount of time and trouble expended upon it.

Plowing Sod.—It is a question rarely decided among farmers at what time it is best to plow sod for a corn crop. This question is best settled by considering what is expected of this operation. The great point is that the corn shall procure a large portion of its nutriment from it; another is that the corn may be planted on fresh clean ground so that it may get ahead of the weeds by rapid and vigorous germination. How, then, can these important points be best secured? Clearly by permitting the herbage to grow as long as possible, and by deterring the plowing until the last moment. Then a large quantity of the most acceptable food for the young corn is plowed under; the soil is mellow, moist and fresh; planting is done under the best conditions. The seeds of weeds will sprout quickly and a light harrowing before the corn is up will destroy the germs and clean the ground of myriads of them, lightening the after-labor of cultivating the crop. A top-dressing of manure on the sod before the plowing will be a great assistance.

PORTLAND MARKET.

ACTIVITY CONTINUES IN THE MERCHANDISE MARKET.

Sugars Remain Firm at Last Quotations—Provisions are Active—Wool Weak and Lower—Butter and Cheese Firm.

In the local merchandise markets the general activity continues, and has been considerably increased during the past few days by the unexpected demands from Spokane. The draw-back of unfairly discriminating rates is not considered when people are homeless and hungry. Time is the main object, and time at least is saved by getting supplies here. City retailers report a seasonably quiet week's trade. The decline of 1/4c on all grades of sugar noted last week has not varied since. The provision market is active, but one or two changes being noted. Butter and cheese are firm and advancing, both here and in California, the result of the dry weather. The wool market is still weak and lower. The grain market has not moved much, and shippers continue their quotations.

GROCERIES. Sugars, Golden C 6 1/2c, extra O 6 3/4c, dry-granulated 8 1/2c, cubes, crushed and powdered 8 1/2c. Coffee: Guatemala 19 1/2 @ 21 1/2, Java 25 @ 27c, Costa Rica 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2, Mocha 37c, Rio 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2c, roasted Java 30 @ 32c, Arbuckle's roasted 23 1/2c. PROVISIONS. Oregon ham 13 @ 13 1/2c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2 @ 13c, sides 9 1/2 @ 10c, Eastern ham 13 @ 14c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2c, sides 9 1/2c, shoulders 9c. Lard 9c.

FRUITS. Peaches 75c @ \$1.50, apples \$1 @ 1.25, lemons \$8, Sicily \$7.50, pears \$1 @ 1.25. DRIED FRUITS. Apples 4 @ 5c, evaporated 6 @ 6 1/2c sliced 6c, pears 8c, peaches 8 @ 10c, Oregon plums 3 @ 4, petite prunes 3 @ 6c, German 5 1/2 @ 6c, prunes, Italian 7c, silver 6 1/2 @ 7c, California figs 7c, Smyrna figs 14 @ 15c, apricots 13 @ 14c, raisins 1.75 @ 2.25 per box. VEGETABLES. Potatoes, new, \$1 @ 1.10, sweets 3 1/2c per lb, onions \$1.10, green peas 6c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS. Butter, Oregon family 30c, medium 17 1/2 @ 20c, common 10 @ 12 1/2c. Eastern 22c, California 18 @ 20c. EGGS. Eggs 18 @ 20c. POULTRY. Chickens \$3 @ 4, broilers \$2.50 @ 3, old \$5.50 @ 6, young geese \$8 @ 10. WOOL. Valley 18 @ 22c, Umpqua 20 @ 22c, Eastern Oregon 10 @ 15c. HOPS. Hops 10 @ 12 1/2c. GRAIN. Wheat, Valley \$1.20 @ 1.22 1/2, Eastern Oregon \$1.10 @ 1.12 1/2. Oats 40c. FLOUR. Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.75 @ 3.90. FEED. Hay \$13 @ 14 per ton, bran \$14.50 @ 15, chop \$18 @ 20, shorts \$16.50 @ 17, barley \$20 @ 22.50.

FRESH MEATS. Beef, live, 2 1/2 @ 3c, dressed, 6 @ 6 1/2c; mutton, live, 3c, dressed 6 @ 7c, hogs live 6c, dressed, 7 @ 7 1/2c; veal 6 @ 8c. Warning to Chinese Dudes.

The acting Governor of Kiangsu, Hwang, has issued a proclamation calling attention to the sumptuary laws of the collected statutes of the Ta-t'ing Dynasty, which he says will be vigorously enforced as regards wearing apparel. The people of this province (which includes Soochow and Shanghai), are, he observes, notoriously extravagant in their way of living, striving to surpass each other in the richness of their apparel, and their want of propriety is shown in the crowded state of flower boats and restaurants where men and women assemble together. The bright-colored jackets and waistcoats of the young men, embroidered at neck and sleeves with flowers and other ornaments, are shocking to the view of sober, respectable citizens, who know that money should not be squandered by men on such things. It is a Governor's duty to watch over the behavior of the people committed to his charge, and he warns them, therefore, that young men dressed in a foolish, extravagant way will be arrested and punished, and the responsibility of their fathers, elder brothers and tutors will not be overlooked.—Pekin Gazette.

—Sensible hotel proprietor (anxiously)—"Hasn't the sea serpent been reported to-day yet?" Office boy—"No, sir; no one hez seen it." "Look! There comes a sailing party in now. Rush down to the beach and ask them if they saw—" "No use, sir; that's a temperance crowd."—Philadelphia Record.

—"I can't understand, Bobby," said his father, "why you should quarrel so much with Tommy White. Your mother tells me you quarrel with him most of the time." "I can't help it, pa," replied Bobby, thoughtfully. "I guess I must get my disposition from you and ma."

William Meetz killed James Craik at Charleston, S. C., on the 3d. The case was somewhat similar to that in which Dr. Dow Killed Editor Dawson.

The Interstate Railway Association is formulating a plan which will bring the Canadian Pacific under the same restrictions imposed upon roads in this country. A 13-year-old lad, named Logan, from near Edinburgh, arrived at New York on the 5th, having a tag in his button-hole directed to Mrs. J. Chellsrand of Eureka, Cal.

The Idaho Constitutional Convention, in its framed provisions, excludes polygamists and those who believe in polygamy and plural marriages, and disfranchises all Mormons.