

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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## UNION OREGON.

An Indian in the Everglades, Florida, it is said, is still holding in slavery negroes that were his when the war broke out.

The almost incredible statement is made by a South Florida man that it has rained more or less in the vicinity of his home on the 29th of May for the past nineteen years.

Abraham Shearer, of Canada, concluded to run away from his home and wife. When he reached the train the first person he encountered was Mrs. Shearer, who had been simultaneously seized with the same notion.

A man who died lately near Sparta, Ga., could repeat the names of all the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the beginning of the government. Yet all this never brought him an engagement in a dime museum and was't worth a dollar to him.

A test has been made in France to see whether the color of a horse had anything to do with his characteristics. It has been demonstrated that any such idea is all nonsense. Pedigree and early training have all to do with it, and color nothing whatever.

A resident of Palatka, Fla., while in Clay County saw an entire family working in a five-acre field. In the middle of the field was a plow, to which was hitched the old man, assisted by the son and daughter, the mother of the latter doing the plowing.

The women of Chicago have established the first college of practical arts for women in this country. It is designed to give women a practical insight into the avenues of business life, such as law, railroads and even "life insurance."

At the big spring near Fort Decatur, the Governor of Alabama said to the Governor of Tennessee, "I can say to you what the Governor of South Carolina said to the Governor of North Carolina—but it will be cold water." They smiled.—Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

The ways of auctioneers in different parts of the world vary greatly. In this country and England the seller bears the expense of the sale, but in France the purchaser bears the cost, five per cent. being added to his purchase. In Holland it is still worse, the buyer being required to pay ten per cent. additional for the expenses of the sale.

Near Summerville, La., a lady went into the woods and caught a small green snake by the head. Covering it up she went into the house where she was boarding and asked the man: "Don't you want a pretty?" "Yes," said he. She threw out her arm. The man's wife was standing by and was so alarmed at seeing the snake squirming about that she fell back dead.

"Mistah Jones, I hyah yoh's been habin' trouble." "In what way?" "Why, dat yoh wife done run away wuf Pete Jenkins." "O yes." "You has my sympathy." "Much obliged." "I'm glad ter note dat you don't take it 'hah't." "No, I ain't had time to think about it much." "What yoh bin doin'?" "Bin sympathizin' with Pete Jenkins."—Merchant Traveler.

A party of gamblers at Montague, Mich., were treated to an unwelcome surprise one night recently. A woman who suspected that her husband was one of a coterie who met in a quiet block slipped up to the room and rapped on the door. The inside guard opened the door. There was immediately a general scramble. Two knights of the green baize jumped into bed and pulled the quilts over themselves, while others sought any available nook or corner. The wife collared her erring liege and led him triumphantly forth.

A Boston man says that when Edison first thought of making a phonograph he perfected most of the details before even drawing a plan. When he had the idea well developed, he told an old German who made models for him to make a machine after a certain pattern. The inventor didn't hint what he wanted it for, but occasionally sent an order for a change or alteration to be made, without even looking at the model. Finally the German took the machine to Mr. Edison, who fitted a bit of tin foil into it, turned the crank, and spoke into the funnel the words of that famous poem beginning "Mary had a little lamb." The German looked on as though he thought that the inventor had gone crazy. Then Mr. Edison reversed the crank, and in that queer, piping voice now so familiar, the machine repeated the lines. "Mein Gott!" said the German, throwing up his hands. "Mein Gott! it talks!"

## Progress vs. Prejudice.

"Laura," said the old man, "will you have some taters?"

"If you refer to the farinaceous tubers which pertain to the solanum tuberosum and which are commonly known as potatoes," replied the sweet girl graduate, "I would be pleased to be helped to a modicum of the same. But taters? Taters? I'm quite sure, papa, they are something of which I never before had the pleasure of hearing."

The old man pounded on the table until the pepper-caster lay down for a rest and then remarked, in a voice of icy calmness: "Laura, will you have some of the taters?"

"Yes, papa."

Is our boasted high school system a failure or is it not?—Terre Haute Express.

# EASTERN ITEMS.

## DROPPED FROM THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT CINCINNATI.

President Harrison Dines With Mr. Blaine—Sudden Death—The Idaho Convention—Rich Petroleum Deposits in Mexico.

Mexico is to have a fair in 1892.

Baltimore is to have a cable road.

Fighting before Port-au-Prince continues.

John Leonard, the well known Fenian, is dead.

Hop culture is to be undertaken in Manitoba.

A Sweet Potato Trust has been formed in Baltimore.

John L. Sullivan was tried at Purvis, Miss., on the 12th inst.

The President dined with Mr. Blaine at Bar Harbor on the 8th.

Rheumatism is immensely fashionable at Boston, says the Herald.

A carriage road to the top of Pike's Peak has just been completed.

The new shoe shop in the Maryland penitentiary has begun operations.

The reports of yellow fever at Tampic, Mexico, are pronounced unfounded.

A horse stealing industry has been organized along the Upper Mississippi.

Rich petroleum deposits have been discovered in the State of Guerrero, Mexico.

The drought in Mexico has killed thousands of cattle, and an epidemic is feared.

The total circulation of money in the United States, August 1, was \$1,379,986,937.

The New York delegation, it is said, will support Reed for Speaker of the next House.

The National Prohibition Camp Meeting at Decatur, Ill., proves to be a big success.

Colonel James Corry, U. S. A., retired, died suddenly at Fortress Monroe on the 9th inst.

President Harrison has promised to visit California during his vacation next summer.

The prediction is made that by 1895 the Nicaragua Canal will be open for business.

The Governor of St. Louis has respited Anderson, the wife murderer, until September 13.

President Harrison is expected to outline his message while at Deer Park in September.

Chicago hotel men are a unite in favor of having the World's Fair of 1892 located in that city.

A Washington county, Ohio, farmer, 90 years old, assists the hands in the harvest field.

A Georgia prophet predicts the end of the world on the 16th of August. Come again, old "Proph."

Jay Gould said at Saratoga the other day that this is going to be a prosperous year for big railroads.

The Florida State Board of Health requires all cities of 10,000 inhabitants to dispose of refuse by cremation.

Captain Joseph Skerrett has been recommended for promotion to Commander by the Naval Examining Board.

The Australian ballot system will have its first test in this country at the coming State election in Massachusetts.

Forty-eight persons were declared insane in Brooklyn during July. Insanity seems to be epidemic in that city.

Gigantic mining and manufacturing interests in the South are projected by New York and Virginia capitalists.

Commissioner Tanner and ex-Governor Russell Alger are candidates for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army.

The Knights Templar claim they will have fully 20,000 men in the parade at the triennial convocation at Washington.

The Johnstown Relief Committee on the 1st inst., reported a disbursement of \$800,000 out of about \$3,000,000 available.

The Idaho Convention memorializes the Government to prevent speculators securing water privileges in the territory.

The work of distributing the remainder of the relief fund for the Johnstown flood sufferers is to be pushed on as rapidly as possible.

A backwoodsman, while visiting Rock Springs, Wyo. T., a day or two ago, learned for the first time of the Johnstown disaster.

Jacob Sparyard, who was sentenced to be hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., on the 9th, has been reprieved until August 30 by the President.

The coke strike in Pennsylvania is ended, the employes having carried the day. The operators have conceded everything demanded.

The semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock of the Oregon Improvement Company is declared, payable September 3d.

Thomas, the runner, who is believed to be swifter than Caniff, will compete in the American and Canadian championship contests this fall.

Another attachment for \$200,000 has been placed on the Riverside Mills property, at Providence, R. I.

Trouble is apprehended in Wilson county, Tenn., over the preaching of Mormon elders. The people talk of driving them from the country.

There is suspicion that English refiners are seeking to combine with the American trust, in order to control the sugar markets on two continents.

Robert Morrell, the Pike county, Ind., octogenarian, has passed the fifty-fifth day of his fast. "He is shriveling 'p like a dried peach," says the physician.

The male and female buffaloes now at the Union Stock Yards, South St. Paul, are about to be shipped to New York State to breed with Polled Angus cattle.

Dan J. Phelps, who sustained the full force of a 2,200-volt current of electricity at Louisville ten days ago, a current, according to theorists, strong enough to kill an elephant, returned to his work on the 10th inst.

# FOREIGN FLASHES.

## Japan's Treaty With Russia—The Congo Railway—On the Pay Roll Eighty-One Years—Wants the Cup.

It is thought Parnell will visit India. Krupp's statue has been raised at Essen.

There is to be an American theatre in Paris.

Emperor William will visit Madrid in September.

Emperor Francis Joseph has left Vienna for Berlin.

A large emigration from Scotland is now going to Chile.

Lord Dunraven is mentioned for the Governorship of Bombay.

Bull-fighting is getting a foothold among French amusements.

The Anti-Slavery Conference at Lucerne has been abandoned.

Owing to a lack of sugar the Greenock Refinery of London has shut down.

A National Temperance Congress is to sit for five days at Birmingham, England, in October.

An International Congress for photographing the skies will meet at Paris on the 22d inst.

The funeral of Felix Pyatt, the political agitator and writer, took place at Paris without incident.

There have been no so many Americans in Stratford-on-Avon for years as there are this year.

The inquiry into the Kiel navy frauds proves that corrupt practices have been in operation since 1884.

The funeral of the late Italian statesman, Benedetto Cairoli, took place at Naples with great pomp.

Sydney Buxton has undertaken to submit a motion to Parliament next session in favor of free education.

Prince Alexander of Battenberg has been appointed to the command of an Austrian regiment at Styria.

In memory of the late Lady Kinnaird, a proposal has been mooted to establish a women's hospital in India.

Japan has concluded a treaty with Russia, similar to those concluded with the United States and Germany.

A new restaurant in London is to be run so as to furnish travelers of every nation with their accustomed food.

The Radical party in the Italian Parliament is agitating the question of the cession of Trieste to Austria just now.

William Scott, an employe of a London publishing firm, who died recently, had been on their pay roll eighty-one years.

There is much growling in Ireland over the action of the Irish members of Parliament in voting for the royal grants.

A verdict of death from tight lacing comes from a Birmingham jury, expressed as a verdict of "Death from pressure round the waist."

Suicide among German officers increases shockingly. During May twenty-three shot themselves, and the number for June was larger still.

It is rumored that the Queen has at last yielded to her physicians and will take a long sea trip, perhaps to India, or possibly to Canada and the United States.

A report is current that the Russian Government is pressing the Regents of Servia to expel ex-King Milan from that country.

Heale House, near Salisbury, famous as having been the hiding-place for ten days of King Charles II, was sold recently.

William E. Gladstone's speech on the royal grants was caught by a phonograph and will go down to posterity just as he delivered it.

Sufficient subscriptions have been received to enable the projectors to begin the construction of the Congo railroad immediately.

The Black Diamond business, which produced a momentary excitement in the English press, seems to be already forgotten in London.

The Russian Government has prohibited the sale of the Century Magazine in Russia on account of George Keenan's Siberian articles.

The mistress of Boulanger has written to Louise Michel certain disclosures concerning the General which are of an important character.

The report that Italy had withdrawn from the international blockade of the East African coast is officially declared to be without foundation.

Letters of Boulanger produced before the French Senate tend to prove that Boulanger shared with Bourci the commissions paid by army contractors.

The Congo State will ask the Belgian Government for an annual subsidy of 200,000 for ten years to insure the continuance of the whole Congo railway.

Dr. Schreiber, a chemist of Cologne, has discovered an explosive more powerful than dynamite, and at the same time cheaper and safer. He calls it "petragit."

Dr. Brown Sequard's new elixir of life was considered at a recent meeting of the French Biological Society, and M. Variat told of some very successful experiments made by him.

J. W. Smith, of Los Angeles, was arrested at London, England, and fined £5 and costs for carrying a pistol. He arrived from America with his father and brother last week.

The Porte, in view of the Russian movements on the Armenian frontier, will expedite the new fortification works at Erzeroum. A host of men are already constructing redoubts.

A popular practice of the abandoned Whitechapel, London, women is to demand money, and upon refusal charge the man who refuses to be "sood up" as being Jack the Ripper.

It is rumored at Glasgow that the son of North, the "Nitrate King," is negotiating for the purchase of the yacht Thistle and will put in a centerboard and compete for the America cup.

Several of the large land-owners of Scotland have imported a number of reindeer from Norway and turned them out in the hope that they may become acclimated and increase.

# THE PACIFIC COAST.

## DAVID S. TERRY, EX-SUPREME JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA, KILLED.

United States Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Field Arrested—Commits Suicide—The Steamer Umatilla Grounded.

Healsburg has an axle-grease factory. Watsonville's building boom keeps up.

The Bank of Hueneme is open for business.

A hot spring has been opened at Temescal.

The revenue cutter Corwin is at San Diego.

The Healsburg Tribune has been enlarged.

Santa Ana is organizing a military company.

The Chico and Colusa Guards are in camp at Sisson.

San Diego is trying to suppress the Salvation Army.

Gambling places at Napa have been closed by the sheriff.

Glanders has done much damage to horses at French Camp.

In a collision at Napa, on the 13th four flat cars were demolished.

The Catholics at Santa Rosa are negotiating for a burial lot near town.

Chinese laborers are pouring into Fresno to work in the vineyards.

Two men who robbed a stage near Bonanza, Or., have been arrested.

The fires in the mountains in Idaho can only be checked by heavy rains.

Camp Miles and Camp Dimond, at Santa Cruz, are lighted with electricity.

The scarcity of water in portions of Montana is causing mills to shut down.

Every vessel leaving San Diego now carries from ten to fifteen tons of honey.

John Kearns was assaulted and probably fatally wounded by John O'Keefe at Stockton.

Ellensburg, W. T., believes that the popular vote will make it the capital of the State.

Fred H. Fiegel of San Francisco was knocked down and robbed at San Jose on the 11th.

George B. Mauders of Ogden, Utah, was crushed to death at Pocatello, I. T., by two cars.

The remains of ex-Judge David S. Terry, was interred on the 10th inst. at Stockton, Cal.

The attachment on the Pomona Bank has been raised and the concern will resume business.

The Northwestern Firemen's Association will hold a tournament at Tacoma September 10th.

A charge of embezzling county money is made against Justice of the Peace Jones at Merced.

The barn of William Curtis, with 200 tons of hay, was burned near Sacramento on the 12th inst.

Helena will remain the capital of Montana until the popular vote of the State decides otherwise.

Ora E. Hunt was successful in the competitive examination at Ukiah for a West Point cadetship on the 10th.

The Oregon Veterans will take with them to Milwaukee a carload of grains, fruits and minerals, the products of their State.

There is every prospect of a sugar-beet factory being established near Chino, San Bernardino county, in the Pomona Valley.

Ida, the 8-year-old girl of J. H. Crockwell, at Virginia City, who was burned by a coal oil explosion on the 12th, died on the 14th.

Charles A. Fisher, traveling salesman for Kohler & Frothing, of San Francisco, committed suicide at Butte, M. T., on the 13th inst.

The San Francisco Bulletin records the receipt of "the first bale of California hops" on the 10th inst., and credits the production to Yuba county.

Efforts to float the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Umatilla, which went aground on the 13th at Brown's point, near Tacoma, have proved futile.

David S. Terry, ex-Supreme Justice of California, was shot and killed on the morning of the 14th, in a railway eating station at Lathrop, Cal., by Deputy United States Marshal David Nagle.

Justice Stephen J. Field, of the United States Supreme Court, was arrested at San Francisco on the 10th inst., on the charge of being a party to the killing of David S. Terry at Lathrop, Cal., on the 14th inst.

John White, alias John Pearson, talked scandal about two ladies at San Jacinto, George J. Dennis, resigned. Judge Horton will hold the office until President Harrison makes the appointment. Hutton is a democrat and a fine lawyer.

It is reported that the whole country fifteen miles west of Portland is burning up in forest fires. The flames are licking up everything in their vicinity, rendering the land completely barren, and the people are compelled to move to places of safety.

C. F. Ferry, whose name is connected with a Paris scandal, and who is just now at his home in Tacoma, W. T., has made a public statement in which he accuses his wife of attempting to blackmail him. He says he will vindicate himself if at the proper moment, but that he will make no further statements until he is heard in the courts.

# HOME AND FARM.

## A Good Egg Food—Doing Up Curtains—Improved Methods of Pasturing—Treat Animals Kindly.

Salt pork sprinkled with red pepper is excellent for soor throat.

When peeling onions keep your mouth closed and you won't have to cry.

Sand paper applied to the yellow keys of the piano will restore the color.

A good furniture varnish is made of two ounces white wax, one gill of turpentine.

The luster of morocco is restored by varnishing it with the white of an egg. Apply with a sponge.

Marble should always be washed with ammonia and water rather than with soap and water.

Ham Toast.—Chop very small bits of boiled ham, with not much fat. To one pint of chopped ham add two well-beaten eggs, a half teacup sweet cream or milk, a little pepper, and, if necessary, salt, an eighth of a teaspoon of dry mustard. Heat this mixture thoroughly; when hot spread over slices of toasted bread which have been dipped in hot salted water, and well buttered.

A Michigan cattle-breeder says he has settled one question quite firmly with his herdsmen, and that is that dumb brutes must be treated with uniform kindness.

In illustration of its practical value he relates that some cattle he bought in Kentucky last fall were wild as deer; if any one went into the barn where they were, they would spring up, try to get away, and make themselves generally disagreeable. He has them now so that they are quiet and docile as lambs—a result "obtained by good feeding and uniform kindness."

Bathing.—While we advise frequent bathing for the farmer and his hands, we would also provide bathing facilities for the domestic animals. Fortunately the farmer whose land borders upon a lake or stream of sufficient depth to allow the horses, cows, etc., a frequent bath. Not only will the animals enjoy it, but the boys will find it more fun than work.

Often a small stream may be so dammed as to retain the water and form a suitable bathing place. Do not allow the animals to drink from such artificial bathing pools, especially if the bottom is muddy.

A scant teaspoonful of sugar added to each pint of meat gravy, imparts a delicious flavor that can not be obtained in any other way. It is also an improvement to soups, if added in the same proportion. If meat has been allowed to stand a little too long before it is cooked, sprinkle a little sugar over it before removing it from the fire, and the unpalatable taste will be removed. A teaspoon of sugar to every pint of milk should always be used when the milk is to be thickened with corn meal.

Outmeal is much improved if sugar is put in while it is cooking instead of being put on it at the table.

A Point for Bee-Keepers.—Here is the substance of a bit of dauber literature in "Gleanings in Bee Culture" by Professor Cook, of the Michigan Agricultural College: A mud dauber is an economic creature. When it gets a cell ready to be sealed up, it finds a spider, paralyzes it, puts it in the newly constructed cell, inserts a dauber egg in the spider's plump body, and seals the house up. The egg hatches and the thing of life goes to work and slowly eats up the spider. As it eats it grows, and as it grows it eats more spider, and finally emerges from its cell a regular mud dauber.

In domesticating certain animals, we make them conform their habits to our own purposes, and as an offset to this, we relieve them of all trouble in hunting for their food. In providing for the various comforts that they would seek in the wild state, one is often overlooked—that is, shade. Look at animals in a pasture in which there is abundant shade, and where do you find them during the hot portion of the day? Certainly not exposed to the sun, and grazing, but every one, whether horse and cattle or sheep and pigs, quietly resting and endeavoring to digest in the shade the food they have eaten earlier in the day.

A Good Egg Food.—Now here you have what many a poultry keeper wants whether he or she be in town or country—a recipe for the preparation of superior egg food. It is furnished by Mr. James Rankin, one of the most successful raisers in the land. Listen and note: Ten pounds of the best feed scraps, five pounds of fine ground bone, two pounds of granulated or powdered charcoal, one pound of sulphur, two ounces of Cayenne pepper, and four ounces of salt. Give it in the soft food. It is said by those who have tried it to give excellent results, and to be worth more than many of the much more costly egg foods which are placed upon the market.

Doing up Curtains.—A more economical method of doing up curtains than to send them to a laundry is described by a good housekeeper as follows: Dust them thoroughly, and if there are any breaks or tears in them, mend them before washing. Do not wring them, but pass through a clothes wringer, keeping them straight; boil a few minutes, then rinse in cold water. Blue the starch a trifle, do not make them too stiff; then lay sheets on the floor and spread the curtains on them, taking care to stretch the work straight and true. Pin the edges on the sheet and let them lay till perfectly dry, and you will be convinced that home laundrying of nice curtains is far preferable to hiring them done up, as they will last longer and look nicer than when pressed by hot irons.

Improved Methods of Pasturing.—The large breeds of sheep cannot be turned out on an inferior pasture to be compelled to find their food. They must, like the steer, be made to produce as much as possible in the shortest period of time. They will not grow rapidly if they are to forage over the whole farm and be forced to work for all they get. The foraging system will answer for the merino, but large sheep do not thrive in large numbers. Only the best of pastures, the best of stock divided, and a mess of grain at night, will force them. True, it requires more labor and care, but it pays, and as the matter of sheep raising is one for profit the labor will always be paid for before the estimate of profit can be made. If more money can be made on one good sheep than from three inferior ones it is a waste of time and pasture to keep the natives. The greatest profit is derived from the merino breeds, and the best pastures on the farm can be given up to them with profit.

# PORTLAND MARKET.

## CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN THE MERCHANDISE MARKET.

Coffees Have Advanced Slightly—Fruits and Vegetables Remain Active and Firm—No Change in Dried Fruits.

In the local merchandise markets continued activity and an excellent tone are the general rule. The city trade is comparatively quiet, but country orders are liberal, and stocks no sooner arrive than they are shipped again. Sugars have dropped 1/2c while coffees have advanced 1/2c. Fresh fruits and vegetable remain very active and firm. There is no change in dried fruits and the condition of trade generally is very good. For dairy produce and poultry the market continues firm at last figures, with advancing tendency. Wheat remains quiet and unchanged. The demand for flour continues good at last quotations. The wool market is very dull owing to the heavy failures in the East, and probably will not regain any buoyancy until those have been settled. We quote.

SUGARS.—Golden C 6 1/2c, extra C 6 3/4c, dry granulated 8 1/2c, cube, crushed and powdered 8 1/2c. Coffee: Guatemala 19 1/2c, Java 25@27c, Costa Rica 21@22 1/2c, Mocha 37 1/2c, Rio 22@23c, roasted Java 30@32c, Arbuckle's roasted 24 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@81.50, apples \$1@1.25, lemons \$8, Sicily \$7.50, pears \$1@1.25.

DRY FRUITS.—Apples 4@5c, evaporated 6@6 1/2c, sliced 6c, pears 8c, peaches 8@10c, Oregon plums 3@4c, petite pr