

The Oregon Scout.

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Old Fashioned Harvesting.

Harvesting with the rude implements was a scene. Imagine three or four hundred wild Indians in a grain field armed, some with sickles, some with butcher knives, some with pieces of hoop iron roughly fashioned into shapes like sickles, but many having only their hands with which to gather by small handfuls the dry and brittle grain; and, as their hands would soon become sore, they resorted to dry willow sticks, which were split to afford a sharper edge with which to sever the straw. But the wildest part was the threshing. The harvest of weeks, sometimes of a month, was piled up in the straw in the form of a huge mound in the middle of a high, strong, round corral; then three or four hundred wild horses were turned in to thresh it, the Indians whooping to make them run faster.

Suddenly they would dash in before the band at full speed, when the motion became reversed, with the effect of plowing up the trampled straw to the very bottom. In an hour the grain would be thoroughly threshed and the dry straw broken almost into chaff. In this manner I have seen 2,000 bushels of wheat threshed in a single hour. Next came the winnowing, which would often take another month. It could only be done when the wind was blowing, by throwing high into the air shovelfuls of grain, straw and chaff, the lighter materials being wafted to one side, while the grain, comparatively clean, would descend and form a heap by itself. In this manner all the grain in California was cleaned. At that day no such thing as a fanning mill had ever been brought to this coast.—Gen. Bidwell in Century.

Excessively Quiet.

A young woman married and went to live at the country residence of her husband. Her health was not good, and it was decided that she should spend a year in strict retirement. At the end of six months, however, she returned to town, declaring that so quiet a life was more than she could endure. It appeared that during that time she had had thirty-seven different servants, one of whom was discharged for an attempt to set the house on fire and one for an attempt to rob the plate closet. The finding of coal in Marin county, Cal., does not cause a furor in San Rafael, as it has been generally known for years back that coal veins of some considerable size exist along the bay shore of that county. A re-examination of the veins may cause a development that will prove of value.

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Bogus \$1 pieces are plentiful in Washington.

Port Townsend is to have a telegraph fire-alarm service.

San Diego reaped a winter crop of \$150,000 from visitors.

About 200 acres of sugar beets have been planted near Ontario, Cal.

North Yakima has decided to issue \$60,000 in bonds for a sewerage system.

Portland shippers say there will be no cut in rates in flour to Japan and China.

Salt Lake has voted to issue \$300,000 in bonds for school sites and school-houses.

The sale of Umatilla-reservation lands has begun at Pendleton, Or., and will continue about forty days.

The projected dry dock at Vancouver will be built this summer. It is intended that it shall receive the largest vessels afloat.

Surveyors of the Southern Pacific have laid out the line of a new road along the mesa at Yuma above flood height. Work will commence shortly.

The anti-Sunday Saloon Association of Tacoma failed to secure convictions of saloonkeepers whom it caused to be arrested, and was forced to pay the costs.

The report, which was given by an Albuquerque (N. M.) paper a month since, to the effect that a number of Chiricahua Apaches had been quietly removed to Arizona from Alabama was untrue.

Within twenty-five miles of Olympia is a tin mine, which promises to develop into a valuable property. It is in Mason county near Shelton. The ore has been tested in a crude way and found to be rich in that metal.

The snow has gone from the prairies of Eastern Oregon. No stock to speak of has been lost. The grass is good, and the prospects for abundant crops are very promising. The bunch-grass folk will be prosperous this year.

Under the new vagrancy law of California, which went into effect last week, the records of the police stations show many entries. It is reported the police will soon raid the well-dressed vagrants who infest the more frequented streets.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

Illinois Sheriff Works the Gallows as a Ten-Cent Museum.

Annual Report of Glibier-Pasteur Institute Shows That Not One Patient Has Died From Hydrophobia.

The farmers are organizing unions in Canada.

The Indians at the Carlisle School have \$11,000 on deposit in bank.

A community of Benedictine monks is to be established in New York city.

About forty-seven of a class of fifty-two at the Naval Academy will graduate in June.

The carpenters and joiners of St. Louis will make a demand for 40 cents an hour on May 1.

It is said that the consumption of imported beer in New York city has greatly increased of late.

Work has been ordered to commence at Portsmouth on the outfits of the cruisers and gunboats now being built.

The Arkansas Legislature has approved a joint resolution favoring the election of United States Senators by the people.

The United States steamer Galena, which went ashore off Gay Head, Mass., has been floated and taken to Vineyard Haven.

Millionaire Perrien, who was recently abducted at Detroit, has offered \$3,000 for the arrest and conviction of the abductors.

Governor Hill of New York has signed the bill appointing police matrons in all cities of that State containing over 25,000 inhabitants.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has adjourned without rendering an opinion in the case of ex-Governor Thayer vs. Governor Boyd.

Pittsburg has been chosen as a nucleus for the eight-hour movement in the building trades, to extend all over the country, in May.

Peter McClelland, Jr., has won a suit in the United States Court at Waco, Tex., which gives him property in the town worth \$500,000.

The annual report of the Glibier-Pasteur Institute in New York shows that 828 persons were treated for dog and cat bites. Not one patient died.

It is stated at Indianapolis that the grand jury has found an indictment against the Big Four road for violation of the interstate commerce law.

Captain Henry E. Catley, Second Infantry, has been acquitted by the court-martial at Omaha. General Brooke, it is said, disapproves of the finding and acquittal.

The Standare Oil Company has reduced the price of fuel oil to 20 cents a barrel. This is the beginning of a war of endurance with the Manhattan Oil Company.

There is a report in New York that Count Karolyi has bought off the young woman to whom his son was married, and the young Count had returned to Buda-Pesth.

The efficacy of Koch's lymph has been successfully demonstrated at San Antonio, Tex. It is claimed that twelve lives have undoubtedly been saved by the remedy.

Thomas B. Wanamaker, son of the Postmaster-General, denies the Wall-street report that the Vanderbilts have bought his father's interest in the Reading syndicate.

The will of Lawrence Barrett bequeaths to his wife all his furniture, pictures, clothes, plate, china, jewelry, wines and household stores, and the rest of the property in trust to his three daughters.

It is believed on Wall street that a new syndicate of American and European capitalists is being formed for the purpose of supplying funds to aid in the completion of the Nicaragua canal.

Major Estes G. Rathbone of Ohio, at present chief postoffice inspector, has been tendered and has accepted the office of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, created at the last session of Congress.

Secretary Noble states as his opinion that the Cour d'Alene reservation in Idaho is now open to settlement and may be entered under homestead act upon payment of \$1.50 per acre, half of which is to be paid within two years.

The Illinois Sheriff, who a few days admitted the public at 10 cents a head to see his gallows, sold a foot of the hanging rope for \$1. This was a fancy price, however, because the piece had blood on it. The people talk of having him indicted or removed from office.

The appeal of the Catholic Bishops of Canada against the allowance of the act passed by the Legislature of Manitoba abolishing separate schools in that Province has created quite a sensation in political circles at Ottawa. The authority of the provincial government will not be questioned.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Count Tolstoi's Socialistic Colony Proves a Failure.

It is Rumored in Berlin That the Kaiser is Showing Continued Evidences of Insanity.

Germany's population by the recent census is 49,420,842.

Every trade in France is being organized for a general strike.

The Chilean government is planning naval operations in the north.

Albert Drecais, French Ambassador at Vienna, will probably succeed Herbetto at Berlin.

It is said Emperor William has deeply offended by his arrogance nearly all the German Princes.

The Archbishop of Chili has issued a pastoral condemning the strong revolutionary sympathies of the clergy.

Bavaria by a recent census numbers 5,689,382 inhabitants, the female exceeding the male population by 131,396.

There are indications that the Czar was not unaware of the attempted assassination of Stambouloff at Sofia.

A submarine gun sunk to a depth of 350 feet in Lake Como expelled a projectile with sufficient force to sink a boat.

It is stated on good authority from Rome that Monsignor Charles Edward Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal, will be made a Cardinal.

Governor Costa has joined the Rocamitre coalition, thus settling the Argentine political question. The elections passed off quietly.

It is estimated in the Allahabad Pioneer that the treasure lying idle in India in the shape of hoards or ornaments amounts to \$1,350,000,000.

One of Meissonier's suggestions to the French government is about to bear fruit in the shape of the establishment of a grand military museum in Paris.

The Pope has re-established the donation of the astronomical observatory at the Vatican and declared that he is solicitous for the interests of science.

Italy, while not taking part officially in the Chicago World's Fair, will give every facility to those artists and manufacturers who desire to exhibit their works.

A new departure in cremation is reported. A patent has been taken out in France for an electric furnace for the rapid incineration of human remains.

The Salvation Army, which has flourished in Berlin only a short time, has already drawn members of the nobility to its ranks. The Baroness von Lillencranz is now an officer of the army.

The movements of Russian troops near the German frontier and the evidence of cordial intimacy between Russia and France have caused much anxiety in Berlin.

At Moron, Argentine, during the elections 200 voters attacked the police, and general firing ensued, which lasted two hours. The killed and wounded number twenty.

It is rumored in Berlin that the Kaiser is showing continual evidences of insanity, and the Russian Ambassador is said to have declared that his acts ought to be treated as those of an irresponsible person.

Rumors are current in Europe of the probable abdication of King George of Greece. His son Constantine, the Duke of Sparta, will assume sovereignty if abdication takes place.

Buenos Ayres has been wildly excited since the dastardly attempt to murder the Minister of the Interior, General Julio A. Roca, on February 20, and a state of siege has been declared.

Sergeant Meyer of the German reserves has been sentenced to sixteen years' imprisonment for inciting men to Socialism and disobedience of the orders of the Emperor during the maneuvers near Berlin.

The London Times published a long article on Congo matters, and warned King Leopold not to unduly extend the Belgian influence in Africa, lest the European powers partition the Congo State among themselves.

The Council at Calcutta has passed the age of consent bill and the factories bill. The latter prohibits the employment of children under 9 years of age, and establishes regulations to govern the labor of children under 14 and women.

Public opinion in Rome goes to show that no sympathy for the lynched Mafia is manifested, the excitement over the first news having died away. Many Italians say it would be well if other members of the Mafia were treated in the same way.

Minister von Boetticher is about to take a leave of absence from Germany, and will be away till autumn for the sake of his health, and he will then resign, owing to the recent unpleasantness arising from the supposed borrowings from the Guelph fund.

The Netherlands-American Steamship Company, owing to the unsettled condition of affairs in Buenos Ayres, has decided to withdraw its fleet of four ships plying between Rotterdam and River Plata and put them in service between Rotterdam and Baltimore.

A distemper which has recently appeared among the peasants of the Russian province of Kazan is attributed by the medical authorities to be "the bread of poverty" which the famished population eats. For want of rye, wheat or potatoes they bake bread of acorns, which produces colic, swelling of the limbs and distension of the abdomen. The disease is fatal in many cases.

It is said that the Empress Frederick of Germany is sorely hurt by the disastrous result of her visit to Paris. This complete failure, the first time that she has been admitted to any participation in her son's plans, is doubly annoying to her, because it gives her enemies a chance to laugh at her. Prince Bismarck is said to have more fun out of this incident than anything else that has happened since his fall from power.

Washington and Marshall.

I am told by a great-grandson of the chief justice of a scene between Washington and Marshall in 1798, to which the date—that of the year before Washington's death—tends emphatic interest. Marshall was summoned to Mount Vernon, and arrived there late one evening to find the general urgently determined that he should enter congress, a move to which, for many reasons, Marshall was opposed. For hours the argument went on, neither yielding his strong will to the other. At last, in some heat, Washington ended the conference by wishing his guest an abrupt good night. At sunrise, next morning, Marshall arose, intending to make his way to the stables and ride off, trusting to time to heal the breach between two tried and trusted friends. In the grounds he encountered the general, who, suspecting his purpose, had risen earlier. Extending his hand, Washington asked his young friend's pardon for the expressions he had used the night before, then smiling, inquired what he was now about to do.

"Do?" said Marshall, moved to the heart, as he gripped the general's hand. "Why, sir, I am going to congress."