Christmas, as all well know, is the day celebrated as the one on which Christ was born. The institution of this festival is attributed by the spurious Decretals to Telesphorus, who flourished in the reign of Antoninus Pius (138-61 A. D.), but the first certain traces of it are found about the time of the emperor Commodus (180-92) A. D.). In the reign of Diocletian (284-305 A. D.), while that ruler was keeping court at Nicomedia, he learned that a multitude of Christians were assembled in the city to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, and having ordered the church doors to be closed, he set fire to the building, and all the worshipers perished in the flames. It does not appear, however, that there was any uniformity in the period of observing the nativity among the early churches; some held the festival in the month of May or April, others in Jan. It is, nevertheless, almost certain that the 25th of Dec. cannot be the nativity of the Savior, for it is then the height of the rainy season in Judea, and shepherds could hardly be watching their flocks by night

in the plains. Christmas not only became the parent of many later festivals, such as those of the Virgin, but couldn't even fight Costa Rica suc- of a little river steamer, the Mary, then especially from the 5th to the 8th cessfully and has been taught a tied up at the landing, had gone several century gathered around it, as it were, several other festivals. partly old and partly new, so that what may be termed a Christmas cycle sprang up, which surpassed all other groups of Christian holidays in the manifold richness of its festal usages, and furthered, more than any other, the completion of the orderly and systematic distribution of church festivals over the the whole year. Not casually or arbitrarily was the festival of the nativity celebrated on the 25th of Dec. Among the causes that cooperated in fixing this period as the proper one, perhaps the most powerful was, that almost all the heathen nations regarded; the winter-solstice as a most important point of the year, as the beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature, and of the gods, who were originally merely the symbolical personifications of these. In more northerly countries, this fact must have made itself peculiarly palpable-hence the Celts and Germans, from the oldest times, celebrated the season with the greatest festivities. At the winter-solstice, the Germans held their great yule-feast in commemoration of the return of the fiery sun-wheel; and believed that, during the twelve nights reaching from the 25th Dec. to the 6th Jan., they could trace the personal movements and interferences on earth ber of the Oregon railroad comof their great deities, Odin, Berchta etc. Many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans, and also of the Romans, relating to from the state. This and similar decided then to build a block-house herthis matter, passed over from heathenism to Christianity, and officials is what impresses the have partly survived to the present day. But the church also sought to combat and banish—and it was to a large extent successful-the deep-rooted heathen feeling, by adding-for the purification of the heathen customs and feasts which women who gossip, a man who it retained—its grandly devised knows everything, seven men who hold, and little meidents like Jimmie liturgy, besides dramatic representations of the birth of Christ church, "a thing" that stands at prompt trip, too trivial to be noted in and the first events of his life, church doors and stares at women, history, will have been lost save for dim Hence sprang the so-called a widower too gay for his years, and "manger-songs," and a multitude one or two men capable of running that nestled for so many years under the of Christmas carols, as well as the United States, - Albany Demo- chadow of the House-Mountain, itself Christmas dramas, which, at cer. crat. Double up on this a few the scene of one of the strangest Indian tain times and places, degenerated times and you have Heppner legends of the Northwest country.into farces or fools' feasts. Hence "down pat." also originated, at a later period, the Christ-trees, or Christmas trees, adorned with lights and gifts, the custom of reciprocal presents, and of special Christmas meats and dishes, such as Christmas rolls, cakes, current-loaves, dumplings, etc. Thus Christmas became a universal social festival for young and old, high and low, as Lo other Christian festival could have become.

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No CHANGE of school books is the state. There will be none worth mentioning.

LEADVILLE is excited over a strike of gold quartz. The banenjoy quite a boom again.

tax insurance companies on their pilot on the middle Columbia. gross premiums. This will come will do no good whatever.

THE Oriental war will be speedily

SINCE Capt. Moffett left the helm of the Portland Telegram, the paper has changed front on the money question. It is now as rampant "gold-bug" as it was formerly free coinage.

THE matter of education should These are times for rigid economy, but is it economy to take from the young the advantages of securing other-that of the terrible current above at least a good, academic education? the rapids. Surely it is not.

Capt. W. W. Saunders will received full pardon at the hands of the governor about Jan. 1st. Saunders was a Corvallis newspaper man who killed a rival in a woman case a few years ago, receiving a life sentence for the

It is certainly a creditable showing for the United States that there is hardly a state in the Union that will permit prizefighting. Even the principals of the Dempsey-Ryan match think that they will have to go on Canadian soil to while Lieut. Phil Sheridan, with a troop oull off the fight.

THE people of the state do not mission who is said to be working people that they are being taxed aselessly.

a pretty girl, a weather prophet, distance from the rapids, is also called an old maid who chews gum, six Sheridan's point. Soon the last of the loaf, eleven boys who cut up in Watkins heroism and even Sheridan's

THE merits of a new voting Hood's Sarsapatilla builds up the shatmachine are being discussed in cered system by giving vigorous action this state. It is certainly an im- to the digestive organs, creating an provement over the old way of appetite and purifying the blood. It is voting under the Australian ballot the greatest curative powers, and has system, and is a sure preventive of the most wonderful record of actual fraud and vote-buying. The ma-cures of any medicine in existance. botel and at prices to suit the times. Aliana will count not less than \$100. Take only Hood's. each, however, which will be in the way of their speedy adoption in Oregon, though in reality they will save money in the long run, as they will last twenty years, will save The best salve in the world for cuts, time in counting votes and cost of Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, printing great, enormous blanket

required. It is guaranteed to give had the misfortune to have his leg of that we still insist the sentiment of caught between a cart and a stone and the teachers of the state is practically to health by simple means, after sufferbadly bruised. Ordinarily he would unanimous in favor of retaining the ing for several years with a severe lung have been laid up for two or three weeks present system. We admire the prohave been laid up for two or three weess present system. We saimlife the prosumption, is anyious to make known to
but says: "After using one bottle of gressive teacher and progressive ideas bis fellow sufferers the means of cure. Not the Never-Sweats. - A man con- Chamberlain's Pain Balm I began to feel so long as they progress forward, but To those who desire it, he will cheerful Not the Never Sweat. A man connected with the new paper for the development of the immigrant business well. The peculiar scothing qualities apricts at a scatter, their progress has was arrested this morning charged with which Chamberlain's Pain Balm possess reached a point where they no longer that admiration ceases when like the saription used, which they will find a spirits at a scatter, and in three days was entirely that admiration ceases when like the saription used, which they will find a spirits at a scatter, and in three days was entirely that admiration ceases when like the saription used, which they will find a spirit at a scatter, and in three days was entirely that admiration ceases when like the saription used, which they can be saription used, which they are core for Consumption, Asthma, Calling and the control of the progress has saription used.

ABOUT LITTLE PHIL

And His Connection With An Indian Uprising-Sheridan's Blockhouse, on the Colum-bia and the Events Which Led to Its Construction

Sheridan's blockbouse, opposite Casade Locks, Or., on the Columbia river, has tumbled down, its beavy hand-bewn timbers, relies of stormy days in the good, healthful employment. Bet- northwest country, still sound save a few make another. - The Dalles Chronicle. near the foundations, have been utilized by the vandal fishermen to build fishways, until the old river, scandalized by echoed and re-echoed throughout during the great flood of this summer, and now nothing remains to mark the old stronghold of the pioneer but a few moss-grown and rotten timbers.

ner city of Colorado bids fair to which is thus related by the veterate the Indians here as a volunteer during THE Salem Statesman wants to the campaign of 1856, with "Little Phil,"

The "fishing Indians," mostly Wascos out of the insured. Such a law Snakes and Cascades, with renegades from many other tribes, a regular hotebpotch of "Siwashes," whose love of the THE principal religion of Japan ties, and whose lodges lined the river succulent salmon was greater than tribal is Buddhism. They have one near the spearing rocks at the falls and temple that alone cost \$8,000,000. cascades, bad long been turbulant and The Christians have some follow- aggressive, but had made no serious outing and have established several break until March 25, 1856. On that day a band of them attacked Brown's mill, situated just above Cascade Locks, on the north, now Washington side, killing and horribly mutilating Mr. Brown and ended, judging from present efforts his wife. The other whites living at the towards peaceful relations. China mill, together with the captain and crew miles up the river for the day, leaving only the engineer, Buck Minster, and a small hov named Jimmie Watkins, on board. Luckily for these, there was a little fire banked under the boilers.

The attack was so sudden, that before Minster could realize the danger the Indiane were upon him. The foremost reached the shore end of the ging plank as he did the other, to draw it aboard. A quick shot from his pastol sent the red headlong into the river. The plank was continue to interest our people. drawn in, while the boy cut the shore line, and the little Mary began drifting at once, under a bail of bullets and arrows, from one great danger into an-

> Sending the boy to the wheel, Minster threw everything inflamable within each into the furnace-some bacon, oil and even furniture-and made steam enough for headway, the boy, under orders, making for the eddy behind at sland near the head of the rapids, out of reach of the Indians. The little fellow had proven himself a real hero, for it going to the wheel he had been exposed reely to bustile bullets, one striking him n the leg, but he crawled manfully to is post and saved the boat. As soon as full steam could be made

he steamer was headed across the river o Antwolls, where alarm was given o he outbreak. Messengers were sent to Fort Dailes and Fort Vancouver. From the former Col. Wright came to the rescue with a company of U.S. troops, from Fort Vancouver, embarked on the Steamer Belle, bringing one cannon. Landing at Lower Cascades, he was quickly on the ground and rounded up pay public servants to devote their a number of the hostites. A company time to private business enter- of volunteers from the Willsmette prises. This applies to one mem. Valley came on the boat Jenny Clark soon antidued the Indiana but not befor a dozen or more whites had been killed for a school book publishing house, Nine Indians were hung near the smokat the same time drawing a salary ing rains of Brown's mill. The officers actions on the part of public for the protection of scattered pioneers. a railying place for them during later Indian scares.

This was done during the same year 1856 and is always called Sheridan's but just why no one scems to know now ALBANY has a liar, a smart aleck, A point of rocks on the river a short pioneers will have passed nway, as has this, their moss-covered old log strong-George P. Morgan, in Chicago Blade,

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books. If they are examples of the reavstems remain.

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