

HOW ABOUT YOURSELF?

The Fossil Journal in a recent issue goes so far as to assert that all the papers opposing the proposed wholesale change of school books in this state have been bought...

There is hardly a reputable paper in the state that would refuse to publish ordinary paid matter. And yet it is a rare case to find one that will allow its editorial opinions to be influenced by pelf.

We leave it to our readers, who are in the main school patrons, to judge as to the right side, and also as to which papers are influenced editorially by money.

Gov. PENNOYER "ribbed" up the president with another Christmas letter.

CONGRESSMAN BRYAN, of Nebraska, is opposing the proposed banking law with all his power.

FATHER MCGLYNN, of New York, the excommunicated priest, has been re-instated with full clerical rights.

ACCORDING to the Prineville Review, Prineville has six lawyers, two physicians and one dentist.

The noted outlaw, Bill Cook, is reported as being in a dying condition. Evil may triumph for a brief season but it cannot last.

THE Record doesn't "catch on" all the time. Well, you have plenty of company. But the parties for whom our remarks are intended usually take a tumble.

THE present valued policy law of this state should remain on the statute books. If anything, it should be strengthened by further amendments.

THE Gazette calls attention to the article written by Prof. Wier on the proposed change of school books. The professor thinks that under existing laws and conditions an attempt to change the text books of this state would result disastrously.

HOS. T. T. GLEEL, of Maclay, Or., is prominently mentioned in connection with the reform school. No better selection for the superintendency could be made.

CHRISTMAS DANCE.—The Christmas masquerade at S. P. Garrigue's hall was largely attended, more maskers being present than at any dance of like nature given at any time during the past year.

Alex. Sweet, J. H. Smith and John Hale passed through town this morning on the way to Grant county.

NO EXPERIMENTS IN OREGON.

The general agent of Rand, McNally & Co., we see by the Oregonian of yesterday, has a book to sell. For this reason he is deeply concerned lest the schools of Oregon should be compelled to use for six years longer a series of geographies, which he pronounces high in price and obsolete in methods.

The truth is that school books which have never been tested in the actual schoolroom are to be regarded with much suspicion. Nearly always they abound in errors of matter and methods; errors which only actual use can detect and careful revision remove.

What are the conclusions of these seemingly heterogeneous remarks? These are the points. The agitators have left out of the question some of the most important factors, and they have used their assertions, often vague, as if they were arguments and proofs.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

PAROXS.—On Christmas day Governor Penoyer granted full pardon to the following: Nick Jones, of Douglas county, and C. H. Caldwell, of Jackson county, two life-timers sent up for murder.

LATE NEWS FROM 'FRISCO gives the particulars of the destruction of the Cliff house, the famous resort. It was caused by fire.

A. E. Kilpatrick, of Fillmore, Cal., had the misfortune to have his leg caught between a cart and a stone and badly bruised. Ordinarily he would have been laid up for two or three weeks but says: "After using one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm I began to feel better, and in three days was entirely well."

Geo. W. Jenkins, editor of the Santa Maria "Times," Cal., in speaking of the various ailments of children said: "When my children have cough there is only one patent medicine that I ever use, and that is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy."

BABY DROWNED.—Wednesday afternoon on Mitchell's oldest girl, Ivy, was hurt by being run over by a hack while on their way down home. The accident occurred on the Ferguson grade.

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THE SCHOOL BOOK QUESTION.

EDITOR GARRETT: Allow me a word on the text book question. I am profoundly interested in it, for they (the agitators) are meddling with my tools when they meddle with text books.

I think these agitators have mistaken the case somewhat. If we have text-books so poor as to really rob the children of a considerable part of their education, it can be demonstrated that even fairly competent teachers cannot produce nearly the best known scholarship by the use of any text-book now used in our schools.

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This line will be made up of three twelve section (no drawing room) sleepers—"Montana," "Dearborn" and "Butte."

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These cars operated locally between Portland and Spokane only will make connection with through cars to and from St. Paul. The assignment of space has been so arranged that passengers will simply transfer from one car to the other, and will occupy the same space in sleepers as they do in the local cars to Spokane.

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MONTHLY REPORT

Table with 5 columns: Room, Total Number of Pupils, Total Number of Teachers, Average Monthly Attendance, and Average Daily Attendance. Rows include Room 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and a Total row.

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THE COLUMBIA DESK CALENDAR.

Two years the desk calendar issued by the Pope Manufacturing Company has held a unique place among business helpers. Each daily leaf during that time has taught its quiet lesson of the value of better roads and outdoor exercises, and especially the benefits of bicycling.

PLEASE! PLEASE! itching Piles. Symptoms—Moisture; intense itching and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore.

COLUMBIA'S WORK IT.—Over in Kittitas county, Wash., on Saturday, Dec. 8th they had a special election for the purpose of ratifying or repudiating the "illegal" indebtedness of the county.

Specimen Cases. S. H. Clifford, New Caswell, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree.

JOE REEDY KILLED.—A wreck occurred on the O. R. & N. road eight miles east of The Dalles, on Christmas morning, in which Engineer Joe Reedy lost his life.

Karl's Clover Root will purify your blood, clear your complexion, regulate your bowels and make your head clear as a bell.

Frank Sargent dropped in this morning to visit his brother, Chas. Sargent, and family. Mr. Sargent had been down to the Dalles to visit his parents, and was en route to his home near Baker City.

Health! Can you buy it? Yes, when it is possible with a single box of Beecham's Pills.

TO CONSUMPTIVES. The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease, Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure.

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City Hotel. This Popular Hostelry has again been re-opened and will be run in first class style. Meals and Rooms at Popular Prices. Mrs. Tom Bradley, Prop.

Notary Public Otis Patterson. CONVEYANCER AT OFFICE. THE LANCASTER INSURANCE CO. OF MANCHESTER, ENGLAND. One of the Best in the World.

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