

A branch of the Federated Trades will be organized in this city as soon as the charter arrives which is expected at any time. Already about 60 tradesmen have paid the required fee and the organization will start off with a strong membership.

The raisin crop in the vicinity of Fresno, Cal., for the year amounts to 54,000,000 pounds, against 42,000,000 last year.

Diamonds in Alaska.

While many prospectors have been confining their search chiefly for gold and copper deposits in Alaska, others have been searching for diamonds, and according to recent reports have been successful in finding a few valuable specimens. There are many other persons who have been searching for years for something far more precious than gold or diamonds and that is—health. They have tried this medicine and that one in the vain hope of finding it, without success. They should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters because it is the most successful in the world, and is backed by a record of fifty years of cures. It will positively cure indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness, insomnia and malaria, fever and ague. Try it.

Albert Martin and Scot Lane, two Siletz Indians, are under arrest for murdering U. S. Grant, another of their tribesmen, at Woodman, on the Siletz river, Thursday morning.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co. Trial bottles free.

The Union Pacific boilermakers and machinists are threatening another strike. They are greatly dissatisfied with the piecework system, which the company employs in its shops.

Harry Powers, an insane man, was found almost dead, in the woods near Chehalis, Wash., Thursday from exposure. He was feeding on snails and lizards and was in a deplorable condition.

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "for years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co. Only 50c.

The city of Aberdeen is being built up again, with more substantial buildings than ever. Already some fifty buildings are under way and property is selling at greatly advanced prices, and labor is scarce.

A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best salve on earth." 25c at Slocum Drug Co.

The Algoa, the largest steamship ever seen in the harbor of Portland, is now taking on a cargo of 9,000 tons for the Orient. The cargo will be mostly Oregon flour.

Broke Into His House.

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure, 25c at Slocum Drug Co.

MADE DEAL ON DEATH BED.

Strange Transaction Between William Rockefeller and the Late Marcus Daly.

A peculiar business transaction in which William Rockefeller and the late Marcus Daly were concerned has just come to light. It seems that when the Montana copper king was lying at the point of death he had on deposit in the National City bank one account amounting to \$147,995, and a special account of \$1,518.

A singular thing in connection with the special deposit of \$1,518 in the National City bank is that it was opened only a few days before Mr. Daly's death in the form of a check of William Rockefeller for money which he owed to Mr. Daly as a result of transactions in which both men were interested, but the nature of which is not disclosed, says a New York report.

It is understood that it was Mr. Daly's intention to use this money in the purchase of the Amalgamated Copper company, of which he owned at the time he died 67,300 shares.

Claims amounting to \$1,600,000 are pending against Mr. Daly's estate, the chief of which is in an action brought by the United States against the estate to recover \$1,365,000 for trespass on government lands and the conversion of timber removed from it. P. J. Shields also has a claim against the estate for \$258,000. He claimed to have been a partner with Mr. Daly in a coal mine and some other enterprises. John H. Maloney and others have an action pending in the Montana courts to recover \$50,000.

The Maud and the Title.

Once upon a time there was a fair young girl who had many suitors, but she received them all with equal graciousness and waited for her affections to dictate which should be the especially favored one.

Finally, she heard that a rich uncle of one of her wooers had died leaving him a clear and unencumbered title to many acres of very valuable land. When next she met the young man she showed quite plainly that her affections had begun to dictate.

The result was that they were married when the next June came around. Moral:—Titles are attractive, even in America.—N. Y. Herald.

GLACIAL AGE NEARS END.

Force of Ponderous Ice Fields Seems to Be Diminishing Every Year.

European engineers have been congratulating themselves that, although the coal mines may fail, they have in the Alpine glaciers inexhaustible sources of energy. The melting of the glacier ice gives rise to mountain torrents whose fall is being utilized more and more, especially since the electric transmission of power has more nearly approached perfection. The glacier is thus a mine of stored energy and its ice has been somewhat poetically termed "white coal," says Success.

But if the researches of some recent French and German scientific men are to be relied on the glaciers may fail us some day, as well as the coal mines. It appears that the glaciers, not only of the Alps, but also of other continental mountain ranges, are shrinking, in some cases imperceptibly, and in others almost visibly. Of course this may be only one swing of the pendulum and continued observation may show that it will be followed in future years by a proportionate increase, so it may be well not to indulge in too dismal forebodings.

DIDN'T LIKE THE EAST ROOM.

Woman Visitor at the White House Was Not Favorably Impressed with Furnishings.

"Is it solid gold?"

The eager questioner was a country woman, a member of a large party which a railroad agent was piloting through the East room at the white house. She pointed to the piano with the gold-leaf coating as she asked the question.

The guide attempted to evade the woman's question by referring to the seals of the 13 original states which adorn the sides of the instrument, and explained that it is the one hundred thousandth piano manufactured by a prominent American firm, says the Washington Times.

"Is it solid gold?" the woman interposed.

Still the guide did not answer. "You will notice that there are 13 settees in this room, one for each of the original states," he continued.

"But I want to know whether the piano is solid gold," the woman insisted.

"No, madam, it is not solid gold," the guide remarked, with a slight display of temper.

"Huh!" the woman retorted. "I've seen callopes that looked better and I'd hoped that it had value to recommend it. When there's only one real piece of furniture in a room of this size a person sort of expects that it'll be worth while coming to see. I can't find anything fine about this room but the view you get from the south windows."

A SLIP OF THE TONGUE.

It Sounded Strange, But Considering the Situation There Was Nothing Remarkable About It.

A matron of Mount Pleasant, through the need of a lead pencil, furnished no end of embarrassment to herself and great amusement to the passengers of a Fourteenth street car one morning lately, says the Washington Post. She evidently had come down town, as her attire would indicate, for the express purpose of shopping, and the conspicuous bag which she carried was plainly intended to play an important part in the tour, expressing, as it were, the matron's independence of the pleasure of the delivery wagons.

As the car neared the business part of town it became somewhat crowded, and the conductor's request to "sit closer, please," had rendered every one's discomfort plainly apparent. Particularly true was it to the tall, stately, well-groomed man who sat next to the resident of Mount Pleasant, all of which seemed to be her cue to begin fumbling around in the deep bag, and finally extracting the inevitable shopping list which was carefully examined and again placed in the dark recesses of the bag.

Then the matron suddenly thought of something, so again the list saw the light of day. No, the article was not there, and from her attitude it must have been important and not to be forgotten, so the search for the lead pencil began, during which time the dignified gentleman had very much more than his share of jolting, which often than once interrupted his review of the morning paper. However he was very good natured about it, and every time the little woman said "beg pardon" his hand endeavored to reach his hat and his polite nod assured her that it was granted. But the lead pencil could not be found. Bag and pocketbook had been turned inside out, still it was nowhere to be seen. Withal she was a modest little woman and seemed to hesitate about asking the conductor or some one near her for a pencil. But with a quick resolve she gently touched her neighbor's arm. "Beg pardon," she said, "may I borrow your shoestrings?" Of course there was a general titter throughout the car.

"My shoestrings, madam?" said the aristocratic looking man. "Oh, did I say shoestrings?" exclaimed the little woman. "I meant your lead pencil; shoe strings is what I want to add to my shopping list."

The little woman soon returned the pencil amid blushes and thanks, and settled back in her seat determined to remain quiet until her destination was reached. Then the Willard was in sight and the stately gentleman prepared to leave the car, the conductor in the meanwhile having entered it.

"Good morning, senator," said the conductor, as his passenger passed out.

Everybody, of course, looked at the little woman from Mount Pleasant, who had heard, too.

LARGEST CIRCULAR SAW.

One in Pennsylvania Intended to Cut Pine Stumps into Shingle Bolts.

The largest circular saw in the world has just been turned out of a factory in Williamsport, Pa., for use in the lumber section of Elk county. The saw is seven feet four inches in diameter and wears teeth each one of which is four inches long. The saw weighs 305 pounds.

The purpose for which the mammoth saw was made is of interest, says the Philadelphia North American. It will be used to cut pine stumps into shingle bolts, thus opening to the market a vast quantity of material which until recently was considered useless. In Elk county, where 30 years ago the forests of white pine were hewn down and turned into lumber, there are thousands of acres of great pine stumps as solid as they were the day that the trees were cut, any of these stumps stand from five to eight feet above the ground, so that in the swampy regions of the Elk county plateaus there are millions of feet of choice shingle wood. The big saw will be installed in a mill near Straits, and its particular business will be to eat up blocks of the ponderous pine stumps that are to be fed to it, and it is expected to make one bite of the biggest morsel offered.

Rejected for Stammering.

As stammering is a cause of rejection for military service, its frequency is shown by the statistics of the examination of recruits in different nations. The number rejected as stammerers is 7.50 per thousand examined in France, 3.23 in Switzerland, 2.87 in England, 2.2 in Austria, .86 in Italy and but .10 in Russia.

The Money Remains.

During the last three years 23 millionaires have died in England. Their average age was 75 years.

Weekly Oregonian—Heppner Gazette.

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