

LEADERETTES.
The impending irrepresible and inevitable conflict between England and Russia may not come this season.
During the month of April Postmaster General Vilas appointed six hundred postmasters at fourth-class offices.
Tennyson's recent poetical productions are deservedly receiving very adverse criticism. They are not only mediocre but almost idiotic.
Cleanliness and good, plain and nutritious diet are better preventives of disease than unsavory drugs, besides being cheaper and more pleasant.
The woman suffrage bill failed to pass the New York Assembly. It is good for those who voted in the negative that they are not within the Duniway jurisdiction.
Just at this juncture a great many Americans are not so much in favor of settling national difficulties by arbitration as they were some years ago. An amicable arbitration would have no influence upon American industries.
The intelligent man who believes that the two well balanced political parties are an actual necessity in all popular republics must admit that an independent element exercises a salutary influence that we could ill afford to dispense with.
The election of a U. S. Senator by the Illinois Legislature is evidently receiving due consideration from that deliberative body. About two months have already been spent upon the question. It is perhaps proper not to be hasty in a few days of importance.
Now that there is nothing to be gained by insisting upon the truth of the exploded fallacy, even protectionists are admitting that a tariff does not favorably affect the wages of laborers. About the time of the next general election there will probably be a convenient change of opinion.
The Portland News says "a man who is false to his party obligations cannot be true to his country."
If the man and not the party is to decide what "party obligations" are the statement may be partially correct, but as political parties now are it would seem safer to say, a man who is true to his party obligations must often be false to his country, for partisanship is not conducive to patriotism.
People in Eastern Oregon will regret to see the Northern Pacific under control of the lines of the U. S. & N. Co. The completion of the line across the Cascades to the coast and the opening of the Columbia river are two improvements of considerable importance and interest to Eastern Oregon. They probably are very long delayed by the Northern Pacific controls the line along the Columbia river. The people are powerless against combinations of powerful corporations.
It is peculiar that some good people should delight to play the part of alarmists. Note the conduct of these people when a case of typhoid fever is discovered or when the weather is not made to suit them. They and their surroundings are "blue" with dismal forebodings and unfounded fears. It is a natural and courageous to be prepared for the worst and to meet it with cheerful confidence and many vigorous men are cowardly and sinful to be easily overthrown and give way to morbid dependency.
It is difficult to overvalue the benefits of moderate, outdoor exercise. Not only does it materially influence the physical development of the body, it exercises a healthful influence upon the moral nature. Spartan exercises and Roman bear valour are testimony. A low tone of vitality is almost the invariable attendant of physical degeneration. Games that have a tendency to develop the physique and spirit should be encouraged and carefully cultivated.

HERAT.
Sooner or later it must be determined by skillful diplomacy or much fighting, whether Russia or England shall hold Herat, that time-honored key to Central Asia. Meantime all readers of telegraphic news from that quarter are asking for information touching the present condition of the city and its surroundings, and the reasons for its apparent importance from commercial and military points of view.
The geographical situation of Herat 24° 22' N. latitude, 62° 9' E. longitude, with its elevation of about 2500 feet above the sea, gives it a charming climate. The valley in which it lies is the granary of Afghanistan, and its surrounding gardens yield fruits corresponding with those of Southern Europe. Central Asia has about the same latitude and a similar climate, though less temperate and somewhat drier. The plain of Herat is well watered by canals from the Heri river, and is said to contain fully 400 square miles of arable land. The upper valley of the Heri is described as a beautiful rolling country furnishing the finest of pasture lands. Three or four miles south of Herat the river is crossed by a magnificent bridge of twenty-three arches.
The territory tributary to Herat extends east and west from near the sources of the Heri to the Persian frontier. Formerly it extended north and south 200 miles from the Merv boundary to the northern limit of Sistan. The Russian conquest of Merv has cost Herat all its territory on the plain north of the Parapamis Mountains, and has pushed the disputed boundary to within 40 miles of the city to the north, as the Russians claim, or about twice that distance according to the English and Afghan authorities.
The city is in the form of a quadrangle, nearly a mile on each side. On the western, southern and eastern faces the lines of defense are almost straight, and are broken only by the great gates and their defenses. The northern line is broken by two gigantic earthworks, the old citadel and the new citadel, built of sun-dried bricks. The city wall rests on the summit of a huge embankment averaging 250 feet wide at the base and fifty feet high. The wall proper, which crowns this embankment, is 25 feet high and 14 feet thick at the base. It is surrounded by a ditch 46 feet wide and 16 feet deep, and is supported by 150 semicircular towers.
The colossal character of these earthworks leads Sir Henry Rawlinson to infer that the city, as a stronghold, must date from prehistoric times—from that period of Central Asian history which preceded the rise of the Achaemenian power, and which in Greek romance is illustrated by the names of Bacchus, Hercules and Semiramis. Its dominant position with reference to Central Asian and Indian affairs is proved by a military history unequalled by any other city—a record of more than fifty sieges, undertaken, as Vambrey has pointed out, not so much for the sake of the rich soil which surrounds Herat, as on account of the desire for conquest with which it has inspired sometimes India, sometimes Central Asia.
The population of the city under these great vicissitudes of fortune has naturally varied greatly. In times of great prosperity and peace it has numbered a million or more; at other times it has dwindled to a few thousand; now, it is variously estimated from 25,000 to 50,000. It is believed that the present city comprises only the citadel of the city that once covered the surrounding plain for many miles.

HERAT.
The San Francisco Bridge Company recently made a large blast with a view of obtaining 90,000 tons of rocks for constructing a sea wall at San Francisco. The quarry is a bluff, 80 feet high, at the water's edge at the mouth of Visitation Valley. Eleven tunnels in all have been run and four have been exploded, 11,000 pounds of Judson powder being used. Each tunnel was 50 feet long, and extended to an L, in which was the powder. From the L to the mouth of each tunnel rock and dirt had been "tamped" in as hard as possible. The four explosions were to occur successively, the first to loosen the cliff and make it easier for the second to become effective, and so on. The first explosion was awaited with some little apprehension by the harbor commissioners and other occupants of the towboat. But when it occurred, with a dull, heavy sound, and it became apparent that fragments of stone were not to fly through the air, there was a unanimous desire that the boat should move nearer the shore. The other explosions occurred soon after. No. 3 was a grand affair. A great section of the cliff was toppled over, and huge boulders and tons of dirt rushed down to the water's edge. The blasts were pronounced successful, and the quality of stone, on subsequent inspection, seemed satisfactory to the harbor commissioners. It was estimated by the engineers that the 11,000 pounds of explosives had displaced in about 10 minutes 35,000 tons of rock and earth.
About Snakes.
Mr. Rheen, who has charge of the reptile specimens in the Smithsonian Institute, contradicts much of the popular belief as to snakes. Some of the most dreaded have no existence. The hoop snake, which takes the end of its tail in its mouth and rolls over and over like a hoop, killing with its venom everything it touches, and the blow snake, the breath of which is deadly, are fictions. As serpents move about, they are constantly feeling ahead with the tongue; and the forward thrust and peculiar forked appearance of the organ has given rise to the false idea that with it the stinging is done. It is generally thought that there are a great number of these poisonous snakes. In North America there are only three species—the rattlesnake, the copperhead, or moccasin, and the coral. There are about thirty varieties of these species altogether. The copperhead is probably the most dangerous, as it is vicious and never gives warning of any kind before striking. The rattlesnake, though more poisonous than either of the others, will rattle at the approach of anything, and try to get away unless brought to bay. The coral is much smaller, and a native of the Southern States. The bite is not necessarily fatal if the proper remedies are used in time; as, on account of its size, the quantity of poison is small. When a reptile strikes he throws his whole body forward, and the fangs penetrate the object against which they come. He does not jump; the hinder part of the body remains in position. None of our snakes are in the habit of reaching more than half their length.
The Trooper's Story.
Dr. J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass. Dr. J. C. AYER & Co. are proud to say that they have been making Sarsaparilla for over twenty years, and have a large and successful business. Their Sarsaparilla is made from the best and purest ingredients, and is sold by all druggists. It is a most valuable medicine for all kinds of blood diseases, and is especially recommended for the treatment of skin eruptions, such as eczema, psoriasis, and tetter. It also acts as a powerful purgative, and is a most reliable remedy for all kinds of constipation. It is sold by all druggists, and is also sold by the manufacturers, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

The Mirror
is no flatterer. Would you make it tell a sweeter tale? Magnolia Balm is the charm-er that almost cheats the looking-glass.
Rough on Coughs.
Ask for "Rough on Coughs" for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, Tracheitis, etc. Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Rats.
Clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers, etc. 15c. Druggists.
Heart Palms.
Palpitation, Depressed Swellings, Dizziness, Indigestion, Headache, Sleeplessness cured by "Wells' Health Renewer."
Rough on Corns.
Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns." 15c. Quick, complete cure. Hard or soft corns, warts, bunions.
Rough on Pain-Furrowed Plaster.
Strengthening, improved, the best for backache, pains in chest or side, rheumatism, neuralgia.
Thin People.
"Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Headache, Nervousness, Debility, etc. \$1.
Whooping Cough.
and the many Throat Affections of children promptly, pleasantly and safely relieved by "Rough on Coughs" Troches, 15c.; Balm, 25c.
Mothers.
If you are failing, broken, worn out and nervous, use "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.
Life Preserver.
If you are losing your grip on life, try "Wells' Health Renewer." Goes direct to weak spots.
Rough on Toothache.
Instant relief for Neuralgia, Toothache, Faceache. Ask for "Rough on Toothache." 15c. and 25c.
Pretty Women.
Ladies who would retain freshness and vitality. Don't fail to try "Wells' Health Renewer."
Catarrhal Throat Affections.
Hacking, irritating Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, cured by "Rough on Coughs." Troches, 15c. Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Itch.
"Rough on Itch" cures humors, eruptions, ringworm, tetter, salt rheum, itched feet, chilblains.
The Hope of the Nation.
Children, slow in development, puny, scrawny, and delicate, use "Wells' Health Renewer."
Wide Awake.
three or four hours every night coughing. Get immediate relief and sound rest by using Wells' "Rough on Coughs." Troches, 15c.; Balm, 25c.
Rough on Pain-Furrowed Plaster.
Strengthening, improved, the best for backache, pains in the chest or side, rheumatism, neuralgia.
From Pole to Pole
ALEX'S SUBSARAPILLA has demonstrated its power of cure for all diseases of the blood.
The Harpooner's Story.
DR. J. C. AYER & Co. are proud to say that they have been making Sarsaparilla for over twenty years, and have a large and successful business. Their Sarsaparilla is made from the best and purest ingredients, and is sold by all druggists. It is a most valuable medicine for all kinds of blood diseases, and is especially recommended for the treatment of skin eruptions, such as eczema, psoriasis, and tetter. It also acts as a powerful purgative, and is a most reliable remedy for all kinds of constipation. It is sold by all druggists, and is also sold by the manufacturers, Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

NEW GOODS!

New Styles. New Prices.

HOLLIS AND CLEVE

DEALERS IN

General Merchandise.

Clothing, Hats, Caps, Dress and Fancy Goods

—IMMENSE STOCK OF—

GROCERIES,

CHEAP FOR CASH.

MAIN ST. - CENTERVILLE.

The Marshall House!

Froome & Son - Proprietors.

Would respectfully announce to the traveling public and the people of Weston and vicinity that this new Brick Hotel is now open for the reception of Guests.

THE ROOMS ARE WELL-FURNISHED, HEAT AND CLEAN.

The table will be furnished at all times with the best that money can buy and served in the most acceptable manner.

We take pride in keeping a hotel that will be

First-Class in Every Particular,

the comfort of our guests being our first consideration, knowing that upon this success depends. Come once, and if you do not come again we will consider the fault ours.

FROOME & SON,

Corner Main and Franklin - Weston, Oregon.

Durand Organ Company,

Of Portland, Oregon.

(Incorporated March 15, 1893.)

CAPITAL STOCK - \$100,000.

E. DURAND, President
A. P. VENEN, Asst. Secretary
E. E. SMITH, Treasurer
J. J. DURAND, Manager Manuf'g Dept., Chicago
E. E. WISE, DIRECTORS.
A. P. VENEN, G. W. WINSELL, M. J. DURAND, EFFINGER & BOURNE, Attorneys.

Take Notice.

Pianos and Organs sold on easy payments. If you purchase a Piano or Organ of this Company on the installment plan and should be compelled, from any cause whatever, to return the instrument, after having paid a part on it, you can do so and not lose one dollar you have paid. Fine Chapel Organs sold to churches on \$10 monthly payments, which would be only ten cents per month for each member of the Church or Sabbath school to pay.

The celebrated DURAND PIANOS have been in use throughout the States for over twenty years, and are first-class in every particular. We give a guarantee with every instrument, that runs five years from date of sale, and we are right here to make it good. We have facilities for repairing Pianos and Organs at our shops in the city of Portland and all work warranted.

Our Music Hall and Warehouses are on First Street, No. 230. Take the First street cars and ride to the corner of Clay Street. Those who cannot call on us can write for particulars and catalogue of our instruments. Address

Durand Organ Co., Portland, Oregon

GREAT OVERLAND ROUTE,

NORTHERN PACIFIC R. R.

THE ONLY LINE RUNNING

Fullman Palace Sleeping Cars,
Magnificent Day Coaches and
ELEGANT EMIGRANT SLEEPING CARS
with berth free of cost.

From Washington and Oregon
TO THE EAST!

Via St. Paul and Minneapolis.
The only Trans-continental Line Running
PALACE DINING CARS.
(Daily 70 cents.)

Fastest Time Ever Made from
the Coast

—OVER THE—
Northern Pacific Railroad.

To St. Louis, Chicago, St. Joseph, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Burlington, Quincy.
ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO,
And all points throughout the East and South via St. Paul and Minneapolis.

THE ONLY LINE RUNNING

Through Emigrant Sleeping Car from Portland.

And handled on regular express trains over the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Leave Wallula Junction at 4:40 a. m. Leave Portland at 1:20 p. m. daily. Arrive at Minneapolis at 12:25 p. m., fourth day. Connection made at St. Paul and Minneapolis to all points East, South and Southeast.

PACIFIC DIVISION.
Train leaves Portland daily 8:25 a. m. Arrive at New Tacoma 6:00 p. m., connecting with O. R. & N. Co.'s boats for all points on Puget Sound. A. D. CHARLTON, Gen'l West'n Pass. Agent, Box 2, Washington St., Portland, Or.

Odor of Forest. Sparkle of Stream.
FOREST AND STREAM.

Do you own a gun, or a "fish-pole," or "bird-dog" or "ride"? Ever going snoring, or straggling, or crawling, or crawling, or crawling? Have you a taste for studying the habits of wild birds or animals? Do you know that for ten years we have been publishing a bright, weekly paper devoted to these subjects? It will repay you to look at a copy of the Forest and Stream. There is no other paper in the world just like it. Address Forest and Stream Publishing Co., 39 Park Row, New York.

Specimen Copy 10 Cents.

Eastern Oregon NORMAL SCHOOL!

—LOCATED AT—
Weston, Umatilla Co., Oregon.

The Only Normal School in Eastern Oregon or Washington.

STUDENTS ADMITTED AT ANY TIME IN THE YEAR.

Believing that the best primary training is essential to the highest development, pupils of all ages are admitted and given the most careful training.

The Normal School

gives a thorough, practical education to those who do not care to learn what they will not use. It is especially adapted to the wants of those who desire to enter business or the profession of Teaching.

It embraces

- A Classical Course of Three Years,
- A Scientific Course of Three Years,
- A Teachers' Course of Two Years,
- A Business Course, and
- An Elementary Course, in which the COMMON BRANCHES are taught by the best approved and most interesting methods.

Arithmetic by the Grube Method.
Reading by the "Sentence Method."
Geography by relief maps and globes and map modelling.
Grammar by the celebrated Reed and Kellogg Diagrams.
History by the Brace System.

None But Professional, Skilled and THOROUGHLY INFORMED TEACHERS will be employed in any department.

Spring Term Begins February 16th, 1885.
Normal Institute, 4 weeks, begins June 1, 1885.

Tuition, per term	\$10.00
Normal Institute fee	5.00

Students found competent will be aided by the instructors in securing positions.

For further information and special terms, address
Eastern Oregon Normal School,
Weston, Oregon.

FURNITURE.

Cooper, Schmuck & Garnett.

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN

PARLOR AND BEDROOMSETS

and all kind of

THE BEST FURNITURE

We carry a full stock of Household Furniture, in walnut, ash and pine, also, a large assortment of Chairs, Mattresses, Spring Beds, Lounges, etc. A supply on hand of House Moulding, Doors and Sash, Flooring, Rustic and

FINISHING LUMBER.

GIVE US A CALL.

COOPER SCHMUCK & GARNETT,
Corner Main and Water Sts.,
WESTON - OREGON.

WALLA WALLA BAKERY

Established 1881.

O. BRECHTEL

MANUFACTURER OF

BREAD, CAKES & PIES,

And all kinds of

CRACKERS

Fire-Proof Building, Main Street,
and WALLA WALLA W. T.

Each of these Companies has

\$50,000

Deposited with the State
Treasurer of Oregon for the protection of Policy Holders.

Agency at
The Leader Office.

SAVE MONEY

DO IT NOW.

By Insuring your Dwelling against

FIRE.

Take Your Choice of Companies:

Home Mutual,
New Zealand,
State Investment
or Western.

THE WEST SHORE

TENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

The only illustrated Magazine devoted to the development of the Great West. Contains vast amount of general information and special articles on subjects of interest to all. Ably conducted! Superbly illustrated! Only \$3 a year. L. S. Loomis, Publisher, Box 127, Portland, Oregon.

Patrons Respectfully Solicited.