TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

THE fair will be a success.

THE next war with Mexico seems to be over.

CONGRESS has adjourned, and the country is safe.

ALL that is needed now to top off the general joy is an earthquake.

WHAT about that woolen mill? Let some one take a hand and put the movement squarely on its feet.

WHAT will the New York Sun and C. A. Dana do for a candidate for the presidency, now that Tilden is dead.

WILL Salem be outdone by Astoria? Her pride and fame forbid it. Make the firemen's tournament a success.

WHAT about that woolen mill? It would be a success from the beginning. Let some one take hold of the enterprise.

AFTER all, that American editor in a Mexican jail is not bored by people who want to tell him how to run a newspaper.

POLK county has wheeled into line, the pile driver is here, and the bridge is being built! Now wake up! Let's have a woolen mill.

THE president has signed the river and harbor bill. Oregon gets about a half a million, and feels better than she did a few days ago.

A WAR with the United States would prove a very Cutting affair for Mexico. —[Portland World. Here, Noltner, don't; and right in this hot weather.

UMATILLA county, Oregon, is $54,601.90 in debt. Compared with these figures, Marion and Polk counties can congratulate themselves. They are out of debt.

THE story that a printer in a country office in New York hanged himself with the office towel is denied on the ground that the towel might have served to stab himself with, but as a rope, never.

A COMMITTEE in Illinois has awarded the prize to the homeliest man in the Union to James Whitcomb Riley. If our own Emperor had competed, Riley would not have had a vote.

IT is creeping into the minds of the people of the western portion of the country more and more every day that the president and his advisers regard the Alleghany mountains as the western boundary of the nation.—[Ex.

GRAHAM GLASS [Junior], the simple minded individual who is "editor" of the Dallas Itemizer, assails the STATESMAN in in a very puerile and idiotic manner this week. The Polk county court should appoint a nurse for Glass.

WE seldom brag, but we stop right in the middle of our work in this hot weather to inform the public that the subscription lists for both the Daily and Weekly STATESMAN are booming. Thanks, awfully. They can't come too fast to suit us.

DR. MACDONALD advises the veterans against California wines and liquors. Inasmuch as they got out of Maine alive last year, we think they can endure our gentle tipple, but some one should put a danger signal over the lair of crab salad. —[S. F. Alta.

EVERY body is hereby respectfully invited to come to the state fair and see our electric lights, our new bridge in course of construction, besides many other attractions in and about Salem, outside of what they pay their money to see at the grounds.

A BUTCHER at Norwalk, Conn., entered his meat refrigerator and the self-locking door slammed behind him. The temperature was at zero and no help near and he froze to death. This seems like going to great lengths to advertise somebody's refrigerator.

THE O. & C. train from points in western Oregon continues to arrive in Portland too late to make connection with the east bound train, and all mail from this section sleeps for twenty-four hours in that city. Let steps be taken to right this wrong, to correct this evil.

HORACE GREELY knew the distinction between society and politics. On one occasion he was addressing a crowd on the subject of the suffrage, and said, "If the right to vote were limited to men from whom I would be willing that my daughter should choose a husband, not one of you would vote."

THE death of Liszt was due indirectly to the Wagner festival at Bayreuth. The aged pianist came to the town ill and insisted upon being present at the festival. He caught a cold which resulted fatally. The enemies of Wagner will now have another count in their indictment of the "music of the future."

THE telegraph has flashed the wonderful intelligence from Alaska that a "civilized white child" has been born within its limits. This is the most wonderful thing on record, if true. A baby born civilized is a great curiosity—the first of its kind. All young and fond parents would give a great deal to see it.

ONLY five weeks more until the state fair opens. What are you doing towards making it a success? Wake up! Get something ready for exhibition in the pavilion or elsewhere, and get ready to attend and see the best exhibition ever given in Oregon. You can all contribute something towards making it such.

A KANSAS paper wildly asks, "Are we going to hell?" Of course we can't tell exactly at this distance just the road a man is traveling, especially a Kansan, but we should be inclined to think that if the republican majority is as large this fall as it now promises to be the state is about as safe as it can be made.

THE people of western Oregon ask that their appeal for simple justice be heard. They ask that their mail be put right through to the east, when it is started, instead of sleeping for twenty-four hours in the city of Portland. The evil can be easily remedied, and they ask that the proper authorities see to it that it is remedied.

IT cannot be said that the republicans of California have been remarkably fortunate in their selection of United States senator. Mr. A. P. Williams may be a great man in his own state, but can hardly be said to possess the national reputation to make him a compeer with the great men of the land. Beyond the fact that he is a chairman of the state republican committee, and has been more or less prominent in local politics, but little is known of him outside of his own state.—[Portland News.

THE promised military history of the civil war from the pens of Gens. Beauregard and Longstreet is awaited with considerable interest in military circles. The more histories the better. They will all be useful when the man, now a baby, or unborn, comes to write the real history of the great struggle.—[Ex.

EDITOR CUTTING has been found guilty of defamation of character by the Mexican court, and will be sentenced in a few days. This is the case over which there has been such a hurrah all over the country. As congress has adjourned, and the president will soon be off on his vacation, it is probable that we will not have any wars with Mexico at least until fall.

PROHIBITION in Rhode Island is the making of Fall river, Mass. All the population of little Rhody resorts to Fall river for moisture, and any Sunday a smart burglar could go through the whole state, for nobody is at home. Last Sunday they fought in Fall river and all Rhode Island was chucked in the station house.

THE seventh congressional district of Texas has a peculiar taste in congressmen. It elected Tom Ochiltree, who is cross-eyed. His successor, Mr. Crain, is cross-eyed and he beat Rentfro who is also cross-eyed, while Judge Burkhardt, who wants to run this fall, is also cross-eyed. It is noteworthy that Ben Butler had several votes in that cross-eyed district.

RELIGION among the colored people of Texas is in danger of suppression. A judge of that state has put some colored Baptists under bonds to refrain from "shouting, screaming, jumping and yelling in their religious worship." With this denial of all the precious privileges of the sanctuary, it is feared that a black pall of heathenism will descend over the Texan negroes.

THE New York aldermen have issued an order that all Chinese laundry receipts must be written in English. Fancy the Salem council passing the same kind of ordinance, and imagine how much effect it would have—about as much as a woodpecker on an iron teakettle—and the pigtail is the same sort of a bird in New York as in Salem, which the same they will learn in time, sooner or later.

WHEN a newspaper man gets in the current of luck he is irresistible, but when he is out of it he can't sell twenty-dollar gold pieces. John McLean of the Cincinnati Enquirer is in the current up to his chin. He bought an old graveyard near Washington, a few weeks ago, and has just been offered $75,000 for it. He refuses to sell, which causes the suspicion that he needs it to bury his political victims.

THE first six months of 1886 has apparently been quite disastrous to railroads. Seventeen of them have been sold under foreclosure in the United States, having an aggregate length of 5,192 miles. Their bonded indebtedness aggregated a hundred and sixty-three millions and their stock a hundred and twenty-eight millions. These failures represent, however, the financial disasters of preceding years. Notwithstanding the strikes of the spring, the storms of the winter and the traffic wars that have been waged this season, there is a perceptible improvement in earnings over those of '85.

SOME people have queer ideas of fun. There was a rare humor for instance in the act of the young lady who recently threw from a yacht at sea a bottle with information corked up in it to the effect that all on board, names given, were about to perish. Her surrounding admirers must have laughed heartily at it as one of the best jokes they ever heard of. The bottle happened to reach a locality where it caused great consternation. But, as the joke would not have amounted to anything if it had not been for this, the perpetrator doubtless congratulates herself on the successful termination of her effort.

SOME interesting and wonderful feats of journalism are now being displayed by the San Francisco papers, during the Grand Army celebration. In its Monday's edition the Chronicle published a complete illustrated history of the war, that would make 450 pages of an octavo volume, and it is one of the best histories of the causes that led on to the conflict and the decisive battles and campaigns ever condensed in that space, based as it is upon all the histories before written, and the war papers that have appeared from time to time. The Chronicle is, without a doubt, in many respects, one of the greatest newspapers in America.

THE state board of immigration is all right, and Oregon can afford to give $5000 per year to advertise her resources and induce immigration. She can well afford to give twice this amount; but what the STATESMAN gave currency to was a rumor that Mr. C. B. Carlisle, secretary of the state board of immigration, is not doing the square thing by this section of Oregon. That is the impression that has got out, and many good, conscientious people honestly believe that it is founded upon fact. If it is, the STATESMAN wants a new deal as soon as possible, and if it is not founded upon fact, it wants to give Mr. Carlisle a chance to vindicate himself. A very appropriate preliminary step towards this vindication would be the sending of a few immigrants into this section of Oregon.

MR. WM. DUNBAR, general agent for Oregon flouring mills, at Salem, has recently made a trip over the Canadian Pacific, as far east as Winnipeg, looking after business. British Columbia has been a large consumer of Oregon flour and Mr. Dunbar has been looking after the threatened invasion of this territory by the experimental shipments of flour from Canadian points along the line of the road. Mr. Dunbar is satisfied that with the present freight rates over the railroad Portland's trade with British Columbia will not be disturbed, since Portland now enjoys a minimum freight rate, which enables her to pay the five dollars a ton duty and still hold the field. The question arises right here, why should not Tacoma be able to secure as low rates for flour to points down the sound as is given to Oregon millers, with one hundred and fifty-five miles of railroad transportation in favor of this city?—[Tacoma News.

As the following has appeared in nearly every newspaper in Oregon and Washington in the last month it would seem as though it about expressed a general feeling of don'tcareitiveness on the part of the guild: "After you get on your ear and make up your mind to stop your paper to humiliate the editor, just poke your finger into water and then pull it out and look for the hole. Then you will see how badly you are missed. The man who thinks a paper cannot survive without his support ought to go off and stay awhile. When he comes back he will find half his friends didn't know he was gone; the other half didn't keep any account of his movement's whatever. You will probably find some things in the home paper you cannot endorse. If you were to stop your paper and call the editor all sorts of ugly names, the paper would still be published and you would sneak around and borrow a copy. It is much better to keep your vest pulled down and your subscription paid up in advance."

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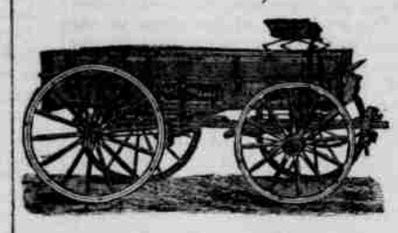

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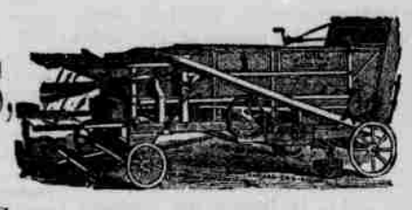

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