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-California is growling "like a bear with a sore head" because of the small amount of appropriations for that state this year, Oregon having received double the amount allotted to California. Prior to this time that state had a consid- flects great credit on Mr. Curtis, the erable advantage over Oregon in this respect. The appropriations shops for this year speak well for the energy of Senator Mitchell and that "neglected Oregoa" will be neglected no more.

-The Oregon Sentinel of the 12th says: "The Times is 'a error when it says the Sentinel opposed Mr. Mitchell last spring. We aver flatly that it never did anything of the kind, and when we repeat that many Jackson county democrats, who have no party ring in their noses."

-The Columbia Chronicle should do us justice. The Astorian has stated repeatedly the very facts which the Chronicle reiterates, that within a few years Washington territory's yearly average of grain will surpass nearly any one state in the Union. And as this event seems to be inevitable it is well to have it distinctly understood that the territory figures promizently, though not conspiciously, in the cereal interests of the Pacific coast.

-The Leeds Mercury is one of the best of the standard British newspapers. A late number contains an able and excellent article on the Chinese question, in which the condition and character of the Mongolians on this coast are clearly and correctly stated. It was written by Mr. W. Scott Cameron, lately city editor of the San Francisco Call, who left California last November for Leeds, to take a responsible position on the Mercury, which he fills in his accustomed superior manner in the upper walks of journalism. Mr. Cameron 1s thoroug-Iv conversant with the subject, having 'had nearly seven years' of experience in Portland and in San Francisco, with uncommon advantages for acquiring information from personal observation.

-Last year, when the new locomotive J. W. Sprague was placed on the Dalles and Celilo railroad, it was found that she could pull a heavier load than the S. G. Reed, though the latter was the faster of the two. When navigation closed, the Reed was taken into the shops and thoroughly overhauled. Her cylinders were bored out a sixteenth of an inch, New thus enabling her to work a greater amount of steam. The Empire says she now is able to pull two more cars than the Sprague. The way in which the work has been done on her, remaster mechanic at the company's

--- The Inland Empire says: "Several years ago an old rotten river steamer colleagues, and gives us a hope called the George Peabody plying on the Potomac river, was cut down to the water ways and built up anew. The fact of the owners having expended three-fourths of her original cost upon this job, gave them the right to re-christen her, and she was called the William Taber. She now is about to be put on the line between San Francisco and Portland, and we warn the traveling public against helping to John H. Mitchell was the best bring about another Pacific disaster. representative Oregon ever had You cannot make a good ship by putwe only echo the convictions of ting sound timber upon a rotten bottom

> -The Walla Walla Statesman says: "During the past week we had occasion to telegraph a large sum of money to some stock broker, either in Portland or San Francisco. To that end we hunted all through the Portland papers for a stock broker's ad., for we were inclined to have our work done there, as it was nearer home; but, to our surprise, we could not find the name of a single firm. The commission they would have made from us alone would have paid for a whole years insertion in a first-class paper; and so we had to send at double expense for telegraphing all the way to San Francisco. It is to be hoped the business men at Portland will wake up as spring opens. Green things generally do."

-A satisfactory test of the Hotchkiss gun was made recently by the military at Vancouver. The experiments have proved this arm to be most destructive and a marvel of force, strength and accuracy. If placed on the river bank opposite Vancouver it can, with ease, project a shell into Portland, a distance of more than six miles. It is a rifled gun of French make, but of American invention and patent. It is designed more especially for fighting against savages, and will be a terror to the Indians in case of war next summer. They can no more rest in fancied security five or six the carriage 145 pounds. At an elevation of twenty-four and one-half degrees the ball was thrown six and oneseconds in the flight. There are but two of the guns in this department, but in a short time there will be an additional number obtained. -A gentleman just returned from Fort Klamath, describes to the Inland Empire the late breaking up of the ice frozen over Big Klamath lakes, which he says was very grand. The ice was thawed all round the edge of the lake, and a heavy gale setting in from the northwest the ice began to heave and swell as the wind and waves increased, till at last it commenced yielding to the drawing waves, breaking with a thundering sound that echoed up and down the lake, from point to point and hill to hill. From Modoc point the view was splendid. The gale soon swept all the ice from Pellican bay, and it was driven rapidly eastward, piling flee apon flee, till it was twenty-five or thirty feet in thickness. Our informant says the scene was indescribably grand, and his caddle horse trembled and quivered with terror as the broken floes came crashing and surging with irresistible force to the eastern shore, accompanied by the swarms of screaming entals. The nature of the gift has gulls and pelicans that circled excitedly over the lake.



- On Sunday night a hack-load of San Francisco drummers, with their miles distant, and make fun of the trunks loaded with samples, left this soldiers. The gun weighs 115 and place, says the Polk county, Oregon, Riverside, about eleven o'clock, and hastened to Dallas, in order to get there in advance of another of the fourth miles, consuming thirty-five same ilk, who had "done" Independence in advance of them. The mght was pitchy dark, the mud was deep. and the rain fell in torrents, and as

soon as our peripatectic friends left 'town their troubles commenced. As soon as they reached the lane leading to LaCreole, they were stuck in the mud and stayed for hours. Getting out of this they lost the road, and had to camp in the rain until day-light. Early in the morning their brother drummer started with a fine team, and reached Dallas as soon as the trio who left in the night.

-Gratitude is a very highly commendable feeling, says the Bee, and President Hayes may congratulate himself on having aroused that passion to an unlimited extent in the breasts of his friends and faithful followers the Chinese of Portland. These heathens are deeply exercised over the President's vete of the restriction bill, and desire to attest their gratitude to the executive for his decided stand in their favor by sending him a valuable present. For that purpose a subscription has been started, and \$600 so far contributed by the Oregon Orinot yet been decided on, but it is intended to be both original and unique in design, with an appropriate inscription. in a few days, and the gift purchased

-The Bonanza saloon, Walla Walla, The required amount will be collected has been closed as a disreputable house -after a disgraceful row between soldiers, gamblers and harlots.