

Surprising Sentences.

In the San Francisco Chronicle of March 20th we find a special letter from Portland, from which we quote:

In the whole of Western Oregon there is not one cheese factory, though here and there cheeses are made. Butter is almost as much neglected, many large land and stock-owners dispense entirely with the use of butter and even milk upon their tables.

It is a trifle surprising that a journal of the standing of the Chronicle prints such matter as that. It is all false. In the Willamett valley there are no less than ten large dairy farms where cheese is produced by the hundred tons annually—notably, that of Mr. Henry Ankeny, in Marion county, who has \$75,000 invested in the business.

The next paragraph to which attention is directed conveys the wrong impression in stating that Portland is largely interested in the salmon canneries of the Columbia. Perhaps Portland may have ten cents invested where San Francisco and Astoria have a hundred thousand dollars.

Perhaps it may be objected that salmon should not be mentioned as a product of the Willamett valley, since the principal fisheries are all upon the lower portion of the Columbia. The criticism is not without an appearance of justice. Still it is true that there is no difficulty in taking salmon above the mouth of the Willamett, or even in that river at the falls at Oregon City.

—George Peabody, the American philanthropist, though now no more has left an enduring fame in the hearts of the English poor people. His original gift for the building of tenement houses in London amounted to \$2,500,000.

Nearly \$750,000 still remain unexpended, but will be appropriated to the erection of more model houses as soon as certain leases expire, and the land comes into the market. Thus far, 2,348 separate dwellings, occupied by 3,860 persons, have been provided.

Not only have the inmates thus been furnished with comforts not elsewhere attainable, but the death rate among the occupants during the last three years has been over one and three-quarters per cent. less than the average of all the rest of London, palaces and hovels alike included.

—The past winter has been most disastrous to the American fishing interests on the eastern shores. The Cape Ann Advertiser of Gloucester, Mass., publishes a two-column article in regard to the missing fishing vessels. Thirteen vessels are supposed to have gone down in the February storms, carrying with them 143 men, and causing 53 widows and 137 orphans.

Postal Law Changes.

Reduced Rates for Publishers—New Fashioned Postal Cards and Envelopes.

It is not generally known that just before congress adjourned important amendments to the post-office bills were agreed to, and that it became a law. Of the several under consideration, the bill adopted was that which originated in the senate, with the exception that the registration features were stricken out. The new law divides all mailable matter into four classes:

First, written matter; second, periodical publications; third, miscellaneous printed matter, and fourth, merchandise. Mail matter of the second class embraces all newspapers and periodicals published issued as often as four times annually. All publications of this class, with certain exceptions, when sent from the office of publication, including sample copies, or when sent from a news agency to actual subscribers thereto or to other news agents, shall be entitled to transmission at two cents a pound, prepaid.

Heretofore newspaper publishers have been required to pay transient rates on specimen copies; such copies will not be transmitted at the lower rate of second-class matter. It is provided further that publishers of newspapers, without subjecting themselves to extra postage, may fold within their regular issue a supplement, provided it is germane to the publication which it supplements, and omitted only from the regular issue for want of space, time or greater conveniences. Publishers may also inclose in their publications, bills and receipts and orders for subscriptions.

Another clause of the bill provides for the double postal card and for a letter-sheet envelope, which is to be stamped as envelopes are now stamped, and a double-letter envelope. The double postal is in size smaller to the one-cent card. It bears at both upper corners a one-cent stamp, and lines are drawn from the centre, sloping downwards to each lower corner, to be written upon. The writer of the card uses the right-hand side and the receiver uses the left-hand side for his reply. The double-letter envelope is stamped twice, and the sender uses the right and the receiver the left-hand side in writing the address.

At the back of this envelope is a double-gummed flap, divided by a perforated line. The lower one is used for sealing by the sender, and the receiver uses his knife along the perforated line and has a new gummed flap ready for use. The letter-sheet envelope is designed to do away with outer envelopes. Its patentee claims great merit for it, for the reason that it often occurs that the date at which a writing has been mailed cannot be ascertained because the envelope has been lost. Here letter and envelope are one. The new law does not direct the postmaster-general to issue these patented conveniences. It only allows him the discretion to do so.

—The Hawaiian government is eminently satisfied with the results of the second year of the reciprocity treaty with the United States. Exports have increased over those of the previous year to the amount of \$872,263, sugar being the chief article, while imports from the United States have increased \$300,000. Custom duties have also increased to the extent of \$53,927.

An examination of the statistics given indicate that with the exception of sugar, coffee and beef, almost every product for table consumption used in the Hawaiian Islands is imported from California. The total value of exports for 1878 amounted to \$3,548,471, and of all imports to \$3,046,369. This showing is very satisfactory to California.

—The Truckee Republican and Reno (Nevada) Gazette have repeatedly drawn attention to the number of grasshopper eggs incubating in Sierra valley. A spadeful of soil received at Truckee from that valley is represented as containing hundreds of thousands of eggs, deposited in clusers. The farmers in that valley, in Sierra county, have not turned a furrow this spring, knowing that with these pests in the soil all their trouble would be fruitless of result. Grain crops, they state, will only foster the scourge, while to let the ground remain idle may starve the rapacious insects into emigrating.

—Rather singular circumstance in horse history, is the fact that there are only two entire sons of imported Glencoe alive, and both of these are owned in California. Mr. Johnson has one of them, and the other is Rifleman, the sire of the renowned Colonel Lewis, located in Tehama county.

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