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FROM FORT COLVILLE TO PUGET SOUND.

Capt. H. H. Pierce, 21st Inf., and party have returned from the Sound.

The party left Vancouver Barracks on July 24th, and proceeded to Ft. Colville, where pack mules were procured and horses for mounting the party (thirteen men and officers) were equipped. By August 2d the whole party was on the left bank of the Columbia river; here the Indian trail was struck which the party followed in a general westerly direction for 295 miles. This brought them to the Skagit river, which they descended by canoes until steamboat landings were reached. In their march they had to cross four mountain ranges, the highest pass having an altitude of 6800 feet above sea level. At one place a horse and mule were placed *hors de combat* by falling headlong down upon the rocks below. Two others fell, but were rescued. The country in the vicinity of Bonaparte river, the Okinakan valley, and the Methow river, was found to be particularly adapted for stock raising, bunch grass being very abundant. Indians of the Colville and Moses reservations raise green corn, potatoes, water-melons, oats, etc., in the valleys. The obstacles encountered by the party between the Twitsap river and the mouth of Cascade river were great and innumerable. The windfall, logs and other impediments to the trail necessitated a free use of the axes, and travel during those days was very slow. Miles upon miles of slippery rocks, snow packs, lagoons, dense underbrush and through forests primeval, had they to encounter; and often wading rivers and mountain torrents at every mile during the day. Between the head of Lake Chelan and the summit of the Cascade range the horses became footsore, and the grass being insufficient they with the pack mules were sent back to Fort Colville, and the party completed the remainder of the march from the summit to the mouth of the Cascade river—50 miles—on foot. Being short of rations for some days previous it is not to be wondered at that when the command struck a settlement on Skagit river the proprietor of an eating-house was much concerned at the way the viands left the dishes. He set out upon the table all he had, and there was no stint, and he said afterwards that he intended to keep the table well supplied and keep up with the funeral if they sat all night there. Among the minor troubles was a two-days' snowstorm which struck the party on the summit of the Cascade range, and being there without tents they had to huddle together under some trees to keep warm, and in this cramped position passed the whole night and day. The last 100 miles of the trail was found to be bad in the extreme, several degrees worse than the Lo-lo trail of Idaho.—*Vancouver Independent.*

In Wyoming Territory, where trial by jury is practically abolished—parties to a case can only avail themselves of it by making a demand and depositing money sufficient to pay the whole bill—the courts are said to grind out more justice at less cost than anywhere else in the Union.

Some one has started the story that Beecher has made a fortune of \$2,000,000 out of his literary work. His entire fortune does not exceed \$50,000, and half of that has been saved from his salary as a preacher.

THE DEMON'S WIFE.

"Do you love me?" The words came softly from ruby lips still dewy with the kisses of the one to whom they were spoken, and Gladys Mc Murtry knew that Ethelbert Frelinghuysen was no dissembler, no trifle with women's hearts, but ever kept within the precincts of his soul a tiny shrine at which there burned forever and ever a flame of pure and passionless affection for her upon whom he had lavished the treasures of his heart. Wild and reckless though he might sometimes be, caring nothing for the voice of conscience, but plunging madly forward into the darksome labyrinths of sin and shame, even at times smoking cigarettes, Gladys knew that her voice could ever call him back to purity and repentance, her dimpled hand lead him in paths that were gemmed with roses of innocence. And so when he asked the question that she loved so well to hear there came to her pretty face a joyous smile, and the drooping lips that overhung the riant mouth quivered with pleasure. But she did not answer him in words. Putting her dimpled arms around his neck she kissed him in the warm, two-for-a-bit fashion that was so dear to his heart, and then a little head nestled confidently upon his shoulder, and the gentle pressure of a soft, warm hand told him a story of how he had won the first affection of a pure and trusting heart.

"But this is not all," she said, "kisses and embraces and fair words are very pleasant things—sweet lips, and warm arms, and loving eyes—truth, and sincerity, and purity are very much fairer and infinitely rarer."

"Do you mean this?" asked Ethelbert, bending forward and looking at Gladys with a fixed, nailed-at-the-corners-and-clinched-on-the-other-side look.

"I do," she answered, speaking the words in the low New York Post fashion that became the sensuous grace of her Kenosha feet so well.

"Then," Ethelbert, with a grave tenderness that showed what a daisy liar he was. "I will not deceive you longer."

"What do you mean?" Gladys spoke hurriedly.

"I mean," he replied, "that I have joined the Anti-Oyster Benevolent and Protective Association," "and don't quite catch the idea," and turning suddenly he vanished from her sight with a Pinafore glide, leaving the girl who loved him (and oysters) well, alone and desolate.—*Roscoe Conkling in "Blighted Hopes."*

A Jacksonville paper gives the following railroad news: Dolson's surveying party is now camped near Trumbell's mill on Rogue river, and is now engaged in locating the route to the mouth of Bear creek, which will be as far any location will be made this season. Hulbert's party on the Siskiyou have been virtually disbanded for the winter. Dolson's corps will also quit as soon as their present work is finished. Work on the tunnel is still progressing, and will be continued through the winter. The grading force is all employed yet, but if wet weather continues much longer, they will be obliged to quit for the season in a short time. The Central Pacific have a number of surveying parties in the field yet, one being employed in the Siskiyou, and some work on the road is being done. Some time next year we can expect to hear the whistle of the locomotive in this valley.

Common Sense.

Common sense is symmetry of mind, of character, and purpose in the individual combined. It represents man in completeness, harmony, and equipoise. It clothes him with dignity, invests him with power, and stamps him with superiority. It is not genius, for that is often erratic; nor cunning in its sinuous course; nor tact, with its decline into trickery. Common sense is the embodiment of true manhood. It confers a patent of royalty, though birth be plebeian, and exalts men from lowest spheres to the highest stations. Not by sudden freaks of fortune, or a trait of adventitious circumstances are they thus dignified; but step by step, through obstacle and hindrance, they overcome by the force of character and the proper direction of the will-power. Common sense is a tremendous force in this lower world. Its power is felt and acknowledged through all the ramifications of governments, society, business, finance, science, and commerce. In fact it is the history as well as the true philosophy of the ages. It is the salt that has saved humanity from barbarism, and the moving power that has propelled the race onward in its march of progress and civilization.

Canal at The Dalles.

The report of C. F. Powell, corps of engineers, of his survey for a canal and locks at The Dalles is an instructive document. Capt. Powell states that the total fall from Celilo to Dalles city, a distance of 13.6 miles, is, at extreme low water 61.7 feet, at extreme high water 56.5 feet. The distance from safe water above Celilo falls to navigable river next above The Dalles landing is 56 feet; the total fall at low water, is 80.7; this fall decreases gradually to flood stage when it becomes 53.2 feet. To overcome these falls four plans are suggested. Capt. Powell recommends the removal of obstructions below Celilo falls and a canal and locks around them. While building the canal and locks he proposes to use a free wagon road 9.6 miles long to be converted into a free railroad portage of less than two miles in length, as soon as the channel is made navigable to the foot of the falls. To carry out this plan, including the canals, he estimates would cost \$10,517,343.71, and he thinks that with appropriations of \$1,000,000 a year the work could be completed in about eleven years from commencement.

Everyone has noticed the letters "T. D." on the front part of the bowl of a clay pipe, and some Dryas dust has made the discovery that they stand for Timothy Dexter, an eccentric Newburyport man, who endowed a clay pipe factory, wrote a book with a few pages of punctuation marks in the back, and insisted on viewing a mock burial of himself, at which he thrashed his wife because she did not weep enough.

Many persons iron towels, fold them and place them away before they are thoroughly dry. This is an error, and sometimes leads to results not expected. In this damp condition there is a mold which forms on them called "odium," one variety of which causes a disease known as ring-worm.

"I was very severely burned about the right leg several years ago," says Mr. R. R. Colyer, 123 Erie street, Jersey City, N. J., "and the spot always remained tender. A short time ago I wounded the old spot, and it refused to heal. I applied St. Jacobs Oil, half a bottle of which cured the injured limb."

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The railroad fight for the control of passes on Burnt river still continues, and men and material are being pushed forward daily.

A North Carolina preacher threatens to go to work in a cooper shop if his congregation does not lift his salary a dollar a week more. This is hoping things up with a vengeance.

We have heard some of the most intelligent men, recently, make the assertion that there is no difference between the two great political parties. This is a mistake. The difference is sharply defined. It takes no extraordinary power of vision to see that one party is in office and the other is out.—*Dayton Chronicle.*

MOTHERS, READ.

GENES.—About nine years ago I had a child two years old and almost dead. The doctor I had attending her could not tell what ailment she had. I had him if I could think it was worms. He said it was not, but I did not believe him. I had a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE between four of my children, and I gave her a teaspoonful in the morning and another at night. Within two or three days she was well, and was a well child. Since then I have never been without it in my family. The health of my child remained so good that I had neglected watching her actions until about three weeks ago, when two of them presented the same sickly appearance that my child did nine years ago. So I thought I would try a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE between four of my children, and I gave them a teaspoonful in the morning and another at night. Within two or three days they were well, and were well children. Now comes the result: Alice, 8 years, Emma, 6 years, John, 5 years, and Johnny about six years. The result was so gratifying that I wrote two days in substance the testimonials of your Vermifuge around the globe, and now have the worms on exhibition in my store. Yours truly, JOHN L. HARRIS.

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