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CALIFORNIA STAGE DRIVING.

The skill of the drivers in the downward drives is something wonderful. The roads are a continuous succession of the letter S, winding in and out about the heads of gulches, in many places being so sharp as to let the three teams of horses form the three sides of it.

The driver on his high seat, with his six lines and long whip in hand, and one foot on the brake, with the other as a brace on the footboard, appears to have as perfect control of the whole turnout as if it was a puppet.

When approaching a sharp corner and one's impulse is to slow down, crack will go his whip, and he dashes around it like a gush of wind. The reins seem to be nerves, or living tissues, conveying the driver's thoughts, and their pulses beat and their hearts throb in unison.

An accident seldom happens with those drivers, for extreme caution, coupled with absolute control of their team and vehicle, and perfect knowledge of the laws of stage motion, governs all their acts.

From the snow and mud of the Upper Sierra to the flowers of the foothills and the ripening grain of the valley below is only a day-light drive, and we rejoice again in the presence of early summer.

The public is cautioned against the practice of many grocers who sell what they claim to be Royal Baking Powder, loose in bulk, without label or trade-mark.

The public is too well aware of the injurious effect of alum upon the system, to need further caution against the use of any baking powders known to be made from this drug; but the dealer's assurance, "Oh, it's just as good as Royal," or "it's the genuine Royal," only we buy it by the barrel to save expense of can, etc., is apt to mislead the unsuspecting consumers into buying an article which they would not knowingly use in their food under any consideration.

Hon. John Minto, of Salem, has been clearing the Santiam across the Cascade mountains south of Mount Jefferson. This trail traverses the Switzerland of Oregon, in regard to scenery, beautiful lakes, magnificent waterfalls and the towering Mount Jefferson, with other smaller peaks which wear perpetual snow.

A Generation Ago.

Mrs. W. S. Peters, of this city, has in her possession an old newspaper, which is indeed an interesting affair to Oregonians, and should be chartered by the pioneers to be used in their meeting this month.

It provokes a smile to read such items as this: "We have assurance of a fresh mail and we hope for further news before our next." Articles in reference to President Taylor and his Cabinet, and in reference to the great excitement in the east over the conveying of news by telegraph, are particularly interesting.

In order to show the wonderful difference in prices between then and now we quote a few from the Current Price column: Apples, dried, 50 cents per pound; green, \$10 per bushel; butter, 75 cents per pound; cheese, 50 cents per pound; candles, sperm, \$1; tallow, 50 cents; flour, per barrel, \$15; wheat, per bushel, \$2; white sugar, 20 to 30 cents per pound; nails, 18 and 20 cents; cooking stoves \$70 to \$130; lumber \$80 to \$100 per thousand feet.—Albany Democrat.

Caste in the United States. It is perfectly true that the influence of caste is more powerful among the poor and dependent than among the more wealthy and independent classes.

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A San Francisco special to the Oregonian says: "The scarcity of coal which was experienced for the past six weeks has been relieved, to a great measure, by the arrivals of recent cargoes from British Columbia and Seattle."

On Wednesday and Friday Afternoon, from 2 o'clock until 4 p. m. and in the evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock. Lessons will be given in all styles of dancing. Those wishing to join my class will please call and see me.

California Weather.

At Napa, a strong north wind has been blowing for the past three days, and at times the thermometer has marked 100 in the shade.

The north wind has been blowing a Princeton, Colusa, for two days. At Santa Cruz, at forty-five minutes past two, the thermometer marked 100 deg. in the shade. It was the hottest day known there for years.

A searching sirocco prevailed at Santa Barbara Monday. It is thought that the crops have not been injured. The weather is warm to-day, the thermometer marking 80 deg. in the shade.

At Salinas, yesterday was the hottest day of the season, the thermometer having reached 101 deg. in the shade. It is considered very damaging to immature grain.

At Santa Rosa the day was the hottest of the season. The thermometer standing at 102 deg at 1 p. m. A dry, hot wind was blowing during the morning, doing the crops no good.

At San Jose there was a strong north gale scorching as a furnace breath, and before it vegetation drooped and withered and dried up. Our gardens to-night look as though a blight had struck them and grain has suffered greatly.

Thermometers are reported to have registered variously from 98 to 108 degrees.—S. F. Bulletin, 6.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test weight alums or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. Royal Baking Powder Co., 100 Wall-st., N. Y.

HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters meets the requirements of the rational medical philosophy which at present prevails. It is a perfectly pure vegetable remedy, embracing the three important properties of a preservative, a tonic and an alterative.

DANCING SCHOOL. THE UNDERSIGNED WILL OPEN A School for Dancing, at Occidental Hall, June 6th. On Wednesday and Friday Afternoon, from 2 o'clock until 4 p. m. and in the evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock.

JACOBS OIL. THE GREAT GERMAN REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, Backache, Soreness of the Chest, Gout, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Swellings and Sprains, Burns and Scalds, General Bodily Pains, Tooth, Ear and Headache, Frosted Feet and Ears, and all other Pains and Aches.

A. VOGELER & CO. If Oregon and Washington Territory with all their wealth of ship building material were not dependent on foreign vessels to carry off their grain, there would be no such uncertainty about ocean freights hanging over our farmers.

STEAMER "RELIC." WILL MAKE TRIPS AS FOLLOWS: TO YOUNGS RIVER, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Special trips as required.

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NEVILLE & CO. SAN FRANCISCO, April 11th, 1883. DEAR SIR: For general convenience, we have sent a supply of No. 20, 12-ply Genuine Scotch Salmon Net Twine, to the care of A. M. JOHNSON & CO., Astoria, which will be sold at low enough figures to make it an object for all net menders to use it for repairs.

Barbour's No. 40 12-Ply SALMON TWINE! CORK AND LEAD LINES, SEINE TWINES. A Full Stock Now on Hand. HENRY DOYLE & CO., 511 Market Street, San Francisco. Sole Agents for the Pacific Coast.

SHIPPING NOTICES.

Columbia Transportation Co. FOR PORTLAND. (FAST TIME.) The regular steamer FLEETWOOD, which has been refitted for the comfort of passengers will leave Wilson and Fisher's dock every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 A. M. arriving at Portland at 1 P. M.

STEAMER "QUICKSTEP." W. H. THORSON, MASTER. Is ready for charter, for freight, towage, or excursion parties. Can be found at Coleman's dock. For further particulars apply to Wm. T. COLEMAN & Co's Agency.

REGULAR STEAM PACKET. "Daisy," and Barge. Will leave Astoria, from Gray's Dock, for Olney, and Head of Youngs River, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 A. M. Returning same day.

OREGON & CALIFORNIA R.R. CO. On and after May 15, 1883, trains will run as follows, DAILY (except Sundays), EASTWARD DIVISION.

A. M. JOHNSON & CO., Ship Chandlery and Groceries. CROCKERY & GLASS WARE. Also Wholesale Dealers in Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Glass, Putty, Artists' Oil and Water Colors, Paint and Kalsomine Brushes.

LOEB & CO., JOBBERS IN WINES, LIQUORS, AND CIGARS. AGENTS FOR THE Best San Francisco Houses and Eastern Distilleries. Tumblers, Decanters, and All Kinds of Saloon Supplies.

I. W. CASE, IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. Twenty-five Dollars Reward. REWARD OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS will be paid for the recovery of the body of HAZEN A. PARKER, who was drowned in the Columbia, from the Clara Parker's wharf on the morning of the 12th inst.

TRANSPORTATION LINES.

Oregon Railway & Navigation COMPANY. OCEAN DIVISION. On and after April 1st, 1883. Ocean Steamers will sail from San Francisco and Portland every three days, leaving Spear St. wharf San Francisco, at 10 A. M., and Alsworth Dock, Portland, at 12 M.

ILLWACO STEAM NAVIGATION CO. WINTER SCHEDULE. Astoria to Fort Stevens, Canby, and Ilwaco, Connecting by Stages for Oysterville and Olympia.

OREGON & CALIFORNIA R.R. CO. On and after May 15, 1883, trains will run as follows, DAILY (except Sundays), WESTWARD DIVISION.

WILSON & FISHER, SHIP CHANDLERS. DEALERS IN Iron, Steel, Coal, Anchors, Chains, TAR, PITCH, OAKUM, WROUGHT AND CUT GALVANIZED SPIKES.

A. V. Allen, (SUCCESSOR TO PAGE & ALLEN.) Wholesale and retail dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Crockery. Glass and Plated Ware, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

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NEW YORK LIFE. Assets \$20,000,000.00. Income \$1,500,000.00. Paid Death Losses, Annuities, Endowments, etc. in 1882: \$2,000,000.00. Increase in Insurance 19,054,377.00.

WILLIAM HOWE. DEALER IN Doors, Windows, Blinds, Transoms, Lumber. OAK LUMBER, GLASS, Boat Material, Etc. Boats of all kinds Made to Order.

S. ARNDT & FERCHEN, ASTORIA - OREGON. The Pioneer Machine Shop. SHIP AND BOILER SHOP. All kinds of ENGINE, CANNERY, STEAMBOAT WORK.

ASTORIA IRON WORKS. BENTON STREET, NEAR PARKER HOUSE, ASTORIA, - OREGON. GENERAL MACHINISTS AND BOILER MAKERS.

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