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#### THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

The Secretary of War reports that the total expenditures of the Government on river and harbor improve ments from 1789 to 1882 were \$105,-796,501. Most of this was expended after the year 1861, 11 years after the admission of California as a state. The whole share of the Pacific coast is stated thus: For California.

For Oregon. For Washington Territory 649,305 10,000

\$2,166,134 and New York for \$9,539,-974. The Columbia is one of the three great rivers of the United States. Its waters drain a territory 200,000 and yet, by the power of their gov square miles in area. It is 1500 miles ernment, American citizens are rigor long and navigable, with here and ously excluded from it. there a postage, for 1000 miles. It is the great water-way of the American eign "nations," known as tribes of possessions on the Pacific. Its comthe grand resources of Oregon, Washington Territory and Idaho its future kee "nation," of less than 20,000 inis simply incalculable. Yet the government grudgingly from year to year Choctaw "nation," of 15,000 individuals, another; the Creek "nation," the improvement of its navigation, as if it were not to be counted among our principal navigable streams and individuals, a section south of that. arteries of commerce. The Portland Bsides these the territory contains board of trade, through a special the following "nations:" The Comancommittee, is now asking congress che, 2,800 persons; the Cheyenne, 6, for aid to purchase and keep in oper-ation at least one steam dredger, to place jetties similar to those in the Wichita, 1,200; the Pottawatomie, the Mississippi below New Orleans, near Otoe, the Seneca, the Ponca, the the mouth or "bar" of the Columbia, to narrow and deepen the current of the Modoc, the Ottawa, the Quapaw. the stream and give a better and safer the Kaw, and three or four others, inlet and outlet for ships of great numbering from 300 down to no more draught, and to remove three bars than fifty persons each. The aggregate between Astoria and the mouth of population of all these "nations" is considerable to improve this great tory is over 70,000 square miles, it river, but it cannot do all, nor should that be expected. The government of population is one person to every should help liberally and we bespeak square mile, or 640 acres of the best from congress a favorable hearing of land in America to every male, fethe statements and requests which male, adult and infantile of Cherokee, will be or have been presented by Choctaw, Chickasaw, Comanche, Qua-the Portland Board of Trade. It is paw, etc. no argument against bettering the navigation of the Columbia to say that at some future time there may be one or more large commercial cities on Puget sound. Portland is now immigration received from Hillsboro, a city of much wealth, enterprise and Ohio, the very peculiar letter pub-trade and will continue to grow as lished below. Of the thousands of trade and will continue to grow as lished below. Of the thousands of the river navigation is improved. It is the entrepot for whatever is protein the navigation is the protein the last ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, this stands pre-eminent for some and the protein ten years, the protein ten years are the protein ten years, the protein ten years are the protein ten years. duced in all that part of Oregon originality of thought and purpose:

#### "Who's Dat Knockin'?"

est order. -S. F. Chronicle.

ecticut, Rhode Island and New

"The game was in a little old log cabin, and there were three negroes playing poker. One of 'em was an old nigger preacher and the other two was a Kn'blavis' him. a Ku'kluxin' him and winning all his money as fast as they could. I watched the game awhile and was aces dealt him before the draw.
"He turned his head clear around

and says he: 'Who's dat knockin' on

wanted to give the other two a chance to fix up a hand. They wasn't play-ing straight flushes, so he turns clear around with his back to the table, and say he: 'Who's dat knockin' at dat do'? Is dat you, Mariah? All right. I'se comin' in a minit!

"One of the other fellows had two kings, and they gunned through the pack and got out the other two kings before the old preacher looked around to the table again. One of 'em bet a dollar. Then the old preacher went down in his pocket an got out all the money he had, forty-seven dollars, and put it up. 'You fellers,' says he 'has been winnin' my money and youse can just as well have it all. I'se a raisin' ye forty-six dollahs.'
"The feller that had four kings

borrowed all the money his partner had, and called the preacher's raise. old preacher raked in the pot and got up, and says he, 'I knows dat was you knockin' at dat do', Mariah. a comin'.' Then he went out."-Washington Republican.

### Mexican Mathematics.

I can best illustrate the Mexican character by telling a story, which is vouched for by a well known Mexican railroad builder, with which I will close this letter:

A railroad was building in Chiis, and the contractor advertised for a large number of railroad ties. A Mexican answered the adver-

"How many can you supply?" asked "Excellenza can have so many as he

wish," with an expressive shrug of the shoulders. "Well, if we should want 500, what

uld they cost us?" After much figuring the Mexican replied that he could furnish them at

Bolga me Dios!" cried the astonished native; "that is a very immense number." And he figured, and con-

cluded be would have to charge sixty cents each.
"Well, sir, we want at least 500,000

ties," said the contractor, while a look of surprise and astonishment overspread the Mexican's face, and after more pantomimic calculations the native solemnly announced that for "such an immense order, such an un-heard of quantity, he would have to charge at least \$2 apiece for the ties." Mexican Letter in Chicago Times.

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By treaties made with some for erce is already extensive, and from consecrated to their exclusive pos-Willamette. Private and somewhat over seventy thousand per-d enterprise has done sons, and, as the area of that terri-

#### Wants to Boom Oregon

west of the Cascade mountains, a region larger than Massachusetts, Confamily either to Oregon or Washington Territory, I thought I would Hampshire, and possessing natural capabilities for expansion of the highization is to get people to come to your country to settle. I have read and studied the geography and topography of your country, its advantages and resources, for the last of your country. Now, my proposi-tion is this. [The writer here unstanding where I could see the old folds his plan to attend cattle sales in nigger preacher's hand. After four or five deals the old preacher got four aces dealt him before the draw. accustomed to come together on such occasions. For this, he wants \$100 per month ] I can get right up in a "There wasn't anybody knocking at the door, but you see the old preacher make a pretty fair speech. That is, I can talk in a plain, clear forcible way,

so that I car attract and hold a crowd. Then suppose you have me visit Hamilton, Piqua, Dayton, Spring-field, Lima, Canton and Columbus, which are manufacturing towns, and talk with the mechanics and laborers and distribute circulars among them. I don't want to advise my friends to go to Kansas to be eaten up by grasshoppers and chinch bugs and burned out by hot winds, nor to Nebraska to be swept away by cyclones and bliz-zards. I don't want them to go to WINES New Mexico and Arizona to be murdered and robbed by the greasers and outlaws. I don't want them to go to the South to be ravished and plundered by the lazy, worthless niggers. I want them to go to Oregon or Washington to God's country to a land full and overflowing with all that is calculated to make people happy and prosperous. think it my native pride, but if you get immigrants from Ohio you get good, intelligent, industrious, civil, peaceable, law-abiding citizens, such

Mr. George has introduced a bill to allow the city of Portland to levy and collect tonnage taxes for the improve ment of the entrance to the Columbia river and of the river channels between Portland and the ocean. seriously doubt the propriety of the measure. To tax commerce would simply be to make this an expensive port and in increased charter rates we should have to pay the tax back again. It would give us a bad name, natural obstacles enough in the way of commerce in the Columbia river, and we should not seek to establish artificial ones. Oregonian.

tion.—Oregonian.

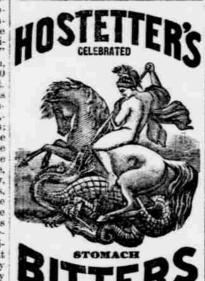
"And suppose we should want 5,000 that Dana, of the New York Sun, is not a Democrat, and is not a leader in The Sonoma Democrat declares not a Democrat, and is not a leader in the party; and now comes the Los Angeles Herald with the surprising information that Pendleton, of Onio, is not a Democrat, but is a preten-tious ass. Those distinguished men will feel bad when they hear that they have been read out of the party by a couple of bucolic editors on the edge

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