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SHINOL is paved with good intentions.

THE California wheat harvest has begun.

MR. SWINEFORD, the new governor of Alaska, used to be a Chicago newspaper reporter in 1861 and '62. Since then he is said to have led an exemplary life.

A MEXICO correspondent of the Los Angeles *Times* says that "along the southern coast of Mexico people have a habit of inoculating themselves with the virus of the rattlesnake or adder, which novel vaccination renders them absolutely safe forever afterwards from the bite or sting of the deadliest reptiles."

A JUSTICE of the peace, spoken of in an Illinois paper as doing business at a stand in Earlville, that state, was made stake holder recently by a couple of lawyers who made a bet on a point of law in his office and constituted him stake holder. He committed both men for contempt of court, and appropriated the stakes ($60) to pay the the fines.

A GENTLEMAN residing recently in Florida who had his life insured for $200,000 died the other day from injuries received by being thrown from his horse, and now the insurance companies in interest are taking steps to contest the payment of their losses, on the theory that a man whose lire is insured for so much money cannot possibly die a natural death, and must necessarily commit suicide.

S. B. PETTINGELL, present editorial writer on the *Oregonian*, who has bought and takes charge of the *Standard* next Tuesday is a clever gentleman and a thorough newspaper man. THE ASTORIAN tenders him its fraternal greeting. A word of notice is also due Mr. Noltner who has worked hard to make a good paper and has had almost insurmountable obstacles to contend against all along.

THE present secretary of the navy has four vessels of war to construct. Two of them are to be vessels of the first-class, while one will belong in the second rank and the fourth will be a gunboat. The money for the vessels of the first-class is ample to procure ships equal to anything in the best of the foreign navies. It is probable that the plans for their building will be completed and ready for approval by next fall.

IT is said that the appointment of George W. Julian to be surveyor-general of New Mexico, was brought about by Tilden's influence. A strong friendship exists between the two men which manifests itself in the stand taken by Julian in Tilden's favor during the exciting struggle of 1876 and 1877. Julian's friends say it is the only direct request Mr. Tilden has made of the administration. The salary of the place is not large, but the secretary has the power to increase it out of the funds appropriated for the discovery of fraudulent land titles. Julian is a good example of a politician. In 1858 he was a Democrat; in 1861 and 62 he was a fierce "black Republican; later he was a "war Democrat," championed McClellan's presidential candidacy. Later on he again affiliated with the Republican party, but in 1872 joined Schurz, et al., in the "Liberal" movement. In 1876 he hurrahed for Tilden and since then has been a consistent Democrat.

ANOTHER romance of crime is attracting attention. Twelve years ago the New York firm of Corbyn & Co., bankers, was robbed of $15,000 in United States bonds. The thief was one of the firm's clerks, a young man named William Goddard. He disappeared, and for years has not been heard of. Last week one of the Corbyn firm walked into a flourishing store in Minneapolis and recognized in one of the proprietors the long missing bond thief. Goddard admitted everything, voluntarily surrendered and went to New York, where he is now in private custody endeavoring to unearth an associate in his crime. Now comes the touching part of the business. The citizens of Minneapolis write and telegraph their willingness to refund Corbyn & Co. the value of the stolen bonds. They say that Goddard has led a reputable and useful life for twelve years and should not now be molested. They testify that he is thoroughly honest, a Christian and a good Samaritan. Goddard insists that he deserves punishment and demands it. What is to be done about it? Undoubtedly the man stole the money, and has never taken any steps to replace it. Is his honesty for the past twelve years to be taken into account? If the stolen money is restored will Corbyn & Co. be doing their duty in allowing the criminal to go unprosecuted? It is a puzzling case and will do to stand alongside the case of the man in Texas who has been arrested to answer a solemn judgment of death pronounced against him by a court twenty-four years ago.

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