

PORTLAND started a clearing house last Monday, and the first day's exchanges amounted to \$361,849.73.

The idea of a single legislative house, instead of the usual house and senate, is said to be regarded with considerable favor by the delegates of the North Dakota constitutional convention.

ENGLAND has over one million dollars invested in the manufacture of idols for heathen countries, and yet the churches of that country are continually calling for more money and more missionaries to suppress idolatry.

The death of Laura Bridgman recalls the story that when Thomas Carlyle once impudently asked: "What great or noble thing has America ever done?" somebody replied: "She has produced a girl deaf, dumb and blind from infancy, who from her own earnings has sent a barrel of flour to the starving subjects of Great Britain in Ireland." Laura Bridgman was the girl.

THAT is a queer story told of E. L. Harper, the wrecker of the Fidelity bank of Cincinnati. It is to the effect that he has been doing a profitable iron business to the tune of \$350,000 a year while serving his sentence in the Ohio penitentiary. Through the efforts of his faithful wife, a joint stock company was formed, and, presumably through the collusion of some of the prison officials, Harper was allowed to direct the movements of this company by telegraph, thus enabling it to make money when other men in the iron business were actually running behind. It is a striking illustration of what a "smart" man with money can do even when he is dead in the eyes of the law. In the meanwhile the discovery of this little arrangement will be likely to arrest the efforts to obtain a pardon for this distinguished criminal.

The barbed-wire patents, which have netted fortunes to their owners, have an interesting history. The first patents were issued to a man named Kelly, living down east. About two years later a farmer at De Kalb, Ill., conceived the idea of keeping his unruly cattle in the pasture by putting short barbs on a wire, and then twisting it with a plain wire. This is known in the market as the Gidden wire, being named after its inventor, Joseph F. Gidden. One day, while he was experimenting with it, a neighbor going by, shouted: "Joe, you better be out harrerin' in your oats instead of foolin' away your time with patents." Gidden thought otherwise, and in less than two years received a bonus of \$60,000 with the guarantee of a royalty on all made under his patents. For one year his royalties exceeded \$174,000.

HE SENT IT EAST. For a year I was troubled with pains in my back and side, and headaches, the result of liver and kidney trouble. I was attracted to Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla, by the startling testimonials in the papers. They seemed so practical I was induced to try it, knowing that as it was purely vegetable, it would do no harm. It acted as a gentle laxative. After the second bottle my pains and aches disappeared. It did so much for me that I sent several bottles to my family in New Jersey, who also took it with the most satisfactory results.

The Hume Divorce Case. SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Lizzie Hume was granted a divorce to-day from Joseph Hume, the Berkeley capitalist, and formerly of Oregon, on the ground of cruelty. The testimony was taken behind closed doors, and no opposition made to the decree. The findings in the case were waived, as the division of the property was amicably arranged. Hume will give his ex-wife \$17,500 and their Berkeley home.

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"A NICE LITTLE GIRL."

But She Didn't Care About Waiting.

EDITOR OF THE ASTORIAN: In the fall of '68 a small party left Astoria to look over the ground between Astoria and the Nehalem valley to see if any insurmountable difficulty existed to building a railroad said before that time that Saddle mountain was part of a continuous range and was impassable. The party consisted of the old gentleman, Welch, since dead, who was the leader; J. W. Gearhart, surveyor; F. J. Taylor, Eugene Spedden and another man. They found no impassable barriers, and only saw one shake house, occupied by a Mr. Shanks, where they got some dinner. When returning they were invited to supper at Col. Spedden's, and to spend the night, at what is now the Kamm farm. The colonel was a very hospitable gentleman, and there were several guests with him before this party arrived, among whom was a little girl about four years old. When it came to arranging seats for all, some one asked the little girl if she wouldn't be a "nice little girl and wait till the others were through," but she said no, she did not want to be a "nice little girl and wait." The colonel said, "well you shan't be; you shall have a high chair and sit right here by me." And she was waited on the first of anybody, the colonel remarking that she showed the proper spirit. And now after all these years Astoria says she "isn't going to be a nice little girl and wait."

The colonel isn't here to set her to the table, and it sorter looks as if she was going to haul up a chair and help herself. The Supreme Ruler of the Universe is the provider of this table, and tells none to wait. The road is nearly ready for rails, and all hope to see the cars soon. Mr. Parker is shoving work on the last mile as fast as possible. Mr. Davidson, a very gentlemanly contractor, is driving piles for the bridges. He has some sort of an animal with him that yelps at passers-by, especially girls and women. It don't seem to be a dog, for it has only two legs. That yelping is a dog's characteristic, and some one might mistake it for a dog and shoot it, if it continues to yelp at women. Some good men have had their dogs shot for yelping at passers by. They raise turnips on Clatsop, but in Astoria they raise turnips, and each one seems to be of a different kind. That is the reason we all look for THE ASTORIAN; we want to see the shape, size and quality of the last turnip. SALLAL.

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