

The Daily Astorian.

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In 1880, Oregon's population, according to the federal census, was 174,968. This year's figures will approximate 300,000.

The negro women of Charleston, S. C., have declared war against the Chinese laundrymen, and the city authorities are helping them by charging \$100 for licenses for Chinese laundries.

BISHOP WHITTAKER was the Episcopal bishop of Nevada for sixteen years. He never saw a pistol pulled during that time, but went back to Philadelphia last week, and while officiating in that staid old city, a crank tried to shoot him with a bull dog revolver.

It is said that George T. Smith's middlings purifier has increased the wealth of the northwest fully \$500,000,000, and the American Miller's association has awarded him a gold medal for bringing out the most important invention ever made in milling machinery.

Our special this morning from Spokane Falls, tell the funny story of Montana legislators paying \$900 for a special train to escape from serving the constituencies they were elected to represent. They are going to have "a good time" in western Oregon and Washington.

THE MORNING ASTORIAN is in receipt of voluminous blanks from Mr. Porter, superintendent of the census, with the request that they be filled and returned, and with the implied information that this office is relied upon to do this work. It is with regret that the justifiable request must be ignored. To collect, arrange, and correctly transmit the information asked would take the writer's whole time for three days. The work ought to be done, but who is to do it, is the question. Had my attaché of this office the time, it would be gladly undertaken, but the days are only 24 hours long.

A lawsuit has just been finished in Pesh which began in 1768, 122 years ago. The bishop of Neutra, in northern Hungary, died, leaving his estate to his family. They were unable to take possession, owing to the Turkish invasion at that time. After the invasion it was found that there were one thousand persons entitled to a share. They, being unable to agree, appealed to the law, and as a result the expenses of the law and administration have swallowed up the fortune almost entirely, and the heirs have increased to more than two thousand. Now that the case is settled the heirs will get about five dollars apiece.

A CONSTITUTIONAL convention is a present necessity in this state. We need a new organic law. Such a proposition was made in '86. THE ASTORIAN then opposed it, because the time of such agitation was then going on is not the time when sober counsels prevail. It said then, that the measure should be deferred. It now believes that the present is a favorable time for the selection, not of demagogues, but of representative men from all parts of the state who would give us a constitution that would be more in accordance with our present requirements and presumpive needs in the future. The conditions have changed since the present constitution was adopted. Oregon has outgrown it.

ADMIRAL SHIFFELDT tells how the Russians are fleeing territory from the Chinese on the boundary between Siberia and China. The means of communication are so poor in China and the avenues of news are so few that it is impossible for the Chinese to keep track of the goings on in their provinces. The Russians send a regiment of Cossacks with their families about ten or fifteen miles into China. The regiment will settle down, take up the land and cultivate it. They take up the boundary stones as they settle down and put them at the edge of their settlements, and the next year another regiment comes along, takes up the land below and moves the boundary stones further on toward Peking. These encroachments have been going on for years, and the Chinese cannot understand the perpetual shrinkage of their northern frontier.

The house of representatives has passed a bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the erection of three penitentiaries in which to confine United States' prisoners. This is a bill that should become a law, and one of the penitentiaries should be located on the Pacific coast. As California has military prisons, the penitentiary, says the Telegram, should be established in Oregon. At present many of the government prisoners are confined in state penitentiaries, where they are, of course, under the control of the state prison officials, upon whom an unjust hardship is worked. It would be better for the national government to have prisons of its own in which punishment can be administered to its prisoners. Then it could regulate them according as it may see fit, without regard to the views or interference on the part of the state officials. It is as necessary that the national and state penitentiaries should be separate, as it is in the case of city and county jails.

Mr. PARNELL, although invisible, is not inactive. His address to the Irish party sounds like a clarion call. He has weighty work on hand. It is be-

lieved that at this session the question of home rule for Ireland is to be settled. Parnell acts as if he wished to have every member of the party think so, his influence is felt in every direction. He will leave no stone unturned to further the cause. He intends to produce the whole mass of Pigott's letters, forgeries and all. Mr. Davitt, speaking of the forthcoming documents and testimony says the revelations they will make will be startling, even to a world jaded with the proceedings of the unusual commission. Parnell no longer seeks his own vindication from the accusations of the Times. In the interests of the cause he supports he proposes to disclose and denounce to the world the nefarious conspiracy which was formed against its leaders, in order to kill it and complete its investigation, which the special commission refused to allow him to do and which it left undone.

The Willamette Floods.

The greatest loss in Benton county is in the Alsea valley. The Alsea river overflowed its banks and the valley had the appearance of a lake. In many places the water was ten feet higher than any high water mark known, the result being much loss of stock and property. Many miles of fencing in that section were washed away and the mountain side in dozens of places washed down into the canyon. Some of these slides were 500 feet square and so deep that in many instances gigantic trees were carried hundreds of yards downward and are to-day standing erect in the canyon below. In other cases big trees have been broken like pipestems and piled up with dirt fifty feet high, forming immense dams in the mountain streams and creating small lakes.

The only death reported in Benton county occurred at Robert Barclay's residence, three miles from Alsea bay. About 5 o'clock Monday morning Mrs. Barclay and one of her daughters heard a terrible noise and ran out of the house. They saw the whole mountain side above their residence moving downward and rapidly gaining momentum. Before they could give the alarm the avalanche struck the house, smashing it into an unrecognizable mass of broken lumber, and where it stood there was at least twenty feet of mud and mire. Mr. Barclay and three children and a visitor, Robert Brown, were imprisoned in the broken building, and it took three hours of terrible anxiety to the wife and daughter, before the debris was removed. The father and children were not fatally injured, but Brown had been instantly killed by a timber which fell across his breast. The barn near the house was wrecked and ten head of valuable stock killed.

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