

THE Clatsop Land COMPANY.

What's the matter with having a constitutional convention? Wearing the present state constitution is like making a ten year old boy wear the same clothes that fitted him when he was a two year old.

A YEAR ago to-day Seattle was partially destroyed by fire. Astoria sent sympathy and a thousand dollars to the stricken city. To-day Astoria sends congratulations to her stalwart sister on her remarkably recuperative powers and is glad to note her prosperity.

This office is in receipt of a pamphlet summing up the weather reports of Oregon for March. The state pays good money for this foolishness. If there is anything more useless than telling a man in June what the weather was in March it has not recently come under the writer's observation.

The usual post mortems are being held over the result of last Monday's election. They are useless. We must all live together and to fan the fires of dying revenge or add vigor to a factional fight that would die if neglected is not the province of peace. Let harmony prevail, and let us do what we can to help the town and each other, and let the past go.

At the beginning of the year it was estimated that about \$800,000,000 was invested in the electrical industries. The telegraph companies had \$120,000,000; telephone, \$80,000,000; electric-lighting and power companies, \$300,000,000; electrical supply companies, \$100,000,000. There is no manner of doubt that another year will show \$1,000,000,000 invested in electrical industries.

The common council of the city of Chelsea, in Massachusetts, has passed an order requesting the Mayor to petition the Legislature to allow the name "Chelsea" to be changed to one that shall be adopted by a majority vote of the citizens. The council alleges that there is an expression commonly used in various parts of the country, "As dead as Chelsea," and that this phrase is seriously damaging the business prosperity of the city.

A London beautifier has invented a new face powder, warranted not to rub off. Powder puffs long no longer be carried about in mysterious pockets, as this powder remains just the same for quite twelve hours. The hand or arm that is brushed with it leaves no mark on a black coat sleeve. This ought to be a great relief to the minds of sentimental young couples. A face powder that tells no tales is as great a boon in its way as a gunpowder that makes no noise.

Reports of the bonded debt of the several states have been received at the census office, showing the following figures for the Pacific slope, as compared with the census of 1880: California—in 1880, \$5,696,766; in 1890, \$5,320,050. Nevada—in 1880, \$794,098; in 1890, \$651,839. Washington—in 1880, \$75,000; in 1890, \$451,000. Oregon—in 1880, 43 cents; in 1890, \$15,000. In 1890 the gross debt was: In California, \$7,212,075; Nevada, \$996,847; Oregon, \$1,588,606; Washington, \$206,757. In 1890 the figures show: California, \$5,607,450; Nevada, \$857,277; Washington, \$1,170,637; Oregon, \$782,015.

The commissioner of the general land office wants an increased force of special agents for investigation of land frauds in California and on the Pacific coast. He says that an additional number of agents are necessary to bring some of the land offices abreast of the current work, particularly in the mountain and timber regions. "There," he explains, "the season during which agents can work in the field is short, and a large force must be used for a short period to accomplish any substantial good. In California there are between 2,000 and 3,000 cases, and a large force should be organized for active work as soon as spring opens. The same may be said of Oregon."

MARRIAGE by contract is a present fact. Recently in San Francisco, F. B. Blue and Miss Gertrude Michner were thus married and are seemingly happy. An Examiner reporter called on the bride, who is a pretty and quite intelligent young woman. She expressed her opinion on the contract marriages, and concluded by saying that when the bond became a burden it could be mutually dissolved and society need not be shocked by a divorce scandal. When informed that the state of California is a third party to that contract and would not consent to its annulment except on legal grounds by process of law, the bride was astonished and simply said: "You must be mistaken." But the reporter was right and Gertrude was mistaken.

MONEY is a thing created by law. It has no existence outside of law. The substance from which money is made, may be a commodity, but money is not a commodity, though a large number of financial writers have made the mistake of calling it so. There is no international money. Gold and silver, as bullion, is a commodity, and as such is transferred from nation to nation at a given rate. Its price varies, but not so with money. Money has a fixed value, and although the metal out of which a coin is made may change in value, the coin itself, in the nation where it is made does not change in value. The 412½ grains silver dollar is a dollar to all intents and purposes in the United States, as much as the gold dollar of 258-10 grains. The value of the bullion in one or the other may change, but the value of the coin is fixed by statute law, and does not change. There is therefore no such thing in existence as an 80c legal tender dollar. It cannot exist. The silver dollar of the United States is a full legal dollar, and will purchase as much of any commodity in the United States as any gold dollar. But the laws of one nation cannot make a coin pass in another nation for more than its bullion value, so there is no international money. Debts are paid between nations in commodities, wheat, corn, manufactured goods or gold and silver bullion.

It is quite probable that by the beginning of the twentieth century inventions will be completed which will make aluminum as cheap as iron. Then will come such a revolution in the industrial world that people will thank Providence they have been permitted to live in such a time of wonder. Already aluminum is as cheap as the metal nickel. This is because of American inventions for extracting it from clay. By and by the supreme moment will come when science will yield to persistent effort the grand secret altogether. Then will be seen mountains of this beautiful metal. Houses glittering like Aladdin's palace will be built of it. They will not burn, they will not rust, they will need no paint. The greatest revolution, however, will be in marine commerce. Ships will be built of this splendid metal instead of iron or steel. It is only one-quarter as heavy as iron, therefore will only sink slightly into the water. Where now harbors must have water thirty feet deep to accommodate our monstrous ocean steamers, seven or eight feet will be all that is required to float aluminum ships of the same size. Car wheels and cars made of aluminum will flash in burnished splendor, with never a break or rust. What a sight it will be, the navies of the world, built of aluminum, darting like birds hither and thither in their shining evolutions. It may yet be that before the new United States navy is finished we shall hear of the building of fast aluminum cruisers. The problem of the navigation of our shallow American rivers will be solved without appropriations from congress, for this kingly metal can be made into machinery and serve any purpose that iron now does, and steamboats drawing three feet of water will answer every purpose. Most wonderful of all, however, are the possibilities that loom up in the imagination in respect to air navigation. Machinery made of this light, strong metal can be put into air ships, and will not be too heavy to be held aloft while it propels them.

THE STEAMER Alliance arrived from Portland yesterday afternoon, and sailed for Gray's harbor this morning early. The steamer Cascade, Capt. Whitcomb, came down yesterday afternoon, bringing three barges loaded with rock for the jetty. The steamer Letonia arrived last evening from Hocho harbor, bringing 2,500 barrels of lime, 50 tons of granite and 50,000 shingles. The repairs on the steamer Telephone were not completed yesterday, so the Bonita came again on her run and went up last evening. Pure French Candies at the Columbia Bakery.

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REWARD OF \$20 OFFERED FOR THE body of G. H. Ward, Jr., watchman on the "Harvest Queen," who was drowned May 24, 1890, at Oak Point. He was 5 ft. 9 in. high, weighed 160 lbs., had a mustache and chin whiskers, and was dressed in black. WARD BROS., Portland.

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