

It is now reported that work on the Esquimaux defenses will be commenced this fall. When completed Puget sound will be thoroughly cut off from communication with the ocean, except by British consent, unless we provide means for neutralizing that naval station.

This morning's dispatches report great excitement at Port Angeles over gold discoveries and a great rush for mining claims, which are being located at a rapid rate. It is to be hoped that the strike will turn out to be of more value than the recent discovery of gold in a gulch at Tacoma.

RUMBLESONG of war on the isthmus may be the cause of an inclination on the part of the czar of all the Russias to feel rather belligerent towards Turkey. His imperial highness evidently is considerably riled, but probably will cool down without "letting loose the dogs of war." It costs money to fight with foreign nations, and people are liable to be hurt. Peace is good, war is bad; but a war among distant nations creates a great demand for American wheat at high prices.

MEXICO indeed has been the news concerning the revolution in the Central American republics. This morning, however, complete news is given in the telegraphic columns on the first page, as received at one o'clock this morning in an interesting telegram which came by the way of El Paso, Texas. The Guatemalan troops are half starved and without money, and the general condition of affairs is decidedly unsettled. Minister Mizer is still silent, and is probably prevented from sending any dispatches.

SOME fear is entertained lest the war in Central America be prolonged and thereby injure the prospects of this year's coffee crop. The armies of both Salvador and Guatemala are composed of the men that even now should be engaged in picking the berries. Seven-eighths of the coffee which comes to this coast every year is produced by the Central American states. Of this amount some 60,000 bags, on an average, is furnished by Guatemala and half that amount by San Salvador. The Central American states combined produce about one million cents of coffee, of which amount Costa Rica raises about two hundred and fifty thousand, Nicaragua and Honduras together some one hundred and twenty thousand cents and Guatemala and Salvador the remainder. Salvador can stand the war much better than Guatemala on account of the lateness of her crops. Guatemala coffee brings a higher price than that produced in Salvador, as the product is generally washed and in good condition.

Country People Taken in by Sharpers.

The Yamhill Reporter says: "A few weeks since an agent of the Hanson Electric Glass Cell Co. visited the business houses of the town soliciting advertising space on a call board or dial to be furnished by the company to be placed in the office of the Cook hotel. This being something new and quite novel in its workings a number were induced to subscribe for space, and signed what was represented to be a contract by which they were to pay the company two dollars per year for five years for each advertisement. During this week another agent of the same company appears in town having with him these contracts. To the surprise of the subscribers, it transpires that instead of signing contracts as they supposed they had done, they had signed and fully executed due bills acknowledging an indebtedness of ten dollars each to this company. Some refused to pay the bills when they were first presented, but upon further consideration concluded to pay up and charge themselves with ten dollars of experience. Surely electricity moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform, and the memory of the "R. E. G. C. Co." will long be cherished in the minds of some of our business men with fond regret." These sharpers have many different games, suited to the different localities and classes of people they chance among. One favorite swindle, which is often quite remunerative to them, is to canvass for advertisements which they insert in obscure eastern papers at prices which the local papers would blush to ask. And yet it does seem as though grown-up people should not be so easily fooled.

A New Comet Discovered.

The director of the Lick observatory has been notified by telegram of the discovery of a new faint comet, by Denning at Bristol on July 23d at 12h, Greenwich time. Its position was right ascension, 15 h. and 11 m., and the declination north 78°. Its motions were south and rapid.

The New Discovery.

You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given trial, Dr. King's New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should be afflicted with a cough, cold or any throat, lung or chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every time, or money refunded. Trial Bottle Free at J. W. Conn's Drugstore.

Fine Table Wine

Delivered at 60 cents a gallon, to any part of the city. A fine line of pure California wines at low prices, at A. W. Utzinger's Cosmopolitan saloon.

Delicious Ice Cream

Served daily at the Columbia bakery.

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The Coming Seaside Resort of Oregon.

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The Rat That Went Through the "Times" Press.

As the swift "Presto" perfecting press of the Times was thundering along yesterday morning, a rat, who had not a proper appreciation of the art preservative, or who had lost his presence of mind or his reasoning powers—hence his mis-locution—or had taken a sudden fright, made a jump for the whirling, clattering mass of machinery and in less than a second had "gone to press." Just how or when he passed through the type and impression cylinders is not known, because the press made no sign of a kick, but all at once there was a tremendous smell of rat in the press-room and a sheet that came out had on it a map of the recent conflict. To say that the rat was spread out thin don't express it. He was easily a foot and a half broad by twenty-one inches in length and continued to the eighth page. It was in fact the greatest "spread" that anything has had in the Times for a week or two and was a decided "scoop" for the press. Pressman Crawford was panic-stricken when he saw the illustrated edition come from the press, and he stopped operations at once and made a thorough examination; but not a cog or spring was out of whack. The rat had simply jumped against the great inevitable and nothing remained of him but an impression. The tragedy has a moral, which is obvious to the observant.—Los Angeles Times, July 27th.

Perhaps Salem is Mistaken.

No matter what the census says—and even by its bungling figures—Salem continues and ever will be the second city in the state. Portland makes a nice first, while Astoria, Eugene and Albany follow along nicely. Salem is second in population, importance, enterprise and everything that goes to make a good city. She is improving at such a satisfactory rate that her position is indisputable.—Salem Statesman.

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The great appetizer, tonic and liver regulator. In use for more than 50 years in England. Positive specific for liver complaint. Bad taste in the mouth arising in the morning, dull pains in the head and back of the eyes, first feeling dizziness, languor—symptoms of liver complaint. Remedy—Dr. Henley's English Dandelion Tonic. Relieves constipation, sharpens the appetite and tones up the entire system. Get the genuine from your druggist for \$1, and take according to directions.

NEW TO-DAY.

**GRAND EXCURSION AND PICNIC** Will be given by the **SCANDINAVIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY!** To Clatsop Beach and Return. **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th.**

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UTZINGER'S BAND will furnish splendid music.

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