

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. J. Monteith, of Portland, arrived in town yesterday. C. F. Lansing was among those who registered at the Occident yesterday. F. S. Cutter, of the Stultz Theatrical Company, is a guest at the Occident. A. T. Elliott, of San Francisco, was among the arrivals at the Occident yesterday. Mrs. A. P. Sharpstein and son arrived in the city yesterday morning on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Pope. Mr. Willing, superintendent of the Tillamook creamery, was among the passengers on the Elmore yesterday. H. T. Flindley, who has been in the East for several months past, is among the passengers on the steamship State of California, due this morning from San Francisco. H. M. Jacobs, of the office of the supervising architect at Washington, leaves this morning for Port Townsend. During his stay here Mr. Jacobs made many friends. He will officially examine the custom house at Port Townsend.

NOTABLE DEAD.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 16.—Hon. Jas. Black, candidate of the prohibition party for president in 1872, is dead.

GOMPERS SUCCESSFUL.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—After a warm struggle Samuel Gompers was tonight re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

TALLY FOR DIXON.

Patterson, Dec. 16.—In a four-round contest between George Dixon and Australian Billy Murphy, the latter was knocked out in the third round.

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Washington Fire Insurance Company has assigned. It was under attack from the state insurance commissioners.

TOWED TO SEA AT LAST.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 16.—The cigar-shaped pile raft which has been beset by so much ill-luck in Coos Bay was successfully towed over the bar this afternoon by the tug L. O. and the steamer National City, and started for San Francisco. The raft contains 335 piles of an average length of 70 feet. The entire raft is 620 feet long, and will, it is thought, reach San Francisco in a week. It grounded twice in Coos bay, and narrowly escaped destruction both times, but it is believed the project will be a success financially.

DUALITY OF THE MIND.

The idea is held by Dr. B. W. Richardson that the two lobes of the cerebrum give every person two distinct brains; and that any congregation of human beings must be reckoned at twice its individual number before its mental constitution and strength can be properly appraised. The two brains are never exactly balanced. They sometimes work together, sometimes diversely; and when one is disordered there may be tendencies to insanity, with lucid intervals if the other is sound. Complete change of personality may result from weakening the stronger or strengthening the weaker.

A NEW ELECTRIC CLOCK.

The General Electric Company of Berlin proposes to adopt the new clock of Herr von Hefner-Alteneck, which may be placed in the same circuit with incandescent lamps, and is claimed to solve the problem of providing an inexpensive yet effective system of controlling clocks electrically. The current keeps the clock wound at an annual cost not exceeding that of one 16 candle lamp lighted for 10 hours—perhaps 5 or 10 cents. Should the circuit be broken, the clock will run without the current about 12 hours. The control can be operated by hand from the dynamo-room or automatically from an observatory, and consists of a momentary lowering of the circuit potential by 4 to 10 volts once every 24 hours, the effect being to set all clocks in the circuit exactly together. The lamps are not appreciably affected.

IRREVERENCES OF INFANTS.

(Mamma explaining to her little girl, aged five, that everything she does is written down in a large book in heaven.) She asks: "Are all the naughty things, too?" Mamma: "Yes, dear." Child (pensively): "Then I think I'll take a piece of India rubber with me." A little five-year-old interviewed his mother the other day upon the subject of angels having wings, and, on being told that there was reason to believe that they were so equipped, exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, how funny they must look when asleep, roosting like turkeys." A little girl of six, who complained of being left alone in the dark after she was in bed, was told by her mother that she need not be afraid, as God was with her, although there was no light. Whereupon the child replied: "Mother, dear, I'd much rather you took God away and left the candle." A child of three and one-half years had been taught by his mother a text in the morning: "Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." At night, at the end of his prayer, he, unasked, repeated the text in the following form: "Wash my heart, O God, and hang it out to dry." A boy of five, after having been checked to no purpose by his mother for teasing her when she was busy, was thus addressed: "My dear little boy, if you loved mother you would try and please her by doing what you are told." Whereupon replied the boy: "Mother, I'm trying to please God; I can't please everybody."

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