

OREGON ITEMS.

The highest temperature at Nehalem is where the sheep shears are only getting four cents a pound for their work.

The denizens of Gervais can now get their regular sleep. The frog ponds have all been cleaned and their inhabitants moved elsewhere.

Mrs. Sarah Meek, who came with her husband to Lane county and settled on 4000 acres of land in 1852, died in Eugene last week.

Buggy horses must be quite tame down at Medford. The band boys there have just received new uniforms that rival Joseph's coat.

Whenever an Ashland woman buys a bolt of muslin the papers say the engagement of her daughter is "semi-officially announced."

Since Postmaster Robbins has fitted up his office with 80 call boxes and 34 with combination locks, the citizens of Nehalem are writing letters to themselves.

There is an organist at a Salem church so wedded to her art that it is no uncommon thing for her to throw her soul into her work and break the bellows.

A sea lion thought he had a snap over at Westport. He sprang at fisherman E. A. Evans and held on to his coat so that Mr. Evans nearly went overboard.

A Douglas county paper tells about a large egg which "was laid on our table today by Farmer Brown." That man Brown is probably a descendant of old man McDuff.

Snakes are crawling out of their winter quarters down on Link river, and Klamath people have now placed a bottle of antidote even on their parlor what-nots.

The Coast Mall says that John Swanson lost the best part of his hand in that place lately. John should either watch his discard or stand pat and bluff after this.

The peace of the penitentiary was disturbed last Friday by two convicts who fought with knives, and one of them, named White, from Umatilla, is now laid up at the hospital.

A Linn county principal is in a peck of trouble. He attempted to punish a big girl for whispering, and now a jury is to decide whether he was not a little too severe in his punishment.

The question which now clangs through the head of the Upper Willamette valley is how much damage the hop louse will do the hop crop. They are now in the second generation.

As so many followers of Galloway at The Dalles are talking through their hats, the manager of the telephone exchange complains of the lack of subscribers, and he intends closing up shop.

RARE SELF-POSSESSION.

"The most self-possessed woman I ever saw, is just now one of the belles at Old Point Comfort," said Arthur Spalding, of Bridgeport. "She is a perfect Juno as to figure, and half the many heads of the place have been turned by her, and the other half would give all their hopes of the hereafter to be called as she called her spaniel, 'Sweetheart.' The young lady has played no favorites among her admirers, however, and an examination of her card at and of the dances would show a list of names as different as those of the register yonder.

"The other day she went up for her usual promenade on the ramparts of the fort, and, as usual, was accompanied by her aunt, who is her chaperon, one of the rigid rules being to allow no man to escort her when she takes her morning constitutional. By some aggravating cause she lost an article which is an important part of the feminine apparel. It happened that a bright young devil of an army officer came along and picked it up. He caressed the narrow strip of blue silk, admired the artistic workmanship of the gold contraptions on either end of it, and upon closer examination, deciphered those initials that agree with those borne by the charming creature who was swaying along the path a hundred yards in front of him. With characteristic honesty he hurried after her and, catching up, handed out the article with a bow of consummate grace, saying: 'Miss B—, pardon me, but I believe this property is yours.'

"She thanked him with a cordiality that made him almost stutter, and, turning to her aunt, remarked with apparently unconscious naivete: 'Sweetheart is such a careless fellow. Come here, youascal.' Then, as the spaniel responded to her call, she fastened the duty creation around his neck, and, bowing sweetly to the officer, passed on with the wondering animal scampering in front of her. If she had been a toy terrier she would have been lost. It is scarcely necessary to add that when Sweetheart returned to the hotel he was not sporting a blue silk collar with gold clasps on it."—Washington Star.

EAT ONIONS.

An exchange says: "A physician was seen buying a barrel of onions, and being grieved about his purchase, said: 'I always have boiled onions for dinner for the benefit of my children. I like onions, too. They are the best medicine I know of for preventing colds. Feed onions raw, boiled or baked to the children three or four times a week and they will grow healthy and strong. No worms, no scarletina, no diphtheria, where children eat plenty of onions every day.' Another distinguished physician confirmed the foregoing statement, adding: 'I couldn't give better advice, no matter how hard I may try.'"

VALUE OF ANTISEPTIS.

How Surgery Has Been Advanced By This Practice.

These last 20 years surgery has been advancing at an almost vertiginous pace, and its progress and improvement are due to the universal practice of antiseptics and to the adoption of proper dressings. The most daring operations are now crowned with success, and different viscera which had previously been carefully avoided by surgeons are treated safely and to the welfare of the patients. It is an every day occurrence to see the abdominal cavity opened either to remove a tumor or to make some operation on the intestines. The brain is laid bare to free it from some compression from which it is suffering or to open an abscess and give a free exit to the pus. Under all these circumstances the surgeon intervenes with perfect security when he has minutely taken the necessary precautions to protect the wound he creates from infection by germs.

These dangerous germs are both within the patients and about them, and for this reason it is absolutely indispensable to disinfect the spot that the operation is to affect and also everything connected with the operator, his instruments or assistants. As for the germs floating in the atmosphere, some surgeons endeavor to counteract their effect by spraying antiseptic liquids about the room during the operation. The point to be guarded against above all others is infection of the seat of intervention, and this can be accomplished by destroying the germs that may have already invaded it or by closing up all access to it on the part of those that may be about it. The former can be effected by the use of antiseptics and the latter by asepsis.

Complications arising from firearm wounds seem to result from the action of germs which are not carried by the projectiles, as might be supposed at first thought, but by the patients' clothing. In one of the late meetings of the Societe Imperio-Royale des Medecins de Vienne, M. Habart reported the experiments he had undertaken in this connection with M. Faullhaber concerning the infection of firearm wounds. These two investigators, using regulation rifles, fired at boxes of gelatin, of which some were sterilized or covered with sterilized blotting paper, others surrounded with pieces of old uniforms and others with pieces of uniforms dipped in pure cultures of staphylococci. In the first case the track of the bullet remained aseptic; in the second were found, in addition to pieces of cloth, a variety of microbes, while in the third the boxes contained nothing but staphylococci.

In short, a bullet striking the body of a soldier or a piece of shell entering his flesh stands every chance of creating an infected wound. It is therefore imperative to treat all wounds in wartime antiseptically, and we owe a great debt to the different authorities who in time of peace are preparing a sufficient stock of packages of dressing to supply each soldier or officer on the day war may break out. This small package of dressing with which each soldier is to be furnished is to be placed, in the French army, in a pocket specially prepared for it and is certain to render great services, whether used by the wounded man himself or by the ambulance corps. However temporary this remedy may be, it will still have the advantage of supplying the regimental surgeon with almost enough dressings for the first demands on the battlefields without his having to make use of his stores, and it will rapidly place the wounds out of reach of the danger of infection arising from contact with clothing, hands or the ground.

A German army surgeon, M. Koerfer, has been testing the value of inhalations of chloroform in the cerebro-spinal form of sunstroke, and in the case of two soldiers very seriously affected with unconsciousness, convulsions, hyperaesthesia of the skin, livid skin and weakened pulse, the prolonged administration of chloroform succeeded in putting an end to all the symptoms. The favorable effect of the chloroform showed itself as soon as its use was commenced by marked improvement in the pulse, but the convulsions did not cease altogether until the narcosis had been kept up for an hour and a quarter in one case and for a quarter of an hour in the other. The use of cold water and hypodermic injections of ether, to which recourse was had in the first case, where the symptoms were particularly serious and before the chloroform was tried, were found to be powerless and to have no other effect than to bring on or increase the convulsive attacks each time they were tried. With this patient M. Koerfer also made an injection of two centigrams of morphine toward the end of the chloroform sance, and when the man began to come out from the effect of the chloroform he fell asleep again under the influence of the morphine, and on awakening finally the convulsive attacks had entirely disappeared.

Chloroform acts in these cases by stopping the convulsions which help to raise the temperature of the body by lessening the production of heat and also by facilitating the radiation of the heat of the body. Hypodermic injections of ether are given to prevent asphyxia, and caffeine administered in the same way has a twofold purpose, to increase or re-establish the urinary secretion and to tonify the system in general. In the future it will be well to bear in mind the usefulness of chloroform in these very severe cases of sunstroke.—Paris Herald

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TWO OF A KIND.

"You—you don't want any coal carried up today?" he inquired as he put his head into a lawyer's office on Griswold street the other day.

"Haven't money enough to buy a bucketful," was the doleful reply.

"I see. Don't want any copying done in a fine Italian hand, I suppose?"

"Nothing to copy—but bills from my creditors."

"Just so. I've been there myself. Could I do any work at your house, such as shoveling off snow, for instance?"

"No. Couldn't pay you if you did."

"Exactly. We are all hard up this winter. Any bills to collect?"

"Not a one."

"Neither have I, and that's where we are fortunate. I'll wash those windows for a quarter."

"Couldn't think of it."

"Let 'em go till next summer, eh? Or do it yourself and save the coin? I understand the situation. Got any pressing creditors?"

"About 60."

"I might call upon the most persistent and obdurate of them and make excuses for you."

"No, it's no use."

"No chance to hawk onto a few thousands and skip?"

"Not a chance."

"Don't want a fire at your house to get the insurance?"

"My insurance has run out."

"Say, old man, this is a tough, cold world, ain't she?" laughed the tramp.

"You bet."

"But we've got sand and will come out on top in the spring. If either of us earns 25 cents today, we'll whip up with the other, eh? Good-by—see you later."—Detroit Free Press.

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