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Somebody, whoever it may be, will have to face a day of reckoning with the voters of the state of Oregon for the shameful and discreditable condition of affairs now existing in Salem.

The interesting article in another column concerning the dreadful disease of diphtheria and its treatment is timely and well worthy of consideration. Parents and the civil authorities not only of Astoria but in other localities on this coast at this season of the year when diseases of this character are liable to be prevalent, should take every precaution for their prevention as well as extermination where they have effected a lodgment.

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FREE TO EVERY MAN

THE METHODS OF A GREAT TREATMENT FOR WEAKNESS OF MEN.

Which Cured Him After Everything Else Failed.

Painful diseases are bad enough, but when a man is slowly wasting away with nervous weakness, the mental forebodings are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no let up to the mental suffering day or night. Sleep is almost impossible, and under such a strain men are scarcely responsible for what they do. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of sexual weakness until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to his aid in the shape of a combination of medicines that not only completely restored the general health, but enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have the method of this wonderful treatment free. Now when I say free I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

I am not a philanthropist, nor do I pose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary to mail the information, but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that get through their cost nothing to get they are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 355, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

Many persons who like freshly baked bread but cannot digest it may be gratified and yet spared distress if a loaf a day or two old is placed under water while sixty is counted and then rebaked. The chemical process called ripening takes place in new bread but once. After such second baking hot bread is as wholesome as if it were cold and stale.

BEAMING WITH SMILES

Are the countenances of people who have found speedy and thorough relief from malarial, kidney, bilious, dyspeptic, or nervous troubles through the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Such countenances are very numerous. So are letters from their owners attesting the efficacy of the great family medicine. Among the signals of distress thrown out by the stomach, bowels and liver in a state of disorder, are sick headache, heartburn, nausea, loss of appetite, sallowness of the skin and eyeballs, and an uncertain state of the bowels. They should be heeded at once. If the bitters are resorted to the way become look which accompanies sickness will give way to cheerful looks produced by renewed health. If you are drifting on the coast of disease, throw an anchor to windward by summing the Bitters to your assistance. It will keep you in safety.

No man's credit can fall so low but that, if he bear his shame as he should do, and profit by it he ought to do, it is in his own power to redeem his reputation. Therefore let no man despair that desires and endeavors to recover himself again.—Lord Nottingham.

The workman often eats his lunch on the same bench where he does his work. The office man turns his desk into a dinner-table. Neither gets the out of doors exercise he needs, neither takes the proper time for eating. It is small wonder that the digestion of both gets out of order. In such cases Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets come to their assistance by adding nature in taking care of the food.

Causes of nine-tenths of the sickness of the world is constipation. From this one cause come indigestion; disorders of the stomach, liver and kidneys; biliousness, headaches, flatulence, heartburn, impurity of the blood and the serious complications that follow. To begin with, constipation is a little thing, and a little thing will cure it. The "Pleasant Pellets" are tiny, sugar-coated granules. They will perfectly cure the worst case of constipation and indigestion. If the druggist tries to sell you some other pill that pays him profit, you think of what will best pay you.

In investigating the dust of railway carriages in Germany, under the direction of the imperial board of health, it is found that in fourth-class cars there were more than twelve thousand germs per meter; in first-class cars, one-fifth of this number.

It is about as hard to break some people of bad habits as it is to break malarial fever when it once gets a firm hold upon one. Mr. C. Himrod, of Lancaster, Ohio, says: "Simmons Liver Regulator broke a case of malarial fever of three years' standing for me, and less than one bottle did the business. I shall use it when in need of any medicine and I recommend it."

The smaller the cut of meat the hotter should be the oven in order that its crust may protect the inside from drying out. Of course the time required is proportionately less than that needed for a large one.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

TELL IT OUT.

Don't sit down and wait for trade. Taint the way. Get a handle, make her show. Push your business—make her go. Don't sit down and wait for trade. Taint the way. Taint the way.

If you've got something to sell. Tell it about. Let your neighbors see you're "By." Get up "bargains," don't say die. If you've anything to sell.

Tell it out. Tell it out. Folks don't know you if you don't. Advertise. Keep things movin' every day. Talk about it; that's the way. Folks won't know you if you don't. Advertise. Advertise.

When clothing has been wrinkled and crushed by packing, if shaken out vigorously and hung up or spread out in a hot room over night, its appearance will be much improved.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness, and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

If black underwear, stockings, or black yarn that is to be knitted, is boiled a few minutes in milk, the dye will not stain the skin—so the German women say.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor, delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

In proportion to numbers engaged, Waterloo was the bloodiest battle of modern times. Over thirty-six per cent of the men engaged were killed or wounded.

LOST—A dear little child who made home happy by his smiles. And to think it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

During the Civil War the Confederate cruisers captured or destroyed eighty ships, forty-six brigs, eighty-four barkes, sixty-seven schooners, and eight other vessels flying the American flag.

ROYAL Baking Powder

has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

To character and success two things, contradictory as they may seem, go together—humility dependence on God and manly reliance on self.—Wordsworth.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Porcelain or earthenware that has become dingy or stained is much improved by rubbing or scouring with salt dusted upon a cloth.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. For sale by Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Persons who suffer from the cold should wear loose clothing in chilly weather, remembering that two thin garments retain more heat than one thick one.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Small pieces of raw potato in a little water shaken vigorously inside bottles and lamp chimneys will clean them admirably.

Soothing for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

It not only relieves; it does more, it cures. We refer to One Minute Cough Cure. Suitable for all ages, all conditions, at all times. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Microscopists say that the strongest microscope do not, probably, reveal the lowest stage of animal life.

Not one minute elapses between the taking of One Minute Cough Cure and relief. Why shouldn't people take One Minute Cough Cure. They should. They do. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

The white of an egg answers very well in place of milk.

OUTWARD BOUND OREGON GRAIN FLEET—1896-7.

Table with columns: RAILLINE, FLAG, NAME, TONNAGE, CLEARANCE, ARRIVED, CENTALS, VALUE, SHIPPERS, RATE. Lists various grain shipments from Astoria.

INDIO

Absolutely Dry and Pure Tropical Climate. Pronounced by Physicians the most Favorable in America for sufferers from Lung Diseases and Rheumatism. Many Remarkable Cures. Commodious and Comfortable Cottages.

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Is 612 miles from SAN FRANCISCO and 130 miles from LOS ANGELES. Fare from Los Angeles \$3.00. For further information inquire at any Southern Pacific Company agent or address E. P. ROGERER, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., S. P. Co., J. B. KIRKLAND, Dist. Pass. Agt., Cor. First and Alder sts., Portland, Or.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO OREGON.

Table with columns: PORT SAILED FROM AND NAME, CAPTAIN, TONNAGE, COGNITION, DATE. Lists various shipping companies and routes.

Hustler's Astoria

Twentieth St. and McKee Ave. Situated on the south side of Astoria's hills. Twenty degrees warmer and vegetation 30 days in advance of the North side. Magnificent sites for residences, overlooking river and bay, sunny and sheltered. Easy and natural grades; little or no grading needed.

ASTORIA INVESTMENT CO.

482 Bond Street.

MANHOOD RESTORED "CUPIDINE" advertisement featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the benefits of the medicine.

Steel Rails Rock Ballast

No western railroad was ever more substantially constructed than the Burlington's New Short Line via Billings, Mont., to the East and South. The country through which it runs presents few engineering difficulties. To build a perfectly straight line, to ballast it rightly, to lay it with the strongest and heaviest steel in use anywhere west of the Missouri river was, comparatively, an easy matter.

PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine. For Croup, Whooping Cough, Sore Throat, Hoarseness, and all other ailments of the throat and lungs. Sold by all druggists.

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