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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS. PACIFIC COAST NOTES. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS THE AGRICULTURALIST with a thick wash of lime were better preserved, but were quite seriously at-

McCreary hopes to get through the Matters of Local and General Import A Brief Mention of Matters of General Newsy Notes Concerning the Farm and House at this session a bill to provide for a permanent exposition of the three Americas, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery by Columbus. The bill is merely preliminary in i's provisions, authorizing the President to appoint a board of larged. nine directors to formulate a plan for the exposition, and appropriating \$25,000 for the expenses of their meet- dog scalps. ing. Their plan, it is provided, shall he to constitute an advisory board of 62 members, appointed by the governors of the States and Territories and the executives of 16 American nations. gives \$8 a ton for beets. Space is to be provided in Washington for the exposition, and a suitable site selected for the statue of Columbus.

A lively discussion arose in the House Friday afternoon, based on an article in a New York paper, declaring that there were two- elements cailroad has forced several mines to united against the Nicaragua canal close down. bill, the agents of the Pacific railroads and the attorneys of the Panama the court room at Los Angeles recent ada are under no-license liquor laws. with Judge Daily on the subject, intimating that the gentlemen (naming them) who offered amendments to the bill did so for the purpose of de- cently and were badly burned. feating the measure, Messrs, Wilson and Bland, of Missouri, Cobb, of Alabama, and Spinola, of New York, indignantly denied being influenced in their action in offering amendments by any purpose except a desire to perfect the measure. The latter referred to Judge Daly as a man who, since his southern coast. retirement from the bench, had been connected with breezy enterprises. Cox, of New York, paid a warm tribute to Judge Daly's integrify, and in an emphatic manner denied .the charge that he was a lobbyist.

As regards the commission recently appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, under a provision for that purpose caped. contained in the last naval appropria-tion bill, to examine the coast north ored boy, stabbed Franklin McAllen, of the forty-second parallel of north aged 13, with a pocket knife at Stocklatitude, in the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Alaska, and to select a suitable site for a navy-yard and docks, it may be said that the commissioners had an interview with the Oregon Senators at the capitol, and discussed various possible locations. The names of promicent business men at each lecation were se- well's rancho Chico are to be leased lected : also such other information as to a San Francisco company. the Senators could give them. The commissioners will examine Coos bay, Yaquina bay, Portland, Astoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Port Townsend and

Gathered from All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

At Mariposa hay is \$25 a ton. The Fresno Expositor has been en-

The Dalles, Or., pays a bounty for

A turnpike from Chico to Oroville is projected.

The sugar refinery at Watsonville

The streets of Traver, Tulre county, are to be graded this winter?

A woolen mill is to be started at Brownwille, Linn county Or.

The strike on the Montana Union

Hon. Stephen M. White fainted in ly, the effect of overwork.

Two squaws, who were intexicated, ed by women. The New Orleans Picrolled into a camp fire at Colton re- ayune is one.

The Woodland town authorities want to drive out the Salvation army Mich., woman. and raise the price of theatrical license.

Senator Stanford will be shown points for needed legislation on the

The corporation publishing the San ple living in Pennsylvania. Bernardino Times has taken the name of The L. M. Holt Publishing Compauy.

Chinese gamblers have been hiring substitutes to appear for them in the Los Angeles courts and have thus es-

ton last week.

The Board of Supervisors of Sonoma county have let a contract to build a \$20,000 bridge across Russian river at Cloverdale.

The orchards, vineyards and cannery connected with General Bid-

Diptheria still afflicts Bloomfield, Sonoma count . Several cases are yet in danger. The schools have been

Interest .- Notes Gathered from e Home and Abroad.

Portsmouth, Ohio, is to have a corn fair. Diphtheria rages in Morristown, New Jersey.

Heavy stitching on the back of a glove is bad form. Archbishop Riorden has left Rome

for the United States. A famine is threatened among the

Bast African colonists. There are 3,000,000 women- in the United States who work for wages.

The New York law against car stoves goes into effect January 1st. Straw-bail goers are having an encounter with the courts in New York.

no attention. The more an animal is Louisiana has five newspapers edit-

The sword that Ethan Allen can ied at Ticonderoga, is owned by a Lansing,

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is rapidly becoming one of the most enterprising cities of Canada.

The Bible has to be printed in 29 different languages to supply the peo-

From the best statistics obtainable cent. in 1888. there are about 1,000,000 Union soldiers living at the present time.

Tramps have filled up the Brooklyn almshouse. One hundred men have been put at work on the sand pile.

Alexander H. Stephens during his life educated 150 boys and 50 girls, giving them all collegiate educations. There are 1,100 colored preachers in

Tennessee, and the highest salary received by any of them is \$200 a year. Military men believe that the White tion of the coarse fodder: Corn stalks

Pasha, now at Bahr el Ghazel, and moving north, is the great explorer, pounds; bran, 6 pounds; corn meal, Stanley. A Brooklyn boarding-school propri-

etress has sued a plumber for \$15,000 because the pupils have become sick from sewer gas.

the practice of the painting of fire- enough drain should be used to ren-

tacked with worms; those posts coated

with hot tar were parfectly sound as when put in the ground ; those painted with petroleum and kerosene were ting. Let the posts get thorougly dry, and then with a pan of cheap kerosene ancia whitewash brush, give the lower third of the next thorough give the lower The fresh fruit crop of California this season has an estimated value of time. Posts so treated will not be troubled with worms or insects of any The water trough needs a thorough kind, but will resist decay to a remarkscrubbing and scalding occasionally, able degree. This we find to be the simplest, cheapest and best method It is better to feed a cow every ounce of preparation. of food she has the ability to take care

whole house, with nothing to prevent its exhalations rising into the upper rooms, except a thin board floor. In bis cellar all manner of things for family use are kept the year round. Meat, vegetables, milk, butter, bread, exposed the less it will produce, eicher pastry, preserves, pickles and fruits are here stored in their various receptacles. There is very seldom anything to separate the fruit and vegetables from the other parts of the cellar, and there is usually more or less decaying vegetable matter to load the air with poisonous germs. At various seasons

of the year the cellar walls collect said, has been, crossing Southdown dampness, or small pools of water lie under their loose board floors, sending up malarious odors into the rooms

The trade in Christmas trees and greens grows larger year by year. Thirty years ago a Christmas tree was seldom seen except in some home of exposure in cold weather than men, the richest class, and the adornment but the same kind of exposure that of churches for the festival season was produces colds, rheumatism, etc., in confined to the Catolic and Episcopal men, will be liable to effect horses in denominations. But the immense in crease of our German population has parent that warm stables, good blank- popularized the Christmas tree ets and protection from severe weather throughout the length and breadth of the land; and with the waning of old Puritan ideas the decoration of church-

es of all denominations has become customary. The extent to which materials for these purposes are now required is shown by the fact that a single dealer in New England last variid little if any from that elicite year disposed of 10,000 Christmas at the former trial. Louis Goldber trees, 25,009 yards of wreathing and 800 barrels of evergreen spray. The smallest that are sold bring on the ground 10 cents spiece, while the drain will sometimes carry off the sur- largest-25 to 30 feet in height- he called at witness' place of business St. Louis painters have condemned plus water from a large field, but bring from \$4 to \$8 - Garden and For- to do some writing, as he remained too est. The question comes to the stock raiser, how shall I lessen the cost of producing calves? One way is to feed new milk almost wholly at the start. Give it to the young animal fresh from Its hardiness, density obtained by a very simple plan of warming water the cow, but never let it suck. Feed it for his stock to drink in winter. He well when young, at three or four weeks lessen the quantity, and at two months gradually wean it. In the summer season the calf will do well if weaned at less than two months' old. an oil stove. He says 10 cents' worth In winter, skim-milk, after two months,

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT.

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The condition of the local market is all that could be desired, orders from the interior being numerous, owing to the greater^o circulation among the farming. The holiday trade has augmented sales to

Salvador 18@13c, Josta Rica and Rio 19c, Arbuckle's roasted 244c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams are quo'-ed atl4c, breakfast bacon 14c, shoulders 10 @11c. Eastern meat is quoted as follows: Hams 13@13gc, breakfast bacon 13_c, lard 199 @ 11c.

of preparation. As a breeder of diseases, there are few things that excel the average farmhouse cellar. It underlies the

VEGETABLES-Market well supplied.

V "GETABLES—Market well supplied. Cabbage § #1c per B, carrots and turnips 5c per sack, red pepper 3c per B, potatoes 40.445c per sack, sweet 1%2c per B. DR'ED FRUITS—Receipts 3.9 pkges. Sun-dried apples 4/a5c per B, factory slic d Sc, factory plumis 8.99c, Oregon prunes 7 # 9c, pears 9 # 10c, peaches 10% 11c, raisins \$2.25 per box, Cali ornia figs 9c, Smyrna 18c per B.

DAIRY PRODUCE-Butter receipts for the week 94 pkges. Faucy creamery 324c per lb, choice dairy 3°c, mediums 7@30c, mmon 20c, eastern 25(@ 30c.

EGGS-Receipts 192 cases. Oregon 35c. eastern 32(@321e.

POULTRY — Chickens \$3.50@4, for large young and \$4 4 50 for old, turkeys lithe 134c per lb, ducks \$5@7 per dozen, geese \$8@9.

WOOL-Receipts for week 35,000 lbs. Valley 18 20c Eastern Oregon 10@15c. HOPS-Receipts for week 25,630 lbs. Choice 124 a 14c.

GRAIN-Receipts for week 20,641 ctls. Valley \$1.423@1.45. Eastern Oregon \$1.375 @1.50. Oats 32@35c.

FLOUR-Receipts for week 3139 bbls. Standard \$5, other brands \$4.75,

FEED-Barley \$23@25 per ton, bran \$16, chop \$16 #20, shorts \$17, baled hay \$13@15, loose \$12@15.

FRUSH MEATS-Beef, live, 3c, dressed 6, mutton, live, 3c, dressed 6, lambs \$2.25 each, hogs, live, 536 5c, dressed 76 75, veal 667c.

In the trial of John A. Dimmig, of San Francisco, a book agent, for the alleged murder of Henry Benhayon in October, 1887, a number of witnesses were called, but the testimon" a cloak dealer and a close associate Benhayon, testified that he didn't think that the latter could have written his alleged confession at the time short a time to write so long a docu;

of pork, wool, mutton, beef or milk. Major Alvord condemns dehorning in toto. He says in the Boston Cultivator that it is cruel, and argues that. it does not render cattle less pugnacious. The Iowa Agricultural college, it is

borers will be destroyed.

small allowance of grain.

or it will soon be coated with slime.

of than to try to gain profit by saving

Too much grain is more detrimental

No animal is so hardy as to require

to breeding stock than not enough.

The food should be bulky, with a

ewes with Shropshire bucks for four years. As a result the average of all fleeces has increased from 4.58 to 8 29 above. pounds, and the percentage of lambs from 77 per cent. in 1880 to 131 per

> Horses can, of course, stand more the same way. It is, therefore, ap-

are necessary. Professor Henry gives the following as a good ration for a dairy cow where corn fodder constitutes the main porcut, 15 to 16 pounds; clover hay, 5 4 pounds. This can be fed twice or three times a day, as the feeder prefers.

The drains should be put down be fore the ground freezes. A single tile

of Especial Interest to the Pacific Coast Husbaldman.

other places on Puget sound. The commission will confer with prominent men at each point, and will badly injured near San Fernando, Los vantages which each presents.

There are some very important Dolph states that he has been promised a favorable report on the bill in the Senate for the payment of Oregon and Washington Indian war claims, pending before the committee on military affairs, and the bill for the creation of a court to adjudicate Indian depredation claims, which is before clared to have been he motive that the Senate committee on Indian affairs, which he thought would be re- to wreek the Oregon express on Tuesported with amendments making the day. bill perfect. He had strong hopes that the conference committee on the railroad forfeiture bill, now that the election was over, would be able to come to an agreement, and if not, when the disagreement was reported the House would recede from its amendment, and forfeiture of the land grant from Wallula to Portland converting into a stock and breeding would be secured. Among the bills farm. which had passed the Senate and were pending in the House, he said, were his bill for forfeiture of Oregon wagon road grants; for the erection of public bridges at Portland and Salem; to grant certain townships to Oregon for a public • park; to extend the limits of Portland as a port of entry, and to create ports of entry at Tacoma and Seattle, and a port of delivery at Port Angeles, and to credit the State of Oregon with the value of arms berrowed of Washington Territory and lost in the Nez Perce Indian war; also Senator Mitchell's bill making an appropriation for a boat rail way at the dalles of the Columbia river. He said that the Oregon delegation was doing all it could to secure consideration for these and other measures of interest to Oregon, and that they hoped that some or all of them would pass the House at the present session. The bill which has penses, three and seven-tenths of a already passed the House, providing for equipment of the militia of the State of Oregon with certain arms, ammunition and equipage, has been referred to Senator Stewart of the committee on military affairs. Senator Stewart will report in favor of the bill and in all probabilities it will pass the Senate within a short time. Senator Mitchell's bill, which he introduced in the Senate Friday, providing for the admission of Idaho in the Union, is identical with that introduced by Delegate Dubois, of Idaho, with one exception. The Mitchell bill confers upon women in the Territory the right to vote. Both of the Oregon frage, and on every occasion they coal bunkers and warehouses for all have voted to give the ballot to wo- the shipping business of the water The Legislature will be asked to abolmen.

closed for six weeks.

Four celestials on a hand-car were make a careful examination of the ad- Angeles county, last week, in collision with a special train.

Jacob Hodge, a carpenter at the measures affecting the north Pacific Coe mine at Grass Valley, had both coast pending before Congress. Senator arms broken recently in a fall, and it is believed he is internally injured.

> Three deaths so far are reported to the Portland police as a result of the Chinese battle recently. Many are wounded, but they are keeping quiet.

> Revenge and not robbery is deactuated the scoundrels who attempted

The Silvation army at Petaluma has won a victory. They have obtained permission to parade the streets, and parties molesting them will be arrested.

Samuel Sheplar, of Chicago, has purchased a \$25,000 ranch a few miles west of Santa Rosa, which he intends

Railway postoffice service has been established on the line of the Northern Pacific and Puget Sound Shore railroads between Seattle and Tacoma.

Alfred Schwartz, of Slaughter, W. T., nas been swindling the people by obtaining money on pretended cer-tificates of deposit on San Francisco banks.

The first annual promenade concert and ball of the Grand Army of the Republic was given last week at the State capital at Sacramento and was a great success.

company, and an engine crossed from to enjoy its Thanksgiving feasts. Marysville into Sutter county recently.

Oregon's tax levy has been fixed as follows: State levy for current exmill; militia tax, one-fifth of a mill; University, one-tenth of a mill. Total, four mills.

Charles Marshall, a noted horsethief, was shot in the leg recently by Will Roberts, a San Bernardino deputy sheriff. Marshall was found in the brush in the mountains. He will probably die. There are eight charges of robbery against him in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

It is proposed to build a sea-wall 200 feet wide on top around the en- district. tire city front of San Diego. The idea is to furnish terminal facilities, main tracks, switches-round-houses, etc., for ell railroads entering the city, besides

houses and police stations by policemen and firemen.

They are going back in Philadel-phia to the old fashion of selling grains and vegetables by weight instead of measure.

The Brooklyn Engineers' society puts an iron plate, say 18 inches square, last week protested against the gran '- on the bottom of his water tank, cuting of permission to a company to lay ting away the wood, of course, where pipes for hot water.

Governor Beaver has just sent in \$1,000 for the John A. Logan monu 60 cows up to 70 degrees or more. ment fund of the G. A. R., collected in various Pennsylvania posts.

The Newark Law and Order league is taking steps to counteract what it deems the "growing influence of liquor interests in State politics."

Minneapolis flour men have selected St. Albans, Vt., as their distributing center for New England, and intend building there two immense storage cows and their production of butter. houses.

Public men in Canada say that the Liberal party will ultimately take up annexation in opposition to the Imperial federation policy of the Conservatives

Colorado is becoming an oil-producing State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, there are a number of wells, the yield of which is 1,000 barrels per day.

The Rev. Dr. David Spurgeon, aged 89, is an inmate of Flatbush, Long than satisfied me." Island, almshouse. He gave sway large sums and was ruined by the failurgof a company.

It is estimated that from five to six Rails have been laid on the Feather million pounds of turkey and a millriver bridge of the Knights Landing ion quarts of cranberries were necesextension of the Northern California sary to enable the city of New York

> Minneapolis street-car drivers are no longer furnished with free passes. Fare must be rung up when the passenger gets on the car instead of at the time of payment of the fare.

Seventy per cent, of the infants in the Foundling hospital at Ottawa have died during the year. Within five years 607 have been buried. Improper nursing is said to be the cause.

A deposit of natural gas was struck the other day nine miles north-east of Tuscola, Ill. The pressure creates a fame thirty feet high. The discovery corn is now entitled as king of cereals. has caused great excitement in the

The Toronto Trades Council has requested the city to inform intending emigrants from England that the this winter we noted the conditions of of breeding makes us rich in flocks Canadian labor market is overstocked.

er the field dry in early spring and be in proper condition for plowing. The use of the drain will add hundreds of dollars to an early crop. A Western dairyman has hit upon

the iron was. Under the plate he uses of oil a day would warm the water for

In developing cows for butter the feeder should be sure that he does not to an snimal when it is three or four overfeed, but as he finds they eat with a good appetite he may add a little

more to each feed, and so continue gradually to increase the feed as they will bear it. . This power of digestion will increase, and he may gradually increase the milking capacity of his do with the result.

sults from the blossom, are not only parade four years ago. unnecessary to the formation of the tuber below, but are a prejudicial

strain on the plant. He says : "I have tried it again and again on a large scale-three rows left and three rows cut-ind the results have more

There are several States which produce a surplus of corn. Of these Illinois and Iowa are equals, the product of each being estimated at 270,000,-000 bushels; Missouri ranks as third, with 210,000,000 bushels; and of the other four, Kansas has made a gain of 000, and Ohio 41,000,000. The total not far from 560,000,000 bushels, or parison affords aid to the imagination reetly or in the form of meat and mind dwells upon the magnitude of the significance of the name to which

the posts as follows: Those set with and herds of the best blood in what, no preparation were decayed an inch when the goal is reached, seems a very acre in Missouri than in any other or more in thickness; those coated short time.

will help calves a great deal. They develop naturally and easily, learn to take care of themselves, growing fairly well. The green feed does most good years old.

Chairman Britton, of the inaugural committee, has received favorable answers to his requests for the use of the corridors of the Interior and Postoffice department buildings for sleeping quarters for troops during the in-The skill of that feeder bas much to auguration. The available space will accammodate about 10,000 men. The

sub-committee on civic organization The editor of the Mark Lane Ex- has already received applications for press advises farmers to cut off po- positions in the parade from 75 organtato blossoms as they appear. The ball izations, aggregating 13,000 men. This or true seed of the potato, which re- is 2000 more than there were in the

Now is the time to get rid of the food. poorer animals. It will not pay to winter them, as better animals will give larger returns for shelter, care and feed. It is not economy to keep a poor animal through any season; but it is most extravagant to keep it through the winter. It is the hight of folly in stock raising to sell the best and keep the worst. True, the best Michigan Anti-Horse Thief society, bring the largest prices; but if you sell and during the past year they have the best and keep the worst, soon your best will be no better than your stolen, although they are worth an agworst is now, and your worst will be 71,000,000 bushels, as compared with such that the more you have the poorer you will be. you have the poorer you will be. you, by this plan, 69,000,000 bushels; Nebraska, 54,000,- constantly make your animals poorer; and as the stock raiser makes his aniincrease for the year is believed to be not far from 560 000 000 bushels or If he keeps up the process, bankruptcy more than twice the entire product of is as sure as fate. The opposite policy Illinois and Iowa together. The com- is the winning policy. Sell the poorest and retain the best. And sell in forming a conception of the surplus enough of the poorer animals that moderately, and not oftener than three available for exportation, either di- you may buy a few better than the times a week. It acts as a temporary best you now have. This is making other provisions; but only when the your animals constantly better and causes injurious effects. yourself richer. Soon your worst will the entire product of more than 2,000, bring as much as your best now. If 000,000 bushels is it possible to realize, you have not pure bred animals, sell enough scrubs or grades to buy an animal of each sex, pure bred. Hold fast to the full-blooded produce and to the In building a fence around our highest grades. Almost before you young orchards several years ago we are aware of it you will have only tried many plans for preserving posts. pure-bred animals. If once we start

ment.

There is no dodging the fact that the American arbor vitæ is the best allaround tree for an evergreen hedge. shearing, and its rapid growth alone recommends it for the general purpose of a hedge above all coniferous competitors.

For a narrow and effectual windbreak, a double row of Scotch or white pine, in rows eight or ten feet apart and at about the same distance between the trees in the rows, will form in six or eight years, in a climate where they can be grown, a close and effectual screen.

The estimated loss to the cotton, apple and potato crops from insects is \$40,000,000. Yet the farmers take no precaution to protect the birds. Every bird killed adds just the work it would perform to the labor of the farmer, whe consequently has a greater number of insects to destroy.

Aged horses should have ground grain at all times or they will not thrive, owing to their inability to masticate the whole grains. Where a horse is subject to heaves it is best to moisten all the chopped or ground

There is no necessity for pampering. a bull and allowing it to become " vicious. It can be made to work, if desired, in providing power for foddercutters, grain-mills, etc. It is done in Europe, and is practicable here.

There are 2,800 members of the not had a cent's worth of property gregate of \$2 800,000.

A man in New Bruswick has dis played a strange taste about dying. He dug his grave, lowered his coffin, get in and took a dose of poison and then pulled a string to a landslide, which descended upon him.

Feeding red pepper to laying hens is not beneficial unless given very stimulant, but if given continually

No flower is more popular than the aster, and few have held so high a place in popular esteem for so many vears, and it is still growing in favor. For an autumn show of flowers we have not its equal.

Safe-crackers and burglars are making profitable hauls in San Bernardino.

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