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small quantities. The recent discovery of large fields of iron and coal in Columbia county, is duly believed and credited. The whole Cascade range abounds in mineral deposits, and last summer was spent by many in prospecting for gold among the mountains of eastern and southern Oregon. Gold, lead, copper, quicksilver, and other metals have been found, but not in sufficient quantities to warrant the expenditure of putting up quartz mills requisite to crush the precious ore. Some years ago the gold mines in eastern Oregon paid well, but they are now almost deserted. Capital is badly needed to solve the capabilities of this undeveloped richness hemmed in by mountain barriers. Mineral springs said to possess great medicinal value are to be found in different parts of the state, and as early as possible in the summer, invalids flock to them, to secure the panacea that can cure their ill. Whether the benefit they derive is from the water, or simply the result of breathing the pure mountain air is difficult to be determined. The hot and salt springs on the McKenzie, in a short time, are said to cure the rheumatism and all acute diseases. A complete analysis of the water in these springs has never been made, but they undoubtedly contain iron, soda, salt, magnesia, sulphur, and other substances.

At the present time the lumber trade is in a healthy condition. Coos Bay and the logging camps along the Columbia furnishing the greatest amount for shipping. The trees are mostly coniferous, the densely timbered region consisting chiefly of the coarse grained varieties such as fir, spruce, and hemlock. White cedar grows to a considerable extent in the southwestern part of the state, and from it is produced a beautiful fine grained lumber. The curly maple makes handsome furniture, more beautiful than walnut or mahogany.

Few persons unacquainted with the facts can realize the magnitude to which the salmon trade has attained. Last year 20 millions pounds of salmon were shipped from the canning establishments along the Columbia. The canning and preparing salmon for market is mostly done by Chinamen.

As to public institutions and educational advantages in Oregon, let us turn to McCabes Centennial history and see how Oregon is represented there. Under his remarks on the internal improvements, he says the railroad has been completed from Portland to Salem, while everyone who has rode on it knows that it extends to Roseburg, and has done so for some years, then he places the Penitentiary at Portland, while that institution is located at Salem. He says there are three colleges in Oregon, one of which, the Willamette University, he mentions. One wonders as he reads, which of the dozen or so called colleges can claim the honor of being the other two he deems worthy of notice. There are a number of fine schools in the state, and though they claim the name of college they can not claim the name in the true sense of the term. One at Forest Grove, called Pacific University, under the guidance of Prof. Morse, another at Philomath under the control of United Brethren church, and another at Monmouth belonging to the Christian brotherhood with Prof. T. F. Campbell, an eminent scholar, acting as President. The Agricultural college is located at Corvallis, while the State University has been located at Eugene. It opens for the entire of students in October with a corps of the best educators in the state.

There are a number of others but I must say for these schools that as far as I can learn they are all suffering in finance and unless their friends struggle manfully they will soon sink in oblivion.

There is a school for the blind at Salem, also an orphan asylum just out of town. I am very proud to say that Oregon has no massive pile of brick called a poor house, because as yet we have none that can be called poor people. All can get enough to eat and wear. The day will no doubt come when such an institution will be needed, but I pray that it may be a long way off in the future.

Again let me caution those who wish to emigrate to Oregon not to expect too much, we want you to come, and will give you a hearty hand shake in welcome, but we don't want you to come here and growl because you can't get the best land for nothing and because you are out of sorts with yourself, can do nothing but snarl and find fault with Oregon and Oregon people.

Christian Obligation to be Honorable.

This from *The Baptist* hits a great wrong in a commendable way. That kind of religion that does not make a man honorable, is a poor kind—not the religion of Him who would have us "Be just and fear not."

A Christian should feel bound to keep his word, hence, no promise should be made without proper reflection, and then it should be promptly kept. It is a great cause of reproach to Christianity that so many professed Christians fail to pay their just debts. No Christian should recklessly involve himself in debt. To do so is to compromise, in a great measure, his Christian character and influence. It is true that Christians are sometimes excusable for their failures, but there is a way in which their honor as Christians may be maintained, if they will but make the necessary sacrifice. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven," is an admonition of the Savior; but the light that is in Christians becomes darkness, and how great is that darkness, when they fail to keep their word. A man's profession of Christianity should be a guarantee to the world that he is strictly reliable and honorable. If a sacrifice is necessary to save one's honor, let it be made for Christ's sake.

But there is one phase of dishonor among church members, that is a great shame to the Christianity of the present day—that is, the reckless promises on subscriptions and the shameful failures to meet them. There are too many subscriptions taken at Conventions and Associations unless they were more promptly met. It is so common to make pledges, that many brethren feel that they would hardly be deemed liberal Christians if they did not subscribe as often and as much as others, and it is to be regretted that many pledges seem to be made for mere show. It somehow occurs that many such pledges are made and soon forgotten by those who made them, as though Christian obligations were as light as chaff, and promises made under what we call religious feeling had no binding force. It is scarcely expected that half the amount of such pledges will be paid.

If any one thinks that such a course is not displeasing to God, let him read the account of the pledge and failure of Ananias and Sapphira in the fifth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and how God dealt with them. Is it not a shame to churches when their subscriptions, even to their pastors, are not reliable? Church members make pledges year after year and never pay them, and yet are held in fellowship, and by many deemed honorable Christians. This has become so common that the dishonor of it is scarcely thought of; and has it come to that, that the promise of a Christian is worthless? That the pledge of a church of Jesus Christ is not reliable? Is it not time for a reformation? Let Christians

think and act. Let the sin be blotting out and the standard of Christian honor be raised higher.

MARRIAGES.

On the 2nd day of September, 1876, by Ira F. M. Butler, Justice of the Peace, at the residence of John Conner, in Polk county, Mr. Louis Sachsie to Miss Maria Conner—all of Polk county, Oregon.

At the house of the bride's father, near Buenavista, Sep. 3, 1876, by the editor of the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, Mr. H. C. Wells to Miss H. E. Kays—all of Polk county.

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The mean temperature for the month was 64.39 deg.; highest daily mean temperature 75° on the 30th; lowest daily mean temperature 53° on the 8th. Mean temperature for the month at 2 P. M. 72.23 deg. Highest thermometer for the month 84° at 2 P. M. on the 30th; lowest thermometer 54° at 7 A. M. on the 28th. The prevailing winds were during 23 days from the North, seven days South, and one day S. W.

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