

HISTORIC VESUVIUS.

Yesterday's dispatches brought the news that the people about the base and slopes of that terrible old volcano, Vesuvius, are apprehensive of danger from eruption.

They have good reason. This most celebrated volcano in the world rises from the eastern margin of the Bay of Naples, in the midst of a region that has been densely populated for more than twenty centuries. Hence it has served as a type for the popular conception of a volcano, while its history has supplied a large part of the information on which geological theories of volcanic action have been based.

At the beginning of the Christian era and for many previous centuries no eruption had taken place, and the volcanic nature of the locality was not even suspected by the inhabitants, who planted their vineyards on its slopes even to the extinguished crater, and built their villages about its base.

In the year 63 volcanic energy first began to manifest itself, culminating in 79 in a calamity that after the lapse of nearly nine hundred years still stands out prominently as one of the great calamities of human history. On the 24th of August of the latter year the disturbances culminated in a tremendous explosion. We letters from the younger Pliny to the historian Tacitus give an account of the terrific event. The continuous earthquakes were so severe that chariots rolled about of themselves on level ground, while the dust filled the air so thickly that there was total darkness for three days. The cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, and Stabia, about Vesuvius' base, were buried so deeply that for centuries even their sites were matters of conjecture.

For nearly fifteen hundred years the great volcano relapsed into feeble activity. Then after a series of earthquakes lasting six months another grand catastrophe occurred. On the 16th of December, 1631, the volcano threw out vast clouds of dust and stones. Clouds of steam condensed and mingled with the dust, forming muddy streams that swept far and wide over the fertile plains. Streams of this mud reached the sea at twelve different points. Eighteen thousand lives were lost at this time.

Since then the volcano has never relapsed into total quiescence. At intervals of a few weeks, months or years it has broken into eruption of more or less activity.

Monopolies have no heart, no soul. As an example evidence was given before the coal strike commission yesterday that a boy who lost his leg in one of the coal mines got nothing from the company for it, but instead when returned to work the company took his wages to pay a debt owed by his father. Of course in investigations like this the worst comes out. Still this must be about the limit for downright meanness and selfishness.

A sugar ship from Honolulu to New York lost her charterers thousands of dollars by making a quick passage. Had she been out two days longer the rise in sugar would have netted them nearly thirteen thousand dollars. It is often the case that a ship loses charter or money for consignees by slow sailing, but seldom by making a fast passage.

In a certain town in Indiana a big factory is running night and day grinding corncocks and shipping the meal—somewhere. And the people eat it under some "health-food" name or in combination.

TO REPEAL TAX LAW.

Section Limiting Local Tax for Libraries Should Die.

Then Eugene Might Get a Fine Library From the Hands of Carnegie—Petition Ready.

Eugene enjoys the distinction of being the only city outside of Portland in this state which has accomplished anything under the present library tax law yet she is not satisfied with results. The legislature passed a law permitting municipalities to tax themselves to the extent of 1-5 of a mill (maximum) for the support of public libraries.

Portland and Eugene are only the cities now supporting these libraries. Both places have found the tax entirely inadequate for good work and have been compelled to do other things for the support of the same.

At the meeting of the class which is taking the lectures of Mrs. Lillian Cole-Bethel last evening, W. F. Kimball, a traveling member of the California Library Association—a man who is well informed on all phases of the subject of libraries—addressed the meeting in regard to his favorite theme. He has studied the local situation thoroughly and is deeply interested in Oregon's welfare.

He stated that a movement was on foot to procure a repeal of the section of the library law limiting the municipalities in their tax levy. The Woman's Federation of Clubs has taken up the matter and petitions are soon to be circulated asking the repeal. With all the wealth of this county and city it is only possible to secure the pitance of \$300 per annum for the support of the public library in Eugene.

The limit of 1-5 mill tax also excludes Oregon from the generosity of Carnegie. He demands 10 per cent of the total amount of the gifts to be raised by the city to which he gives. This limit Portland from receiving a fine library at his hands as the tax only permitted Portland to raise \$8,900 when \$10,000 was needed.

The Fortnightly Club of this city deserves united praise for the work they have been able to accomplish with the means at hand. They have had control of the Public Library here and have made it a valuable addition to Eugene. Let us work for more unrestricted scope for the ladies.

ANOTHER GAME IS ASSURED

Athletic Council is Favorable to the M. A. A. C. U. Christmas Game.

Yesterday the athletic council met and discussed the proposition of a Christmas game to be played in Portland between the Multnomah Club on one side and the University with the Alumni on the other. In view of the prospects of clearing the deficit which now shadows the management of the University eleven the scheme was viewed with favor and permission granted for the game.

The Alumni will have a part in the line up. Such old stars as Jackson, Ziegler, Bradley and others will be in the Christmas scrimmage. The occasion makes one sigh for the stalwart Dick Smith. Probably if he had been here the M. A. A. C. U. would never have broached the subject of another game. However, the U. O. will put up a fine team and a fine game. All Eugene hopes for a victory and it is not entirely out of the question.

FIRE COMMITTEE TO MEET

Senator R. A. Booth this afternoon informed the GUARD that the committee appointed last fall to draft a new law pertaining to forest fires in Oregon would meet in Portland on December 19th.

The GUARD published a full account of the purpose of the meeting. As is well known, the laws now in force regarding forest fires are not adequate for the situation. It is the purpose of this committee to draft a new law to put before the legislature. Senator Booth will, in all probability, present and back the bill.

LANE COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

The 1902 Roll Shows \$1,279,892 Increase Over 1901--Twenty-Two Per Cent.

The following is an abridgement of the Lane County assessment roll for 1902 as equalized by the county board of equalization:

Table with columns: NUMBER, VALUE. Rows include: Acres of tillable lands, Acres of non-tillable land, Improvements on deeded or patented lands, Town and city lots, etc.

From Mr. Skipworth.

Hon. E. R. Skipworth writes from Tucson, Arizona, as follows: "Please send the GUARD. Cool nights and warm days here but hot from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The sun shines brightly all day. Good air and high pressure seem to prevail here."

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 18 miles Wm Sprey, of Walton Furness, Vt., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that which cured a horrible fever sore on his belly. Nothing else could. Positively cured blises, felons, ulcers, eruptions, boils, corns, and piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by W. L. DeLano, druggist.

A NIGHT ATTACK.

The Deadly Grip of an Invisible Hand.

The climax of some of the most weird ghost stories is reached in the choking grip of an unseen hand upon the throat of a sleeping victim. We are constantly proving that the most fantastic stories may have some basis in actual fact. It is so in the case of the strangling grip of the invisible hand. The man who has had a night attack of severe bronchitis, knows the choking and gasping which follow the paroxysm as if some hand was tightening on the air passages, and the victim was slowly suffocating.



I did, and to my surprise got well," writes Mr. Joseph A. Valleroy, of Forman, Ill. (Box 3). "Had what the doctors called bronchitis, and whenever I would take cold would suffer greatly; but since taking two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and one bottle of his 'Pleasant Pellets' have been cured of that terrible trouble. Before taking your medicine I weighed 120 pounds; now I weigh 130."

Thousands of people die every year of consumption. Every one of those thousands might have cured the cough or lung trouble which ended fatally. There is no cough, however trivial, that does not have in it the germ of consumption. When bronchitis develops, the possibility of a cough ending in consumption is increased to a probability. It is no time to use cough medicines, syrups and opiates. The need is for some healing medicine, which will not only cure the cough but heal the inflamed and diseased tissues. That is the work performed by "Golden Medical Discovery." It cures coughs. But it does far more than that. It cures weak and bleeding lungs. It takes the weak, emaciated, tottering victim, for whom the bony hand of consumption is already outstretched, and leads him back to health. It has done this in hundreds of cases where hemorrhages were severe and frequent, emaciation had advanced, and the light sweat and hectic fever seemed to set the seal of doom upon the weakening life.

I wish to inform you that I consider your medicine the best ever put before the public for lung and throat trouble, general debility and female weakness," writes Mrs. V. B. Miller, of South Bend (River Park) Ind. "I have been a great sufferer for several years with bronchitis, catarrh of stomach and female weakness. Was so bad this spring did not think I could live until now. Could neither eat nor sleep, could not be on my feet but a short time, had a terrible cough, was very thin and nervous. I began using Dr. Pierce's medicines and have taken them steadily since last May, have taken three bottles of each kind, 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Favorite Prescription' and am cured."

The improvement seemed slow at first but an improving fast lately. Have not coughed for three months. My friends all speak of my looking so much better. I do all my housework, have canned one hundred and fifty quarts of fruit this fall. You may publish this statement if you wish. I hope all women so afflicted will try Dr. Pierce's medicines and be cured—not only take a few bottles, but continue their use until cured."

One of the first signs of pulmonary disease is loss of flesh. The man finds his clothes hanging a little loosely on him. The woman finds that her gowns do not fit her as snugly as when they were made for her. When the scales show a steady decrease from the normal weight of health, there is danger. If there is a cough then the danger threatens the lungs, or has already attacked them. There should be no delay in taking measures to at once stop this loss of flesh, and that can only be done by curing the disease which causes emaciation.

Those who have been cured of lung diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery generally mention the gain in flesh which accompanies the cure. Sometimes this gain is only implied, as in the case of Mrs. Miller, who was "very thin," and whose friends tell her since using the "Discovery" how much better she is looking. It is implied too in the change from a woman who could only be on her feet but a short time—to a woman who can do all her own housework and can one hundred and fifty quarts of fruit. But in many cases, as in Mr. Valleroy's, the gain in weight is explicitly stated: "Before taking your medicine I weighed 120 pounds; now I weigh 130." Those who are cured of coughs, when lost flesh is regained and when weakness is changed into strength.

"In 1900, my husband had neuralgia and also a severe cough," writes Mrs. Bettie E. Payne, of Kiel, Okla. "For nearly three years his cough was so bad he could not be down at night. He got no relief from the doctors we employed, so we purchased two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. After the first four doses we could see that his cough was better, and he rested fairly well that night. The doctor thought it was consumption—if it was, the two bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured him—nothing else did." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures bronchitis, deep-seated coughs, weak and bleeding lungs, emaciation and conditions generally, which, if neglected or unsuitably treated, end a fatal termination in consumption.

Such people, especially those suffering from chronic diseases, are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free, and so obtain, without charge, the opinion of a specialist on their ailments. All correspondence strictly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sometimes a dealer tempted by the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines will offer the customer a substitute as being "just as good" as the "Discovery." It is better for the dealer because it pays better, but it is not as good for you if you want the medicine that has cured others, and which you believe will cure you.

VENEZUELAN SITUATION.

Germany Will Not Advance Into Interior--Maintain Blockade.

Wall Street Panicky This Morning--Venezuela Seizes Railway and Telephone Lines.

LA GUAYRA, Dec 12. The Venezuelan government today seized all railway and telephone lines the ownership of which is vested in citizens of Germany or Great Britain.

President Castro justifies the seizure on the ground of military necessity.

Disastrous Spokane Blaze.

SPokane, Dec 12. A fire originating in the basement of the Hotel Ridpath at 1:40 o'clock this morning destroyed the building together with its contents.

The loss will approximate two hundred thousand dollars.

Germany's Waiting Hand.

BERLIN, Dec 12.—The German government makes official announcement today that the decision of President Castro of Venezuela to fight will in no wise change Germany's attitude regarding the occupation of Venezuelan territory.

Germany will not advance into the interior, neither attempt to capture Castro. She will merely maintain an effective blockade, by which means it is thought Venezuela will be brought to terms.

A Fair Legatee III.

PITTSFIELD, N. J., Dec 12.—Mrs. Hanna Nelson, who inherited a fortune through the death of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Fair, is critically ill with little prospect of recovery.

The Cuban Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec 12.—The commercial treaty between Cuba and the United States was signed here today by the accredited representatives of the two countries.

Sandwich Island Cable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 12.—The laying of the ocean telegraph cable that will connect the United States and the Sandwich Islands was quietly begun this forenoon when the cable ship Silvertown commenced paying out wire from the immense coils that fill the ship's hold.

President Mackay of the cable company says the line will be in operation in time to send Christmas greetings to the Hawaiians.

Honolulu, the capital and chief city of the Sandwich Islands, is 2100 miles distant from San Francisco, southwesterly.—[Ed. GUARD] Wall Street Panicky.

New York, Dec 12.—Wall street showed very panicky conditions on the opening of the stock exchange this forenoon. It was the greatest excitement experienced for months, and lacked but little of developing into a panic, in fact was on the verge thereof.

Over two million shares of stock were sold, double the sales of yesterday. And yesterday's sales were more than double those of the day before, the latter having also

doubled from its previous day. Such vast liquidation sent stocks to the lowest point for many months.

Brokers were flooded with selling orders. Southern Pacific which lost 3 3-4 yesterday went 3 points lower today, from 60 3-4 to 54 1-2 in the two days. It had scored a loss of 1 3-4 the day before yesterday.

Union Pacific showed a loss of 2 1-2, a decline of 7 1-8 in three days, closing at 94 3-4.

Loans were practically unobtainable, though as high as 15 per cent was freely offered for money on call.

Towards noon the market rallied, showing surprising strength at the closing hour.

CONTESTING THE FRED WALD WILL

Henrietta Wald, of Albany, Fred and Bertha Wald, of Eugene, the Heirs.

Henrietta Wald, who resides at Albany, yesterday filed a petition in the county court, contesting the paper recently filed as the will of her father, Frederick Wald, deceased, says the Oregonian.

This instrument was offered for probate by Carl Fleischer, who is the principal beneficiary under it. Miss Wald, in her petition, alleges that her father left property in Oregon valued at \$2500, and in Montana worth \$500, and that she and her brother Fred, and sister, Bertha, who live in Eugene, are the heirs. She charges that her father was under the influence of Fleischer and was coerced, influenced and dictated to by him to execute the will. The petition also says that the document filed is a carbon copy, and not the original, and that her father kept the original and read it over, and, after comprehending its contents fully, destroyed it. It is asked that the purported will be declared void. Miss Wald is represented by Hon. L. T. Harris, of Eugene.

Personals.

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Iron B. A. Booth is in Roseburg.

Wm. Leanders is down from Cottage Grove.

Miss Claire Dunn continues to improve.

Miss Hattie Huriburt returned to Junction today.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman were over from Cottage today.

Commissioner H. D. Edwards left today on a trip to Wheeler county.

J. D. Greenlee, of Hall's county, is the guest of his uncle, C. C. Gorman.

Geo. E. Smith and J. J. Thompson, of Eugene, were registered at Albany hotels yesterday.

Frank Hanson, who recently bought farm property near here, left today for the Dakotas to get his family.

W. P. Wagon, brother of H. D. Wagon, arrived this afternoon from Colorado, and is the guest of his brother.

C. G. Leader, of U. B. Clement, of Portland, was shaking hands with old friends on our streets this first of this week.

Selem Journal: Miss Grace Thompson has returned to Eugene, after a visit in this city at the home of J. H. Campbell.

Woodward Lyndquist: Mr. Stappan and Mrs. Dunstan, of Eugene, are guests of her father's daughter, Mrs. W. A. Leonard.

Mrs. A. A. Feltus, of Postburg, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. O. Adams for some time returning to Postburg this afternoon.

Ed. Deane left this morning for the Glendale valley to arrange the final details before taking up the Mapleton-Eugene stage route next Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Bean and Mrs. G. C. Morgan, of Portland, who have attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Cummins returned to their homes today, stopping in Junction enroute.

W. E. Frazier, of Portland, ex-sheriff of Multnomah county, is here buying heavy draft horses. He has been here a number of times before buying horses for the U. S. army.

John Eaton and family, two sons-in-law and their families arrived this afternoon from Missouri and are at the home of their relatives, Jack Poill and family. They will settle here.

Salem Journal: Mrs. Cole-Bethel, the well-known teacher of parliamentary law, will visit at the residence of G. V. and Mrs. T. J. Oer the coming week. Mrs. Bethel will be here in time to attend the Woman's Club meeting this coming Saturday.