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Gen. Howard, commander of the Atlantic, in his annual report, recommends a 100 per cent increase of the army "until several vexatious questions are settled." This is a poor reason, and is not satisfactory.

It was expected, as a matter of course, that Cleveland would not work against Hill or even suggest to any of his friends to do it, but Republicans need not expect to see scrape on his hat when Hill is defeated this fall.

The Daily "Sun," promised for some months, has appeared in Portland. It is being received with favor everywhere. It is not yet equal to the Oregonian, but exhibits evidences of enterprise and will, no doubt, receive the support it deserves.

Senator Gorman is not making any speeches in the present campaign, but simply standing by one that he made in the senate, when he exposed the secrets of his party to the public gaze in a way that contributed materially to the levity of nations.

Great Britain is about to launch seven new battle-ships of the largest class, and all warranted not to hug the shore during an interview with the enemy; which, in the light of the recent Japan-Chinese naval duels, is good reading for the commanders of American cruisers.

They held a state election in Georgia a few days ago. The vote is the largest ever polled, fully 6,000 more than in '92. Then the majority was 71,000. This time it was only 80,000. If 40,000 votes may be lost to "the party" in the South, what may be expected at the North?

A copy of Frye's primary geography, published by Ginn & Co., Boston, has been seen. It is a gem and beautiful to behold. The relief maps are far ahead of anything that has yet been seen. The volume is a competitor for a place in our schools in competition with Monteth's, that has been used in the state, to the exclusion of all others, for more than twenty-five years.

A daring robbery was committed at The Dalles this week, when the express box, containing \$30,000 in gold, was taken from the U. P. express office. Considerable mystery shrouded the matter, but the officials think they have the right men in the person of the driver, who transferred the box from the midnight train to the office, and two others, the trio being the only ones having keys to the office.

Blank cartridges have killed many a mobber. It is a pernicious custom that some of our police captains and militia officers have fallen into when they fire blank cartridges, or over the heads of the mob. When those Ohio law-breakers realized, on Wednesday night, that they were receiving slugs of lead instead of paper they scattered like chaff. It is mercy and an economy of human life to let it be understood that powder and ball will be used on mobs.

Our school superintendent, in selecting books this fall, should choose those authors or systems that have but few books from which to gather the rudiments of an education. Notice how many writing books are notified on us. On the list as now made up are no less than 37, viz: 12 Spencerian copy books, 7 Tracing copy books, 3 Shorter Course copy books, 5 Manson's written spellers, 5 Piper's seat work, and 3 Bond's staff-ruled writing books. And readers, in the series there are five books—the fifth and expensive one being superfluous. If a boy can read in the fourth reader, he can read anything. Is it any wonder the book trust is working to have no change made this fall?

Several paragraphs of General Schofield's report are reproduced in another column. The opinions are valuable because they are those of a professional, but they are to be read as coming from a one-sided observer. The general has all his life been accustomed to look on public affairs from a military standpoint. Hence he can see no way of administering government except by legions of men. Looking at the future through the past, there seems little necessity for a material increase of the army. The crisis of last July was easily handled by the "handful of regulars" and we are not likely to have a greater emergency, unless it be like that of 1861, which was cared for by even a less regular army used as a nucleus. In the July campaign the weak place was not in the number of men or ability of officers to handle them, but in the law permitting them to be used at all. The danger from foreign foes is magnified. A foreign enemy must make preparations for an attack which are quite as important to him as our preparations for defense. That truth is plainly taught by that greatest of all modern commanders, General Grant. Schofield is right in his estimate of the value of police and state troops.

PENITENTIARY MANAGEMENT.

The Statesman lays bare the nail and carefully uncovers its head, but never hits it once, though the fair word is dented all about it by stalwart blows. The Statesman quotes a picture from an exchange—a picture of the condition of a California convict, who emerges from prison in disgrace, without a trade except the ability to run the machinery of a jute mill. Yet in civil life there is no coloring from the article.

"With tears in their eyes, young men beg to be allowed to work at trades or avocations that will prepare them to stand erect and be men among men when they leave prison, but with a practical curse the state hurls them to enforced idleness or sends them to work in a jute mill. Why send them to work in a jute mill? Because that is the only kind of work the state could think of at which a man would find it impossible to get employment after leaving prison. The deliberate object of California is to unfit criminals for honorable self support."

A parallel is found in the Oregon penitentiary. And yet the Statesman would have a best sugar factory built by the state and operated by the convicts, so that the lease system may be avoided, while prisoners have something to do for occupation and earn their keep.

It is admitted that a prisoner would learn to make sugar, that he would be employed, but not admitted that he would earn a living in civil life. He would be as helpless when he has served his time as the California convict, who has learned to operate the jute mill.

The system of building expensive factories by the state that employ convicts may be furnished to convicts in wrong. The capital required for such plants limits them in number, and there are few civil corporations that build them. The jute mills almost entirely are monopolized by the states. It is not good policy for the state to seek a like monopoly of the sugar mills.

If the state is to train convicts to trades by which they may become self-supporting when returned to freedom, those should be chosen requiring little capital for their operation; for when a convict puts off his striped clothes he has not much money with which to initiate expensive factories. If he can possess a hammer, or an awl, he is fortunate. And ability to use these tools is that for which the California youth convict weeps. The policy should be to give them a hand training that will enable the convict to earn wages without the intervention of expensive machinery.

A neighbor, the East Oregonian, has these very pleasant words, which go beyond the printing office to a word of compliment to our county hence its reproduction: "The Hillsboro INDEPENDENT has not been a visitor to the East Oregonian office in the past, but we shall ask it to exchange in the future. We want it on our exchange list. It is a four-page paper, eight columns to the page, all at home print, well edited, neatly printed, and, all in all, a model county paper. It deserves a liberal patronage from the people of Hillsboro and the tributary country, and we doubt not that it receives it. A paper of its excellence is worth a great deal to any town. It is a reflector of the intelligence of the people and a creditable one."

Besides being unlawful, that mob which attacked an Ohio jail for the purpose of getting custody of a negro rapist, is silly. The negro was duly convicted and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary, which seems to be the extent of the law. It is reasonably certain that the sentence would be executed. If the punishment is not severe enough, then let those people amend the law so that justice may be done. There is no reason or excuse for a community acting as that one is said to be doing. The militia did well to shoot and to kill. No innocent man has been touched.

Our neighbor, the Roseburg Review, is unconsciously doing the work which the book trust would have done, to-wit: Oppose any change of school books. Let the Review call to mind the partial change made five years ago. It did not cost the patrons a cent. They gave an old book for a new one, and the board of education will see that the same free exchange is again made—some of our books are not the best. Some are doubtless proper texts, but let us get rid of the poor ones, especially when we can do so without cost.

Hill has discovered that the wealthy New York democrats are in bad humor about the income tax, and more inclined to vote with the republicans than to contribute to the democratic campaign fund. Hill must not forget that he, himself, found voting with the republicans the best sort of medicine, politically and personally.

MILTON FRUIT LAND.

Last week something was said about the visit to Umattila county—and what was seen at Milton was left till this week for recital. Two passenger coaches attached to a long freight train held the excursionists. Slowly the heavy train wound around the curves of the tortuous way up Wildhorse creek till the high lands were reached. Then over the rolling prairie past Adams, Athena, Weston and their platforms of wheat, till a tributary of the Walla Walla river was struck. This furnished a cut through the table land by which the rail cars are let into the Walla Walla valley. The first stop is at Milton—our station. The station is three-fourths of a mile from the business center of town. Hacks and carriages took our women to town and some were received in the meeting hall of the Knights of Pythias. The lodge, from the appearance of the hall must be a large one and prosperous. The A. O. U. M. meet in the same room and are flourishing. Familiar emblems were all about. From the reception hall we went to the banquet hall. And such a spread! That land can have no hungry people. The people of Milton are skilled in advertising. They first feed their guests and then show their products. After dinner the exhibition hall was thrown open and the wonderful fruit display that had been gathered and arranged in a day and a half was before us. Who would have thought that in that brown, baked, dusty country such fruits and vegetables could be found for the show hall. The water of the Walla Walla river makes it possible. Even through the streets of the city few small streams of limpid water. The fruit was beautiful to the eye and appetizing to the taste, but remembering Hood River of last year its superiority was not marked, or even the Willamette valley before orchard pests had fastened themselves on our trees. Comparing the fruit plucked from a home-grown tree, nothing at Milton was seen that would equal it. But Milton is a great country and its people are vain of their possessions, and deservedly so.

The town has a population of 1000 or 1500, several brick buildings, a fine flouring mill and a large evaporating plant. The fruit dryer is what is known as a Ferris wheel apparatus. It has a capacity of 9,000 pounds of green fruit per day. The product is very fine and sells at top prices in any market. None of the fruit from Milton finds its way to Portland but is marketed in the Rocky Mountain towns and eastward. Connected with the peaches of this town a good story is told at the expense of our L. L. Williams. One of our party bought a large quantity of Indian peaches and directed them to be sent home by express. These peaches are of a dark red color and when they were received at the Hillsboro express office, Mr. Williams by a glance between the packages of the box thought the whole package was spoiled by decay. To get rid of them as soon as possible he delivered them before the purchaser returned home. Harry was there and soon had the cover off and a sample in his hand. They were in prime condition and just the thing for pickles. Milton is an incorporated town, has a water system that cost \$10,000, an electric light system both are and incandescent, run by water power, two churches, a graded school employing seven teachers who impart instruction to 350 children. The main school building is a four-room structure that cost \$5,000. Professor C. W. Duffield is principal. The school is maintained by a 4-mill district tax.

The newspaper of the town is the "Eagle," a seven-column folio that seems to be prosperous and is ably conducted. It has the respect and confidence of the community, which it richly deserves. While here a comely matron was met who formerly lived in this county and was a favorite in society, and hailed as Miss Wilmot. She was accompanied by her husband whose name, though spoken, was forgotten in a minute. She was Hon. Nathan Pierce lives at Milton and was out to meet the boys. He is a jolly farmer, who seems to be able to defy hard times.

Loaded on the train again, an uneventful run was made to Middleton, which temporarily was home. A system of pipe lines has been begun in Milwaukee by which water can be thrown on a burning building to the height of 120 feet. The Americans will supply any amount of ingenuity and money to put out a fire. Says the Globe-Democrat, but grudge the cost of fire-proof buildings. This is probably our most glaring national folly. It may be further remarked, had the Finney building been constructed on the slow burning system—that is, without hollow walls or closed attics, the fire Wednesday morning would have been extinguished in twenty minutes with one-tenth the damage.

The voter in New York City will handle about twenty separate ballots on election day. Voters fresh from the naturalization mills will vote on a new constitution divided into three parts, on the consolidation of New York and Brooklyn, on lending the credit of the city to an underground railway company, and on a dozen and a half other issues. The new citizen will be deeply impressed, if not completely rattled, with the greatness of his adopted country.

It has been decided by the supreme court of Nebraska that a man who murdered his daughter may inherit her property, on the ground that in the absence of a law governing such cases, the established rule of inheritance must be enforced. Other courts, however—notably the New York court of appeals—have held differently. For the better reason that as a matter of public policy, a murderer should not be allowed to inherit the estate of the victim.

The fact comes out in the Episcopal convention in New York that the game of foot-ball is seriously reducing the fund for aged and infirm clergymen. This incidental fact is due to the great foot-ball games played in recent years on Thanksgiving Day, which keep people away from the church and cause them to forget their annual contributions to a most worthy cause.

TWO SUDDEN DEATHS.

The Yamhill River and the Transportation Problem.

POLICE PROTECTION.

MCMINNVILLE, OR., Oct. 17th.—

This morning at 7:30 a. m. Redding, a prominent citizen of Lafayette, was found dead in his bed at the Essex house. He left orders to be called at 7:15, which was carried out. He answered the call of the boy, but not appearing was called again at 7:30. To this no response was given, and the door being locked, a ladder was procured and the room entered by the window. He was found dead in bed, all indications pointing toward the fact that he had died but a moment before the entry of his room. A doctor was called, who pronounced the cause heart disease. Mr. Redding has held several responsible positions in the county and is well known by all the old settlers.

Pat Callahan, an old resident of these parts, was stricken with brain paralysis, at the Eureka house on Sunday last. He died Tuesday morning, not having regained consciousness since taken down. For the past twenty years he has been roaming up and down the West side, doing enough work to keep himself, and refusing to reside with his sons, who are prominent business men of Albany and Corvallis. In fact, has kept his whereabouts from them. They were telegraphed for as soon as he was taken down, and they were here at his death. He was buried today from the Catholic church.

The committee, appointed by the citizens, on the sugar factory at work, and a mass meeting has been called for Saturday, at which the subject will be discussed, and agreements as to the amount of beets each farmer will raise, will be made.

The assault on Banker Shute has caused considerable comment in this city, and our people are wondering when their turn will come. The banks of McMinnville are fortified with time locks and the ugly muzzles of shot guns can be seen in handy positions. Time locks alone are sufficient to stop a desperado. A resolute night watch passes the streets nightly, and an attempt at wholesale robbery will not succeed in this city if care and precaution have anything to do with stopping it.

The poor old Yamhill river will bear upon its bosom the knightly form of Senator John H. Mitchell on Friday. Our people are determined to have an open river at all seasons of the year and our representatives in congress must recognize that fact at once. The river has made the railroad company drop the freight rate to seven and one-half cents per 100 pounds from here to Portland. As soon as the water raises a little, regular trips will be made by the boat. Nearly all the freight received in the city is hauled from Dayton, the boat's rate from Portland on all classes being 18 cents per 100. The railroad's lowest charge is 20 cents per 100.

Without Authority.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—Kindly say in your next issue that Prof. Traver, now a teacher at Beaverton, will not take charge of the Mass said at Cedar Mill. He will not, because he can not and may not. This fact he, or the party responsible for the false report which appeared in a recent issue of your valuable paper, should have known. G. M.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

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Of Prices—A CLEAR CUT all through our line. We carry a full line of the latest LADIES' DRESS GOODS, CLOAKS, HOSIERY, SHOES, ETC., at Rock-Bottom Prices for Spot Cash or FARM PRODUCTS AT CURRENT PRICES. We guarantee to give better values for the money than can be got in any other store in Oregon.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Washington. Robert Imbrie, plaintiff, vs. George B. Markle, Clara Markle, Ida Markle, Hesterbach, Hosenbrach, the husband of said Ida, Van B. DeLashmitt, Marie C. DeLashmitt, the Oregon National Bank of Portland, and W. W. Oatlin, co-defendants.

And if you fail to answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief in said complaint prayed for, to-wit: That the plaintiff have judgment against the defendants for the sum of \$200,000.00 in United States gold coin, with interest thereon from January 1, 1894, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the sum of \$2,000.00 attorney's fees, and the sum of \$2,000.00 costs, to be paid by the defendants on or before the 15th day of April, 1894, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and the costs and disbursements of said suit, to be paid by the defendants on the first day of March, 1894, and recorded on page 69 and 70 Book "H." of the records of mortgages for Washington county, Oregon, to secure said suit, by foreclosure.

ADMINISTRATRIX SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the court of the county of Washington, made on the 15th day of October, 1894, in the matter of the estate of F. Gault, deceased, and to me, the undersigned, administratrix thereof directed, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at the south door of the court house in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, on Saturday, the 13th day of November, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all of that piece, parcel and tract of land, lying, being and situate in Washington county, Oregon, to-wit: Commencing on the east line of section 26, township 1 north range 1 west of the north-east corner of said section 26, and running thence west 24.25 chains to the center of Taylor's Ferry road, thence north 33° 45' east along the center of said road 1/2 mile, and thence north 75° 30' east with the center of said road 1/2 mile, and thence north 10° 15' east to the place of beginning containing 34 acres of the north-east corner of said section 26, township 1 north range 1 west of the north-east corner of said section 26, and running thence west 24.25 chains to 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