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THE OREGON PENITENTIARY.

The Salem Statesman, from advance tables of Superintendent Downing's forthcoming biennial report, notes some interesting statistics. Since the report made January 1, 1893, there have been at any time in the prison: For larceny of all kinds, 419 convicts; murder in the second degree, 42; manslaughter, 30; burglary, 80; robbery and assault to rob, 7; rape and assault to commit rape, 27; forgery, 49; obtaining money under false pretenses, 15; selling liquor to Indians, 2; sodomy, 2; assault to kill and with dangerous weapons, 34; embezzlement, 5; arson, 4; perjury and subordination, 3; aiding escape of prisoners, 1; receiving stolen goods, 9; robbing United States mails, 6; bigamy, three; counterfeiting and passing same, 9; mayhem, 2; robbing postoffice, 2; uttering forged checks, 3; invest, 4; sending obscene matter through the mails and obscene writing, 2; procuration, 2; defrauding the government, 2; fornication, 1; seduction, 2; abduction, 1; riot, 2; malicious injury to property, 2; adultery, 2; other charges, 82; total, 806.

Table showing the nationalities of convicts in the Oregon Penitentiary. Includes states like Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, etc.

THE HUBBLE PARTY. The bubble party promises to be the special fad for the holiday season. Grown people are just finding out the possibility of soap bubbles.

THE HUBBLE PARTY (continued). The strongest possible fluid for producing bubbles is made in this way: Take the fourth of an ounce of white castile soap; cut it up into small pieces and boil three-fourths of a pint of water; when the soap is melted and the water has cooled, add three-fourths of an ounce of glycerine.

From the hogs that are brought into this market and other sources the fact is gleaned that Oregon is capable of producing as solid porkers as any section. Last Friday Orde & Wells received from Mr. Hastings, at Airle, a fine lot of hogs, one of which weighed 615 pounds.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RAILROADS.

The recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission furnishes some very interesting data concerning the economic side of placing railroads under government control. According to these statistics, such management by the government has not in the majority of cases been found successful. At present there are in all eighteen countries partly owning and operating the railroad of their countries.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND. To begin with, the word which most inspires the sneers and jeers of English scribblers, "guess" is the old Saxon word which is used in the same sense in every page of Chaucer and other ancient writers.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND (continued). "Shunt" is also a very useful word which the Americans would be well advised to adopt, as the meaning of "switch" is properly the mere action of moving the handle which causes the "shunting." "Sidewalk" is manifestly the right word to use, as it may or may not be paved, the "pavement" being actual stone surface and not necessarily a sidewalk at all.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND (continued). The work of constructing new ditches and deepening the old ones in the Lake Labish drainage district, north of Salem, which has been in progress during the part of two months, under the contract made with A. B. Smith by the drainage commissioners, will be completed this week.

OVER THE STATE.

The Eugene Register will, on or about January 1st, issue a daily edition. A grain warehouse at Monmouth, Polk county, was burned last week. Loss, \$3,000. Deep snows on the Siskiyou mountains has delayed the California trains during the past week.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND (continued). The abuses of the mortgage law were not to be compared to the evils of the present law, and we believe there will be enough honest men in the legislature this winter to rectify the blunder made when the mortgage law was repealed.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND (continued). The official vote on congressmen in Texas gives the democrats a majority of less than 15,000 over the aggregate of other parties, a loss of about 75,000 in two years. Texas is getting into shape for some much-needed political evolution.

AMERICANISM IN ENGLAND (continued). The holidays find Lake Superior and the Upper Missouri as free from ice as in midsummer, but this is not in the nature of bragging. The great American climate can get up all sorts of surprises inside of three or four days.

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ON OCTOBER 3, 1890, GEORGE DIVINE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE PENITENTIARY...

On October 3, 1890, George Divine was discharged from the penitentiary, his sentence for committing larceny in Baker county having expired and a few days ago he was restored to citizenship by Governor Penoyer granting him a full pardon.