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Seismic waves are again bringing consternation to the people of San Francisco, especially to Ruef and his gang, but Heney still remains at the throttle.

After having torn the wrappers from a half dozen exchanges and glanced at the same machine-made editorials in each of them, it makes a fellow feel a good deal like reducing the number of his exchanges by several.

Woodruff, Wisconsin is said to have a population of ninety people, with one general store and fifteen saloons. The mayor, the city council and the city marshal are all saloon keepers. The saloons remain open day and night week days and Sundays. What a mecca for the fellows throughout the country who maintain that it requires saloons to make business.

An Oregon City paper contains the names of a number of petitioners who ask the county court to grant a saloon license to one Annie Corrigan, said saloon to be located at Barton. Whether this is the same gentle Annie the spring poet sings about deponent sayeth not, but she ought to be able to conduct a saloon in about as decent a manner as men conduct gin shops and then some.

E. H. Flagg, a veteran in the Oregon newspaper field, has bought both the Review and the Register of Rainier and announces that he has discontinued the latter sheet and will center his forces on the Review. The patrons of the two papers, who were enjoying the newspaper scrap that was on, will probably regret the change but one paper can cover the field better than two.

A few years ago it was thought that nothing less than sixty feet in width would do for a public road, and a road sixty feet wide does look nice if it is well kept, but since it has been found that a grade of moderate width and well graveled makes the best road, it is apparent that some fifteen or twenty feet on each side of the grade left to grow up in weeds and ugly sprouts adds nothing to the utility or the appearance of the public highway.

It was a solar plexus blow Judge Burnett delivered to the saloon men in a recent decision out in Coos county, and the wind has been taken out of the sails that were being hoisted by the fellows who were fondly hoping to make the local option law of none effect in certain towns in dry counties by readjusting the city charters. They may carry the case up to the supreme court but it is thought by some that the saloon men are not anxious to get a decision from that body on the question.

The tourist don't always get reliable information regarding points of interest he inquires about. For instance while ascending "Council Crest" recently the writer overheard a gentleman, who stated he had been a resident of Portland for thirty years, telling an old gentleman and his wife who had just arrived in the city from Indiana, that this high point of land was named "Council Crest" on account of the fact that this was where Lewis and Clark met the great Indian chief Multnomah in council. While it is conceded that this was a meeting point for the different Indian tribes of

the country tributary to it, the Portland gentleman was off on his Lewis and Clark history.

In company with N. C. Maris of the Rural Spirit and others, the writer went to Dundee last Saturday and took a stroll through the big walnut orchard owned by Thomas Prince. The trees were found to be in as fine condition as any we saw in a trip through California last spring and the quality of the nuts cannot be excelled by any grown elsewhere. Many of the younger trees show a growth of ten feet in two years and some of them more than this. It is evident that trees in Southern California will come into profitable bearing at an earlier age than here, owing to the longer season there for growth, yet the Oregon walnut grower must be reckoned with in the markets of the future.

A large proportion of the population of this great Pacific Northwest country is made up of a roving people, buying a home here, remaining a few months, selling it and rushing on to a new Eldorado, never stopping long enough in one place to attend with approved credentials an old settler's picnic. This is pretty hard on Sunday clothes and the women folks as well, and besides, it has a tendency to make real happy, old-fashioned home life a thing of the past. However this inclination to "shift the scene," is not altogether an unmixed evil, if it be an evil, for the second man usually has a little more money than the first and he goes to work to improve the place by clearing up more land, putting up new fences and building better houses and barns. In this way more land is made productive, the appearance of the country is greatly improved and the assessed valuation of farm property is more rapidly increased.

A Barbaric Custom.

We wish a law could be passed prohibiting the barbaric custom of opening caskets in public at church funerals, says the Springfield News. It is a relic of the dark ages and has no place in a civilized community. It jars on the sensibilities of every tender cord, and is something that the churches and undertakers ought to combine and put to an end. In nine-tenths of the cases it's merely a pandering to ghoulish curiosity. People who never spoke to the deceased in their life parade around the church, gape at the form of the loved one, then go out of the presence of death, not to talk of the good deeds done in life, but to criticize the appearance of the poor clay that death has left for once at their mercy. Death is a sacred thing. If we are going on a long journey we do not make our adieus before a gaping crowd; we ought not to be expected to sit in the house of mourning while people we never spoke to, who have no claim on us or our loved one, jostle each other in their desire to view the remains, and they get together and gossip over what they saw or failed to see. We believe that the majority of the people detest the painful funeral scenes as much as we do and would be more than glad to see them ended but are afraid to break a "custom." It is a duty the minister and undertaker owe to themselves and a long suffering public to put a stop to the exhibition; and they will find the public only too glad to uphold them with a hearty amen.

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