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Porto Rico Studentr.

Corvallis, Or., Aug. 4—Application has been made to President Gatch, of the Oregon agricultural college, for the admission of students from Porto Rico. The application was made by the Cuban Educational Association of the United States, of which General Joseph Wheeler is president and General Calixto Garcia a member of the board of directors. The association says that 500 young Cubans and Porto Ricans are applicants for admission to various educational institutions in the United States. The parents of these applicants are doing everything in their power to assist, going to the extent of giving bonds and mortgaging their homes in order to secure instruction for their young men. A regrettable feature is that the applicants are not able to speak English, and are without means to pay board and incidental expenses. The letter to President Gatch follows:

"I write to ask if it will be consistent with your institution to take charge of a young Cuban or Porto Rican student for the coming school year. Most of the young men whom we have allotted to schools during the last six months have proved satisfacory. While it is true that these young people from the Antilles are not particularly fond of agricultural pursuits or mechanic arts, it is true that in several instances where we have placed young men in schools of this character they have done the work extraordinarily well and satisfacorily to the faculty.

"We could send you a student who would pay at least $12 per month toward his board and incidental expenses, and if it is practicable for you to take one or more of these young men in September on such a financial basis, we should be very glad to be so informed."

Cleveland's Bible.

Chicago Record: Upon Grover Cleveland's writing table in the library at Princeton lies the old-fashioned Bible, with covers of black enamel, which was given him by his mother when he first went away from home. At the top of the cover in a little space surrounded by an ornamental border is inscribed in gilt the name "S. G. Cleveland," and upon the fly leaf there is a line or two of writing in a neat, precise feminine hand, from which we learn that the book was a gift to "My son Stephen Grover Cleveland, from his Loving Mother."

Colonel Lamont says that he first saw this Bible on the table in Mr. Cleveland's law office in Buffalo, and other friends remembered having seen it before. When Mayor Cleveland became governor the book was generally on the bureau of his bedroom. When the governor was about become president, Colonel Lamont found the little Bible in the president's rooms at the Arlington, and, handing it to Chief Justice Waite, asked him to use it when he swore the chief magistrate into office.

There were about 40,000 witnesses upon the plaza in front of the capitol when Stephen Grover Cleveland pressed his mother's gift to his lips, and before it was returned to him, Mr. Middleton, the clerk of the supreme court, entered a formal record on the last flyleaf that it was used to administer the oath of office to Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, on the 4th of March, 1885.

It is estimated by the American agriculturist that there are 75,000,000 horses in the world, Europe being credited with 38,000,000, North America with 17,000,000 and Asia with 9,000,000. The mules and asses in the world are said to number 9,000,000.

May Mean a Railroad

The following dispatch recently published in the Boise Statesman will be interesting to the residents of this county. It is possible that we will have a railroad in the near future:

Albany, Ore., Aug 3.—Henry Villard, the well known railroad magnate, who has been in the northwest for several weeks, arrived here tonight, and tomorrow, in company with A. B. Hammond president of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad will make a trip over that road. It is hinted that Villard's inspection of the Corvallis & Eastern is for the purpose of taking over the road in the interest of one of the western roads desiring an outlet to the Pacific coast. The road is headed for Boise, Idaho, and in case the extension is made it will undoubtedly go through that city.

Range Grasses.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has been touring in Oregon, in speaking of the ranges of Eastern Oregon, says the problem is "How to renew them? Give the grasses that will grow a chance for new life, and introduce other grasses that will help them out. These ranges should be improving instead of deteriorating. The impression I received was that they should be rented to stockmen on long leases, and make it an object to have them improved. The federal government should give states the authority to rent the ranges, the state to use the rentals received for school funds or to dam up streams and irrigate lands; the title to remain in the government and homesteaders to have no abridgements of rights."

A Former Harney County Boy.

The recent press dispatch stating that the three privates, McCoy, Lawrence and Mills of company M Second Oregon, who have been thought dead since last April are alive and well was received with rejoicing by their comrades.

We have learned beyond a doubt that the Ralph McCoy above mentioned is the son of Jack McCoy and some years ago was a resident of this place. His former school mates of which the writer is one will also rejoice to find Ralph is alive and well.

Smallpox at Heppner.

The smallpox situation here, as we go to press, says the Heppner Gazette, is that the Driskell family have removed to their ranch, with no other cases developed outside the family. Mr. Shutt is convalescent, and the members of his household—three women and two children, show no symptoms of the contagion, and the fear of the community are at rest. No negligence of precautions will be allowed.

A schoolmaster in Harney county school has been in the habit of purchasing pork from parents of his pupils on the occasion of the killing a pig. One day a small boy marched up to the master's desk and inquired If he would like a bit of pork that thay were going to kill a pig." The schoolmaster replied in the affirmative. Several days having elapsed and hearing nothing of the pork, the master called the boy up to him and inquired the reason he did not brought it. "Oh, please, sir," the boy replied "the hog got better."—Ontario Advocate.

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Oregon News.

The horse cannery at Linton, near Portland, has been started up again.

Three hundred and sixty head of horses were bought and shipped from Ontario one day last week. The price paid ranged from $10 to $15.

Gov. Geer is at work on his farm in the Waldo hills, near Salem. He finds farm work a pleasant change from the dull routine of official life.

Five dollars a ton is paid for standing hay in the Ochoco valley. This appears to be an extraordinary price for standing hay, says the Prineville Journal.

A new school district, No. 36, has been organized in Malheur county, embracing all of the Arcadia colony lands, two miles of railroad track and the Snake river.

Gov. Geer has been requested to appoint seven delegates to the national irrigation congress, which will meet this year at Missoula, Mont. He will appoint any who desire to attend.

Mark A. Carleton, of the department of agriculture, is in Albany collecting samples for the Paris exposition. Both threshed grain and pulled wheat, not cut, is wanted of each sample of threshed grain.

A hop buyer who recently inspected 28 hop yards in the northern part of Marion county, Oregon, concluded that there will be about two birds of a crop and the prospects is favorable for a fine grade of hops.

It is reported that the chittem tree from which chittem bark is peeled is becoming very scarce in Lane county. As it is well known whenever the tree is skinned of its bark it soon dies and of course is becoming scarcer year by year, until the chittem tree in Lane county at no very distant future at the present rate of consumption will naturally be destroyed. The price of chittem bark in a few years will under these conditions greatly advance.

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E. H. Test and son Harvey and I. H. Holland left for an outing in Stein's mountain. They will make their headquarters at John Devine's place at Alvord and will be absent a couple of weeks.—Ontario Advocate.

Additional Locals

Henry Welcome has returned from Baker.

Mark Benson was down from the mill for a few days the last of the week.

Sylvester Smith, of Happy valley, spent several days in our city since our last issue.

When you find an item of news call up 'phone No. 16. It will be appreciated.

Notice—Have you a farm for sale or for rent, or do you know of any person holding farming lands that they wish to dispose of? If so, please write to any O. R. & N. agent and he will send you a circular that will interest you.

A. W. Gowan's residence has been rusticed and treated to a coat of paint.

Robt Irving and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton the first of the week.

The Weekly Oregonian and this paper give you all the news of home, state, the Northwest and the nation.

Stein's mountain furnishes grazing for thousands of sheep during the summer season. We are informed that sheep are so numerous in that section now that many camps are not more than half a mile apart.

Frank Gowan, our old time standby now holds the position of "Devil" in The Times-Herald office and has been waging a fierce battle against the "pi" this week. Frank will put in all the time during the vacation with us.

J. H. Garrett, of Emigrant creek paid this office a social visit Monday and informs us his brother S. W. Garrett recently arrived from Missouri and will probably make his home in this county. Mr Garrett likes our people finding them a very sociable class.

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