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BUTLER, the Australian murderer was put on board the steamer Mariposa Saturday last and started for Sydney, the scene of his crimes, in charge of three detectives. He has the best to stay in the United States where murderers are petted and protected by all of the machinery of the law, but he had to go. He will be tried and if found guilty will be hanged promptly within sixty days of his arrival there. There will be no questions asked as to his sanity; no appeals taken to higher courts or frivolous technicalities; no ladies will visit him with flowers and nicknacks and no sensational newspapers will present his picture in many postures to an interested public. He will be executed and forgotten long before either Durrant's or Fiestler's case is disposed of here. This is what makes human life safe in all countries when the British flag floats. By-and-by we will reach that perfection in legal machinery we hope, but at present the United States is looked upon by the outside world as a place where murder may be committed with impunity except in those localities where Judge Lynch has become habit.

THE people, black and white—most black, who live behind the long lines of levee on both sides of the great Mississippi in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana have been in terror for the past month, as the Father of Waters had concluded that the path walked in by human hands was too narrow for him. The embankments have burst in many places, inundating whole counties of cotton plantations. For many years the great bottoms of the big river have been farmed, but periodical freshets have always threatened the malaria-pestered people. Both government and state have expended millions in levees, but when floods come, parties from the opposite side of the river steal their dig holes in the other fellow's bank and let the water in on him, for the purpose of taking the strain off himself. Shooting scrapes thus add to the terror of floating homes and drifting corpses. We will take Oregon in ours every time.

It is a sad sight to behold a combination of Christian nations forming a pool to murder Christians and maintain a barbarous empire in its crimes against civilization. This is what England, France, Austria and Russia are doing in this latter part of the nineteenth century. With over fifty men-of-war they are blockading and bombarding a Christian people, who, though weak in numbers are strong in courage and in right. The masses of people in the freedom of the little island of Crete, but somebody close to the governments holds Turkish securities and doesn't want to lose on them. Thus the nations of Europe have become parties to wholesale murder of defenseless men, women and children for the sake of the profit on a few interest-bearing bonds.

THE Dingley tariff bill, which passed the House last week places a higher duty on imports than even the McKinley bill, which was in operation four years ago. Already there seems to be a firmer feeling in the prices of commodities most affected, such as woolen clothing and sugar, and these will come higher to the consumer long before the wages begin to raise. This prosperity, if it comes at all, will begin at the wrong end before it reaches those most in need—the laboring poor. The new tariff bill has gone to the senate and this body will very likely put some radical changes to it. If it passes as it went through the House it will raise duties on all imports since the first of April.

Gov. LORD's message has been published in the Oregonian. It takes two whole pages of the great Webfoot daily and so, very few will read it. The governor had it prepared to read to the legislature of '97 that never organized. It goes into very elaborate detail of all state departments and recommends economy in appropriations. His exhortation might have said it all in one column, but preferred to make a very flowery play of words for the few who would follow his long lines of verbosity. Life is short Governor, and these are not days of long-winded sermons. Your congregation will be small and most of its members will sleep the sermon through.

"I am 65 years old; have had kidney disease and constipation for 25 years. An eye was used for S. B. Woodruff's Liver Care one year. Used 4 bottles at 50 cents each. J. H. Knight, Raleigh, Or." For sale by W. F. Kramer.

MUSIC AND THE STAGE.

The tone of the piano improves when the instrument is moved from the wall of the room. The expense of heating a London theater, the Vaudeville, by electricity, using storage batteries connected with rotators, is said to have been less than 20 cents an hour.

Sir A. Harris' pantomime, "Cinderella," last year is reported to have cost \$122,000 before the curtain was raised on boxing night. Sir Augustus did not blanch from dressing a chorus girl receiving 24 shillings a week in a dress by Worth at \$300.

The decree of the Italian government indefinitely extending the time of the copyright of Rossini's "Barber of Seville" has been declared by a parliamentary commission as contrary to law and void. The final decision rests with the full house of parliament.

Emma James, beside her public triumphs, has won most generous praise from Melba and Calve, and Julian Sturgis' picture, called "Le Portrait de Saint Lazare," exhibited this year in the Paris salon, has been purchased by the French government, which is an immense compliment to an American artist.

In France, it seems, there is a strong opposition to the opera of Ambrose Thomas being some sort of ill luck. The Paris Opera Comique and the Theatre des Arts at Rouen were burned on the night of the performance of "Mignon," in which it may be recalled, a fire scene actually occurs.

The Grand Opera, Paris, was burned on the night of a performance of "Hamlet." Thomas himself was well aware of the superstitious, and used laughingly to declare that he was lucky in other ways.

IN EASTERN LANDS. The diamonds in one symbol of the wealth of the East. It is estimated that 20 pounds. A Hindoo wife may be divorced if she scolds her husband or goes to a dance while her husband is absent from home. "The end of the Ottoman empire is near," the foreign correspondents are saying as they sit at their desks.

ROUND ABOUT ENGLAND. Two thousand Latter Day Saints missionaries are said to be in England just now. Mosquitoes have appeared this season in England. It is supposed they made their way across the Atlantic in a cargo of lumber.

Only 11 per cent. of the larger and five per cent. of the smaller English gold coins bear an earlier date than 1870. The clean appearance of British coins is always a delight to a foreigner. This is true as well of Canadian coins.

The number of unsummed dogs seized in the streets of London between February 17 and June 13 was 23,942, and of those 4,692 were claimed at the police stations. The number of cases of rabies from the beginning of January to June 18 was 106.

FOREIGN PICKINGS. Hedingham castle, the Essex stronghold of the earls of Oxford, and pronounced to be the finest Norman keep in the world, is in the market and will shortly be put up at auction in a London saleroom. Here Queen Matilda is generally believed to have died, and Henry VIII's visit to the property is well known in history.

LITTLE MISCELLANEA. At the Drummond castle disaster nearly all the bodies found had life belts on and only three persons were saved.

The mayor of Flint, Mich., receives no salary. The late mayor, who recently retired from office, was so highly respected that the common council voted an appropriation to him. They awarded him one dollar.

A Belgian pedestrian walked from Antwerp to Brussels, 88 miles, in two days, walking ten hours a day. The entire distance he walked backward.

Two pretended Cuban patriots asked dollars for the war in Portugal. Me, by the old body of the selling and they said were recognized Havana cigar purchasers since have been expressed the opinion that, involved in Cuba, the cigars would be of more money than sugar.

PISTON CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

QUARRYING METHOD.

Those who have indulged in deep sea fishing know how the fish line runs deep into the water. The quarrying method is in some ways as simple as hauling in a fish.

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MAIL FOR SMALL TOWNS. Free delivery can be had by paying...

Small communities, denied letter-carrier service by the post office department, can have such service legally at a comparatively small expense to the beneficiaries.

LOCKJAW IN SOIL. The death of a child in Brooklyn from lockjaw has been traced to the soil.

SOFT CHABS. There are conditions which make it dangerous to eat soft chabs.

FAST MAIL WORK. Pneumatic tubes for post delivery in large cities.

SECRET OF LYING ABLY. Short Dissertation Upon the Art of Successful Mendacity.

WASHTON HAS ABOLISHED ITS STATE BOARD OF HORTICULTURE.

Residence Property for Sale.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Restorer.

N. E. McGrew. Pioneer Truck and Delivery.

HUNTING A BEAR.

Audubon describes a queer exploit near the Arkansas-Missouri state line. In his study of birds, Audubon spent much of his life with the Indians, and he often joined them in their sports.

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HALLUCINATIONS. Interesting Experiments Performed at the Yale Psychological Laboratory.

The results of some of the experiments at the Yale psychological laboratory are interesting. A person says he saw the New York World, placed in a quiet room.

CHANGES IN OUR COLLEGS. The rigidity of discipline has been relaxed.

Water in Rubber. Experiments with a hermetically sealed rubber bottle containing water.

Shaasta county, Cal., has commended with the bondsmen of the defaulting treasurer, Jackson. On the payment of them of \$10,000.

S. B. Palmer of Round Valley, Mendocino county, Cal., has been acquitted in the United States district court of the charge of stealing a steer belonging to the State.

Washington has abolished its State Board of Horticulture and substituted a State Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Restorer restores health.

N. E. McGrew Pioneer Truck and Delivery.

YOUNG MEN! The Specific A No. 1.

WANTED FURTHER INSTRUCTION.

Had Fed the Parrot. But she was Hiding it. We are all more or less familiar with that exasperating class of individuals who seem to feel that the simple, common sense of the world is centered in themselves.

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Clerk's Semi-Annual Report.

County Clerk Goodell gives the following figures showing the amounts paid and what for from Oct. 1, 1896 to March 31, 1897.

County clerk and deputy clerk, 667.67
County judge, 153.00
County treasurer, 170.20
Justice court, criminal cases, 287.45
Justice court, civil cases, 124.56
Stationary, 42.00
Court house and jail, and board of prisoners, 525.14
County clerk and deputy clerk, 330.00
Sheriff and deputy, 1173.00
County assessor, 154.00
County recorder, 30.00
Bluff fund, 29.00
School sup. and Teacher's examination, 173.90
County judge, 309.00
County treasurer, 65.20
Road supervisors, 694.13
Insane, 19.00
Jurors, 208.80
Clerk of Superior Court, 22.30
County Assessor, 199.95
Fuel, 40.00
County Recorder, 34.55
District Attorney, 122.50
Printing, 66.85
Cemetery, 5.94
Tax Commissioner, 300.00
Costs of Litigation, 13.00
Contingent fund, 95.50
Tax returned on tax sales to Co., 127.81
Total amount claims allowed and paid, 5841.79
Outstanding unpaid county warrants on the 31st day of March, 1897, 6,949.79
Estimated interest accrued thereon, 680.00
Total, 6949.79

The Champion's Future. Fitzsimmons has gone away and does not expect to see the Pacific Coast again for a long while. He left for Oregon on Sunday evening, accompanied by his wife and baby, Julian Hokey, Hokey and Yarnum. He sent for collector Meadows Sunday morning and offered him \$225 in cash in settlement of the People's Palace claim.

GRANT'S PASS Fitted Out on Reasonable Terms.

F. H. SCHMIDT Dealer in Agricultural Implements. Corner Sixth and I Sts., Grant's Pass, Oregon.

GRANT'S PASS Pork Packing House. J. H. AHLE, Proprietor. Wholesale and Retail.

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Co. Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement. Oct. 1 '96 to Oct. 31 '97.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE at Roseburg, February 2, 1897.

SCHOOL AND OTHER FUNDS.

FOR SALE. 160 acres of land with an 8 foot ditch which water of the same course.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of a good idea for a new business?

Remember EASTER Remember **EGG DYES** AT OUR STORE. 8 COLORS FOR 5 CENTS. More colors in one package than ever before. More happiness for the children than ever before.

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It Is a Good Thing Sometimes, to let the people know what we are doing. We are getting new every day for the Spring season.

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