OREGON NEWS NOTES.

Strange Ailment Afflicting a Child.

DOUGLAS IS TO PAY 20 MILLS TAX

United States District Attorney Hall Asks for the Impannelling of a Jury.

It is stated that the Marion county populists have endorsed John R. Waldo for governor.

E. H. Gomph, who has a prune orchard near Eugene, has engaged a car in which he intends to load 35,000 pounds of prunes for shipment to Seattle.

At the school election in Pendleton Jessie Failing was elected director, and C. O. White clerk. Mr White has already served four terms as clerk, having been first elected in 1894.

Mrs. A. G Stephens, of Vale, Malheur county, is said to have inherited $50,000 and a fifth interest in some valuable property in Mexico, the same being willed to her by a diseased brother.

The total valuation of taxable property in Douglas county is $4,725,766, upon which a 20 mill tax has been levied. Including the city and poll tax, the total amount of taxes to be collected is $107,788.21

Karl's Clover Root Tea for constipation, it's the best and after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold at Kremer's Drug Store.

Rettie & Patterson have sold to Charlie White of Gilliam county, 600 ewes, top $4 per head, and 3000 yearling ewes and weathers, for $2 50 per head, to be delivered after shearing. The same firm sold 4000 yearlings last season for $1 50 per head. this is the highest price heard of so far this season.

The 200 new boxes ordered for the Pendleton postoffice are now in position making a total of about 500, all of which are lock boxes. Another addition at the office will be 10 large drawers, put in along the panel at the bottom of the partion of boxes. These will be rented to business houses which receive a large amount of mail.

Children and adults tortured by burns scalds, injures, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy.—W. F. Kremer.

Railway engineers are surveying a right of way for a side track to the run to Elmore's cannery, where a large warehouse will be erected and used jointly by Elmore and the Columbia River Packing Company for storing salmon says the Astoria Budget The latter company will in the near future begin the erection of a new cannery directly in front of their present plant and outside the railway track.

Since the work done on the south jetty by the government last fall, says the Bandon Recorder, there has been a marked improvement in the mouth of the Coquille river. The channel was widened somewhat, and the mean depth of water on the bar has reached a total of 19 feet, and at times 20 feet is attained Any ordinary vessel will have no trouble whatever in crossing in and out over the bar in the future.

Joseph Schwarz, a successful sheep grower of Butter creek of Umatilla county, has sold his last band, containing 1600 head and will leave in a few days for his old home in Portugal. Mr. Schwarz has been engaged in sheep raising in Umatilla county 18 years past, and amassed $10,000. Chris Bartlescu bought the sheep, which are all four year old ewes of heavy Merino grade. The band is considered among the best in Umatilla county. The price was $3 70 per head.

The Forest Grove school district can boast of citizens who not only do not seek office, but will not accept it when thrust upon them. R W Lancefield, elected director, and L. C. Walker elected clerk, have both refused to qualify, the former pleading pressing business interests, and the latter, ineligibility through holding other offices. Another school meeting has been called for next Friday. It is quite likely that a woman will be elected clerk. The district has no funds.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children.—W. F. Kremer.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, of Lone Rock, Gilliam county, whose age is 7 years, has for some months been the victim of some very uncommon disease or ailment, says the Condon Globe. After having him examined in Condon, his mother took him to Heppner, where two physicians from that place and one from Portland were consulted. The doctors say such cases are very rare, they having record of but two cases in 20 years. The blood vessels seem to be giving away and breaking through his system, causing blood to flow from his mouth as if bleeding at the lungs. Large black spots are plainly visible in many places over his body where the veins and blood vessels have burst.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Pursell of Knittersvill, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy.—W. F. Kremer.

A mandate from the United States circuit court of appeals was received last week by the clerk of the United States circuit court, affirming the opinion of Judge Bellinger in the case of J. B. Montgomery vs. the Northern Pacific Railway Company, tried in the United States circuit court at Portland, in May, 1896. The case upon trial in the federal court of this city resulted in a victory for the plaintiff, a verdict in his favor in the sum of $46,406 24, and the additional sum of $82 35 costs being awarded. From this determination of the case the railroad company appealed. The suit of Montgomery against the Northern Pacific Railway Company is based upon the sale of bonds, that were forfeited to the government after their purchase by Montgomery.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cents. Sold by —W. F. Kremer. 2

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago or New York.

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Lung Troubles and Consumption Can be Cured.

An Eminent New York Chemist and Scientist Makes a Free Offer to Our Readers.

The distinguished New York chemist, T. A. Slocum, demonstrating his discovery of a reliable and absolute cure for Consumption (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) and all bronchial, throat, lung and chest diseases, stubborn coughs, catarrhal affectations, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh, and all conditions of wasting away, will THREE FREE BOTTLES (all different) of his new discoveries to any afflicted reader of the COURIER writing for them.

His "New Scientific Treatment" has cured thousands permanently by its timely use, and he considers it a simple professional duty to suffering humanity to donate a trial of his infallible cure.

Science daily develops new wonders, and this great chemist, patiently experimenting for years, has produced results as beneficial to humanity, as can be claimed by any modern genius. His assertion that lung troubles and consumption are curable in any climate, is proven by "heartfelt letters of gratitude," filed in the European and American laboratories in thousands from those cured in all parts of the world.

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Simply write to T. A. Slocum, M. C., 98 Pine street, New York, giving post office and express address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent. Sufferers should take instant advantage of his generous proposition.

A Daughter Saved.

WONDERFUL RECOVERY OF MISS HATTIE KING.

Stricken to the Bed and upon the Verge of Insanity—She Finds a Remedy when Hope had Almost Fled—The Best Physicians Failed to do Anything for Her.

From the Ithacan, Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Hattie King, of 94 Humboldt Street, Ithaca, N. Y., who was recently so ill that little hope was entertained of her recovery, has entirely regained her health. Her case is one of unusual interest. Following is substantially the language of her stepfather, Chas. M. Burnett, corroborated by that of the mother, in speaking to a reporter of the *Ithacan*:

MISS HATTIE KING.

"Hattie is now seventeen years old. A year ago last August she began to complain of dizziness, which became gradually worse. She suffered excessive nausea and attacks of vomiting. There were days when she could keep little or nothing on her stomach. She also was troubled with kidney disease. Her blood was so thin that the drop or two drawn by the prick of a needle was almost as colorless as water. She had trouble with her heart and often fainted from the slightest exertion, as upon rising from bed, or from a chair.

"Another bad symptom was a cough, which was so unremitting that it was the general opinion of our friends that she was consumptive. She lost flesh rapidly. Sometimes she would be confined to the bed for two or three weeks, then be around again, but only to suffer a relapse.

"She was not only a physical wreck, but her mind was affected, and at times she had no realization of what she was doing. We feared, in fact, a complete mental overthrow and consequent removal to an asylum, for although we had two of the best physicians in the city, and had tried several proprietary medicines, none benefited her.

"We had read considerable about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and had also heard of some cases where they had done good and we decided to give them a trial. We purchased some at the drug store of White & Burdick, of this city.

"Hattie began to take the pills in the early part of January of this year. Improvement was noticeable after the first box had been taken. The first hopeful sign that I noticed was that she did not complain of headache. The attacks of dizziness also began to abate in frequency, and she ceased to cough. One after another, the distressing symptoms left her. She took, in all, nine boxes of the pills. At the present time she is in perfect health. The alteration in her mind and body is almost past belief.

"I cannot say enough in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for they saved the life of our daughter."

(Signed) CHARLES M. BURNETT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me May 8th, 1897. C. R. WOLCOTT, *Notary Public*, In and for Tompkins County, N. Y.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED to cure any case of constipation. Cascarets are the Ideal Laxative. Sample and booklet free. Address STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago, Montreal, Can., or New York.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

The French Fleet is Being Mobilized.

UNITED STATES LOOKING FOR SHIPS

Thomas G. Watson Nominated for Governor of Georgia by the Populists.

San Francisco was visited by a snow storm last week.

The Georgia populists nominated Thomas G. Watson for governor last week, despite his protests. The middle-of-the-roaders controlled the convention

Edward Hines, the great lumber dealer of Chicago, was in Portland recently trying to make contracts for large amounts of timber. His yard in Chicago handles 150,000,000 feet of lumber yearly.

United States District Attorney Hall will ask for the impannelling of a grand jury to convene in the early part of next month. The accumulation of prisoners and witnesses is given as the reason for the call.

The final contract providing for the sale of the warships Amazonas and Almirante Abrouall to the United States has been signed. The price is something over £500,600 ($2,500,000) for both the ships. An American crew is expected from Lisbon to take possession of the Amazonas.

The Palouse Mill Company's log drive of 2,750,000 feet has started from the camp at Princeton, 14 miles above Palouse, and is expected to reach the mill at Palouse in a few days, if the water in the river does not fall so that the drive cannot be made. Only about 20 men are employed on this drive.

The rate war between transcontinental lines presents no particularly new features. So long as the Canadian Pacific is inclined to be aggressive and carry the war into Africa, so long will the other roads feel disposed to remain the fight Railroad men are very much interested in the New York meeting of passenger agents, which, it was reported, would likely recommend the adoption of an agreement to restore the standard fare to the east, pending final arbitration. As for the report of a possible reduction of the fare to $5 in the near future, that is regarded as altogether improbable.

George Dorn, a prospector returning to Grangeville, Idaho, from a seasons work on his placer claim on the Salmon river, was held up by two armed and masked robbers a few miles from Grangeville Monday, and relieved of $1300 in gold nuggets, the fruits of a winters labor. Two stage robberies and several holdups have occured in that locality within the past three months, and the belief has become general that an organized band of road agents rendezvous in the mountains close by, for the purpose of intercepting gold shipments and robbing miners from the Florence mines. This last robbery has stirred up the citizens to the organization of a vigilance committee to run the gang to earth.

United States District Attorney Hall has received instructions from the attorney general of the United States to commence suit against the O. & C. Railway Company to annul the patent erroneously issued to the railway company for the Clevinger tract of land in the Roseburg land district. The land in question was included in the grant to the railway company, but as Clevinger had filed on it previously and completed his pre-emption title before the survey of the grant was filed by the railway company, the government has to protect him in his rights. The railway company having refused to relinquish its title to the land in dispute, the United States district attorney is instructed to invoke the strong arm of the law to make it come to time.

Representative Wheeler, of Alabama, introduced the following joint resolution: "Resolved, That a joint committee consisting of five members of the senate, to be appointed by the vice president, and five members of the house, to be appointed by the speaker, be created to report without delay to the two houses an address to the government of Spain, declaring in firm and diplomatic language that Americans and American interests in Cuba must be protected and that the atrocities now being perpetrated in that island must cease. Resolved, That the executive be requested to immediately transmit this address to the government of Spain by such methods as he may deem most advisable, together with a letter of indorsement and approval of this action on the part of congress."

The "Aurore," of Paris, affirms that the French fleet is being prepared for mobilization, adding that feverish anxiety prevails at all the arsenals and shipyards, which are working until 10 o'clock at night. The "Aurore" says the French northern squadron at Cherbourg, is ready for immediate departure. The ships, it appears, are being swung at Cherbourg for the adjustment of their compasses. Finally, it is asserted, that in order to complete the necessary number of officers, second year students are to be appointed midshipmen, and all admirals, have been instructed to arrange to reach Paris within twenty-four hours after being summoned. The "Aurore" explains that the mobilization is connected with preparations to support Russia by a naval demonstration in the far East.

There is no cessation in the efforts of the navy department to buy ships and war munitions. Enlistments are being made in the army and navy, and ships are being distributed where they will be most effective. Work on the defenses is being pushed vigorously. Cavalry and infantry are being moved to the Atlantic seaboard as rapidly as possible. The purchase of the torpedo-boat destroyer Eupy, from Brazil, is now practically assured. The United States is in need of such a craft, for they are very effective, and Spain has several. The condition of Commodore Sicard's health has given the department great concern and it is probable that Captain Sampson, of the Iowa, will succeed to the command of the fleet, should hostilities break out.

OCCUPATIONS AND DEATHS.

Clergymen Seem to Lead the Most Healthful Lives.

The registrar general has just issued a supplement to the fifty-fifth annual report of births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales, which contains an account of the influence of occupation upon male mortality, as shown by the several employments of the male persons between the ages of 25 and 65 whose deaths were registered during 1890, 1891 and 1892. Members of the clerical profession are easily first in their resistance to the forces which make for dissolution. The phrase is used to denote the clergy of the established church, Roman Catholic priests and ministers of other denominations. Their numbers in 1891 amounted to 36,800, and they died at every age period less rapidly than any other class in the community. All necessary corrections being made, and the general mortality of males being represented by 1,000, that of the clergy is no more than 513. The legal profession, as composed of barristers and solicitors, contains little more than half the number of the clergy, or 19,978 persons, and their death rate was greatly larger, reaching 821 as against 1,000 for all males, and as against 953 for all occupied males. The medical profession included 18,936 males, physicians, surgeons and general practitioners. The comparative mortality figure for the medical men is 966. An interesting paragraph of the report is devoted to railway workers, and speaks well for their steadiness and sobriety. Excluding directing officials and clerks, railway servants number 341,466, and they fall into two main sections, which exhibit considerable differences in respect of death rate. Up to their 55th year drivers and stokers die less rapidly than guards, porters and pointsmen, but after that age they die much more rapidly. The comparative mortality figure for the former section stands at 810, that for the latter at 825. The mortality from alcoholism among drivers and stokers is the same as among the clergy, or only two, while among guards, porters and pointsmen it is five, which is still considerably less than half the standard figure for occupied males. An excellent place in the tables is held by agriculturists, including farmers and laborers, so as to justify the belief that an active life in the open air will do much to neutralize the effects of exposure to cold and wet. The liquor trades, as might be expected, levy an enormous toll on those who are engaged in them; and so also do several industries which are well known to be injurious; but it is difficult to understand, unless it be as a consequence of intemperance, why butchers should die in great excess of the bulk of the population. Their comparative figure is 1,096, so that, roughly speaking, and in an equal number of both, two butchers would die to a single clergyman.

Next to alcoholism as a cause of premature death are placed the industries which are carried on in foul or in dust-laden air, and to these is attributed a great but largely preventable waste of life. There are trades in which danger conduces to high wages, and in which those concerned have objected to any abatement of the danger, lest it might abate the wages as well.—London Times.

FEWER LOBSTERS EVERY YEAR.

Fish and Game Commissioners Report a Decrease.

Short lobsters are still being killed in large numbers. In spite of the work of the commissioners of fish and game to prevent the traffic in lobsters less than 10½ inches in length, during the last eight years the lobster fisheries have steadily decreased. The last report of the commissioners, just issued shows: In 1890 the catch of egg-bearing lobsters was 70,309; this year the returns so far received indicate about 20,000, and of all others a decrease of ten per cent. below last year and 45 per cent. below 1890. This is not a sudden decline, but a steady one, showing that if something is not done to preserve this valuable crustacean its end is near.

The board says: "We recommend a shorter open season, and the prohibition of the sale of all inland game killed in this commonwealth. Something should be done to prevent the pothunter and snarer from carrying on his destructive work. The taking of game with the aid of a ferret is prohibited, but the possession of a ferret in field or wood should be prima facie evidence of intent to use it.

"It is now allowed by law to kill deer during the month of November, except on the cape. As they are appearing in considerable numbers in various sections of the state, we recommend that they be protected for a term of years." The commissioners have met with success in hatching Mongolian pheasants at the Winchester breeding place, and Mr. Hobart Ames, of North Easton, and Mr. H. W. Foster, of Fitchburg, have also been successful in raising pheasants in cooperation with the board. The chief step that has been made is in the use of the brooder and incubator. It was at first thought that these could not be used to advantage with the young of so wild a bird, but after some experimenting it has been found possible to hatch 95 per cent. of the chicks, and with a little more experience it is hoped to hatch them all.—Boston Transcript.

Deflection of the Magnetic Needle.

Observations have been made recently to determine the extent and cause of the extraordinary deflection of the magnetic needle which takes place over a vast tract of central Russia. The line selected for observation was one of about 850 miles, between Moscow and Kharkov. The widest aberrations are found to exist in the province of Kursk, the capital of which is about 600 miles south of Moscow. In the southeast portion of this province, about 150 miles south of Tim, the needle is deflected more than 96 degrees, and points almost due east and west instead of north and south.

What Dr. A. E. Salter Says.

Buffalo N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say it is the most remarkable remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from consumption. Sold by The National Drug Store. 1

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike For years he suffered untold agony from Consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis, and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at W. F. Kremer's drug store. Regular size, 50cts. and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. 2

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Schilling's Best baking powder ought to sell for twice as much as the next best. 63

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Josephine.

Nelson C. Boynton, plaintiff, vs. Robena M. Boynton, defendant. } Action to dissolve the marriage contract

To Robena M Boynton, defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court, within ten days from the date of the service of this summons upon you, if served within this county; or if served within any other county of this State, then within 20 days from the date of the service of this summons upon you; or if served on you out of the State of Oregon, or by publication, then by the first day of the ensuing term of said Court, towit: The 3rd Monday in April, viz., the 18th day of April, A. D., 1898; and you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint as hereby required, the plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded therein, which is to dissolve the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and defendant.

This summons is published by order of H K Hanna, judge of the above entitled Court, made in chambers at Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1898.

ABE AXTELL, Attorney for plaintiff.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the county court of Josephine county, state of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Sedley Austin Borough, deceased. }

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the estate of said Sedly Austin Borough, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said executor at the law office of Abe Axtell, in the city of Grants Pass, Josephine county, Oregon. JOSIAH BENTON BOROUGH, Executor of the estate of Sedly Austin Borough, deceased.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1898.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, March 3, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. M. Chiles, County Judge of Josephine county, Oregon, at Grant's Pass Oregon, on April 16, 1898, viz: George W. Swinden on H. E. No 6063 for the SE¼, of sec. 4, Tp. 37 S., R. 6 West

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

John Snyder, of Wilderville, Ore.; G. N. Bolt, of Grants Pass; J. W. Johnson, of Grants Pass and S. F. Wilson, of Grants Pass, Ore. R. M. VEATCH, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

James Nealey, of Merlin Ore.; W. A. Massie, of Merlin Ore.; Joseph McLain, of Merlin Ore., and J. S. W. Smith, of Grave, Ore. R. M. VEATCH, Register.

Germans Posing as Cornishmen.

A curious accusation of German imitation of British goods comes from the Transvaal. Cornish miners are in great demand in the gold fields on account of their skill, and receive higher wages than others. It is asserted that Germans there assume Cornish names and imitate the Cornish accent well enough to pass themselves off for the original article.

Now Build Up with

Now is the time that every one should take a spring tonic to strengthen the system and prepare for the extra demands of Nature. Every spring the system is thoroughly overhauled—there is a general house-cleaning going on within. The impurities that have been accumulating for a year must be gotten rid of, and the system renovated and prepared for the siege of summer. Unless Nature is assisted in this task, the strain on the system is too severe, and a breakdown is the result. Some people neglect to supply this assistance, and as a result they are overcome by an enervating, depressed feeling, their energies relax, appetite fails, and they are totally disabled for a season. Everybody just now needs a tonic, and Swift's Specific

S.S.S. For The Blood

is logically the best tonic on the market. The general health needs building up, hence a tonic is needed that is entirely harmless. S. S. S. is purely vegetable, and is the only blood remedy that is guaranteed to contain no potash, mercury, or other harmful mineral ingredient. It is Nature's remedy, being made from roots and herbs gathered from Nature's great storehouse. It thoroughly cleanses the blood of all impurities, tones up the general health, renews the appetite and imparts new life and vigor to the entire system. Dangerous typhoid fever and other prevalent summer diseases seldom attack a person whose system is thoroughly cleansed and toned up with S. S. S. in the spring. Get S. S. S. and be prepared. Sold by all druggists.

Swift's Specific

HORRORS OF THE SKAGUAY.

Hardships of Men Who Have Gone Over the Trail.

One Man Works Eight Weeks Over the Difficult Pass and Is Compelled to Give It Up and Turn Back.

The horrors of the Skaguay trail have only half been told. A number of men have recently returned from the White pass (which will henceforward be known as the Black pass) with stories fit to sicken the stoutest heart and subdue the hottest courage. One man, L. J. Rickard, of Seattle, a bright and intelligent young fellow, with plenty of pluck and perseverance, used his very best efforts to get over the trail, but has returned to a more friendly land for the winter, and will make another trial in the spring. He will then go by another route. He has had all of the Skaguay trail that he wants. To begin with, the trail was never ready for travel, and the "promoters" who are responsible for all the waste of time and money should be prosecuted. Rickard arrived at Skaguay on the Islander, which deposited its passengers on August 1, and so was among the earliest comers. He had an ordinary miner's outfit, weighing 1,200 pounds, two horses and $200. He considered himself fairly well equipped. He helped the others corduroy the trail and bridge the rivers. By the time this necessary work had been done crowds of wayfarers had arrived, and soon the trail was worse than ever.

In eight weeks of the hardest work he had ever done Rickard managed to get his goods to the summit of the last hill. Then his money was gone, his horses exhausted, and he had the choice of wintering in the timber by the lakes, while his food supply diminished, or of returning to California and earning more money to again attempt the trip northward. He figured that if he camped the winter, as so many are counting upon doing, he would have an early start in the spring, but would by that time have only two months' provisions left at the outside, and he was already penniless. Rickard spent his money for food and shoes for his horses. He says the difficulty of feeding horses on the Skaguay trail is enormous. It was necessary to go all the way back to Skaguay for hay, and by the time it was brought back to the hungry animals waiting for it the other animals met on the trail, by each taking a passing nip, had reduced the quantity about 50 per cent. The horses are fond of birch leaves, but they soon contract mud fever, and, as they are insufficiently fed and not sheltered at all, they soon become worthless. Not so many are lost on the trail as is supposed. They really die from lack of care. Horses are a good deal better on the Skaguay trail than burros, although the best thing of all would be an ox, which is very good for muddy traveling and can carry a big load. The burros taken up are almost a failure. They are good over the rocks, but no good at all in the swamp, which forms about two-thirds of the distance.

Rickard reports the packers have lost money on account of the mortality among the horses. They would start out with 20 and return with 17. The most trying place below the summit has been fittingly named Dead Horse gulch. Instead of one short, steep hill, as at the Chilkat, there are five long hills, and Rickard thinks it is harder than the Chilkat itself.

Hundreds of disappointed men at Skaguay in September were making herculean efforts to reach the timber that lies beyond the summit with their goods, there to spend the winter and get a very early start down the river in the spring. They must make haste, for snow had already fallen on the summit, and they must make their camp and build their log huts before snow flies, otherwise they cannot procure the moss with which to wedge the chinks of their houses.

It takes a strong back and a weak mind to become a successful packer, Rickard says. He also says that, though quiet and orderly, the Skaguay country is the meanest in the world. It rains there all the time except when it stops long enough to snow.—Mabel C. Craft, in Leslie's Weekly.

Growth of Exploration.

The uttermost parts of the earth have never been so sought out as at present, and the antarctic is now attracting attention as well as the arctic. A Belgian expedition sailed a few months ago for the antarctic region, and the Royal Geographical society, London, has determined to take upon itself the responsibility of organizing a private expedition to the same, though the expectation is that government aid will contribute to the success of the important undertaking. All that is claimed to be known of the antarctic at the present time is that no approach to the south pole nearer than 720 miles has ever been recorded; icy barriers exist which eclipse those of the north pole, and mountains have been discovered of lofty altitudes, some of these being volcanoes. Further, the surface is covered with snow at all times of the year; no human being has been met south of 56 degrees, no vegetation of any account beyond 58 degrees, and no land quadruped is known to exist beyond 68 degrees.—N. Y. Sun.

A Marvelous Machine.

The cinematograph can be used to register extremely slow as well as rapid motion. Making visible the growth of a flower or plant will add a fresh interest to botany. The camera for this novel work is provided with clockwork, and records the growth of a plant for weeks. In the cinematograph the rapidity of development can be increased 50,000 times, and Jack's beanstalk is thus realized to the eye. The blooming of an Amazon lily on the screen should be worth seeing.—Chicago Tribune.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty four hours. A sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen, it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

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