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One of the best ways of distributing weather forecasts is by telephone. The Weather Bureau will as far as practicable gladly furnish the telephone companies with the weather, storm, cold wave and frost forecasts free of expense and it would be an easy matter for the telephone companies to furnish every central station with a copy and instruct their operators to furnish their subscribers with these forecasts when they ask for them. Some telephone companies are now doing this work to the great advantage of themselves and their patrons. Those that furnish useful information of this character to their subscribers believe that by doing so they make their service the more indispensable to the public and thereby gain subscribers.

An annual apple show that will reach big proportions has been determined on for Portland. The first such exhibit will be held in November and it is expected to have the entire state represented in a way never before attempted. The commercial club, business men and hotel men's association have all entered heartily in to the project at the instance of the Oregon State Horticultural society which proposes to celebrate its quarter centennial this fall by inaugurating a big annual apple fair that is expected to grow with each passing year until it attains proportions where it will attract national interest.

It is about time to revive those stories about halibut as big as hen's eggs. And now the yarn comes from the sea—a veritable tale told by, and not to, the marines. The captain of the British steamer Aureole, arrived at Galveston, says the vessel passed through a remarkable storm in the Gulf of Mexico, during which damage was done to the rigging and superstructure by the hail, "which ranges in size to larger than hen's eggs." And as the captain can point to the battered appearance of his ship as proof, it would seem that he is quite beyond suspicion of being a weather faker.

Seattle did not have a "safe and sane" Fourth of July this year. The city council passed a law making it illegal to have fireworks or explosives for sale, but the merchants had already laid in their supplies for the season and they appealed to the mayor and his "business administration" policy, and secured a postponement in the enforcement of the law. This saved the merchants a lot of money and resulted in the same old whoop and hurrah Fourth, with fifteen serious accidents reported from the hospitals. Two or three hands were am-

putated, one or two faces marred for life, a leg broken, and innumerable serious burns sustained. This record of mutilations was the worst ever experienced in Seattle, and on the fifth the city authorities warned all merchants that the law against explosives would hereafter be enforced to the letter, and hereafter any shop offering fireworks or explosives for sale will be immediately subject to police attention, and the proprietor liable to both fine and imprisonment.

Gray's Harbor people are talking over the project of building a canal from that waterway through Willapa Harbor to the Columbia river, thus giving a deep water, dependable channel to the sea. One meeting has already been held and the people are considering it seriously. It is said such a project will cost not over \$1,000,000 and in addition to its aid to navigation, will drain a territory covering 10,000 acres of marsh land, now practically worthless.

The war against the white plague will never be effective while contagion is allowed to be freely and wantonly spread by expectoration in public places, especially on the streets, where all lungs are exposed to infection. Not until measures are taken severe enough to check, if not abolish, the habit, objectionable both to health and to public decency, will the fight against tuberculosis be taken seriously.

Oregon, in addition to an efficient state militia, is to have an organization of Naval Reserves. Steps have already been taken to form such an organization, which will maintain the same relation to the navy in time of war that the militia does to the army. Ex-navy men and others interested formed a temporary organization at Portland during the past week. This will be made permanent as soon as possible.

With Oregon's leading newspapers advising all to vote no on the proposition of creating new counties by state votes, and a sum of money to be raised for the purpose of waging a campaign, "Orchard" county and the balance in the whole category of proposed new counties will be given some rough sledding.

It took about 15 lines for the Milton Eagle to explain to its readers that it favors county division, always has favored county division and always will favor county division. The information is most thankfully received.

Senator Chamberlain's explanation of the repeal of section nine in which the state's reclamation interests were slighted, is a complete refutation of the Oregonian's allegations, and will be found interesting reading.

Just imagine Wood and Boyd bidding on the county printing of "Orchard" county. Eh, Colonel? Nothing to it—but the Freewater Times.

Some hot, these days—but only fat people appreciate it, and no one loves 'em.

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DANCING STARS.

The Twinklers Seem to Jump When Viewed Through a Telescope.

One of the most interesting things appearing in the telescope when that instrument is pointing heavenward is the appearance of jumping stars. Of course we can see stars twinkle without a telescope, but with a telescope they may be seen to jump and actually to dance. The cause is the same—mixing currents of light and heavy air causing refraction or bending of the rays of light coming from the star. We can see the same phenomenon by looking at a small object in a room through the air directly over a hot radiator. The object seems to jump and dance as if playing hide and seek with itself.

This jumping in the telescope or twinkling to the naked eye has also been explained by what is called interference. If two sources of light are placed close to each other, then on a screen placed properly we can catch an alternate band of white and dark lines. Of course if the eye be placed at a dark line it can see neither source of light. The production of these dark lines is accomplished by different light waves reaching the screen in opposite phases so as to blot out or cancel the effect due to each. In like manner it can be shown that if the star has polychromatic light it can and has actually been observed to change color from this effect alone.

The best time to observe this effect of star dancing is on a cold, crisp night. The telescope should be pointed to a twinkling star as near the horizon as can be found, as to see a star on the horizon we have to look through much more atmosphere than to see one in the zenith, and there is consequently more chance for varied currents.—St. Louis Republic.

THE STICK CAME BACK.

Coleridge Was in the Habit of Losing and Recovering It.

Of walking sticks there is no end. For interesting sticks, however, the one which Coleridge was in the habit of losing during his tramping days must take first place. The philosopher was never happy till he had got it back. He sent the crier round. Here is the cry, as noted by Mr. Lucas in one of his essays: "Missing, a curious walking stick. On one side it displays the head of an eagle, the eyes of which represent rising suns and the ears Turkish crescents. On the other side is the portrait of the owner in woodwork. Around the neck is a Queen Elizabeth's ruff in tin. All down it waves the line of beauty in very ugly carving."

And then came the appeal and warning note: "If any gentleman (or lady) has fallen in love with the above described stick and secretly carried off the same he (or she) is hereby earnestly admonished to conquer a passion the continuance of which must prove fatal to his (or her) honesty. And if the said stick has slipped into such a gentleman's (or lady's) hand through inadvertence he (or she) is requested to rectify the mistake with all convenient speed. God save the king!" The stick came back!—London Chronicle.

The Early Circus.

Leaving out of count the great circuses of Rome and Antioch and coming down to something of modern times, the first circus in England was on a footpath known as Halfpenny Hatch, in the Waterloo road, London. There, in 1770, Astley's first performance was given, with the aid of a drum, two fives and one clown. A charge of sixpence was made for the front standing places. There was no building and not even a tent, but merely a ring of ropes and stakes. Primitive as were the arrangements, Astley soon attracted good audiences and was able to add to his program conjuring, transparencies, vaulting and tumbling, with displays of fireworks. In course of time he was able to hire an inclosed ground and erected seats under a substantial roof. He called the place Astley's amphitheater riding house.

Foiled the King.

In one of Sir Richard Francis Burton's rare collections of ancient Arabian stories is a story of how the king went into the dark among his sleeping slaves and detected the man he was after by putting his head upon all their breasts and listening to the tumult of the heart. The king cut off a lock of the culprit's hair, so he could tell him next day. But what did the sly rascal do but sneak up and cut every other slave's hair. When all the slaves were mustered next day before the throne the king saw he was beaten by a master mind and said, "Don't dare do it again." The king ought to have tried the Chinese test by giving them dry rice grains to chew. In fright the saliva will not flow, and the culprit has to spit his rice out dry.—New York Press.

A Gentle Hint.

Little Bobby had been forbidden to ask for dessert. The other day they forgot to serve him, and as Bobby is very obedient he remained silent, although much affected.

"Josephine," said the father, "pass me a plate."
"Won't you have mine?" cried little Bobby. "It is very clean."

An Exception.

Smith (dogmatically)—There is no rule without an exception. Brown—Oh, yes, there is! There is no exception to the rule that a man must always be present while being shaved.

Clap an extinguisher upon your irony if you are unhappily blessed with a vein of it.—Lamb.

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A Veteran of the Civil War Cured After Ten Years of Suffering.

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