

Not Unavailable. Mrs. Gadabout—That Mrs. Hard-

Recently traveled up the coast at will, and acted in an entirely different manner from any other storm.

In France advertising posters must bear revenue stamps varying in value according to size of the poster.

"Circumstances Alter Cases."

In cases of scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, rheumatism, eruptions, etc., the circumstances may be altered by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

An Oddity in Railroad-

"The craze for fast time on railways is taking a new feature," observed a prominent railroad official to a Star writer recently.

Improved Train Equipment. The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train.

The betrothal kiss. First Boarder—Did you hear the report of the engagement of our land-

Second Boarder—I should say I did. I was sitting in the next room at the time, and it was a pretty loud report, let me tell you.—Richmond Dispatch.

Bostonians' Manners Abroad. Fuddy—The Hickeys are very discreet. Duddy—In what way. Fuddy—They never smile when they are in public together.

The largest mass of pure salt in the world lies under the Province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, 30 broad and 250 feet in thickness.

Germany manufactures 70 per cent of the world's production of coal-tar colors.

The New York Varnishers' Union reports that all its members are busily employed, and its business agents have applications from employers for more men.



An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinal.

ALONG THE COAST.

Items of General Interest Cleared From the Thriving Pacific States.

The Stage Robbery. It transpired that Van C. Alexander, the man who gave up \$170 of the money stolen from the United States mails on the stage near Westfall, Or., on September 23, is admittedly the main person responsible for the hold-up.

Big Steam Heating Plant. Upwards of \$600,000 is to be spent by the Boston capitalists who have purchased the plant of the Seattle Steam Heat & Power Company, and six of the street railway lines of Seattle, in the erection of a new and modern power plant and in the rebuilding and the distributing system.

Motioned Sustained. Judge Burnett, of Salem, has sustained a motion for non-suit against the plaintiff in the case of L. H. McMahon vs. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Labor Scarce at Fairhaven. Labor is so scarce in Fairhaven, Wash., that railroad contractors and others are delaying work on various enterprises until more plentiful supply of workmen are to be had.

Hillsboro Young Man Hurt. Charles V. Doughty, a young man and resident of Hillsboro, Or., while riding a bicycle at a rapid rate over a crosswalk, was thrown from his wheel and seriously injured.

Landlords Smiling. Portland hotels are generally doing a good business these exposition times, and would soon be filled to overflowing were it not that guests keep going away as well as coming in.

A Ninety-Pound Pumpkin. A clothing house at New Whatcom, Wash., gave farmers pumpkin seeds last spring, and offered five prizes for largest results.

Gold Hill Water Ditch. Engineer J. E. Howard, of Medford, Or., has completed the survey of the Gold Hill water ditch.

Catches All the Fish. Lew and Sanford Mayhew have one of their floating traps located near the Point Francis portage, near Whatcom, Wash. It has 300-foot leads and catches all the fish that come its way.

A potato phenomenon is being displayed in Colfax, Wash. The growth consists of several large vines, on which there are scores of potatoes ranging in size from a bird's egg to a man's fist.

The Sundry Law. The cases at Fairhaven, Wash., against Loux and Beck for violating the Sundry law have been stricken from the docket, the evidence being deemed insufficient to convict.

Dynamiters at Work. It is reported that dynamiters are at work again on the Wallawa river, below the bridge, and that salmon are being slaughtered in a very reckless manner.

BROADSTREET'S REVIEW.

Distributive Trade is Still of an Encouraging Volume.

Broadstreet says: Distributive trade, while smaller at some markets, is still of encouraging volume, industry is active, railway earnings heavy, prices still tend upward and bank clearings increase, while failures lessen.

Business failures are apparently at a minimum, and liabilities are certainly less costly than for many years past. Prices as a whole manifest aggressive strength.

Wheat (including flour) shipments for the week aggregate 5,183,389 bushels, against 3,772,455 bushels last week, 4,977,273 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898, 4,823,461 bushels in 1897, 4,050,772 in 1896, and 2,244,328 bushels in 1895.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 68@59c; Valley, 59@60c; Bluestem, 61@62c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00 @ 4.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.00; springs, \$3.00 @ 3.50; broilers, \$6.00 @ 7 for old; \$4.50 @ 6.50 for young; ducks, \$4.50 @ 6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12 1/2 @ 14c per pound.

Onions, new, \$1.25 @ 1.50 per sack. Potatoes, new, 75c @ \$1.00. Beans, per sack, \$1.10. Turnips, per sack, 75c. Carrots, per sack, 90c. Parsnips, per sack, 90c. Cabbage, native and California, \$1 @ 1.25 per 100 pounds.

Onions—Yellow, 75c @ 85c per sack. Butter—Fancy creamery 27 @ 28c; do seconds, 24 @ 25c; fancy dairy, 22 @ 24c; do seconds, 19 @ 21c per pound.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12 @ 14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 13 @ 15c; Valley, 17 @ 19c; Northern, 8 @ 10c.

Wheat—Wheat \$7 @ 9.00; wheat and oat \$7.00 @ 8.50; best barley \$5.00 @ 7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00 @ 7.00 per ton; straw, 30 @ 35c per bale.

Followed Her Doctor's Advice. Mrs. G. W. Palmer, of Jonesville, Va., said: "Two years ago I was afflicted with stomach and bowel trouble. My case puzzled the doctors. I subsisted only on the lightest kind of diet. My stomach would not retain solid food. The pain in my stomach and bowels was so intense that I cannot describe it. I continued to grow worse. I lost 25 pounds, my nerves were completely shattered, and I was very weak."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly halting to cure with local treatment, produced a constitutional weakness, and therefore requires constitutional treatment.

Not Always. Bertha—"It's a curious expression, 'she went in bathing.' Why is it not thought to say, 'she went bathing?'"

Millions. A small boy was one day asked by a clergyman if he knew what was meant by energy and enterprise.

At Tacoma tinmiths and men skilled in regular tin and sheet iron work are hard to get and are getting \$2.50 a day.

The number of mining firms using coal-cutting machines in 1898 in the United States was 36 per cent greater than in 1897, and the gain in Pennsylvania was about 50 per cent.

Men buried in an avalanche of snow bear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of snow.

The distance from the farthest point of polar discovery to the pole itself is 460 miles.

The animal that lays the greatest number of eggs at a time is the white ant of tropical countries, which, according to a high authority, produces 86,400 each day during the season.

Analyses made recently by the agricultural department in Germany showed that of 557 samples of fertilizers, 198 were adulterated, and of the samples of bran 74.1 per cent were adulterated.

A War-Time Mistake.

In a Missouri court recently a rather novel case came up for decision. During the civil war a certain Northern soldier went into the service, leaving a young wife at home. In due time the news reached him that his bride had died and when the war ended he did not return to his old home, but settled out West. He married again, and with his second wife accumulated a large amount of property in Bratt county.

Conscripits in Cologne produced symptoms of heart disease by taking pills recommended for that purpose by local doctors. Several of the physicians have been arrested.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, nervous feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age.

Coffee tobaccos or lozenges are coming into use in Brazil. One of them dropped into a cup of boiling water produces excellent coffee in three minutes.

While in Washington women are in disfavour as government employees, they are increasing in number in the British civil service.

Jonas W. Thompson, of Pine Plains, N. Y., found a black snake milking one of his helpers. He struck the reptile with a stick, and it attacked him, sinking its fangs in his leg.

The city council of Akron, O., recently passed an ordinance requiring the union plumbers' label to be affixed on all city work.

Telegraphic communication will be established between the Scottish islands of Muck, Egg, Canna and Rùm. They are all to be connected with the mainland and with the Isle of Skye.

So great has been the improvement of the storage batteries of late that, according to an English engineer, a car now requires 500 pounds of cells that two years ago needed 1,600 pounds.

Now. It is the time to subscribe for the volume for 1900 to take advantage of the special offer below: ...FREE... SEND \$1.75 at once with this slip or mention this paper, and we will send you THE COMPANION FREE for the remaining weeks of 1899, and then for the 52 weeks of the year 1900.

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The National Association of Master Bakers has placed itself on record in the most emphatic manner in favor of pure food legislation and the regulation of bakers in the interest of perfect cleanliness and sanitation.

I know that my life was saved by Plin's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1890.

Arcola, Ill., with a population of less than 3,000, leads the world in the broom-corn industry.

The machine shops of the Northern Pacific railroad are compelled to run half a day overtime every other night in some departments in order to catch up. All the engines of the railroad company are in service.

There are 850,000 men in the world who gain a livelihood chiefly by fishing, making an annual catch of \$225 worth of fish for each man. The fisheries of the United States supply 800,000 pounds annually, and those of Europe 1,800,000 pounds.

At Tacoma mail in some lines the supply of skilled labor is equal to the demand, there are others in which employers complain of lack of help and could employ more men if the right kind offered. Men employed on scrapers and graders on the streets are paid \$1.75 a day, while men in positions requiring somewhat harder work get \$2 a day.

The authorities in Algeria gave \$40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the place where eggs had been deposited.

In the ship building and engineering trades of Belfast, Ireland, 270 out of 8,000 members of the union are employed; in the linen trades, 60 out of 1,012; building trades, 48 out of 2,168; furnishing and wool-working trades, 20 out of 880; printing trades, 48 out of 958; miscellaneous, 36 out of 1,864.

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