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FRIDAY, DEC. 28, 1906

The capital of the trusts, \$3,500,000,000, is reputed to be about half water, which may account for the dryness of last season.

Lucky Baldwin, who has been the most unlucky lucky man we have known for half a century, is again in velvet, having discovered some his order of August 27th.

Dive keepers seem to have possession of the common council in Portland, which has voted to keep lewd women in saloons. Rob out Rose City now and write it Dive Dam.

Congressman elect Willis C. Hawley, has resigned his chair in Salem university, and will go to Washington early in February, to familiarize himself with the workings of congress.

Jos. T. Peters of the Dalles, was elected vice president of the Rivers and Harbors Congress. The session was a great success, and the Oregon delegation made a favorable and enduring impression.

It is asserted that the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river is making a bad bar worse. Dr. Aug. C. Kinney offers proof in photos of charts of soundings made in 1892 and 1906, to substantiate the positive assertion.

Two Italian aeronauts took a balloon trip recently over the Alps and witnessed the curve of the earth's horizon which seemed to be precipitated over an appalling bottomless abyss, and the vision of the spherical form of the earth was clearly defined. The ascent attained was 21,000 feet, distance 180 miles, time 4 hours 5 minutes.

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The mayor of Yamhill town is nearly as much a fool as that fellow who was rolled abaze into the street at Arlington to save a building. The Yamhiller left his buggy lantern burning, all covered with robes. When he was ready to go the buggy seat, part of the top, in dashboard and floor, the lines, the whip, the horses' tails, and the team itself, were pretty much on fire.

If you want to know all about denatured alcohol, etc., ask Secretary Wilson to send you two farmers' bulletins, Nos. 268 and 269, relative to this subject. These bulletins define in proper ways what denatured alcohol is, the sources from which it is obtained, the processes and appliances used in its manufacture, the cost of manufacturing, uses to which it may be applied and the officials of the government charged with the enforcement of the law.

The throngs of fighting bulls and bears in the stock exchange of Wall Street last week resembled the crowd around the big hole of a beer barrel, which prompted the remark of Hetty Green that "there is going to be a financial revolution pretty soon when people are so aroused, as to revolt and the street will run with blood." Col. Hofer viewed one of the scuffles in one of the circles in which \$25,000,000 in values went out of sight in less than an hour, and "the people at the insane asylum are a tame lot compared to them any day," he says.

Hon. H. V. Gyles with a better light and water plant than before the flood at Castle Rock. He has several plants scattered over the Pacific Northwest, and our wish is that he had this one in Moro. He never inquires against fire as rates are prohibitive and all the damage thus far suffered has been by flood. His plant at Heppner was destroyed in the flood there. He thinks he has saved enough to throw on the Nevada desert this month, that beats the days of old, the days of gold, the days of '49.

The postmaster of N.Y. City told Col. Hofer a few days ago that over \$14,000,000 was sent home this year by Italians alone. For Christmas presents. Ours is a great country, but one has to go to Gotham to see it. Like Washington city, New York is full of monuments and statuary, but it is mostly of foreign origin. Nearly all beautiful groups on the new \$60,000,000 custom house cost \$20,000, are foreign subjects. The old customhouse was visited, where Gen. Clarkson was met, now surveyor of the port, for an hour and a half, and he informed Col. Hofer that import duties now average \$1,500,000 daily giving employment to 1,800 men.

After viewing the subject at from all points congress put its foot down emphatically on the proposed reform, so called, of English spelling advocated by the President at the instance of a body of self appointed reconstructors of the language, and the President has accepted their conclusions, promising to rescind fire insurance to build a plant since he has been in the business.

The Wyoming salt springs produce one pound of salt to each gallon of water. The springs are perennial and the flow is sufficient to supply half the United States with salt probably for centuries. The springs have been running to waste since white man first settled in that section and are yet flowing with undiminished force.

Some very prominent people are profusely studying tuberculosis, which, we find from reading the reports, is an animal disease, primarily derived in all cases from cattle. That the original source of infection is a plant, cattle deriving it from timothy, or other allied grasses from alfalfa, and that man acquires the disease from infection, or inoculation; that it is not hereditary, or subject to predisposition. The bacillus is a saprophyte, feeding on vegetable decay, but it becomes disease breeding when the cattle in which it occurs are deprived of the sunlight, which contains a powerful known as actinism. The grass is the primary host, cattle

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MOUNDS OF MYSTERY

THE LEGACY LEFT BY THE ANCIENT TRIBES OF NEW MEXICO.

A Puzzling Enigma For the Scientists Is the Hundred Mile City of the Dead, With Its Haunted Ruins, Piled With Skeletons.

Much has been written of the cliff dwellers; vast volumes have been compiled concerning the ancient tribes of Anahuac, the Toltecs, the vanished descendants of "the fair god" of ancient Mexico, and all the long gone tribes of the great southwest have had their place in fictitious and historic narrative. But who has heard of the mysterious "lost Atlantis" of New Mexico, the vanished people of the moon, whose tribes were once as the autumn leaves and who perished—not individually, but as a race—at one fell swoop, as from the avenging wrath of God?

The attention of the archaeologist has been centered upon the busy history of the cliff dwellers, upon their homes and their habits, forgetting that there exists in peculiar proximity a field of more attractive mystery. The cliff dwellers have drawn our attention because they left us their homes, the vanished race of Socorro county, N. M., has failed to interest us for the reason that it left us nothing—nothing, not even a wall intact or a ruin unplundered. Yet play! Have you ever been along the Tule Rosa in the wild pinon and sage regions of the San Francisco mountains? Are you familiar with that "hundred mile city of the dead," so strangely like the lost city of Q'izyara, yet far, far larger and more wonderful? Have you ever entered the great excavation of the prehistoric pueblo to the south of Luna, east of the barrens peaks of Elk mountains?

The "Itanus Encantadas," or "haunted ruins," as we would call them in English, are but a few miles north of Socorro county, not the San Francisco of California, but the San Francisco of Socorro county, N. M., a Mexican and Indian pueblo older than the quaint village of Acoma, "the citadel of the clouds," which was young when the Spanish priests and soldiers of the north went into desert wilderness, to the sacrifices of Huitzilopochtli. From the north, too, according to Prescott, came Quetzalcoatl and the later Aztecs.

The mystery of the haunted ruins can never be positively dispelled. Neither will we ever know the cause of the terrible and far sweeping death that came so simultaneously upon that people of the "hundred mile city" of Socorro county.

Scientists still speculate. Archaeologists are offering us many and conflicting explanations, but the "Mound of Mystery" still stands there, grim with its grinning skulls and ancient, storied relics. Its grotesque, somber with its gloom and stillness of the centuries—it waits trowling down upon the silvery waters of the Tule Rosa, at the edge of the sandy desert waste, like a sphinx of the great southwest.

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All locals will be run till ordered out, unless otherwise specified.
Don't send us for free publication anything of an advertising character.

Don't ask us to send you names and addresses of correspondents. That is a private matter between them and us.
Cops for ads, changes, etc., must be in the office before 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, to insure proper care and attention.

Don't send us articles on politics, temperance or religion. Discussion of such topics is not in our line, and we follow a policy of strict neutrality.
Avoid personalities. Compliments delicately given are always acceptable, but even they are not to be overdone, as the charge of incivility is apt to follow a shower of pretty nothings spread broadcast.

The Observer has been established nearly 20 years and it has some subscribers who have received it regularly for more than half a score of years. Many of these object to having the Old Reliable discontinued at the time of expiration of their subscription, and for their benefit, as for other reasons, we have instituted a plan of agreement with the time that the account is opened, when it is noted upon the calendar to be discontinued promptly. In advance of the time of paying the bill, the subscriber will be notified and have the benefit of the \$2.50 rate for two years, or the \$5.00 rate for five years. We send the Observer to any responsible person who orders it, though they may not send the money with the order, with the understanding that they are to pay 75% cents in advance of the bill, and the balance may be paid at a later date. From this date we are prepared to discount rates to all leading New York and Missouri publishers in the United States, in any prepaid order to the Old Reliable Observer. Come with the money—as that is indispensable.

Shortly before Smith died he took me through an excavated mound not far from the "Mound of Mystery." In its several apartments, arranged on grade, upon high shelves, I viewed hundreds of the relics and skulls of the vanished people. There were arrows, quills, beads, metal grinders, bowls, burned and figured pottery, strange shapes of earthenware, stone tablets covered with indecipherable hieroglyphics, implements of agriculture, a great granite plow, ducks, birds, earthen penates and wondrous idols, bones, skulls, vases and countless little trinkets whose names I could not guess. There were lumps of copper, size, iron and lead, all of which possessed no tangible shape, but which revealed the knowledge of minerals that had been acquired by the vanished people.

The "Mound of Mystery" is undoubtedly all that its name implies. No explorer of that land of ruins, an archaeologist familiar with the "hundred mile city," has ever been able satisfactorily to explain its secrets. But it is a mound rich in antiquities.

Externally, before its excavation, the "Mound of Mystery" appeared but a huge pile of rocks and debris not different from the thousands of other crumbled abodes of the prehistoric people. But the spade and pick of the explorer brought forth developments of a startling nature.

There are many apartments and narrow corridors in the "Mound of Mystery." The latter are less than five feet wide; the former are spacious and paved thoroughly with cement. This cement, strange as it may seem, is of a quality not surpassed by modern manufacturers. Despite the countless ages that have elapsed since the occupants of that house of death met their tragic end, the floor paving and the walls are still practically intact. Blocks of the

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