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DEVOTED TO ALL LIVE ISSUES. THE INTERESTS OF SOUTH-ERN OREGON ALWAYS FOREMOST.

The Development of our Mines, the Improvement of our harbors, and railroad communication with the Interior specialties.

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State of Oregon. Governor, W. W. Thayer; Secretary of State, R. P. Earhart; Treasurer, E. Hursh; Supt. Public Schools, J. L. Powell.

Swindling as a Fine Art.

Two fellows, whose money was almost entirely expended, determined that a wealthy hotel keeper should be the means of replenishing their purses. Accordingly, one of them giving up what money he had to the other, entered the premises of the selected victim, while his confederate kept out of sight.

The judiciary committee exorates Acklin of Louisiana from fraudulent interest on foreign committee's report.

The House unanimously favors \$39,000 to be expended for a monument to mark the birth place of Washington.

The President has nominated Eugene Scayler consul general of Bucharest, and W. N. Pettigo Secretary of the commission to China.

ROCKEFER and Koechlin fought their duel on Swiss territory, and the former got a sword punch in the stomach that interferes with his digestion.

The House committee on Pacific railroads favors a road and telegraph line between the Gulf of Mexico and Lower Mississippi ports and Pacific ocean.

THERE has been distressing storms, heavy rains and floods, with a terrible cyclone, in Texas, and a great deal of damage has been done to life and property.

The Plot of Penzance.

The "Pirates of Penzance," the new opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, is said to be funnier and superior in all respects to "Pinafore."

The plot of the opera is based on the strong sense of duty which arises in the breast of a young man who at a very early age has been apprenticed to a band of pirates by his nurse, who, being hard of hearing, mistook her instructions—pirates being originally intended.

Robbed to Death by the Sun.

Dr. Schweinfurth, in a lecture which he recently delivered at the Berlin Geographical Society on the subject of his latest explorations in Central Africa, gave his hearers a thrilling account of the mode in which capital punishment is inflicted upon criminals by the Al-Quadjis, a small tributary offshoot of the great and powerful Djour people.

A Sapphire that Weighs a Pound.

The London Telegraph says that Berlin has just learned to its astonishment and gratification, from a report of the Polytechnic Society's latest meeting, that within its walls reposes a treasure of almost fabulous wealth, the very existence of which had been hitherto unsuspected.

What the Stars Foretell for 1881.

Those who study the stars will have plenty of occupation in the coming year. The index hand on the celestial dial points to events of momentous import. The four great planets reach their nearest point to the sun more nearly together than they have done for almost 2,000 years.

Old Persons and Their Peculiarities.

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Edward Kane, of Middleton, N. Y., died just as he had closed a century of life.

Robert Wallace, of Waterford, N. B., who died recently, enjoyed 102 years of this life.

"Grandmother" Lewers, the oldest person in Northern Berks died on the 22d inst., aged 92.

Mrs. Eunice R. Sweat, of Belmont, N. H., is 104 years old, and has lived in that town ninety years.

Mrs. Nancy Pearson, of Concord, Mass., registered her maiden vote in ward six when 89 years of age.

One of the pioneers of Genoa, Mich., David Hight, died on Friday, as he was closing a century of life.

The oldest person in Washington county, Pa., is Mrs. Mary Newman, who will be 100 years of age this June.

One of the church pulpits of New Orleans is filled by Rev. Edward Palmer, who has reached his 92d year.

John Bogart, of 44 North Main street, Patterson, N. J., is 99 years of age, and hale and vigorous in mind and body.

Mrs. Julia Smith Parker, of Glastonbury, Vt., is able to give a complete history of the thermometer for the past 90 years.

Ever since the Indian war Nathan Cook has lived in Terrell county, Ga. He is 102 years old, and he yet earns his daily bread.

Mrs. Ellen Hanley celebrated the anniversary of her 100th birthday on March 7th, in Chicago. She has never worn eyeglasses.

At the age of 105, Philip St. George, of Grosse Point, Mich., went in a wagon to Detroit to draw his pension as a veteran of 1812.

In the town of Orrington, Mass., a shoemaker has worked at his trade more than 60 years, and although 92 he sticks to his last.

A colored woman of Chester, Pa., aged 96, went to Salisbury, Md., to attend the funeral of her mother, who was 117 years old.

Mrs. William James, of Brampton, Ontario, celebrated the close of a century of life by a grand reception, and died five days later.

Old "Uncle Abe" was a negro who was found dead in a garden at Point Pleasant, West Va. He was believed to be 112 years of age.

The Rev. John H. Grier was the oldest member of the Northumberland Presbytery of Pennsylvania. He was more than 90 years of age.

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Michigan was so called in 1805, from the lake on its border. Indian name meaning a wiser for fish.

Arkansas was so called in 1812 from its principal river. Indian name—Popular name—The Bear State.

Florida was so called by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1572, because it was discovered on Easter Sunday.

Wisconsin was so called from its principal river. Indian name meaning wild rushing river.

Iowa was so called from its principal river. Indian name meaning the sleepy ones.

Minnesota is also an Indian word, meaning the whitish water.

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New Jersey was so called in 1664, from the Island of Jersey, on the coast of France.

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Delaware was so called in 1703, from Delaware bay, on which it lies, and which received its name from Lord de la Ware.

Maryland was so called in honor of Henrietta Maria, queen of Charles I., in his patent to Lord Baltimore, June 30, 1632.

Virginia was so called in 1584, after Elizabeth, the virgin queen of England. Popular name—The Old Dominion or Mother of Presidents.

Carolina was so called by the French in 1564, in honor of King Charles IX., of France. Popular name of South Carolina—The Palmetto State.

Georgia was so called in 1732 in honor of King George II.

Alabama was so called in 1814, from its principal river, meaning here we rest.

Mississippi was so called in 1800, from its western boundary. Mississippi is said to denote the whole river, i. e., the river formed by the union of many. Popular name—The Bayou State.

Louisiana was so called in honor of Louis XIV., of France. Popular name—The Creole State.

Tennessee was so called in 1796, from its principal river. The word Ten-esse is said to signify a carved spoon. Popular name—The Big Bend State.

Kentucky was so called in 1792, from its principal river. Popular name—The Dark and Bloody Ground.

Illinois was so called in 1809, from its principal river. The word is said to signify The river of men.

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