

The Democrat.

At Atchinson, Kan., potatoes sell for sixteen cents a bushel.

Maryland expects to produce 10,000,000 bushels of oysters this year.

Sun-burned potatoes are said to be poisonous, and a Jersey City grocer has just been arrested for selling such.

There are more than 170,000 miles of telephone wire in operation in the United States, over which 1,000,000 messages are sent daily.

There are more than 40,000 Chinese in San Francisco. They form nearly one-seventh of the city's population, and it is computed that they send \$12,000,000 a year from their earnings to China.

Ten men with drills operated by electricity, it is said, can take out as much ore and tunnel as far as 100 men with picks, shovels and blasting material, besides which the buildings can be lighted, and a great saving on insurance and oil be made thereby.

Vaccination is compulsory in England and optional in France. In the large cities of France the number of deaths from smallpox was 1956, or thirty one per 1000 of the living population. In the large cities of England during the same period the number of deaths was 332 or .04 per 1000.

It is said that the custom of having bride cakes at marriages among Christians derives its origin from the Jews. At the marriage ceremony of the latter, they were in the habit of scattering corn on and about the bride and bridegroom, repeating at the same time the Scriptural phrase in Hebrew, "Increase and multiply."

Coffee was not known to the Greeks or Romans, but in Abyssinia and Ethiopia it has been used from time immemorial. In 1650 it was carried by the Dutch from Mocha to Java where it was soon extensively raised, and young plants were afterwards sent to the botanical garden at Amsterdam.

Darwin explains the origin of giddiness from this cause in the following way: He says that in learning to walk, we judge of the distance of the objects we approach by the eye, and by observing their perpendicularity determine our own; and that at all times we determine our want of perpendicularity, or inclination to fall, by attempting to the apparent motion within the sphere of distinct vision. Hence, when we are upon the summit of a high cliff, tower, or other eminence, and look down, we become dizzy because the objects below us are out of the sphere of distinct vision, and we are obliged to balance ourselves by the less accurate feelings of our muscles.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

When beating up the whites of eggs, add a tiny pinch of salt, because this will cut them up, and make them frothy much quicker, as well as make the froth more "heady" than it otherwise would be.

For a cough, boil one ounce of flax-seed in a pint of water, strain and add a little honey, one ounce of rock candy and the juice of three lemons; mix and boil well. Drink as hot as possible.

Wall papers of large patterns decrease the apparent size of the room.

The following makes a good stove polish: To one-half pound powdered black lead, add one-half gill water, one-half ounce sugar; bottle, and shake theoughly.

The latest decree of fashion is that tables should no longer be square, but round or triangular, so that every guest faces the host or hostess.

Warts may be destroyed by being rubbed with alum. Carry a lump in the pocket and rub on the wart frequently, wetting it as you do so.

Hanging shelves in the cellar are a great convenience.

It is a good idea for a tall woman to have her kitchen table and ironing board a little higher than ordinary. It will save many a backache.

Straw hats, straw mats, willow furniture, etc., may be cleaned almost like new if salt and water be used for washing them.

To clean a carpet thoroughly, throw damp salt upon it and then sweep it briskly, and it will have been vastly brightened; or if the carpet has been well swept, go over it afterward with a clean cloth and clear salt water, and the result will be almost as good.

Glue that is delicate and nice for mounting ferns and sea-weeds is made of five parts of gum arabic, three parts of white sugar, two parts of starch, add a very little water; boil until thick and white.

Heartburn may be relieved almost instantly if half a teaspoonful of table salt be dissolved in a wineglassful of cold water and then drunk. When the eyes are tired and weak, if they are bathed in slightly saline water they will soon become soothed.

A French cook tells us that a piece of dry bread, tied in a bag and placed in the water while cabbage is boiling, will prevent the unpleasant odor which usually arises.

Biggest Yet—10,000 rolls of wall paper, latest varieties, finest decorations just received at Fortmiller & Irving's.

It seems that the Dominion Government really feels that the annexation sentiment is growing in Canada, and its chief organ admits that the agitation in that direction gravely threatens the stability of the confederation. It is altogether natural that such a feeling exists, Canada has much to gain and little to lose by annexation, but when it comes to look at the question from this side of the line, it would seem that the United States have much to lose and very little to gain by it. Canada has a very heavy debt on the English plan—no provision for its payment. She is by no means a bad neighbor, but we hardly need her in the family. The real thing for Canada to do is to pluck up a spirit, set up in business for herself on the American plan, and be some body on her own account. There is a Mexican Republic to the south of us; why not a Canadian Republic to the north of us.

NEW MARBLE SHOP.—S. A. Riggs, of Salem, has opened a shop for Marble and Granite, foreign and domestic, and all kinds of cemetery work, at lower figures than have ever been offered in the Willamette Valley heretofore. Next door to DEWEY.

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Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual election held on Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1889, in the city of Albany, Or., for the purpose of electing the following municipal officers: Mayor, City Recorder, Marshal, Treasurer and three Councilmen, one each in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd wards.

The following named places have been designated by the City Council as the places for holding the election in the various wards: First ward—In the County Clerk's office. Second ward—In the County Treasurer's office.

Third ward—In the office of the Albany Farmers' Company.

The following named persons have been appointed Judges and Clerks of election in the various wards:

First ward—Judges, M. Payne, D. Froman, W. C. Reed. Clerks, T. J. Stites, C. W. Watts.

Second ward—Judges, Ellis Knox, L. Sanders, S. Froman. Clerks, E. G. Rawlings, J. R. Wyatt.

Third ward—Judges, John Isom, Wm. Houston, H. A. Parker. Clerks, G. F. Simpson, F. A. Burkhardt.

The polls will open at 9 a. m. and will close at 6 p. m. of said day.

Done by order of the City Council of the city of Albany, Or., on the 12th day of November, 1889.

Dated November 14th, 1889.

N. J. HAYTON,
City Recorder.

Firemen's Election.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of Chief and Assistant Chief Engineer of the Albany fire department will be held at the hall of Albany Engine Co. No. 1, Dec 9, 1889, between the hours of 1 o'clock and 6:30 o'clock p. m.

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