

GREAT INVENTIONS.

The traditions of great discoveries that have come by chance are, for the most part, myths. True, a lucky accident may occasionally give a hint to an inventive mind that will help toward a long-contemplated consummation, but such an occurrence is only a link in a chain of circumstances all tending toward a common end. Sir Isaac Newton got such a hint in his philosophical researches when, on a certain occasion, he noted the falling of an apple. He had seen many apples fall before that time, no doubt, and no day of his previous life could have passed without presenting to his sight similar occurrences having the same relation to the object of his study. But that particular apple happened to fall and be noticed by him just when his study of the greatest of all philosophical problems had reached the right point to make the object lesson valuable. Tradition gives another alleged accident—the familiar story of the kettle—as the turning point in the discovery or invention of the steam engine, but he who studies the life and work of James Watt will find that there was nothing accidental in the kettle incident. It was but a link in the long chain, all of whose links he wrought by patient toil. All the great triumphs of invention that are now employed as factors in human progress have reached their present development by successive steps. The telegraph of Edison's time, although like that of Morse in its general features, is very unlike that in detail and in the manner of operating it. A single invention of Edison's—not by any means an accident—quadrupled the capacity of all the wires strung or thereafter to be strung. The engines that drive great ships across the Atlantic in less than six days are the results of the work of successive generations of brainy men. Millions have been lost in experiments, change has followed change, one improvement has succeeded another, until the marine engine of our time bears little resemblance to that of thirty years ago. Go into the press-room of a great newspaper and see the printing machines at work making and folding copies of a twelve-page edition at the rate of one thousand a minute, and you see the result of hundreds of inventions, the progress of generations. Accident has nothing to do with it. All has come from work, work of the best brains stimulated by the desire to get fame and fortune. —*Inventive Age.*

In the western part of North Carolina is what has long been known as the haunted spring. The spring comes from underneath a huge rock. Nothing peculiar is noticed until a stooping posture is taken over the spring for the purpose of drinking. Then a most frightful face appears in the bottom, and as the person's face approaches the surface of the water, this specter face, with most horrid grimaces, rises to meet it. No one has ever been known to have the courage to drink the water after the appearance of the apparition.

Here is the way that Ingersoll explains the situation. "Here is a shoe shop. One of the men is always busy during the day. In the evening he goes courting some nice girl. There are five other men that don't do any such thing. They spend half their working evening in dissipation. The first young man bye and bye cuts out those others and gets a boot and shoe store of his own. Then he marries and is able to take his wife out riding. The five former companions, who see him indulging in this luxury, retire to a saloon and pass resolutions that there is an eternal struggle between labor and capital.

The following is a method to make a paste which will keep: Dissolve a teaspoonful of alum in a quart of water. When cold stir in as much flour as will give it the consistency of thick cream, carefully beating up all the lumps. Stir in half a teaspoonful of powdered rosin. Pour on the mixture a teacup of boiling water, stirring it well. When it becomes thick pour in an earthen vessel. Cover and keep in a cool place. When needed for use, take a portion and soften it with warm water. It will last a year. If you wish to have a pleasant odor stir in a few drops of oil of wintergreen clove.

The Treasury Department has decided that so called "sailor hats," now so much worn by young ladies and manufactured of wool, felted and covered with a black varnish, are dutiable at the rate of 35 cents per pound and 40 per cent ad valorem under the tariff provision for "hats of wool." This is contrary to the claim of importers that they are entitled to entry at the rate of 30 per cent ad valorem under the provision for "bonnets, hats and hoods for men, women and children."

BUY ALBANY PROPERTY first and last and all the time, yet if men must and will buy Astoria lots and acre property always buy the best and nearest to water front and O R N docks and that addition is Kinney's addition to Astoria, the nearest by one mile. While we have lots and acre property in nearly all the additions and acre tracts near Astoria, will be pleased to quote prices and terms on all and each of them.

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The best 5 cent cigar in town at C E Brownell's.

One of the many good things that President Cleveland did was to veto the direct tax re-funding bill. Now that he is out of the way the bill has been started on its passage again and will doubtless become a law. It is a direct tax, but that will not stop it now. As Senator Sherman says, it will "remove a bone of contention," by removing one slice of the surplus.

Andrew Carnegie is making a noble use of his superfluous wealth in founding great public libraries in Pennsylvania. But would it not be a better illustration of "Triumphant Democracy" if the workingmen in the protected industries from which Mr Carnegie has obtained his wealth were paid wages which would enable them to buy their own books?

Contents every paper.
Charles E Brownell.
New cream cheese just received at Cozral Meyers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Street Railway Company will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, 1890, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the office of the secretary of said company, the same being at the real estate office of Burkhardt & Kesney on First Street, in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve for the term of one year next ensuing from said meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified, and to transact such other business as may legally come before said meeting.
Dated February 19th, 1890.
C G BURKHART,
Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Building Association will be held at the Opera House in Albany on Monday, March 17th, 1890, at 7:30 p. m., for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.
Dated Feb. 18th, 1890.
W C TWEEDALE, President.
W F READ, Secretary.

FOUND.—A gold glove buttoner, with lock appendage. Call at S E Young's for property.

SCHOOL ELECTION.—Notice is hereby given that the regular annual school election in School District No 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the Central school building in said school district, on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1890, for the purpose of electing one director to serve three years and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 2 o'clock p. m. and continue until 6 o'clock p. m. of said day.
By order of the board of directors.
Dated February 14th, 1890.
JOHN FOSHAY, Char. Board Directors.
C G BURKHART, Dist. Clerk.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING.—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District, No 5, Linn county Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1890, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Court House, in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk of said school district and to levy a tax for the support of the schools for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
By order of the Board of Directors.
Dated February 14th, 1890.
JOHN FOSHAY, Char. Board Directors.
C G BURKHART, Dist. Clerk.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Odd Fellows Hall Building Association held at their office in Albany, Oregon, on Monday, the 10th day of March, 1890, at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing seven directors to serve the ensuing year, and for any other business that may come before said meeting.
This the 5th day of February, 1890.
W C TWEEDALE, President.
E A PARKER, Secretary.

PROF. H. C. PALMER'S Conservatory of Music, Tweedale's block, First Street, Albany, Oregon, opened January 20th, 1890. The course of instruction will consist of classes for piano, organ, harmony and voice culture. There will be a normal class and diplomas furnished to teachers, specifying capacity and experience. Students participate in monthly recitals, and are graded to insure equality in rendition. This conservatory will be conducted on the same basis as those in Boston, New York, etc. This is the only recognized successful system known for a thorough musical education. Send for the章程 and references. Office hours from 1 to 3.


STRAY NOTICE.—Taken up by the undersigned, Irving six and a half miles southeast of Halsey, on the 10th day of December, 1889, one bright bay horse, about 10 or 12 years old, with some saddle marks on side and back, black mane and tail, a very dim brand on the right shoulder, which can not be distinguished. Appraised by W. J. Stew's art, Justice of the peace, at the sum of \$30.
I. N. WARMOTH.

FRESH FISH.—Having opened a fish market in the Saltmarsh Block, we are prepared to supply the trade with fresh fish of all kinds, at reasonable prices.
WILSON & BOSQUET.

Dissolution Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing under the name of Deyoe & Robson has been dissolved. Mr L. W. Deyoe retiring. The business will be continued by Price & Robson. All accounts should be settled with the old firm, by whom all debts will be paid.
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