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BY THE EDITOR

ACCORDING to the latest figures the money expended on the common school system of the United States is equal to the combined outlay for public education in Great Britain, France and Germany. The average monthly wages of men teachers in America in 1897-98 was \$45.16 and of the women \$38.48. In that year of the 909,493 teachers employed only one-third were men. Twenty-one per cent of the total population and seventy per cent of the pupils of school age were registered in schools.

MUCH land throughout the valley that has heretofore been devoted to wheat raising is being sown to grass and the owners will engage in stock raising to a greater or less extent. This is a good idea as diversified farming is what pays. Eastern Oregon is undoubtedly the wheat raising section of the future, while the valley is especially adapted to stock raising and dairying. The reversal of the industries will be gradual, but the people will be much better off when it is accomplished.

AS FOR labor in editing a paper, that is mere moonshine, says an exchange. A mere glance at the columns of a newspaper is enough to convince you that it requires no labor to edit and less brains. It is certainly a glorious life of luxurious ease and elegant leisure—a life for the gods, filed like that of the young lover in his first dream of unrequited love with flutes and rose leaves and moonbeams, "while not a wave of trouble rolls across his peaceful breast," and that all men are not editors is one of the strangest things beneath the stars.

POVERTY is an incentive and a discipline. If most of us were rich and had nothing to work for the world would be lazy and degenerate, softened with luxury, spayed by lack of healthful opposition. Any condition that deprives us of hope is a condition of living death; but a poverty that makes us industrious, resolute, hardens our bodies and sharpens our wits is far from unfortunate, for it contains within itself the elements of cure, and prime among its happy attributes is that heaven-sent faculty of living in a future that has no offset to its perfectness—the faculty of hope.

PROBABLY there never has been a presidential campaign in which humbug did not play a part on both sides, and never will be, as the politicians have long ago recognized the truth of Barnum's assertion that the people liked to be humbugged. In fact, it is likely that Barnum acquired the knowledge, which he turned into money, from the politicians during some bygone presidential campaign. Certainly in no campaign was humbug ever more prominent on both sides than in the present one. In every direction democratic speakers and writers are declaring that with the re-election of McKinley will come the end of the republic, when they know it is humbug, while republican speakers and writers are saying that Bryan's election will spell ruin for the country, when they know it is humbug. This country will go right along being a republic to the end of the chapter, and it is too big and great and rich to be ruined by the election of any man to be president.

WE ARE in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hopper in which he assures us that the fire mill in this city which was recently destroyed by fire will be rebuilt, and the business continued in this city, and that the company will be ready to care for the crop the coming season. There has been a good deal of speculation as to the future of the mill, but the letter just to hand dispels all doubt about a resumption of operations at this enterprise. The company is indeed unfortunate in losing their plant just as they were ready to market the first product of their mill, but they have entered into the flax business to stay, and assure us that they will stay. Mr. Hopper wishes us to express his thanks and hearty appreciation for the manner in which the people of Seio worked to save what property still remains, and adds that to their untiring efforts is due the fact that the main building and its content were saved from the conflagration.

Stops the Cough and Works of the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

State Teachers' Association.

The western division of the Oregon State Teachers' association, of which Frank Rigler, superintendent of schools in Portland, is president; P. L. Campbell, of Multnomah, first vice-president; E. D. Bessler, of Eugene, second vice-president; G. W. Jones, of Salem, secretary, will hold their next annual meeting at Albany, December 25 to 29 inclusive. Wednesday the executive committee of the division, consisting of State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, President Rigler, J. H. Martindale, superintendent of schools in the Albany schools, and J. C. Zinson, county superintendent of Clackamas county, held a meeting at the rooms of the schoolmasters' club in Portland to prepare a program for the annual meeting.

It was decided that general sessions of the association shall be held in the forenoon, and the departments of superintendence, secular and collegiate education and elementary education shall be held afternoons during the annual meetings.

A number of subjects for discussion were decided upon, but it has not yet been determined who shall be entrusted with them.

It Happened in a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, but she could not find it. I told her that I could not find it either, and she went away. I considered that a very good recommendation for the remedy." The remedy owes its great popularity and extensive sale in a large measure to the personal recommendations of people who have seen cure by its use. It is for sale by Peery & Peery, druggists.

They Sprayed for Codlin Moth.

Correct spraying is an efficacious remedy for Codlin moth. An illustration in point is the Berlin orchard north of the college campus this year. A portion of it was sprayed under the direction of Prof. Cordley at the college, as a test. All trees east of the house were sprayed, while those west of it were not. Last week the fruit from most of the trees treated were gathered. Of several hundred bushels less than half a dozen apples infected with worms were found. The fruit on the trees not sprayed, was so wormy that it was unfit for use. None of it was gathered. The facts in the case are so marked, that all familiar with the details are thoroughly convinced of the advisability of thorough and patient spraying.

In the first application Bordeaux mixture, consisting of four pounds of copper sulphate and six pounds of lime to fifty gallons of water was used. In the succeeding applications a fourth of a pound of Paris Green was added to the former mixture.—Corvallis Times.

Came Near Dying.

"For three days and nights I suffered agony from an attack of cholera morbus brought on by eating cucumbers," says M. E. Lowther, clerk of the district court, Centerville, Iowa. "I thought I should surely die, and tried a dozen different medicines but all to no purpose. I sent for a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and three doses relieved me entirely. I went to sleep and did not wake for eight hours. On awakening a few hours ago I felt so gratified that the first work I do on going to the office is to write to the manufacturers of this remedy and offer them my grateful thanks and say, 'God bless you and the splendid medicine you make.' This remedy is for sale by Peery & Peery, druggists.

A Snake Story.

A Minnesota firm has made a contract with Postmaster Castel of Klamath Falls for 400 pounds of snakes for immediate delivery, and later would send an order for 500 pounds more. The citizens of that place are in high glee over the prospect of selling snakes, and believe there is a new industry opening up to them that will bring in thousands of dollars. It is claimed that the snakes are so plentiful around Klamath that a man can catch 100 pounds a day. It is supposed that the snakes are purchased for their oil; but if that be the case it appears that it would pay to place the snake-oil factory at the snakes' headquarters.

MOKI TEA

Positively cures sick headache, indigestion and constipation. A delightful herb drink. Removes all eruptions of the skin, producing a perfect complexion, or money refunded. 25c. and 50c. Peery & Peery, druggists.

The state military board at its last meeting voted to issue 100 rounds of ammunition to each militia man and appropriate \$50 to each company for building an outdoor target range. The ammunition is regulation Springfield and is furnished by the United States government free to the state.

W. H. Moore & Co., Proprietors, New York.

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A FEW FARM NOTES

Most has been preserved in a frozen state for 30 years, and found perfectly edible at the end of that time.

A 26-ounce Gloria Mundi apple, measuring 1 1/2 inches in circumference, was raised near Station, Marion county.

It takes 5,000 bees to weigh a pound, but when the insects come in from the fields and flowers freighted with honey they weigh nearly twice as much.

Some Washington breeders are trying the Tamworth hogs, and they are very well pleased with them. They say the Tamworths are especially good for bacon.

Oregon shipped 500 car loads of eggs and 500 car loads of poultry to California during the past year, and yet California buys large shipments of these products from the east.

The United States raises 56 per cent of the world's supply of hogs. The government statistical bureau shows 22,000,000 hogs in the world, with 99,000,000 of them in Uncle Sam's domain.

A. H. Hunt, of Ashland, brought down from Fort Klamath on Monday last a pair of blackberries, which he says are in that neighborhood, paying 5/2 for cows and 6/2 for steers, and left them at the Mitchell ranch for the winter.—Klamath Republican.

There is an exhibition at the real estate office of Cook & Waters a Late-ton blackberry vine or rather a blackberry tree which measures a little over 17 feet in length. It is a wonderful specimen for one season. We challenge any other locality to beat it.—Brownsville Times.

A good sized army of buyers of breeding ewes are invading Montana for car loads of best cattle, says "Good cows are more in the public eye and favor than other range ewes, is not quite clear to everybody, but all the same, they are."

The Independence creamery has finished its first month's business and paid its patrons. The farmers say that they made more money by taking their product to the creamery than they could have done in double the time by working it up at home. Each cow brought from \$9 to \$6.

The packing house at The Dalles received Friday from Klickitat county four cases of the Pollock-Angus breed that weighed 5,250 pounds, two of them weighing over 1,300 pounds apiece. This is an unusual weight for steers, but for cows of any breed it is a record not often equaled.

The official estimate is that 42,000 acres were planted this year to sugar beets in California, Michigan 39,000; Utah, 11,200; Colorado, 10,800; Nebraska, 9,800; New York, 3,500; Minnesota, 3,000; Ohio, 2,400; Oregon, 2,400; Washington, 1,400—total 132,000 with smaller areas in two or three states to bear from.

H. C. Adams, dairy and food commissioner of Wisconsin, says: "Good cows are fewer than; poor cows are never cheap. The gospel of the dairy business lies in good cows, fed well to their limit of digestion upon well selected food and given constant and intelligent care, combined with absolute cleanliness in dairy work and a thorough knowledge of the markets."

Fifty fowls, well cared for, will pay far more profit than 500 half cared for. When you can manage a flock of 50 adult fowls so as to get the greatest possible profit from them, then is the time to increase the size of the flock, and you can keep on increasing it until you have as many as you can manage profitably, whether the number be five hundred or five thousand.—Maine Farmer.

Barren ewes are a waste in the shepherd's garden and field. They feed the same as the productive plants, but what they consume is so much wasted. There is no need for them. There are no ewes of the size of lambs among sheep than any other animals. Three per cent is the common average, but in the best managed flocks there are often not as many in some years not one barren ewe may be met with. There are three requisites for success: Well prepared rams, healthy, well fed ewes, proper proportion of ewes, and avoiding exhaustive service.

YOUR PAGE

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. It purifies the blood, makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and skin eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not desire a healthy appearance, you should try Ayer's Blood Purifier. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparilla and so called purifiers fail; knowing this, we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Peery & Peery, druggists.

The census bulletin just received places the population of New Hampshire at 411,568 as against 376,570 in 1890, a gain of 35,000, or 9.3 per cent.

The Porto Rico election can't be charged with lack of interest in their new system of government. Three men and a woman killed in a single election row is a pretty lively showing.

Long Tom Drawbridge Accepted.

The drawbridge at Bundy crossing of the Long Tom was accepted by the commissioners' court of Benton county at an adjourned session Saturday. The bridge has also been accepted by the United States. Its construction was made necessary on account of removal of the instance of the federal government, of wagon bridges, in order to open the Long Tom to steamboat navigation. Construction work was commenced last spring, but much time was lost in perfecting the machinery, so that the draw could be handled within the required time, and the structure was only recently completed. The entire cost was \$97.

A Thousand Thanks

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of Philadelphia, when Dr. King's New Discovery cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made her life a burden. She says: "After all other remedies and doctors failed it soon relieved the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed to cure all troubles of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Peery & Peery's drug store.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Andree is dead again—this time killed by Henderson's Bay savages. Never a poor fellow before ever came to so many and various ends.

Claude Lucas, a 16-year-old Salem lad, accidentally shot his arm off Friday afternoon while hunting on an island south of Seio. The arm was amputated near the elbow.

The Southern Pacific Railway company has ordered 58 new coal burning locomotives for use on its coast lines. The wood burning engines will soon be a thing of the past in Oregon.

The telephone gang are working between Crawfordsville, Sweet Home and Foster, where the line will soon be in working order. All Linn county towns will shortly be connected by telephone.

The British system of having elections in different parts of the kingdom on different days wouldn't be a thing but a picnic for the enterprising American "repeater," if he were doing business over there.

Princess Tassie is really to be handed over to Count von Walderssee, his Celestial princessness needs worry so much over the titles and honors of which he has already been stripped. He won't need them.

A man wore his hat into a Stockton British room recently, and was promptly stabbed by the head waiter. Stockton restaurant are "dead swell," and anybody who presumes otherwise seems likely to be dead, too.

The scientific name of the "missing link" thought to exist in the wilds of Java is said to be "pithecanthropus erectus." It seems rather mean to call a poor fellow a name like that just because he can't talk back.

The bishop of London is an ardent admirer of the classics. He is credited with the remark that the happiest years of his life were the ten during which he kept to a resolution that he would read no book written later than 1600.

A member of a church in Portland is going to give \$500 to the church in case of McKinley's election. That man has more politics than religion. You could place his religion in a tub, and it would be the same if it was to be in case Bryan was elected.

At the circuit court in Eugene, Walter Shelley was tried by a jury on the charge of the larceny of about \$50 of money which had been left in him for keeping by a drummer at the hotel where he was clerk, and which was afterwards said to have been taken from him on the streets in a hold up. He was found not guilty.

The total number of copies of newspapers printed throughout the world in one year is 12,000,000,000. To print these requires 781,240 tons of paper, or 1,749,577,000 pounds, while it would take the fastest presses 353 to print a single year's edition, which would produce a stack of papers nearly fifty miles high.

The Western Union Telegraph company has issued a bulletin to all agents regarding election returns. On the night of November 15, all offices will be kept open until 1 a. m. and bulletins will be furnished to clubs, newspapers and theaters for from 5:30 to 5:45. Beginning the next day at 2 a. m. the company will issue a bulletin each hour until the result is definitely known.

Not long ago a resident of Turner built him a sidewalk, and in doing so raised it about eight inches above the adjoining walks. A delegation of the wheelmen called upon him and requested him to lower his walk on a level with the adjoining one. The request was refused, and during the succeeding night the walk in some manner mysteriously disappeared, and now the case is up to the authorities.

Best Winter Route.

For sunshine, flowers and oranges take the Sunset Route via Los Angeles to all points East. Tourist excursion cars and chair cars to El Paso, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, New Orleans and Washington, D. C.

Corvallis & Eastern R. R.

TIME CARD.

2 For Yaquina: Train leaves Albany 12:45 P. M. Arrives Corvallis 1:50 P. M. Arrives Yaquina 6:45 P. M.

1 Returning: Leaves Yaquina 6:10 A. M. Leaves Corvallis 11:30 A. M. Arrives Albany 12:15 P. M.

1 For Detroit: Leaves Albany 7:00 A. M. Arrives Detroit 11:20 A. M.

4 Returning: Leaves Detroit 12:10 P. M. Arrives Albany 5:45 P. M.

One and two connect at Albany with Corvallis via Seio. Pacific trains, giving direct service to and from Newport and adjacent beaches.

Trains for the mountains arrive at Detroit at noon, giving ample time to reach camping grounds on the Breckenback and San Juan river the same day.

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We have a large line of misses' and children's Tams. Extra novelty in children's Tams, fine cloth, velvet reverses, silk cordings, satin lined—a daisy, only 75c.

Revere Tam, of fine felt, alternate row of contrasting colors, silk pon pons, 50c.

The golf novelty, heavy mohair, eider downs in brilliant color with pon pons. See this tam, only 50c.

Very nice line of Tams for misses and children, 25c, 35c and 40c.

NOVELTIES IN HEADWEAR.

A few novelties in our ladies' headwear: The "Auto," fine felt street hat, high colored, fine felts, with assorted polka dot and fancy pleated bands.....55c ea

The "Auto Jr.," same style, felt top, cashmere rim..... 75c ea

Misses "Fife" fine felt Alpine crown, corded rim; in blue or red..... 85c ea

New top hat of Scotch mixtures, grey and brown, velvet bands on crown and rim, silk rosettes and feathers..... 95c ea

Fine velvet hat, ribbon rosettes and curled gulls, commonly sold at \$1.50, our price.....\$1.10 ea

Same style, felt crown, cashmere rim, assorted colors, this nice hat.....75c ea

A 40 per cent saving on ladies' and misses' headwear.

G. D. TROTTER STAYTON OREGON

A San Francisco man was told by spirits that a near friend of his would die this week before Christmas. He communicated the sad tidings to the friend and the latter made fun of the prophecy, if such it might be called. So confident was the one who had received the news from the spirit world that he offered to make a deed of one-half of his rich collection of fine paintings and books in case the friend was alive on Christmas day. The deeds have been made out and both sides will await the result. The friend never enjoyed better health in his life and indications at present point to his living many moons yet. The matter will be watched with some interest by many.

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My new line of floor coverings. I have a nice assortment. New line of sofas, chairs and wall paper. I have some rare bargains in trunks and valises.

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