

From the charting activity by which the timber lands of the Willamette are being claimed by a certain class of people, it is very natural for the general public to conclude that the land is claimed purely for mercenary purposes and for the benefit of capitalists. The attention of the proper authorities at Washington should be called to this method of syndicates getting control of our valuable lands. At least an investigation should be instituted to lay open the incentive to this kind of work. The time is rapidly approaching when timber will be timber in Uncle Sam's dominion.

On the 23th of September, the greatest exposition ever held on the Pacific coast will be opened in Portland, and will continue for a full month. The Association has expended \$250,000 on the building and the grounds, and every available inch of the six and one-half acres of floor space in the mammoth building has been taken by exhibitors. Liberati, the greatest living cornetist, with a band of fifty of the best musicians of New York, will furnish the finest music yet heard on the coast. A reduction of railroad fares on all lines has been secured, and no doubt thousands of people from all over the Northwest will take this opportunity to visit Portland and see its mammoth exposition. The greatest live stock show, which will be held from October 14th to 19th, will also attract a great many people.

No matter how expert a bank teller may become in detecting bad money, there are counterfeits extant which will stump the best of them. I was for many years a United States treasure expert and have handled all the famous counterfeits ever made. I have in this roll of bills \$5,000, about one half of which is good and the rest worthless. I often test bank tellers by offering this money for deposit, and you would be astonished to learn how large a portion of the counterfeits are passed by some of them as genuine. In fact I have never found one who rejected every bad bill, some of them accepted as much as \$1,000 of it, and from that down. I have been testing some Kansas City bank men to-day, with varying results. Four hundred dollars was the least counterfeit passed by any of them, and one bank, if it had taken the teller's decision on the money, would have been stuck for more than \$1,000.—Expert in Kansas City Journal.

The Oregon delegation consisting of fifty-five gentlemen and ladies, arrived at 8:30 yesterday morning over the Wisconsin Central road, and their two special cars were side-tracked at the old Union depot on Reed street. The Oregon people bring with them an interesting exhibit of their state's products, which will be placed in the Exposition building, and will occupy a space of 1,000 square feet. Two carloads are filled with fruit, wheat, rye, oats, barley, corn and grasses. The grain is put up in pint sacks, and will be distributed gratis at the Exposition, commencing Monday afternoon. The delegation has peaches, pears and plums in abundance, and they will be given away during encampment week. In addition to the above 5,000 samples of wheat, oats, barley and grasses in small sheaves have been neatly arranged for the inspection of visitors. The exhibit is one of the largest ever brought to the East from the Pacific coast, and will prove a very interesting feature of the Exposition. The delegation is headed by E. B. McElroy, commander of the Oregon department, and the exhibit is in charge of B. S. Cook.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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Montague's Column.
 This town, the scene of many peculiar crimes, is just now agog over the performances of a thief, which are generally admitted to surpass any thing on record. A few days ago several men went to the priest in charge of Santa Cruz Church in this city, and asked permission to hold funeral services over the remains of a deceased friend at 4 o'clock the next morning. There was nothing unusual in the request, for many in this country bury their dead early in the morning before mass and the priest gave his permission, agreeing to be present. The men then said they would like to leave the corpse in the church over night, and to this the clergyman also assented. Some time after dark the men appeared at the church bearing a coffin, which they carried up the main aisle and deposited in front of the altar. They then withdrew, promising to be there early the next morning.

About midnight the sacristan was awakened by the barking of his dogs, and feeling that something must be wrong he dressed hastily and stepped from his room into the chancel. A dim light was burning near the altar, by means of which he could see a figure moving slowly on the other side of the chancel. Making up his mind that robbers were in the church, he ran quickly to his room for a pistol, and then made a search of the church. No one was to be seen. On the altar he found everything safe, but when he came to examine the images of the saints he soon saw that the costly jewels with which they had been ornamented were gone. He then redoubled his effort to find the thief, but after half an hour passed in searching every nook of the great edifice, he was more mystified than ever, for he not only could not find the offender, but he could discover no place where he could have come in or gone out. Just before he determined to give the alarm he thought of the corpse lying down before the chancel rail in the shadow, and the idea came to him that perhaps there might be something wrong about it. Lighting a candle he stepped softly to the bier, and peered into the face of the supposed dead man. As he looked he noticed that the eyelids of the 'corpse' twitched nervously under the light, and at the same instant his own eyes fell on some of the glittering jewels which lay beside the man in the coffin.

Overjoyed at finding the thief, the sacristan thrust his revolver into the face of the 'corpse' and ordered him to get out. The cold steel on the man's forehead convinced him that the order must be obeyed, and a most extraordinary resurrection took place there and then. When the man had aimed his feet, the sacristan, still covering him with his pistol, gathered up the jewels, and then marched the culprit to the priest's house, where he was turned over to the police. Several soldiers were then stationed in the church, and when the thief's confederates arrived in the morning they were taken into custody. At first they denied all knowledge of the conspiracy, but after a little while one of them confessed and told the whole story. He said they intended to go through the forms of a funeral ceremony, and then carry their friend out to the cemetery, and, after letting him out of the coffin, bury it, and leave the country as speedily as possible. They will be severely punished.

NOTICE.

The public school at Lebanon will begin Monday morning, September 13, under the charge of J. G. Hickman, principal, and Miss Fannie Griggs, assistant. It is a matter of much importance that every pupil, if possible, come the first day, as matters will then be considered which will be of value the whole session. Let every one be provided with the necessary text books, pens, ink and plenty of paper. Many of the exercises will be written and a proper supply of paper will be essential.

The change of text books is as follows: For Watson's reader, A. S. Barnes & Co's., but Watson's speller is retained; for Bill's grammar, Clark's; for Brook's arithmetic, Fish's, except the mental, this is retained and is as before Brook's series. Two grades of Fish's arithmetic, Nos. 1 and 2, will be used. Old books can be exchanged or new ones purchased at either of the drug stores. J. G. HICKMAN, Principal.

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