

Lebanon Express.

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The latest reason given for the rate war inaugurated by the S. P. Co. against the O. R. & N. Co. is that the former wishes to bankrupt the latter, which is already in the hands of a receiver, have it sold by the courts and bid it in, and attach it to the Southern Pacific system, thus tightening the coils of the octopus about the people of the Pacific coast.

Ex-President Harrison receives a larger sum for his articles on "This Country of Ours," which he is writing for The Ladies Home Journal, than has been paid to any public man in America for magazine work of a similar nature. His first article, in the Christmas number of the Journal, sold over 100,000 extra copies of the magazine, of which 725,060 copies were printed as a first edition.

The A. P. A. sustained a crushing defeat in the elections in Georgia as well as elsewhere. Gov. Atkinson signified his disgust of the spirit of religious intolerance evinced by that organization by appointing James O'Neil, one of the prominent young Catholics of Atlanta, as city solicitor, an office worth \$10,000 a year, in the face of the request of the A. P. A. that he appoint no Catholics to office.—Ex.

The Express begins the New Year with a firm purpose to give to the public a better paper than ever before. It hopes to make its local columns fuller and more interesting, and with this end in view asks that its readers hand in all items of interest that come under their observation. The courtesy will be appreciated. It hopes to be abreast of the times in giving the news of the day. It will endeavor to publish accurately all political news without prejudice. It is a paper for the whole people and hopes to serve well their best interests.

Senator Mitchell has introduced bills increasing Portland's public building appropriation to \$1,100,000, and Congressman Hermann asks for \$100,000 for a government building at Salem. No wonder times are hard and taxes high, when such enormous sums are squandered in this way! \$100,000 would put up a commodious building with every modern convenience, and answering every want in Portland, and \$10,000 would be sufficient for Salem, where one is needed less than in Roseburg, having fewer government offices. Cut down salaries, reduce expenditures! should be the slogan of every honest representative of the people.—Roseburg Review.

The police officers of Corvallis disgraced themselves and the city by their drunken rowdism during the appearance in that city recently of a theatrical troupe. The Times gave a full account of the occurrence, with no attempt at concealment. The council then fired the guilty officers. Now the paper is being censured for giving to the public the facts, and the council is asked to reprimand the editor. In the first place, the reprimanding of editors is not one of the duties the law imposes on the council. In this case, the paper did its duty and deserves praise rather than censure. By its exertions, the guilty parties were fully exposed, and the city purged itself of all guilt by firing the guilty officials.

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A Fatal Job Which Might Easily Have Ended in a Tragic One.
For myself, I was "chopped down" once, and once only, writes Charles G. D. Roberts, in St. Nicholas. It happened in this way. In the midwinter of 1879, I had occasion to visit the chief camp of the Little Madawaska. Coming from the city, and to a camp where I was a stranger to all the men, I was not unnaturally regarded as a pronounced specimen of the greenhorn. I took no pains to tell any one what the boss already well knew, that is, that I had been a frequenter of the camps from my boyhood. Many and many a neat trap was laid for my apparently "tender" feet, but I avoided them all as if by accident. As for climbing a tree, I always laughed at the idea when it was proposed to me: I always suggested that it might spoil my clothes. Before long the men, by putting little things together, came to the conclusion that I was an old stager; and, rather sheepishly, they gave over their attempts to entrap me. Then I graciously waved my hand, as it were, and was frankly received as a veteran, cleared from every suspicion of being green.

At last the day came when I did wish to climb a tree. The camp was on a high plateau, and not far off towered a magnificent pine tree, growing out of the summit of a knoll in such a way as to command all the surrounding country. Its branches were phenomenally thick; its girth of trunk was magnificent. And this tree I resolved one day to climb, in order to get a clear idea of the lay of the land. Of course I strolled off surreptitiously, and, as I thought, unwatched. But there I was much mistaken. No sooner was I two-thirds of the way up the tree than, with shouts of laughter, the lumbermen rushed out of the surrounding cover and proceeded to chop me down. The chance was too good for them to lose.

I concealed my annoyance, and made no attempt to descend. On the contrary I thanked them for the little attention, and climbed a few feet further up, to secure a position which I saw would be a safe one for me when the tree should fall. As I did so, I perceived, with a gasp and a tremor, that I was not alone in the tree.

There, not ten feet above me, stretched at full length along a large branch, was a huge panther, glaring with rage and terror. From the men below his form was quite concealed. Glancing restlessly from me to my pursuers, the brute seemed uncertain just what to do. As I carefully refrained from climbing any further up, and tried to assume an air of not having observed him, he apparently concluded that I was not his worst enemy. In fact, I dare say he understood what was going on and realized that he and I were fellow-sufferers.

I laughed softly to myself as I thought how my tormentors would be taken aback when that panther should come down among them. I decided that, considering their numbers, there would be at least no more danger for them than that to which they were exposing me in their reckless fooling. And, already influenced by that touch of nature which makes us so wondrous kind, I began to hope that the panther would succeed in making his escape.

The trunk of the pine was so thick that I might almost have reached the ground before the choppers could cut it through. At last it gave a mighty shudder and sagged to one side. I balanced myself nimbly on the upper side, steadying myself by a convenient branch. The great mass of foliage, presenting a wide surface to the air, made the fall comparatively slow; but the tremendous sweep of the draught upward, as the tree-top described its gigantic arc, gave me a sickening sensation. Then came the final dull and thunderous crash, and—in an instant, I found myself standing in my place, jarred but unhurt, with the snow threshed up all about me.

The next instant there was another roar, or rather a sort of screaming yell, overwhelming the riotous laughter of the woodmen; and out of the confusion of pine-boughs shot the tawny form of the panther in a whirlwind of fury. One of the choppers was in his path, and was bowled over like a clumsy nine-pin. The next bound brought the beast on to the backs of a yoke of oxen, and his cruel claws severely scratched the oxen's necks. As the poor animals bellowed and fell on their knees, the panther paused, with some idea, apparently, of fighting the whole assembled party. But as the men, recovered from their first amazement, rushed with their axes to the rescue of the oxen, the panther saw that the odds were all against him. He turned half round and greeted his enemies with one terrific and strident snarl, then bounded off into the forest at a pace which made it idle to pursue him. The owner of the oxen leaped an axe after him, but the missile flew wide of its mark.

Smoking and Cancer.

Mouth cancers and cigar-smoking have been closely associated in the public mind since General Grant's death, but a prominent Cincinnati physician, in a recent conversation upon the subject, said: "The only cases of cancer of the tongue that I ever saw were of persons who never smoked. The majority of them were women and the half-dozen men who were afflicted were not confirmed smokers at all. I don't believe that smoking even in the most indirect way causes cancer of the tongue. In General Grant's case the public believed his disease was due to excessive smoking, but few physicians share that view."

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