EVENTS OF THE DAY

Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

It is said Bryan will not again be leader of Democratic party.

President Taft in a special message urges protection for Alaskan sealing industry.

Efforts to have Peary rewarded by congress were voted down by a large

Standard Oil is scored by a government attorney as a menace to the busi-

dollars for her proposed Panama exposition fund.

tle, accompanied by Soudanese cavalry. All efforts to arbitrate the Philadelphia street car strike have failed, and unions throughout the state are pre-

paring to join the strike. A woman at Tonopah, admitting that she was "old and homely," was

Under a decision of the Supreme court the forest service will no longer be permitted to institute criminal proedings against persons who violate its regulations governing forest re-

The wedding of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been set for June 16.

Roosevelt arrives in Khartoum, in best of spirits and looking the picture

Ezra Meeker has begun his third trip The big plant of the Union Meat

company on the peninsula at Portland begins operations. Banker Walsh, now serving time in

the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, is suffering from heart disease.

A strike has been declared by] firemen on all roads West of Chicago, affecting 25,000 firemen and 125,000 other employes. Louis W. Hill, the "railroad prince

of the West," has purhased an orange grove at Redlands, Cal. He makes light of Pinchot's policies. Bellboys at the St. Francis hotel in

San Francisco, where Carnegie stopped, are mourning the fact that he failed to distribute any tips. A matador at Juarez, Mexico, was

trampled and severely wounded by the infuriated bull. He was brought to the American side for treatment. A woman who kept a small store in

Armourdale, Kansas City, and carried the banks from getting away with it, was murdered and robbed by a negro.

William J. Calhoun, the new minister to China, has arrived at San Francisco, with his wife. They did not have a servant of any kind with them, saying they would be able to get plenty of native help in China.

A Chinese tong war murderer has made to induce him been sentenced for life in San Francis

A strike is being considered by 30,-000 railroad firemen on 47 Western

J. P. Morgan laughs at reports that he is dead, and says he is alive and glad of it.

The American legation at Bogota is being closely guarded and anti-American feeling is high. A rich heiress of Lakewood, N. J.,

suffering from nervous drowned herself in a near-by lake. Liberals in the English parliament have again taken the aggressive, and

will force the Tories to grant another election or resign. Seven men escaped from the Pendle tonl jail by saving off the bars to a back window while the sheriff was

busy with a rush of taxpayers. Life savers at Marshfield. Or., are enue officers on charges of misconduct during the wreck of the steamer Czar- he can give his evidence,.

Robbers attempted to blow open the safe of the Valley Ford bank in Bloomfield, Cal., but the noise of the explosion drew a crowd and the thieves escaped without obtaining anything.

Pinchot's admission of high-handed policies astound the investigating com- Iswolsky. mittee. Witnesses admit that engineers of reclamation service oppose Ballinger because of failure to gain pro-

M. Loraine, a French aviator, fell 30 feet in a Bleriot machine and was badly injured.

A Colorado woman stopped a runaand then died from the shock.

At a meeting of representatives reka, it was decided to organize a selthe expansion of the redwood shingle market on the Pacific Coast.

Six persons were injured, two seriously, by a collision between a freight and passenger train on a Seattle subur-ban road.

The mayor of Trenton, New Jersey, orders the street car company to run cars even if it has to give in to its striking

the gas, electric and water plants of Oregon and Washington towns, has believed here that the loan was arbeen taken over by an Eastern syndi- ranged by prominent New York bank-

GREAT PAINTING RECOVERED.

Stolen by Young German Artist and Found in His Studio.

San Francisco, March 16.-Declar-Newsy Items Gathered from All ing that he took the picture merely to make a copy of it, William Kunze, a TOURIST MECCA; PELICAN BAY PREDICTS WATER RIGHT FIGHT Portland, Or., was arrested this afternoon in possession of the \$10,000 Mil-let painting "The Shepherd and His REPARED FOR THE BUSY READER Flock," which was stolen last Sunday from the Golden Gate Park Museum.

Kunze was arrested in his studio af-

to the arrest. Immediately after booking the prisoner on a charge of grand panied by several detectives and it is believed that they went in search of

The painting which was lent to the s world.

San Diego has raised over a million museum by Miss Sarah Spooner, of this city, was the work of Jean Fran-attractive to the tourist, and that the ber. and it is now in the custody of the Roosevelt takes ride on camel's back to see scene of great historic bat- property clerk of the police depart-

> The theft occurred in the morning shortly after the museum was thrown open to visitors. While the curator was absent for a short time the canvas was cut from the frame and carried of the points of interest. away from the building.

about to marry a Jap, but the pair BIG STRIKE IS AVOIDED were forced to leave town. BY MEDIATION OFFER.

Chicago, March 16.- Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 locomotive firemen, the throwing out of employ-ment of more than 125,000 other employes and the temporary suspension of between Chicago and the Pacific coast, Federal authorities.

At the request of the general manaacross the continent by ox team from gers of the 47 railroads involved, crowded school facilities In the year Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, and Commishowever, that action must begin at

The appeal to Washington was taken of standard high school work. as an eleventh-hour move to prevent a walkout, which, it was declared, threatened the greatest railroad strike since that of 1894. Thirty-seven members of the Western Federated Board tion steps were taken.

PAULHAN OFF IN HUFF.

Injunction Obtained Prohibiting Tak-

ing Away His Four Machines. New York, March 16 .- "I am ready clared Louis Paulhan, the aviator, today, in reiterating his declaration that he had made his last flight in America and would return to France by the

first steamer. Paulhan packed up his machines prepared to leave, despite every effort which his manager, Edwin Cleary, made to induce him to stay and com-

Cleary obtained an injuction today prohibiting Paulhan from taking with him any of the four aeroplanes bought in this country. There are two Bleriot and two Farman machines. With his craft tied up and Clarey threatening a damage suit for \$150, 000, friends tried to pursuade the Frenchman to reconsider his decision, but he was obdurate and is determined

Law Requires Strenuous Journey. terior of Alaska to Cleveland in a futile effort to reach his baby before she eral government to return to the snowbound territory as a witess in a stab-In a wooden hut in the wilderness near Fairbanks, Alaska, a grand jury has been summoned and it will take undergoing strict investigation by rev- Mr. Burns 40 days of strenuous travel and cost the governmennt \$1,040 before

> Russia Sorry for Action. St. Petersburg, March 16.—During priations for the foreign office, Professor Milukoff sharply criticised the Far Eastern policy of Foreign Minister

> Taking as a text Russia's ation in Manchuria was far more seriminister, he said, had made a dangerous mistake in making common cause

> > Cable Fouled on Wreck?

Victoria, B. C., March 16,-A report may prove to be the British sloop of respects. war Condor, which foundered in December, 1901, with 104 officers and

Guatemala to Borrow \$40,000,000. New York, March 16. Guatemala of land was on the "West side," about olds, nominal; 1910 contracts, 16c has closed a deal for a \$40,000,000 12 miles from Lakeview. A recent nominal loan, but F. Sanchez la Tour, national treasurer of Guatemala, who made this announcement, refused to make The Northwest Corporation, owning public today the names of those had be gas, electric and water plants of negotiated the loan. It is generally

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

Southern Pacific Said to be Planning Engineer Says Laws of Nation and

Development of Harriman Resort Klamath Falls-Pelican Bay is not

make Pelican Bay and Odessa the Academy of Science, he said: greatest resorts on the Pacific coast. cois Millet in 1832. It was found in best way to open it up would be to

will make accessible to the tourist all court decisions.

Eugene Claims Best Schools.

Eugene-Lane county maintains high degree of efficiency in its school business on practically every railroad system. As a result of prudent foresight, provision is made by the Eugene was averted today through the accept- school board for the steadily increasance of offers for mediation from the ing number of pupils. Many families are coming to Eugene and as yet no complaint has been recorded as to overending June 30 last the schools of Lane county expended \$176,368. The sioner of Labor Neill telegraphed an estimated expenditures for the current offer of mediation to the union officials. year are \$197,000. This is the only dis-This offer was accepted, W. C. S. trict in the state where high school Carter, president of the Brotherhood of courses are provided for rural pupils, trict in the state where high school Enginemen and Firemen, stipulating, placing them on the same basis as city students. The first one, oragnized a year and a half ago, offers four years

Establish Nursery Near Stanfield. Stanfield-A plat of ground has been purchased near town and about 200,000 apple trees and 50,000 peach trees are of the brotherhood last midnight form- being set. This planting is made up ally voted for a strike. The hour for of what are known as "June budded striking had been set for next Monday stock, which will make prime trees for morning, and the members were pre- planting next year. The planting of pared to start for their homes and put the strike into effect when the media-near Stanfield, is in full swing. Among the heaviest planters are Page & Son and Dr. Watts, both of Portland, each setting out a full quarter section, the former using peaches and pears and the latter apples. Some 40

> Complaint Against Valley Rates. Salem-Complaint has been made to the railroad commission by the Canyon City Commercial company that the rates charged by the Sumpter Valley railroad on barbed wire and steel nails are excessive. It is set forth by the Commercial company that the Sumpter Valley charges 37 cents a hundred pounds for transporting barbed wire and nails from Baker City to Austin, a distance of 62 miles, while the rate from Portland to Baker City, over the O. R. & N., 357 miles, is but 80 cents

Alfalfa Land \$360 Per Acre. Central Point-H. T. Hull has sold his farm one mile west of town to Mr Heron, a recent arrival from Iowa, for \$17,500. The tract contains 49 acres and is nearly all first class alfalfa land. Mr. Hull recently sold 30 acres of the Cleveland, Or., March 16, Joseph same tract for \$9,000. The Orlopp \$1.06. Burns, who recently raced from the in- place, formerly the Van Vleit farm, was also sold a few days ago for \$17, 500. This is one of the finest fruit died, was today summoned by the Fed- farms in the valley and has produced much prizewinning stuff.

bing affray, in which he was injured. Freewater Seeks to Sell Water Bonds last meeting instructed Recorder G. P. Sanderson to call for bids for bonds for the construction of the new water works system. The bonds are for \$16,-000 and will run for a term of 16 years, bearing interest at 5 per cent. The surveys have been made and the contract for the pumping plant and resdebate in the Douma upon the appro- ervoir will be let as soon as the bonds are sold.

Freewater Roads Inspected. Freewater-County Judge Gilliland, rejection of Secretary Knox's proposal for the neutralization of the Manchur-County Superintendent D. F. Lavender ian railways, he declared that the situ- were in the city recently and drove out on an inspection tour of the roads in ous than that in the Balkans. The this section of Umatilla county. A contract has been let for the building per dozen of a new steel bridge across the Walla Walla river at the McCoy settlement.

Hotel at Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls - Mayor Sanderson has been made to the Marine depart- has sold to Mrs. Livermore and sons a squabs, \$8 per dozen. practically all of the shingle mills of the redwood belt of California, at Euing steamer Orion, that the steamer fouled her cable when taking a whale the property. The building will be good cows, \$5@5.50; strictly good cows, \$5@5.25; fair to good cows, \$5.005.25; fair to good ling association which will work for six miles south of Uclulet on what three stories and basement, and will \$4@4.75; light calve, \$5.50@6; heavy some assert to be a submerged rock. contain 65 rooms. The equipment and calves, \$4@5; bulls, \$3.60@4.25; Captain Heater is of the opinion it furnishings are to be modern in all stags, \$3@4.50.

Land Values Increase. quarter section of land was offered ewes, \$6; lambs, \$7.75. for sale at \$3,50 per acre. This piece offer of \$25 per acre was refused.

Hood River-Edwin Pilson of Washintgon D. C., has bought 20 acres of William Stewart for \$12,500, Pilson will remove his family from the

State are Radically Different. That a water right war between to be lost to the tourist of the Pacific Western states will be the outgrowth coast, and Klamath county is not to of present jumbled authority, is the ter a search of the city which has been be denied the pleasure of seeing car- opinion of John H. Lewis, state engiprosecuted with the utmost vigor ever ried to completion the plans of develop- neer. Laws of nation and state relatsince the valuable painting was cut ment of this resort that the late E. H. ing to use or conservation of water are from its frame by an unknown thief Harriman had in mind when he pur- widely diverse in operation and intent, broke by saying: and only a constitutional amendment last Sunday.

Detective Sergeant Edward Wren
refused to divulge the clew which led
intention of the Southern Pacific to Speaking before the Oregon State

"My friends, the highest human law can avert serious difficulties, he says. Is justice. It includes all others. Let us be just, then, and don't let any bad

"We are at the dawn of a great na larceny he left the city prison accomHeretofore it has been supposed that tional movement for the improvement and England will get her full share in when Crater Lake was opened to the of our waterways, and for the use of when Crater Lake was opened to the people of the world, magnificent hotels our streams for irrigation, power and New America stand for the continent possible accomplices.

To the questions of Sergeant Wren

To the question where the question we will be the properties of the propertie the arrested man answered that he was be done, at least not at the present is inadequate to the demands of the and headlands it contains, and I imagled to take the picture by his love of time. The Southern Pacific recognizes immediate future and it is the desire line there will be nothing to prevent us the beautiful and a desire to make a that lying between Pelican Bay and of all that these conflicting uses be ad-Odessa and Crater Lake is a section justed in conformity with some care-unsurpassed for natural beauty; that it fully devised plan so that the greatest yonder cape is called Cape Washing-

"The fundamental point in the formthe room used as a studio by Kunze make Pelican Bay the starting point. | ulation of such a plan and one concernsive to an Englishman" The plans under consideration pro- ing which there is a great diversity of vide for the erection of a magnificent opinion, is the right of the state or to an American," retorted Altamon tourist hotel close to the site occupied nation to legislate as to interstate by the lodge building. A system of waters. At the present time there is highways are to be constructed be no legislation, either state or national, tween that point and Crater Lake that bearing upon this subject and but few "The control of waters within

Already the Southern Pacific com- state is at present divided between the pany had commenced the preparation state and the United States governof descriptive literature of this section ment. This divided responsibility and of the country, and it is stated by the complicated nature of the problem those who have seen some of it that it is doubtless the the cause of inaction the continent, seeing will be the finest ever issued by the by many of the states. In Oregon, that it belongs to America." where a complete system of state control has been provided, we may be tion?" asked Clawbonny. confronted with this uncertainty. Suppose the non-navigable tributaries of the Willamette river be diverted for then," he continued, turning to John-irrigation under state sanction to the son and Bell. "We'll leave our traces detriment of navigation. Upon com- behind us. I propose that the island plaint the United States authorities could probably enjoin this use, to the great damage of those interested in saway from the shore, should be called Isle Johnson, in honor of our boatirrigation development.
"This division of authority between

state and nation is further illustrated by the annual tax imposed upon water power within national forests by both the state and the United States."

For More Water in Willamette. Washington - Senator Jonathan Bourne has procured from the senate comimttee an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill providing a survey for the Willamette river between Portland and Oregon City looking towards an eight foot channel to do away with the rapids at the mouth of the Clackamas only three feet of water during the low about our meeting, and by so doing water stage. The senator has also procured an amendment for a survey and called Fort Providence." estimates on the cost of improvement of Tillamook bay and bar.

Orchard Sells for \$30,000. Central Point-E. M. Andrews and place of J. P. Knudson for \$30,000. The place sold about a year ago for far," resumed the doctor. "As our dispears and the latter apples. Some 40 or 50 smaller orchards, ranging from five to 15 acres, are being planted by acres in orchard, one half of which is shall have no disputes about them, for ard is one of the most promising in and love we can give each other. Let the valley. Mr. Fiero has also bought us be strong by being united. Who the old Alford place at Talent, con- knows what dangers yet we may have sisting of 160 acres, for \$25,000.

Plat Suburban Tracts.

Wallowa-A. G. Wigglesworth and suburban tracts. A strip near the corporate limits will be sold as town lots. Hatteras?"

Farm Brings \$250 Per Acre. Central Point-D. D. Sage, of Table Rock, has sold his place containing 80 acres, to J. H. Lydard, of Medford, for the top of that cone about our heads. \$20,000. The place is one of the best garden and berry tracts in the valley.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Track prices - Bluestem, \$1.10@1.11; club, \$1.03@\$1.04; red Russian, \$1.01; valley \$1.04; 40-fold,

Barley-Feed and brewing, \$28.50 @29 per ton. Corn-Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton.

Oats-No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 ton. Hay-Track prices-Timothy: Willamette valley, \$20@21 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$22@23; alfalfa, \$17@18; Freewater-The city council at its California alfalfa, \$16@17; clover, \$15@16; grain hay, \$16@18.

Fresh Fruits-Apples, \$1.25@3 box; pears, \$1.50@1.75 per box; cranberries, \$8@9 per barrel. Potatoes-Carload buying prices-Oregon, 50@60c per hundred; sweet

potatoes, 8c ponud. Onions - Oregon, \$1,50@1.75 per Vegetables-Turnips, nominal; ruta-

bagas, \$1@1.25; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.25; parsnips, \$1. Butter-City creamery extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 35@39c; store, 20@23c per pound. Butter fat prices average 1 1-2c per pound under

regular butter prices. Eggs-Fresh Oregon ranch, 22@23c

Pork-Fancy, \$13@14c pound. Veal-Fancy, 12@13c pound. Poultry-Hens, 19c; broilers, 25a 27c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12@13c; tur-

keys, live, 22@25c; dressed, 25@29c;

good, \$9.50@10. Sheep-Best wethers, \$6@6.50; fair Lakeview-Three years ago last fall to good wethers, \$5.50@5.75; good Hops-1909 crop, 16@20c per pound;

Hogs - Top, \$11@11.10; fair to

Wool-Eastern Oregon, 16@20e; per meat a day." pound; valley, 22@24c; choice, 25c.

Cascara bark-4@5c per pound. Hides-Dry hides, 17@18c pound Mr. dry kip, 17@18c; dry calfskin, 18@20c; salted hides, 9@10c; salted calfskin, 14c; green, 1c less.



CHAPTER V. "Can you prove to me," said Altamont, "that an Englishman has set foot here before an American?" whole day."

For a few minutes there was an awkward silence, which the doctor

"My friends, the highest human law feeling get in among us. The priority of Altamont seems to me indisputable. calling this bay Victoria bay?"

on," replied Altamont. "You might choose a name sir." exclaimed Hatteras, almost beside him-

"But not one which sounds so sweet proudly. "Come, come," said the doctor again,

"no discussion on that subject. An American has a perfect right to be proud of his great countryman! Let us honor genius wherever it is met with: and since Altamont has made his choice; let us take our turn next; let

the captain—"
"Doctor!" interrupted Hatteras, "I have no wish that my name should fig-"Is this your unalterable determina

"It is." "Very well, we'll have it to ourselves we see out there, about three miles swain.

son, in no little confusion.

"And that mountain that we will cal Bell Mount, if our carpenter is will-"It is doing me too much hone

"Oh, Mr. Clawbonny," began John

replied Bell. "It is simple justice," returned th "Nothing could be better," said Al

"Now, then, all we have to christen our fort," said the doctor. "About that there will be no discussion, sovereign Queen Victoria, nor to Wash ington, that we owe our safety and which intervene and on which there is shelter here, but to God, who brough

"Your remarks are just," said Altamont; "no name could be more suita-

"In our future excursions, then, we shall go by Cape Washington to Vic Conro Fiero have bought the Hoagland toria bay, and from thence to find food and rest at Doctor's House!" "The business is settled, then,

to brave, and what sufferings to endure before we see our native land once five in number, and let us lay aside W. H. Vertner have bought 40 acres all feelings of rivalry. Such feelings W. H. Vertner have bought 40 acres lying east of town and will plat it as us they would be doubly wrong. You

Neither man made reply. A new project now struck the tor's mind the next day. He said: "I am going to build a lighthouse of

"A lighthouse!" all exclaimed. Yes. It would be a beacon to guid us in distant excursions, and also mine our plateau in the long winter

"Very true," replied Altamont, how would you make it?" "With one of the lanterns out of th

Porpoise." "All right; but how will your lamp? With seal oil?" "No, seal oil would scarcely be ble through the fog."

"Are you going to try to out of our coal, then?" "No, gas would not enough; and, worse still, it waste our combustibles." "Well." replied Altamont

loss to see how you-"I'm prepared for everything after the mercury bullet, and the ice lens, and Fort Providence. I believe Mr. Clawbonny can do anything," exclaimed Johnson

light is to be, then," said Altamont "Very well," replied Clawbonny. mean to have an electric light." "An electric light?" "Yes, why not? Haven't you a gal

"Come, Clawbonny, tell us what you

vanie battery on board your ship?" "Well, there will be no difficulty then, in producing an electric light, and that will cost nothing, and be far

brighter.

"Fine," said Johnson; "let us set t work at once." All went to work and so a ten-foot ice column. The lanterr was put on top. The conducting wires were properly adjusted within it, and as soon as it grew dark the experiment was made. It was a complete success. An intense, brilliant light streame from the lantern and illumined the entire plateau and the plains beneath. Johnson could not help clapping his

A regular course of life commence now, and the Saturday after the instal lation a hunting excursion was organtred. As they tramped along over the to-

the doctor talked about the hibits of the Eskimos. "My good Bell, your voracity would never equal the Greenlanders," for they devour from ten to ffteen pounds of

"Fifteen pounde!" said Bell, "What stomachs!" "Aretic stomachs," replid the doctor "are prodigious; they can expand at will, and I may add, contract at will; so that they can endure starvation quite as well as abundance. When an Eskime sits down to dinner be in quite

thin, and by the time he has finished he is so fat you would hardly recognize him. But then we must remember that one meal sometimes lasts a

"This voracity must be peculiar to the inhabitants of cold countries," said

Altamont. "I think it is." replied the doctor. "In the arctic regions people must eat enormously; it is not only one of the conditions of strength, but of existnce. The Hudson Bay Co. always reckoned on this account: Eight pounds of meat to each man a day, or twelve pounds of fish, or two pounds

"Must be strengthening," said Bell. "Not so much as you imagine. An Indian who guzzles like that can't do a whit better day's work than an Englishman, who has has pound of beef

"Things are best as they are, then, I

and pint of beer."

suppose. "No doubt of it, and yet an Eskimo meal may well astonish us. In Sir John Ross' narrative, he states his surprise at the appetites of his guides. He tells us that two of them-just two mind-devoured a quarter of a buffalo in one morning. They cut the meat in long strips, and the mode of eating was either for the one to bite off as much as his mouth could hold, and then pass it on to the other, or to leave the long ribbons of meat dangling from the mouth, and devour them gradually, like boa constrictors, lying at full

length on the ground. "Ugh!" exclaimed Bell, "what disgusting brutes!" "Every man has his own fashion of

remarked the philosophical dining." American. Soon a walrus was sighted. It was of huge dimensions, and not more than 200 yards away. The hunters surrounded the animal, crept along cautiously till within a few paces of him. Ther

they fired simultaneously. The walrus rolled over, but speedily got up again, and tried to make his es cape. But Altamont fell upon him with his hatchet, and cut of his dorsal fin He made a desperate resistance, but was overpowered by his enemies, and soon lay dead, reddening the ice field

with his blood. It was a fine animal, measuring more than fifteen feet in length, and would have been worth a good deal for he oil. But the hunters contented themselves with cutting off the mos savory parts, and left the rest to the avens, who had just begun to make

heir appearance Night was drawing on, and it was ime to return to Fort Providence. CHAPTER VI.

It is a dreary affair to live near the pole, for there is no going out for many months, and nothing to break The day after the hunting excursion was dark and snowy, and Clawbonny

could find no occupation except polishing up the ice walls of the hut, and emptying out the snow which drifted into the long passage leading to the inner door. The "Snow-House" stood out well, defying storm and tempest. The snow only increased the thickness of the walls. They could do nothing but wait. It

wasn't time to try to build a boat.

The men were compelled to the greater part of the days in complete idleness. Hatteras lolled on his bed absorbed in thought. Altamont smoked or dozed, and the doctor took care not to disturb either of them, for he was in perpetual fear of a quarrel At meal time he always led the conversation away from irritating topics He gave them dissertations on history geography or meteorology, handling his subject in an easy, though philo-

sophical manner, drawing lessons from the most trivial incidents. His inexhaustible memory was neve at a loss for fact or illustration, while his good humor and geniality made him the life and soul of the little company. He was implicitly trusted by all, even by Hatteras, who cherished

deep affection for him. night, there was a sudden change in the weather. The thermometer fell several degrees, and the inmates of the Doctor's House could hardly keep themselves warm even in their beds. he found it needed careful replenishing work. to preserve the temperature at 50 de-

The increase of cold betokened the coming end of the stormy weath- a Methodist and abhors tobacco. Reer, and the doctor hailed it gladly as the harbinger of his favorite hunting and exploring expeditions.

He rose early next morning, and with the others climbed up to the top of a hill nearby. Soon he found numerous traces of animals on all sides. and this within a circle of two miles of Fort Providence

After gazing attentively as these traces for some minutes, the hunters looked at each other silently, and -ien the doctor exclaimed:

"Well, these are plain enough. I think!" "Ay, only too plain," added Bell, "bears have been here!" "First-rate game!" said Altamon

There's only one fault about it." "What is that?" asked Bell. "Too much of it." "What do you mean?" "I mean this-there are distinc traces of five bears, and five bears are

rather too much for five men." "Are you sure?" said Clawbonny "Look and see for yourself. Here one footprint, and there is another quite different. These claws are far wider apart than those, and see here, again, that paw belongs to a much smaller bear. I tell you, if you look carefully, you will see the marks of all five different bears distinctly."

"If that's the case, then," said the doctor, "we must be careful, for these animals are starving after the severe winter, and they might be extremely dangerous to meet."

"You're right," said Bell, after

close inspection.

plied Altamont.

"You think they have discovered our presence here?" "No doubt of it, otherwise should these footprints be in a circle

round our fort?" said Bell. "You're right," said the doctor, "and what's more, it is certain that they have been here last night." "And other nights before that,"

ome to-night," said Altament. "How?"

place. To-morrow if we find fresh ones, it will be evident that they are

after us. The three hunters set to work then, and scraped the snow over till all the footprints were obliterated for a con-

derable distance. Next morning at early dawn, Hatteras and his companions, well armed, went out to reconnolter the state of the snow. They found the same identical footmarks, but somewhat nearer. Evidently the enemy was bent on the

slege of Fort Providence.
"But where can they be?" said Bell. "Behind the icebergs watching us," eplied the doctor. "Don't let us exose ourselves imprudently."

"What about going hunting, then?" sked Altamont. "We must put it off for a day or two, I think, and rub out the marks again, and see if they are here to-mor-

and they intrenched themselves in the fort. The lighthouse was taken down, and might help to attract the bears. Each took it in turn to keep watch on the upper plateau.

The day passed without a sign of

the enemy' existence, and the next morning, when they hurried out to examine the snow, they found it wholly untouched! "Capital!" exclaimed Altamont. "The pears are put off the scent; they have no perseverance, and have grown tired

good riddance. Now let us start for a day's hunting." "Softly, softly," said the doctor; "I m not so sure they have gone. I think we had better wait one day more. It s evident the bears have not been here last night, at least, on this side; but

waiting for us. They are off, and s

"Well, let us go round the plateau, and see how things stand," said the impatient Altamont. "All right," said Clawbonny. "Come along."

still-

Away they went, but no trace of the nemy was discoverable for two miles. "Now, then, can't we go hunting?" said Altamont.

"Walt till to-morrow," urged the loctor again. The American was unwilling to deay, but yielded at last, and returned to the fort.

(To be continued.)

A THOUSAND-DOLLAR CIGAR.

Eccentric Sheep King Has Income in Six Figures. From a country school teacher at \$40 a cnonth to a stock raiser with a yearly income of \$140,000 seems a long step, even though it took twenty-seven years to accomplish the change; but that is the record of "Bill" Brown, Central Oregon's eccentric sheep king. "Bill" controls many square miles of Central Oregon. He owns 9,600 acres, so located that his land includes the water holes and springs, making a

large territory, where he is monarch

of all he surveys. The land covers por-

tions of Harney, Lake and Crook Coun-

ties, each of which is larger than many Eastern States. Brown started at the grass roots and after teaching school a while he, with two brothers, got a small band of sheep which they herded themselves on the eastern slope of Wagon Tire mountain. In 1889 "Bill" bought out his brothers and has since gone it alone. He led a spectacular, nomadie life. With a bunch of raisins and a loaf of "sour dough" bread in his pockets he would start from his cabin and graze his sheep across the Central Oregon plains, sleeping on the ground times with a sheepskin for cover, oftener with nothing. He would kill a sheep whenever necessary to give his

dogs meat and would roast a haunch of mutton for himself over a fire. He was as much alone as Robinson Crusoe for months at a time. Only the coyotes howling at the moon, his dogs and the sheep kept him company. Even now, when herders leave, "Bill" takes their places till others can be found. He has often herded bands of 6.000 and 7,000 sheep for weeks under these circumstances. He owns, as nearly as he can tell himself, about 6,000 horses and 1,000 cattle. He has 18,000 sheep and he branded 5,600 lambs this spring. His income this year is about as fol-On the 26th of April, during the lows: Six hundred horses, sold at \$70 per head, \$42,000; 4,000 wethers at \$3.50, \$14,000; 4,000 at \$3.25, \$13,000; 18,000 fleeces of wool at \$2, \$36,000; cattle and other items make the total Altamont had charge of the stove, and up to about \$140,000 for this year's

Bill Brown is a bachelor and religlous. Many churches and schools are indebted to him for donations. He is ently he was in an Eastern Oregon town where the Methodists wanted to build a church. He decided to give them \$1,000. Soon after a man with a cigar in his mouth came up to Bill and introduced himself as the pastor of the flock. That cigar was an expensive one, for it cost the congregation a thou

sand dollars.

Cats in the Navy. The ships of the navy carry wore dogs than cats because the dog is a better sailor and more easily trained. but a good many grimalkins go to sea under the stars and stripes. The discipline of the service is not relaxed in their favor, and when they become overfed and lazy they are put ashore to shift for themselves. A cat does not stand rough weather so well as a dog or a monkey, and one battleship that started on the voyage round the world with ten cats returned with only one, all the rest having died on

"I'd like to get a job on a newspe

"Had any experience as a journal "None." "Then what could you do on a news

"Seems to me that I could dish ou excellent advice of some kind."-Louisville Courier-Journal. Woman's Logie.

Doctor (after the diagnosis)-Well am pleased to say you are perfectly sound. She-H'm, then a visit to the sea won't do me any harm, will it?-Meg-

endorfer Blaetter. "Well, we can easily find out if they Instead of using barley and rice for thickening soup, try oatmeni occasion-