

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

Lewis and Clark fair opens June 1, 1905.

The dodging ability of the Russian fleet is adding largely to our geographical nomenclature.

A large number of prominent citizens are now in the "also mentioned" class for president of the Equitable.

The difference between the presidential hunting of Wall street and Colorado bears is that he got the Colorado bears.

There are a great many men who are not so fortunate as to be able to go bear hunting in Colorado about house-cleaning time.

The trust question could be closed with considerable rapidity by opening the penitentiary doors to some of the criminal trust managers.

The New York Press wants to know how lobbyists may be kept out of the legislature. The election of the right kind of a legislature might help to answer the question.

The discovery of Paul Jones' body lends color to the belief that it is yet possible for the Republican leaders to find and resurrect the reciprocity principles of James G. Blaine and William McKinley.

The Duke of Manchester takes as personal Mr. Carnegie's remarks concerning dukes and coachmen. But what ground is that the coachmen have not objected to being mentioned in connection therewith.

The senator-elect from Missouri says his election cost him, \$28.70, and the senator-elect from Tennessee says his election cost him \$11.50. There are senators whose elections cost vastly more who are worth infinitely less.

Ex-Senator Thurston has been retained to defend Senator Mitchell. Doubtless Senator Mitchell will find his attorney much more loyal to his interests than that attorney was to his constituents when he was senator from Nebraska.

A Minnesota man is trying to prove that a jack rabbit is speedier than a locomotive. If the Minnesota gentleman is looking for speed let him take a glance at the rapidity with which the g. o. p. bosses get away from tariff revision immediately after election.

IS HE OMNIPRESENT?

There is considerable work before the inquisitorial body, as there is much complaint as to the violation of the law by the saloons of this county and this matter is to be thoroughly investigated. The grand jury, it is understood, is making a full investigation of charges made by Mr. R. H. Mitchell editor of the Houlton Register, against the county officials, in connection with the purchase of the rock crusher and also in regard to the dishonesty charged by him against road supervisors. Mr. Mitchell was called before the grand jury on Wednesday and given an opportunity to make good.—Oregon Mist.

The above article appeared in last week's issue of that hebdomadal misfit yclept, the Mist, a ticky paper greatly resembling the neglected, and unlaundried saddle-blanket of an Apache Indian, devoted to pseudology and the dissemination of its editor's plentiful lack of sense and published at St. Helens, by one E. H. Flagg, chief engineer of the Columbia county end of the Lewis and Clark Fair, at the rate of \$33.33 1-3 per month, out of the county exchequer, in preferred warrants.

Does our sebaceous friend desire his readers to infer that he has carte blanche of the grand jury room, or a straight tip from the secret precincts of the District Attorney's office; or that his perspicuity is so great that what transpires behind the opaque walls of Columbia county's palatial court house is to him an open book? Or has he, out of the abnormality of his imagination, invaded the realms of fiction, and, like a "survey politician, seem to see the things he does not see?" It is manifest that if the article is true there is a leak in the grand jury department as wide as a church door; if untrue, then he is a busy-body and a meddler, without sufficient native talent to find either end of himself in the dark.

The colored minister who was invited to pray for the New York legislature will not be invited again. He prayed that the Almighty would guide the assembly through life and bring the members safely to "that general assembly where Jesus Christ is the speaker and business transacted without graft or the dictation of a lobby." So many of the members took it as a personal reflection that they were too nervous to do business all the rest of the day.

Many organs opposed to interfering with the rapacity of the railroads and other corporations are worrying over what might happen if the employes of a government owned road should strike. Just as soon as we hear of postal clerks, department clerks, postmasters and army officers striking we'll begin worrying a little. Did any one ever hear of policemen or firemen going on strike?

Mr. Rogers indignantly denies that Mr. Rockefeller was a member of the South Improvement company, and explains that it was the Southern Improvement company that he belonged to, the two companies having the same object. This recalls the plea of the small boy, "I didn't steal no jell tarts; 'tws the gooseberry pie I stole."

The Oregon State Grange will convene in session at Forest Grove next Tuesday.

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