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A NEW material called leatherine is an English manufacture. It can be sold at five or six cents per pound, is said to be as tough as leather, and is designed for packing and bagging.

THE extraction of camphor from the tree totally destroys its growth, and it was owing to this fact that the custom once prevailed in Japan that when a person removes the camphor another tree was immediately planted in the stead of that one from which the gum had been removed.

A PITTSBURG mechanical engineer has invented a novel movable dam, by the use of which he claims a boating stage of water may be obtained in shallow rivers at all seasons of the year. The invention has been examined by old river men and pronounced practicable. The inventor is 82 years old.

EXPERIMENTS have proved that the tensile strength of a wet rope is only one-third that of the same rope when dry, and a rope saturated with grease or soap is weaker still, as the lubricant permits the fibers to slip with greater facility. Hemp rope contracts strongly on being wet, and a dry rope twenty five feet long will shorten to twenty-four on being wet.

It is proposed to preserve fish alive by placing them in vessels filled with water and hermetically sealed. It is said that fish so confined have been found alive after three weeks, without either air or water having been changed, while fish in an open jar died in forty-eight hours. If the air in the vessel is compressed the life of the fish is still further prolonged.

FROM studies upon the relation which the annual rings bear to the age of trees it has been concluded that they are only an approximately and not certainly correct index of age. Any agency operating to produce alternate periods of rest and activity in the growth of the trees serves to determine their formation. In cold climates the number of rings more nearly serves to indicate the age of the trees than in warm climates.

PAPER bottles are now in extensive use for containing such substances as ink, blueing, shoe dressing, glue, etc. They are made by rolling glued sheets of paper into long cylinders, which are then cut into suitable lengths. Tops and bottoms are fitted in, the inside coated with a water-proof compound, and all this is done by machinery almost as quickly as one can count.

SOME phenomenal fortunes have been made of late years in the Pennsylvania oil fields. That of William Phillips, of Newcastle, for instance, which amounts to \$4,000,000, has all been made since 1879. Vandegrift, of Pittsburg, has taken \$5,000,000 out of the oil fields since 1880, and a dozen men could be mentioned who have made \$1,000,000 or more in the same time.

OF six hundred tornadoes, of which record has been made in the United States, not more than seventy-five were east of the Allegheny Mountains. The warm air tempestuously driven from the Gulf of Mexico up the Mississippi Valley is caught up by the polar wind and driven in gyratory tornadoes across the prairies. The Appalachian range serves on the Atlantic slope as a barrier against storms of that sort.

A GREAT tunnel has been constructed through the Cascade Mountains for the Northern Pacific Railroad, at a cost of about \$2,000,000. One of the interesting features of its construction was that electric lights were used to illuminate it while work was going on and that the power was supplied by a mountain stream falling directly over the mouth of the tunnel. There is abundance of such power going to waste all over the country, and more attention should be given to its utilization.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

As Epitomes of the Principal Events Now Attracting Public Interest.

The Indianapolis Veneer Company's works burned. Loss, \$100,000; insurance \$53,000.

John Muchthaler, a confectioner, killed his wife and himself at Detroit. Domestic troubles was the cause.

Prof. B. G. Roots died at Tamaroa, Ill., in his seventy-eighth year. He had been for years President of the Board of Education of that State.

Charles Cross, the jockey, who was thrown from his horse at the Jerome park race, New York, died from his injuries at Manhattan's hospital.

The hotel at Manitou Park, Colo., burned, with all the contents, caused by a log rolling from the fire place, and setting fire to the house. Loss, \$50,000.

The Atlas paper mill, controlled by Kimberly, Clark & Company, was totally destroyed by fire at Appleton, Wis. Loss, \$150,000; insurance, about \$50,000.

Destructive forest fires are raging on the south shore of Conception bay, N. S. At Little Kaynorth twenty-six families were burned out. One woman and two children were burned to death.

Commandant Hereot, proprietor of the Louvre, and a warm advocate of the Boulanger cause, during a fit of temporary mental aberration, shot his young wife and then shot himself, at Paris, France.

A disastrous fire visited Trinidad, Col. After a hard fight the fire department succeeded in getting control of it, but not until the Commercial hotel, with seven or eight business houses, had been consumed.

Wm. George, a hotel man, died at Spring View, Neb., of the glanders. He contracted the disease while treating a trotting horse which he owned. George suffered great agony for two weeks before his death.

Nineteen persons were poisoned at Kasota, Minn., from eating cheese which was manufactured in Wisconsin. Many of the victims became insensible, after suffering spasms, but with good treatment will recover.

A tenement house was burned at Lowell, Mass. Eugenia Vallerand, aged 18, Peter Vallerand, aged 8, and Della Vallerand, aged 5, perished. Another of the Vallerand family and another occupant named Boisvert, were fatally hurt.

A bottle was picked up on the shore near Locknow, Ont., containing a note stating that the schooner Tiffen, of Bay City, was going down with all on board. There was no date on the note. The vessel has not been heard from for some days.

An atrocious outrage is reported from Fair Chance, Penn. Samuel Humbert, an old resident of Fair Chance, was assaulted by masked men at his residence, who tortured him for two hours to make him disclose the place of his supposed wealth. His feet were toasted in front of a fire, in addition to other indignities.

A cash boy named Andrew Howard, aged 14, has confessed that he started the million dollar fire which destroyed the dry goods store of Barnes, Heneberger & Co., at Buffalo, N. Y. He says he started the fire because he was mad at Starring, a floor walker, who would not excuse him to go to a funeral at which he was to be a pall bearer.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Whiting voluntarily confessed that she had poisoned her two children at Philadelphia, Penn., and had furnished her husband with poison with which, she declares, he took his own life, on account of dependency caused by poverty. Mrs. Whiting poisoned her 9-year-old daughter Bertha, and a boy, Willie, two years old.

Filippo Guastoni, shot Mrs. Louisa Marri, and then blew out his own brains. He was a constant visitor in the Marri household and had for some time made no secret of his love for the woman. He had been warned by the woman's husband not to interfere with the domestic relations of the Marri family. Notwithstanding the warning, he forced himself into Mrs. Marri's bedroom, where the tragedy was committed.

A thrilling accident occurred at the Brundage Whirlpool pork elevator at Lockport, N. Y. Four South Americans, accompanied by an interpreter, stepped into the car to descend to the rapids, a descent of 300 feet, at an angle of forty-five degrees, when the car suddenly started, and rushed to the bottom of the incline, where it was dashed into splinters, and its occupants thrown with great force upon the platform. Before they could escape the other car reached the top with such force that it was detached, and came down upon the shocked and bewildered victims of the first car with a tremendous crash. Mrs. Santa had a leg broken and was terribly shaken up and bruised, and her daughter was badly hurt.

## COAST CULLINGS.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

The project for building a large hotel in Ellensburg, W. T., is one that is much talked of lately.

Some fine nuggets were brought into Ellensburg, W. T., the past week from the placers of the Swank.

The Olympia (W. T.) board of trade is preparing a circular to advertise the city. It is to be done by private enterprise.

A brakeman named A. A. Martin was crushed to death by the Santa Fe train near Santa Ana, Cal. He resided in Los Angeles, and leaves a wife.

What was left of the steamer Julia which was blown up near Vallejo, Cal., several months since, was sold by United States Marshal Franks, as trustee, for \$615.

Richard Van Staden was killed at Mountain View, Cal., by jumping, it is supposed, from the Monterey express train, and his body was horribly mangled.

A man with a bullet hole near his heart was found in Columbia square, San Francisco. It is thought the man was murdered, but it is strange no one heard the shots in the neighborhood.

John Walton, a waiter in a restaurant at Los Angeles, Cal., was accidentally shot by the proprietor, James Wilson, while the latter was cleaning a revolver. The ball passed through Walton's abdomen. The wound is probably fatal.

Five young men of San Francisco, whose ages range from 18 to 22, hired a yawl to take a row on the bay. When near Government island the boat capsized and one man, George Flannery, was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

Deputy Sheriff Alvert, of Cochise county, Ariz., had a fight with three Sonora train robbers in the Whetstone mountains, sixty miles north of this place. The officers succeeded in killing two and mortally wounding the other one.

Joe Wallace, a young man, met with a fatal accident on freight train No. 13, between Hot Springs and Eagle Gorge, W. T. He fell between the moving cars and was horribly mutilated. He was brought to the Fanny Paddock hospital, where he died.

At the Coyote ranch near Springville, Ariz., a shooting affair occurred between William Magee and Henry Jenkins. The latter was fatally wounded, a Robert Thomas, a looker-on, was shot in the leg, shattering the bone and amputation was necessary. Jenkins lived twenty-four hours. He leaves a wife and three children. Magee was arrested, examined and discharged on a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Bertha Schaeffeld, a girl 10 years of age, residing with her widowed mother in San Francisco, was sitting on a stairway on the street, when the boom of a blast in the vicinity was heard, and a jagged bit of rock came whizzing through the air, striking the child on the head. The unconscious child was conveyed to her home, and medical attendance was summoned. Her skull was found to be fractured, and the physicians state there is no hope for her recovery.

Dr. E. C. Thatcher, a prominent physician of San Diego, Cal., committed suicide at Ramona by piercing his jugular vein with a lancet and bleeding to death. He was commissioned surgeon in the navy by President Johnson in 1865, and served till 1873. He was a native of Pennsylvania. Lately he was addicted to the use of morphine.

James Ahern, a sewer contractor, paraded in the democratic demonstration at San Francisco, and returned home at a late hour. He became ill at about 3 o'clock in the morning and starting for another room mistook an open window for a door and walked through it. A moment later a policeman found him lying on the sidewalk with his skull fractured and covered with blood. He died an hour later. He leaves a widow and five daughters.

Harvey Weiss, one of the best known salesmen traveling out of Chicago, was found dead in Golden Gate Park, in San Francisco, with a bullet hole through his head and a revolver by his side with two chambers empty. Developments proved that it was a case of suicide, and letters found on his person showed the cause was loss from gambling. He wrote pitiful letters to his wife and children. Among his other papers was a contract entered into with his firm, Kuhn, Nathan & Fisher, a prominent clothing firm of Chicago, dated December 1, 1887. It shows that Weiss's salary was \$4,000 a year on condition that he made sales amounting to \$80,000.

The remains of August Johnson and his 14-year-old son have been found on the prairie, near Syracuse, Kas., and suspicion points to Oscar, brother of August, as the murderer. The party were traveling and selling horses. Oscar has disappeared.

## OREGON NEWS.

Everything of General Interest in a Condensed Form.

The crop of Chinese pheasants promises to be enormous in Linn county this year.

O. J. Beardsley was appointed postmaster at Eola, Polk county, Oregon, vice Asa Shain, resigned.

A new postoffice was established at Nashville, Benton county, Oregon, and Jennie C. Curry was appointed postmistress.

Patents have been granted as follows: Oregon—Wilton K. Anderson and Ben H. Smith, Wapinita, sawmill dog.

Gov. Penneyer has appointed, Mrs. Parsell, of Alpine, Oregon, a notary public, the first instance of a woman having been appointed to that office in Oregon.

Convict Crump made an attempt at suicide at the Salem penitentiary by jumping from the top bunk in his cell, head first to the stone floor. He was knocked senseless, but recovered.

At Washington, Secretary Vilas has affirmed the decision of the commissioner of the general land office in awarding to Thomas C. Little a tract of land of forty acres in the Lakeview (Oregon) land district.

Dee Matlock shot Al Larkins, at Heppner, the ball entering the side of the neck just above the collar bone, passing out above the shoulder blade, and barely missing a large artery. Larkin has even chances for getting well. Matlock is at large. Larkin was on crutches at the time, having been hurt by a horse.

Gov. Penneyer has received from Alexander Sulton, secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, a complaint that trap or pound net fishermen violate the law by fishing during the weekly close season. The governor has referred the matter to the fish commission, with directions to act.

A corpse was discovered floating in the river at the foot of Stark street, Portland. The remains were so swollen that at first it was difficult to identify them, but subsequently they were recognized as being those of John Kennedy, a shoemaker. Mr. Kennedy was an old resident of the city. He was a quiet, peaceful man and a good citizen.

Peter Shannon shot and killed his wife and afterward shot and killed himself. The tragedy occurred at a small boarding house in Portland. It was a most brutal, cold-blooded murder. Shannon was about 60 years old and his wife 65. They had only been married about a year, and Shannon's jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the crime.

John McIntosh, a young man employed at Gov. Penneyer's sawmill, Portland, met with a serious accident, entailing the loss of his right hand. He was working at a planer and in stepping on the lever to throw the belt off the pulley, he slipped and was pitched forward, his hand striking the planer and being caught under the heavy blades. It was frightfully mangled as far up as the wrist. Mr. McIntosh was taken to his home.

J. F. Parks, a lawyer of Spokane Falls, who has been staying at the St. Charles hotel, Portland, was found in a dying condition in his room. A partially filled box of morphine pills on the stand by his bedside showed what he had taken, and a doctor was at once summoned, but all efforts to restore animation failed, and in a short time he expired. It is supposed that the morphine was taken with suicidal intent.

Antone Neidermyer, a saloon keeper on the White House road, near Portland, made a queer attempt on his life. Taking a razor, he cut a gash two inches long on the inner side of his left foot, about an inch above the ankle joint. The wound, a superficial one, not serious, was dressed by a doctor. The impression gained ground that Neidermyer had been married during the afternoon, and a crowd of young people went to his place of abode in the saloon to charivari him and his bride. It was then found that he had locked himself in a room and attempted his life.

James H. O'Reilly, a young carpenter in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co., met with a fatal accident at bridge No. 77, about two miles beyond the Cascades. It appears O'Reilly was engaged with some other workmen in making repairs to the bridge, when he fell, sustaining what was regarded as serious injuries. The head office in this city was telegraphed and informed of the accident, and requested to have a surgeon at the depot to attend him when he reached here. All arrangements were made for the injured man by the company, but another dispatch stated that O'Reilly had died on board the train just before reaching Bonneville.

Miss N. Hayworth, a young lady 20 years old, was fatally burned while setting fire to trash in her yard, at her home near Galveston, Ind. She was soon to have been married.

## The Oregon National OF PORTLAND

Dr. Spinney & Co. NERVOUS, Debility, Loss of Memory, etc., due to excess of labor, etc.

YOUNG MEN suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Memory, etc., due to excess of labor, etc.

MIDDLE-AGED MEN suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Memory, etc., due to excess of labor, etc.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS. Some Useful Hints About the Culture of this Charming Flower.

This charming race (Pyrethrum), which may justly be called everybody's flower, from its culture and its wide adaptability to localities, is especially valuable coming in at a time when winter denudes the gardens of their customary ornaments. Indeed, almost smoke and frost-proof, struggle against both with the perseverance and tenacity of a brave spirit encountering difficulties, blooming during intervals ever open weather permits the riot of duty is accomplished.

The shelter of glass, of course, interfered with, but a warm house required; indeed, it is rather the welfare of this plant, chrysanthemum has undergone improvement to that which attended so many other favorites. New types have been introduced. Of all these, however, the Japanese unquestionably the creme de la creme. As to their treatment, it is worth noting that the taller varieties, well trained against a wall, and position, being somewhat difficult to continue to flower later than open ground. For indoor plants, it will be most advantageous for amateurs to purchase compact plants about to come into flower, where any of the dwarf kinds are already in bloom in the borders, may be taken up with a good soil and dropped into pots (not too large) already prepared, with excellent drainage, and rich loamy soil about one-third up the pot. The ball to rest upon. The ball into the pot with a little turbulence as possible, and fill in with the soil already ready, with tepid water, and keep the close for a few days. If this operation be carefully done, the plants will receive no greater check than to tract their flowering for a short while, which is one of the advantages of a procedure. To increase the favorite varieties, young suckers the roots may be taken after the plant has entirely ceased. Let the potted singly in small pots of soil, and placed in a gentle hot frame, or kept in a warm room, if such be at command. As they must be shifted once or twice according to circumstances, and fit to plant out or potted on if for that mode of culture—Queen.

PITH AND POINT.

A new book is entitled "The sole Country." It is undoubtedly a conversation accidentally heard.

"She—I think any man ought to support a woman. He doesn't know about that; some are insupportable, you know—ington Globe.

"One Hundred Years" is the title of a new Thanksgiving poem. A terribly long sentence, but after reading the poem we are convinced it post deserved it.—Burdette.

"Some fireman, somewhere, was smitten with somebody, gave the following toast: "Cupid and his only incendiary that can kindle which the engines can not quench."

"Gus—Have you put the question to old Moneybags? Jack? Jack—No. I hear that prior attachment there. Gus—don't say so? Jack—Yes, the has attached every thing that she owns.—N. Y. Sun.

"Professor (to students)—Be on smoking, it doesn't annoy me least; on the contrary, I like to see others enjoy it. It's the same as bacco as with hay; I don't eat myself, but I am delighted to watch enjoying it.—N. Y. Telegram.

"Servant (to woman at the door)—The mistress was taken very ill last night and can't see anyone. My orders. Woman—Yes, please say that Miss S., the dressmaker, is at the door? Servant (after absence)—You are to walk up to the room.—N. Y. Herald.

"If he had a mind—The dude he would go a-courting. Then said his mamma kind. 'You must not go,' and he went. 'I'll go if I have a mind.' The mother smiled serenely. Then said, in accents kind. 'If that is the case, my darling, You certainly will not go.'"