

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

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COB-WEB PROTECTION.

Great Britain is about to completely fortify the coast of British Columbia. The coast of California depends upon the world's mercy for protection. It is fortified only by its beautiful climate.—S. F. Call.

This little excerpt is pregnant with suggestion. It speaks for the country at large. Our government, like the proverbial ostrich concealment seems to imagine itself invulnerably fortified behind its cob-web system of defense. "Arbitration" and "conciliation" seem to have captured the American spirit. These qualities are humane and beneficent. They are commendable always by all considerate minds. So long as they may be operative they should be the watch word. But with nations as with individuals the "strength of reason cannot prove the master power." Lincoln was conciliatory to the latest extremity but he could not thus win back a rebellious people. It required the iron hand of battle to wield the stubborn giant of treason back to subjection and to justice. Let war be avoided so long as the ends of justice and equity may be subserved, but to be totally without strength or means of protection to meet so common an emergency is an improvidence that violates the first and best of nature's laws, and strips such an actor of the sympathy of mankind at large. Great Britain's prestige comes from no such dish water sentiment. She is our playfellow on this particular stage of action. She is playing her part for all it is worth. Americans stand by and see American commerce going by the carload, from American city to American city over the circuit of transportation, traversing and enhancing British soil and British interests. This is another style of "defense" illustrative of the spirit which is always a contestant and may soon be a foe.—Not to think of becoming an alarmist or unduly combative, we believe in the adage, "in time of peace prepare for war," to a judicious and reasonable extent.

Said a member of the republican national committee at Washington the other day: "I have looked carefully over the field, and I think that never before in the history of our party were the chances of success so bright as at present. Events seem to have combined at this particular time to give us a majority in the next house. Besides the democratic dissatisfaction with the administration, the people in all parts of the country are disgusted with the results of the last session of congress. They know, too, that the democrats, with their large majority in the house, had full control of its proceedings, and could have passed any or all of the important measures which the country requires.—So much was promised before the election and so much was expected of this congress, especially as it had the backing of a president of the same political faith with the majority, that the disappointment over actual results is such as has seldom followed a congress."

England is getting scared. The managers of the Bank of England are already getting alarmed at the outflow of gold from that country to the United States, and intend to raise the bank's discount rate of last week. This would check the gold movement this way to some extent, but as the trade balance in our way, judging by the export and import movement of the past few weeks, is likely to be large enough in the next three or four months to more than meet the sum which we have to pay to foreign shippers for carrying our merchandise, we are likely to receive from abroad as much gold as we may need.

Monday tracklaying was commenced in earnest on the Portland & Willamette Valley railroad, beginning at Elk Rock and moving southward. During the day about three-quarters of a mile of track was laid. The entire road is graded from Dundee Junction to Elk Rock and all the bridges constructed. When work is fully under way track will be laid at the rate of one and one-half miles a day. The line will be finished and in operation to Elk Rock by October 10.

At present it looks as if a war among eastern powers is inevitable. Prince Alexander, though dearly beloved by the Bulgarian people, has abdicated his throne to preserve peace; and still it does not seem to satisfy the czar. What Russia needs is a good dressing down, and the chances she'll get it.

C. C. Cole has retired from the Corvallis Gazette and Will H. Parry, late of the West Side, becomes manager. Mr. Cole and W. R. Struble will soon begin the publication of a new paper at Corvallis.

During the past twelve years 370 earthquakes have been recorded in the United States and Canada.

Firemen's tournament is in progress at Salem. The brave laddies will have a fine time.

The state fair begins Monday next. It will be the best ever held in the state.

It is said that the anti-Chinese league in California numbers 45,000.

During August 2,211 passengers arrived here by steamer from San Francisco, 1,864 in the cabin and 347 in the steerage. In the same time 505 first-class passengers and 960 immigrants passed Heron on the Northern Pacific bound for this city, and 323 first-class passengers and 513 immigrants passed Huntington on the Oregon Short Line en route here. The total number of arrivals for the month was 4,512, as compared with 3,199 for July, 3,483 for June, 4,790 for May, 4,743 for April, 4,889 for March, 1,873 for February and 1,797 for January, a grand total of 29,087 for the eight months. The increase during August was due to the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at San Francisco. At its conclusion many who were attending returned east by way of Portland.—News.

Crop reports to the Kansas Farmer show that the corn crop dwarfed 50 per cent., but owing to increased acreage the crop will be 60 per cent. of that of last year. Chinch bugs have operated extensively on millet and corn. A great deal of hay is being made and more corn fodder saved than ever before.

One of the finest pieces in the journalistic line is the genitorial edition of the National Republican. In it appears the portrait and a biographical sketch of each and every one of the senators of the republic. Thanks to Senator Mitchell for it.

Schilling, the coachman, who some time since married a millionaire's daughter in New York, sold her back to her papa the other day for \$15,000. That makes us think about hunting up a millionaire's daughter.

Secretary of State elect McBride is still very ill and it begins to look as if he will be unable to assume the duties of his office. This news will be received with the deepest regret all over the state.

Complaint arises from several citizens of the United States, who say they are illegally held in Mexico to answer for a crime that they never committed.—What next?

W. S. James, of Portland, has been appointed Grand Secretary I. O. G. T., vice J. E. Houston, resigned. Good Templars will note the change.

The largest schooner in the world is being built at Bath Me. She will be 260 feet long, 47 feet wide and have a carrying capacity of 2,800 tons.

The republicans of Washington Territory have nominated Bradshaw for delegate to congress.

The country about Charleston still trembles; but the fright and excitement has died down.

Valley wheat is quoted at \$1.22½ and \$1.25 at Portland.

Yellow fever rages at New York.

Our Neighbors.

Dolph, Tillamook County. Sept. 6, 1886.

The late rains drive the coasters to retrace their way over the mountains causing balky horses and big words.

Mrs. Stockman and little daughter, from Albany, have just returned home from a pleasant visit in the mountains, at Mr. E. Werner's.

A few days ago while Conrad Werner was splitting a stick of timber, the ax glanced cutting a gash through his boot into his great toe joint, to the length of about three inches.

The sun shines out beautifully and warm once more on the MOUNTAIN TOP.

Dayton. September 9, 1886.

Mrs. Burkhart, nee Miss Minnie Curl, of Scio, was visiting her parents here last week.

Mrs. L. J. Fletcher has gone on a visit to her parents in Klickitat.

The present balmy days remind us that the quiet of the beautiful September, the sweetest month of all the twelve is upon us.

A party consisting of W. F. Gilkey, R. Alexander, M. Peery and N. P. Robinson, Jr., are preparing for a hunting trip to the mountains. We wish them a pleasant time and a safe return.

Mrs. Coffin, widow of the late Stephen Coffin, is contemplating a visit to her old home in Massachusetts. Her mother is living there, aged 90 years. We hope she will have a pleasant journey and that her mother's life will be spared until they meet again.

Willamina. September 9, 1886.

This town yet liveth, and is enjoying the boom incident to the time of year.

Messrs. Soper Bros., of McMinnville, have engaged in the mercantile business at this place, and they have every evidence of a prosperous future.

From the large amount of provisions and clothing passing through here for the Indian agency it is evident that Bro. McClane intends to feed and clothe his swashes well while in his charge.

Miss Dora Lamson and mother, after an absence of three months at Big Nestucca, have returned, and it is reported that the doctor is jubilant.

A son of Wm. Marks, on the upper Willamina, is dangerously ill with something resembling diphtheria.

School opened here last Monday with Prof. C. C. Linden, teacher, and I understand there were quite a goodly number of pupils present.

Yum Yum.

A Correction.

NORTH YAMHILL, Sept. 8, 1886.

ED. TELEPHONE: In the TELEPHONE of September 2d, your correspondent from North Yamhill speaks of me as the son-in-law of J. L. Castle, and further states that I took a lady to the circus at Salem. In this he intimates that it was some other lady than my wife. Now Mr. Editor, I am not J. L. Castle's son-in-law, nor any other man, and your correspondent has either written himself down a fool or a nave; if he thought he was perpetrating a joke on me he has shown himself a very stupid ass, for instead of being a joke it is a slander and a libel, and is calculated to do me an injury, and if he is so obtuse as not to see it then I say he is a very stupid ass. If he did see it and fully understood the full import of his language then I will be compelled to brand him a liar and coward. He tried to explain through the next issue but he told what he positively knew was a falsehood and only made the matter worse by trying to explain. Respectfully, R. L. PERKINS.

Portland has raised \$1,000 for the Parnell fund.

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