

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, TUESDAY, SEPT. 23, 1886.

The Pendleton East Oregonian's head is solid on the water works question. It says: A country town without water works is the most unhealthy place in the whole wide world—deliver me from a permanent life therein, if you please. When a new comer—and all old ones did the same thing—comes to town he usually digs two holes on his lots, after erecting his dwelling house, or before, as the case may be. Into one of these holes goes all the water, and out of the other comes all the water for the family use. These holes are so near together that the contents must meet, so that what goes into one comes out of the other. In the city of Baltimore, about thirty years ago, there stood a tavern or saloon; about fifteen feet away stood a public pump. One night all the whisky in a barrel lying in the cellar of the saloon leaked out, and for nearly a week afterward the patronage of the saloon hardly amounted to anything, the supply of "a little whisky and water," in small doses, being drawn from the pump? By percolation, the same way that the foul liquid from the privy vaults around town reaches the wells from which comes the water that quenches our thirst. Oh, no; we do not need water works! We need typhoid fever and doctors' bills instead.

The Oregon exhibit car has been traveling around the east just a month. It left here on August 19 and was first exhibited at Minneapolis on the 23d. From there it went to St. Paul, and thence to Oskaloosa and Des Moines, Iowa, thence to Chicago, thence to Milwaukee, thence to Madison, Wisconsin, thence back to Chicago again and thence to Jackson, Michigan. During the month it is estimated that 80,000 people have inspected the car and the exhibits. One Sunday at Madison, Wisconsin, a great crowd congregated outside the car and finally persuaded Mr. Buick to open the doors and let the throng satisfy their curiosity. The car was at the New York state fair at Utica yesterday and will be there again to-day. From there the car goes to Susquehanna and Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Birmingham New York. On the return Ohio will be traversed. The car will be at the Louisville, Kentucky, exposition and the Indiana state fair at Indianapolis in October. The return trip will be made through Kansas and other western states, arriving in Portland about November 1.—News, 24.

"Will Mr. Snyder please inform us what paper has dropped 220 per cent. below its former price, on legal advertising, and what was their former price?"—Register. Certainly; since you ask in plain words we will answer plainly. The Register, in its bid for publishing the delinquent tax list, has made an offer of 30 cents per square; its charges heretofore have been \$2.50 and \$2.75 per square for sheriff's notices. Is this not a true statement, boys? Is this not dropping 220 per cent., or more? If it is not true, then we have been wrongfully informed from headquarters, and we beg pardon. If it is true all we have to say is: if you can live and prosper at such ruinously low rates, your coffers must have been well filled at former charges.

Not one person in a hundred probably understands that from and after October 1, the special delivery system will extend to every postoffice in the United States and to all mailable matter. Then by fixing a 10-cent special delivery stamp, in addition to the regular postage, a letter, paper, or package of merchandise of any kind that is mailable will be delivered at once to the party to whom directed. Heretofore the special delivery system only covered letters and the larger postoffices. The change extending to all postoffices and to all mailable matter of whatever class, will make it far more useful.

The falling off of 50 per cent.—which is 30,000,000 bushels—in the wheat yield of Russia is a fact which will doubtless have a bearing on the question of wheat prices. Russia is one of the largest wheat producing countries in the world outside of our own, and is the principal rival of the United States in the sales of this commodity in the markets of Europe. The reduction in Russia's wheat yield, says the News, therefore, will doubtless insure a market for the whole of the American crop, at some advance over present prices.

It is thought that Gen. Miles will be court-martialed for disobeying orders regarding the removal of Geronimo, the Apache chief, from Arizona to Florida. His orders were to hold his prisoners. Gen. Miles has always done his duty as a soldier and officer, and probably in this instance his actions were the best for all concerned. But "red tape" must be observed.

A democratic contemporary up the country says it would be an excellent thing for the country if Blaine could bite off his tongue. That is no new wish; whole families of democrats have wished that same thing for years; but James' tongue glides smoothly along, telling them many hitting truths.

Oregon will have an earthquake some time this week; Prophet Hammond says so. Hops it will shake those rocks on B street all to pieces.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Electric wires will soon be laid in underground pipes in San Francisco.

Pendleton has three papers. The Inland Empire succeeds the Oregon Laborer.

Some Pennsylvanians, it is thought will soon establish a glass manufactory at Milwaukee, Or.

The magna* mine discovered near Livermore, Cal., is said to be the only one of the kind in the United States.

The general opinion in New York is, that the law against betting on the race track cannot be enforced. Wonder how it is in Oregon?

Henry George wants to be elected mayor of New York. We presume there are many others in the same fix. But has he ever been shorted?

There is a greater local freight business on the Central and Southern Pacific lines at present than at any other former season during the existence of the roads.

The sovereign grand lodge I. O. O. F. met at Boston last week. Before adjourning it was settled to locate the permanent locality of the sovereign grand lodge in Columbus, Ohio.

Hon. W. L. Owens, of Roseburg committed suicide at his residence at 9:40 a. m. Sunday, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. The city is in deep gloom over the sad affair. Financial trouble is undoubtedly the cause.

The Indian Bureau is about to send out a commission consisting of a special agent and an Indian inspector to visit the Umatilla reservation in Oregon, with a view to inducing the Indians to take up lands in severalty, under the act of March 3, 1880.

The grand encampment of Knights Templar prior to their adjournment settled upon Washington for the convalesce to be held in 1889, with a proviso that upon any indication of imposition on the part of hotels or others, the grand master has authority to name another place.

On Sunday last, two young men who live near Seio—Frank Dickens and Frank Smith—while out hunting met with a severe accident by the accidental discharge of the latter's gun. They were walking near together, when Dickens stumbled over a pole and fell in such a way that his own gun striking that of Smith discharged it. The lead took effect in the lower portion of Dickens' leg, inflicting a severe though not dangerous wound.—Albany Herald.

What's the matter with the life insurance companies? C. J. Weathersby, president; W. H. McCurdy, secretary, and E. E. Pen, cashier of the Law Life Insurance association, with headquarters at Kansas City, Kas., are missing. The affairs of the company are in a mixed condition. The association was incorporated four years ago, and was driven out of Missouri by the insurance commissioner. The police are on the track of the absconders, and it is thought they will be captured.

There are men in Missouri who have slept since the days of the confederacy. One day last week Frank Reynolds went into the saloon of Martin Ryan, at 519 Espenscheid street, Carondelet, and called for a glass of beer, handing Mr. Ryan in payment an old \$10 confederate bill. The exact change was returned and Reynolds departed. It was not long before Mr. Ryan made the discovery that the bill was not worth a cent, and had not been for years. He hunted up the police and Reynolds was arrested.

Hon. B. Hermann starts from Roseburg for Fort Klamath Friday evening via Ashland, to inquire into the expediency of removing the military forces now there. The secretary of war had ordered the troops removed and the fort dismantled, and the reservation thrown open for settlers, before Mr. Hermann left Washington, but Mr. H. got the secretary to countermand the order till the meeting of congress in December. Mr. H. will also make an inspection of Crater lake. He will be gone about two weeks.—Drain Echo.

Saturday's Hemizer: Last Saturday Isaac Ball and wife, James Ball and family were returning to Halston from the State fair in a wagon, and when near McCoy Mr. James Ball, who was driving, backed the horses up and somehow the wagon upset throwing the occupants to the ground. Mrs. Isaac Ball fell head downwards her face striking on a stone, and a large rash being cut above one eye, allowing the flesh to hang down over that organ. Dr. Worthington sewed up the wound. Uncle Isaac's shoulder was badly sprained. The rest escaped uninjured.

The English astronomer, Richard A. Proctor, in an article contributed to the Globe-Democrat, entitled "Mr. Wiggins' Prophecy," says: "It appears to me shameful that any man, even though he be not a student of science, and therefore fully aware of the mischief he is doing, should spread abroad predictions of coming disaster, in a sort that foolish folks are likely to be disturbed and terrified. Mr. Wiggins, a half educated and wholly unscientific employe of the meteorological office in Ottawa, has long endeavored to acquire a cheap reputation by weather predictions of that kind which of itself assures the student of science that the weather prophet is either ignorant or exceedingly knavish."

OREGON'S CAPITAL GROUNDS.

A Statesman representative, in conversation with one of the present state officers, and commissioners of public buildings, casually asked regarding fixing up, and improving the grounds about the capitol building, and had suggested to him several good ideas that are here reported.

It will be remembered that in 1882, Hon. R. P. Earhart, secretary of state, made an offer to the city of Salem, to improve Wilson avenue, provided the city would vacate that part of Summer street between Court and State streets, and would turn the entire park and that portion of the street vacated, into one enclosure for state house grounds. At that time, Mr. Rockenfield, had, as now a store at the green house, and he strenuously objected to the closing of the street, as he feared injury to his business. It also transpired that some "kicker" found out that if the city tried to deed Wilson avenue to the state, even if the purposes for which it was to be used were the same as set forth in the will of the late Mr. Wilson, that the entire property would revert to the heirs. It perhaps, at that time, never occurred to the council, nor the aforesaid "kicker," that the city might yet hold the deed, and at the same time ordain that the grounds be enclosed in the state-house enclosure, and be considered a part of the state house ground. Of course any attempt to use the property for anything other than a public park, would cause its immediate reversion to the heirs.

Now, the incoming administration will be authorized to fit up, and improve the grounds surrounding the capitol, without a doubt. Their present unrightfulness will prompt every member of the assembly to favor this movement. And now is the time for the city council and Salem's "private citizens" to begin to think over the matter of the advancement of the parks. A wall or hedge should be placed around the park, and some fountains erected therein. Drives and walks should be laid out, and this work will be done on the capitol ground. There will be a driveway under the steps at the capitol, and if this is done it might be just as well for the city to abandon that part of Summer street between the capitol and Wilson avenue. Very little heavy teaming ever passes through there, that could not just as conveniently pass through Capitol or Church streets, and the turning of that street into the public grounds, would only tend to the beautifying of what should be the finest pleasure grounds in Salem, and Oregon. Walks and driveways through the park will make things just as convenient for light vehicles.

At Kaukauna, Wis., workmen engaged in excavating a sewer came upon the ruins of a stone building at the depth of eight feet. The stone first found bore traces of fine workmanship and polish. Further digging developed a quantity of ashes, about twenty-five bushels of which were removed, when another wall was struck. The stones were finely faced, some being blacked, as if by fire and smoke. Others must have been subjected to great artificial heat, as they had crumbled into lime. The work was found but a foot or two above bedrock, and shows evidence of workmanship that could have been performed only by a highly civilized race. It must have been done centuries ago, as a large elm tree had grown over the ruins. The discovery has led to the advancement of many theories.

The Interior Department allowed J. H. Bean \$450, and Samuel C. Moore, \$500, both of Douglas county, Oregon, for Indian depredations in 1856.

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