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OREGON NEWS AND NOTES.

The late Judge Strahan left an estate valued at \$25,000. He died intestate.

It is reported that Marion county warrants sell now frequently for one per cent premium.

Mark Twain lectures at the Marquam Grand to-night. His old Comstock friends will give him a reception.

Hon. S. B. Huston was thrown from a buggy at Hillsboro and one of his feet so badly injured that he has to use crutches.

Senator Mitchell and Congressman Herrmann will build fence at the old soldiers' and sailors' reunion at Ashland, September 17th.

Oregon City has organized a new band, and is looking for a capable instructor, to whom they will try to give a steady job in one of the mills or factories.

Senator McBride is at present at his old home in St. Helens. He is in the best health enjoyed for years, and expects to take up his senatorial duties next winter with all the vigor he is noted for in doing his work.

Three elephants belonging to the Wallace show broke loose Friday in Portland, while being taken from the train, and ran away into the woods. Great excitement prevailed when the people heard the animals were loose. Finally one of the keepers stopped them, but was unable to bring them back until assistance arrived.

The Kansas mills want seven million bushels of wheat from wherever they can get the best at prices to suit. They are bound to keep running. The convention of millers was just held at Hutchinson, Kan., and appointed a committee to arrange for purchases. Oregon was spoken of as a state from which they hope to import much of it. They must have the wheat.

Ex-Sheriff J. D. Edwards returned from Siletz Monday, and he gives a glowing account of the country, and says there is no doubt about the richness of the gold claims. He left the balance of the party there, who are making sluices, expecting to mine in a practical way at once. A large number of Tillamookers are on their way to Siletz, and there will soon be a lively mining camp there.

The Washington County Directory Company has been organized, and is now making the preliminary arrangements for listing a complete directory, not only of the business houses but every individual of the age of 21 years and upwards, in the county. A complete statistical resume of the county's acreage, acreage under cultivation, productions and property valuations will also be given.

The biggest blackberry patch in Washington county is that of Charles James, between Hillsboro and Cornelius. He is now marketing from 900 to 1000 pounds of berries per day. He is long, though, for the old times, when there was a tariff on the little tin dinner pail. Then he could get \$100 per ton for his fruit, while now he can get no more than \$25 to \$30 per ton. Neither can he get consolation by licking himself because he did not vote that way in '92, before or since.—Independent.

A correspondent of the Enterprise at Oregon City reports that the potato bug has made its appearance in that locality, and has commenced its work of destruction. If it is the Colorado potato bug we be to Oregon farmers. This bug has cost the farmers of the middle states in the 20 years since its appearance millions of dollars in loss of potato crop, and for poison and labor in fighting the pest. No expense should be spared to exterminate them, as it will be money saved to the state.

Sidney Smyth has been awarded the contract for constructing a new fishway in the Cross dam across the Clackamas. The contract price is \$1,515, and the expense of building the dam is borne by the Columbia river cannerymen. Mr. Smyth began operations with a force of men last week, and expects to have it completed by August 29th. A crib 120 feet long and six feet wide will be built from the top of the dam to the bottom of the river, and will be filled with rock.

Watt Eldred, or Pearson, of Poguekama, has been arrested on the charge of being the lone highwayman who held up the Ager-Lakeview stage so many times. When the first robbery was committed the authorities arrested his half-brother, Henry Pearson, aged twenty, as some of the stolen property was found in his possession. He claimed that he found the things on the road and was turned loose. The family lived near Toppy, within a mile of all the robberies, until a few weeks ago, when they traded the property off, moved to Poguekama, purchased two lots and are building. The officers claim to have strong evidence.

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Portland has 235 public school teachers.

All of Portland's bridges are now free, besides two ferries.

A day has been set apart for the Woodmen of the World at the state fair.

The postoffice safe at Elgin was cracked by burglars on the 2d and \$10 taken.

Joseph Kline of Albany was fined \$25 for killing Chinese pheasants out of season and selling them to campers.

The suit of J. B. Eddy, railroad commissioner, vs. H. R. Kincaid, secretary of state, was decided by the supreme court on Monday, in favor of the railroad commission. The court announces that it knows no law that will justify the secretary in declaring vacant any office, and that the plaintiff is not holding over in violation of any law.

The total shipment of peaches via the Southern Pacific from Ashland up to August 1st amounted to nearly 10,000 boxes. Of this amount only a few hundred boxes went southward, all the remainder going to Willamette and Sound points. These shipments were of the early varieties, mostly Alexanders. Heavy shipments will commence with the ripening of the later varieties. The prices have averaged fairly well.

The program committee of the Oregon state fair has received a letter of acceptance from Congressman Bryan of Nebraska to deliver a lecture on finance during the coming ten-day meeting, and Hon. Roswell G. Horr has been invited to join Mr. Bryan in a debate on finance, the contest to cover five days and to be refereed by Gov. Budd of California, Gov. McGraw of Washington and Gov. McConnell of Idaho, who have been invited to visit Oregon at that time. Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls of Kansas will be numbered among the celebrities who will attend the fair, also.

Rev. B. F. Fuller, who was accused recently of sending an infernal machine to Mrs. Chambers, at Centralia, was arrested on a warrant from the United States district attorney at Portland, charged with sending obscene letters through the mails to the same woman. Fuller gave \$2500 cash bonds for his appearance in the United States court in Portland, where he will be taken from Albany by a deputy United States marshal. Fuller, who is quite wealthy, says it is a case of blackmail and that he can establish his innocence. He was formerly pastor of the Christian church in this city.

Prof. Hawley of Salem accidentally ran into a baby carriage Friday while riding upon the sidewalk. His wheel and the baby carriage came together in a "head-on" collision with such force that the concussion bounced the baby out of the carriage and clear away from it, also smashed both hind wheels of the carriage, knocked the attendant, carriage and bicycle running over her, and also demolishing the bicycle to some extent. The baby, with the usual good luck of the little things in such accidents, was entirely unharmed, but the lady complains of a sore arm as the result of the collision. Prof. Hawley was very sorry that the unfortunate affair occurred and willingly made good the damage to Mr. Erixon's carriage.

How Women Rule The World.
Women have a potent influence in public affairs, even though they may not possess the ballot. The United States supreme court has just had one of its decisions overruled and set aside by the opinion of the wife of the justice. The custom house officials at New York decided that a certain edible compound in process of importation was a sauce, which subjected it to a high rate of duty. The lower court sustained this decision and the case went to the supreme court of the United States, where Justice Shiras was assigned to draw up an opinion. At first blush the honorable justice also declared the compound a sauce. Then he went home and incidentally mentioned the matter to Mrs. Shiras. The good woman laughed in his face, regardless of the implied contempt of court, declared that the article was not a sauce at all, as every competent housewife was well aware, and ridiculed the court unmercifully. The result was that no opinion was prepared, and when Justice Shiras returned to Washington he informed his brother justices of his experience in the bosom of his family. He asked them to talk the matter over with their wives, which they did,

Easy Divorce in Turkey.

Divorce in Turkey is obtained with a facility which would surprise even our transatlantic cousins. As easily as Abraham cast forth Hagar, the bondwoman, and her child, so also can the Turk open the door of his harem, and send out into the world the woman who no longer pleases him. He has but to give her back her dowry and personal effects. In the upper classes, however, certain legal formalities are gone through, and, indeed, as the lady is usually protected by her parents, divorce is, comparatively speaking, rare. I know instances, however, in Constantinople of ladies in the highest official circles who are not yet very far advanced in years, who have been divorced twice, thrice, and even ten times. Among the lower orders divorce may well be described as a farce. Many girls who are not yet 20 years of age have been divorced and remarried a dozen times. The surprises of divorce are among the most amusing features of Turkish social life. A very great personage second only to the Sultan in rank, unless, indeed, it be the Sheikh U Islam, married some few years ago, when his position was very inferior to what it is at present, a highly educated lady, of good connection, and fortune, but, according to his Excellency's version of the story, of ungovernable temper. Within the year they were divorced and remarried. The lady soon found her new husband disagreeable, and was once more divorced. It must be remembered that if a Turk can divorce his wife, she can only divorce him at his pleasure, by making herself as unpleasant to him as possible. In former times he tied her up in a sack and had her dropped into the Bosphorus—to-day he divorces her. To return to the lady in question. The next time she was heard of by her friends was as a teacher in the Mohammedan high school for girls at Scutari. A few years back she was selected as governess for the children of the Khediva, and is now her Highness' private secretary, in which quality she accompanied her imperial mistress to Constantinople last year, and actually found herself seated at a state banquet at Yildiz Kiosk next to the third wife of her first husband who quietly asked her who she was. Tableau.—Fortnightly Review.

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MR. HARVEY'S SOCKDOLAGER.
The intelligent people of the whole country are laughing over an argument advanced by Mr. Harvey in his debate with Mr. Horr. He argued that there should be a double money standard because nature is organized on the duplex principle. Man has two hands, two eyes, two ears and two legs, says Mr. Harvey, and we should therefore have two money metals.

This reminds us of an argument that was advanced a couple of centuries ago why there could not be more than seven planets. The human head has 7 orifices—two ears, two eyes, two nostrils and one mouth—therefore there could not, in the nature of things be more than seven planets. It was added also that seven was a sacred number, because there are seven days in the week, and this was taken to add force to the former argument.

Of course Mr. Harvey was driven into a corner, and used this way of getting himself out. It is a poor compliment he thereby paid to the intelligence of the American people, however, if he supposes that any man with sense enough to cast a vote will be influenced by such an absurdity.

Furthermore, nothing is more certain than that Mr. Harvey's plan, which he miscalls "bimetallism," is not that at all, but is silver monometallism pure and simple.—Toledo Blade.

An innovation will be witnessed at the Atlanta exposition in the shape of a bull fight, with a real bull and picadors, bandarillas and a matador, who is supposed to carve the bull in fine style for the finish. But the Atlanta authorities are mindful of their Shakespeare, and the lion that "roared you as gently as a sucking dove." There will be nothing in this Atlanta bull fight to offend the most delicate nerves or the finest sensibility. The bull's horns will be padded, the people who stab him and dig at him will only play that they are doing so, and he will return to his stall as lively and healthy as he was when he emerged therefrom. The design is to show visitors to the exposition the gay costumes and the graceful movements of those who conduct the real fighting. So far as we know there has never been one of these sham bull fights anywhere in the country, and Atlanta thus offers



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The Tramp Problem.
The murder of Farmer McAfee in Logan county is laid at the hands of a tramp whom he had fed only a short time before the fatal shot was fired. This incident once again calls attention to the necessity of devising some method for the protection of society against the "wanderers. If an honest man is hunting work it is hard to subject him to penalties because of his poverty, but it is difficult to draw the line, and so the criminal idlers who never will work are allowed to run at large and commit all manner of crimes, murder not excepted. At St. Paul a public woodpile was inaugurated several months ago. Tramps who were caught begging were set to work on it, being compensated therefor in good, wholesome food. St. Paul has no more tramps. Leigh county, Pa., adopted the penalty for a time in vogue here. Every convicted tramp is compelled to carry an armful of pig iron from one end of a long yard to the other. When it is all moved he has to carry it back again. The discipline of the tramp is the only object served, but there is a kind of poetic justice in the very futility of the exertion which seems especially appropriate to the nature of the victim's offense. The result is that tramps do not show up in Leigh county now, and the pig iron rusts in the corner of the calaboose yard. It is hard to tell what to do with these men, but some plan for their better control should be devised.—Illinois State Journal.

James Gordon Bennett, editor of the New York Herald, is to marry Mrs. Annekow, the divorced wife of Gen. Annekow, the famous engineer who built trans-Canada railroad. She is said to be the richest woman in Paris.

They are actually talking of constructing an elevated road from Milwaukee to Chicago, eighty-five miles long, merely for bicycles. City pavements might be smooth enough for this purpose, though the streets would be crowded at times; but out in the country the ordinary road is often too rough for comfortable and safe riding.

The editor of a newspaper that has adopted phonetic spelling in a measure received a postal card from an old subscriber in the country which read as follows: "I hev tuk your paper for seven years, but if you kant spell enny better than you have been doin' for the las' two months, you may jest stoppit!"—Tid Bits.

Around every magnet is a mysterious space called the "magnetic field." An invention designed to disturb the magnetic field of a ship whenever it comes within the magnetic field of another one on the ocean and to make the disturbance plainly manifest on both vessels has been discovered by the instrument extends a distance of several miles. The instrument, called a magnetic compass, is so delicate that when another ship comes within a given distance, say half a dozen miles, of the one carrying the compass the needle is instantly agitated and moves around to the point on the face which is in a direct line with the approaching ship. This will prevent collisions.