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Cholera and Typhoid.

While the public mind is easily directed during the hot season to possibility of the importation of cholera, and considerable stir is made to resist the threatened invasion, the actual presence of disease in our midst, of far more fatal import, is almost ignored. Cholera has slain its thousands, but diphtheria and typhoid have slain their tens of thousands, the former especially making its ravages felt among the young around whose lives so much of hope and love are centered. Only when the presence of this disease is concentrated in some small place does the fearful nature of the malady become apparent. In Logansport, Indiana, during the last few weeks, fully one hundred children have died. Nor is the fearful visitation confined to the poor, or those living in enforced unsanitary conditions. Too often, as in the Logansport case, the wealthiest and apparently the healthiest families suffer most. Medical and sanitary science might find in the prevalence of this disease a subject for special study. Striking as it does at the young, it is far more terrible in its ravages than many other diseases, and it being cases only curable at its incipient stage, the prompt dissemination of information as to its symptoms, the possibility of cure, and the nature of remedies, if any, should be given the widest publicity, from sources absolutely removed from the suspicion of empiricism, quackery or mere experiment.

If people are expecting legislation upon this or that topic it is about time to wake up. We believe with those who think that the coming assembly should pass an act to permit the people of Yamhill county to vote upon the location of its county seat.

The system of government in vogue in Washington city, though a sort of limited monarchy, works pretty well as a rule, but the people ruled over have no voice in the choice of their rulers; a sort of three-ply monarchy, so to speak, ordained by congress.

CURRENT THOUGHT.

Jay Gould was asked if the railroad property in the United States is now owned by foreigners, to which he replied: "The proportion is very small compared to what it has been. We are so rich, and have money in excess to that degree that our railroads furnish the most tempting investment. It may be said that, with a very few exceptions, our whole railroad system is owned at home."

Referring to the past, when the river steamers charged \$10 per ton freight on wheat from Albany to Portland, then \$4.60, where it remained until the OPR Co. came like an angel in disguise, forcing the rate down to \$1.50 and finally to \$1.00 per ton, the Albany Bulletin says: The farmers of the central valley are indebted to the OPR Co. for this great reduction in freights, by river and rail, which saved to the farmers of the valley last year thousands of dollars and this year way up in the thousands. Still there are men who are constantly berating the railroad company, and are not willing to accord to them the great benefit they are bringing upon the country in its accelerated development and cheaper freight and passenger rates.

While the discussion was going on at the open temperance meeting Monday evening, and worthy speakers were discussing "the dilemma," our eye caught sight of a motto above the chair of the presiding officer: "Educate the people to know their rights and they will protect them." That seemed answer enough. But how to educate the people without free discussion! aye, there's the rub. That men and women must be educated in a daily self-evident fact. Only last month a salesman named J. C. Lynch, employed by the Hazard Powder company of New York, didn't know that powder would burn. Handling the stuff every day of his life, the morning after thanksgiving he went to the magazine for the purpose of destroying 500 pounds of damaged powder owned by his company and stored in the magazine. He carried the kegs of powder a short distance from the magazine, piled them up and set fire to them at arm's length. The explosion which followed threw Lynch high into the air, killing him instantly. It is possible that his company restricted

conversations to glittering generalities about the works, and he was imperfectly educated.

The boast of American greatness is made to appear small when reports of our defenseless coast are considered. Gov. Howard's recommendations regarding San Francisco ought to stir congress up to a realization of our defenseless condition, "but I don't suppose it will," said a prominent staff officer of the army, "and we shall go on believing ourselves the greatest nation on earth, until some small power takes the offensive and sails into us, and in about ten days we shall find ourselves tolerably well licked around the edges, if not entirely subdued." As Gen. Howard intimates, San Francisco is practically defenseless. Chili could take an ironclad and sail any day into the harbor, batter down the brick fort and overrun the whole coast before we could stir a hand. No matter what the cost, congress should provide for protection to our coast line.

OUR BOYS.

A Christmas Story, telling how six young men, many years ago, spent their Christmas eve, in playing Santa Claus among the poor of a manufacturing village in the East, filling a large sleigh with goods and masquerading as the Saints from Wonderland, will appear in the Christmas number of the REPORTER.

This will be followed by a thrilling narrative "The Tunnel of Death, or Life in the Great Prison Pen," at Elmira, N. Y., in '61. This story embraces all the attributes of an active drama in real life, mingling the sunshine with the shadows. It tells of many devices made by rebel prisoners to escape, at the same time giving a pen picture of the silent city of the dead wherein lay resting the bones of 5,000 Confederate dead.

The McGibens will find a \$300.00 house in this city which was obtained with no other advertising than a few good locals in the Reporter. The opera house will not hold the people who will seek admission on the night of the 14th.

The Overland Monthly lies on our table fresh from the press. It is a splendid production replete with articles of science and literature. The Overland should be a welcome guest in every household.

Notice To My Patrons.

In consequence of declining health, which prevents me from making personal application to parties indebted, I am compelled to thus publicly say that all bills due and unsettled January 1st 1887 will be placed in other hands for collection.

Wm. H. BINGHAM.
McMinnville, Or., Dec. 2d, 1886.

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