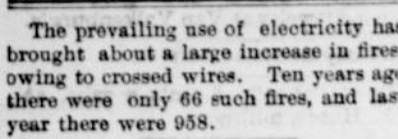


**"Proof of the Pudding"**

Is in the Eating. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Thousands of people give the proof by telling of remarkable cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Rheumatism, and all other blood diseases and debility.



The prevailing use of electricity has brought about a large increase in fires, owing to crossed wires. Ten years ago there were only 66 such fires, and last year there were 958.

Improved Train Equipment. The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated.

A New Feature in Western Traveling. The Pullman Company now operates two grades of sleeping cars via the Rio Grande Western Railway.

The ordinary sleepers are carried daily on trains via Rio Grande Western Railway between Denver and San Francisco and Portland.

Climate, Scenery and Nature's Sanitarium. Scenery, altitude, sunshine and air, constitute the factors which are rapidly making Colorado the health and pleasure grounds of the world.

Here the sun shines 337 days of the average year, and it blends with the crisp, electric mountain air to produce a climate matchless in the known world.

A red-hot poker was used by Harry Hale at Bellefontaine, Ohio, to open a whisky barrel. He pressed the poker into the bung, and the barrel exploded into a thousand pieces, causing fatal injuries to Mr. Hale.

Judge Falconbridge, of the high court of Canada, has ruled that it is not compulsory for persons to give evidence that may incriminate themselves in liquor cases.

Buffalo bridge and structural iron workers want the eight-hour day and \$2.50.

An Excellent Combination. The pleasant method and beneficial effects of the well known remedy, SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO., illustrate the value of obtaining the liquid laxative principles of plants known to be medicinally laxative and presenting them in the form most refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system.

WHEAT'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. It is the only medicine that cures where all else fails. It is a safe, reliable, and effective remedy for all cases of consumption, whether in its early or advanced stages.

**THE FISH INDUSTRY.**

Statistics of Columbia River Salmon Pack as Given in Annual Report of Commissioner Reed, of Oregon.

Fish Commissioner F. C. Reed, of Oregon, has filed his annual report in the office of the governor. The report covers the year ending October 31, 1899. It is a voluminous document and covers the year's work in detail.

On the subject of hatcheries the report reviews the progress in locating and constructing the buildings and the work accomplished in the state during the past year.

The number of chinook salmon eggs taken from the different hatcheries in Oregon tributary to the Columbia river for the year 1899, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Hatchery Name, Eggs Taken. Includes Upper Clackamas hatchery, Salmon river hatchery, Clackamas hatchery, etc.

From the salmon that were marked by Mr. Hubbard, hatched from eggs taken in 1895, there were caught during the season of 1898, 375 fish weighing from 10 to 50 pounds each.

The report shows a falling off in the number of cases of salmon canned during the past season on the Columbia as compared with 1898. This is in part accounted for by the increased number of pounds of salmon handled by the cold-storage concerns.

The following statistics of the salmon pack are given: Spring pack, Oregon side—Variety, Case, Value. Chinook, 181,128, \$1,051,284.00.

Amount and value of each species of fish consumed locally and shipped East for the year 1899: Fresh salmon, 2,129,229, \$175,839.

Public is soon to vote on the question of incorporation. A Portland man has bought 25,000 pounds of wool at Ashland at 15 to 18 cents.

Washington has a stringent law for the protection of hotelmen from board-bill jumpers. The Fairhaven coal mines, at Cokedale, have been sold to the Great Northern railroad.

Demand has outstripped the supply of lockboxes at the Spokane postoffice, where 762 are now in use. A gravity water supply, to be piped nine miles, is under consideration of Baker City's common council.

Baker City is talking of a "modern pavement" for its leading business street, to relieve the present "disgraceful unpaved condition." Approximately a sum of \$300,000 in delinquent taxes was paid into the county treasury this year on Whatcom city property.

Arthur Huey, who went from his home, near Walla Walla, to work in Umattilla county harvest fields, early in the fall, and who was sought by his parents for weeks after it had come time for him to return home, has turned up alive and well. He went to Redland, Cal., and a newspaper paragraph telling of his parents' search induced him to write home, and soon follow his letter.

**NO HESITATION IN TRADE.**

Usual Shrinkage at End of the Year. Not Apparent.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The approach of a new year usually brings so much of hesitation in business that the small shrinkage this year is surprising.

Wool has advanced further, with much speculative buying, though most manufacturers have supplied wants for the present, and are less disposed to purchase at prices now averaging higher than at any time since June 15, 1891.

Wheat has risen 3c, and corn a fraction, with a decline in Western receipts of both. Atlantic exports of wheat this week, flour included, were only 3,359,667 bushels, against 5,636,767 last year, and Pacific exports \$86,172 bushels, against 556,523 bushels last year.

Fallings for the week have been 221 in the United States, against 248 last year, and 33 in Canada, against 22 last year.

**PACIFIC COAST TRADE.**

Seattle Markets. Onions, new, \$1.00 @ 1.25 per sack. Potatoes, new, \$1.00 @ 1.25 per sack. Beans, per sack, 75 @ 85c.

Butter—Creamery, 32c per pound; dairy, 17 @ 22c; ranch, 22c per pound. Eggs—Farm, 30 @ 31c. Cheese—Native, 16c.

Index and Adjacent Camps. The Summit mine, seven miles from Index, has just completed a seven-mile tram and a 1,400-foot wire tram, and are now making regular shipments.

Portland Market. Wheat—Walla Walla, 80 @ 51c; Valley, 51c; Bluestem, 52c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.00; Graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

San Francisco Market. Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12 @ 15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12 @ 16c; Valley, 18 @ 20c; Northern, 10 @ 12c.

Chicago Police Men's Benevolent Association realized \$34,000 by the recent annual benefit at the Auditorium. The North Pacific pilot chart for December has appeared, and among other interesting features it has for the first time the sailing routes between the Columbia river and the Orient, and the route from the Columbia river down to the trades.

The following process is said to restore to a waterproof the original softness: Dissolve a teaspoon of the best gray line in half a pint of water; pipe the cloak well with a soft cloth, wring loosely out this mixture; hang to dry and repeat the operation in two hours.

**GOVERNOR BRADY'S REPORT.**

Devotes Considerable Portion to Mines of Alaska.

Governor Brady, of Alaska, in his annual report, pleads for statehood, government establishment and the operation of cable and telegraph lines and the persistent branding of female seals and the cessation of killing them for at least 10 years.

The governor's report is an important document, making a pamphlet of 57 pages. It is a complete report upon the industries and prospects of the immense northern empire.

Quartz Mining in Alaska. The year's progress in this industry has been most gratifying. The managers of the Treadwell plant felt that life is too short for the treatment of that immense mass of ore with a 240-stamp mill, which had been doing duty so long and well.

The Apollo Consolidated on Unguisland, one of the Shumagin group, has been kept steadily at work throughout the year and has been a pretty steady producer, with a 40-stamp mill, at the rate of about \$30,000 per month.

The governor refers to the fisheries a length and after describing the extensive salmon canneries says: "The cod will always be our standby."

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**One of the Michigan Food Inspectors**

who has been making a tour of the state, says that Michigan's pure food law is working admirably in diminishing adulteration. He says that, of late years, great quantities of imitation fruit jellies have been sold; these are made of glucose and corn jelly, colored to resemble the desired fruit.

After numerous hairbreadth escapes a party of explorers in the Rocky Mountains stumbled onto a new pass. In a like manner, people who believed dyspepsia incurable are astonished to find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters used faithfully will make the digestion strong, the bowels regular, the liver active. Try it.

An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter saloons. We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Dr. J. Cheney's Catarrh Cure.

Lightning caused 3,479 conflagrations in 1898. Kill Germs of Disease. The modern way to cure disease is to destroy its germs. Casco's Candy Cathartic is modern germ-killers, and cleanses. Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Are You Going East? If so, you should see that your ticket reads via the Great Rock Island route. Fullman palace sleeping cars, elegant reclining chair cars, "free" and library buffet cars on all through trains.

It has been discovered that what may be called the first daily newspaper was a manuscript letter written by the late Dr. J. W. Wood, of London, to the provinces. That was in the days of the early Stuarts.

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**The Philosophy of Dead Gameness.**

"Now," said the man who had earned for riches, "I will go forth to-day and risk once more. Success has attended all my ventures. I have \$9,990,000. If all goes well today I will be ten times a millionaire. Then I will risk no more. Then I will be content and some one else may step into the place that I leave vacant."

A Story With a Moral. An old sailor once appeared to give evidence in a case of assault, when he was asked the following questions: The Judge—"Where was plaintiff standing when defendant struck him?"

Witness—"Who are they?" The Judge—"Don't you know the difference between plaintiff and defendant?" Witness—"No."

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field stirred uneasily in their sleep and muttered maledictions. "Why are they so angry?" asked the owl at last.

25c SAMPLE BOTTLE FOR 10c NEXT 30 DAYS. No DISEASE has so baffled the medical skill of all ages as RHEUMATISM.

the Rheumatic Cure demonstrated its wonderful curative power. It has never failed to cure RHEUMATISM in any form, Acute or Chronic.

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**OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA**

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Peruna.



Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan county, Tex., has attained the great age of 111 years, having been born in 1788. He is an ardent friend to Peruna and speaks of it in the following terms:

"During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases, but I have learned from Dr. Hartman's books that these affections are the same and are properly called catarrh."

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