

under the name of the Sisters of St. Dominic, near King William's Town, Cape Colony.

But in the new country where the nuns set up their habitation the Boer neighbors looked upon their work with suspicion and resentment, and even the English looked with disfavor upon the convent. The consequence was that the Sisters bought an extensive farm, and, finding that farm laborers were scarce in a land where most of the digging was for gold and diamonds, solely as a means of self-support the nuns put their hands to the plough. But accidents will happen, even in a convent, and in time the ploughshare became broke.

There being no blacksmith in that region the nuns sent to Cape Town and got the materials to build and the tools and implements to supply a smithy. A blacksmith as a tutor was found, and the nuns learned how to become blacksmiths. They have thus far proved not only their equality with man, but their superiority to him, for, when the blacksmith, disregarding his religious environments, went on a prolonged spree, the nuns speedily forced him out of the settlement and determined henceforth to do all their own work.

But the nuns went even further. They found that blacksmithing among the Boers and English residents was profitable work, and they built a smithy, with a brick forge, a strong, capacious bellows of oxhide and all the customary paraphernalia incident to the vocation of the votaries of Vulcan, and established themselves as a convent of female blacksmiths.

The visitor who rides to the convent from King William's Town comes upon the nuns, brown clad and busy, hoeing, ploughing and shoeing. Tethered to the strong oaken rack in the center of the shop stands a horse. With a nailbox beside her, a nun bends over the hind foot, with a foot resting in her lap, and with a pair of tongs fits a red hot shoe to the scorching hoof. Beside her stands another nun, who is busy making hinges, hooks and staples, ringbolts and other articles of builders' hardware out of small rod and hard iron.

The feminine blacksmiths of the Dominican convent are experts. The presence of the hammer swinging nuns seem to exercise a sort of fascination over the rest of the neighborhood, for they will go out of their way on their daily tasks to gaze at the hardworking sisters of the smithy. At close range the most striking effect in the appearance of a Sister of St. Dominic, as seen in South Africa, is her rosy, tanned face, so different from the bloodless, white complexion of the nun under ordinary conditions. This natural bronze is well earned. Day after day, week after week, the nuns toil at the forge, exposed to the rays of the African sun and the fierce heat of the furnace.

DON'T BLAME THE CHAIR.

It is strange how much dynamite force we throw into all our movements," remarked a physician. "We think we are moving gently and deliberately, but we are really wasting enough power to run an engine. Sit down on a chair that is an inch lower than you expected, and you come near going through the seat. It's the same when one encounters any unanticipated obstacle. The other day one of my patients attempted to light a cigar, and in carrying the match to the weed he struck his knuckles against a door and broke his index finger. Not long ago I was called to attend a lady who had miscalculated the height of the bottom step in descending a flight of steps. She thought it was similar to the others, but it was only half as high, and the result was that she landed on the pavement with a jar that sprained her knee. She was laid up for a couple of weeks. On one occasion I was myself knocked almost senseless by bumping my head against a rafter in the basement of this building. I thought I was moving along very cautiously, because it was quite dark, but I nearly fractured my skull. When you total up the amount of vitality you lose in this manner during a year you begin to see why people only live to fifty instead of one hundred."—Answers.

MONSTER ENGINES.

Ten powerful locomotives for passenger service have been added to the equipment of the Burlington lines in Nebraska. They were built at the Baldwin Locomotive works from designs furnished by the Burlington. The big machines have already made some record-pulling heavy trains across the Nebraska plains. Some of the dimensions are of uncommon interest. The driving wheels are six feet in diameter. The tender carries ten tons of coal and has a water capacity of 5,000 gallons. The weight of engine and tender is 243,300 pounds. The cab is arranged to give the engineer the best possible chance to work. The levers are within easy reach of his seat, while the right side of the boiler has been stripped of machinery in order to give the engineer a chance to look ahead without having his vision blurred by escaping steam.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by J. H. Lunn, druggist.

FALSE SYNTAX.

Said the teacher of the grammar class to which our boys belong, "The horse and cow is in the field. Now what in that is wrong?"

"The cow and horse is in the field," Spoke one in manners versed "Because, you know, 'tis more polite To mention ladies first."—Life.

He that hinders not himself is guilty of it.—Proverb

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UNKNOWN IN CHICAGO.

"You have a curious custom here," remarked the educated heathen from somewhere in Central Asia, "of boarding up the windows of vacant houses. Is it to show that they are for rent?"

"Not at all," responded the native American. "It is to keep the boys from breaking the panes of glass."

"How odd!" mused the visiting heathen. "I do not remember that I have ever heard the missionaries speak of that."—Chicago Tribune.

Frank McDaniel, charged with the crime of murdering Clara Fitch in Portland, was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in Judge M. C. George's department. The extreme penalty in such a case is 15 years in the state penitentiary. The jury deliberated on the verdict for 23 hours, reaching its verdict at 9 p. m. Sunday.

The Best Prescription for Malaria.
Chills and Biliousness is a bottle of GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. Price 50 cents.

PROPORTION OF SOLDIERS TO INHABITANTS.

France in war has 1000 soldiers to 15,407 inhabitants; Germany in war has 1000 soldiers to 17,427 inhabitants; Great Britain in war has 1000 soldiers to 72,413 inhabitants, while under the house bill enacted during the late war the United States provide for only 1000 soldiers to about 791,000 inhabitants.

LANDS, PATENTS, PENSIONS AND CLAIMS.

Washington Law and Claims Company, Rooms 5 and 7, 472 Louisiana avenue, N. W., Washington, will, on very reasonable terms prosecute land claims, including mineral lands and mines, applications for patents and pensions, and all other claims before congress, the District of Columbia courts, the several government departments, the court of claims, and the supreme court of the United States.

The company will also aid lawyers, at a distance, in preparing their cases for the supreme court of the United States, and for a small consideration will furnish correspondents information concerning matters in Washington that they may desire to know. Send for circulars.

JOHN G. SLATER, President.
(In writing please mention this paper.)

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of W. H. Bagley, deceased, by the county court for the county of Marion, state of Oregon, and all parties having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified to the undersigned administrator at the office of Brown, Wrightman & Myers in the city of Salem in said county and state, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this sixth day of December 1899.

ALVIN W. BAGLEY,
Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased.—Notice is hereby given, under and by virtue of an order of the county court of Clackamas county, state of Oregon, made and entered on the 23d day of November, 1899, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate: All of Block three (3); Lot eleven (11), Block fourteen (14); and the West half of Lot twelve (12) in Block fourteen (14), in Turner's addition to the town of Turner, all in Marion county, state of Oregon, belonging to the estate of Conrad Neibert, deceased.

Sale to take place on the steps of the county court house at Oregon City, Clackamas county, at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, January 10, 1900.

ROSA NEIBERT,
Executrix.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, November 17, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in

support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Marion county, Oregon, at Salem, on January 3, 1900, viz: Edward E. Watson; H. E. 1299, for the N½ of SE¼ and N½ of SW¼ of Sec. 8 T 8 S, of R 2 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Samuel Brown, of Argenta, Oregon; George Howe, of Argenta, Oregon; Lyman Merrett Ormsby, of Salem, Oregon; Charles J. Hull, of Hull, Oregon.

CHAS. B. MOORES,
Register.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Nancy B. Pratt, deceased, by the honorable County Court of Marion County, Oregon, and has qualified as such administrator.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby requested to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the undersigned administrator at his place of business in Salem, Oregon.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this twenty-seventh day of November, 1899.

J. HENRY HAAS,
Administrator of the Estate of Nancy B. Pratt, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed their final account as executors of the estate of Benjamin Tucker, deceased, in the county court of the state of Oregon for Marion county, and the said court has appointed Saturday, the thirteenth day of January, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time for hearing objections to said final account and for the settlement thereof.

B. F. TUCKER,
RICHARD W. TUCKER,
Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Tucker, deceased.

Brown, Wrightman & Myers, attorneys for Executors. 12-15-5th.

Farms for Sale

287 acres about one mile from above. All in cultivation. House and new barn, orchard. Watered.

PRICE \$6,500.

210 acres adjoining Sidney elevator and mills on Willamette river, about ten miles south of Salem. All in cultivation and has house and barn.

PRICE \$17.50 PER ACRE.

150 acres of unimproved land about two miles down the river from above. All good land and light clearing.

PRICE \$6 PER ACRE.

160 acres of upland adjoining last mentioned. All good red loam. About one hundred acres in cultivation, balance under timber. Fenced and good spring water, but no buildings.

PRICE \$20 PER ACRE.

60 acres about one mile from the above. Level prairie land, all cultivated, except fringe of brush along creek. Good house and barn and young orchard.

PRICE \$20 PER ACRE.

53½ acres about three miles southeast from Woodburn. Good soil, one-half in cultivation. Buildings, orchard and running water.

PRICE \$1.250.

178 acres in Willamette river, about nine miles below Salem, near Simon's Landing. About sixty acres in cultivation. All fenced. Fair buildings.

PRICE \$12 PER ACRE.

97 acres about two miles from Ger-vals. Good prairie land all in cultivation, and well fenced, but no buildings.

PRICE \$15 PER ACRE.

All the above lands can be sold on easy terms of payment. For further particulars apply to Macmaster & Birrell, Portland, Oregon, or

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SALEM, OREGON.

WHEELER AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES SEND IN THEIR SUMMARIES.

The New County Will Pay Taxes on \$845,877—Comparative Statement in the Case of Columbia.

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar recently sent out letters to those county clerks who have not yet filed the summaries of their assessments rolls for the year 1899, urging them to send in their respective statements as early as possible, and he is now hearing from these delinquents. Yesterday two more counties filed their summaries—Wheeler, the new county in Eastern Oregon, and Columbia. Wheeler county's roll shows taxable property to the amount of \$845,877, and 275 polls. This is the first summary ever filed by the officers of that county. The statement sent in by the Columbia county officers shows an increase of \$54,465 in the valuation of property over that of last year. The two statements are:

Wheeler County.
14,819 acres tillable land.....\$ 72,543
224,842 acres non-tillable land.....281,003
Imp. on deeded lands.....94,817
Town lots.....10,123
Imp. on town lots.....35,748
Imp. on undeeded lands.....10,037
Merchandise.....28,133
Farm implements.....2,515
Steamboats, etc.....3,050
Money.....8,275
Notes and accounts.....63,959
Shares of stock.....1,085
Household furniture.....24,111
4887 horses and mules.....35,055
10,347 cattle.....103,470
91,668 sheep and goats.....137,500
637 swine.....1,274
Gross valuation.....\$931,606
Exemptions.....85,929
Total taxable property.....\$845,677
Number of polls.....275

Columbia County.
11,898 acres tillable land.....\$ 172,405
351,189 acres non-tillable land.....828,555
Imp. on deeded lands.....77,865
6002 town and city lots.....40,875
Imp. on undeeded lands.....6,030
24 miles logging railroad bed.....1,250
52 miles railroad.....154,000
Logging railroad stock.....800
Railroad rolling stock.....17,890
101 miles telegraph and teleph.....9,565
Merchandise.....17,870
Farm implements, etc.....4,930
Steamboats, engines, etc.....68,215
Money.....200
Notes and accounts.....21,550
182 shares of stock.....1,160
Household furniture.....21,113
1424 horses and mules.....42,857
4012 cattle.....1,373
1373 sheep and goats.....1,560
880 swine.....1,560
Gross valuation.....\$1,550,335
Exemptions.....99,790
Total taxable property.....\$1,450,545
Number of polls.....600

For purposes of comparison, the following table is given, showing the total taxable property of Columbia county for each of the past twelve years, together with the rate of the state levy in mills, and the total state tax for each year:

Year.	Property.	Rate in Mills.	State Tax.
1888.....	\$69,555	4	\$2,798.22
1889.....	859,654	6	5,103.92
1890.....	845,849	4 1/2-35	4,107.69
1891.....	1,097,732	5	5,488.67
1892.....	1,402,206	7	9,815.45
1893.....	1,590,908	4.3	6,711.91
1894.....	1,286,960	3	3,860.88
1895.....	1,289,258	4.8	6,188.44
1896.....	1,375,695	4	5,502.78
1897.....	1,358,616	3 1/2	4,755.16
1898.....	1,396,080	5.7	7,957.66

Following are the counties that have thus far reported their summaries:

Baker.....	\$2,775,790
Benton.....	2,625,272
Clatsop.....	2,566,165
Clackamas.....	4,367,960
Coos.....	2,659,171
Crook.....	1,715,789
Columbia.....	1,450,545
Curry.....	562,413
Douglas.....	4,057,690
Gilliam.....	1,005,364
Harney.....	2,333,780
Jackson.....	3,371,766
Josephine.....	1,149,805
Klamath.....	1,147,973
Lincoln.....	761,841
Linn.....	6,726,100
Malheur.....	1,188,273
Marion.....	7,927,327
Morrow.....	1,269,149
Sherman.....	1,338,855
Tillamook.....	1,257,028
Umatilla.....	6,889,028
Union.....	3,891,305
Wallowa.....	1,060,563
Wasco.....	2,143,452
Washington.....	3,288,210
Wheeler.....	845,677
Yamhill.....	4,920,268

The counties still to be heard from are Grant, Lake, Lane, Multnomah and Polk.

SOUTH AFRICAN NUNS WHO ARE BLACKSMITHS.

Far away, out in South Africa, where the din of conflict between Briton and Boer is sounding, is a band of nuns who not only pass their lives in religious devotion, but have adopted the role of new women in a strange character. Eager to sow the seed of religion in South Africa, they turned their backs on the time honored convents of Europe and established themselves

FERRY'S SEEDS
Always cheaper in the end than any seeds that only cost half as much. Tested, true to name, fresh and reliable. Always the best. Ask for Ferry's take no others. Write for 1900 Seed Annual. B. M. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.

The expense of growing this crop is light, since the soil in this country is, in most instances, a mellow, black loam, easily cultivated and especially adapted to the growth of crops of this kind. The cultivation of 25 acres requires the employment of but one man and the harvesting of the seed is of but little expense. Under the present system of threshing the seed from the pods with the ordinary threshing machine there is considerable waste, which can be obviated by using proper methods for threshing and cleaning.

The seed is grown for a Kansas firm which has contracted to take all that Mr. Griswold produces at a fixed price per pound. Next year he will harvest 45 acres, and the year following he has planned to sow in the neighborhood of 80 acres.

"If the Cap Fits, Wear It."

If you are suffering from the consequences of impure blood,—have boils, pimples or scrofula sores; if your blood does not digest or you suffer from catarrh or rheumatism, you are the one who should take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will fit your case exactly, make your blood pure and cure salt rheum, scrofula, rheumatism, dyspepsia, catarrh, and give you perfect health.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills. Non-irritating.

A MORMON CONFERENCE.—The semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) for the Salem district, was held at Reed's opera house on Sunday. Two public meetings were held, which were attended by fairly sized audiences, when addresses were made by several of the Mormon elders. J. W. Ure, one of the elders located in this city, presided at the meeting. F. S. Bramwell, of Parker, Maho, and Elder Arthur Parkinson, of Maui, Idaho, president and secretary, respectively, of the Northwestern states missions, were present, the total membership of the conference being eighteen, of which eleven are located at various points in Western Oregon, the others being temporary residents of Salem. The conference assignments for the ensuing year were as follows: Salem—Elders Nelson, Ure, Neeley, Garner, Lehmberg; Portland—Elder Bennett; Albany—Elders Brunt and Campbell; Oregon City—Elders Larsen and Hammond; Ashland—Elders Stoney and Clayton; Woodburn—Elders Johansson and Winward; Eugene, to be supplied. Elder Monson, heretofore in charge of the work at Portland, was chosen counsellor to President Bramwell and Elder Bennett, who has been in Salem during the past year, takes charge of the work in the metropolis.

ADVANCE IN WAGES.

Prosperity Comes to Mill Operatives in New England States.

Boston, Dec. 18.—An advance of 10 per cent in wages went into effect today in many of the cotton manufacturing cities and towns of New England. This increase affects about 75,000 persons. An advance also goes into effect in a number of cotton mills of Central and Western Massachusetts. Some of the woolen mills also increased wages 10 per cent this morning. These are outside the American Woolen Company, which will make a general advance on January 1, 1900.

In its advanced and chronic form a cold in the head is known as Nasal Catarrh and is the recognized source of other diseases. Having stood the test of continued successful use, Ely's Cream Balm is recognized as a specific for membranous diseases in the nasal passages, and you should resort to this treatment in your odious sneezing. Not drying, does not produce soreness. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York. Give up prejudice and try it.

FOR HIS HEALTH.

"Aren't you sometimes frightened by the dangers to which a military life exposes you?"

"Certainly not," answered the Filipino soldier. "I joined the army for my health. The doctor said I needed regular exercise, and I have every reason to believe these daily retreats will be the making of me."—Washington Star.

The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at Dr. Stone's drug stores.

A YOUNG FARMER'S WINDFALL.

Frank Steinmetz of Tilden, Wis., Heir to a Million Francs.

Frank Steinmetz, a young farmer who resides in the town of Tilden, Wis., received a letter the other day from Paris informing him that he is a millionaire twice over. Steinmetz's grandfather was a wealthy resident of France before the Franco-Prussian war, and during that conflict all his property was seized and later confiscated by the French government. Ten years ago a suit was commenced in the French courts for the recovery of the property, and not until last week was a favorable decision reached. The property, which is valued at about 18,000,000 francs, will be divided between Steinmetz and two brothers who reside in Germany.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Company only.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

After a Six Weeks' Illness E. Allen Graham Succumbed to Heart Disease Yesterday.

E. Allen Graham died at his home on Fourteenth street in this city at 11 o'clock yesterday morning from heart failure. Mr. Graham's fatal illness was of six weeks duration and although his condition for a week prior to his death was quite serious, the end was quite sudden and unexpected. He had been up and about the house during the morning and expired while reclining upon the lounge.

The deceased will be more generally remembered as the former assistant janitor at the state capitol in which capacity he served for several years. Upon giving up the position he was appointed day janitor at the Marion county court house. He was an extremely pleasant and sociable man and was popularly liked. He was a faithful and zealous worker. He lived a quiet life and had a high sense of honor. Those who knew him loved him as a good friend and neighbor.

The deceased was born in Franklin county, Ohio, March 28, 1833, and was in his 66th year. He came to Oregon about forty years ago and for the past twenty years has been a resident of Marion county, spending most of that time in Salem. Prior to removing to Salem Mr. Graham lived in Polk county. He leaves a wife and adopted daughter, Mrs. C. L. Woods.

Burial will take place near his old home in Polk county, on Salt Creek. Services will be held at the graveside tomorrow.

PRUNES VS. OIL.

Contemplated Action by Congress Adverse to Oregon Farmers.

The prune farmers in this section of the United States are somewhat interested in the proposed action of congress in making a reduction of the duty on French prunes, the same to be done by sanctioning a treaty recently made with France whereby their crop may be admitted about free in return for which coal oil from the United States can go into France free. One prune man, near Salem, said yesterday that the growers of this district ought to meet and form a protest against such action. Something ought to be done to prevent this action in opposition to one of the chief industries of the state, especially when it is simply to benefit the greatest corporation in the world. Every one of the Pacific coast senators and congressmen is opposed to cutting down the duty on the French prunes and they ask for the unqualified cooperation of the prune growers.

RAISES ONION SEED.

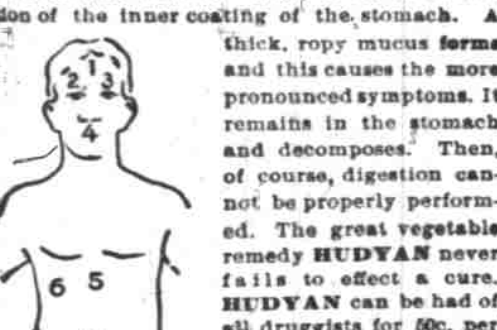
Big Bend Farmer Receives Good Returns From a Crop.

Davenport, Wash., Dec. 14.—Among the many resources of the Big Bend country is one to which but little attention has been given so far. That is the production of onion seed. Samuel Griswold living 10 miles north of Davenport, owns a large tract of land, and for the past three years has devoted a few acres to this industry.

The first experiment was on three acres. This trial proved so successful that he has increased the number of acres each year till this year he has just finished harvesting a crop from 25 acres. The yield from the 25 acres was 80,000 pounds, for which Mr. Griswold received 30 cents per pound, returning him \$2,400, or \$96.00 per acre.

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH

Is a chronic disease. There is an inflammation of the inner coating of the stomach. A thick,ropy mucus forms and this causes the more pronounced symptoms. It remains in the stomach and decomposes. Then, of course, digestion cannot be properly performed. The great vegetable remedy HUDYAN never fails to effect a cure. HUDYAN can be had of all druggists for 50c. per package. Study your symptoms carefully from this chart. Each number represents a symptom or a group of symptoms. You have the symptoms. Use HUDYAN and they will disappear.



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