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#### ACCIDENTAL GREATNESS.

It is a trite saying that many valuable discoveries have resulted from mere accident. The history of the week," said he, "when I became acarts and sciences has demonstrated quainted in a Pullman car with a the truth of the proposition. But tourist from New York. He had did it ever strike the reader that a been up in Minnesota. I was taksimilar remark will apply with equal ing a lunch on the train, and I inforce to the literature? The biog- vited him to eat with me. He raphies of scores of noted authors seemed very glad of the chance. 'I show that the creation of their no- haven't been eating much lately,' blest works was due to some trifling he remarked in an off hand way. circumstance,

spiration if you choose to call it, that hand into his pocket and brought may have had its origin in an acci- out three nickles. 'The fact is, he dent but for which the world would continued, 'that's every cent I've have remained ignorant of the gen- got about me. A nice way to travel, ius, nay even of the existence of ain't it-and in a Pullman car, too?" some man of marvelous literary I asked him how it happened, and ability. Sir Roger Achsam was in- he told me he had struck a card duced to write "The Schoolmaster," sharp on the road. 'I played just the work on which his fame chiefly \$250 worth of poker with that fellow. rests, by a friend who heard him de- said he, 'and I've only these three nounce, in vigorous terms, the pract nickles left. Bad business."" tice of flogging in school. Cowley became a poet by accident; he got hold of a copy of Spenser's "Faery Queen," when but a boy, and so ly to the muses.

next a writer of plays,

A sentence uttered by Moliese's prepare for the stage. The grandfather was fond of plays and often went to see them in company with his grandson. Moliere's father did not liks this, and angrily asked if his son was to be made an actor. "Would to heaven," returned the man "that he were as good an actor as Montrose," The youth was struck by these words; he became dissatisfied with his trade and left it, and as a result became a renowned actor and playwright.

Instances like these may be multiplied indefinitely; in fact the history of men of letters arounds in them, and one who reflects on the subject at all cannot fail to come to the conclusion that poets, philosophers and historians, as well as inventors, have frequently been started on the road to fame by accident. Johnson defined genius as "a mind of general powers accidentally determined by some particular direct best plants and set them in a place by tion"-a definition which very few in these days would pronounce absolutely accurate, and yet it con- these we got all our berries the subsequent tains a truth, if not the whole truth. season. The great philosopher regarded the mission of the author as an humble one. "To talk in private, to think in solitude, to inquire or to answer inquiries is the business of the scholar. He wanders about through the world without pomp or terror, and is neither known nor valued but by men like bimself." Milton had a grander conception of "that lasting fame and perpetuity of praise which God and good men have consented shall be the reward of those whose published labors advanced the good of mankind,200

To make a great name is a task more difficult than to necumulate a great fortune. Young authors who find it difficult to secure publishers for their works should not let this fret or discourage them, for many of the most celebrated writers met with the same obstacle at the outset of their literary career, When Sterne finished

"Tristram Shandy" he offered it to publisher for £50, but the offer scentric work had been published years before, but it found neither purchasers nor readers. But when at host he succeeded in getting "Trised, when, of course they had a ready pleted and the convention of the sale. Gray's first published verses attracted no attention. Milton re- est. This is the second of a series of eeived £5 for "Paradise Lost," with four meetings which is to be held the promise of the same sum as soon throughout the state during this as 1300 copies had been sold. He winter. received two additional payments before his death and his widow one after that event, and fourteen years will be at Roseburg and Hillsboro. work the publisher secured full possession of it on payment of £8. Daniel DeFoe was an author of established reputation when he wrote 'Robinson Crusoe," yet the manuscript of the tale went the rounds of the publishers, but no one would print it. Finally terms were arranged with a bookseller, who agreed to bring out the work as a speculative enterprise. He made over 1,000 guineas out of the job, but what the author got is uncertain.

#### Gambling on the Cars.

A railroad man told a reporter the other day the following incident of travel on the O. & C. railroad : "I was coming from Portland last 'Why what's the matter? Been A sudden impulse, an idea, an in- sick?" 'Oh no.' Then he stuck his

## The Baby Crop.

The statement was recently published that a woman at Corsicana, deeply was he impressed with its Tex., had given birth tosix children, beauties that he made poetry a study and it was followed by the news from and finally dedicated himself whol- Milbury, Mass., that Mrs. Frank de Shakespear's wild ways when a to four girl babies. The last stateyouth brought him into disgrace in ment was true, and Dr. Slocumb. was: "No truth in it whatever. grandfather led the young man to At last accounts the de Groote quar turn from a life of dissipation and tet were all alive, though Lilian, the smallest, was very delicate.

# All for Christianity.

It is probable the co-workers of Moody, Studd and Burke, will re-It might be stated in relation to these diligent workers that they are performing this work of evangelizing from purely religious motives. They are even paying their own private expenses. Being men of considerable time and means they prefer to proceed in this manner.

The practice of mowing down strawberry patches is recommended by the American Cultiva tor only in cases where the vines are overgrown with weeds. The object is to give the weeds a backset, with the hope that a little care will give the strawberries the advantage for life. It is of doubtful utility at best to try as harsh a remedy. We tried it once, but we also took the precaution to dig up some of the themselves where they could be kept from weeds. These were not cut back, and from

# A Fine Piece of Work.

The West Shore for January is to be one of the finest issues that successful journal has known. This edition is to be devoted to Salem and many superior illustrations, have been prepared for it. This magazine is the only one on the coast that is prepared for the execution of such artistic work. Even from the east, Mr. Samuels receives many orders for illustrations. This New Year number of the West Shore will be a treat to your friends over the mountains. You should get a few copies and work a little as an immigration agent.

# MARRIED.

TOWLE-JUDSON - At Monday, Dec. 31, Josiah Towle and Miss Alice M. Judson, Rev. F. H. Calder officiating.

PEHERSON-ULARK-In Salem, Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at 5 p. m., O. M. Peherson and Ottella Clark, Rev. P. R. Burnett officiating.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

was declined. The sermon in that Program For Their Session in This City January 3-4.

Beginning at seven o'clock this evening the Farmers' Institute, will tram Shandy" before the people it hold a session in the senate chamber met with sucha reception that all his of the Capitol, in this city. Extenwritings were collected and publish- sive arrangements have been comfarmers promises to be full of inter-

The first one was conducted at Corvallis, and the remaining ones after the first publication of the There are to be four sessions during the meeting here. The first one will be held on Thursday evening, then follow morning, afternoon and evening programs for Friday. A large attendance is expected abroad, as the exercises will be full of interest.

This meeting should not be confounded with the Farmers' Congress which meets in this city on the second Monday of January. A large number of the leading agriculturists of the state, as well as a number of the faculty of the agricultural col-lege have been assigned positions the program, which is as follows:

Music
Address of Welcome \_\_\_\_\_Mayor Murph;
Response \_\_\_\_\_Pres. Arnole Music
Farmers and Education F. R. Osborn
The Agricultural College and the Farmers
Sec. Nash Music

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Music Music Grasses and Meadows.....Rev. O. Dickinson The Dairy Cow and Butter Making...W. W FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Music
Success With Strawberries A. F. Davidson
Dairying Hon, Thos. Paulsen
Rec Culture Prof. W. W. Bristow
Guernsey Cattle J. Minto FRIDAY, 7 P. M.

Princ Culture S. A. Clark Co-Operation Among Farmers Judge R. P. Boise Music The Farmer's Home... Opening Question Box Mrs. S. A. Clark

#### Brooks- - Robertson Wedding. After the ceremonies at the

church on New Year day, the bride and groom, together with the relatives of the two parties and a few friends were most royally entertained at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ellen Bagley, and at which time the happy young couple received a number of beautiful and appropriate presents. The following is a partial list: Bedroom set, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robertson; morroco and gilt Bible from the Groote of that place had given birth groom; set tea spoons, John Brooks; one dozen China plates Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hodnett; lamp, Chas. Roberthis town, causing him to abandon who assisted the little girls into the son; silver table spoons, tea spoons his trade of wool carding and to join world, wanted to know more about and sugar shell, Mr. and Mrs. W. a company of players. This acci- the Texas sextet. So he wrote to W. Brooks; silver-butter knife, Miss dent made him first an actor and the postmaster at Corsicana asking Lydia Brooks and Minnie Munkers him about the report. The reply marble top stand, Mrs. Bagley; ivorine painting, Miss May Culver, San Francisc); Japanese set and scarf, Nellie Louise Brown, Hines. dale, Ill.; fruit dish, Annie Morrell; fancy towels, Mabel Robertson; bird and cage, Miss Mary Reynolds; plush embroidered handkerchief satchel, Mrs. M. E. Wilson; picture, turn to this city after a short time. Miss Ada Forest; silver salt and pepper set, Misses Gleason and Dimmick; handsome towels, Miss Gussie Giesy; cut glass water set, Misses McNary; oil painting, Dr. and Mrs. Jessup; ribbon satchet, Phœbe Nell Medbury ; I fancy vase, Miss Ada Jory; tollet set, Mr. and Mrs. Vanduyn; gold lined sugar spoons, Mr. and Mrs. Byars; salad oil cruet, Mrs. J. W. Morrill; painted satin

"Mine eyes to my eyelids cling thickly,
My tongue teels a mouthful and more,
My senses are sluggish and sleaky,
To live and to breathe is a bore.
My head weighs a ton and a quarter,
By pains and by pangs ever split,
Which manifold washings with water
Relieve not a bit."

Atter Swinburn these lines may be, a long way after for that matter, by what a description of the man whose bowels are costive, liver disordered, blood out of sorts. Such an individual needs Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. They are pleasant to take and powerful to

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures all those peculiar weakness in-cident to females.

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STATE OF OHIO, City of Toledo Lucas County, S. S.

Frank ? Chency makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of Fl by the sey & Co. doing businew in the cay of Toledo, and state unoresaid, and that said first will pay the sum of one hundred dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. '86. A. W. GLEASON Notary Public. SEAL

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucus surfaces of the F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75 cents.

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Jacksonville is indulging in a revival.

#### The Verdict Unanimous.

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Lakeview wants to incorporate as

## TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been retored to health by simple means, after suffering several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a cop the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for consumption, catarrh, asmatha, bronchitist and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address, Rev. a blessing, will please address, Rev. Edward A. Wilson, Kings County, New York.

Baker City is to have a telephone

# A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for several years she withstood its sever est tests, but her vital organs were undermining and death seemed imminent. For three months sne coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has Mrs. J. W. Morrill; painted satin toilet set, Mrs. Bagley; saddle skirt tidy, Miss Laura Goltra.

"After Swinbarne."

Jacksonville public schools have 170 pupils.

# Are We to Have Another War?

Some political phrophets aver that we shall. Be that as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the armory of medicine furnishes, is Hostetter's Stomach Rilters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to immediate reliet and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of commonest occurrence. Indigestion, billiousness and constpation are Inseparable compagions, and these silments are completely eradicated by the filters. But the remedial stape of this superlatively wholesome and gental medicine takes in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and a days troubles its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequaled thoroughness.

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