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THE Scientific American says, "There is a fortune for whoever invents a perfectly water tight match box."

GREAT improvements are making in bicycles. One of the latest is whereby the wheels revolve simply by pressure.

SALT water finding its way into the wells is the great trouble with gas wells. Some method of storing and keeping this gas must be found, so that the flow may be kept up in pipes, while the wells suffer the temporary interruption from the salt water.

ONE year ago there was barely twenty electric railways in the U. S. Now there are fifty and some seventy more being planned. Still the modes of operating are defective, but every month sees improvements. Nothing has grown more rapidly than this "impossibility" of four years ago.

DEALERS assure us the people are above small change and would as soon pay ten or fifteen cents for an article as a nickel. If so, would that they would extend a little of this recklessness towards the printers. High prices for little things are a mistake. People simply refrain from buying, till they must have a thing.

THE waste in the use of natural gas is equal to almost half. The alarm about diminished supply comes from the efforts of the companies to stop the great waste and the negligence of users. Meanwhile invention is finding methods of manufacturing by process requiring less gas. In one mill, where it used to take fifty thousand feet to make a ton of iron, they have gradually got to making it with twelve thousand feet per ton. There is every reason to believe that this gas is manufacturing all the time and passing off through volcanoes. It lies below a peculiar white sand stone. Has there ever been a survey made to find if it exists in the Willamette valley?

SOME of the heaviest failures in iron and woolen industries have taken place during the past three months that have occurred in a long time. The last was the failure of a great iron mill, a few days ago, at Reading, Pa., by which 2,500 men were thrown out of employment. Many establishments are barely able to run and are seriously contemplating the, to them, fearful alternative of reducing wages or closing down. It would seem as though we are threatened with another financial crisis in the eastern part of the United States. This will no doubt stimulate emigration in great numbers to this coast and the transfer of capital here.

REPORTS from Brazil tell us that the coffee crop will be one-third less than usual and that higher prices may be expected. It has not been so many years since Brazil's crop played an insignificant part in the markets for coffee. The usage of coffee culture is enormous. But since the days when sixteen pounds were sold for a dollar that Brazil's crop has loomed into greatest importance. Coffee was one of the earliest things speculation began to corner after our modern style. By inducing the governments of the regions where it is raised to put an export tax on all coffee sold to go abroad, producers were compelled to stock up their product so that buyers can combine knowing just the amount.

A VAIN HOPE.

The San Francisco Examiner, speaking of the proposal to establish a "canteen" for the soldiers where wine, beer, billiards and lunch can be had to while away the idle hours, says: "These things are for the hard worked officers; not for the common soldier. Who ever heard of the like. What the soldier really needs is a little more consideration from his superiors. He does not expect too much, but there are many ways of lessening the rigors of discipline which would have a good deal better effect than wine, beer, and billiards. He would like a little better pay perhaps, a little less menial service about officers' houses and gardens, a little greater appreciation of his worth and a better chance of promotion."

"He would be glad, too, if the eternal round of saluting every snip of a graduate, could be dispensed with in some degree; would be pleased occasionally to receive an order in a pleasant voice and free from the accompanying oath; would like to have the guardhouse and the petty court-martial made more the levers of discipline and less the instrument of punishment."

Ah, dear friends, there is no "boodle" in the Examiner's suggestions. When it pays to retail good manners and civility, justice and equity to common soldiers and people we shall have a cabinet seat and numberless bureaus and commissions to dispense the same. At present only the substantial give us profits, fees and perquisites. Truly this people is in the way of learning that "the root of all evil is the love of money."

AFRICA'S SUNNY FOUNTAINS.

The king of Belgium and others are rapidly making the heart of the lately unexplored Africa, a great growing state. Great fleets are moving on her waters, towns are building up, the natives are becoming disciplined militia, a railway is building and everything is doing to bring that wild region into the ranks of civilization. This is chiefly the work of one great, powerful and good man, the king of Belgium. Where twelve years ago was a region dominated by cannibals and slave traders is now a prosperous commercial young state. It is said that Nature has made of that region of the uplands of central Africa an earthly paradise.

A RICH MAN'S CITY.

One would suppose that in nearly all the towns of the United States, the bridges and street cars and railways were made only for the people who can afford to live without labor. Think of a man earning from a dollar to a dollar and a half a day obliged to give five cents to cross a bridge or ride in a street car going and coming, fifteen to twenty cents per diem out of his hard earned wages to go to and from his home. And yet in every country the laboring poor are six-sevenths of the whole. These thoughts arise on reading that the Portland bridge and ferry combines refuse cheap tickets to laboring men hereafter.

THE secret of Wannamaker's success is in this—"when things do not move off he makes them move." One day his restaurant had near two hundred dozen mince pies left over. The manager came to the boss in despair. "How long will they keep?" asked W. "Till day after to-morrow." "Put a line in every paper. Mince pies at Wannamaker's at one cent per cut," ordered he. It was done and before night all were gone and more asked for.

Our Glorious Climate.

The following story is told of a Southern Oregon real estate agent. An immigrant from the east was examining his splendid specimens of vegetables and fruits, and astonished by their size he remarked: "How can you raise potatoes so much larger than we do in the east when our soil is so much more fertile?"

"Climate, sir, climate, sir," promptly responded the dirt dealer. "And the magnificent apples," continued the immigrant, "how do you manage to produce them?"

"Climate, yes sir, climate."

Then the blizzard exile had his attention called to a house perched on the very apex of a precipitous hill overlooking the town, and very naturally inquired, with a view to changing the subject "How in the world do those people manage to get up that hill?"

"Climb it, my dear sir, climb it." Was the unvarying response, and the tenderfoot wilted, and paid cash down for some very desirable city property seven miles out of town.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Points of Personal Mention and Notes of News.

U. J. Culver was seen shaking hands with the boys the latter part of the week.

Mr. Cherrington the photographer took a large picture of the school Thursday.

The "boom fever" has attacked the faculty, both ladies and gentlemen, and all are investing in real estate.

The boys find plenty of exercise this fine weather in the festive games of foot ball.

Miss Acta Forrest was summoned to her home at Wheatland, Wednesday, by the serious illness of her sister.

Walter Fell left Monday for Heppner where he has been tendered a position in a bank and J. W. Rouseau left the same day for Halsey to teach.

Miss Jennie Wood left for her home in Portland and Miss Jessie Clark for Idaho, Tuesday, where she will join the ranks of school "mams."

Harvey Bond of Halsey an academy graduate and at present a successful teacher, visited his old "Alma mater" the first of the week.

The senior class has been organized and officers elected. They report W. T. Rigby as president, and Miss May Boise secretary. They are also planning to plant a class tree.

N. L. Conn who had a severe attack of typhoid fever is convalescent, and will leave for his home in Roseburg about the middle of next week. He proposes returning to graduate with the class next year.

Several students have left school recently and others will leave at the close of the present term. Some go out to teach, others to the farm and to various pursuits, yet a larger number will stay until the end of the year.

The boys of the University are quiet and orderly, as a rule, and obey all regulations, but they must at times have their sport. The only joke of much import since Dr. Tower had his experience with the cow occurred on Tuesday night of this week. Prof. Van Scoy had been called to Portland and Wednesday, after his return, he observed that four of the bee hives were gone. After considerable search they were found in different localities, one in the professor's session room, much to his surprise, and to the greater surprise of some of the boys when it was learned that it had no bees in, but was an empty hive.

What An Anthem Is.

British sailor (to friend who has just described a church service, dwelling particularly on the anthem):—"I say, Tom, what's a hanthem?" Tom—"What, do you mean to say you don't know what a hanthem is?" "Not me." "Then I'll tell yer. If I was to tell yer, 'Ere Bill, give me that 'andspike,' that wouldn't be a hanthem; but if I was to say, 'Bill, Bill, give, give, give me, give me that, Bill, give me, give me that, Bill, give me, give me that 'and, give me that 'and, 'andspike, spike, spike, Bill, give, give me that 'and, 'and, spike, 'and, 'and, spike, spike, spike, Ah-men, ah-men. Bill give me that 'andspike, spike, ah-men'-why that would be a hanthem."

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