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The Governor's Proclamation.

Inasmuch as the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first president of the United States will occur on the 30th day of April, Anno Domini, 1889, which day has been set apart by an act of congress as a general holiday for the people of the whole country.

Now therefore, I, Sylvester Penneyer, governor of Oregon, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the constitution of the state, do hereby declare the aforesaid Tuesday, April 30th, 1889, to be a legal holiday; and I do request that it shall be so observed by the good people of this commonwealth.

At a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences the prince of Monaco read a paper demonstrating the possibility of shipwrecked people, who have taken to the boats and are without provisions, being able to sustain life with what they could catch in a drag net trailing overboard over night.

It is no wonder foreigners think the English language so difficult to master when we think of the great change that a single letter makes in the pronunciation of it.

THE Medford Mail has hatched another railway rumor. This time it says it is currently reported that parties in the interest of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad are viewing a line from Ellensburg, via the Alegate, thence to Jacksonville, Medford, Eagle Point, and Deskins, thence to Fort Klamath, to learn the feasibility of a road through the pass at the head of Rogue river and the Umpqua.

THE United States marshal and posse are preparing to push the evictions in the Des Moines, Iowa, river lands. They are only waiting for clear weather to remove the settlers from their homes.

MAJOR POWELL, director of the geological survey, has mapped out the work which will be performed during the coming summer in regard to the investigation of what can be accomplished by the irrigation of the arid lands of the West.

He intends to use the \$250,000 appropriated by congress to the best possible advantage. His work during the coming summer will be mainly experimental. He will survey a few representative localities. The Truckee river, in California, is one. The storage capacity of the points which furnish water for the Truckee will be examined and surveyed, and reservoirs constructed, also ditches and canals for the distribution of water will be surveyed. This will show what land can be irrigated on the Truckee when water is stored. This will enable parties desiring to reclaim land to know in advance exactly what they can do.

Another important survey will be that of the Arkansas in Colorado. A very large amount of land will be reclaimed under this system.

Besides this, examinations will be made and surveys inaugurated along the Snake river in Idaho. More or less exploration will be made in every state and territory where irrigation is required. It will be impossible to complete the work in very many places, but enough will be done to illustrate the subject and indicate the policy of the government in the matter.

FUTURE OF TELESCOPES.

The success of the giant refracting Lick telescope on the summit of Mount Hamilton in California has been so great that the question of the limit of size for large telescopes has assumed an entirely new aspect. When the Washington telescope was completed a dozen years ago many thought that the limit had already been reached, and it was asserted that even if a larger instrument could be made it would hardly be worth the expense and trouble on account of aberrations which could not be overcome.

Yet the Lick telescope was, although the project of constructing such a monster was looked upon as visionary. Its optical properties are so excellent that atmospheric causes do not affect its performance more than they do that of smaller telescopes. Now nobody appears to think that the limit has been reached, and the appetite for celestial marvels, awakened by the really wonderful observations at Mount Hamilton has created almost a public demand for a still larger and more powerful telescope.

This has found expression in several projects for the construction of such a glass, and one of these has taken the definite form of a contract with the Charles to make a telescope for the university of Southern California having an object-glass forty inches in diameter. The diameter of the Lick glass is thirty-six inches. Since the light-gathering capacity of an object-glass varies as the square of the diameter it will be seen that the proposed telescope is to exceed the Lick telescope in this respect about 25 per cent.

If everything goes well it is thought this new telescope can be set up in its dome on Wilson's Peak in California, within three years, and the optical glass makers of Paris who cast the discs for the Lick glass are already at work upon a casting for one of the 40-inch lenses.

The new law of the state of New York for the execution of criminals by electricity in place of hanging is now in force, and the state authorities are engaged in arranging the details of the electrical apparatus that is to be officially employed.

Lived in Slavery. In Lowndes county, Alabama, there lives a white man whose life history reads like a chapter of genuine romance. His name is George Johnson, and he was a slave before the war. From force of circumstances he associated with negroes and married a negro woman. He was brought to that state by slave traders in his early childhood, and sold to an old gentleman named Johnson, who lived on a splendid prairie plantation in Lowndes county, and owned several hundred slaves.

Johnson remembers little or nothing about his early history before he fell into the hands of the slave traders. He was picked up in Virginia by the Carolinas brought to Alabama and sold. He became a favorite with his master, who was very kind to him and gave him unusual privileges and advantages. After the war he married a full-blooded negro woman, and they had lived happily together and raised a family of children. All these Johnson has never been recognized on ground of social equality because of his unfortunate life and associations, but he is universally respected as an upright man and a useful citizen. He is sober and industrious and a man of good average intelligence. He owns a farm now and has a neat and comfortable home. His white skin and honest intelligent face attract much attention among those who are not familiar with his life history. He has adapted himself to the surroundings and seems perfectly happy and contented.

A Snake Story. The following story is told for the truth: "George H. Bailey of Antelope lost a valuable three-year-old Percheron mare recently, and as he was at a loss to know the cause of her death he took his veterinary tools—one butcher knife and an axe—and proceeded to investigate. When he arrived at the facts he found the bladder of the animal was burst, and that it contained three live snakes, the largest one being about eighteen inches long and three around. It is believed that the mare drank some snake eggs, which went into the bladder and hatched out, as it is impossible for a live snake, no matter how small, to have gone through any other way."

The Age of Steel. Grocer (to clerk)—Did you read about this sugar swindle, James? "Yes, sir." "What robbers there are in the world! The days when honest men were in business seem to have gone by."

Not Long Ago. Uncle Jim Johnson of Yamhill the 15th of December, 1844, was camped on the present site of West Portland, then an unbroken forest. Not the sign of an axe was visible. Since then you can see what has happened, a city of 20,000 inhabitants has grown and is the metropolis of the north-west coast.

Over the Baluster.

Over the baluster bends a face, Tenderly sweet and beguiling, Somebody stands in careless grace, And watches the picture smiling. The light burns dim in the hall below, Nobody sees her standing, Saying good night again, soft and slow, Half way up the landing.

Nobody, only the eyes of brown, Tender and full of meaning, That smile on the farthest face in town, Over the baluster leaning. Tired and sleepy, with drooping head, I wonder why she lingers, And when all the good nights are said Why somebody holds her fingers— Holds her fingers and draws her down, Suddenly growing bolder, Till her loose hair drops in masses brown Like a mantle over his shoulder.

Over the baluster soft hands fair, Brush his cheeks like a feather; Bright brown tresses and dusky hair Meet and mingle together. There's a question asked, there's a swift answer, She has flown like a bird from the hall-way, But over the baluster drops a Yes That shall brighten the world for him always.

"SCRAPS." The St. Mark's railroad in Florida is reported to have a lady conductor. Lord Colridge has collected \$35,000 for the widow and daughter of Matthew Arnold.

The house in which Lord Byron was born is about to be demolished so as to enlarge a draper's shop. "Che Mah," the Chinese dwarf, the smallest Egyptian on earth, aged fifty years, is so small that you can cover him with an ordinary plug hat.

Mrs. James G. Blaine has never had but one photograph taken, and that was in a group when she and Mr. Blaine were on their coaching trip in Scotland. A German specialist asserts that Patti has two valves in her windpipe. She may be considered, therefore, a kind of bivalve—a veritable oyster Patti.

Mme. Boulanger is singularly sour tempered and a disagreeable woman. Her temper at dinner was so nagging that the husband got into the way of dining at a cafe. All the money Capt. Kidd ever buried on the shores of the United States did not amount to \$20,000, while hundreds of thousands have been expended in searches.

Mrs. Gladstone is quoted as saying that her husband considered it one of his most sacred duties to do his utmost to check the flood of infidelity that is sweeping over England. A poet is allowed a heap of Beesee but when Mrs. Kerson of Cairo throw hot water on a neighbor who made fun of her rhymes, the judge said that license had gone beyond the limit.

The richest child in America is little May Sharpless, now but nine years old. She is a daughter of a late member of the great dry goods house of Arnold, Constable & Co., and she is worth \$9,000,000 in her own name and right.

The Philadelphia woman who died of tight lacing was an old maid, homely and angular, and never had a beau, and yet she said she had to please the men. All the men should climb to her monument for her.

A Sioux chief named Lame Wolf says that Bill Cody is the biggest coward of a white man who ever rode over the plains, and William says he will have the blood of that Lame Wolf before the violets bloom again.

Prison Missionary—What are you in for, friend? Convict, bitterly—Just for missing a train. Nonsense. No nonsense, sir. I missed a train for Montreal.

Canada's Extradition Bill. The Canadian parliament is trying to pass an extraordinary bill under which all criminals may be brought back from Canada, at present their convenient and favorite refuge, to the United States for trial. This movement has been the means of producing an opposition of phenomenal character. One of the prominent members opposing the bill, is said to have made use of the following language: "It will keep millions of dollars out of the country that now comes here from the United States, and heaven knows we are not rich enough to refuse to encourage this influx of capital." This proposition to protect and shelter known criminals simply because they bring a few thousand dollars stolen money with them is without a parallel in the history of these enterprising and enlightened times of advancement.

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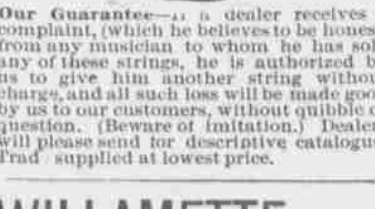
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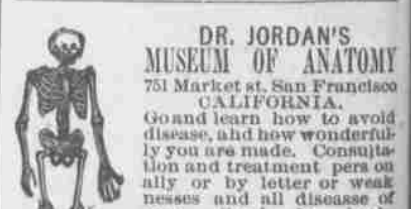
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