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X-RAYS

Governor Pennington wants to sell his library of 15,000 volumes, but he has not read them all yet.

About the only dirt moved so far on the Panama canal is that taken from the graves of the fever victims.

Channey Dupes is not dead, he is only under a cloud which he knows has a silver lining, for he lived it himself.

Taggart objected to his wife drinking but testified to manufacturing 30 gallons of punch, at her request, to be served at a party given by her, and it was only a small party, too.

Captain Taggart and his wife have each proved the other so bad that they feel they really should not spoil two houses, and there is a rumor of their patching up their quarrel, and being happy ever afterward.

"Mr. X-Ray Max, please explain what Col. Hofer meant at Chemawa by saying in his remarks to the graduating class that Chemawa had upheld its reputation as a complexion cure?" Respectfully referred to Harriet Hubbard Ayer.

Rain fell in Salem yesterday afternoon, but none in Albany. Sometimes it rains alone on the unjust.—Albany Democrat.

The exception this time proves the rule.

What's the matter with the Elks, and why are they so popular with the ladies. They have no auxiliary order. Yet it took three cars to carry the ladies to the station who went to Portland today on Elks' day. Perhaps they are a kind of auxiliary themselves.

If any man will look back over just one year and make a list of the foolish things he did, write them down and read them over aloud to himself, he will wonder at the charitableness of humanity, and be surprised at the goodness of God in letting him live in the community.

REPUBLICAN ASPIRANTS

Republican candidates and eligibles for nomination for state offices next year, as compiled by the Oregonian:

Governor—Dr. Andrew C. Smith, Portland; Dr. James Withycombe, Corvallis; W. A. Howe, Carlton; Henry E. Ankeny, Eugene; C. A. Johns, Baker City; L. R. Webster, Portland; T. T. Geer, Salem; Robert Eakin, La Grande; H. L. Benson, Klamath Falls; S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; W. P. Lord, The Dalles.

Secretary of state—Clad Gatch, Salem; P. S. Malcom, Portland; Lot L. Pearce, Salem; Frank Wrightman, Salem; F. S. Fields, Mount Tabor.

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Other offices to be filled are those of one supreme judge, superintendent of public instruction and labor commissioner.

BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD.

One Mormon Woman Who Has Been Trying to Act as Proxy.

Marian Bonnell describes in the August Housekeeper, in her second article on "The Tragedy of the Mormon Woman," the extraordinary belief of "baptism for the dead." It is a Mormon belief that at the close of the third century A. D. God withdrew His kingdom from the world, and that it was practically lost until 1830, when it was restored through the prophet Joseph Smith. Since it was not the fault of those who lived before this time, that they had not been given an opportunity to embrace the religion of the mints which the Mormons believe to be the only true religion, it is possible for them to attain salvation by being baptized by proxy by a Mormon believer.

Every conscientious Mormon, therefore, hunts up his family tree, and is baptized individually by immersion for each of his ancestors of the same sex as himself. Further than this, the more zealous saints are baptized in the temples or in the baptismal houses for other gentiles who have died, and with whom they have had no connection, but who have never had an opportunity to embrace their faith. Eventually, the Mormons expect to have given everyone the opportunity of accepting their belief in the next world by means of these proxy baptisms.

One of the activities of the Mormon missionaries is to gather up genealogies, regardless of any connection of friend or kinship, and send them back to Utah, that devout Mormons may be baptized for these people, long dead, and thus give them their chance of eternal salvation. Hundreds of illustrations persons have thus been baptized by proxy; many of the kings and queens of Europe, all of the presidents of the United States, except those who were unfriendly to the Mormons. One man is said to have been baptized for each of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and scores of others have thus been given a chance to accept the true religion and hence gain salvation after death.

One woman in Utah, of more than ordinary zeal, has been for years spending a day each week in one of the temples, trying to accomplish the baptism of 12,000 dead ancestors. After months and months of patient baptism, she called her two sons from a ranch in Nevada to come and help her complete the list. She has already been immersed thousands of times, but I never heard if she had, with the aid of her sons, accomplished her purpose.

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ABOUT SHOES.

Excellent Reference Is Found in the Old Testament.

What is regarded as the earliest reference to shoes is found in the Old Testament, where Abraham refuses to take so much as a shoe latchet from the king of Sodom. Among the Jews the shoes played an important part in many social usages. When buying or selling land it was customary to deliver a shoe and the act of throwing down a shoe on territory implied occupancy. The finding of sandals on Egyptian mummies proves that the wearing of shoes is almost as old as the race itself. In Venice in the seventeenth century every lady of any pretension to fashion or position wore what was called "choppines," high clogs or pattens, to elevate them from the ground. The Court, a traveler who visited Venice in 1611, says of them: "They are so common in Venice that no woman goes without either in her house or abroad. It is a thing made of wood and covered with leather in sundry colors, some white some red, some yellow. Many of them are curiously painted; some, also, of them have I seen fairly gilt. There are many of these choppines of a great height—some half a yard high; and by how much the nobler the woman is, by so much the higher are her choppines. All their gentlewomen, and most of their wives and widows that are of any wealth are assisted, or supported either men or women when they walk abroad, to the end that they may not fall."

Fortunes have been lavished upon shoes. Men as widely apart in every circumstance of life as Sir Walter Raleigh and Calligula had their shoes enriched with precious stones to the value of thousand dollars. When the tomb of Henry VI of Sicily, who died in 1197, was opened in the cathedral of Palermo shoes made of cloth of gold and embroidered with pearls were found on the dead monarch's feet, and also on those of his queen. In the time of Louis XIV of France the courtiers of Versailles were remarkable for their boots, the tops of which were enormously large and wide and were decorated with a profusion of costly lace.

Even horse shoes have been made to serve the purpose of extravagance and display. Sabina Poppaea, the beautiful and luxury-loving wife of the Roman Emperor Nero, is said to have had her mules shod with gold. All the world over horseshoes are supposed to possess some occult power of attracting luck and warding off evil.—Chicago News.

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