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THE COLUMBIA PLAINS.

(Special Correspondence.)

Half of the month of April has gone by, and we are again permitted to look upon the rolling prairies of a beautiful grass country. The spring weather has been unusually cool, and the landscape indicates March, rather than the present month. The Columbia Plains really embrace the greater portion of Eastern Washington. The Columbia Plains proper may be described as lying north of Snake river, south of the upper timbered Spokan country, west of the Coeur d'Alene mountain chain, and east of Columbia river. As one would naturally judge, by reading the name, the section of country which we aim to describe is almost wholly void of timber. The southeastern portion is low, comparatively level, and covered with grass. The soil is light, generally sandy, but in some instances rocky. The greater portion of country embraced within the limits given is rich with prairie lands covered by luxuriant grass, and favored with a heavy, productive soil. Springs and small streams are abundant in many portions of the Columbia Plains; while they are comparatively scarce in other sections. Wells can be sunk to advantage in most places where springs and streams are not commonly found. Timber is generally brought from northern and eastern portions of the country with which to fence and build on lands devoid of forests. Good pasture is found on these prairies all summer long. Grass grows standing, and will keep stock in good order during winter. It snows do not prevail on the range.

Thousands of acres of good lands are awaiting the claims of immigrants. Almost any location can be satisfied, in the matter of location, on the Columbia Plains. But as regards the question of settling on lands in this country, as in all others, we would advise the intending immigrant to visit it, and make deliberate choice, before settling there. No country is worth settling in if it will not bear examination, and no man ought to risk his success in the purchase of land, until he has seen it, and knows the quality of his purchase.

LOW PRICES INADVISABLE.

Reports from the great wheat-growing States of the West and Northwest, and from every section of the Pacific slope, remark the Seattle *Intelligencer*, show that the prospects for an abundant wheat crop this year are without exception very favorable. The increase in acreage in different sections all over the continent varies from 5 to 25 per cent., and nearly an equal increase in yield per acre is expected. The grass-hopper, which alone has very seriously injured the wheat product of the country east of the Rocky mountains of late years, has had his day, and unusual drouths or heavy rains during the harvest season are the only agents liable to prevent the crop this year from being larger 50, 000,000 or 75,000,000 bushels in that section than last year. During the last two years the fall in the price of wheat has been about 40 per cent., and it was hoped that it had about reached bottom prices. This hope will probably not be realized. With abundant harvests here, and now that the plague is a thing of the past, there is nothing to interfere with the export of Russia's enormous crop of 1,884,304,000 bushels, it is believed that the average price for 1879 will be lower than at any time since 1851.

WAGES EAST.

The Saginaw Courier predicts an unusually busy season in all manufacturing industries throughout that section of the West, and produces facts tending to the conclusion that the demand for the forest products of the Saginaw Valley will be better than at any time since the panic of '73. The rate of wages, it states, will be about the same as was paid last year. This indicates a range in saw mills for unskilled labor from \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.50 per day, and skilled labor from \$2 to \$4, according to the class of work and competency of the employee. Last year the rate paid in salt blocks was \$1.50. On the river the boom companies paid from \$1.50 to \$2 per day, and competent engineers will probably command from \$2.25 to \$3 per day.

Immigration in 1878.—The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics furnishes the following summary of the official returns of immigration into the United States: During the calendar year 1878 there arrived at the several ports of the United States 200,254 passengers, of whom 153,307 were immigrants. During the calendar year 1877, the total arrival of passengers was 190,361, of whom 130,593 were immigrants, showing an increase of 22,000 in the number of immigrants, or about 17 per cent.

A REGULAR YAMHILLER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

It is quite frequently the case that a stranger among strangers makes himself so ridiculously conspicuous that it becomes a necessary as well as a pleasant duty for "all hands" to aggregate their wisdom and wit in order to teach impudent humanity a good lesson. We have a case in point which illustrates the situation to a nicety: On a recent occasion, the steamer "West" left Portland with a passenger list numbering over one hundred persons—all bound for Eastern Washington. As is usually the case, most of the travelers were strangers to the country and their companions. Among the above on board was a regular personification of impudence and Western Oregon impudence, a regular Yamhiller. With pants in his boots, and tobacco juice unwiped off his chin, he would not have attracted any considerable attention had he not taken particular pains to cause every one on board to feel the importance of his presence. He awaited no introduction, dwelt not on ceremony, and even ignored the rules others had learned (but which he never knew) regarding ordinary civility. When such men as W. S. Ladd, Gen. J. W. Sprague and Capt. Ainsworth were engaged in conversation, it was the province of Yam to intrude his presence, give his views on absorbing subjects, and render himself highly conspicuous. The passengers became so fully convinced that the great Yamhiller should be "taken down a peg," that they resolved upon a plan of operations that worked admirably. When they boarded the Harvest Queen, at Celilo, on the Upper Columbia, and night had set fairly in, a number of persons—including several prominent business men of Lewiston, Moscow and Colfax—won Yam's confidence by gathering in a knot and requesting him to spin one of his most laughable yarns. But where the laugh was to come in, Yam would break out with a loud "ha ha!" while his hearers tortured themselves into peaceful slumber. Two or three futile attempts at provoking his auditors to wrath sufficed to silence Yam, for a season, at least. Then "confidence" games were introduced, and efforts were made to entice Yam away to a stateroom, where a private game might be played for coin. Admirers warned him against the sharps. He wouldn't bite on the "strap game," didn't like the way things were going on, and finally declared that more than half the passengers on board belonged to an organized gang of blacklegs. He was advised by friends that it was not safe to talk that way. He began to grow pale; didn't know who to trust; rushed frantically to the purser and had his money deposited in the boat's safe; was pursued by the "strap men"; he came the laughing at object and butt of all persons in the cabin. He finally became so agitated that he wanted his money, but declared that the purser was not the man he had given it to. He made known his intentions to have the boat landed, that he might go ashore in the night; said he felt sick; and actually became so exercised over the matter that it was deemed neither safe nor expedient to let the joke go further. He was candidly informed that it was a huge joke; upon the receipt of which information he slunk away to the fore'd, let his great ears down beneath his coat collar, and thus passed a restless night.

Yam was, of course, a fit subject for ridicule from that time till he reached Colfax—all because he had not sense enough to know his place and keep it. There is a good word connected with this truthful sketch.

Pensioners totally disabled are now paid \$864 per annum, which is the largest sum ever paid any class of military pensioners by any government. Up to the war of the rebellion, and for some time afterward, this class received \$91; but it has been gradually increased by nearly every Congress until it is nearly ten times the former figure. The last increase was from \$600 to \$864. The "totally disabled" are such as have lost both arms, or both legs, or are otherwise entirely disqualified from physical exertion.

The Postmaster General is authorized to furnish for public use a letter sheet envelope on which the postage stamps shall be printed so that the sheet can be sealed without the use of an envelope. There are several designs of these envelopes now on exhibition at the department, and he is authorized to furnish a double postal card with a 2 cent stamp on it, or two 1 cent stamps, that can be returned by the person to whom it is addressed with the reply written thereon.

It is proposed to stop the exports of the negroes from the South by forbidding the sale of early more than 15 at a time; a home application of the Chinese bill.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1879. The call that comes from the West for means to feed and cloth the starving refugees from the south appeals strongly to the charitable and the philanthropic. The young and growing State of Kansas should not be taxed with the support of this advanced guard of the colored race, who have been driven by long years of wrong and indignation from their old homes to find relief anywhere at any cost to privation and suffering. Other localities now have an opportunity to furnish substantial aid to these people. Let the Young Men's Christian Association and other religious organizations in the North, undertake the noble work of securing employment for men with and without wives. Let other men follow the example of Senator Chandler, of Michigan, who has offered to give employment on his farms for one hundred men. This duty is one that cannot be shirked. It is a disgrace to our civilization and an insult to Jehovah that we have so long permitted the old-time slave oligarchy to make the last estate of citizenship to the colored race worse than the first, when bound by Slavery's manacles. The North suffered years of agony and laid on the bloody altar 500,000 victims, as an atoning sacrifice for her tacit submission to and participation in the great wrongs of slavery. What holocaust must we yet offer? What years of bitter agony must we suffer, for so long insulting the God who but yesterday saved the Nation, and who will not be thwarted in his purposes to redeem these people with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

"Great heaven! is this our offering—the fruit of prayers and tears—The toil, the sorrow, of those long and bitter years?" Is this, O sons of liberty, a tune for us to sing? The soil God gave to freemen with the Southern seeds of woe?" The Presidential question is looming up rapidly, and is tinting the political horizon of the future. The man with the bar in Grafton Park—in spite of the Bayard's and Thurman's—is sure he has the nomination in his pocket; and—inasmuch as all his past experience in buying up conventions, and all he knows and all he has forgotten about cipher dispatches and fraudulent counts, is to be used to make it certain that he may warm the President's seat in the White House. Already the handwriting on the political sky reads: "Weighed in the balance and found wanting," and the men who love liberty, law and our country's flag, cry amen, amen! There is a quiet mood man reverberated by his countrymen for his distinguished services in the hour of his country's greatest need, and for faithful and impartial administration of law as the chief Executive of the realm, who holds to-day the affection, and commands the devotion of thirty millions of freemen in this land—as well as hundreds of millions whose language and laws are diverse from ours, across the briny deep. Let him again plant foot on native soil, and all the fervor of old-time patriotism, super-heated, shall move the loyal masses like a mighty clarion bugle call.

Parties interested in subsidies have met with a tremendous set back in the appointment of the committees in both the Senate and House, a majority of whom are known to be opposed to land grants or subsidies. This defeat effectively kills the bill extending the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad and diminishes very largely the future value of their franchise. This company has just floated \$3,000,000 of bonds on an extension of their line, but has pledged the entire revenues of the old portion of the line to pay the interest on the new loan. The bonds issued on the road from Duluth to Bismarck must be converted into preferred stock prior to July 1st, 1879. The only chance left to the unfortunate investors in this gilt-edged security is to convert their bonds into preferred stock which can be exchanged for land along the line of the road. Holders of stock or bonds of the Northern Pacific or Duluth & Mississippi Railroad, wishing to dispose of such securities can find purchasers at highest rates by addressing Lock Box 587, Washington, D. C.

YAKIMA.

Gen. Garfield hit the center when he said, "If the return of the Democratic party to its birthright is to be signalled by striking down the grand array of the United States, the people of this country will not be slow to understand that there are reminiscences about that army which these gentlemen would willingly get rid of."

Secretary Schurz since he has been at the head of the Treasury, has sold seven hundred and thirty-six million of four per cent. bonds.

STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS.

(From the Portland Rural Press.)

No great result has ever been accomplished except where there has been an united effort on the part of those interested. Farmers and stock growers cannot afford to ignore their separate and combined interests, and much less can either of them individualize their occupation. Is it not true that the farmers and stock growers are sully behind all other occupations or professions? There is certainly a sad want of associated influence. How can we bring about these influences? By the organization of fairs, where farmers, mechanics and stock growers may meet, and by an interchange of thought and display of commodities, promote their mutual welfare.

We feel assured that it is unnecessary to attempt an extended argument to convince the intelligent farmer or stock grower of the importance of a properly conducted agricultural society as an educating agency, and of its beneficial influence, direct or indirect, upon every industry of the country. It educates socially—old friends meet and new acquaintances are formed. Friendly intercourse with neighbors lightens toil, tempers the pangs of temporary adversity, and heightens the pleasures of prosperity. It educates intellectually; mind comes in contact with mind, and free discussion is had; objections are considered and friendly emulations and wholesome criticisms are indulged in. Here, as in politics or ethics, every question has two sides, and the truth can only be reached by agreement secured by a fair and honest interchange of opinion. The result must be seen in the improved culture, better fruit, better stock, better implements, better methods of using them, higher hopes, and wiser faith. It is highly encouraging to witness the growing activity which is now manifest in the organization of agricultural societies. They are becoming a power in the land, as well as useful agents in promoting and imparting agricultural and mechanical science. Many false theories will be abandoned, no doubt, but agitation and intelligent discussion can scarcely fail to end in good. These societies, organized for mutual improvement, are so many normal schools, whose works it is in part to help prepare teachers in the science and art of agriculture and other improvements of stock. At these fairs of practical farmers, the result of individual experiments are brought together and compared, new discoveries are communicated, others are combated, and a higher and better knowledge of the theory and practice of farming and stock growing are secured. Because of his isolation and the quiet nature of his employment, the mind of the farmer tends to rest, and he is more inactive. But stir him up, set his intellectual powers in active operation, and he at once becomes a thinking, progressive man, not only ready to learn from others, but competent to devise and investigate for himself.

"The very latest use to which paper has been put is the making of artificial teeth." Great Jove! Imagine a full set of thirty-two made out of a file of old Democratic Presses. What a horrible taste the unfortunate wearer would have in his mouth. Chicken would taste like turkey-buzzard, and venison assume the delicate flavor of the unctuous and fragrant skunk. If a religious man purchased a set made from such material, his religious efforts at extemporaneous family prayer would very possibly be tainted, with the odor, without, of course, his elegance of expression.

A man in St. Paul took out a life insurance policy for \$5,000, one of the printed conditions being that the company should pay nothing if he committed suicide. He became insane and killed himself. His widow sued for the \$5,000 on the ground that being driven to self-destruction by insanity, a disease, does not constitute a violation of the suicide clause, which can be applied to criminal self-destruction only. The Minnesota Supreme court decides for the widow.

The San Francisco Seaman's Protection Society have adopted a resolution to the effect that no sailor, a member of the society, shall ship on any vessel engaged in the coast trade; for less than \$40 per month, \$25 has been paid during the past winter and it is supposed that this action will precipitate a general strike among San Francisco seamen.

It is not what we earn but what we use that makes us rich. It is not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong. It is not what we read but what we remember that makes us intellectual. It is not what we intend but what we do that makes us useful. It is not a few faint wishes but a life-long struggle that makes us valiant.

RECRUITING THE TRAMPS.

(From the Portland Rural Press.)

Several States, says the Portland *Oregonian*, have enacted laws for the punishment of tramps by imprisonment at hard labor. A bill on the same subject was proposed in the Oregon Legislature last session, but we believe failed to become a law. Just as such a law is, it cannot provide a cure for the evil. It may tend to repress it, but the causes lie too deep to be cured by punitive legislation, however severe. The subject has given thinkers and legislators in many of the States a vast amount of hard study, and though nearly every one has a theory of the increasing evil, and is ready for it, all are disposed to depend too much on legislation, as if enactment of a law could transform loafers who were brought up through their boyhood in idleness and turned upon the world with small knowledge of work and still less disposition for it, into men of industry, prudence and thrift. It is easy to see how a large part of this evil has been created, and it is necessary to take a hint from this fact for its correction. Parents in only moderate circumstances have brought up their sons without regard to their welfare, in juring them by their kindness. The boys, dressed up smartly, lounged about town, spending their lives nominally in the public schools till they were grown, getting a smattering of Latin and French and the formulas of higher mathematics, and then dallying around store or office, till their parents, seeing they were likely to do nothing, helped them to start west. Failure followed everything they touched, because they were not qualified to do anything well, and could not fall back upon that great reserve of manual labor, of which every young man ought to have acquired through his training some experimental knowledge. After sinking from one thing to another young men were brought up, when their parents are gone or they can get no further help from home, swell the great army of tramps, and become a public nuisance. It is rarely the case that boys who were poor, who were brought up to physical acquaintance with work, and who thus acquired habits of industry, prudence and economy, are found among the tramps that infest the early age. They were taught to work and were kept at it faithfully by faithful parents, who now do most of the business of the country and fill nine-tenths of the positions of profit and trust. Boys who learn to work and are taught the value of money are not going to the bad. But those who have beautiful rattles, blocks and whips before they can walk, costly books and pictures and fishing rods before they are twelve, with the best of food and the nicest of clothes from childhood up, and all with no knowledge of the labor and time and wear and tear of them, are already started, in many cases, at the first stage of the tramp's career; for, when the little fortune on which this luxury depends, is dissipated or consumed, as it is very sure to be, what can the boy, now arrived at man's estate, do, or what is he likely to do? We read recently in a clever essay this conclusion to such a case: "Why, madam, if you bring up your boy to twenty-one the way you have to twelve, he must have a trip to Europe once a year, a change of diamonds for every season, and several men to wait upon him. If he can't get them he will turn tramp and go to the sand lot, and swear that every man must divide with him his goods and his gold."

MILES IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.—A mile in England or America, 1,760 yards; mile in Russia, 1,100 yards; mile in Scotland and Ireland, 2,200 yards; in Poland, 4,100 yards; mile in Spain, 3,028 yards; mile in Germany, 3,866 yards; mile in Sweden and Denmark, 1,233 yards; mile in Hungary, 8,800 yards. A league in England and America, 4,830 yards.

Have a little public spirit about you, property holders. Don't longer neglect to plant shade trees around your property. They add greatly to the value of property. They are cheap and grow without trouble if protected. Plant trees, plant them now.

"The man who get into a barber's chair, pinned a newspaper around his neck and began to read the towel, may justly be called absent-minded or drunk."

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A dollar in your hand is worth two in another man's pocket.

Humorous Items.

(From the Portland Rural Press.)

Though the times are hard, yet there are very few who scratch at hard for a living as did poor Job. Roll this down.

A man is curiously systematic and exercises more than human restraints when he calls time on three embraces after he has got well started.

It is said that while Mrs. Oliver made it warm for Simon, he did not demur. But that he only objected to her when she made it hot for him.

A great Riddle, did Mrs. Oliver fail to unravel by gently stroking his unweavable way locks and bestowing three kisses on his eloquent silvery lips?

A seaside belle left her bathingshoes hanging out of her hotel, and a reporter remarks that "she had put up new awnings of unique design."

An old bachelor seeing the words, "Families supplied," in the window of an oyster saloon, went in and said he'd take a wife and two children—a boy and a girl.

Mrs. Partington says the only way to prevent steamboat explosions is to make the engineers bite the water on shore. In her opinion all the bustle is done by cooking the steam on board.

A colored preacher, in Alabama, put his foot on excessive bribery at elections, and crushed it. "Dis ting," he says, "ob getting \$100 for a vote is all wrong; \$10 is as much as it's worth."

A wit having been asked by another person whether he would advise him to lend a certain friend of his money, said, "What! lend him money? You might give him an emetic, and he wouldn't return it."

Alarming symptoms (a fact in the experience of a county practitioner)—Doctor: "Well, we've got the fever down. Last night his hands were a bright scarlet!" "Yes, sir, he's a dyer, you know, and it was his day to dye red!"

A lady entering a horse-car observed an elderly gentleman rise. She said to him: "Don't rise, I beg of you; I much prefer you should keep your seat, sir." "I should be very happy to accommodate you, madam, but I want to get out here."

Will Sizer please stand up and tell us why a girl who freezes to death every time she has to sweep off the front steps, can ride fifteen miles in a sleigh with nothing around her but some other girl's brother's arm, without getting even a blue nose?

A Boston lawyer, badgering a witness, said, sternly: "I believe, sir, you have served a sentence in the State Prison?" "Yes, was the unconcerned reply, "I was in the State Prison, and I had the misfortune to occupy the same cell 'our brother had."

A boy was caught stealing some figs at a grocery, the other day, and was locked up in a dark closet. After coaxing in vain to get out, he said, "If you'll only let me out and send for my daddy, he'll pay you for the figs and give me a kicking besides." That appeal had the desired effect.

CORONERS' INQUESTS.—As there seems to be a diversity of opinion as to the character of deaths legally requiring a coroner's inquest, says an exchange, it is deemed advisable to publish the following provision of law on the subject taken from section 3, page 500, statutes of 1863, for the information of justices of the peace and others interested in this matter:

"When a coroner has been informed that a person has been killed, or committed suicide, or has suddenly died, under such circumstances as to afford a reasonable ground to suspect that his death has been occasioned by the act of another, by criminal means, he shall go to the place where the body is, and forthwith summon six good and lawful persons qualified by law to serve as jurors, to appear before him forthwith at the place where the body of the deceased is, to inquire into the cause of the death."

From the above it will be seen that where the community is satisfied that the death was occasioned by accident, and that no reasonable grounds exist for suspecting that the same was caused by the criminal act of another, an inquest is unnecessary, and such expense may be avoided.

One of the great wants of the people is to have their debts paid. De La Matry, member of congress from Indiana, has introduced a bill providing that the treasury shall at once print greenbacks and issue them to municipal corporations to pay municipal corporation debts wital.

Twelve tribes, including all the scattered bands of Indians in the upper Columbia country will locate with Moses on his new reservation. He told Secretary Schurz he thought there would be no doubt that they would all come in.

Tormented.

(From the Portland Rural Press.)

We heard a story the other day, says the editor of a Portland newspaper, of a well-known lecturer, that will do to tell again. He had been lecturing at a Western town, and was invited to spend the night at the house of one of the citizens.

On retiring to his room, he found hanging on the wall one of those small clocks which wind up with a spring. Being a nervous man, and somewhat exhausted by the effort of the evening, the ticking of the clock so disturbed him that he could not sleep. Thereupon he took it down and shut it up in a closet. Still, however, its pertinacious ticking could be heard, and rising in desperation he rummaged around for another hiding place for the obnoxious timepiece. Finding within the closet a large chest containing bedding, he thrust the clock to the bottom of it, covered it with the clothes, shut down the lid, closed the closet door, and slept in peace.

Next morning he took an early departure, without a thought of his tormentor of the previous night. On arriving at home it suddenly occurred to him that he had forgotten to replace it on the wall. A horrible fear seized him that the good people of the house would suspect him of having rewarded their hospitality by stealing it. The idea of a distinguished lecturer pocketing a clock for a timepiece! He made all haste to telegraph where the missing clock might be found, and now refuses to sleep in a room with a timepiece in it.

How to Become Gracelul.

The *Young Woman's Journal* thinks a refined, graceful manner can be acquired by any woman. It says:

The best grace is perfect naturalness. Still, you must study yourself, and form your manners by a rule of that art which is but a carrying out of the laws of nature. But if it is your nature to be forever assuming some unpicturesque, ungraceful attitude, pray, help nature with a little art.

If you are stout, avoid the smallest chair in the room, and be sure you sit on it, not to lean back on it with your hands folded in front of you just below the line of your waist, especially while the present fashion prevails.

If you are thin, do not carry yourself with your chin protruding and your spinal column curving like the bowl of a spoon.

Do not wear flimsy materials made up without a ruffle or puff, or flounce, to fill up the hard outlines of your had figure, so cruelly defined by the tightly pulled back draperies.

Study the art of dress. We once knew a very plain woman who dressed so tastefully that it was really a pleasure to look at her.

If you have been moping until you are sick with the thought of your own hopeless ugliness, be up and doing. Forget your disappointments, forget the past and the sneers of your own family over the mistakes that you have made.

THE TURKISH MAILS.—The mails from Bagdad and Constantinople are, we believe, still conveyed by a peculiar class of government messengers called Tartars, who, formerly numerous, have, since postal facilities have been extended in the Sultan's dominions, been reduced to a very small number. Formerly, some were attached to every pachalik and foreign consulate. Their courage and fidelity were proverbial, and great confidence was reposed in them by the government and mercantile men, who frequently confided very large sums to them. They were frequently ten or twelve days in the saddle without more rest than the few minutes required for changing horses or waiting for a governor's reply to a dispatch. Their costume was rich and picturesque, their office gave them importance and procured them deference, and they were regarded as the chief medium of news.

How RUSSIA TREATS STRIKERS.—According to an English resident in St. Petersburg, writing to London *Globe*, the operatives of a cotton mill in the Russian capital lately struck for a reduction of the hours of labor, which were thirteen and a half a day, and assembling for the purpose of making an appeal to the Czarovitch, were attacked by the police and military and severely used. Afterward they were locked up and tried by a commission, which condemned all the men above age of nineteen (seven in number) to be exiled to the Province of Archangel, receiving sixty lashes apiece; all under that age to be sent back to the village whence they came, and to be kept there until the expiration of their lives; all the women employed in the mill and men who did not actively join in the demonstration to be discharged and fined three rubles a head all round.

A man takes no interest in a bad investment.

SUNBEAMS.

(From the Portland Rural Press.)

Positive, wait; comparative, wait; superlative, get it yourself.

A canal-boat mule and a baby's shoe generally wear out on the tow.

A great many men never think of having their lives insured until they get married.

When did the alphabet get into a row? When B fit, D cried, N raged, Q bit and X pounded.

It will be fashionable this season for organ grinders to wear their monkeys with tails looped up the back.

The proprietor of a bone factory announces that persons leaving their bones with him can have them ground at short notice.

There is one comfort about having the aque in a boarding house. You shake so fast that the bedbugs can get no foothold on your at all.

The best religion is that which will make a man sit down content to eat corn bread for supper, knowing at the same time that a neighbor has fat chickens and no dog in his yard.

A lady in Delaware put a quart of dried apples to soak, without thinking of their swelling qualities, and for an hour and a half it was thought that the whole State would be submerged.

Instead of worrying over the Chinese question, a Chester county, Pa., man went out and captured eleven polecats in one hole, which, is doing extremely well considering the times.

A Springfield, Mass., man, who doesn't like to write "note of interrogation" for the stickle-shaped sign which ends so many sentences, humbly suggests that hereafter it be called "queriod."

No one can tell the effect of a smile, says a pensive philosopher. Ah! no. But if you follow up the fellow who has taken several strong ones, you may possibly be able to ascertain some of the effects.

A professor in Cornell lecturing on the effect of the wind in some western forests, remarked: "In traveling along the road I even found the logs bound and twisted together so much an extent that a mule couldn't climb over them so I went around."

Slang is bad enough when uttered by a man; but when it proceeds from the rosy lips of gentle woman, it is unbearable. "We heard a young lady at the table the other day say—'Oh, that is too fresh!' Horrible! horrible!" She referred to the butter.—*Boston Transcript*.

The longer I live, the more do I become satisfied that nothing is so good for people who are in deep trouble as real hard work—work that not only occupies the hands but the brain—work on which one lavishes the best part of the heart.—*George Eliot*. Any one in deep trouble can have a buck-saw and woodpile by applying at this office.—*St. Louis Post*.

Philosophers have written and poets have sung of the feelings of the man who can't scratch between his shoulder blades, but it is nothing in comparison with the despair of the person who gets a piece of chocolate taffy wedged into the roof of his mouth, and realizes that he must either stand on his head and have it extracted with a derrick, or else bore a hole through the top of his skull and lift the dreadful compound through the room.—*Rockland Courier*.

A northern minister was introduced to a colored minister, and inquired after his work: "I preach, sah, on Colonel Gordon's plantation." "How many colored people have you there?" "Well, sah, 'bout a hundred and seventy-five." "And how many have you in the church?" "Dat 'pends, sah, altogether on de time ob year. In de 'rival times dey's all members. In de 'bricks'lidin' times dere's nobody members but Uncle Billy and old Aunt Katy." "A sorrowful truth under that."

A Bouncing Baby.

The largest infant at birth of which there is any authenticated record, was born in Ohio on the 12th of last January. The new born boy was twenty-three and three-quarter pounds in weight (the ordinary weight being about six pounds), and thirty inches in height (the ordinary height being about twenty inches). The circumference of the head was nineteen inches, and the foot was five and a half inches in length. Six years ago the same woman became the mother of a child eighteen pounds in weight and twenty-eight inches in height. The size and weight of the babe though extraordinary, are proportionate to the size of the parents. The mother, Mrs. M. V. Bates, of Nova Scotia, is seven feet nine inches high, and the father, a Kentuckian, is seven feet seven inches high. The London Hospital Museum can boast no longer of its giant infant, which is twenty-four inches high, with the head thirteen and a half inches in circumference, and a half inch in diameter.

SUSPENSION BRIDGE.

During past years, the Government has had a varied experience in the matter of bridges on the Spokane river. Having two large military posts north of the Spokane, travel has, of course, been kept up during all seasons of the year.

ANNEXATION TO OREGON.

From the Walla Walla Times. This question has, from time to time, been agitated in what is now Walla Walla and Columbia counties, since 1855.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

From the Dayton News. The total population of Dayton, about a year ago, was 744. Total number of inhabitants, at that time, of Columbia county, 5,672; showing that we more than doubled during the year, notwithstanding the Indian wars and rumors of wars.

Table with 2 columns: Crop, Acres. Includes Clover, Flax, Alfalfa, Orchards, Barley, Wheat, etc.

HOPE.

Hope is life, and we who living Have no hope, are as the dead, Who in gloomy graves are sleeping While the sun shines bright o'er head.

SOUTH OF SNAKE RIVER.

Substantial improvements are going on at Dayton. Five divorces were granted at the last term of court in Walla Walla.

BOYS-TRIMLY EGGS-TRAORDINARY.

George Gibson, says the Dayton News, has a Brahma hen which laid an egg the other day weighing 34 ounces, the circumference being 6 1/2 inches.

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Restaurant.

Sam'l T. Arthur, Proprietor. Having opened a first-class Restaurant and Boarding House, on Front street, I am prepared to accommodate the resident and traveling public.

N. P. R. R.

A Station on the above line is now established at Deep Creek Falls, Stevens county, where J. Ewart & Co. will, for the next thirty days, offer for sale, their entire stock of goods.

CASH.

Prices Not Equaled. Come, farmers, and purchase your summer stock, as we intend to close out in thirty days.

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LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

An examination of the amount of business transacted by the different district land offices for the year ending Jan. 1, shows that the Whitman land office, at Colfax, W. T., did the largest business of any office in the United States.

WYNNECOT.

Wynecot, who was captured by the chief of the Okanagans, some weeks ago, and turned over to the whites on a charge of complicity in the murder of Mr. Perkins and wife, is an Indian remarkable for his inferior appearance.

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Field Day.

According to an announcement made in THE TIMES, Friday last, was the day set apart for opening the road between Spokan Falls and the prairie east of town.

The early morning did not indicate a very pleasant day. A few minutes before seven o'clock, the first train, consisting of a wheelbarrow, conductor and engineer, was run out to the point where work was to be begun.

Promptly at seven, Mr. Cook, of THE TIMES, and C. O. Berg, commenced their day's labor. At eight o'clock the Roadmaster, Col. F. L. Smith, and Mr. Ross, came to the front, closely followed by Herbert Percival, Vanus Williamson, C. L. White (Foreman of TIMES office), L. M. Rima, Geo. Evans, Chas. Waterhouse, Ralph and Geo. Cannon.

At nine o'clock, Mr. Robinson and the pleasant countenance of J. N. Glover came upon the road. After this hour a few persons came upon the field as substitutes for those who could not be present themselves—none of whom put in a full day's work.

At eleven o'clock, ladies under escort of Mrs. Wood, who was running a spring wagon for the benefit of the occasion, came upon the scene of action, passed by the laborers, and began preparations for dinner on the green banks of Summit Lake.

The simple fact that luncheon was just ahead, had a tendency to encourage lively work. At noon, the laborers bathed their honest countenances in the waters of Summit Lake, and readily responded to the welcome call of "Dinner."

In mentioning this subject, it is in simple justice to the fairer sex, and in harmony with the general sentiment of all laborers present, that we say the ladies of Spokan Falls and vicinity did their part in a most acceptable manner.

The dinner was neatly spread upon the ground, beneath the boughs of a pine grove. Plates, knives, forks, spoons, &c., were plentiful. Eatables were spread in bountiful plenitude.

The only difficulty expressed was too great a variety of pies, cakes, puddings, and other delicacies, besides sandwiches, baked beans, Dutch cheese, coffee and other substantial articles of food.

Such a dinner was certainly worth the day's labor. Among the married ladies present were, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Havermale, Mrs. M. Wood, Mrs. Nesler, and Mrs. Robinson.

Among the young ladies were, Misses Anna Waterhouse, Flora Williamson, Rilla Cooper, Nina Wood, Flora Whinery, Ida Ellis, the Misses Leah, Alice and Julia Post, and several girls. In the language of our Foreman, who is an observing young man in such matters, he has not seen such a party of genuine beauty and health in many years gone by.

As that pictured on the countenances of the young ladies present on the occasion mentioned. Work was resumed at one o'clock, and kept up by the main force until five in the evening.

The results of the day's labor are left on the route of the new road. The affair is readily acknowledged a success. The completion of three hundred yards more or the road will take us to the edge of the beautiful and level Spokan prairie.

We understand that Mr. Parks has agreed to grade the last one hundred yards of the road. Several prominent men stand ready to aid in completing the road from Strawberry Pass to the prairie. The thanks of the traveling public are due to those who have so earnestly engaged in the opening of this new road. The work will not probably remain unfinished a very long time.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—On last Sabbath, a reorganization took place in Union Sabbath school of this place, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the present year: Superintendent, Rev. H. T. Cowley; Asst. Supt. A. E. Ellis; Secretary, C. L. White; Librarian, Miss Anna Waterhouse; Asst. Librarian, Platte Corbaley; Treasurer, Miss Marie Clark; Chorister, Wm. Ross; Organist, Ollie Ellis. Numbers and interest in the Sabbath school, we are pleased to announce, are increasing quite perceptibly.

DAILY "OREGONIAN."—The Times Pub. Co. would acknowledge the receipt, regularly, of copies of the daily editions of the Portland Oregonian, that most excellent publication. We feel particularly proud of this state of affairs, and look upon the matter as a real compliment to THE TIMES, inasmuch as we are only able to send the Oregonian one issue, each week, in exchange for the six newsy dailies they mail to our address.

COL. MERRIAM'S VISIT.—On Saturday last, Col. H. C. Merriam came to this town on official duty. His business being connected with the location of a bridge site at this place. What Col. Merriam's official report may be, we cannot, of course, judge. Suffice it to say, he is a man of excellent judgment, and always endeavors to render his decisions favorable to the best interests of the Government.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mails are regular. We need a tin shop. Weather promises rain. Come to the Fourth of July meeting.

More postoffices are needed in this new country. District Court convenes at Colfax next Monday.

The Spokan Pic Biter wants another field day. A hailstorm visited Spokan Falls on the 20th inst.

Union Sabbath school at 2 o'clock, each Sabbath day. Messrs. Berg & Friederich's new store building is nearly enclosed.

The framework for Percival & Corbaley's new livery stable is being raised. Charles D. Peck has been appointed Post master at Alkali Flat, Whitman county, W. T.

The address of Delegate Brents is 726 Eleventh street, Northwest Washington, D. C. We are informed that two trips are made to Lewiston, each week, by the O. S. N. Co.'s boats.

Messrs. Evans & Dobson are adding a nice front to their building on Front street, in this town. A few half sheets of the TIMES are necessitated, this week, on account of large lists of new subscribers.

J. C. Davenport has a crew of hands at work building a mill race to supply his flouring mill at Colfax. There are squatters all over this country awaiting the arrival of 21st birthdays, in order to file on desirable lands.

Mr. Jos. A. Davis, of Colfax, was recently kicked by a horse. His skull was fractured thereby; but he is recovering. Mr. L. M. Swift, living ten miles below Colfax, on the Palouse, states that fruit has not been injured by the late frosts.

Nothing like a new country. Our editorial chair is a four-legged bench, and it is a great improvement over a rough seatling. The land examiner of the N. P. R. Co., D. C. Lewis, is now in Eastern Washington, and may soon be expected in this section of country.

Mr. Jno. A. Simms and wife have returned from Cour d'Alene and gone to Cha-wec-lah, where the Agent of the Indians has his headquarters. Married.—At the residence of Mr. Fish, in Farmington, May 18, by P. G. Lemley, J. P., James G. White, of Whitman county, and Miss Jennie Bell, of Stevens county.

Mr. Cornelius, of the firm of Cornelius & Davis, has arrived. He will superintend the immediate erection of a new business house for their drug store on Front street. Subscriptions for extra copies of the Fourth of July number of THE TIMES are now being taken. All orders taken prior to date of publishing that number will certainly be filled.

For the month now about finished, the subscription list to the SPOKAN TIMES has been increased by more than fifty names each week. Such success in journalism has never had a precedent in Washington Territory.

The Columbia Chronicle pays this paper the following compliment: "THE SPOKAN TIMES was established just a month ago to day. This paper is new and well printed. It is not a violation of syntax we say THE TIMES is good."

We are indebted to Capt. W. J. Fife, Adjutant at the Oakland Military Academy of California, for a copy of the annual circular issued by that institution. Young Fife is a Washington Territory boy of whom we are proud.

Samuel T. Arthur couldn't startle the denizens of the great Spokan valley by the jingle of that dinner bell; so he has taken the best means of having his say to everybody. Read his advertisement in another column. He sets a good table.

Messrs. Evans & Dobson, of Spokan Falls, have received an order from Douglas Young, who is with the firm of Hall, Paulson & Co., of Seattle, for twenty (or more) kinds of native woods from the Spokan country. The order will be filled.

Wanted.—A suitable person to expatriate upon the prairie, the exquisite beauty, the delicate flavor, and other wonderful attributes, of the glorious American eagle, at Spokan Falls, July 4, 1878. Apply to the Committee. No Chinaman need apply.

J. C. Bowen and J. H. Brown, from Fort Colville, have gone to Camp Cour d'Alene to take therefrom an ambulance, and proceed with the same to Palouse Ferry, where they will meet Lieut. Jas. Miller and family, and convey them to Fort Colville.

CHURCH ORGANIZED.—The First Congregational Church of Spokan Falls was organized by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D., on Thursday last, with nine members. R. G. Williamson, Deacon, Miss Flora I. Williamson, Clerk. It is the design to build a house of worship as early as possible.

Dr. Atkinson's Lecture.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week, Dr. G. H. Atkinson, of Portland, who was on a tour through this portion of country, tarried with our people and favored them with a couple of most interesting lectures. Any one who has ever had the good fortune to be a listener to the reverend gentleman, will readily understand that his presence in our midst was a pleasure to our citizens.

His first lecture was upon the Indian question, and its legal features. A large audience was present, and very complimentary criticisms were elicited upon the masterly manner in which the subject was handled. On Thursday evening, the weather being quite uninviting at early candle lighting, our citizens did not turn out very generally, as they thought the Dr. would hardly be present.

Had they known Dr. Atkinson as the writer does, they would rest assured that no ordinary storm would prevent his meeting an appointment. For a few minutes the Dr. detained his highly interested audience. But the subject of the lecture was of so much importance, as a local matter, we requested at the speaker's hand a synopsis of his discourse, which he has kindly furnished our readers, as follows:

SPOKAN FALLS, May 23, 1878. HON. FRANCIS H. COOK: Dear Sir: At your request of last evening, I write a few lines of the proposed lecture upon the soil and climate of this region.

The ride north from the Snake river to the Spokan reveals a vast area of wheat land. The few farmers have chosen the valleys, as they have done elsewhere in Eastern Washington and Oregon, for the sake of irrigation, or surer supply of water, and to secure the dark soils which seem the best. Here and there the plow runs up the slopes and over the hills, opening the lighter or more reddish soils. The harvests of wheat from the uplands are proving to be the best.

It will be found that the homestead which crosses the small valleys and takes in a larger portion of the hills, will be the most valuable. The mineral soils of the hills have been formed from the disintegration of the basalt rocks which form the base of them. The valley soil is more highly charged with the carbonaceous or vegetable elements. It is very productive. It contains a good supply of minerals. The plow secures well in almost every place. Under the glass this soil sparkles with silica, yet the rank growth will develop straw tubes too weak for the excessive flow of sap, and rust will appear. Wheat on the slopes and hillsides will probably never ripen. It can be sown in the fall or early spring, as these lands drain well. They will have moisture by absorption from the air, which is far better than irrigation. The summer air of this interior carries far more moisture than the winter air. This is proved by the increase of rainfall with the increase of cultivation and tree planting, as shown in the Walls Falls valley. Its scientific reason is found in the fact that air at 32 degrees can retain only 2.13 grains of invisible vapor. At 52 degrees, it retains 4.39 grains. At 70 degrees, it contains 8.01 grains. This remarkable provision makes the summer air the vast reservoir of moisture for vegetable growth. Cooled by open soil, or by trees, it gives out its supply every night. This applies to the Spokan prairie, also, which will prove good land for the cereals and for the vegetables also.

In haste, Yours, G. H. ATKINSON.

Territorial University.

We are in receipt of the annual register for 1878, of the Territorial University at Seattle. In looking over the list of names of those who have been attending the University during the past school year, we notice the number is 155—69 females and 86 males, 87 of whom are not registered from Seattle. At present there is an annual Legislative appropriation of \$1,200 to pupils appointed from the several districts according to law. President Anderson, in his report, says: "Let that method of indirect aid be continued, if desired, but has not the time come when direct appropriations can be made? To properly meet the expected growth during the next two years, there ought to be an appropriation of \$2,000 annually toward the payment of salaries of members of the faculty, which in addition to tuition fees and other income would be sufficient to pay salaries and incidental expenses. At least \$800 should be appropriated for philosophical and chemical apparatus. At least \$100 ought to be appropriated annually for a high grade of reference books—for the constant consultation of faculty and advanced students. There ought to be some replenishing of the school furniture, and perhaps repairs to the buildings and fences, but just what should be done in these matters is perhaps not for me to say."

A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY—is offered those who could not be present on last field day, to hire help or present themselves, to-morrow, for a good day's work on the new road. The good work should be carried on till the road is completed. We do not intend to call out volunteer labor again, however, till those who have failed to do their duty in this matter have done "the better part."

It is unjust for the selfish to be made rich by the toil and good works of the generous and open-hearted.

C. F. Yeaton, the storekeeper at Cour d'Alene, is building a two-story business house, 24x30 feet. He will soon have a large stock of goods on hand.

The Indian Question.

The lecture, Wednesday evening, by Rev. Dr. Atkinson, of Portland, on the "Indian Question in its Legal Aspect," was well attended, and deserves more than passing notice. Referring to the Indian wars of this Coast in 1847, '58, '77, and '78, and the still unsettled and critical condition of Indian affairs in this region, he characterized it as the vital question of the day, and urged, in its behalf, the necessity of a clear understanding, and promptness of action. By the expiration of the various treaties during the present year, and the influx of large immigration, the question comes up for readjustment, and an equitable and permanent settlement. By the uniform action of our Government, in treating with them as separate nations, the natives have been instilled with the idea of property and landed rights. They must next be taught the acquisition of property individually, instead of tribally, and be brought under the protection of and made amenable to the law of the land, no more to be scattered irresponsibly over large reservations, to be removed every few years. By a recent decision of an Omaha Judge, it is held to be unconstitutional to force an Indian upon a reservation, or prevent him from traveling where he pleases, while he keeps the peace. Evidently, we are drawing near to the period when law is to offer and complete the solution of the Indian problem. The lecture was well received.

H. T. COWLEY, Teachers' Institute.

The following programme will be observed, as nearly as possible, at the Whitman County Institute: THURSDAY, MAY 29 (TO DAY). Music by Miss Stough and assistants, 9 A. M. Arithmetic, to percentage, introduced by R. O. Hawks, 9:10. History, L. E. Kellogg, 9:50.

Reading, W. R. Jones, 10:45. Physiology, Misses West and Kennedy, 11:45. AFTERNOON. Music, 1:30. Grammar and General Remarks, Miss L. West, 1:40. Geography, A. M. Chapman, 2:25. Music in School, Miss Stough, 3:00. Orthography, L. P. Berry, 3:30. Question Box, R. O. Hawks, 4:00. FRIDAY, MAY 30. Music, 9 A. M. Arithmetic, Interest, Square and Cube Root, Prof. Crowe, 9:10. Penmanship, R. O. Hawks, 9:50. RECESS. Natural Science, Miss Stough, 10:45. Physiology, Misses West, Ewart and Davenport, 11:30. Noon intermission, 12. AFTERNOON. Music, 1:30. Grammar—Pronoun, Adjective, Predicate, Prof. Crowe, 1:40. Didactics, C. Ellis, 2:25. RECESS. Question Box, Miss West, 3:15. General Remarks, C. Ellis, 3:40.

DEATH OF DR. HONBERGER.—During the fall of 1878, Dr. Henry Honberger, arrived at Spokan Falls, having come hither from California, in hopes that this climate would be favorable for his consumptive constitution. It seems that his condition was such as to warrant no hopes on the part of those who noticed his gradual decline. He finally became bedfast, and wasted steadily away, and at ten o'clock, last Friday evening, his struggles with a pressing call ended in death. Without a word, or a groan, the last moments of his life indicated a peaceful transition of his spirit hence. On Sabbath morning, the remains of the late Dr. Honberger—neatly clothed, and carefully enclosed in a nice coffin—were laid away in the presence of about forty persons, in the little cemetery west of town. Mr. A. E. Ellis officiated at the burial ground. Dr. Honberger was 54 years of age at the time of his death; came to California twelve years ago. It is not known whether or not he has any relatives living. He died among strangers; but not uncare for—not unwept.

HON. JOHN A. SIMMS.—Says the Waitabing Times: "This gentleman is on his way to his Colville Indian Agency. He has for a long time advocated the true and only practical solution of the Indian problem: Assist them to the extent of making them self-supporting. Abandon the Umattila, Yakima and Nez Perce reservations, and have but one reservation for those not yet prepared to rely on themselves in taking up lands in severalty. None of the large number of Indians under Mr. Simms control have engaged in hostilities which is sufficient evidence of the success of his management of them. These Indians have had little or nothing from the Government, and have more to complain of than any of the Indians who have taken up arms."

COLVILLE NOTES.

COLVILLE, May 20, 1879. The quarters in the garrison, occupied by Capt. Cook, were slightly damaged by fire on the 2d inst. The fire was supposed to have originated from sparks from a chimney. It was speedily extinguished by the troopers, with the aid of the Post fire department.

Mr. Max Weil, our gentlemanly County Treasurer, who has been sojourning in the suburbs for the past few days, returned last Sunday, and reports prospects are good for large crops, although the season has been somewhat backward.

The annual examination of the scholars of the Mission School, held yesterday, was largely attended by a number of citizens of Colville; also by all the officers of the garrison. The examination reflects great credit on the Sisters, who are in charge of the school. Very elaborate and appropriate speeches were made by Capt. Cook, commanding officer of Fort Colville, and others, in which the scholars were congratulated upon their having a first-class education, and the precision and rapidity in which all questions were answered. The exercises comprised reading, writing, grammar, mathematics, spelling and geography, in which all the scholars were proficient. It may be well to say that all the scholars were Indian children, aged from 8 to 17. The next examination will be held next month, in which the white scholars will be examined. Our County Treasurer has kindly accepted an invitation to be present and deliver an address on the occasion.

HILL LANDS.—Says the Palouse Gazette: Our own observations have been confirmed by the experience of farmers that the hill lands prove to be the best for all kinds of grain. While being about the country for the last few days, it was noticed that grain is looking unusually well for this time of year, many hills so high that it would seem impossible to cultivate, being covered with a fine stand of wheat. The bottoms grow too heavy straw, are more subject to frosts, and being usually more affected by late spring rains, the crop can not be sown so early as on the uplands, and consequently can not be harvested before the fall rains set in. These ideas are mentioned for the benefit of new settlers, who, seeing that the bottom lands have been taken first, may think the hills or uplands have been rejected, while the latter are now generally preferred by those who wish to make grain growing their principal business.

FOURTH OF JULY MEETING.—Our patriotic citizens are awakening to the spirit of enthusiasm which prompts a suitable celebration of that glorious anniversary, the Fourth of July. On Saturday evening next, at ten-hour of 8 o'clock, representatives from Spokan Falls and all the country round about, will assemble at THE TIMES office, for the purpose of appointing committees, and taking such other preparatory steps as are necessary to insure an enjoyable and successful celebration of the coming Fourth of July. Everybody is invited to attend this mass meeting.

DEATH.—At his residence, on Crab Creek, May 23, from dropsy, Mr. M. C. Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove had been sick but a short time when death claimed his victim. He leaves a large family. Having come to this county several years ago, he had made for himself and family a nice home. A large number of neighbors, coming from a radius of many miles, attended the funeral of the late M. C. Cosgrove.

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