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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The house in the Washington territory legislature has defeated the capitol removal bills.

Mrs. Lockwood, who was the candidate of the National Woman's suffrage association for president in 1884, says there will be a bitter fight between Miss Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. Lucy Stone for the nomination this year.

A Chicago preacher is talking about "hurling sinners into the endless despair of the bottomless pit." It is all right, says an exchange, for the poor sinner if the pit is bottomless. Fighting is easy, but lighting is what scurries.

A prize fight took place recently in New York, between two white men known as "Swipes the boot-black" and a local pugilist named Dalton. Dalton received a blow which resulted in his death, and Swipes was sent to jail. Thus it will be seen that the prize ring contests are sometimes capable of giving good results.

The postal telegraph is a necessity. There would be as much sense in permitting the entire post-office service to be conducted by a huge private monopoly as to permit the Western Union Telegraph Company to continue to monopolize the telegraph business of the nation.

Senator Dolph introduced a bill presented by him in the last Congress, to forfeit the wagon road grants in Oregon. The roads enumerated in the bill are those projected from Eugene City to the eastern boundary of the state, and from Dallas city to Fort Boise.

HOW IS IT?

An act of the last legislature created the new office of recorder, in several counties of this State, and the question now comes up as to whether or not Union county is included.

POLITICAL MANIPULATORS.

The political machinery, says the East Portland Packet, is being put in motion for the contest in June. Professional politicians are scheming and wire-working.

THE QUESTION OF TARIFF.

The tariff question, brought so prominently before the people by President Cleveland in his message, is not a party issue unless the republicans, disregarding the counsels of their leading journals, and the inevitable result of mature thought, follow blindly the leadership of J. G. Blaine and make it so.

The more carefully and dispassionately President Cleveland's message is studied, leaving partisan consideration on one side, the more surely convinced will any honest critic become that its opinions and suggestions are in line with the best interests of the country from every material point of view.

The farmers and the laboring classes themselves have found that the promises of protection are illusory, and that the only persons who derive any benefit from it are the mill bosses and trusts.

At this point the advocates of protection repeat their old glibbie that to reduce the tariff will be to cut American laborers down to the pauper wages of Europe.

The president is to be congratulated for his courage in formulating tariff revision and presenting it to congress as the most important issue now before the country.

That is a proclamation having the true ring about it. Let us hope it echoes the true sentiment of the majority of republicans.

The lumber-mill owners of Oregon and Washington Territory, the lumber-dealers of San Francisco—the men who have monopolized forests, and cornered the retail trade; who have, by a conspiracy as unlawful as it is immoral, placed themselves in position to plunder every farmer who would build a house, barn or fence, every inhabitant of city or village who would erect for himself a home, and every mechanic who would make a box and every fruit grower who would use one—have united in a petition to congress praying that this infant conspiracy be not throttled by removing the tax of two dollars per thousand feet upon lumber.

free trade in this article. The same opinion is entertained by us in reference to coal and iron. We look upon sheep as a public enemy, and would be glad to see every one—not properly herded, in an inclosed field that belongs to their owner—manufactured into immediate mutton.

We believe that the more this question of tariff is discussed, the plainer it will be to the masses of the people that a reduction will be to their interests, and as it is a matter of more importance than any other now before our people, we sincerely hope that party affiliation, or personal friendship for prominent statesmen, will not in any way serve to bias opinion in regard to it.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The woman suffrage law of Washington Territory, which was declared unconstitutional because of technical defects, has been re-enacted by the territorial legislature.

As the members of the legislature of that territory were elected by the votes of both women and men when the woman suffrage issue was squarely before the people, and as it is presumed they legislated on this question in accordance with the wishes of their constituents, we can't see where the consistency of the above mentioned howl comes in at this late hour.

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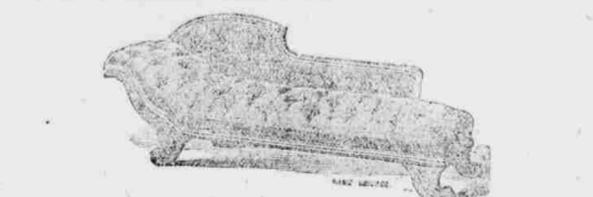
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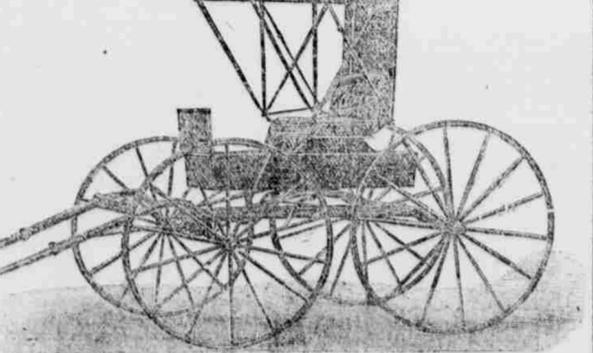
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