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NATIONAL TOPICS.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS.

A Demand on the Dutch Government for Heavy Damages—The Attack on the Exclusion Law—The Electoral College.

The decrease in the public debt in January, was \$13,216,284.75.

The Territorial bills cannot be acted upon at this session of Congress.

Carroll D. Wright, of Boston, has been confirmed as commissioner of labor.

The President's message on civil service reform will be sent to Congress in a few days.

The House committee on appropriations have reported a bill repealing the tobacco tax.

Congress has appropriated \$250,000 for the protection of American industries in Panama.

President Cleveland will shortly send to Congress a full history of the Sackville West incident.

Senator Sherman is trying to secure an appropriation for dynamite guns for the San Francisco harbor.

The attack on the Scott exclusion law before the United States Supreme court, promises to be a vigorous one.

A contract has been awarded for the construction of a dry dock at the Philadelphia navy yard. It is to cost \$548,700.

One of the justices of the Supreme Court says that the Scott exclusion law will be sustained in the case of Chae Chang Ping.

Captain F. M. Ramsey has been ordered by the Secretary of War to do duty as commandant of the New York navy yard.

Representative Oates, of Alabama, from the judiciary committee, has reported favorably the bill to amend the naturalization laws.

A bill has been introduced in the House granting the town of Moscow, Idaho, 130 acres of the public lands for cemetery purposes.

Col. Lamont says that he will occupy the position of president of Avenue C street railroad of New York city after the 4th of March.

The Navy department has been informed that Rear Admiral Chandler, commanding the Asiatic station, died at Hong Kong of apoplexy.

Senator Dolph has offered an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose of publishing a pilot chart of the Pacific Coast.

Senator Mitchell has reported favorably the bill to punish dealers and pretended dealers in counterfeit money, and other devices, for using the same.

The electoral vote was canvassed by both Houses of Congress on the 13th inst, and Harrison and Morton duly declared elected to the Presidency and Vice-Presidency respectively.

It is now authoritatively stated that Mr. Blaine will enter General Harrison's cabinet as Secretary of State, a position that was tendered and accepted a few days after the election last November.

A favorable report has been made in the House on the bill withdrawing from public sale vacant lands along the Columbia river and at Celilo, W. T., as a reservation for future improvement in river navigation.

The State department has been advised that serious trouble is threatened at Panama, and that an outbreak may occur at any time. The large population thrown out of work is liable to disturb the peace at any moment.

Senator Dawes has presented a petition from 120 students at Hampton, Va., against the continuance of the ration system to Indians, as an encouragement to idleness, and recommending their equivalent in farming implements and stock.

Governor Sawyer, of New Hampshire, will appoint John Gilman Marston to be United States Senator from that State during the interim between March 4 and the meeting of the legislature next June, which will choose Chandler's successor.

It is thought in Washington that the Pacific Coast interest in the Chae Chan Ping case before the Supreme Court is jeopardized by the non-selection of men by California to argue the case. The argument will be made under the new administration.

It looks as if the Samoan conference at Berlin will not be attended by a representative of the present administration. Bayard's answer to Bismarck has been forwarded by mail, and the reply is not expected until after General Harrison's inauguration.

Our government has made a demand on the Dutch government for \$500,000 damages for losses and damages to character sustained by Oscar Hatfield, late United States consul at Batavia, who was arrested on account of his partner in a mining enterprise having been a partner in a Dutch firm, which failed, and Hatfield was charged with criminal connection in the failure.

The Secretary of State has received a dispatch from the United States consul at Berlin, in regard to proposed changes in our immigration laws. He says that the measure is viewed with much concern in Berlin. In political as well as in national economic circles, as foreshadowing a change, which eventually may lead to a total reform in the matter of European emigration to the United States.

COAST NEWS ITEMS.

A PEREMPTORY ORDER ISSUED TO S. P. TICKET AGENTS.

The Desperate Suicide of a Californian—A Probate Judge Indicted—Arrest of a Gang of Burglars in the Woods Near Tacoma.

More fog whistles are needed on the Sound.

New Mexico protests against the return of Geronimo.

Several cases of small pox are reported in Carson, Nevada.

The penitentiary of Washington Territory cleared \$3397 last term.

Colfax will be connected by rail with the Coast of Alaska this summer.

Masters of deep-water vessels at San Francisco, find it difficult to secure sailors.

It is predicted that the new navy yard will be established on the Columbia river.

Governor Waterman has appointed John P. Irish commissioner of Yosemite valley.

Mrs. Noon, of Danville, Cal., was thrown from her buggy last Sunday and instantly killed.

San Francisco is exercised over the discovery of diseased meats in many of her slaughter houses.

C. W. Davis shot and instantly killed S. P. Bayler, Friday evening, near Red Bluff, Whiskey.

The first husband of Bertha M. Stanley, the confidence queen, has been discovered in Los Angeles.

A shortage of \$25,000 has been discovered in the books of W. S. Varnum, tax collector of San Diego county.

James Wickersham, probate judge of Pierce county, has been indicted for the seduction of Sadie Brantner.

The appointment of Judge Wade as chief justice of Montana is not satisfactory to the people of the Territory.

Joe McNulty, the prize fighter, is expected to arrive in Portland shortly to arrange a fight with Tim Campbell.

Alice Vincent, of the Carleton Opera troupe, was thrown from a horse at Los Angeles last week and had her arm broken.

Nine men were arrested in the woods near Tacoma, last Wednesday, for burglaries committed in Puyallup and Buckley.

The fourth trial of Charles Cooper for the murder of Paul Burke at Boulder Creek, Cal., last fall, has resulted in his acquittal.

Robert Phelan, a young San Francisco plumber, shot and instantly killed Arne Johansen, a saloon keeper, last Wednesday.

The Southern Pacific company has issued a peremptory order to ticket agents to compel passengers to sign their names to tickets.

A devil-fish, twenty feet in length, attacked a man off Beacon Hill, B. C., last week. It almost succeeded in upsetting the boat.

George Keller, a deaf mute, was run over and killed by a motor engine at San Bernardino Friday. He was frightfully mangled.

Willoughby Clark, a young lawyer from San Diego, was arrested in San Francisco last Tuesday, charged with felonious embezzlement.

The smooth young man who victimized several Portland firms last week by forged checks, has been working the same game in Seattle.

G. S. Loucks, a prominent merchant of Chehalis, was arrested last Tuesday by a Wisconsin sheriff for forgery, committed in 1887.

Tug Wilson, recently released from the penitentiary, was arrested at Seattle, Tuesday, for the murder of Thos. Davis, near Walla Walla, last November.

The penitentiary commissioners of Washington Territory have ordered a new steam brick machine in anticipation of a building boom the coming season.

Charles F. Lumis, formerly city editor of the Los Angeles Times, was shot in the face at Atlantic and Pacific junction Friday by unknown parties.

James Willey, a San Francisco real estate agent, shot his wife through the shoulder and Bert Clark, her paramour, twice through the arm, last Tuesday.

The marriage of Wong Wing, a Chinaman 49 years of age, and Miss Ah Chey, 19 years of age, was celebrated at San Francisco Friday. They are both Christians.

OVER THE GLOBE.

PROMULGATION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF JAPAN.

Meeting of Union and Confederate Veterans—No Change in the Status of the Samoan Question—Sans Colottes of Rome

Canadians are opposed to immigration. Gladstone has decided not to visit Rome.

Prince Bismarck is threatened with facial paralysis.

The steamer Haytian Republic has arrived at Boston.

Less than 30 per cent of Chicago's population is foreign.

Gray hair for women is now the fashionable thing in Paris.

Within a week's notice Italy can place 2,300,000 men in the field.

Thousands of emigrants are flocking into the Argentine Republic.

The official trial of the gunboat Yoktown was a complete success.

The percentage of suicides in France is greater than in any other country.

The members of the French ministry, headed by Floquet, have resigned.

The Knights of Labor will return to absolute secrecy in all their proceedings.

Samuel J. Tilden's birthday was extensively celebrated throughout the East last week.

It is proposed to consolidate all the express companies of the coun try into one corporation.

The Ohio State prison was not only self-supporting last year but yielded a profit of \$15,183.

A man was sentenced to 417 days' imprisonment at Rutland, Vt., recently, for getting drunk.

The value of the plunder secured by the mob in the recent riot at Rome is estimated at \$125,000.

Men are swarming through the gas territory in Wabash county, Indiana, taking oil leases from farmers.

The Pennsylvania Central railroad will hereafter haul no freight on Sunday except such as are classed perishable.

A bill has been introduced in the Delaware legislature exempting women from the punishment of the whipping post.

Over five hundred women of Bangor have signed a remonstrance sent to the Maine legislature, protesting against woman suffrage.

Professor D. Hezid was severely beaten by three unknown parties at St. Paul, Saturday. They had previously warned him to leave town.

Emigration agents are draining North Carolina of able-bodied negroes. The farmers will be unable now to handle their crops the coming season.

Mrs. McNulty, aged sixty, and Annie McGuire, aged eleven years, were frozen to death about 200 yards from home, near Ottawa, Canada, in the blizzard of last week.

It is reported that affairs among the laboring class on the Panama canal are in a deplorable condition. The canal project is a hopeless failure, and work will soon cease altogether.

Another tragedy was enacted at Lake Starberg, Thursday, when two persons drowned themselves. Since the suicide of King Ludwig, eleven persons have drowned in the lake.

The Indians on Battle River reservation are suffering greatly from an affection of the throat and neck, which prevents them from swallowing food. The complete extermination of the tribe is feared.

The steamer Carondelet sailed from New York Friday afternoon for Samoa. She had on board 133 cases of rifles, shells and ammunition, which were brought here by the steamer Westernland last Wednesday.

The excursion of Canadian legislators through the United States, given by American merchants with the view of furthering the annexation scheme, will be a grand affair. It is expected that fully 400 will visit the principal cities of the Union.

There is danger of an outbreak among the half-breed Indians in Bartlett county, Dakota. The military at St. John have been ordered out by the sheriff, but the commanding officer says that the sheriff has no authority to do so. Serious trouble is feared.

At a meeting of the Union and Confederate veterans at Washington, Thursday, the plan of preserving and marking the field of Chickamauga, under the auspices of a joint memorial corporation representing all the States that had troops there, was cordially approved.

FOR THE FARMER.

THE CARE OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES.

Introduction of the Tomato Egg-Plant—The Management of Seed Potatoes—The Amount of Food Necessary for Hogs.

A Ulysses, N. braska, man has the "largest concomb on earth." It is 400 feet long, twelve feet wide and twelve feet high.

Crows have become so abundant in Maine that it is estimated they cost the State \$100,000 a year in corn, potatoes, young chickens, fruit, grain and the like. The next legislature will be asked to give a bounty of ten cents for every dead crow.

A New Jersey farmer has succeeded in raising in the rich soil of the Hackensack bottom the genuine white yam, or "bunato" of Cuba, and he predicts that in a few years this delicious vegetable, grown across the North river, will be as common in the New York market as the Southern sweet potato now is.

New Zealand, according to a recent writer, is a splendidly endowed country. Besides such natural curiosities as boiling lakes of sulphur, smoking volcanoes, snow-clad peaks and magnificent waterfalls, it has splendid virgin forests of rare and useful woods, great fields of coal, iron, copper, gold, silver, etc., all awaiting the capitalist and workman.

Taking the amount of food required to make a pound of grain on swine weighing thirty-five pounds, 33 per cent more food is required by swine weighing seven pounds, 14 per cent more by swine weighing 125 pounds, 19 per cent more by swine weighing 175 pounds, 22 per cent more by swine weighing 220 pounds, 55 per cent more by swine weighing 270 pounds, and 84 per cent more by swine weighing 325 pounds.

Overhaul your store of seeds and throw away those of doubtful vitality. There are but few seeds that are not good at the end of two years, while the average are good at the end of four or five, and squashes, melons and all of that family, last almost indefinitely. Onions, parsnips and carrots are the seeds which growers are the most particular about. Those who supply the market with crops should put their dependence on varieties known to be marketable.

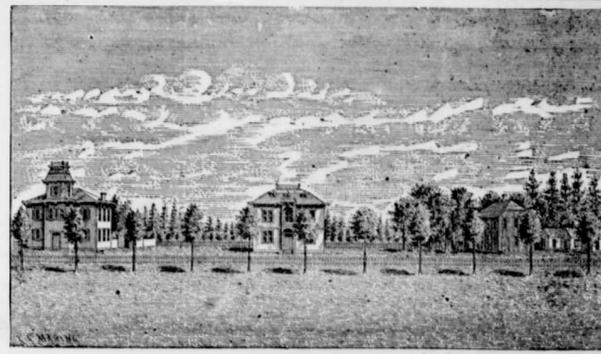
The management of seed potatoes is one of the most important arts of the potato grower. The chief point is to prevent them from sprouting, and for this purpose a low temperature as near to the freezing point as is possible without touching it is desirable. Nearly everywhere farmers find that the late varieties of potatoes are more productive than the early ones. Is not this partly due to the fact that early varieties have been injured by sprouting, while late varieties are less liable to this injury?

The buyers of fruit and ornamental trees can hardly be too careful in getting stock grown on land free from quack. The fine underground roots of this pest are often mixed among those of fruit trees, and once planted are difficult to get rid of. Whenever quack grass appears for the first time on a farm it is usually in the orchard, and has been introduced by the purchase of trees without careful examination to see that quack is not mixed with their roots.

Everybody knows how difficult it is to prevent the water from freezing during very cold weather. Tin will rust, wooden troughs become slimy, and earthenware crack from the ice formed on the water. To obviate these difficulties, give water three times a day. Use vessels that only permit the birds to get their beaks wet, so as to avoid freezing their wattles, which results when they get wet, and give warm water three times a day. They will soon learn to look for it at regular periods, and it will invigorate them. By the time the water is somewhat cool all will have drunk, when the surplus should be thrown out and the vessel left empty.

The tomato egg-plant has the general appearance of a common egg-plant, while its fruit, when ripe, resembles a medium sized, ribbed tomato. Its skin is very glossy and bright red, much like that of a cayenne pepper. The history of the plant is that the year before last a single specimen of it came up among a large number of black Pekin eggplants, growing in southern New Jersey. The flesh of the fruit is very solid and dry, apparently unfit for use, but as a curiosity and ornament the plant is worthy of a trial by those in search of unusual novelties. The cultivation of the plant is the same as that of the egg-plant.

What is the best feed to give a horse that is run down in strength and flesh? The Massachusetts Ploverman says: If you cannot get pastureage, feed your horse fresh-cut grass or clover hay, with a few oats, say four to six quarts daily, and give him gentle work or exercise so as to keep his appetite and digestion good. As he gains strength you can substitute corn-meal mixed with cut hay for one or two rations daily, using not over four quarts a day. Corn-meal alone is not so safe a grain for horses as oats; most cases of colic are to be traced to injudicious use of corn-meal; but horses fatten rapidly on it, and it is cheaper than oats. To make it a safe article of diet we would advise mixing it with the same bulk of wheat bran or feeding in connection with oats and some root, say one-half peck of carrots daily.



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Announcement and Prospectus.

Friends' Pacific Academy is located at Newberg, Yamhill county, Oregon, on the Portland and Willamette Valley railroad, twenty-two miles from Portland, and one mile from Rogers' Landing on Willamette river. It was opened for pupils September 28th, 1885, and had enrolled during the first week nineteen pupils. The second school year began September 13th, 1886, with an enrollment of twenty-six, and the present school year opened September 12th, 1887, with an enrollment of fifty-one, and the winter term, December 3d, with an enrollment of 110. At the time of the opening of the school only the Academy building was erected, and only the lower story of it was completed. During the summer of 1886 the boarding hall and three cottages for pupils boarding themselves were constructed, and during the summer of 1887 the hall for gymnasium and boys' dormitories was commenced and the Academy building was completed. The trustees hope to be able to add other buildings as they are needed. For Catalogue or information address EDWIN MORRISON, Principal. E. H. WOODWARD, President of Board.

MONEY IN HORSES.

Senator Stockbridge's Success as a Breeder of Fine Stock. "Raising trotting and running horses is not a very unprofitable business," said Senator Stockbridge a few days ago, as he leaned back in an easy chair in the room of the Senate Committee on Fisheries, of which he is chairman. The Senator had just returned from Michigan where he spent a delightful day on his stock farm. It is situated a few miles from the beautiful little city of Kalamazoo, where the Senator resides, and is one of the finest pieces of farm property in Western Michigan. "I had not been out to the farm for some time," said the Senator. "So one fine day I arranged with my partner, Mr. Brown, who is manager of the place, to go out and look over the stock and take a sort of inventory of it. We started about nine in the morning, and when we arrived at the farm the horses had all been fed and groomed and were feeling and looking in first-class condition. We got out the pedigree book and then carefully examined every young animal on the place. Many of them I had never seen. Mr. Brown would tell me the name of a colt, and after we had gone over his good points I would put his value down on my inventory book and then let him run off into the field. We spent several hours in this pleasant occupation, and I tell you it was quite a treat to see the young and frisky beauties scamper off, kicking their heels in the air. Well, after I had entered all the horses and set a very moderate value upon them, in no cases exceeding the price which they would bring in any open market, I found that we had just \$103,000 worth of horse-flesh. Now see what a nice profit that represented. We bought the farm three years ago and organized a stock company with a capital of \$75,000. We owe a few thousand dollars for running expenses and things of that kind, but all this is more than offset by the value of the farm. So that, deducting the amount of capital we put in, the profits in three years, without any particular effort to run the farm as a money-making concern, were more than \$100,000, which you see is more than a Senator's salary. Some horses raised on this Kalamazoo stock farm have turned out to be very valuable and very fast. Bell Boy, which was purchased of Senator Stanford for \$10,000 and sold as a two-year-old for \$35,000, has just lowered her record, so that she is now in the 2:20 class, and she is only three years old.—N. Y. Tribune.

Baptismal Pantaloons. One of the most curious items in the line of ecclesiastical goods is the garment known as "baptismal pants," said a clergyman. "These pants are used by Baptist ministers when immersing candidates. They are made of rubber cloth, neatly finished, and are intended to keep the minister dry when he goes into the water. Some of the old-time Baptists consider them an unwarrantable innovation, and a trifling with the duty of going down 'into the water.' They ask how a man can be said to go into the water when he goes only into these baptismal pantaloons, and by means of them protects himself against contact with the water. When these garments were first introduced there was a violent prejudice against them. This has to a great extent been overcome. The 'baptismal pants' are now a regular part of the outfit of most Baptist ministers. These pants are freely advertised in the Baptist newspapers, the prices ranging from \$9 to \$12 a pair."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Pennsylvania widower, lately remarried, has a bright little girl of four or thereabouts whom he was most anxious to induce to call his new wife mother. As a means to that end the lady bought the baby a magnificent doll, and asked of all visiting friends to inquire of the little lass: "Who gave you that doll?" Alas! for expectation, the tiny toy was too sharp for her elders, and said, with the most innocent air possible: "My papa's girl gave it to me." "They have 'potato socials' in Kansas. The name may be from the fact that the young folks go there to pare.—Lowell Citizen.