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SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The democratic counties in Oregon so far are leading in the organization of alliances.

Let the bouquet city smile with flowers and be redolent of perfume on President's day and her fame will go abroad in the land.

The gracious rains will fill the bouquet city with a wreath of flowers for President day.

The Tacoma daily News "Saunterer" department is not headed properly. Should be called "The Liar."

With three boats running daily at Salem, her merchants see no any necessity for buying a steamboat. Tho' they are prepared to buy and run a boat if need be.

Nelson Bennett is heading a move to have the city of Tacoma own the city water works franchise. The papers there all favor the scheme.

The Polk County Itemizer should be called the Journal of Moral Reforms. It keeps up an incessant warfare in all its columns on the use of tobacco and drinks.

How would it do to ask the president when in Salem to open the rivers, and Wannamaker to give us better mail facilities? Let not modesty prevent our calling attention to these things on all occasions.

Save all the flowers, tree and shrub blossoms for the occasion of the President's visit to Salem. Every family should contribute to this cause of decoration and Salem's reputation for being the bouquet city of the United States be splendidly maintained.

An alliance meeting was held at Kay's school house, North Howell, last Thursday night. It was addressed by J. P. Robertson and adjourned to meet Thursday evening, the 23, inst., when a permanent organization will be effected.

La Grande Chronicle: Uncle George Webb, who came up here with a well defined case of yonder-side la grippe, was on our streets on Tuesday, bidding his numerous friends good bye, preparatory to returning to Salem where he expects to be permanently located.

A level-headed exchange well says: Rudini, D'Arco and the remainder of their compatriots who are demanding a change in American laws had better not be too insistent. We might oblige them by framing an exclusion act which would effectually prevent the further entrance of the Mafia into this country.

The Grand Army of the Republic in Iowa is an immense organization, and the editors of the JOURNAL are delighted at the selection of Capt. Chas. Davidson as department commander. Although an intimate friend, we can say without prejudice, that not a truer or warmer hearted man lives in that great state.

The Woodburn Independent shows up McGill of the Reform Journal as a usurper and would-be whiskey seller. Gentlemen what do the people care about your personal affairs? Get in and do something of some use to somebody and cease to destroy what capacity for usefulness there may be in either of you.

S.F. Chronicle: When Mr. Blaine assured Mr. Rudini that this country would not hesitate to indemnify Italy if any of her subjects had suffered through the violation of treaty rights he probably had in mind the fact that the lynched members of the Mafia were all criminals, and that the entrance of such cattle into the country is in itself illegal and a violation of treaty rights.

Des Moines, Ia., News: Mr. Blaine has certainly conducted the correspondence with Italy with signal success. In his latest letter he contrives to maintain the dignity of the United States and the correctness of its position and at the same time to throw the political responsibility of indemnity upon the Louisiana authorities, in case their neglect of duty shall render indemnity necessary.

The farmers have begun war upon the squirrels with guns and poison, and it is likely that the present year will perceptibly diminish their numbers. The squirrels and acting Governor Laughton are the only foes the eastern Washington farmer has, and the combined efforts of thousands of agriculturists will soon wipe them both out.—Garfield Enterprise. The way the Washington press talks, Laughton's mistaken zeal for protecting the corporations

will result in turning that state over to the alliance, if the farmer's vote can do it.

Salem could make no investment better than to build a railroad into the upper Santiam country. The Stayton Times says: As far as Salem is concerned, Albany deserves all she can obtain from the Santiam valley. But, be it remembered that Stayton is situated in the heart of this valley and she is the monkey that holds the scales between the two and she has very little cheese to dish out to either until she has more railroad facilities.

FARM AND HOME NOTES.

The Oregon Everbearing strawberry has been in blossom ever since April 15.

The poultryer who has all the milk he can use has at his hand one of the finest egg-producing and flesh-forming foods.

Poultry-keeping, we are sure, presents more features which would seem captivating to the female mind than almost any other industrial pursuit.

Cholera is produced by filth, cold, damp quarters, improper feeding and a variety of other causes. Prevent it by watchfulness and judicious feeding.

Owing to the great amount of snow there is in the mountains, it is not expected that travel across the Cascades will begin until the middle or last of May.—Ochoco Review.

F. J. Beatty, of Chemawa, read a very able and instructive paper on the drainage at the Salem meeting of the State Horticultural society. It will appear in an early number of the JOURNAL. It gives facts as to expense and results.

There is still a month of time left to start a good strawberry bed this spring. A few plants set out now and carefully attended will make hundreds by fall and thus you can secure a large bed of the best kinds at a small expense.

Professor Hunter Nicholson suggests that women make the best buttermakers because of their superior ability to see and smell any thing wrong, and this for the simple reason that their fine olfactory sense is not desensitized by chewing tobacco, smoking cigars or drinking whisky.

A. J. Wall has a hen that lays her own weight in eggs every twelve days. She is of the game bantam variety and weighs exactly one pound and twelve of her eggs are just the same weight. Wall has a game rooster of the same variety that weighs one pound and a quarter.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Members of the farmers' alliance have organized a company at Helix to handle and ship their own grain in order to make all the profit possible out of the product of their farms. The company has secured the Reese & Redman and Robley platforms, and is making preparations to handle a large amount of grain.—East Oregonian.

Capt. Babcock discovered San Jose scale on some of his fruit trees, and ordered them thrown out and burned. Before the fire was set some farmers came and wanted the trees. When told what they were to be destroyed for, they still insisted on planting the infested trees and became quite indignant when they were refused. This only illustrates to what length stubborn determination to ignore facts and experience may lead a man.

The right way to breathe, awake or asleep, is through the nose. The nasal entrance to the lungs is longer, and is divided into two tubes, which give more surface for the entering air to pass over. Then also the interior lining of the nose is highly "vascular," that is, full of blood vessels, carrying a great amount of rapidly flowing warm blood. This warms the cold air going to the lungs under the nose. Let this be well understood and remembered. All persons, strong or weak, should keep their mouths closed as much as possible in a cold, or damp chilly atmosphere, in all seasons, and especially in winter, spring and autumn. This is highly important to those having weak lungs, or who are not in the fullest health and vigor otherwise.

It has long been known that ants are great enemies to other insects. It is said that they never meddle with sound fruit. Some fruit-growers regard the ants as a nuisance in the orchard, and take pains to destroy the ant hills wherever found. Orchardists in Italy and Germany, however, regard the ants as very beneficial, and encourage their presence. A correspondent says: "Many of the leading orchard proprietors in northern Italy and southern Germany are cultivators of the common black ant, which insect they hold in high esteem as the fruit-grower's best friend. They establish ant hills in their orchards, and leave the police service of their fruit trees entirely to their tiny colonists, which pass all their time in climbing up the stems of the fruit trees, cleaning the boughs and leaves of insects, mated as well as embryonic, and descending laden with spores to the ground, where they comfortably consume or prudently store away their booty."

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Gold, to the amount of \$1,500,000, was ordered for next Tuesday.

Bishop Disney, of the African M. E. church, died Tuesday at Chatham, Ontario.

A. Homarjee & Co., bankers and merchants, of Bombay, have failed with liabilities at \$25,500, owing to wild speculation.

News from Simla says the English have killed fifteen more Manjurs in battle. One Englishman was killed and four wounded.

The king of Sweden has sent experts to Germany to study the question of more rapid communication between Sweden and Germany. The new route will be from Treleberg or Ystad via Rugen to Stralsund.

Natives of Portuguese Guinea of the west coast of Africa have revolted and posted the French flag. In battles with the Portuguese the rebels routed them, killing over a hundred natives and four Portuguese officers.

A Jewish lawyer of St. Petersburg writes to a friend in Vienna that all Jews residing in St. Petersburg have been ordered to leave the city by May 3d. This means the ruin of many Jews.

In view of the approach of May anarchists are busy throughout Europe organizing for a general strike. All European governments have decided to prohibit outside demonstrations.

The Berlin Post says that assurances have been given in the most authoritative quarters that peace is less endangered than ever, and that the relations of Germany and Russia are friendly.

There was a serious riot at Cedra, Italy, Monday, growing out of opposition to poll tax. Two thousand peasants took part and released a comrade from prison. Troops were dispatched to the scene.

The Valparaiso correspondent of the London Times says the Chilean men-of-war Imperial, Lynch and Condell are starting for the North under orders to attack the squadron commanded by officers who revolted against the government.

General Booth has issued an appeal in behalf of the Salvation Army and his work. The general says that he is short £20,000 in his current expenses and fears that much of his work may have to be abandoned, as he has already gone as far as he dare to go without substantial assistance.

Count Taaffe the Austrian premier is accused of favoring the anti-Jewish movement in order to draw the anti-Semites to his support. He has succeeded for the present in holding together a majority for the government in the reichsrath. The young czech have presented their demand that the emperor shall be crowned king of Bohemia and other changes effected in recognition of Bohemian nationality.

Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, in an interview, said: "There is no excuse for the United States in the Italian matter to represent that our interior laws prevent the government doing what it ought to do."

A family moving from Tennessee, to Texas was poisoned while in camp in Boone county, Ark., by a centipede being accidentally in the coffee. The mother and two small children are dead, and the father and the other children are seriously ill.

Kindergarten from many cities filled the Church of the Messiah, Chicago, Tuesday night. They were present 1500 strong to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Frederick Froebel, originator of the kindergarten idea. A number of interesting addresses were made.

The final sale of the Washington relics began Tuesday at Philadelphia. An attested copy of the general's will sold for \$1400; a manuscript prayerbook, \$1250; engraving of Louis XVI. of France, \$1600; sword, \$1500; violin, \$300; shoe buckles, \$250; cane, \$60, and account book, \$75.

A Nephi, Utah, special to the Tribune says George Whitmore, president of the Nephi National bank, was bounced out of \$6000 on Tuesday by the familiar old gold brick scheme.

On Tuesday two boys aged 6 and 12 years, sons of Daniel Conland, a merchant of St. Louis, Cal., were drowned in Shale creek. The younger fell in and in trying to save him the older was drowned.

The new Russian loan of 600,000,000 francs, 3 per cent., will probably be issued at 84 in Berlin, Paris and London. A syndicate, including the Rothschilds, is handling the loan, and the latter are harshly criticized for aiding a government which unmercifully persecuted the Hebrews in Russia.

Dorman, the Frenchman, who is walking from Paris to Moscow on stilts (or pretending to), is using the railway cars at intervals, according to the German newspapers. The last seen of him he was taking a train for the Russian frontier at an obscure station in Posen. In Russia it is expected he will resume his stilt.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Associated Press Report and Digests of all Important News of To-Day.

MISCELLANY.

THE BEHRING SEA.

New York, April 23.—The Herald's St. Petersburg special says Secretary Blaine should make no mistake about the position of Russia in the coming arbitration of the Behring sea question. I know the views of the government, although it would not be fair to hold it responsible for my words. In the first place there is nothing on record here to show that Russia intended to convey to the United States any special rights in the open waters of Behring sea. Alaska was the result of private negotiations between Baron Edward DeStoeck and Secretary Seward. Russia purposely left the question of special jurisdiction or special privileges in the sea out of the bargain. The whole matter so far as I can ascertain was intentionally put aside, and any attempt to draw Russia out of this vague and reserved position would have been evaded or resisted.

IRRIGATION BONDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—A meeting of representatives from 20 irrigation districts of the state was held today to take action toward promoting the sale of irrigation bonds. Isador Jacobs presided, and said the chamber of commerce would assist as far as possible in aid of the cause of irrigation. He considered the bonds issued under the Wright irrigation law a good investment for capitalists, they having been passed upon by the supreme court. Judge Hazen then read a paper holding that the name of these bonds should be made as well known as those of other gilt-edged securities. Two hundred thousand dollars' worth had been bought by San Francisco bankers and some of them had been sold abroad. It was decided to persuade the San Francisco bankers to endorse the irrigation bonds, so that a market might be found for them in the East.

NEW TARIFF ACT.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The senate finance committee met this morning for the purpose of determining its course of procedure under the resolution directing the committee to make investigation into the workings of the McKinley tariff law. A sub-committee, consisting of Allison, Aldrich, Hancock, Carlisle and Harris was appointed to prosecute the inquiry. It will first collect statistical information, and will not until later in the year, at least, take any testimony. The sub-committee will meet next week.

CIVIL SERVICE IN NAVY YARDS.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23.—The proposed civil service in the navy yards, as already applied in New York and Norfolk and which will soon be put in operation at Mare Island, does not meet with much favor among naval officers hereabouts. Senator William F. Chandler of New Hampshire, a prominent member of the senate naval affairs committee, was in the city yesterday and being asked his opinion of the civil service as applied to navy yards said:

"I do not understand that Secretary Tracy is going to call upon the civil service commission to supply him with foremen or mechanics. But what he proposes is commendable. You know there is a law which provides that no employe in a navy yard shall be removed because of his political convictions nor be appointed unless he is competent and skilled. On that statute the secretary may build up a system, which if not too elaborate may be productive of great good. Yes, I was aware of the existence of that law when I was secretary of the navy, and I was governed by it. I never removed a man because he was a democrat or appointed one because he was a republican. It is a good law and should be enforced."

KILLS HIS BROTHER.

SPOKANE FALLS, April 23.—A report has reached here that a brutal murder occurred at "Rickey ranch," near Colville, yesterday. John Abraham, while drunk, quarreled with his brother Adolph Abraham, and shot and instantly killed the latter. The murderer secured a horse and made his escape. A posse of fifty men is pursuing him. John Abraham has an unenviable record. The murdered man was the opposite of his brother, being a man of quiet and sober disposition. He leaves a wife and family.

THE COKE REGION.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Apr. 23.—The county officers went to Adelaide yesterday morning, but after making two evolutions they were overpowered by strikers and driven away. Reinforced by Sheriff McCorsock and a large number of deputies they returned, when a pitched battle took place between the posse and about 300 Hungarian men and women, in which a Hungarian girl

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