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THE MEETING AT THE LOCKS.

The freight train leaving here at 8:10 Sunday morning had a coach attached which was well filled by the leading, wide-awake business men of this city who went to the Cascade Locks to meet the committee from the legislature which examined the work that day.

Major Handbury by invitation accompanying it. Mr. Hamilton, being on crutches was unable to accompany the others in the examination of the work. The balance of the committee accompanied Major Handbury to the engineer's office where the plans were shown and explained.

The Minneapolis Journal thus gallantly repels a slander against the chief executive of a sister state: "The story that the governor of Missouri eats pie with a knife is a base canard. He eats from a plate, and in that city etiquette demands that the eater grasp the pie gently but firmly with both hands, extending each thumb and index finger along the periphery to guard against breaks, and supporting the under crust with the remaining fingers. The pie is then elevated to the mouth and nature does the rest."

AN ENERGETIC WAIT.

A mild mannered old ichthyosaurus writing from Columbia county to Oregonians concerning the opening of the Columbia river.

So, while times are propitious, let us wait on the pleasure of the general government for a liberal appropriation. Work in harmony, and the work will soon be done and enterprise vindicated.

The Washington legislature has appointed a committee to examine the books and accounts of the state officers.

A telegram to the Chronicle last night received too late for publication announced that Governor Penney had in a message to the legislature strongly recommended the passage of the portage railroad bill.

We wish to impress on the minds of those who have made improvements on railroad lands now forfeited, that they only have the prior right to file on or purchase said lands for a period of six months from the passage of the act.

Johnson of the Walla Walla Union is of the opinion that Metcalf in taking a bribe as he admits, has committed an offense that should send him to the penitentiary, and in concluding his opinion uses the following vigorous language: "Under the language of the code the excuse offered by Metcalf for accepting the alleged bribe, 'I wanted to find out if the Calkins men were using money,' will not save him from the penitentiary. Any jury that would fail to convict Metcalf, on his own testimony, of accepting a bribe while a member of the legislature, is not fit to try a case between Chinamen about the ownership of a rat."

The New York World's Christmas prize of \$100 for the best description of a model husband has been awarded to a Brooklyn woman who wrote the following letter. The judges, Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew and Mrs. William C. Whitney, after a careful examination, unanimously decided in favor of this model.

Deacon B—, one of the oldest and most respected church members in Seattle, has a young grandson who is generally accounted the worst scapgrape in the whole congregation. The boy, who is ten years of age, has recently attended prayer-meeting a number of times, and has apparently taken a great deal of interest therein.

When to Water Plants. The other day a gentleman saw a professional florist watering his plants in the hot sun, and in a surprised way inquired if that wouldn't injure the plants.

Job got his constituents for his patience before he was obliged to go out and buy Christmas presents for his relatives.

BRIBERY ON TAP.

The legislature of Washington has plenty of work to occupy the balance of the session in examining the acts of its members in the recent senatorial election. Assemblyman Frame openly charges that he was offered \$5,000, and would have given \$5,000 to cast his vote for Squire, and gives the name of the parties that attempted to bribe him.

Our farmers have organized themselves into a merchantile association, with their principal place of business in this city, and have elected their board of managers. This organization will add materially to the centralization of mutual interest in the importance of this city as an entrepot for the great interior.

THE GREAT DISASTER. One Hundred and Thirty Dead From the Mine Explosion.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 29.—A special from the Mammoth mines says it is now thought the one hundred and seven bodies recovered, about comprises the list of the dead. This afternoon it was discovered by the rolls of the company that twenty-three more men are missing in addition to the one hundred and seven found to 130. Twenty-seven more dead miners were buried today.

THE PRODUCE MARKET. The produce market is unusually light and is devoid of interest. Only 120 tons of wheat hay has gone west during the past week and as for receipts, there has been nothing doing.

THE COLUMBIAN TOWER. The Columbus tower to be erected in Chicago to celebrate the World's Fair in 1893 will contain seven thousand tons of steel, as many of iron, and will have a restaurant a quarter of a mile up in the air.

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM. The Australian ballot system is going to be adopted by the legislature, but it will have Mr. Joseph Simon's amendment attached. That is it will provide for holding primaries in the larger cities in such a manner as will prevent what is known in higher political circles, as "skulduggery."

REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKET.

The week closing with today, and the end of the month has been favored with a fair trade in all merchandise lines, some of the business being very brisk.

REAL ESTATE.—There has been no perceptible change in the real estate market since last report. A number of transfers are reported from in and about Hood River, and about the usual number in The Dalles and vicinity.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—In the House, Dingley, chairman of the committee for investigating the alleged silver pool, reported that A. J. Owen, who had been subpoenaed to appear before the committee, refused to obey the summons.

THE SENATE BILL CREATING THE OFFICE OF FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, passed. The senate then proceeded to the consideration of the apportionment bill, and Edmunds addressed the senate.

IS HERMANN DOLPH'S TOOL? WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Representative Hermann has forwarded to the Oregon legislature his views upon the pending dikes of the Columbia. Mr. Hermann makes no recommendation, except to state that in case it is found impossible to get an appropriation for a boat railway or locks sufficient to begin the work, he would favor a recommendation for the portage railway scheme.

MOVING TOWARD THE PROMISED LAND. WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Senate today passed the home bill to ratify and confirm the agreements with the Sac and Fox nation Indians, and Iowa tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

FOR THE MCKINLEY BILL. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 27.—An agricultural paper which a short time ago announced the result of the postal card vote of 110,000 farmers from all parts of the country on presidential preferences, has compiled the result on tariff. It shows a considerable majority for the McKinley bill, an overwhelming demand for Blaine's scheme of reciprocity and almost an equally strong protest against reciprocity with Canada.

ANOTHER KANSAS BANK FALLS. WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 29.—The Farmers bank of Augusta, capital \$25,000, and Augusta Mercantile Co., failed this morning. Both controlled by E. R. Grant, who owns half the town of Augusta. No statement.

THE G. O. M.'S RETIREMENT. LOSDON, Jan. 29.—The Daily News declares the rumors of the retirement of Gladstone to be without foundation.

WE'LL SOON BE A CITY.

Senator Watkins' Bill for the Incorporation of The Dalles Passes the Senate.

THE DALLES TO BE INCORPORATED—Memorializing Congress. SALEM, Jan. 29.—Among the new bills introduced in the senate this morning was one to incorporate The Dalles, by Watkins.

INTENSELY HOT WEATHER IN CHICAGO AND FURTHER WEST. CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A heavy fog overhung this city and adjacent country last night and continues this morning.

THE REMONETIZATION OF SILVER. BERLIN, Jan. 26.—In the reichstag today Herr Marlow proposed that the German government open negotiations with America with reference to the remonetization of silver.

ASSURANCES GIVEN. BRUSSELS, Jan. 26.—A special declaration to the government at Washington, formulated by the Congo state authorities, was signed yesterday.

ELECTION BY THE PEOPLE. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 28.—In the senate today a resolution was adopted favoring election of United States senators by popular vote.

NOT YET HARMONIZED. HELENA, Mont. Jan. 28.—Contrary to general expectation the legislative compromise failed to materialize today.

WILL TRY "SANDY" AGAIN. PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—The fourth trial of "Sandy" Olds for the murder of Emil Weber. May 1889 has been set for March 16. The trial will occur at Hillsboro, Oregon.

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OREGON LEGISLATURE.

The Senate Passes the Australian Ballot Act.—Other Matters. SALEM, Jan. 28.—The senate today passed the Australian ballot law with several amendments. The bill now goes to the house for concurrence.

NO FURTHER TROUBLE. General Miles Regards the Indian Difficulty as Settled. CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—When asked this morning as to the final disposition to be made of the Indians at Fort Sheridan, General Miles said: "That is a matter to be determined in the future. I anticipate no further trouble. If there is another war with the Indians it will be an entirely different matter."

THE CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 28.—The house this morning received the report of the committee appointed to canvass the vote for state officers. The committee states that it is unable to determine any person legally chosen to fill any state offices except the comptroller. The returns indicate Nicholas Straus, democrat, elected. The house concurred in the report.

EARLY ACTION EXPECTED. NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A Washington correspondent says that early and favorable action in the house may be looked for on McKinley's bill providing that nothing in the tariff act shall be held to repeal or impair the provisions of the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii.

MONEY IN SPOKANE'S POCKET. SPOKANE FALLS, Jan. 26.—The contract for building fifty-five miles of the Great Northern, between Bonner's Ferry, on the Kootenai, and Kootenai Falls, has been let to Burns & Chapman, of this city.

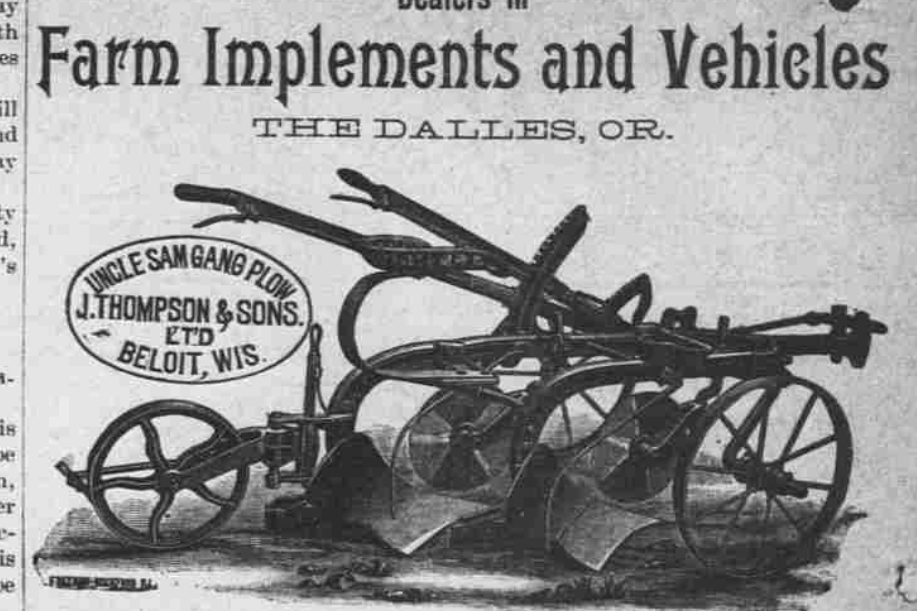
THE DEAD HISTORIAN'S WILL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The will of the late George Bancroft has been placed in probate. The estate is given in trust for the benefit of his relatives.

DEATH OF AN OLD JOURNALIST. PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 28.—W. A. McPherson, well known throughout the state, died this morning.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, administratrix of the estate of John Smith, deceased, has filed her final account, and that Tuesday, March 30, 1892, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the court room in Dalles City, Oregon, has been duly appointed as the time and place for hearing said final account and objections to the same, if any there be, and the final settlement of said estate.

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