

PRESIDENTIAL YEAR.

It is a Great Educator in one Way But
a Nuisance.

LANDATION AND ABUSE OF PARTIES.

Predictions Favor the Demittion Bow-
wows, Whichever Wins.

STILL THE SHIP OF STATE SAILS ON.

Pulpit Talks About the Humbuggery of
Politics in Several Leading
Cities--Minor Mention.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—A new idea has taken root in the minds of many leading ministers of eastern cities respecting politics. They have decided to speak out against its evils emphatically, and in this city several sermons were delivered Sunday having a bearing upon the subject. In a conversation with one of these ministers today, he said: "Presidential years are great educators; they are good things in many ways. They excite people to study the principles on which their country was founded, and the great underlying principles of the different political parties; but they are unmitigated nuisances, all the same. There is nothing in the papers but politics; nothing but laudation of one candidate and abuse of the other, and this is put in such form that neither candidate would know his own picture as it is photographed by the average political editor. If he belongs to the other side, there is not a virtue in him; not the slightest one. How he has lived so long without an outraged public exterminating him is the wonder. While, if on the other side, he is a radiant angel sent to earth to do good to mankind; to set man a high and holy example, and in all his difficulties to guide him in the right path. How such an angel has lived so long is the wonder of the reader. And this goes on week after week, and month after month. The people are assured if one candidate happens to be elected and the other defeated, everything will go to destruction. And still the old Ship of State keeps sailing along as though there were not any party holding it up. But every year more and more comes to the mind of the thoughtful American the fact that if the country shall be preserved it must be through the work in the homes of the people, and that the country will survive just as long as the fathers and mothers of the country are worthy men and women, and no longer; and that the politicians cannot change this very much."

Revolution in Ship Building.
BUFFALO, N. Y., May 24.—The advent of the whaleback barge has caused a complete revolution in the building of ships. There are now no less than three or four models on pretty much the same plan, and at present we have three companies, one in this city, one in Detroit, and one in Cleveland, competing as to see which can produce the best vessel to carry 3,000 tons to Liverpool from Duluth. One of these, the straightback steamer Condorus, building for the Anchor line by the Union Drydock company of Buffalo, will be launched in a few days. The Condorus is as strong and speedy and handsome as good workmanship and steel can make her. She is 292 feet over all, 40 feet beam, and 26 feet depth, loaded depth 15½ feet, with 3,000 tons aboard. It is expected she will make 13 miles an hour when loaded.

Hail Storm in Indiana.
CHICAGO, May 23.—A heavy and destructive hail and wind storm swept over the country immediately east of Farwell, Ind., Friday night, destroying a great amount of wheat and other growing crops. Enormous hailstones covered the ground, and the weather was very cold.

Cloudburst in Austria.
NEW YORK, May 23.—On Saturday immense damage was done in Klagenfurt district, Austria, by a cloudburst. The rain fell apparently in a solid mass. The destruction to roads and crops is incalculable. The storm was accompanied by a heavy fall of hail, the stones being as large as walnuts. Thousands of birds were killed by them.

Reform in London.
LONDON, May 25.—It looks like reform to see prominent men of finance arrested here for conspiracy as was the case today when Sir Henry Isaacs, late lord mayor of London, his brother and two others, were taken up on a charge of defrauding the Hansard publication concern, which failed some time ago with large liabilities. They are accused of misapplying large sums of the company's money and conspired to obtain money by false pretenses.

Tom O'Brien, the bunco robber, eluded his guard and left Cuba, but vessels will be intercepted in France and England, for his recapture.

Wants to Secure a Pardon.

JEFFERSONVILLE, May 26.—Sixteen years ago Gov. Williams, then governor of Indiana, gave a convict named Bisot leave of absence for sixty days to visit his mother; who was ill and not expected to live; on his promise to return to prison at the expiration of that time. Instead he fled the country and went to Mexico, where he studied medicine and lived an upright life. The mother lived, and has appealed to every governor since for the pardon of her son, but each refused to do so. Gov. Hovey said he would not even consider the matter except upon Bisot's surrender at the prison. Yesterday he voluntarily appeared to the prison authorities here to don the stripes. It is believed that the governor will release him with a few days. On Christmas night, in 1876, Bisot and a young companion killed the city marshal of Bedford. They were sentenced for life.

Does Beer Promote Temperance.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 26.—Hon. W. D. Hare, candidate on the Independent ticket for circuit judge of this district has for years advocated beer as a medium to advance the cause of temperance. His arguments seem to have reached the brewers and at the annual convention of the United States Brewers' Association in Boston, yesterday the session was devoted to reports on the various phases of the brewing business. The trustees reported that it had been decided to make an exhibit at the world's fair not only of beers and brewing, but also to present statistics showing the effect of this great industry on agriculture, manufactures, and its tendency to promote temperance, etc. It is also proposed to hold an international brewers' congress at that time. The report of the vigilance committee dwelt on temperance legislation in the various states.

Washington for Cleveland.
VANCOUVER, May 26.—There were no instructions accompanying the delegates to the Chicago convention, appointed by the state democratic convention in session here yesterday. The manifest choice was for Cleveland, and the mention of his name was the signal for a whoop. Of the delegates, in a rousing speech, Frank K. Lane, of Tacoma said: "They will go knowing that Washington is for Cleveland, and they will stand by him until there is no longer any chance of his nomination. But that time they will not see, for the very stars in their courses are making his fight. But whoever may be our leader, we will march under his banner to victory." Mr. Lane prophesied victory in the state campaign because of the late legislature, which he characterized as a legislature of a thousand scandals.

Remonstrances From Washington.
WASHINGTON, May 26.—Senator Allison of Iowa, yesterday introduced another remonstrance from the chamber of commerce of Port Townsend, Wash., giving reasons why no applications should be made for coast defense vessels for Puget sound or for the construction of a ship canal from lake Washington to the sound. In the first instance the remonstrance says the land defenses are much better than the vessels could be, and much expert testimony is furnished to prove that assertion. As to the lake Washington canal, it is charged that the project is not intended for the benefit of the public; that its utility is very much doubted, and that it is only a scheme to revive the land boom.

Telegraphic Flashes.
The announcement that the Northern Pacific had succeeded in establishing a line of steamers between Tacoma and China and Japan is confirmed. There will be three ships, under the British flag and voyages will be made monthly in each direction. The Northern Pacific, as a company, will not have any pecuniary interest in the steamers, the steamship line taking the ocean earnings. The Northern Pacific overland earnings on the traffic will be interchanged. The steamship line will deliver exclusively to the Northern Pacific, but will compete for exports from the Pacific coast at all points.

Brooklyn Sunday Schools.
NEW YORK, May 26.—At the annual 60th parade of the Brooklyn Sunday schools yesterday old men and women who have been pupils and teachers were present. The parade was the finest ever held, the clear sky and mild atmosphere adding greatly to the success. Nearly 70,000 children marched in the procession. There were 170 schools represented and the seventy thousand children were divided into twelve divisions. At the close of the parade the little ones were taken to the different churches and schoolhouses, where they were served with refreshments.

The Pope Protects the Jews.
ROME, May 25.—Jesse Seligman, of New York, accompanied by Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American college here, visited Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, with the object of enlisting his sympathy on behalf of the Jews. The cardinal said he would be most happy to do his utmost to aid the humane cause. The pope, he added, has always been a protector of the Jews. When persecuted everywhere else, they found refuge in Rome.

Elections in France are always held on Sundays, in order to suit the convenience of workmen and peasants.

RAUM TO BE DROPPED.

Harrison Concluded to Cut the String
Before it Snapped.

NEW YORK SOLDIERS ORGANIZE.

Veteran Leagues with Distinctive Political Character.

A COG IN THE POLITICAL WHEEL.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has the Typhoid
Fever--Hoodooed a Train on
the S. P. R. E.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The latest rumor about Gen. Raum is to the effect that the president has concluded to unload him in a gentle way. It is said that before leaving Washington on his recent trip on the Chesapeake the president informed Gen. Raum that, while he had every confidence in him, yet the relations between the head of the interior department and the chief of the pension bureau had been so strained that he had concluded to cut the string before it snapped.

Powerful Political Machines.
A soldiers' movement has been started in Syracuse, N. Y., which may have an important influence on the politics of the state. The plan is to organize veteran leagues all over the state and give them a distinctively political character, local as well as general. There will be a civic committee for every assembly district in the state; a vice-commander for every town and ward, and he will have a staff of ten members. The soldiers are hopeful of building powerful political machines.

In a Critical Condition.
William H. Vanderbilt's eldest son, Cornelius, is ill with typhoid fever, and is reported in an extremely critical condition. The illness was caused by hemorrhages. The doctors have not given up all hope, although they admit that the chances of recovery are small.

Hoodooed the Train.
Conductor Guthrie, of the Albany local on the S. P. R. R. was working under disadvantages yesterday afternoon. He had a forensic fight with the owners of the train, the brakeman and baggage master about the admission of a skye terrier with woolly legs and a small-boy laugh, to the coach it. The brakeman said the train was bewitched and something would happen. The dog got aboard at Aurora, and immediately a spark from the engine struck the front platform of the coach and burned its way into the space between the panels. About two miles south of Oregon city the fire got under good headway, and when it was discovered a panic ensued, during which several ladies fainted. A stop was made at Oregon city where an ax was used with good effect in the end of the car and a few buckets of water did the rest. The damaged car was at once put in the shops for repairs.

Mormons for Chihuahua.
EL PASO, May 24.—Another Mormon colony has been granted a large concession in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The concession consists of 100,000 acres of fertile farm land through which runs the Rio Concho. A delegation of Mormon elders went through to Utah last night, and as soon as the crops in Utah have been gathered this year they say 500 families will be moved to the new colony.

How to Command Respect.
Concerning the use of Hon. Van B. DeLashmutt's name, in connection with the miner's strike, without authority, that gentleman, in a communication to the *Telegram*, says: "I neither sent nor authorized any one else to send a dispatch and use my name. I had a friendly conversation with Capt. O'Brien, in which I stated what I would do, which is exactly what the mineowners purpose, but I did not authorize Capt. O'Brien to use my name, and I can hardly think he did so. At any rate, there seems to be most too much anxiety to distort a friendly talk into concessions to the Miners' union, which I never expressed nor intended. The Miners' union must rid itself of carmen and shovellers to command respect of tradesmen. A labor organization cannot prosper long which admits to its ranks unskilled labor. Thus must form the basis of all labor organizations, and when a trades union admits any and everybody to its ranks it is no longer a trades union."

Reform in Quebec.
QUEBEC, May 24.—The attorney-general has laid a new criminal information against ex-Premier Mercer for alleged malfeasance in office, for retaining moneys out of the subsidies voted by parliament for the Baie de Chaleurs railway, Hereford railway, and Ottawa Colonization railway.

Most of the bookkeepers in France are women, who are paid from \$200 to \$500 a year for their services.

A CHANCE FOR WASCO.

This County Urged to be Prepared for
an Exhibit in Chicago.
Special to THE CHRONICLE.]
THE DALLES, May 25.—The magnificent display of strawberries yesterday by Hans Klint prompts me to call the attention of the citizens of The Dalles and Wasco county to the importance of taking some early action to secure creditable exhibits of fruits, vegetables, cereals, wool and other products of this county for the exposition at Portland and the world's fair.

If The Dalles board of trade cannot be induced to do anything in this matter, why not request the local Horticultural society or the Eastern Oregon Second District Agricultural society, the latter having some available funds, I am told, to act at once in this matter. A committee chosen by each of these societies could unite in calling a public meeting and thereby arouse sufficient interest that would result in securing sufficient funds to bear the expense of making a collection and preparing the same for exhibition.

You will need suitable exhibit jars with large mouths for your large fruits, also one or more persons to make a canvass of this county soliciting specimens of the largest and best fruits, beginning with strawberries and cherries which are now in the market.

Select some one well qualified and whom your people have confidence in, in the city to receive all the specimens, put up only such as are highly creditable, and of the fruits put such up by the best known preserving process; when done place the jars in a safe, dark, cool place until needed for exhibition.

If your own citizens will direct the disbursement of the funds and the preparation of the exhibits, I believe you will have a better one and it will be made for a great deal less expense than the amount asked of your county by the state board of trade last winter in their effort for the world's fair. I see several coast counties of Oregon have begun such an effort and have resolved to make as good an exhibit at the state fair, Portland and Tacoma exhibitions and for the world's fair. You know the last Portland exposition awarded your county the first premium for the best exhibit of fruits of all kinds over all other counties in Oregon and Washington. It is important that at the next exposition at Portland you make a better exhibit than last year otherwise you will have to take a back seat, for there will be a determined effort by some of the coast counties to contest for this premium next fall. Your county being now noted especially for the best fruit in the northwest, ought to carry this testimonial into the world's fair in 1893, and there maintain this reputation.

With a creditable exhibit such as eastern Oregon can make of fruits, cereals, minerals, etc., etc., at the world's fair, you need not be asked by future tourists as your citizens were by the Presbyterian tourists recently.

"Why, where did all these flowers come from?"
"Where did you get these fine strawberries, and that big salmon?"
"Say, my little boy, have you a Sunday school here?"
"Why, your women dress just the same as ours do east!"

There will be means provided by the state or otherwise to send your county exhibit to the world's fair without further expense than to get yours ready.

The result of a good exhibit at Portland and Tacoma of your fruits this fall will create increased demand and better prices for your fruits in the future at these and other points and at the world's fair cannot fail to bring thousands of good citizens into this section with capital to aid in the more rapid development of its resources which only for the want of capital you have scarcely begun to realize.

The necessity for early action arises from the fact that the fruits of this section are ten days to two weeks earlier in ripening than are those raised west of the Cascades, though this is occasionally questioned by some Portland merchants. We can prove this, not only at home, by the shipment, as during the past two weeks, of our green fruits, but by putting them in jars for exhibit in Portland and in the Columbian Expositions. * * * In Wasco county's collection at Portland last fall, there were no cherries, no berries of any kind, no apricots, no early fall or summer apples, no early pears or plums, but few prunes or grapes and no dried or canned, fresh or preserved fruits and no jellies or jams of any kind. Just see the varieties you can add to the collection of fruits you had last year.

Get exhibits not only of fruits but all your products in time for the world's fair, showing to the world the wonderful resources of your county. There will inevitably follow that fair, the greatest immigration ever known to the Pacific coast. See to it this section gets her just share and then thousands of acres of splendid and now vacant land, will be settled by successful farmers, stockmen, and fruitraisers, and The Dalles will become, with her illimitable water power, that is second only to the falls of Niagara, and with her otherwise natural location which makes it possible for her to be, the liveliest and most prosperous, as well as healthiest city on the Pacific coast.

G. W. INGALLS.
George Lang, a 49-er, suicided in poverty at Sacramento yesterday.

LOOK TO UNCLE SAM.

Gen. Crespo Likes the United States and
Favors Reciprocity.

OPPOSED TO BRITISH INTRUSION.

Will Never Recognize Rights of the En-
glish Flag in Venezuela.

REVOLUTION WILL KEEP RIGHT ON.

Worrying the Government Which Can-
not Borrow Continually With-
out Resources.

NEW YORK, May 25.—In answer to some comments respecting the plans of Gen. Crespo, advices from Puerto Caballo, Venezuela, give an interview with him, in which he makes some interesting statements in regard to the charge that the revolutionists were aided by Great Britain, and were ready to make certain concessions in return. He said: "It is true that we do not look to England for help. We look to the United States." "What policy would you advise for your country and the United States?" "Reciprocity. I think well of that. I like the United States, and I intend to visit the exposition at Chicago and shall take my family with me. The regenerated Venezuela will have a worthy exhibit there. I want you to say that the people who fight under the insurgent banner today are opposed to British intrusion in Venezuela. We do not now, nor will we ever, recognize the rights of the English flag on Venezuelan territory. If we cannot speak for the rest of South America, we can speak for Venezuela." As to what would happen if we were defeated at La Victoria, Crespo answered that the revolution would keep right on. "This rising," he said, "is the growth of years. A battle or two lost to us would not destroy our cause. We would take to the mountains and wear out the government, which cannot be continually borrowing without resources." "In the event of the success of your armies, will you succeed to the presidency?" "No; I would not accept the office, nor could anything induce me to do so. As soon as I can attend to it, my private business interests will demand all my attention." "Who will succeed Palacio as president of the republic?" "I shall leave that to congress. I shall be satisfied if he is a good man with no dictatorial ideas."

Rarus, the Old Turf King, Dead.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Rarus, long known as the king of the trotting turf, died on Robert Bonner's Tarrytown farm on Tuesday. He was 25 years old, and died of old age. At Buffalo, in 1878, he lowered the trotting record to 2:13¾, and remained king of the turf until October 29, when St. Julien reduced the mark to 2:12¾. Rarus was purchased by Bonner in 1879, for \$35,000, and has not since appeared on the turf. When 20 years old the late John Murphy claimed to have driven him a trial mile in 2:11¾.

Out on Habeas Corpus.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 24.—The first of the Johnson county invaders to get into court is practically freed. The application for a habeas corpus for Dr. Charles B. Penrose, the expedition surgeon, was granted. He has furnished bail in \$1,000 to appear when required. He left the party the second day out, rather than travel behind the wagons. The indictment filed against him in Johnson county alleges that he murdered Nick Ray, who met death with Nate Champion, at No Man's ranch. Penrose answers that he was not present, and did not start out to kill in the first place.

Laymen not Women.

OMAHA, May 25.—Yesterday the Methodist conference committee on judiciary reached a conclusion that the word laymen in the discipline, where it provides for lay representation, does not include women. After a sharp discussion the conference decided to allow the Epworth league to have its own special secretary. It was decided to encourage the young people's society of christian endeavor and other such organizations to reorganize as branches of the Epworth league, in order to make the latter only a young people's society of the church.

Death in the Fire.

SPOKANE, May 25.—It is now known that four men perished in the fire which destroyed the Spokane mill company's buildings, the Echo roller mills, and the Oatmeal mill, the Washington shingle mills, the Spokane steam laundry, a number of residences and the Howard street bridge, on Tuesday. The missing men are: Adolph Schultze, L. B. Cornwall, Richard Butcher and a man named Cunningham. The charred remains of the first three were taken out of the ruins of the Spokane mill company. Search is being continued for the others. It is thought that one or two men were drowned in the river. The damage all told will amount to \$300,000, with not much over \$50,000 insurance.

AN EVENTFUL LIFE.

A Witness of Maximilian's Death Visits
THE CHRONICLE.
George Peterson arrived in The Dalles last Sunday from Winnipeg, where he has been in the employ of the Hudson Bay company. Going down to Mosier he selected a piece of land five miles south of the station and today returned to The Dalles to file a homestead claim on it. Mr. Peterson is a native of Germany, where he was born 50 years ago. He came to the United States when still a boy, and enlisted in the 14th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. Immediately after enlistment he went to the front where he remained in active service till 1864 where he was transferred to the navy. Here he remained about fifteen months where he was honorably discharged. Soon after he went south and entered Mexico in 1866 and joined the liberal forces in their fight against Maximilian. He followed the fortunes of President Yuarist under General Escobedo from San Luis Potosi to Queretaro where Maximilian was finally captured. Mr. Peterson was one of the guards whose duty it was to watch over Maximilian and two of his generals, Miramon and Megio, while awaiting sentence and execution. He was present, as a member of a cavalry regiment called Cassadores de Gallianes when the Emperor and his generals were shot, three miles outside the city of Mexico. He saw distinctly the Mexican ladies who rushed up to the dead emperor and saturated their handkerchiefs in his blood. At the close of the Mexican war, Mr. Peterson was honorably discharged and paid off with one silver dollar, and a pass-port. Even his uniform, hat and boots were taken from him, and with a pair of fifty cent shoes, a five cent straw hat and a linen jacket and pants he started to walk 2,000 miles through a wild and unsettled country, back to Matamoros. The years since then have been spent in the United States and Canada. Mr. Peterson wears a G. A. R. badge and looks remarkably young and well preserved for his years and eventful life. We heartily welcome him to a residence in Wasco county.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Secretary Blaine is not in the city, and his present whereabouts is known only to his most intimate friends. He has absented himself to avoid the annoyances of the politicians. Before leaving, it is said, Blaine stated to another member of the cabinet that he will not accept the nomination, and if the president so desired he would write another letter. His friends, however, insist that if he is nominated unanimously he will accept. Col. Clarkson is expected in Washington today with the emphatic demand of the most influential republicans in the eastern, middle and western states which are not solidly democratic, that President Harrison shall stand aside, and that Mr. Blaine shall be the candidate. In the absence of Mr. Blaine from Washington, the republican chairman will go direct to President Harrison and make an appeal to him, and he shall take such action as will prevent the pressing of his name at Minneapolis. It is openly charged, and publicly talked over, that Gen. Alger is at the bottom of this latest Blaine boom, and expects to go on the ticket with Blaine, taking his chances for the presidency hereafter. This talk has a cold blooded sentiment in it which freezes the ardor of the most enthusiastic Blaine admirer.

The Astorian Independent.

ASTORIA, May 25.—Preparations for entertaining visitors to the sea side resorts are more extensive than ever before. Trains are running daily to Clatsop beach. New engines and new passenger cars are on the way and will be ample for the traffic, and quite luxurious compared to the box cars in use last year. The bridge across Young's bay is to be finished, and trains can be run direct from the city without change. Hon. H. B. Parker's steamer Astorian will continue her daily trips as usual, without advancing the fare. The owner thinks it would pay better to have plenty of passengers at a low fare than no patrons at advanced rates, and he is probably right, and if the citizens of this city will support their boat they are sure to have many visitors to their city that otherwise would not come.

Ayer's pills are invaluable for the cure of headache, constipation, stomach and liver troubles and all derangements of the digestive and assimilative organs. These pills are sugar-coated, safe and pleasant to take, always reliable, and retain their virtues in any climate.

President Harrison's friends are up in arms, and now propose to squelch any opposition that may be made to his nomination; which may be presumed to include Col. Clarkson. If the past has been bitter the future may become bitterness to the excessive fine degree of keen reproach.

The king of Belgium has approved the resolution for constitutional revision. It proposes universal suffrage, and the referendum system, to provide against hasty, ill-advised legislation.

The Great Northern track-layers are within nine miles of Spokane. It is proposed to celebrate the event of completion June 1st.