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Captain Moffit, editor of the Portland Telegram was arrested Saturday night at the instance of W. L. Lightner, charged with criminal libel. The ground of complaint was an article which appeared the same evening in the Telegram, which asserted that Lightner, Bob Smith, Chief Parrish, Captain Watson and Ira F. Powers, had met Saturday-morning in Chief Parrish's private office for the purpose of devising means for raising campaign funds, and had decided that the demi monde should be assessed, and as a result, that two hacks had been ordered and two assessors started out to gather in the shekels.

The Weston Leader claims to have learned one thing by the Australian ballot system, namely: "That there should be an educational qualification in the present general election law. A citizen who doesn't know the difference between 'A' and 'Z' and signs his name with an 'X'-mark should not have the right of suffrage in this enlightened age."

It will take 599 or two thirds of the 898 votes of the Chicago convention to nominate. The friends of Hill claim 299 for their candidate and allow Cleveland 461, with the remaining votes pretty equally divided between Palmer, Carlisle, Boies, Gray and Gorman.

Emmons Blaine, second son of ex-Secretary Blaine, died on the 18th inst., at the home of his father-in-law, Cyrus H. McCormick of Chicago. The cause of his death was blood poisoning, resulting from inflammation of the bowels.

According to advices from Turkestan, the cholera is making fearful ravages in Persia and Afghanistan. The streets of Turbatyshana are strewn with unburied corpses, and the inhabitants, as many as can, are fleeing from the town, while the Mollahs, Koran in hand, parade the streets at the head of thousands of the populace, beseeching Allah for deliverance from the scourge.

That was a wise and sensible decision of the Pope in regard to what is called the "Cahensy agitation in favor of foreign-born bishops of different nationalities foreign-born Catholics in America. His holiness says: "European immigrants in the United States must coalesce as one people and form one nation."

That the extension of the British franchise is effecting a quiet revolution among the masses of the English people is evidenced by the following from the London Christian, a paper of extensive circulation and reference and of conservative tendency: It is no exaggeration to say that we are living in the midst of one of the greatest revolutions that the English people have ever passed through. Its magnitude is apt to be overlooked because its progress is as subtle as it is all-pervasive.

The Portland World (dem.) denies that money is scarce in Portland. It says: "There is plenty of it—to loan. There is eastern money, San Francisco money and lots of Portland money in the hands of bankers and money brokers. 'Money to loan' is the most prominent advertisement in the daily press, and it is being offered at from 6 to 10 per cent, according to the security and length of time.

It is understood at Washington that the president has strongly urged Chauncey Depew to accept the secretaryship of state made vacant by the resignation of James G. Blaine. A gentleman on intimate terms with Depew claims that it is absurd to suppose that Depew would sacrifice his important business interests for a federal office, no matter how high it might be.

It having been charged that Senator Squire, of Washington, was not aware of the existence of the Columbia river, a friendly paper disproves the slanderous statement by quoting a brief reference to the Columbia in a recent argument by Squire in favor of the lake Washington canal. It is therefore evident, it says, that the senator knows more about the Columbia than was known by Jonathan Carver, and quite as much as was known by William Cullen Bryant when he wrote "Thanatopsis."

Now that Governor Penoyer has avowed his faith in the doctrines of the people's party, like all new converts, he is a little hard on his quondam brethren of the old democratic faith. He styles Cleveland a "magwump," in a manner that leaves the impression that he thinks a magwump is one of the most horrid things in the world; says the stuffed prophet is an "old fraud," and hopes the Chicago convention "won't put him up," calls Hill "another failure" and thinks it would be a pity if the party could not bring out better men.

Farmers and horticulturists should remember to keep the best samples of their products for exhibition at the coming district fair. The list of prizes will, both in number and value, greatly exceed anything ever offered before, and those who do not take the trouble to enter as competitors will regret it when they see others carry off valuable prizes that they themselves might have won.

And now Mike DeYoung's paper, the San Francisco Chronicle, gravely announces that the leaders among the republicans were awfully vexed because the Californian had not expressed a desire for the presidential nomination, telling him he could have had it just as well as not. What a fortunate thing it was that De Young didn't want it.

The Monsoon commenced blowing throughout Bengal and a large part of Madras yesterday, less heavily than usual, but sufficiently to remove anxiety as to crops and cattle. Ten thousand men have left the relief works, and prices are falling. Rain is still wanted in Benjaub and Raghjaputans.

It is already known to the readers of THE CHRONICLE that on the morning of the 16th of June, inst., anticipating the report of the disagreement of the committee of conference on the river and harbor bill, Paul Mohr had placed on the desks of senators and representatives a type written document which contained a strong protest against the boat railway scheme for overcoming the obstructions at the dalles of the Columbia. The document contains 16 pages of closely type written matter. A careful reading of it proves that Senator Dolph was only partly right when he said that Mr. Mohr's opposition was not for the protection of the rights of any one but for the purpose of preventing the opening of the river. Mohr has another motive. He wants to sell his right of way to the government at a big price. We infer this from his manifest desire to magnify the value of the work done by his company in grading a short piece of road near Columbus. Mohr says his company has spent \$400,000 in the road already. This must be a colossal lie; but let it pass. Mr. Mohr is so dreadfully anxious to prove that the boat railway is not practicable that his zeal gets the better of his discretion. He says the sand drifts are so bad that they would blockade the boat railroad almost constantly. That "there are drifts now upon the ground intended to be occupied by the boat railroad sixty feet deep, which have formed in a comparatively short time." Then in another place Mr. Mohr says, "This boat railway scheme is to be built over ground owned and occupied by a private corporation, the Columbia Railway & Navigation company, which owns all the right of way." Thus he makes it clear, if one had any respect for his word, that a portage road on the Washington side is as impracticable as a boat railway. If the sand drifts are an insuperable barrier in the one case they are in the other. It is not our intention to follow Mr. Mohr through his twenty-three objections to the proposed boat railway, nor his five "commercial, financial and physical reasons why a boat railway is not desirable." False and deceptive as they are they will undoubtedly succeed in defeating, for the present, at least, the boat railway scheme, and this will all the more commit the people of eastern Oregon to the Oregon portage, as a temporary relief.

Some weeks ago a resolution was passed in the United States senate inquiring as to the practical effect of the reciprocity negotiations. In a lengthy reply sent to the senate last Monday, the acting secretary of state said, while the "practical effect" could not be measured by the commerce of a month or even a year: "It is gratifying to note there has already been a considerable increase in our exports, and there is good reason to expect it will be permanent. It is equally noticeable, too, that the exports from Great Britain to the Latin-American countries are falling off with even greater rapidity, so much so as to excite the apprehension of her commercial organizations and impel them to seek protection from the government. In conclusion, the acting secretary says the act has not only brought about the result of securing the repeal of the prohibition of American pork, which for ten years had practically excluded that product from most of the continental countries of Europe, but has enabled the executive to negotiate a reciprocity arrangement of a highly satisfactory character with Germany and Austria. No satisfactory results have yet been obtained in the negotiations with Mexico."

President Dowling of the New York Trades Assembly says if Hill is nominated he will be heartily supported by the workmen of the state as he has done much for the cause of labor. On the other hand, Dowling says the labor organizations are opposed to Cleveland, irrevocably, and if he is placed in the field they will nominate a candidate of their own. The interests of the workmen of this nation would be quite as safe in the hands of Cleveland as in those of Hill. Nothing however succeeds in politics like demagoguery.

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Whatever opinion men may entertain of the value and practicability of The Dalles boat railway scheme it is beyond question that Senator Dolph and Mr. Herman have both fought earnestly for the passage of the bill. If any blame is attached to its defeat the blame will rest on Governor Penoyer and Paul Mohr.

Today or tomorrow probably, says the Walla Walla Journal, the public will be given an opportunity to view the greatest feat of deglutition of modern times. The Tammany tiger will swallow Grover Cleveland.

Portland's city government sadly needed a reformation if it be true, as the Dispatch says, that five harlots peddled tickets for their favorite candidates at one of the polling places last Monday.

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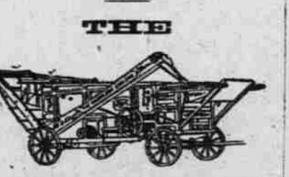
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