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Michigan has for five years past had upon its statute books a provision designed to promote the use of wide tires upon the wagon as used upon its highways. In place of compulsory enactment it was deemed wise to make it for the pecuniary interest of the users of the roads to use wide instead of narrow tires, and a premium was accordingly put upon such use in the remission of a part of the highway tax. The law provides that all persons who shall use only lumber wagons on the public highways of the state with rims not less than three inches in width, for hauling loads exceeding 800 pounds in weight, shall annually receive a rebate of one-fourth of their assessed highway tax, provided, however, that such rebate shall not exceed in any one year three days' road tax to any one person. Citizens are required to make an affidavit before an overseer of highways to the use of such wagons as specified, upon which affidavit they are credited with the amount of rebate of their highway tax. The department of state reports that this legislation has been found satisfactory to the people and beneficial in its results.

The Antelope Herald tells of two cowardly fellows on horseback who rode up to the residence of W. F. Guyton, on Mackin Flat, Sherman county, last Friday and ordered the hired girl, who happened to be all alone except an infant belonging to Mr. Guyton, to get dinner for them. The request was cheerfully complied with. After they had eaten they handed the girl some money to pay for their dinner, and while the girl was in the act of making the necessary change the men espied that she had about \$40 in her purse, and just as she was handing them the change one of the men snatched the purse out of her hands. They then seized her and made her go up stairs, after which they locked the stair door and proceeded to inspect the household valuables. After taking everything worth taking the villains jumped on their horses and rode away on a keen gallop. The girl was not released until the school children came home late in the evening. The thieves have not been seen nor heard of ever since.

Referring to the advantages of a ship loading at Astoria, over Tacoma, the masters of fifty vessels signed an article in which every one of them said fresh water kills the barnacles and sea weeds which soon drop off. One firm declared that lying at the dock or in the stream at Astoria cleaned the bottoms of their ships so as to shorten their trips home "from three to five weeks." "Ship owners," wrote one firm, "prefer fresh water harbors, and this is an important factor in chartering, but as a rule, I think they are taxed for the advantage they gain when they go up to Portland, as the river pilotage, lighterage and towage are very heavy items of useless expense."

A boatload of horses drowned years ago in the Ohio river is now credited with suggesting one of the most valuable inventions extant. The invention consists of simple collapsible cylinders, which being placed inside of a sunken vessel and inflated with air raise it to the surface, when it may be floated hundreds of miles to a dry dock for repairs. A close corporation composed of the three Grant brothers, John, Joseph and Jesse, and four real estate men own the patent covering the device and have applied for patents in all countries where obtainable and where there are shipping interests.

Postmaster - Gen. Wannamaker deserves credit for one thing, and that is: Making Geo. P. Rowell & Co. pay postage on their advertising circular Printers Ink, dubbed a journal. The mails are flooded with similar so called journals, simply advertising all manner of goods, wares and merchandise, from a razor strop to a summer outing, free of postage, except the pound rates justly provided for legitimate purposes; and which is jeopardized to a very great extent by such frauds as are perpetrated by Geo. P. Rowell and others.

One of the problems with which the young American boy is now perplexed is the question as to why his mother will insist upon raking his own rebellious hair into order and immediately afterward go into ecstasy over a shock-headed, unkempt chrysanthemum.

Ex-President Cleveland has been elected an honorary member of the Ragged Island Gunning Association of which club President Harrison is also a member.

From the reports of a recent occurrence in London society it would appear that aristocracy exists quite independent of the abstract matters of high morality and ethics. It seems that a Mrs. Olivia Claudine Leader, of the London hautton, formerly wore; or says she wore; a brooch precisely similar in appearance to a brooch formerly owned by the wife of Maj.-Gen. James Gibbon Smyth, also of the haut ton. One morning Mrs. Smyth discovered that her brooch was missing. Then she saw Mrs. Leader wearing her own brooch. Later she observed Mrs. Leader's brooch exposed in a jeweler's store, where the lady had exchanged it in return for a clock and some money. Mrs. Smyth had her suspicions and now wrote Mrs. Leader that unless five guineas were immediately forthcoming as compensation the affair would be published. The guineas failed to arrive and now Olivia is suing the major-general's wife for slander. It is impossible to determine at this distance in whose favor the balance of evidence will turn. The two fac-simile brooches are as puzzling as a pair of Dromios. But this point is really not of so much general importance as the incidental revelation that pilfering of jewel-cases is compatible with the strictest respectability and the highest social position. Evidently one of the ladies must be a burglar or the other must tamper with the truth. But no one will allege that either has thereby lost social caste. They are still of the haut ton, still aristocratic, still blue-blooded. Society turns out en masse to witness the trial.

Occasionally civilization and its concomitants figure as despoilers. To very many the report of the completion of the new railroad in the holy land will seem somewhat as degrading as the sight of a soap advertisement daubed upon Mont Blanc. It means that a region sacred to history and romance is opened to the clamor of steam-driven commerce, to the scampering tourist and to the gorgeously-attired milord with his kodak. The serenity of Jerusalem is to be broken by the hoot of locomotives; the holy land is to be visited constantly by travelers who will "do" it in three days and love its sights according to their chubby red Baedekers. There is another side to the picture. The new road will make it possible for many to see a spot which thousands long to see but have hitherto been unable to visit. It takes time, money and patience to journey in a warm climate upon the back of a frivolous and inconsiderate donkey. Now the donkey feature need deter no one. Traveling in Palestine will be no more inconvenient than traveling in Europe, and, after all, Jerusalem, without the road, has not escaped a certain modernizing influence, a fact that may be believed when it is considered that it already has an American population of 413 souls.

Mrs. D. P. Thompson and daughters have just returned from Europe. In Paris they left quite a colony of Portland people, including Mr. Heitshu and family, Mrs. H. D. Green, Mrs. Walter V. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery Mrs. Senator John H. Mitchell, and her daughter, the Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, all of whom are in very good health and seem to be enjoying themselves. Mrs. Thompson and daughters had a very pleasant stay in the gay and beautiful French capital, and unite in pronouncing it the most beautiful city in the world, without any exception. There is no city they like better, except, of course, their own city of Portland. As Miss Thompson expressed it, they were sorry to leave Paris, but delighted to get back to Portland. They are all in excellent health, and have been besieged by their many friends, who are glad to welcome them home.

A man said to be connected with the Great Northern says that Hill will never build the Portland and Puget sound branch. The Union Pacific located and spent considerable money on this road, and the Great Northern would not accept the work done, or put in any money because the grades and location were unsatisfactory. He says the Great Northern is likely to get into Portland by the way of Ellensburg and La Canas, where some business can be gathered along the line. The local business between Portland and the sound would not be worth \$10 per mile per annum, while the Ellensburg branch will extend through a rich timber, mineral and agricultural country. When Hill goes to Portland he will do so for business, purely.

Colonel R. W. Mitchell is an avowed candidate for collector of customs at Portland. The colonel's attitude has been neutral as between the warring factions of his party, and he is the one man who can consistently claim the solid backing of either or both. His exceptional popularity cannot be attributed to inactivity, however, as he was one of the hardest workers for Cleveland in Multnomah county. And he has been unanimously chosen to marshal the parade which the local democracy is arranging for next Thursday night.

This is a year of broken records. Thin men on bicycles have demolished several. Nancy Hanks kicked her four brisk hoofs through another and a transatlantic liner has steamed right through still another. Another broken record is credited to Cleveland.

The official vote of Klickitat county shows that over there the peoples party has grown to be a powerful factor in politics. That party elect the sheriff, treasurer, assessor, coroner and three county commissioners. The republicans elect the representative, school superintendent, county auditor, judge and clerk. George F. McKinney for county clerk, has a majority of three votes. John H. McGraw and W. H. Doolittle have majorities of about 200 each. John L. Wilson receives a majority of over 350. Mr. Wilson is very popular in Klickitat county. The best part of the peoples party element was elected, while the anarchy element was snowed under.

That element of population no longer desired is still hastening to America. Saturday last Secretary Foster directed that the immigrant steamship Weimer, from Bremen, be detained at quarantine at Cape Charles, Md., for a period of 20 days. The baggage of the immigrants was disinfected and the vessel thoroughly cleaned. The Weimer has on board 1,900 immigrants. This is a test case and will be a precedent in all similar cases arising in the future. If they refuse to take the medicine they can turn back.

A leading democrat here in The Dalles, last Thursday, when asked, "If the democrats would repeal the tariff law and 10 per cent. on state banks?" replied "the platform is made to get in on, not to stand on;" we quote it showing the unanimity of the democracy. The same answer was given to Chauncey Depew by a democrat in New York, on the same day. Depew believes we will make them confess they did not dare to fulfil their promises.

The steamship Premier has been successfully floated by Grant Bros.' system of collapsible cylinders. There has been much doubt among seafaring men as to the practicability of the system, as the canvas cylinders were expected to rip or explode when the pressure of a sunken ship was brought to bear on them. Such, however, proves not to be the case.

The presidential electors chosen in the several states are to meet on Monday, January 9th to declare the result in each. It will be transmitted to Washington city by a special messenger in each case and announced by congress on the second Wednesday in February. The house of representatives canvass the electoral vote for the president, and the senate for that of vice president.

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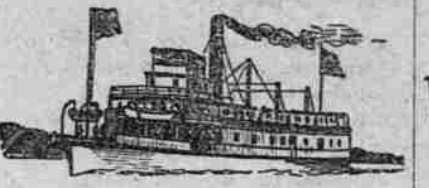
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