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## SILVER IN EUROPE.

### Senator Jones Agreeably Surprised at the Awakening.

### HAS A HOPE FOR THE CONFERENCE.

### Quidnuncs Concerned About "A Will or Not" by Gen. Butler.

## LATEST DOINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### Mr. Haley's Bill to Authorize the Construction of the Dalles and Celilo Portage.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Senator Jones and family started for Paris today, and after a brief visit to that city, will sail for America on the Gasconne Saturday. The senator was visited while here by numerous members of the house of commons and other public men interested in the silver question. The senator says he was agreeably surprised at the evident awakening in England to the value of bimetalism. He believes the monetary conference will resume its sessions in May, and he hopes to be able to return at that time. Owing to his position as senator he will be unable to accept invitations to address meetings in commercial centers of Great Britain.

## Quidnuncs Concerned.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—It will be strange if, after all his experience in breaking wills, Gen. Butler should have omitted to name a will. His private secretary, Col. Thomas Mayor, told a reporter today that he knew nothing of the existence of such a document. "I can't tell you whether he left a will or not," he said. "If he did, it will undoubtedly come up at the first session of the probate court at East Cambridge. If he did not, undoubtedly a petition for an administrator will be put in at that time." A gentleman who has been associated with Gen. Butler for many years, and whose relations with him are very close, said: "I don't know whether there is a will. It does not follow necessarily that there is not, and it is quite possible that the son or daughter has such a document, but there is none in his office, I believe."

## Legislative Proceedings.

SEAS, Jan. 19.—Senator Haley's bill to act to authorize and empower the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, in the name and behalf of the state of Oregon, to construct, operate and maintain a portage railway between the highest and lowest points of the navigable waters of the Columbia river, around the dalles of the Columbia. The bill provides that the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall purchase all private property necessary to the construction of the road, and if necessary, condemn same in the manner provided by law for the condemnation of lands and rights of way by other corporations for public use. The revenue derived from the freights and fares collected are to be used in running, opening and maintaining the road, and the surplus paid into the state treasury. The bill provides for an appropriation out of the general fund of the state of Oregon of the sum of \$460,000 from any money not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of building the road; and the secretary of state is authorized to draw his warrant or warrants upon the state treasurer for said sum, in any part thereof when directed to do so by the board. Inasmuch as the present means of transportation are inadequate to the great and growing demands of the producers of Eastern Oregon, it is provided that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the approval by the governor.

It is senate today Dodson's bill, relating to fees of Malheur and Baker county officials, was reported favorably and adopted. Pass to third reading. House joint memorial for prohibition of foreign immigration was referred to the committee on federal relations.

In the house Paxton of Multnomah, county of Morrow, and Staats of Polk, are appointed as joint committee with a senate, to visit the cascade portage ad.

## Positively the Last.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Mary Ann Nelson, lately the last of George Washington's army of colored servants, was found dead in her shanty near Chicago today. She remembered lighting the shanty's pipe for him before the revolution, and claimed to be 130 years

## STATESMEN THEN AND NOW.

### Thomas H. Benton's Acts Compared With The Present.

From The Spokane Review.] Mr. Allen's indefensible conduct in leaving Washington to lobby for votes at Olympia has been contrasted with the high-minded record of Senator Benton of Missouri. Benton was in congress for 30 years, and during that time never deserted his post at Washington to help his candidacy at home. The contrast can also be extended to the Columbia river. Benton early took an active interest to secure the acquisition, exploration and settlement of the Pacific northwest. As early as 1819 he had written books upon the subject and thrown his powerful influence for occupancy of the mouth of the great river. In one of his magnificent bursts of oratory he pointed to the west and declared that "there lay the coming gateway to the Orient."

With fiery eloquence he prophesied the settlement of this territory by American immigrants and the navigation of the great river of the west. "The magic boat and the flying car," he exclaimed, "have not exhausted their wonders." Looking into the future I behold the flying engines ascending the peaks of the great Stony mountains. I see steamboats, laden with the argosies of the Orient, ascending the majestic Oregon. I can view a smiling land of peace and plenty, and over all I behold the triumphant folds of the colors of my country." Contrast this broad statesmanship with the petty local influences and jealousies which dominate the two senators from Washington.

On one hand is seen the majestic figure of the prophet and the statesman, whose vision spanned a continent and whose foresight penetrated the mists of a century. On the other hand are seen two senators whose ideas of public improvement are limited by county lines, and who have turned from the great public enterprise, which has only to be presented to command the respect of congress, in order to squander their time and effort upon a petty local job. It has well been said in the east that a Pacific coast senator elected upon his merits as a statesman would be a refreshing novelty in Washington. If the Pacific northwest had sent a Benton to the senate the Columbia river would have been open to navigation long ago. It will never be opened by the faint-hearted efforts of Senator Allen and the open hostility of Senator Squire.

## The Nouveau Colas.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Pettigrew, chairman of the quadro-centennial committee, introduced a bill in the senate today, instructing the secretary of the treasury not to deliver any sovereign coins until the world's Columbian exposition delivers a good and sufficient bond, conditional that, if for any reason whatever, the world's fair was opened to the public on Sundays, the corporation pay the United States for the sum of money it shall have received from the sale of the coin, not less than \$2,500,000.

## Canal Tolls Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The announcement was made today from an authoritative source that the council of the dominion government, by an order agreed upon last Saturday, had determined to withdraw for the season of 1893 all discriminations in tolls respecting vessels, persons or commerce using the Welland and St Lawrence canals. This is said to be more than our government asked. The information has not yet been officially conveyed to this government.

## The Old Egyptian Contention.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Under construction from the French foreign minister, the French ambassador today sent a note to the British foreign minister in reference to affairs in Egypt, saying France could not remain indifferent to acts on the part of Great Britain tending to infringe on the independence of the khedive.

## Slight Panic in May Wheat.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The report that a clique who had been buying wheat were selling out caused something of a panic on the board of trade, and made a break in May of two and one-half cents. At the close there was a slight recovery.

## Senatorial Matrimonial Rumor.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—A special from Charleston, W. Va., to the News, says it is rumored that Senator Charles J. Faulkner is to wed the widow of Senator Hearst, of California. Senator Faulkner is a widower.

## Snow and Sleet in Georgia.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 19.—The snow last night turned into sleet and rain and the streets are three or four inches deep in slush. Business is almost suspended and the tremendous weight of snow on the roofs causing leakage.

## COLFAX WHEAT DEALS.

### A Blundering Telegraph Dispatch Made The Farmers Happy.

### AGENT JOHN H. LARSON TOO ALERT.

### He Purchased Sixty Thousand Bushels at Fifty-Five Cents.

## HE WAS SOMEWHAT ASTONISHED.

### Makes a Special Trip to Portland to Trace The Blundering Message to Its Source.

COLFAX, Jan. 20.—[Special.]—An error in a cipher dispatch caused a large boom in the Colfax wheat market a few days since. The particulars came out today and are the talk of the wheat dealers. Farmers had been bewailing the downward tendency of the wheat market for several months and when 43 cents per bushel was the ruling price, the grain growers who sold early in the season were looked upon as men of exceptional good fortune. Prospects looked rather dry a few weeks ago, when suddenly the market began to advance and the farmers simultaneously to regain their jubilant spirits. The price steadily advanced until on Saturday it swayed between 52 and 53 cents here.

Upon that day the J. M. Russell company, the big Portland grain dealers and speculators, telegraphed in cipher to their Colfax agent to purchase ready wheat quickly at 55½ cents. The agent, J. H. Larson, was on the alert for just such a dispatch. He hurried out to the local holders of grain and bought right and left for a few hours until he had purchased a total of 60,000 bushels. With a fine eye to business he tried 52 cents, but the holders wouldn't listen to the proposition. Even 53 cents was refused point blank and the farmers held back at 54. But when Mr. Larson sprang the unexpected offer of 55 cents the wheat moved toward him like a charm, as it were, and he compassed the big purchase above mentioned. He congratulated himself on saving his house ¼ cent per bushel on their offer, and immediately wired to Portland the fact that he had cornered 60,000 bushels at 55 cents. This means an outlay of \$33,000. The astonishment of Mr. Larson may be better imagined than described when the Russell company telegraphed back that they had never offered 55 cents, and that they couldn't accept wheat at such unwarranted figures.

Further telegraphic correspondence between the agent and the house elicited the fact that the cipher sent out should have read: "Buy wheat at 52½," instead of 55½. The men who unloaded their wheat Saturday are naturally in high feather; but not so with Agent Larson. The latter boarded the train for Portland this morning, determined to chase down the error which caused him to buy wheat at an advance of 3½ cents over the figures which the Russell company was willing to pay. He gave notes which call for \$1,650 more than the house had offered at Portland. And now the question is, "Where was that mistake made?" Are the company's Portland employees chargeable with the error in translating the figures to cipher, or was the fault with the Western Union telegraph office at Portland. The former idea seems the more plausible.

## Business Condition.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—It was said at Blaine's house that he did not rest as well last night as usual of late, but became easy toward morning. Dr. Johnson visited him about 11 o'clock this morning and remained half an hour. He said the patient had improved since yesterday and was stronger and brighter.

Gov. Penneyer has telegraphed the chief engineers for the substance of the report of the board of engineers on the dalles of the Columbia. The board met in New York today, and will have first to agree and then prepare a report. This report, after being submitted to the war department, will be sent to congress before even the senators and members of congress are allowed to know its contents. Consequently Gov. Penneyer will not receive it for several days.

We acknowledge the receipt of senate bills 55 and 53 today; the Willis Port of Columbia, and Raley Portage Railway. We have not had time to read them today but will give them attention tomorrow.

## SOUND CITIES ACTIVE.

### Business Active, Splendid Weather, Promising Future.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—[Special.]—The weather on Puget sound has been finer during the last two weeks than has been known for several years at this season. Steamboat trade on the sound has greatly increased and the wholesale merchants in every line are greatly encouraged on account of the increased sales during the last year over any previous year. Building is being actively pushed forward, and the outlook is that many fine structures will be erected during the coming spring. Yesler block and the Dexter Horton bank building, are now nearing completion, both being very handsome structures. The people of Seattle are greatly rejoiced over the completion of the Great Northern railway, which adds one more railway to the list of those coming to Seattle, making a total number now of railroads running into Seattle, of seven, with the prospects of a few more at an early date.

## After the Leaves and Fishes Early.

Hon. John Myers, an ex-incumbent; Henry Grady of Pendleton, Eugene Forbes, and E. J. Jeffery, want the U. S. Marshalship badly. Mr. C. W. Roby has not had enough, he with Chas. White and John Finley want the post-office, and Henry Blackman of Heppner, thinks he has the inside track for revenue collector. Chairman Murphy declines, with a good deal of dignity, the U. S. attorneys, although offered him on a gold-plated server, intimating that Judge L. L. McArthur was entitled to it, even if L. B. Cox or F. A. E. Starr were seekers for the coveted prize. Evidently he has his optics on U. S. judgeship. Henry Gray of Portland and Col. John Lane of Roseburg are designated as aspirants for the collectorship of customs of Alaska. The leaves may be few, but the baskets of fishes are many.

## Brook Trout Coming.

Hon. George T. Myers, one of the representatives from Multnomah county, is informed by Frank N. Clark, superintendent Michigan stations United States fish commission, that Carleton H. Bean, assistant in charge of division of fish culture, United States fish commission, Washington, D. C., is about to ship to him 20,000 brook trout eggs. These eggs, upon their arrival in Oregon, will be taken to the government hatchery at Clackamas, where they will be hatched. And then at the proper season the young fish will be sent all over the state, to places wherever application has been made. Be sure they are not black bass, pouts, carp or sun fish, smuggled upon us, before the distribution. Oregon can stand brook trout, but wants none of the other varieties.

News has been received that the commissioners treating with the Nez Perces have succeeded in getting a large number of Indians to sign the treaty, and there is now little doubt that the efforts to open the reserve will be successful. It is probable, however, that negotiations will not be completed in time for the present session to take action in the matter.

The East Oregonian says the tax levy this year in Marion county will be 20 mills. In Umatilla it will be at least this much, if not more, probably 23 mills, owing to the state tax being 10 mills. A few years ago the state tax was only from four to five mills. State expenses are increasing heavily, owing to the extravagance of boards and commissions and the loose expenditures of the legislature. The taxpayers of this county, as well as those of other counties, can place the blame for high taxation where it belongs, on the state lawmakers now in session at Salem.

The decision of the Circuit court in the rate case of the Oregon railway commission against the S. P. Co., has been affirmed by the Supreme court in a decision handed down Monday. The referee, Hon. Wm. Holmes of Salem, Judge Boise of the Circuit court, and now the three able and learned judges of the supreme court all agree that the rates made by the commission were just and reasonable, and the commission had power to make them. They all agree that the commission under the Geer law can cut down the rates of any company when it finds them too high. The judicial powers of our state are also agreed act that the present commission did not in an arbitrary or incompetent manner in the reduction of freights ordered on the Southern Pacific lines. The Southern Pacific must adopt state rates or retire from business in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McCartney were out coasting together a few evenings since in Thompsons addition, when Mrs. McL. met with an accident, fracturing her ankle.

## THE NATIONAL BOARD

### Oregon Calls for Protection of Timber Lands of the Country.

### SILVER DISCUSSION DEFERRED.

### Food is Scarce in Nantucket Because of the Ice Floes.

## MUCH SUFFERING ANTICIPATED.

### An Editor Fined for Contempt—He Published "Alleged" Testimony—A Diamond Snatcher.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—When the national board of trade adjourned yesterday it had under consideration the resolution proposed by the Portland, Or., Chamber of Commerce, expressing approval by the board of all measures calculated to further protect timber lands of the country, and to make additional reservations of the same. It was disposed of the first thing by adoption. The committee's report recommending cessation of the purchase of silver under the Sherman act, and the appointment of a commission to revise the monetary and banking system of the country, was postponed until the next annual meeting.

A resolution recommending the consolidation of third and fourth-class mail matter into one class, to be mailable at the rate of two ounces for one cent, passed.

## Nantucket Food Famine.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Mass., Jan. 20.—For the last three days the steamer which carries supplies to the 15,000 people living on the island of Nantucket has been unable to make the island owing to the difficulty of breaking through the vast ice floes which are between the mainland and the island. When the steamer last touched at Nantucket, the people there had scanty supplies of provisions, and fears are entertained that there may be much suffering before communication with the island can be resumed. An effort was made last night to get a tug across from Wood's Hill, but it was unsuccessful. The tug returned at 11 o'clock and reported that it was impossible to get through the ice, and that it would probably take four days to effect a passage. In the meantime the people of the island will be brought to an extremity. Midway between the island and the mainland is a channel filled with floating ice. On each side the ice is insecure, so that passage over the ice is impossible.

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## JOYFUL NEWS.

### The Bill to Extend the Time for Entering Forfeited Railway Lands Finally Passed Congress.

The following dispatch to Hon. E. B. Dufur, from Hon. Binger Hermann will be joyfully received:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Have just secured the passage of senate bill extending the time to all possessors of forfeited railroad lands to January next (1894). President Harrison will approve the bill on Monday. Accept congratulations. Please circulate the information. BINGER HERMANN.

Score another victory for THE CHRONICLE, which has left not one stone unturned in urging this measure. Thanks to all who put a shoulder to the wheel. "The Gods help those who help themselves." Don't it!

## WE WILL HAVE A JUTE MILL.

### The Committee of the Assembly Sent to Walla Walla Will Return Convinced. Will Recommend Building.

THE CHRONICLE is much pleased to record the fact that there is great hope now that our Oregon farmers are to reap some benefits from convict labor at Salem. A dispatch from Walla Walla says:

"The Oregon legislative committee, consisting of Senators J. K. Weatherford of Linn, and F. A. Bancroft of Multnomah, and Representatives H. F. Gullixson of Multnomah, J. W. Hobbs of Yamhill, and B. D. Daly of Lake, arrived from Salem this morning and visited the penitentiary. They made a full investigation of the workings of the jute mill, and were favorably impressed with the institution. They will make an exhaustive report, with the recommendation that a similar institution on a larger scale be established in connection with the Oregon penitentiary."

Tiger for THE CHRONICLE. "The Gods help those who help themselves." Don't it?

## The Red Pepper Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Last night a young man entered Dr. Phrend's jewelry store on Market street and asked to be shown diamond rings. The proprietor brought a tray of diamonds, when the man threw a handful of red pepper into the jeweler's eyes, and escaped with diamonds valued at \$450.

## An Editors Contempt.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 20.—This morning Judge Lorrigan rendered an opinion, Judge Reynolds concurring, fining C. M. Shortage \$100 for contempt of court in publishing alleged testimony in the Price divorce trial. If the fine is not paid in three days, and execution will be ordered issued. Shortridge will appeal.

Hon. Al Lyle returned from Portland this morning, where he has been for treatment of his eyes. He returns much improved, but is far from being cured yet.

The United States Official Investigation of baking powders, made under authority of Congress (see Bulletin 13, Chemical Division, U. S. Ag. Dept.), shows the Royal to be a cream of tartar baking powder of the highest quality, and superior to all others in strength, leavening power, and general usefulness.

The Royal Baking Powder is thus distinguished by the highest expert official authority the leading Baking Powder of the world.