

THE VILLARD HAND.

If he is Not in it Himself He Proposes to Know Who The Man is.

WHY MORRISON HAS BEEN LEFT OUT

A Very Shallow Court Story Circulated

About Senator Dolph.

FURTHER CHATS ABOUT CLARKSON.

Mount Rainier to be Finally Sacrificed Where is Allen and His Seattle Chum?

A Washington special says the probabilities are that William R. Morrison will be bowed out of the coming cabinet by Henry Villard. Morrison told a friend that he had hoped to have been secretary of the interior, but that Villard was working against him because he felt that the land questions coming before the interior department, in which the Northern Pacific was concerned, would be decided in a way that would be detrimental to that road. Morrison says there is no doubt that Villard is trying to control the interior department.

Some of the Eastern papers are declaring that the reason why Senator Dolph condemned the action of the president, in appointing Judge Jackson, was because he himself wanted the place. This story is almost too absurd to deny. The senator recognizes that the appointments on the supreme bench are almost invariably made from the circuits where the vacancies occur. He may have had hopes that could succeed Justice Field, as he comes from the ninth circuit, but he never expected that a Pacific coast man would be thought of in connection with the Southern circuit.

There has been a great deal of talk occasioned in Washington by the vicious attack on President Harrison by James S. Clarkson. The latter says the defeat last fall was due solely to the personal opposition to Harrison, his appointments, his manner of treating leading republicans and the general chummy manner he had for everybody. Harrison's cabinet appointments are severely condemned and the whole tenor of the interview is to make it appear that the president and he alone is responsible for the disaster. Clarkson has always been bitter against the president since he was refused a place in the cabinet.

Representatives Wilson and Doolittle, with Senator Squire, have agreed upon a name for the reservation around Mount Rainier, which will probably settle the Rainier-Tacoma difficulty. The reservation will be called the Cascade Forestry reserve. The proclamation is all ready to be issued so soon as the secretary is informed that the delegation has agreed on a name.

Senator Dolph hopes that his Siletz Indian bill, has passed the senate, may get through the house, although such bills are often defeated in that body.

NOW FOR A BIG THAW.

The Backbone of Winter Has Been Broken.

Raining in Seattle; raining in Jacksonville. Fair weather, with fresh south winds and a nearly stationary temperature, was the cheerful prognostication sent out by the weather bureau at 8 o'clock Sunday night. It referred to Portland alone. In Oregon generally there will be fair weather. Slight changes of temperature will be felt in the northern and eastern sections, and the mercury will rise in the southwestern portion. Brisk westerly winds will prevail. The same conditions are predicted for Washington, with the exception that a smart westerly breeze is scheduled for the western section, and a southern zephyr for the eastern part of the state.

A rising barometer throughout two states was the basis of the forecast. Rain fell in some places, and with the change came a rise in the mercury. It was lowest at Walla Walla, where reliable thermometers registered 14 degrees above zero, and highest at Portland, where it indicated 34 degrees above.

The storm was central in northwestern Washington yesterday, and moving in a northerly direction. The weather observer said there was a high area of barometric pressure in the storm's wake. Snow fell at Portland, Roseburg and Fort Angeles. At Roseburg it melted quickly. Portland enjoyed a southwest wind, which attained a velocity of 24 miles an hour during the morning, but in the afternoon and evening it veered around to the south and settled down to 15 miles. There were heavy winds off the coast of Oregon and Washington.

Another Silver Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Cullerton of Texas introduced in the house today the bill previously made public, replacing the Sherman purchase of silver act and substituting the old Bland act and providing for the coinage of bullion accumulated under the Sherman act.

THE FIREMEN'S BALL.

A Jolly Good Time With All—and Noneas Defted.

Armory hall was never more jovially filled than last night, the occasion being the annual ball of Jackson Engine company, which eclipsed all former attempts of The Dalles fire department to cater to the wishes of the mass of its friends. Armory hall is the largest assembly room we have in The Dalles, and is capable of seating 1,000 people comfortably, but there were many more than that number present last evening to enjoy the masquerade ball of the firemen.

The department had arranged prizes for the best sustained characters, ladies and gents, and a committee was appointed from the guests as follows to make the awards: Messrs. H. J. Maier, R. E. Williams, D. C. Ireland, Mrs. Chas. Hillson, Mrs. J. T. Peters and Mrs. S. Klein. The committee had very arduous duties to perform. The floor was filled with masqueraders in various costumes, and where all did so well "invidious comparison became odious," but they must award four prizes between seventy-six consecutive contestants. How to do it and avoid censure was the immortal question. However, they met, consulted, and finally took chances by deciding that the first prize be awarded to the "Highland Lassie," which proved to be Miss Maude Mowery. The second lady was Miss Lizzie Ulrich, who represented Pocahontas.

The "first gentleman" had to be decided between four contestants: John Hampshire, Fletcher Faulkner, Ed Williams and Malcolm Jameson. Jameson walked away with the laurels by drawing the longest straw. Young Ulrich, who carried the hod, walked away with prize No. 2. The prizes were awarded, and the committee is justly deserving of commendation. "If you don't believe it put yourself in dare places."

It was almost impossible to get a correct list of the participants, but through the indefatigable perseverance of Mr. W. E. Garretson we are able to state that Julius Ulrich represented the bod carrier perfectly; Emma Jacobson was the fisherman's daughter, within one of the prizes; Simple Simon was W. Roth, and he got a vote of thanks for his perfect felicity. Ben Ulrich was a superb barber, but he lacked a shop. President Harrison, represented by Charlie Frazier, got away with him on that score. Miss Ulrich sustained the character of Pocahontas admirably, but the Scotch Lassie took all eyes, and as such Miss Mowery took the first prize. It would be impossible to enumerate all the possible first prize characters present. The committee regret very much that sex prevented awarding a "special" by the electrical effort of Mr. Harry Lonsdale, whose character would be difficult to describe. Miss Smith as a Japanese warrior, is worthy of special mention. Wanda Skibbe, in her charming costume of a gypsy, was up to the idea in perfection, and if any one "wished a fortune" told, Wanda was there to tell it. Mrs. Dr. Snodaker represented D. C. Herrin's gallery, and if your photo was not attached to her costume "it's your own fault."

We intended to give the name and costume of each one, but when we found the list in Mr. Sandrock's private memorandum, we had to give it up.

The Sherman Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—In the senate today Hill made a motion to take up the bill repealing the Sherman act. The motion was rejected by a vote of 42 to 23. Senators Dolph and Mitchell voted with the majority against taking up the bill. The yes vote was made up of 12 democrats and 11 republicans, and the nays of 22 democrats, 17 republicans and three populists.

Sartoris is Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—News of the death of Algernon Charles Sartoris, the husband of General Grant's daughter Nellie, arrived in London today and excited much interest in American circles. He died in Capri on February 5d. Mrs. Sartoris could add but little to the news. She does not yet know the cause of the death of the man who brought her so much sorrow.

Cal. Hale Found Guilty.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Feb. 7.—After being out about four hours the jury in the case of Cal Hale, on trial for robbing the Boelyn bank, last night returned a verdict of guilty as charged. His attorney gave notice that they would move for a new trial. A jury is now being selected for the trial of Tom Kinoy another of the alleged gang.

Confirmation Postponed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The senate judiciary committee yesterday morning took up the nomination of Judge Jackson, but consideration was postponed until next Monday on account of objections made by democratic members.

Oregon Will Have an Exhibit.

SALEM, Feb. 4.—The house today passed the senate bill appropriating \$60,000 for a world's fair exhibition.

The Deadlock Broken.

LESCAUX, Neb., Feb. 7.—W. N. Allen, populist, was today elected senator, he receiving seventy votes to Padlock's twenty-seven.

Hot clam broth today, after 4 p. m., at J. O. Mack's.

AN ISLAND DESTROYED

Inhabitants of Zante Panic Stricken by a Recent Earthquake.

POOR MORTALS LOST REASON.

One of The Modern Devastations of Athens Visited Upon Them.

SHIPS SLOW TO FURNISH RELIEF.

The Worst Earthquake That People Have Experienced During the Present Century.

ATHENS, Feb. 6.—It is an undisputed fact that the earthquake during the past two or three days is the worst that has done damage on the island in modern times. The shocks experienced last night did enormous damage; in fact the whole island is devastated. To add to the terror of the inhabitants a most terrific thunderstorm prevailed at the time of the shocks. The people were panic-stricken, and so great was the fear inspired that many persons entirely lost their reason and now are hopelessly crazy. An unfortunate feature of the situation is the fact that last night's shocks destroyed the bread ovens in Zante, rendering it impossible for a greater portion of the inhabitants to procure the most necessary articles of food.

The minister of the interior has arrived at Zante and will do everything in his power to relieve the distress. King George will start for Zante on Saturday. A British warship and three vessels belonging to the Greek navy arrived at the island today with supplies, tents, provisions and medicines.

WANTED IN WASCOS.

Alleged to Have Sold Wheat and Skipped With the Funds.

D. S. Allison is the latest fugitive from justice that left Oregon and came to grief in Kansas says the Mercury. Some months ago Allison put in an appearance at The Dalles. He claimed to represent some kind of an agricultural implement house, but afterward went to work for the county surveyor. Becoming acquainted with the Sharp brothers, who live near The Dalles, he worked himself into their good graces and was trusted by them to dispose of 867 bushels of wheat.

He did it, and pocketing the proceeds went east without giving any one an intention of his purpose. The Sharp brothers informed Sheriff Ward and at last the man was located in Oklahoma two weeks ago. A warrant was issued and the necessary papers secured for his return to Oregon, but before the officers started east the discouraging news came that the Oklahoma's officials had lost their man. A few days later Allison was again located. This time in Wichita, Kansas, and there he is now, safe in jail, awaiting the arrival of Deputy Sheriff Phirman, who started after him on Thursday. Allison has a wife and children living at Elm Rapids, Kan, and had been in Oregon but a short time before leaving the state so abruptly. The charge against him is larceny by bailer and a Wasco county jury will, in time, vividly impress upon his mind a realistic picture of Oregon justice.

AT A MORTGAGE SALE.

A Rompous Followed a Compromise Between Parties.

Antelope Herald. The sale of Mr. Thornton's sheep, which was advertised to take place on the 30th ult., did not materialize. Buyers from all over the country were present and would have paid a good round price for the sheep, and one or two parties offered Thornton \$4 per head, cash, for his ewes, but he refused to let them go. Sheriff Booth came over from Prineville to foreclose the mortgage which Michael T. Manning held on the sheep, but the mortgagee and mortgagee made a compromise before the sale began, whereby Manning agreed to pay off the mortgage by July 1st, 1906. This, of course, squashed the sale and there were several buyers sadly disappointed. We were not present but it is said that a few demijohns were then introduced and the crowd filled up on fightin' hainment. At one stage of the proceedings one could see coats, vests, shirts and—we were going to say pants—flying in all directions, and for a time it presented a scene similar to the battle of Gettysburg, except that better generalship was displayed in the latter. Sheriff Booth soon appeared on the battle field and by a vigorous charge with his heavy artillery, carried the day. Peace prevailed and it was found that no one had even been hit.

Ira Goodenough of Portland has begun a suit in the state circuit court to test the legality of the increase of the county assessment made by the state board of equalization.

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Steel Battle Ship to Be Launched.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The Indiana, the greatest of the nation's prospective battle ships, is about ready for the launching. While this is the time fixed by the navy department, it will probably be a week or more before the launching actually takes place. The coast line battle ship Indiana is built of steel. It has a double bottom for the distance of 196 feet, extending for the length covered by the machinery and magazine spaces. Thus all the vital portions are amply protected, and every feature is provided to enable it to cope successfully with vessels of the heaviest armor and armament. Its principal dimensions are: Length on road line, 348 feet; breadth, extreme, 69 feet, 3 inches; draught of water (level keel), 24 feet; displacement, 10,388 tons; maximum speed, 16.2 knots; sustained sea speed, 15.0 knots; indicated horse power, 9,000 tons; normal coal supply, 400 tons. Her armament is: Four 15-inch breech-loading rifles; eight 8-inch breech-loading rifles; nine 6-inch breech-loading rifles; twenty 6-pounder rapid fire-guns; four galling guns; six torpedo tubes. There are six powerful search lights arranged along the side to locate the enemy at night and to guard against small-boat attacks under cover of darkness. The complement of twelve boats and one balsa are stowed well above the flashes of the guns and are handled by means of powerful cranes. The thickest armor plates ever put on an American war-ship have been plated on the Indiana. The plates which are of nickel-steel, are fourteen inches thick, six feet high, sixteen feet long, and weigh about twenty-six tons each. The launching will take place from the Cramp ship yards.

OREGON LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses Pass Bills of Great Importance.

SALEM, Feb. 8.—The house this afternoon passed the following bills: Jeffries—To enable women to hold educational offices; Ormsby—to establish an Oregon soldiers home; Patton—abolishing days of grace on notes; Brown, of Douglas—relating to pleadings in civil actions; Nickel—requiring custodians of a will to deliver the same for record, passed. Bishop—to amend act licensing insurance companies, passed.

In the senate in the afternoon, H. J. M., relative to building the Niswaga canal, referred to committee on commerce.

Gullison's House bill for \$40,000 appropriation for O. N. G., made special order for tomorrow 2 p. m.

Smith introduced a bill to regulate railway traffic between Celilo and The Dalles, referred to commerce committee. Bancroft's bill to define and punish obstructionists was passed.

Myer's bill to protect game, fish and song birds, was laid on the table.

Copwell, amending the code relating to judgments, passed.

Hayes, amending the code concerning forcible entry and detainer, was passed.

Hayes, to amend the code of attachments, passed.

Cross, to repeal certain sections of the code relative to the collection of taxes, passed.

Butler, to amend the code on estates in dower, passed.

Denny, to amend the code on the distribution of personal property, passed.

Vetch, prohibiting the employment of non-residents as peace officers, passed.

Steiner, amending the code relative to senatorial districts, passed.

Bancroft, to build and furnish school houses, etc., passed.

The Delights of Boyhood.

I'd like to be a boy again without a woe or care, with freckles scattered on my face and hayseed in my hair; I'd like to rise at 4 o'clock and do a hundred chores, and saw the wood and feed the hogs and lock the stable doors; and herd the hens and watch the bees and take the mules to drink, and teach the turkeys how to swim so that they wouldn't sink; and milk about a hundred cows and bring in wood to burn, and stand out in the sun all day and churn, and churn, and churn; and wear my brother's cast-off clothes and walk four miles to school, and get a licking every day for breaking some old rule, and then get home again at night and do the chores once more, and milk the cows and feed the hogs and carry mules gone; and then crawl wearily upstairs to seek my little bed, and hear dad say: "That worthless boy! He isn't worth his bread!" I'd like to be a boy again; a boy has so much fun; his life is just one round of mirth from rise to set of sun; I guess there's nothing pleasanter than closing stable doors, and herding hens, and chasing bees, and doing evening chores.

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