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We are sorry to learn that a large number of our merchants who hold bills against A. S. Collins and wife cannot lawfully attach the money now held in custody for the latter by our county clerk. We also hear that all their goods (wonder if that fine cloak, those silks and velvets, gotten under false pretenses from H. Herbring, are among them?) are still stored in the Wasco warehouse awaiting shipment to the more congenial climate of Chicago.

A case of interest to people employing domestic help is reported from Boston. There the servant girl of a lawyer was recently discharged. Being a poor lone female, she sought as best she knew to get even. To her simple mind the idea suggested itself that to poison the lawyer would be a proper manifestation of dignity aggrieved, and she acted promptly.

EMERSON once said he was under no obligation to think today what he thought yesterday. That was the blunt expression of a bit of philosophy recognized to a greater or less degree by all the great minds of earth, and when Chamberlain quotes the past anti-home rule utterances of four liberal ministers now leading the way in a proposal to establish an Irish parliament, he weakens his own cause. He merely argues that while others have advanced in statesmanship, learning and liberality, he has been standing still by the established systems of the dying past.

April 27th is the birthday of Gen. Grant and will be commemorated at his old home in Galena, Ill. It would be a fitting act for republican clubs throughout the country to make some observance of this event. Honors to great national and party leaders are among the best methods of fostering a patriotic and honest party sentiment. Why not pay a similar tribute to the memory of those other great republicans, Ulysses S. Grant and James G. Blaine.

To a birth notice in a Southern California paper the following remarks are added by the editor: "The child is the first Dutch infant born in the San Luis Valley. The notice is written by a Dane, put in type by a Mormon, the proof is read by an American, the type placed in the 'form' by a German, and the paper is printed by a Mexican. This affords an interesting notion of the composite character of the great American people of the far Southwest."

A statistician who has been looking into the matter of divorce has found that the proportion of divorces to population is least in Ireland—only one divorce to every 400,000 inhabitants. In the United States the proportion of divorces is ominously large, 88.71 to every 100,000 population, the largest known, in fact, save in Japan, the figures for that happy empire being 608.45 divorces to every 100,000 population.

A news item in another column relates that workmen and a large installment of machinery have been put to work at the Monaghan quarry, six miles from the locks; also that the family of the senior Day has arrived. All reports received during the last two weeks are confirmatory that at last, work is to be hastened on the locks, and that in eighteen months the dreams and hopes of twenty-five years will be realized.

The Vermont Board of Agriculture finds that many of the farms in the state which were abandoned some years ago are becoming gradually taken up. This points to a revival of farming in New England, and it is an encouraging sign. The science of farming has been greatly developed in the last fifteen years, with resultant thrift where there had been haphazard methods and waste.

There is a proposition to make it a misdemeanor for the newspaper publisher to make any misrepresentations as to the circulation of his paper. That is all right; now let us have another law making it a misdemeanor for a farmer to exaggerate the strict purity of suspicious eggs.

The way in which the stage lighting of "The Chicago Spectatorium" will be carried out is a very marked departure from conventionalities, indeed, from any present means of lighting. From time immemorial it has been the custom to use foot lights, border lights and bunch lights, as they are called. None of these will be used in the Spectatorium. The principal lighting of the scenes is done by two great luminaries, one of which represents the sun, for daylight effects, and the other the moon, for the night scenes. The sun can throw 100,000 candle power of light; equal to about fifty arc lights. By mechanical appliances any portion of this whole can be used as well as the entire amount and, as the sun is a movable light, the shadows of morning and evening can be shown without the aid of paint. The sun travels an orbit from east to west and is so arranged that it can be raised or lowered at the will of the engineer, who controls the machinery. By this device it is possible to give the effect of the sun at the horizon, which could not be given in any other way, and by another new invention the sunlight is made to pass through different colored mediums to give the peculiar tints of morning and evening, and in the Spectatorium the greater light of nature can be really said to rise and set. The second luminary, the moon, has about 20,000 candle power and is similarly controlled. There are, in addition to these two lights, numerous diffusers which do not appear to the audience at all, but assist greatly in the realistic effect.

It never rains but it pours. Now is the season to bring out legislative rottenness, from that of a powerful nation down to a borough. France started the ball rolling in the Panama scandal, showing a magnitude of bribery unparalleled in the history of the world, and comprising a steal of \$5,000,000. The latest corruption is developed in Minnesota. The senate committee report will be the most sensational ever prepared by a legislative committee and is all based on sworn testimony. Frauds and conspiracy of the most gigantic and far-reaching character are said to have been unearthed. It is claimed the state has been defrauded directly and indirectly out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Many persons hitherto above suspicion are said to be involved and besmirched by the committee's findings. Innumerable false homestead entries, soldiers' pre-emptions and Indian allotments, all made on powers of attorney by means of straw, in the interests of corporations, are said to have been disclosed.

A gigantic trust has been formed among the type founders of the United States, comprising twenty-three of them, who have heretofore controlled about 85 per cent. of the business of the United States. There are four firms outside of the trust, and these should be favored by every paper, large and small, throughout America. These are Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Chicago, the Keystone of Philadelphia, A. D. Farmer & Son of New York, and one other which cannot now be recalled. These were all persistent in their determination not to ally themselves with the trust. The prospectus of the newly-formed organization says that its object was to "economize in the expenses for the benefit of the consumer," but, as further along, it says it expects to increase the profits by \$1,600,000, the former statement would not appear to be a logical deduction. THE CHRONICLE announces, for one, that it is anti-trust. Who in Oregon will join us?

An eastern paper says that the Pittsburg Law and Order Society proposes to prosecute people who make and sell Monday newspapers. Why not abolish newspapers altogether, and let the people take their opinions from the Pittsburg Law and Order Society? Why not abolish government, indeed, so long as we have the Pittsburg Law and Order Society? Bring back the stake and the rack! The land is full of witches, heretics and atheists. The Pittsburg Law and Order Society will make things right. It is the people, and wisdom shall die with it.

Ambrose Bierce, in his Sunday Morning Examiner column, satirically criticizes Madge Morris, the San Diego postess, for saying that coyotes howl. According to Bierce, coyotes bark and yelp, but never howl. Madge insists that she was right and has submitted the question to Long, professor in the state of California for an answer. Sixty million people are waiting in breathless suspense for a solution of the question.

It is hard for land lubbers to understand sea methods. If a ship is in distress and liable to be wrecked a tug boat demands a price equal to confiscation to rescue her. If refused, the steamer smilingly moves away, and as a result many a noble ship and brave seaman's bones bleach on the sands. On shore all hands would rush to the rescue; thought of compensation would be an after consideration. Its true, rescuing is a part of tug boat business, but laws regulating the fee should be established.—Ex.

Several newspapers that have been publishing timber land notices for the attorneys of the Oregon City land office are becoming anxious about their pay.

The Union Pacific has contracted for the coming season an item of expenditure in the shape of 2,500,000 ties, the cost of which will amount to \$1,000,000, or 40 cents each. Extensive preparations are being made for building branch lines to tap the main portions now in operation west and northwest. In different departments of the shop at Omaha several thousand men are busy turning out material for new rolling stock. The locomotive department has completed seven unusual by large engines. Besides building a number of new vestibule cars, many of the old ones are being run into the shops for alteration and renovation.

Trusts are one of the greatest evils of modern times. They are only the legal means to rob the people. In order to show this more plainly, we will refer to the great rubber trust that has been in operation since April 1. The majority of the great rubber factories in the east formed a trust last year in order to raise the price of their output. Two or three firms (amongst them the great Woonsocket Rubber Co.) remained outside, but it seems now that all have combined, as the price of rubber boots, rubber shoes, etc., has advanced fully 30 per cent. since April 1. Think of it, farmers and laboring men, an advance of 30 per cent. all at once! This means, for instance, that you have to pay \$4.00 for a pair of boots that you could buy for \$3.00 last winter. Thus it will be seen that trusts are on the increase. Almost every line of industry is on the road to that end. It may be the infection was communicated from the tendency of everything to organize and fight with the benefit of numbers. But latterly capital has appeared to force the fighting. By all means let them have enough of it. Let the watchword be: "Down with the trusts."

The excitement over, there is no demand for the souvenir Columbian coins. There are nearly two million of the half-dollars waiting to be called for at the Mint.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Weather bureau, department of agriculture, station, The Dalles, Oregon, for the month of March, 1893.

Latitude 45° 30' 48". Longitude 121° 12' 34" west. Altitude 116 feet above sea level.

Table with columns: Date, Temperature (Max, Min, Mean), Precip'n (Total, Rain, Snow, Hail, Sleet, Ice), Wind (Dir, Force), Clouds (Total, Partly Cloudy, etc.).

\*Including rain, hail, sleet, and melted snow. †From maximum and minimum readings.

Mean temperature, 44.1; Mean max. temperature, 53.8; mean min. temperature, 34.2. Maximum temperature, 70; date 29th. Minimum temperature, 25; date 1st, 2d. Total precipitation, 0.36 inches. Greatest precipitation in any 24 consecutive hours, .25; date 17th. Number of cloudless days, 9; partly cloudy days, 6; cloudy days 16; on which 93 or more precipitation fell, 14.

Prevaling direction of wind, variable. Depth of snow on ground on 15th, none. Depth of snow on ground at end of month, none. Total snowfall during the month, none. Dates of frost: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 15, all heavy. Lunar halo, 24th, 25th. Dates of aurora, 24th. Time used on this form, Pacific.

Crocuses in bloom on the 1st. Pansies on the 9th; Violets on the 16th; Gardenias made, potatoes planted, on the 25th; Poplars leafing out on the 31st. SAMUEL L. BROOKS, Voluntary Signal Corps Observer.

The Argentine Times says Great Britain has demanded the extradition of Jabez Spencer Balfour, the fugitive president of the Liberator Building Society.

The court of arbitration on the Behring sea trouble has decided not to admit for the present the British supplementary report. This is a victory for the United States.

MARKET REPORT. THURSDAY, April 13.—The market of The Dalles is still in a slumbering condition. The continued stormy weather and bad roads has had much to do towards holding in check the accustomed activity. The business houses in the city have large assortments of general merchandise, and the agricultural departments are well stocked up with implements and machinery. Some classes of merchandise and agricultural goods have declined somewhat owing to cheaper freights. In the grocery and provision line, there is but little change in quotations or supply to note. Eggs continue steady at 15 cents per dozen. Butter is steady at former quotations. Potatoes are in better inquiry and an advance has taken place, \$1.40 to \$1.50 is offered for good keepers. Green apples are more scarce, although some of our dealers decline to pay more than \$1.00 to \$2.00 per box for good, sound and good-keeping apples.

The wool question is in a state of unrest, partly owing to large stocks of last years clip in the hands of Eastern buyers, and to the continued alarm felt through the extremists clamor for a reduction in tariffs on all raw materials. Recent letters from Boston and New York give an opinion that the wool market will be favorable to the wool maker, and that those putting their fleeces on the market first, will be the more fortunate, as better prices are in store for new and fresh wools for immediate use in the manufactories.

The wheat market in this city is quiet. Foreign markets are somewhat dearer. During the past week an advance of 3 cents per cental has taken place with a better feeling prevailing throughout Europe. There was quite a flurry in Chicago yesterday and the wheat market became quite excited. Future deliveries were bid up by the bulls, with a disposition to chase the bears to the wall and compel them to pay \$1.00 per bushel for May delivery. It is thought this flurry is for the purpose of punishing those who had dealt heavily on shorts, having nothing in sight to fill up on. The Washington crop reports are favorable for a very large harvest for 1893.

WHEAT—52 to 56c per bu. BARLEY—The market is nearly lifeless in barley, prices are down to 80 and 85 cents per 100 lbs. OATS—The oat market is stiff and offerings are light at \$1.25 cents per 100 lbs. Rye 75 cents per bushel. MILLSTUFFS—Bran and shorts are quoted at \$18.00 per ton, middlings \$22.50 to \$25.00 per ton. Rolled barley, \$25.00 to \$24.00 per ton. Shelled corn \$1.25 per 100 lbs. FLOUR—Salem mills flour is quoted at \$4.25 per barrel. Diamond brand at \$3.75 per bbl. per ton and \$4.00 per bbl. retail.

HAY—Timothy hay ranges in price from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per ton, according to quality and condition. Wheat hay is in full stock on a limited demand at \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton. There is no inquiry for oat hay, and prices are off. Alfalfa hay is not much called for, and is quoted at \$10.00 to \$12.00 per ton. These quotations are for baled hay exclusively. BUTTER—Fresh roll butter at 40 to 50 cents per roll, in brine or dry salt we quote 30 to 40 cents per roll.

EGGS—The egg market is in good supply and good fresh eggs sell at 10 to 12c. POULTRY—There is a fair demand for fowls for a home market and for shipment to Portland. Chickens are quoted at \$2.00 to \$3.50 per dozen; turkeys 8 to 10 cents per lb.; geese \$7 to \$8 per doz, and ducks \$5 to \$6 per dozen.

BEER & MUTTON—Beef cattle is in moderate demand at \$3.00 per 100 weight gross to \$3.50 for extra good. Mutton is quoted at \$3.50 and \$4.50 per head. Pork offerings are light and prices are nominal gross weight and 7 1/2 cents dressed.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, is quoted at 24c per lb., by the sack. Salvadore, 22c. Arabica, 25c. SUGAR—Golden C, in bbls or sack, \$5.00; Extra C, \$5.10; Dry granulated \$6.00; In boxes, D. G., in 30 lb boxes, \$2.00. Ex C, \$1.85. GC \$1.75.

SYRUP—\$2.00 @ 25c per keg. RICE—Japan rice, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Island, rice, 7c. BEANS—Small whites, 5 1/2 @ 6 1/2c; Pink, 4 1/2 @ 5c per 100 lb. SALT—Liverpool, 50lb sk, 65c; 100lb sk, \$1.10; 200lb sk, \$2.00. Stock salt, \$1.60 per ton.

DRIED FRUITS—Italian prunes, 12c per lb, by box. Evaporated apples, 10c per lb. Dried grapes, 9c @ 10c per pound. VEGETABLES AND FRUITS. POTATOES—Peerless, Buffalo whites, Snowflake and Burbank seedlings quoted at \$1.25 per 100 lbs. Extra good \$1.35.

ONIONS—The market quotations for A1 onions is \$1.30 @ 1.40 per 100 lbs. GREEN FRUITS—Good apples sell for \$1.25 @ \$1.75 per box. Fall and early winter pears are quoted at 60 @ 75c per box.

HIDES AND FURS. HIDES—Are quoted as follows: Dry, 6 1/2c lb; green, 2c @ 2 1/2c; culls 4c lb. SHEEP BELTS—75c @ 1.00 ea. Deerskins, 20c lb for winter and 30c for summer. Dressed, light \$1.15, heavy 75c lb. Bearskins, \$6 @ \$12 ea; beaver, \$5.50 lb; otter, \$5; fisher, \$4 @ \$5.50; silver gray fox, \$10 @ \$25; red fox, \$1.25; grey fox, \$2.50 @ \$3; martin, \$1 @ \$1.25; mink, 50c @ 55c; coon, 35c; coyote, 50c @ 75c; badger, 25c; polecat, 25c @ 40c; common house cat, 10c @ 25c ea. Wool—The market is reported 13 to 15

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