

The Weekly Chronicle.

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THE STANDARD OF MORALITY.

Yesterday in conversation with a prominent attorney, we received quite a lecture on the duties of the press. We were told that the newspaper had a holy mission to perform; that to it should be, in, delegated the upholding of the standard of public morality; that on all occasions the newspaper should be in the lead, taking a high moral stand on all subjects, and lifting the public up to that standard.

The newspaper as it should be, and the newspaper as it is, are two entirely different things. Why? Because those who read it make it what it is. Its success depends more on what is kept out of it than what goes into it.

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COUNT YAMAGATA.

Count Yamagata, the commander-in-chief of the Japanese army, sprang from very humble origin. He is a son of a workingman, and the fact that he has risen from the rank of a private soldier to his present position is the more remarkable, considering the exclusiveness of Japanese society.

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The ladies of San Francisco are going to edit the Examiner of that city for one day, and that day Christmas. The proprietor, Mr. Hearst, will turn the entire plant over to them on that day, and they will write the editorials, collect the

local, edit the telegraph matter, and take the entire receipts of the paper for the day. What appearance the paper will present is hard to predict. That it will be "just too sweet for anything is sure; but whether the columns will be fluted, put on bias, with frills at top and bottom of column, or what the style of the make-up may be, cannot be even guessed at.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The Nicaragua canal is going to receive whole lots of attention at the hands of this congress, and it will not be at all surprising if the bill in aid of its construction becomes a law. It is true that at present the national income is not large enough to defray the national expenses, but this is only a temporary embarrassment.

This administration has the opportunity to partially redeem itself, and by building this canal to take the sting from the taunt that the democratic party knows not how to govern.

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INTRINSIC VALUE.

Men talk about the intrinsic value of gold. The word "intrinsic" has a golden sound about it. The intrinsic value of anything is what it will do for you in your hour of peril.

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SOME QUEER LAWS.

"Bunco" Kelley's trial at Portland is dragging slowly along. Yesterday Prosecuting Attorney Hume and Judge Caples, who is conducting the defense, had a lively little row.

A "Bunch of Western Clover," edited from the verdant slopes of Mt. Parnassus by Mrs. Ella Higginson, found its way to our table recently. It is a neat booklet of poems from that very graceful writer.

Two privates of the First regiment, Niedermark and Garretson, have been tried by court martial and acquitted of the charge of violating the 63d article of war.

The matter of selecting a state flower is again being agitated. At Hood River some two years ago the state horticultural society selected the Oregon grape as being peculiarly fitted for this place of honor.

It looks now as if Astoria was really going to have a railroad. We sincerely hope that she is, and that the present contract will be finished in time to allow all of us pencil-pushers to come down when the claims are ripe and rejoice with our energetic neighbor on the opening of the road.

What this country needs is an elastic currency, so that when a poor devil is hard up he can take hold of a dollar bill and stretch it into a "twenty."

The trial of Bunco Kelly at Portland for the murder of George Sayre is attracting considerable interest, and the

testimony is weaving a strong chain around the defendant. The Portland press has had considerable to say concerning Dalles justice, and we sincerely hope we shall not have to indulge in the retort courtesies, and hurt our own feelings by showing our Portland neighbors their own shortcomings.

Our Portland contemporaries have given The Dalles a gentle dig or two lately. It was perhaps needed, but as we peruse the daily papers of that city today the broad smile that accompanies a base though not wicked revenge, spreads over the countenance of every reader.

Portland is liable to have a new steamship line to China and Japan. Four companies are said to be figuring on the situation and one of them will surely stick.

THE MARKETS.

The wheat market is unchanged, though apparently a trifle stronger. Bradstreet's for Dec. 1st, has the following: "A stimulating influence of a purely statistical nature is the decrease of 2,008,000 bushels of wheat in the quantity afloat for and in store in Europe last week.

The vegetable market is well supplied with everything belonging to the season, and at prices that permit their being used by all. We noticed quite a lot of nice pop corn brought in Saturday that was sold at 5 cents per pound for the lot.

WHEAT—30 to 31c per bu. BARLEY—Prices are up to 30 to 60c cents per 100 lbs. OATS—The oat market is light at 60 to 80 cents per 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, is quoted at 24c per lb., by the sack. Salvador, 23 1/2c. ARBUCKLES, 25c. SUGAR—Golden C, in bbls or sacks, \$5 25; Extra C, \$4 50; D, \$4 00.

EGGS—Good fresh eggs sell at 22 to 25c. POULTRY—Good fowls are quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per dozen, turkeys 8 cents per lb.

BEANS—Small whites, 4 1/2@5c; Pink, 4 1/2c per 100 lbs. SYRUP—\$2 00 to \$3 00 a keg. SALT—Liverpool, 50lb sk, 50c; 100lb sk, \$1 00; 200lb sk, \$2 00.

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Institute Programme.

Wednesday, Dec. 12. EVENING SESSION—7:30 O'CLOCK—IN THE COURT HOUSE. Music Recitation, Double Quartet, Catherine Martin, Earl Sanders, etc.

Thursday, Dec. 13. MORNING SESSION—9:30 O'CLOCK. All Day Sessions Held in the Court-street School Building. Achievements and Possibilities of Education.

Friday, Dec. 14. MORNING SESSION—9:30 O'CLOCK. Critic's Report, County Course of Study in Ungraded Schools, A Quiet School—How Secured, etc.

Saturday, Dec. 15. MORNING SESSION—9:30 O'CLOCK. Critic's Report, Physical Training in Schools, Music in Public Schools, Spelling—How Much and How Taught, etc.

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Advertisement for Grand Masquerade Ball, WASCO TRIBE, NO. 16, I. O. R. M., DECEMBER: 31st, 1894, At Wingate's Hall, The Dalles. The following prizes will be given: ONE FANCY FRUIT DISH—Best Sustained Lady Character, etc.