

The Weekly Chronicle.

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GETTING REAL MEAN.

And now comes the startling news that Havana is being fortified by having a barbed wire fence built around it. Since Weyler has discovered that the insurgents take his bronchial trochas whenever they think they need them, and that General Maceo does not wear government socks, he is evidently becoming frightened.

The next thing we hear will be that the Havana city council has passed an ordinance forbidding insurgents to run at large in the city limits, or, better yet, passed a no-fence law, and thus forced the insurgents to fence themselves in or be impounded.

The U. S. senate needs to get a move on, for what with over-dosing the insurgents with trochas, and deliberately preparing to tear their clothes, the cause of Cuba is getting indeed desperate.

A REAL LIVE QUEEN.

San Francisco has a real live queen, or rather a real live queen who was a queen, within her limits, in the person of Liliuokalani, the acute brunette from the saccharine shores of Hawaii.

No one seems to know why she left her island home, or what she came to this country for. It may be possible that she wants to be around Washington when President Cleveland steps down and out.

Of course this is all guess work, and we must wait for genuine and reliable information until the special editions of the San Francisco papers arrive with the glaring headlines announcing the arrival of the only Queen Lil.

The Oregonian discusses the railroads of Oregon and the railroad

commissioners at some length in its issue of the 11th, and concludes its criticisms of the commission by suggesting that if it is not abolished, it at least be limited to one commissioner and a clerk.

MACEO MURDERED.

The death of Maceo has been confirmed by Cuban authorities, and there now seems but little, if any, doubt but that the news is true. He was not killed in battle, as the Spaniards asserted, but if accounts are true was invited to cross the trocha by the Spaniards to arrange for a treaty of peace, on the terms of freedom for Cuba, upon paying certain sums of money.

In view of the cowardly murder of the brave Cuban, Weyler's words to the people of Havana become significant. He said in response to the "vivas," "I merely directed, the soldiers did the rest."

We are not disposed to jingoism, but we think the American people feel it is time to interfere. If the United States does take a hand, the first thing to do upon getting possession of Weyler is to try him by drum-head courtmartial and then stand him up and shoot him in the back, or turn him over to the insurgents.

TOO MUCH TAXES.

Wasco county has unlimited resources, and The Dalles is so situated as to command an immense wholesale trade; but before we can expect capital to come to us we must manage in some way to reduce taxation. Taxes that equal the interest on money in the far East are not conducive to immigration nor the starting of business enterprises.

We are paying now about \$8,000 a year interest, which in itself is a great burden. This must be reduced, and until it is reduced and we have a corresponding reduction of taxes, we are struggling with a serious handicap in the upbuilding of the city and county, and until we in some manner achieve a reduction in the rate, the struggle will be an uphill one.

And still there are those who rush into print demanding to have Senator Mitchell define his position on the monetary question. The senator in his speeches said not once, but probably in every speech he made, that he stood squarely on the St. Louis platform.

to demand that the president-elect define his position on financial matters? One demand is as reasonable as the other.

WASHINGTON'S SENATOR.

If the Oregon, Washington and Idaho congressional delegations can be persuaded to pull together, much may be accomplished towards getting a fine appropriation for the building of the boat railway at this point. The Oregon delegation and that of Idaho can be depended on, but that of Washington is, to say the least, doubtful.

If the Sound names the senator, we can expect no help from the delegation, for Wilson is already bound hand and foot and has never dared open his mouth on the subject of opening the Columbia river. Spokane's interests are, or she thinks they are, also opposed to an open river, though not in the same degree as Seattle or Tacoma.

Fair play would suggest the senator should come from Clarke or Walla Walla, and we hope this result may be accomplished. Levi Ankeny's chance is at hand.

MAKE CUBA FREE.

The killing of Maceo has stirred America as it has not been stirred since the civil war. The deep undercurrent of sympathy with the struggling Cubans has come boiling to the surface, and a million men could be enlisted in ten days to go to Cuba and drive the Spaniards out.

The Spanish papers deny the statement that Maceo was murdered, but the proof is plain. Weyler, it is said, will deny it over his signature; but of what weight is the testimony of a man charged with murder? It is to be expected that he will deny it, but who is there will believe him?

For years this government has been policing the shores of Cuba, and it is time, high time, that we cease to look after Spain's interests, and look more after those of humanity. Cuba should be free, and this country should assist in giving her freedom.

Now that the right-of-way question for the boat railway is settled, it behooves our delegation in congress to see that a sufficient appropriation is made to begin the work as soon as spring opens. The government has a large sum of money invested at the Cascades, which benefits only a limited section of Eastern Oregon and Washington.

done, and the result is visible in the offers of indignant men throughout the land to go down to Cuba to assist that struggling people. Maceo dead is more powerful than Maceo living.

CONCERNING SALMON.

A bill was presented to the last legislature, and unfortunately beaten, providing for licensing fishermen. It was proposed to tax gill-nets \$2.50 each, and seines, traps and wheels \$10 each. To this the canners suggested should be added a graded tax on themselves ranging from \$100, according to pack, and averaging about \$200 for each cannery.

It is now proposed to present substantially the same bill to the coming legislature, and it is sincerely hoped it may pass. It will make the fishing industry self-supporting; will relieve the taxpayers of quite a burden, and place the support of the hatcheries where it belongs—on the parties interested directly in the catch of salmon.

Senator Mitchell has introduced, and will push, a bill providing for the re-payment to the settlers on lands within the railroad limits who paid \$2.50 an acre for their lands, one-half that sum. Owing to the condition of the treasury it is not probable the bill will pass at this session, and yet it is a perfectly just bill.

The president has gone duck hunting in South Carolina. It is said that he is considerably fatigued from the labor involved in the preparation of his message. It seems from this that his message worked both ways, and, like the quality of mercy, was not strained, but made all tired alike.

Lively in Morrow.

Henry Blackman, collector of internal revenue for this district, returned yesterday from a visit to his former home in Heppner, says the Oregonian. Mr. Blackman says that times are decidedly better in Morrow county. Heavy rains have prevailed, the snow has all gone, and with another week of the present weather, new grass will be four inches high, which will insure plenty of range feed.

Church at Rufus.

RUFUS, Or., Dec. 11, 1896. EDITOR CHRONICLE:—Elder A. D. Skaggs, pastor of the First Christian church of The Dalles, and your humble scribe, came to this place on Sunday of last week to conduct a series of gospel meetings. We find the good people of Rufus and vicinity have erected a comfortable little church house, but as yet there is no church organization here.

Damaged the Trees.

Reports from Hood River and Mosier indicate that considerable damage was done to fruit trees by the recent cold snap. It came so early that this year's growth of wood had not yet hardened, and the result was disastrous. An examination of the young orchards shows that the bark had burst and turned black. The extent of the damage cannot be told until later, but we hope it is not so great as the orchardists seem to fear.

Do not fail to call on Dr. Lannerberg, the eye specialist, and have your eyes examined free of charge. If you suffer with headache or nervousness you undoubtedly have imperfect vision that, if corrected, will benefit you for life. Office in the Vogt block.

WOMEN CAN VOTE.

Supreme Court Unanimously Finds the Amendment Carried.

By unanimous opinion the Wyoming supreme court Friday held that the equal-suffrage amendment was adopted at the recent election. The constitution provides that an amendment shall become part of the constitution if a majority of the electors shall vote for it.

The decision carries two other amendments with it. One of these does away with the office of district attorney, substituting county attorneys. The other segregates the offices of probate judge and county school superintendent.

Momentary Hurricane.

At 10 minutes before 1 this afternoon a momentary hurricane blew in Pendleton, and everything loose was picked up and hurled through the air. The air was full of signs and boards and papers. From the East Oregonian building, three telegraph poles could be seen lying low. The wooden awnings in front of Darveau's saloon went over the buildings.

The wind appeared to blow straight ahead, and was not cyclone in character. It came with a rush, tore about for about one and one-half minutes, and then all was as calm as on a summer's evening of the poets.

Word soon came up from the W. & C. R. offices that the engine house had demolished. It was badly wrecked and strewn over the lot.

George Darveau's saloon front was blown in, and was patched up temporarily. On the schoolhouse hill about 100 feet of the main street sidewalk was blown across the street.

To Form a Labor Exchange.

An effort is being made to start a Labor Exchange here by Mr. Barzee and others. The name is somewhat misleading, the idea being to arrange for the exchange of the products of labor, and especially those of the farmer. Several such organizations are in existence in the state, notably one in Salem, and all seem to be giving satisfactory results.

Wamic Cleanings.

EDITOR CHRONICLE: With feelings akin to awe, I take the liberty to chronicle a few of the local doings of Wamic. We have enjoyed a fine chinook, in consequence of which the ground is bare of snow, and the streams very high.

On the evening of the 5th a very pleasant party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Knowles, the occasion being the seventeenth birthday of their daughter, Miss Etta Knowles. Many pleasant games were enjoyed during the evening, after which a bountiful supper was served, of which all partook heartily.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermeditated points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays. E. E. LYTLE, Agent.

CATARRH LOCAL DISEASE... ELY'S CREAM BALM... Advertisement for a medicinal balm with a circular logo.

To Down Taffe.

Judge Bellinger, according to the Telegram, was quite wrathful at the last jury in the Taffe case, because it gave Taffe a larger verdict than the first jury. The United States attorney was not satisfied with the first verdict, and with all due deference to the statement of Judge Bellinger, neither was Taffe. True he consented to accept the amount, in satisfaction of all damages, but he never even intimated that he thought the sum sufficient to cover all damages.

PASSING OF THE FAKE AUCTION.

One Kind of Business That Is Happily and Permanently Suspended. Where has the jewelry auctioneer gone? Up to three years ago there were at least a dozen places on the South side where a gaudy display of watches, diamonds and revolvers in the windows called attention to a scarcely less loud auctioneer within.

As a rule, says the Chicago Post, these salesmen were excellent auctioneers and knew all the wiles of their craft. Up to two years ago some of them were still running, but they gradually faded out, and now there is not one, with the trifling exception of a Saturday night fling in West Madison street.

IS ONLY FIVE BLOCKS LONG.

Trolley Line in Chicago Which Operates But One Car.

To the average Chicagoan a trolley line unconsciously suggests great distances. His city is so big. It will surprise many, therefore, to learn that a line actually in operation in the business district, the rolling stock of which runs a trifle less than five blocks.

"We give transfers to the cable line going north," said the conductor when asked for information, "but we don't transfer to any other cars."

Queen's Domestic Correspondence.

One pleasing feature of the queen's busy life is the keeping up with her own hand of a correspondence with all her children and grandchildren, besides many other relatives and dear friends, such as, in the latter case, ex-Empress Eugenie. This correspondence is particularly large when she is, as at present, in retirement in her Highland home.

The Unknown South.

The international geographical congress in London a year ago declared that the greatest piece of geographical exploration remaining to be undertaken is that of the antarctic regions. Since then a number of small expeditions toward the south pole have been planned, but little has yet been accomplished, and Dr. Mill reminds English readers in Nature that, although 55 years have elapsed since Capt. Ross discovered the two giant volcanoes which he named Mounts Erebus and Terror, they have never again been seen, and no important additional facts have been learned about that mysterious part of the globe.