

The Weekly Chronicle.

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INCIDENT IN STATESMANSHIP.

If it is true, as is reported from Washington, that a fight is being made to oust Secretary Gage from the president's cabinet, the episode is one of the most disgraceful in American politics.

Nothing will come of all the talk concerning Mr. Gage's removal, but the incident shows too plainly what dangerous men occupy "the seats of the mighty."

It is more than probable that with a continuation of good times much of the complaint now attacking the nation may be removed, but nothing like a cure can be obtained until the general tone of statesmanship can be raised and men elected to the United States senate shall be chosen by reason of ability, and not because of political pull.

Portland business men state the holiday trade for 1897 to be the largest for years. The same may be said of The Dalles and doubtless of the other Northwest towns which were not built altogether on the boom basis.

The reorganization of the Union Pacific marks an important event in railroad circles. This one great transcontinental road has been the prey of the plunderers of Wall street until it has become little more than a wreck.

If there were only a daily mail service to the Klondike so that copies of the Oregonian telling about Portland's efforts to send relief expeditions, the imprisoned miners would be sure to buy their next summer's supplies from the Oregon metropolis.

some method in all of Portland's generosity?

THE COMPROMISE.

The Mitchell Republicans have made a proposition of compromise with the Simon forces. To an ordinary observer the proposal seems fair, and is one which, in the interests of harmony, should be accepted.

The situation in Portland has been one of anxiety and regret to good Republicans throughout the state, and this offer to meet half way will be pleasing to the party generally.

WILL IT BE WAR?

The closing years of the century bid fair to see some mighty changes among the governments of the earth. The hurrying of fleets toward China, whether it mean the partition of that moribund monarchy or not, gives evidence that some territorial readjustment is in prospect.

The latter part of the eighteenth century saw the American revolution and the terrible anarchy of France; in the beginning of this one were enacted the deeds of Napoleon and the temporary crushing of France.

At the same time the social unrest in the European countries will serve as an incentive for the different rulers to engage the attention of their subjects away from home.

War has its benefits as well as its horror, and as the United States can be counted upon to keep itself clear, the prospect may be viewed with more complacency from our standpoint than from that of the nations more directly interested.

The treasury statement for December shows a great increase in the government's receipts for that month. For one day the increase from customs alone was \$735,567, the highest figure reached since the new tariff law went into effect.

What immense imports were received just previous to the going into effect of the Dingley law, it can be seen that when a fair trial is given, the present tariff measure will be found working satisfactorily.

deficits began under the Wilson bill the Democratic press asked for time that the merits of the measure might be shown. The country waited, and nearly went bankrupt while doing so.

As a titled blackmailer the Prince of Monaco has no equal. He is in the same class in his particular line as is the gambling territory from which he derives his immense revenue.

If Secretary Alger were to run for office in Portland, he would be unmercifully slaughtered. His refusal to allow Portland to manage the Klondike relief expedition has caused Portland people to speak of the secretary of war in no pleasant terms.

The politicians of Ohio are gathering at Columbus to determine who shall be United States senator. The friends of Mark Hanna are confident of his election, and his opponents are equally sure he will be defeated.

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An Eastern Oregon paper has nominated T. T. Geer for governor on the Republican ticket. This is as near to the gubernatorial chair, probably, as Tall Timothy will get.

La Grande has secured the sugar refinery. "Watch its smoke."

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO—Spot wheat is firm at an advance; speculative business practically at a standstill; Chicago December wheat went beyond the dollar mark, but dropped.

PORTLAND—There is but little change in the local wheat situation. Exporters will not go above 78c as a track quotation for Walls Walla, but millers are reported to be paying fully a cent above these figures.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75@76c; blue-stem and Valley, 75@79c. Flour—Portland Salem, Cascades and Dayton are quoted at \$3.85 per barrel.

CHICAGO—The opening in wheat was firm, May starting at 94 1/2c. There was moderate buying at the start, influenced by strength at Liverpool, where 1/4@1/2d advance was recorded.

also helped. There was official confirmation of the small exports from all countries to Europe last week. A weak spell succeeded the firm start, caused by the heavy receipts in Chicago and the Northwest, and an estimate that Argentine would have an exportable surplus of 600,000 bushels.

A BAD SLIDE.

A slide in which one man lost his life and two were seriously injured, occurred near tunnel No. 3, on the O. R. and N. yesterday.

The man who was killed was John Joice, a laborer about 55 years of age. He was working with some other men when the rocks fell, and it seems that as he was stooping over some of the rocks struck him on the back of head, fracturing his skull and inflicting injuries from which he died instantly.

The injured men were Tom Corrol and S. Malcom. They were brought to this city on a special and Dr. Doane was called to attend to their injuries.

An inquest was held over the remains of Joice this morning and the following verdict was rendered:

THE DALLES, OR., Dec. 31, 1897. We, the jury, empaneled by J. M. Filloon, sitting coroner of Wasco county, Or., to sit in an inquest upon the facts surrounding the death of a person whose body is now before us, after having listened to the testimony given by the different witnesses called and sworn, find as follows:

That the name of the deceased was John Joice, a native of Ireland, of the age of about fifty or sixty years, and so far as we are able to learn was a single man at the time of his death and probably has a sister living in San Francisco, California; that the accident which caused his death happened on the 30th day of December, 1897, at or near tunnel No. 3, on the line of the O. R. & N. Co. in Wasco county, Or.; that the accident which caused his death was due to rocks falling from a bluff under which he was working, and a rock or rocks falling on him and causing instant death.

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Items from Enderby.

ENDERBY, OR., Dec. 30, 1897.

EDITOR CHRONICLE: The entertainment at the Enderby school house held a few days ago, was a grand success. A good program was rendered, the most pleasing number of which were the music by the Enderby Glee Club, singing by the Egbert Bros., recitations, declamations and dialogues.

After the program was over the ladies served a bountiful supper, and all present enjoyed the red checked pippins, the popcorn and other sweets so appropriate for the Christmas time.

EIGHT MILE, Dec. 30, 1897. Anyone passing 8-Mile schoolhouse last night might have thought that a campmeeting was in session owing to the number of horses and vehicles hitched in the open space in front of the school

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yard and the number of persons congregated about the door, together with the clamor of voices within. The occasion was the third meeting of the 8-Mile Debating Club, the subject, being one chosen particularly for the young folks, was, "Resolved, That the Cow is More Useful to Man than the Horse."

Unusual interest was taken by those debating, the leader of the affirmative being Charles Connelly, and of the negative Walter Ryan. The judges decided in favor of the horse.

After a short recess, a few matters of business were disposed of, when the following program was rendered:
Song—Marching Through Georgia. Society Reading—Peril of a Passenger Train. Vernon Paul Reading—The Elbow of Life. O. B. Connelly Speech—Domestic Animals. Henry Ryan Reading—Across the Continent. W. McDonald

Subject for next meeting is, "Resolved That Capital Punishment Be Abolished" Leaders, O. H. Kerns affirmative, L. A. Sears negative.

SAIL OF A FLYING MACHINE.

It Lasted for a Minute and a Half—Might Have Flown Indefinitely. On the 6th of May of last year I had journeyed, perhaps for the twentieth time, to the distant river station and recommenced the weary routine of another launch, with very moderate expectation indeed; and when on that, to me, memorable afternoon the signal was given and the aerodome sprang into the air I watched it from the shore with hardly a hope that the long series of accidents had come to a close, says Prof. S. P. Langley in McClure's Magazine.

And yet it had, and for the first time the aerodome swept continuously through the air like a living thing, and as second after second passed on the face of the stop-watch, until a minute had gone by, and it still flew on, and as I heard the cheering of the few spectators, I felt that something had been accomplished at last, for never in any part of the world, or in any period, had any machine of man's construction sustained itself in the air before for even half of this brief time. Still the aerodome went on in a rising course until, at the end of a minute and a half (for which time only it was provided with fuel and water), it had accomplished a little over half a mile, and now it settled rather than fell into the river with a gentle descent. It was immediately taken out and flown again with equal success; nor was there anything to indicate that it might not have flown indefinitely except for the limit put upon it.

CUPID IN JAIL

A Reminiscence of a Sly Courtship Years Ago.

"Cupid is no respecter of persons or places," says a member of a well-known Washington family, according to the Star, "for while 'love laughs at locksmiths,' Cupid, to my knowledge, has made himself felt behind prison bars. Do you remember the old Washington infirmary, which stood behind the courthouse? Well, that was the jail in old times—from 1804 to 1838. In those days there was imprisonment for debt, and quite a handsome young man, unable to meet his obligations, became a prisoner. The jailer lived in part of the building, and his family included a pretty daughter. Cupid set to work, and the bars were no obstacle. In a little while looks betrayed Cupid's conquest. One day, while on the street—debtors being allowed to go outside, but not beyond the prison bounds—they met, had a talk which ended in the procurement of a marriage license, engagement of a minister and the marriage. They returned to the jail, and telling what they had done, the father gave the son-in-law a job as assistant jailer, thus enabling him to pay the debt, and when he died the son succeeded him."

HARD GREEK NAMES.

Not Pronounced Quite as the Average Reader Would Suppose.

Greek proper names have been the source of considerable study to the reading public of the United States since the Greek troubles began, and the pronunciation of the names of some of the officials who are prominent in Athens at the present time has been the subject of controversy.

The man who is well versed on the subject said that the modern Greek peculiarity was to a great extent the accentuation and gave as an instance the name of Mauro-michales, the Greek secretary of the interior. The name is pronounced Mo-ro-michalis, with strong accent on the second syllable. The secretary of foreign affairs, Alexander Skouzes, pronounces his name Skouzes, with strong accent on the u. The name of Philip Varvogles, minister of justice, is pronounced Var-vo-cheels, the ch in the third syllable being hard like the German ch. Nicholas Metaxas, minister of war, has an easy name for foreigners, but the minister of marine, Levides, pronounces his name Levetes. The president of the chamber of deputies writes his name Zahnes and pronounces it Za-nis, with accent on the second syllable. Canaris, the fleet commander's name, is pronounced Canarees, with accent on the first syllable. The name of Delanyanis appears in print every day and most readers have ideas as to its pronunciation. His Greek neighbors call the premier Delee-yanees, with accent on the second syllable.

Like the Russians, the Greeks have no family names, except in the higher walks of society, and a man whose name is Gregorius will call his son Gregoriades, pronouncing the d much like th in though. The son of Demetrius is called Demetriades.

One of the most popular names in Greece is Pappadopoulos, which may be assumed by any man whose father was a priest, and a man instead of taking the name of Antoniadis may call himself by the longer name, if Father Antonia was a priest. The d in Antoniadis, Pappadopoulos and in all names where it comes before a vowel, is pronounced like th in though.—N. Y. Tribune.

TWO WIVES.

One Given by the Church and One by the State.

Italy enjoys at the present moment the distinction of being the only civilized country in Europe where it is possible to commit bigamy without exposing one's self to any danger of punishment, says the New York Tribune. Since the constitution of the kingdom in 1870 the authorities have insisted that only a civil marriage is legally binding. On the other hand, the church refuses to recognize this form of matrimonial union as valid, and requires the faithful to go through the religious service, venting its displeasure on those who seek any civil sanction to their alliance. The government has repeatedly tried to secure the enactment of a law providing for the punishment of any priest who should have performed the religious marriage service without the latter having been preceded by a civil ceremony. But the vast body of the people in Italy are Catholic to the core, and would not tolerate any measure which had the appearance of encroaching on the rights of large numbers of unscrupulous people take advantage of the condition of affairs to have two wives, one in the eyes of the church and the other in the eyes of the civil authorities. And they can do this without the slightest danger of being called to account or of being punished.

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