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NEW MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.

In the reorganization or readjustment of the military departments the important changes are in the East, now three major generals on the ac- tion will become more tolerable. tive list, General Miles, Merritt and Brooke. General Merritt remains in command of the department of the General Brooke in the new department of the lakes, with headquarters signed to the new department of the state. gulf, with headquarters at Atlanta. General Graham has been in com mand of the department of Texas, with headquarters at San Antonio. The department of California, with General William R. Schafter in command, is left as it was. Brigadier-General James F. Wade has been in command of the department of Dakotn; Brigadier-General H. C. Merriam in command of the department of the Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver barracks; Brigadier-General Elmer S. Otis in command of the department of the Platte, with headquarters at Omaha.

The old departments, says the Inter Ocean, were arranged more with the wild tribes of the Indians in mind than with any menace to our seaboard, but the new departments are arranged with the defense of the seaboard in mind. All of the department officers are soldiers of experience and training. General Graham, the commander of the new department of the gulf, served with the army of the Potomac in the war for the Umon, and distinguished himself in the peninsular campaign at the battle of Antietam and at the battle of Gettysburg. General Merritt, who, it is said, will be in command of the army in Cuba, if any force is sent to the island, was one of the most brilliant cavalry officers of the war for the union, and since that time has had experience that admirably fits him for active command in the field.

It is a fortunate circumstance that the commanding general of the army was one of the ablest officers of the old volunteer troops. He is not a graduate of West Point, though in theoretical and practical knowledge of the science and art of war he has no superior among American commanders. His thorough acquaintance with the temper and peculiarities of the United States volunteers will prove to be invaluable in the event of war upon a large scale, for in such a war the volunteer inevitably will be the central figure.

THE REAL POSITION.

THE CHRONICLE a "Mitchell organ," stration of national force on the though this paper has repeatedly lakes might be a cheap insurance stated its position and declared that it was not supporting John H. Mitchell nor any other man. Prob ably the Oregonian knows more of the inner workings of this paper than we do ourselves, and if such be the case, we are glad at last to learn the truth.

ally have taken a position antago- fication has been too extensive, and

dictation of all party action, it is the time for the rank and file to declare they will have no more of such dic-

THE CHRONICLE favors an extra may be elected, but that some Re-East, with headquarters in New York; publican of ability man occupy the seat in the national senate now vacant. We do not care who he is. at Chicago, and Brigadier-General provided his selection be acceptable William M. Graham has been as- to the majority of good people in the

> The Oregonian may classify THE CHRONICLE as a Mitchell organ, but in doing so it assumes the premises and draws an unwarranced conclu-

> > LAKE ARMAMENTS.

The appropriation of \$500,000 for the construction of a war vessel for the great lakes is no violation of the spirit of the old treaty, however it may stand in relation to the letter. By strict terms of the treaty Britain and the United States are each bound to keep no more than one warship on the waters that divide the dominion from the republic. The Michigan, which now has the name of a war ship, has the name only. She is a relic rather than a force. She could not live for five minutes in a battle waged in modern style. The queen's ambassador at Washington is reported as offering no protest against the action of our government in this matter. This may be significant of an intent to abrogate a treaty that was made to meet widely different international conditions from those which now prevail, or it may be just an expression of British friendliness and good will.

It is true that war between the United States and Great Britain has been regarded as all but impossible for many years, and at present there is a nearer approach to cordial friendship than at any time since 1814. Nevertheless, during the discussion of the Venezuela matter, the Behring sea question, and the North Atlantic fisheries question the relations between the two countries were strained. Commerce acts as a peace maker between Britain and the United States. If trouble ever come it is more likely to come by way of Canada than from any other direction, and therefore we should be strong on our northern border. The dominion is a somewhat braggart youngster, apt to be saucy and quarrelsome and to shout, "I'll run home and tell," when called to account for insolence.

Of and by itself Canada never can be a serious factor against the peace friends of education generally to be pres. tried contained two counts-one conspiof the United States; but fussy chil- ent. dren often are causes of quarrel be-The Oregonian persists in dubbing tween grown folks. A proper demonagainst costly trouble:

The senate committee on civil service, which has been taking testimony for some months regarding the operation of the civil service system, has made a report in which it favors certain modifications in the classifi-THE CHRONICLE is opposed to the cation. There, are two reports, a Simon system of politics. It does majority and a minority report. The not necessarily follow that this paper majority report says that it is in the is a "Mitchell organ" or the organ province of the president to modify of any faction in the Republican the classification, and it indicates in party. From time to time we have what respects, in the judgment of the had occasion to comment upon the committee, it ought to be modified. situation in state politics, and gener- The committee holds that the classi-

nistic to the Oregonian and Mr. that there should be certain excep- Call for Republican County Convention Simon. The reason for this is evi- tions made, allowing appointing dent. The extent to which Simon officers to appoint to certain offices has carried "bossism" in the Repub- without requiring examinations to be lican party has brought a large meas made. Among the exceptions recure of disrepute upon the organization. ommended are those of deputy com-It has currently reported that no missioners, deputy collectors of inman can aspire to any office within ternal revenue, temporary storekeepthe gift of the Republican party un- ers and gaugers, inspectors of hulls less he have the approbation and and boilers, janitors, assistant attorconsent of Mr. Simon. While this neys and special agents of the statement may be something of an department of justice, deputy United exaggeration, yet in it is contained a States marshals, the chief clerk in great deal of truth, and it is this each of the departments, and the condition which THE CHRONICLE chief clerks of bureaus, and certain positions in the printing office. Sen-"Bossism" has long been attendant ator Lodge, who signs the minority on the Republican party. The prin report, believes that the list of exciples which we represent are the certions should be much less limited wisest for the safety of the nation, tuan is proposed by the majority reand when carried into effect have port, and he would include in the proven of benefit to the greatest competitive list the congressional number. But when one man, or set library and the clerical force in the of men, take upon themselves the District of Columbia. The report is more conservative than might have tation. Bosses will always exist; exempt some 40,000 government but the least we can do is to change employes, has the remotest chance of South, and lake districts. There are them, and in that respect the situal being passed. It is expected that session-not because Mr. Mitchell not so numerous as those proposed

> our threatened trouble with Spain, if it pass into reality, will mean the liberation of Cuba from Spanish bondage. The visits at different times of Senators Proctor and Gallinger, and their statements in the senate of the misery their eyes witnessed, supplied the necessary incen and, in the name of honesty, put an end to the unchristian slaughter and treatment to which innocent people in Cuba are subjected. It cannot be but that the end of the Cuban revolution is near at hand, and that, after nearly a century of yearning for liberty, the boon is at last to be grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small." Some measure of justice will have been meted out to Cuba before the present year closes.

The Republican party of Wasco county has a splendid opportunity to eral estates. It is rumored that he little girl, now Mrs. Warren, of Waterbe successful in the coming county may not take his new position before ville, Wash., at the advent, of the baby campaign. Although the forces of the expiration of the present incum- brother. But to the growing years of fusion are numerically strong, the bent's term, which will be in June. ticket put up by them is confessedly weak and cannot secure the support even of the fusionists. If the Republicans nominate a clear, straightforward ticket, there can be no question as to the result of the election. The primaries, which are to be held tomorrow, should be made a means to this end. Every Republican voter who has the interests of his party at heart should attend the primary polls and vote for delegates to the county convention who will nominate only such men who deserve recognition. The primary is the place where the battle is fought, and the friends of good government should be on the watch and see that the delegates to the county convention are worthy dom. There being another indictment representatives of the party.

The Teachers' Association.

A local teachers' institute will be held at the school building at Hood River, on Saturday, April 2d.

The exercises consist of a morning, at ternoon and evening program, commences at 10 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all teachers, school officers and

The following is the program: Music.

Importance of the first day of school Katie Davenport. Discussion .- John Gavin.

The teachers in the school room .- J. Language in the primary grades. -Ida

Music in the school room .-- Anna Smith.

Discussion .- J. S. Landers. Penmanahip,-H. L. Howe. Discustion .- A. P. Armstrong.

Reading in fourth, fifth and sixth rades.-Grace Graham Primary number work .- Eliza Stevens. Number work in higher grades .- J. T.

How to beautify the school room and grounds.-R. R. Allard. Music.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, The famous little pills

and Notice of Primary Elections.

The Republican County Convention of Wasee county, State of Oregon, is hereby called to meet in Dailes City, in said county, on Wednesday, April 6, 1898,

at the bour of 8 o'clock a.m. of sa'd day, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the follow-ing county officers:

one county onners:

One County Commissioner, County Clerk,
County Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Assessor, County School Superintendent, County
Coroner and County Surveyor: also precinct of
ficers for the several precincts of said county;
and ten delegates to the Republican State and
Second District Congressional Conventions, and
to transact such other business as may properly
come before said County Convention.

The convention will consist of 93 delegates chosen by the several precincts, and the several precincts of said county will be entitled to repre-entation in said convention as follows: Kingsley .. Oak Grove Ramsey Tigh Valley Trevitt Viento West Datles West Hood River

The same being one delegate at large from each precinet, and one delegate for every twenty-five votes and one delegate for every fraction over one half of twenty-five votes east in each of said precil ets for Hon. T. T. Geer, Republican candidate for pr-sidential elector at the November election in 1896.

been expected. It is not believed that the house bill, proposing to exempt some 40,000 government employes, has the remotest chance of being passed. It is expected that the president will shortly issue a rule making certain exceptions, but not so numerous as those proposed by the senate committee.

The dawn of a brighter day is slowly rising for Cuba. Interven tion by this country, in view of all that has lately happened, seems an assured fact, and if not intervention, our threatened trouble with Spain, if PRIMARIES.

Dated at Dalles City, Oregon, this 9th day of March, 1898. J. M. PATTERSON, Chairman Republican County Com. M. T. NOLAN, Secretary.

W. R. Dunbar Register at Vancouver.

bar for register of the land office of Vanconver, Wash., seems to meet with the approvai of every Republican in Klicki tive to arouse the American people tat county. The hearty, unanimous approval of the appointment is without

His career as a politician in Klickitat county is well known. He has always been a faithful worker for the success of the Republican party, and is well known over the state. He has served Goldendale as mayor at different times, but has never been known to be an choice. United States land commissioner at ical man's pony in time of need. Goldendale, and administrator of sev-

Judge Bellinger Holds the Indictment Worthless.

I. H. Taffe, the Celilo canneryman, and E. Kilfeather, recently jointly convicted in the United States district court for attempting to corruptly influence a petit jury to the end that an exorbitant verdict might be returned against the government in a right-of-way condemnation proceeding, in which Taffe was to be pecuniarily benefitted, scored a point this morning in the decision of Judge Bellinger upon the motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment. The motion was not only allowed as to Taffe, but the case as to him was virtually dismissed. The motion as to Kilfeather was also allowed, but he was held to appear before the next federal grand jury under the same bonds he is now enjoying freeagainst Taffe, charging bribery, he also will have another set-to with the legal machinery of Uncle Sam. The decision of Judge Bellinger is

rather severe arraignment of the indictment upon which Taffe and Kilfeather were tried, the court holding that it was defective and entirely insufficient for the purposes of the prosecution. The indictment upon which the defendants were racy to commit an offense against the United States by corruptly endeavoring to influence a petit jury of the circuit court of the United States in the discharge of its duty, and the other that of conspiring to defraud the United States by corruptly endeavoring to influence a petit jury of the circuit court of the United States to return an exorbitant verdict against the government in a case on trial in which the government was one of the parties in interest.

A Lonely Childhood

It would be hard to parallel the peculiar circumstances surrounding the infancy and childhood of Henry Spalding, whose life was so sadly closed this week while defending his home and housethetic neighbors to share in the care of to what is beyond?

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the tender infant. At no time does the office-seeker. It is said when the news terrible isolation of the early missionary granted. "The mills of the gods of the present appointment came, he show more vividly than on the occasions was more surprised than any one in when the care of mortal life begins or Goldendale. It is said Senator John L. when it ends. Happily for the little Wilson conferred with Klickitat county man, the good Dr. Whitman's services Republicans, and Mr. Dunbar was their were within reach. Waialatpu to Lap-At present Mr. Dunbar is wai was not too long a ride for the med-We can imagine the joy of the lonely

> the boy there was no marked epoch of kindergarten or public school. His kin dergarten was at his mother's knee, a very good place, too; his lessons were learned there. Boy playmates he had none. Myron and Edwin Eells and the Walker boys were at Tshimakain, near the Colville region. There must have been visits, when, of course, the whole partner in the fishing business named family went slong, the little fellows Swan Swanson left The Dalles for their strung around the parents on the well- fishing grounds below Lyle, and since broken saddle horse, and we can im- that time nothing has been seen or agine the delight and joy with which heard of the two. Yesterday Mr. Jacobthey were participated. But for the son, of White Salmon, found their boat most part Eliza and little Henry made near that place, and the supposition at their own plays and amusements, bows present is that they were drowned. and arrows, pony riding, work with their most industrious parents, perhaps | cles they had purchased while here, and helping to plant the seeds of that primeval and historical orchard; work that of whiskey. It is the supposition that Henry continued through his whole they became intoxicated, and falling life, making Almota truit notorious for overboard, were both drowned. Otherexcellence wherever known. These, with caring- for the little successors- fore this, Martina, now Mrs. Wigle, of Prineville, and Milly, Mrs. Brown, of Brownsvilleccupied the long years.

> They had the advantage in being in at the start of the first sight of things. No harsher sound than the slipping of the cance as it was drawn up on the beach and it is hoped by their friends and acpebbles ever reached their ears. There quaintances that they will turn up all were no boys' plays, no "pom poto pull right, in spite of the fact that chances away," no mumble peg, nor "duck on are against them. the rock," no tom ball can we imagine among those little blonde heads in a savage world. Their father may have made them kites, and an up stream wind could have been trusted to do the called for March 25, 1898. Persons rest; but the writer's memory of Mr. Spalding is of one in whom the play which they were advertised: spirit had not survived into manhood. Brunot, Jane "Prisoner's base" they had, alas in dreadful earnest. Let us hope that the

memory of those awful tragedies is well Engman, Martin (2) Evans, Belle nigh softened by the lapse of years and Ellis, Rhods the great change of circumstances. In Harper, R W nothing is this change more marked than when Mrs. Henry Spalding, observing that her husband's strength was Jones Cash Store, failing, and wishing to communicate with friends, went to the long-distance telephone and spoke to her friend, Mrs. Ray, Bessie Rusk, Chas Crandall, in The Dalles. What more hold goods from destruction. An only evidence of the power to work magic son has always a special position. But would the elder Henry have conceived this boy, when, fifty-seven years ago, of in those early and lonely days? And he began his earthly existence, was what do our wildest fancies imagine more especially placed. No group of Henry's children may see as they, full

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A SUPPOSED DROWNING Two More Victims Probably Added to

the Long List. About a week ago Mat Nydgist and &

The boat contained a number of artiamong the other things was a quantity wise they would have been heard of be-

Swanson was section boss at the company mess house between this place and Celilo, for a long time; while Nydgist was for a number of years in the employ of Seufert Bros., near this place. Both were honest, hard-working men,

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalling for the same will give date on. Bird, Alice

Burne, E W

Coleman, F H

Gardner, Wm

Davidson, Albert

Clark, LA Covert, J H (4) Hardesty, H O'Neil, Wm G

Harris, Mamie Hackathorn, Geo A Hansen, Herman (3) Harris, F H Jenkins, J W Johnson, Bell Moran, B Peterson, O A Syring, G

Ray, Wiley E Shipley, Oscar Townsend, Hy Wilkins, Nellie Townsend, J H Whitaker, J R J. A. CROSSEN.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, ezema or skin diseases loving relatives to welcome his birth; of years, come to the river's brink, may secure instant relief by using De no grandmother's caresees; no sympa- where earth's greatest dreams give place Witt's Witch Haz-! Salve.-It is the E. M. W. great pile remedy.