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A GREAT INDUSTRY.

A Houston, Texas, mill man has been almost paralyzed by the receipt of an enquiry from the city of Mexico for the billion feet of lumber...

The Texas man can fill the order, and plenty more like it, in Oregon, if he will put up the mills, says the Statesman.

There is bound to be great activity in the Oregon lumber business, and that in the near future.

The big railroads of the East, and other Eastern consumers of lumber, have scarcely yet learned of the excellence of quality and the abundance of the supply.

THE ANGLO-TRANSVAAL WAR

In taking the aggressive at the start the Boers show that they do not lack courage, at any rate, says the Globe-Democrat.

At the outset in the struggle several questions in connection with it will suggest themselves to the world. What will be the immediate result of the war?

In the war of 1880-81, when the Boers were victorious, Gladstone, a man of peace, who was also opposed to the imperial idea, was at the head of the British government.

No one need doubt that England will push the war with vigor. Her prestige in the world at large, and particularly her standing in the colonies which she controls in South Africa, render it essential that she shall conquer the Boer allies.

Of course, the consequences which

the war may bring to the African continent will depend not only on whether the victory goes to England or to the Boer allies, but also on whether the Boers in England's own territory join their brethren in the field.

Nobody need look for intervention by any of the other powers unless the war should last longer than any one now looks for, but there is much jealousy of and hatred toward England on the continent of Europe.

HARLAN AND LINCOLN.

The recent death of James Harlan recalls the fact that he was the last link connecting the administration of Lincoln with the present time.

The original Lincoln cabinet consisted of William H. Seward as secretary of state, Salmon P. Chase as secretary of the treasury, Simon Cameron as secretary of war, Caleb B. Smith as secretary of the interior, Gideon Welles as secretary of the navy, Montgomery Blair as postmaster general, and Edward Bates as attorney general.

Lincoln had three secretaries of the treasury—Chase, Fessenden and McCulloch; two secretaries of war—Cameron and Edwin M. Stanton; three secretaries of the interior—Smith, John P. Usher and James Harlan; two postmasters general—Blair and Dennison, and two attorneys general—Bates and Jas. Speed.

The cabinet of Lincoln was never harmonious. Seward, Chase, Cameron and Bates had been mentioned for the presidency in 1860, and all of them hoped to get the nomination in 1864.

Of all the presidents since Jackson, Lincoln depended the least upon his cabinet to aid him in shaping the policy of his administration, unless it was Mr. Cleveland. Lincoln was always at odds with his ministers, but he allowed each to go his way and always waited until the time for action came, when he usually did about the right thing in spite of anything his cabinet advisers recommended to the contrary.

The services of the late James Harlan in Lincoln's cabinet were brief, but he was a man whose judgment and fidelity Lincoln had great confidence. Harlan had been one of the pioneers of Republicanism in the West, was well educated, had an unblemished character and was sturdy in his convictions.

Lincoln's son Robert, the ex-secretary of war.

Lincoln had around him great men, notably Seward and Stanton, but no one of them approached the president in breadth of view, policy and common sense.

Descendants of the Dutch who settled in what is now New York held a meeting there the other night and adopted resolutions of sympathy with the descendants of Dutch settlers in South Africa, calling on President McKinley to protect them against the aggressions of the English.

Insane Poet Regarding the 1899 Girl.

Every one is familiar with the couplet that solaces melancholy by the suggestion that genius is akin to insanity.

Great wit to madness nearly are allied, But their partition walls their states divide. However, one may take this dictum, there can be no question that a great deal of versifying is not in any way evidence of the soundness of intellect.

Just what kind of an incurable wrote this is not stated.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely.

The "Plow Boy Prescriber," Rev. J. Kirkham, Belle River, Ill., says, "After suffering from bronchial or lung trouble for ten years, I was cured by One Minute Cough Cure."

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A DISAPPOINTED AUDIENCE.

Metropolitan Opera Company Treated The Dalles Shabbily.

The CHRONICLE has vowed time and again never to lend its personal sanction to any performance until we know whereof we speak, all previous notices going in as ads.

In view of all these promises a good house greeted them Saturday night at the Baldwin, and were illly prepared to find but twelve persons in the company and only one of the former cast.

The principal disappointment was that the comedians, who meant so much to the performance, were wanting.

No one but their own managers are to blame that the company spoilt its reputation here by not cancelling its engagement, and the East Oregonian voices the sentiment of all when it says:

"People buy tickets to an operatic performance. They are entitled to receive operatic performances according to just expectations. It will be profitable to the theatrical and operatic profession when these principles of just recompense are recognized, and the patronizing public may depend upon traveling companies always performing their promises."

"When a fire renders a company unable to do as they had promised, it would be according to business honesty to cancel engagements until properties have been replenished, and not go along the line giving performances justly estimated at about 25 per cent of what people had been made to look for."

How He Worked His Way.

It takes a soldier to skirmish, wherever he is put, be it on the battlefield or on the railroad track, as was proven last night in the case of John Lloyd, a discharged member of Battery I, Sixth Artillery.

About 7 o'clock last evening the men employed at Seufert's cannery, hearing groans, rushed to the track and found a man evidently in deep distress, so much so that he would not permit them to touch him.

There's nothing the matter with you, you'd better get along. He insisted that he had a ticket to New York given him by Col. Summers, and that he had lost it, and so a brakeman had kiked him off the train.

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