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ST. HELENS, OREGON, DEC. 21.

LI HUNG CHANG is said to have a private fortune of $500,000,000, and he will hardly repeat the offer of Daniel Webster to pay the national debt himself.

PORTLAND now talks of holding an Oriental fair next year, and the Salem Statesman suggests that the thing be tied and baled so it cannot burst and get away.

SENATOR MORRILL'S phase, the "loud braying of the political donkeys," hits Peffer, Bryan, Pence and the other populist blatherskites squarely. Happily the "braying" is nearly ended. Populism is already in the sere and yellow leaf.

AN American correspondent just returned from China reports that the Chinese look upon the Japanese operations as a local affair, troublesome to the province invaded, but not of much interest to the people of other districts. A united China has never had a real existence, and patriotism in the Amrerican sense is unknown.

THE Pendleton Tribune says: Republicans who do not favor the election of Mr. Dolph are not respectable and are crazy lunatics." Attempts to bulldoze and coerce like the foregoing are the Dolph tactics, and really it does seem that this language ought to make all republicans respectable and sane, the Tribune editor included.

THESE are some of the choice epithets the Oregonian applies to those members of the legislature, who believe in the free coinage of silver: "Populists, so-called independents, socialistic agitaters, political jawhawkers and nondescripts generally." In other words, if you don't see things the way the Oregonian does you must be an ignoramus.

ANOTHER advance of four cents a bushel in wheat during the week places the market at 46 cents for club and 48 cents for blue stem, or 8 cents more than the ruling quotations a month ago. While the conditions governing wheat makes predictions as to the future trend of values somewhat uncertain, the gain already made is a matter for congratulation and will make a decided improvement in business circles, especially in portions of Oregon and Eastern Washington.

IF Christ should come to Portland He would see the piteous spectacle of Lazerous at the rich man's gate. Is it not time that some move was made by the churches of the city to look up and extend a helping hand to the hundreds of suffering poor that are lying at our doors, instead of having a brother christian delivering political lectures on the tariff question in the temple of God. Indeed, one might well ask, whither are our churches drifting?—Chronicle.

THE increase in production and consumption of oleomargarine in the United States is steady, and it is a noticable fact that this article alone gave increased receipts to the internal revenue fund during the fiscal year 1894, among the principal articles upon which a tax is levied. The report of the commissioner, just made public, shows that the production during the twelve months ended July 30th, was 66,427,900 pounds, an increase of 1,366,125, and the government revenue was $1,732,479, an increase of $52,836. The report shows that there are twenty-one licensed manufacturers in the United States, 217 wholesale dealers and 7,400 retailers who handle oleomargarine.

THAT class of editors (a very small class) who favor the re-election of Senator Dolph mistake the sentiment of their readers, and evidently have not consulted their constituents in the premises. Indeed the few followers the senator has in this state have copied after himself. They do not blend well with the common people because of their coldness, or to use a term which applies strictly to that class, "they sweat ice-water in July." If those editors who have so much to say about Mr. Dolph's certainty of election would get out and mingle with the common people for a few days they would sing in a different key. Perhaps they will change their tune later on.

FINDING themselves in a state of enforced idleness, says the Portland Sun, the federal grand jury yesterday sought to pass away the time by casting a straw ballot for United States senator. Paper was procured and some discussion indulged in. Several jocular attempts were made at bribery but it was, apparently, unheeded. Each man passed in his vote and the foreman read them off. Hon. C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, was elected, he receiving the highest number of votes cast. Hon. Thomas H. Tongue, of Hillsboro, came next to Senator Fulton in the race for popularity.

MUCH has been said about the Oregonian "reading out" of the republican party all those who favor free coinage of silver. If such is the case, it can place on its "out" list three-fourths of the republican voters in Lincoln, Linn, Lane and Douglas counties. Any number of republicans in Oregon have a right to differ from that journal on an any question, and as a majority of them do on the silver question, it would be folly so attempt to coerce to accept that paper's ipse dixit in regard to free coinage of silver.—State Senator Alley, of Lane.

A MAN may die very rich, but when he does he reaches the condition of the poorest beggar the world knows. He doesn't carry with him enough pocket money for ferriage over the first river. There is no blinder man upon the earth than he who looks abroad upon all the poverty and distress and ignorance of the world, then counts the millions to his credit, and lies down and dies.

CHRISTMAS.

Next Tuesday is Christmas—the day to which all civilized peoples look forward with ardent joy. The long established custom of making gifts on that day makes it so. Where, in this age of civilization, is the boy or girl, man or woman who does not wait with patience and expectation the coming of the anniversary of the birth of Christ; whose advent into the world brought light out of darkness, and lifted man to his present state of enlightenment.

While it is true present financial depression will prevent the making of so many costly gifts as heretofore, there will be many a fireside brightened by less expensive tokens of love, and receive such gifts in the spirit with which they are intended, always remembering that the price of the article does not necessarily measure the donnor's good will. Christmas has long been a day of happiness and rejoicing, and the coming one will prove no exception to the rule.

THE WORLD IS A JUNGLE.

When the Communist battles were taking place in Paris, and bloody fighting was seen and heard in many of the streets and parks, a large portion of the citizens went on with life as if nothing were happening, and it was said that "the click of the billiard-ball could be heard within half a block of one of the most fiercely fought barricades." Newspaper correspondents wrote from Chicago during the strike, which last summer disturbed and alarmed the whole country, that the principal thoroughfares were thronged as usual with trucks and carriages, and the sidewalks with shoppers and promenaders.

"When we reached Shanghai," wrote the Rev. Charles E. Ewing, "we found that the Chinese knew little and cared less about the war," although even at that time no one doubted that Japan had won several important victories.

"To transport their troops from the interior," continues the same gentleman, "the Chinese use junks instead of steam vessels, or else make an overland march. When the army comes in sight you see every tenth man bearing a banner, and at least half the rest carrying umbrellas for defense against the heated rain, and all with fans in their hands. It is not fancy, but fact, that many of the fans and some of the umbrellas are taken to the battle-field."

A POINT WELL TAKEN.

By a recent decision the Connecticut supreme court has decided that a man may be tried twice for the same offense. Its main argument is the point that the old English common law was so cruel that judges then wisely held that an accused, after a jury acquittal, could not be put in jeopardy a second time for the same offence; but now that the old law has been relaxed, a criminal ought not to benefit by the former practice, and justice be thwarted by errors of judicial ruling. The court of five judges was unanimous in the opinion which was written by Judge Hamersley, of Hartford.

It too often happens that the accused has henchmen who are willing to bribe jurors, which during the excitement of the trial is not detected, and in many cases a desperate criminal is allowed to go free because of the practice heretofore in vogue. There is no reason why, if new evidence is obtainable which would convict after the accused has once been acquitted, he should not be brought in to court again and justice meeted out according to the facts in the case. It also very often happens that a technicality in an indictment or in the ruling of the court results in turning loose upon a community some notorious felon, whose very existence is a menace and a disgrace to civilization and to decent people; yet under the old practice there would be no way by which the accused could be tried a second time no matter how much new evidence might have come to light, and consequently the imposition is upon the people who have no recourse. The decision of the Connecticut supreme court ought to be universal all over these United States.

TAXATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

There is sharp divergence of opinion among the churches themselves in relation to the taxation of church property, says the Oregonian. This distinction grows out of differences of character and habit and consequent differences of interest. The more highly organized churches, whether monarchal, like the Roman Catholic, aristocratic, like the Methodist and Episcopal, or republican, like the Presbyterian, are in effect, great corporations, which hold property for various purposes—commercial, benevolent, speculative or educational. Naturally, in all these churches, the desire to conduct their various enterprises under burdens as light as possible clashes with their sense of public justice which makes for equality in taxation. It would be strange if the attitude of the churches did not vary with the extent of their interests exposed to taxation, from the Roman Catholic at one extreme to the Presbyterian at the other

The purely democratic or independent churches on the other hand, like the Baptist, Congregational, Unitarian, and the like, whose organization does not lend itself readily to acquirement, holding the management of property on a large scale, are content with exemption of church buildings and the grounds. Indeed, as citizens and taxpayers interested in equalizing burdens, they desire this and urge it strongly upon the legislative power.

It is very easy to draw the line in theory between church property which should and that which should not be taxed. Land and buildings consecrated permanently and devoted exclusively to purposes of public worship or to pure charity, without exacting pay from those who enjoy them, are properly exempt. All property held for sale, at present or in the future, and all used for purposes of gain, should bear its due burden of taxation.

But it is not easy to make this distinction in practice. Church buildings and the bare ground they stand on fall readily on one side of the line, and vacant lands or buildings held for rent fall as readily on the other. Probably absolutely free asylums and "refuges" of various kinds, and pure charity schools, would be exempted without question. But the difficulty comes in classifying all ordinary church schools and hospitals, which are endowed and so partly supported, and yet require fees for tuition, board and attendance from all able to pay, and distribute their free beds and scholarships as a matter of favor or selection. Some of these are more charitable than gainful and ought to be exempt. Others are more speculative than benevolent and ought to pay tax. Each case ought to be judged by its special circumstances, but it is not easy to make provision for this by statute.

Workingmen Demand Bread.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Three thousand unemployed workingmen invaded the city hall today and demanded bread. The mayor and aldermen promised aid. The crowd dispersed yelling "If we don't get bread Wednesday, we will take it."

Freedom for Cole Younger.

According to information received at St. Joseph, Mo., Cole Younger, the notorious Missouri outlaw, who for over ten years has been an inmate of the Minnesota penitentiary at Stillwater, where he is serving a life sentence for complicity in the Northfield bank robbery, will be released January 1 next. He has been very ill since his incarceration.

Suicide at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—T. E. Oglivie, aged 25, a mechanic in the employ of the Edison car shops, was found dead in his room this morning with a bullet through his breast. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was in love with a woman who is to be married Thursday to another man. Oglivie was despondent through that, and also from the fact that he had just discovered he had consumption.

A Frightful Kick.

Alex Brandon, of Linn county, was frightfully injured by a kick from a colt last week. His nose was split wide open, and one side of his forehead was smashed in, so that the doctors had to open the skull and remove clotted blood. Then they bored another hole in the base of the skull, just above the right eye, so that the blood collecting inside the skull might find its way out. Soon after the operation the patient opened his eyes and returned to consciousness. He is 57 years old. There is hope of his recovery.

Indians May Vote.

PENDLETON, Dec. 18.—Judge Bellinher's decision that Indians who have been allotted lands in severalty are citizens, if sustained, revolutionizes Umatilla county elections by giving Indians the right to vote. Chief Clerk Cuyer, of the Umatilla agency, an attorney-at-law, says the supreme court will doubtless reverse the Bellinger ruling, and has done so, in fact, several times heretofore.

Nine Years and $16,000.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 18.—The motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment in the Howe embezzlement case, from Klamath county, argued yesterday and taken under advisement, was overruled this morning. The judge sentenced him to nine years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of $16,000. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

Burglary at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 17.—Last night the hardware store of Churchill, Wolfley & McKenzie was broken into. All that is missing is a pistol and the change left in the till, amounting to between $4 and $5. An entrance was gained by prying open an iron shutter at a back window, so that a hook could be dropped on the cross bar on the inside which locked the shutter.

A Slave of the Indians.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—Special Constable Finnegan leaves for the west coast of Alaska tomorrow, to rescue little Arthur Billinger from the hands of the Chucklesett Indians, by whose chief he was purchased as a slave. The officer will arrest the man claiming to be the father, by whom the lad was sold. The police have information that the boy was kidnaped from his home near New Whatcom several months ago.

Adams County Wheat.

At Ritzville, Wash., the wheat season has been practically closed for this year. Four firms have done the shipping business. It is estimated that only about 40 per cent of the wheat crop of 1894 in Adams county has been marketed so far. On account of the prevailing low prices, only those growers who were compelled to sell have sold their wheat generally. The lowest price paid at this point this season was 20 cents, the highest 33½ cents. The sales at Ritzville up to date have been about 650,000 bushels.

Samuel Gompers Defeated.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—Gompers has been knocked out. The socialistic element is triumphant. McBride, president of the United Mine Workers, was elected president of the Federation of Labor. This is a distinct victory for the delegates who favored the "government ownership of railroads" plank in the platform, to which Gompers was strongly opposed.

The delegates determined for the future location of the headquarters or the Federation at Indianapolis, Detroit, Washington, Brooklyn and Louisville had been placed in nomination, but Indianapolis and Washington were the only ones voted on, Indianapolis receiving 1290 votes and Washington 926.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Executrix Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia county.
In the matter of the estate of Thomas Hodgkins, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of the said Thomas Hodgkins, deceased, has filed her final account as such executrix in the above entitled court, and the judge of said court has made an order directing notice thereof to be given in the same manner as the notice of an appointment of an executor or administrator, and has by said order appointed the 8th day of January, A. D. 1895, for the hearing of objections to said final account and settlement thereof. n30d28

Dated November 28, 1894.

HULDAH A. HODGKINS,
Executrix of the last will and testament of said Thomas Hodgkins, deceased.

Dissolution Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. S. Cloninger and George A. Brinn, doing business under the firm name of Cloninger & Brinn, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, George A. Brinn, retiring. J. S. Cloninger assumes all liabilities of the firm and all accounts are payable to him.

St. Helens, Or., December 12, 1894.

J. S. CLONINGER.
d14j11 GEO. A. BRINN.

Notice of Final Settlement.

NOTICE is hereby given that Alf Johnson, administrator of the estate of Charles Thegoda, deceased, has filed his final account, and the hearing of objections to same has been set by the Hon. Dean Blanchard, county judge, for Friday, the 11th day of January, 1895, at 10 A. M., at the county courthouse in St. Helens, Oregon, at which time and place any objections to same will be heard.

d14j11 ALF JOHNSON, Administrator.
W. J. RICE, Attorney for Administrator.

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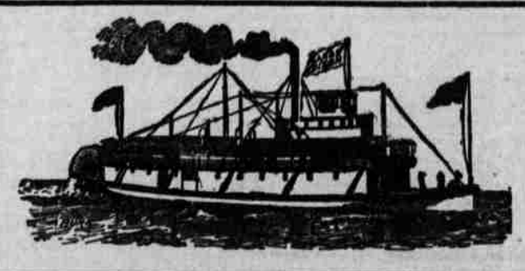
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