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COMES now the news that Durrant must hang, because his appeal is denied. This was so sudden; even murderer Durrant himself was surprised.

A SPECIAL session will not be called, intimates the governor. "What security have I," he says, "that needed legislation would be enacted."

THE peculations of the late treasurer of Nebraska have been found to reach a half a million. This thing of robbing state treasuries on a big scale may become epidemic. It started in South Dakota two years ago.

BINGER HERMAN is slated for the position of commissioner of the general land office. Mr. Herman's long experience in congress and his familiarity with legislation pertaining to public lands makes the appointment an especially appropriate one, and it is not thought that his administration will be guided by such influences as have evidently marked that of Commissioner Lamoreaux.

THE collective note of the powers has been served on Turkey demanding autonomy for Crete, and the inauguration of the reforms outlined years ago, all under the suzerainty of Turkey. At any rate the Greeks must get off the field. It is not strange that the Cretans themselves should censure the powers for interfering to prevent their separation from Moslem rule and depriving them of the privilege of defending their homes and temples.

UNDER the present condition of things no warrants will be issued by Secretary of State Kincaid for any other purpose than the support of the state militia and the state university. These two institutions are controlled by provisions of law that does not make them entirely dependent upon legislative action. Any other manner or form of expense the secretary of state will flat-footedly refuse to honor, either by the issue of warrants or certificates of indebtedness.

PORTLAND nickel-in-the-slot machines are legislated out of existence and were relegated to the dark rooms on the night of March 4. Chinese lotteries were permitted though acknowledged evil of Oregon's chief commercial city, and the indifference of the constituted authorities, who appeared to be straining at figurative gnats and swallowing figurative camels, was a state of things that rankles fiercely in the breasts of those who were retained by the ban placed upon nickel-in-the-slot devices, but a later order swept the lotteries off the field.

THE Torrens land bill has passed the California legislature. The Torrens system of registering titles is one that is intended to greatly simplify the work of transferring property, and the only one of the United States to try it thus far is Illinois, where the law was not upheld by the supreme court because it conferred judicial powers upon an administrative officer. The objection of the Illinois court is being gotten around by the legislature conferring special judicial powers upon the registrar of titles for the purpose of putting such a law into effect.

A BILL in the California legislature defines a "miner's inch." It

says that it shall be such a quantity of water as will flow through an orifice one inch square, the water to stand six inches above the orifice; such discharge to be not less than one and one-half cubic feet per minute, equal to twelve gallons. Inasmuch as one and one-half cubic feet of water is but little more than 11.2 gallons the California bill is no less remarkable than that of the Indianan who wanted to change the ratio between the diameter and circumference of a circle for convenience in mathematical calculations.

IT WAS an American orator who declared that war, pestilence and famine were the great enemies of civilization. Spain is cursed with the two elements of war and famine—war in her colonial possessions and famine at home. If pestilence can be applied to the agents of misgovernment, then she has much that is not desirable in that way. At any rate, there is so much discontent and distress abroad in Spain that in many districts tax gatherers are obliged to go about under the espionage of the military, and a wholesale exodus of the peasantry has become imminent. Brazil is their objective point.

THERE has been under the consideration of the Washington legislature two proposed reforms—the dispensary bill and the initiative and referendum. Both failed to pass the senate. The former may possibly be referred to the people in the way of a constitutional amendment, while the latter will be allowed to lie on the table indefinitely. These bills passed the lower house by large majorities, and as the political complexion of the senate was the same, few doubts were entertained as to their passing there. The result, however, confirms the oft-repeated assertion that the intentions of legislative bodies are too deeply hidden to be foretold.

THERE has been an appointment by the governor of a senator to succeed Senator Mitchell in the person of H. W. Corbett, of Portland, who is to fill the vacancy until the legislature gets around to elect a successor, providing, of course, that the United States senate will seat him. The right of the governor to appoint after the legislature had failed to elect was tested in the Montana case four years ago, and upon the ruling then made several states were unrepresented in the United States for the next two years. But in the present case it is held that there has been no legislature and that the ruling made then will not apply, and that an appointment made by the governor now will be entirely valid.

### The Inaugural Address.

President McKinley's inaugural address was devoted in part to the declared need of currency revision and favored the appointment of a commission to investigate the numerous details of the work. It declared economy in the administration of public business imperative, pointed out the need of larger revenues, said a tariff on protective lines was plainly demanded by the American people, advised as to the advantages of reciprocity and prophesied the return of prosperity. He said that equality of rights must prevail and our laws be always and everywhere respected and obeyed; trusts must be suppressed; naturalization and immigration laws should be further improved to the constant promotion of a safer, better and higher citizenship; civil service reform must go on, but the change must be real and genuine, not perfunctory or prompted by a zeal in behalf of any party; the American merchant marine should be restored; relations of peace and amity should be cultivated with all the nations of the world; that arbitration with England should not be discarded, and that an extra session was plainly needed. The country was congratulated upon the obliteration of sectional lines and prejudices.

### Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining un-called for in the Medford postoffice on March 10, 1897.

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M. FURBER, Postmaster.

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### A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

The gold reserve now is 150 millions.

Debs has succeeded in calling off the Leadville strike.

Col. John Hay, of Ohio, is Bayard's successor as ambassador to Great Britain.

Mark Hanna was sworn in as senator on the 5th, to succeed John Sherman, who resigned.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died at Stamford, Conn., last Monday, at the age of eighty-five years.

The Spanish cabinet has decided upon another credit for the purpose of fitting out six additional war ships.

New York applicants for federal appointments are said to be as plentiful as mosquitoes in the Jersey meadows.

Samoa is in trouble again. Fighting among the natives and the foreigners are powerless to stop the quarreling.

The troubles on the Indian reservation in Nebraska have opened up anew, and settlers are being summarily ejected.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Niagara last Saturday and alarmed the population of the cities for miles around.

Tintypes are said to be coming into style again, while the old-fashioned daguerreotype is also to have a new lease of life.

Postmaster General Gary is the first representative in the president's cabinet for over a quarter of a century that has gone to Maryland.

William L. Chambers, of Alabama, has been chosen chief justice of Samoa by the three powers who are party to the Samoan agreement.

The fusion legislature, of Washington, passed a concurrent resolution congratulating President McKinley upon his access to the presidency.

President McKinley's private detective is said to be a remarkable double of Grover Cleveland so far as personal appearance is concerned.

Montevideo is in a state of seige, and national troops are being mobilized, but Uruguayan revolutions are too common to be of even passing interest.

Kentucky has begun a suit to recover penalties and franchise tax from the Southern Pacific. The amount of judgement asked for is \$137,500.

A pure-food congress is soon to be held in San Francisco to spread through the state the reforms urged by the San Francisco pure-food movement.

John Hayes Hammond has returned to South Africa to work on some of the practical instead of the political problems now confronting the gold miners there.

Weyer continues to declare that he hasn't resigned. The impression was that he was not resigning anyway, but was liable to be asked to quit most any time.

The Missouri legislature has provided for the erection of an \$1800 monument over the graves of Daniel Boone and wife, who were buried at Warren, that state.

Illinois now ranks the second state in the union in the production of iron and steel, and Chicago is second only to Pittsburg as a center for iron and steel industries.

When President Cleveland's term expired he had not signed the Indian, agricultural and civil service appropriation bills. The general deficiency bill failed in conference.

The railroads estimate that the visiting crowd at the inaugural ceremonies in Washington this year was about 175,000, a little less than half the number there four years ago.

The battle ship Oregon has gone to the Puget sound dry docks, at Port Orchard, for repairs which are for the purpose of preventing the vessel rolling so badly in heavy seas.

Tacoma's civil service commission is in disgrace, and on trial charged with malfeasance in office. Several of the witnesses examined have proved that improper ratings were made.

Jesus Campeche lived at Guadalupe, Mexico, and has just died at the alleged age of 155 years. He was said to be a native of Valladolid, Spain, and moved to Mexico 180 years ago.

The most decisive battle fought in the Cuban war was that of Manzanilla, February 28th. A Spanish force of 2000 strong was defeated and 1000 slain. The Cuban loss was also quite heavy.

President McKinley has issued a proclamation convening a special session of congress on March 15. The weight of opinion seems to be that tariff legislation along the lines of the McKinley bill will be passed.

Senator Woicott has returned from Europe and thinks he has done much to bring about an inter-

national monetary conference. He reports many leading European statesmen entirely favorable to it.

In Belgium all official time is to be done on the 1-to-24 o'clock plan. This system of recording time was at one time in vogue on the Union Pacific railway system, but seemed to be too unsatisfactory to last long.

Professor Sylvanus Thompson thinks that he can overcome the retardation of electric currents in the several Atlantic cables so that it will be possible to send 70 or 80 words per minute instead of 12 words per minute as now.

Ohio rivers are so much swollen by floods that in some places houses are being swept away and much damage has been done. The work of rescuing families from the floods is being carried on with boats, and the situation is becoming more serious.

Attorney Barnes, the prosecuting attorney in the Durrant case, thinks the prisoner will hang within four months. An attempt will be made by the defense to take the case into the federal courts if a rehearing is denied, but upon what grounds is not known.

Spokane is aroused with a sensation to the effect that the new county officials are using the court house for living apartments and paying no rent. Seventeen persons are now quartered there, and say they have a perfect right to use the building for that purpose.

Governor Rogers, of Washington, granted a respite in the case of a Seattle murderer for the purpose of saving expenses. The respite fixed date of execution on the same day that two others will be executed and the saving in the matter of expenses will be \$500.

Sullivan, who is distinguished from the other Sullivans by the use of "John L.," wants to fight the winner at the Carson encounter. He is 38, and professes great confidence in his athletic powers, his almost constant dissipation to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Carlist uprising is threatened in Spain, and the pretender is assuming a patriotic attitude in view of colonial troubles which his advisers think will be of advantage to the pretender when the moment arrives for him to make another attempt to reach the throne of Spain.

Senator Morrell, of Vermont, has just completed his fifth consecutive term in the United States senate, and is commencing his sixth term. The only senator who has seen the same number of years consecutive service was Senator Benton, of Missouri, who was not elected for a sixth term.

No bonds have yet been filed by the members of the Oregon railroad commissioner. It seems to be the impression of the governor that the commission has passed out of legal existence, and it is also asserted that Secretary Kincaid would not recognize their bonds, should an attempt be made to file them.

The Heitfield bribery case in the Idaho legislature has been practically decided in the adoption of a resolution recommending that Representative Jones who made the affidavit that he was bribed, and Representative Perkins, whom Jones charged with having paid him \$150 for his vote, be removed from the legislature.

The portfolio of secretary of interior seemed to go begging. Col. McCook, who was slated for it, refused to take anything but the attorney-generalship and Judge McKenna refused also. Secretary Bliss, whose appointment is quite universally criticised, accepted only until someone else could be found for the place.

Some mean fellow writing for another paper, says a Baker City minister used these words: "The hand which made the mighty heavens made a grain of sand; which made the lofty mountains, made a drop of water; which made you, made the grass in the field; which made me made a daisy." And here the congregation bolted.

A number of Mexicans have exhibited considerable indignation because a party of Bostonians have attempted to purchase the battle flags captured from Americans on Mexican battle fields. They have gone so far in some places as to openly insult Americans on the street, and assert that they will demand at the cannon's mouth, if necessary, the return of Texas, California and all the other territory stolen from Mexico.

The old Tombs prison at New York is soon to be replaced by a larger and finer structure to accommodate the large and rapidly increasing criminal demands of Greater New York. The old Tombs has held some of the most noted criminals of the country, and the newer structure, while it will probably gain a larger page in history in a few number of years, will hardly surpass the old in the history of its individual criminals.

The Salvation Army is grappling with the problem of the unemployed,

is inaugurating a great colonization scheme, and proposes to assist the idle men of the cities in obtaining homes in the country. It will start wood yards in the cities, build saw mills in the timber and give employment to those who will accept on their conditions. Then they propose to husband their resources and earnings in such a way as to make it possible for them to exchange for a home in a new colony that is to be founded in California under their entire direction.

The blossom of the cherry tree is the national flower of Japan. Picnics in Japan are called "going to see the flowers." In June, millions of the people go out to sing, and sport under the cherry trees. The Japanese cultivate all over the country the sakura or cherry tree, which they value only for the beauty and sweet perfume of its flowers. From an entire tree one could not pick enough ripe cherries to make a pie, but the blossoms are massed together on the boughs like clouds, and the blooms are often as large as a rose.

The extradition papers in the case of Butler, the Australian murderer, are complete having received the signature of Secretary of State John Sherman. Butler is the man who advertised in Australian papers as a prospector wanting a partner, and when a partner was had they would start for the hills. When out of the borders of civilization Butler would kill his man and steal his money and valuables, hiding his victim in the prospect hole they usually dug. Twenty victims at least are alleged to have fallen in the path of Butler.

Ex-Senator Dolph, who was suffering from blood poisoning and

which was rapidly spreading to his system, underwent a surgical operation at his home in Portland last Monday. A leg was amputated in hopes of saving his life, which operation it was held would increase his chances of recovery about fifteen per cent. Tuesday morning his condition improved somewhat, but the end came at 10:50 Wednesday morning.

The country editor, admits the Boston Journal, has this advantage over a city paper, that while his publication cannot in the nature of the case secure so wide a circulation, every copy that is distributed has a closer and more attentive reading.

It stays in the home at least until the week's issue displaces it. What we may call the all roundness of the country press is one of the most striking features. The editor knows his constituency. The intelligence, fidelity and capacity of the men who conduct the country press merit cordial recognition.

### From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cough and cold left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, editor Daily Advertiser. For sale by Geo. H. Haskins, druggist.

### For Sale Cheap.

One fish net, 185 feet long, good as new, will sell for less than the twine can be bought; also strong wire enough to put in a fish trap. I will give purchaser the benefit of my experience. Address C. E. Knotts, Gold Hill, Oregon.

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