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Did you swear off?

The Eugene Guard is informed that there is no "Dallas Enterprise." The item credited by the Guard thusly, was clipped from the West Side.

It is hard to quarrel with the Sultan about a \$10,000 debt when he gives his creditor a \$20,000 banquet to stave off the day of payment.

The New York legislature will be asked to enlarge the Erie canal to admit a barge system worked by electricity. A report says the improvement would pay, though the cost is estimated at \$62,000,000.

Only \$30,000,000 would be required, according to the estimate of United States engineers, to construct a permanent channel of 14 feet along the entire length of the Illinois river. That would bring lake ships within forty miles of St. Louis and the improvement of the Mississippi would carry them to the gulf.

A new counterfeit \$10 bill is said to have a peculiar smile on the face of the pictured Indian. Probably he is smiling at the reverse look on the face of the man who takes him in.

Some interest is still taken in the question as to whether Emperor William will welcome the new century again or will let his action of last year stand.

The battleship Kentucky made no impression whatever on the Sultan of Turkey. The old plan of sending a dun on a postal card would have been much cheaper.

The father of Edward Cudahy, while the son and his brothers were growing up, was an Irish common laborer in Milwaukee. Now this laborer's four sons, Michael, John, Patrick and Edward, are all millionaires, and employ 6,000 men in their business enterprises.

Advices from Washington, D. C., are to the effect that the lighthouse board has decided to advertise for bids to secure a vessel to be placed at the mouth of the Columbia to assume the duties of the lightship until she can be floated or other arrangements contemplated. This decision was reached through a recommendation by Senator McBride.

Perhaps the Boers are only hazing the British after all, in the hopes of teaching them to be soldiers.

Whether it was due to the efforts of the alleged railway combine or not, the fact remains that the Nicaraguan canal bill is dead for this session at least and that another year must go by before it can even be taken up again.

If two or three more \$25,000 pots are offered for the Omaha kidnapers, Crowe will be even more sought after than Turkey.

It is a pity that General Alger felt himself compelled to re-open that beef scandal. The country has made up its mind on the subject and nothing that Mr. Alger can say can possibly alter its opinion. Posterity may vindicate him but nothing else will.

No, Constant Reader, tobacco sauce is not a part of the regular army ration.

It is reported that diamond mines have been discovered in New Mexico. It is now only a question of time until Great Britain tries to wrest that territory from us.

Much has been printed about the dangers that the mosquito fleet which has just left the United States for Manila, will undergo in its long voyage. As a matter of fact, however, all the vessels that comprise it are considerably larger than those with which Columbus discovered America.

The last century has left a good deal of unfinished business to be cleaned up by the present one. We hope it will be got at while the broom is new.

The first thing we know Kitchener will be writing of the "pernicious activity" of the Boers, whom he hoped had been reduced to a state of "innocuous desuetude."

McBride Does Not Feel Uneasy.

Despite the fact that the river and harbor committee has stricken out The Dalles boat railway project in toto and proposes to return the unexpended \$230,291 appropriated for this enterprise into the general treasury as announced by this morning's Washington dispatches, United States Senator McBride by no means despairs of securing favorable action of congress in reference to the needed improvement at The Dalles. In commenting upon the Washington dispatch this morning, Senator McBride said:

"This action of the river and harbor committee was no surprise to me, and is in line with Chairman Burton's attitude as indicated by me in the Telegram's interview yesterday. I am satisfied that the entire committee, with the exception of Representative Tongue, concurred in this action. Mr. Tongue, I feel convinced, did not agree to the repeal of the item for the improvement of navigation at The Dalles; neither do I believe that he approved of the return of the unexpended appropriation into the general treasury.

"As stated by me yesterday, I shall resist the repeal of The Dalles improvement item in the committee on commerce when the measure comes before this committee, unless something better is given in its stead. I shall immediately communicate with my colleagues on the committee, and also forward an amendment, striking out the repealing clause of the house bill and substituting a provision for the transfer of the unexpended balance appropriated for the boat railway to a locks and canal project.

"The last river and harbor bill had a similar clause, which passed the house and I defeated it in the committee on commerce, and I am confident that the senate will stand by me in favor of a proposition to transfer the unexpended boat railway appropriation to some other form of improvement in the same locality."—Evening Telegram.

Senator Pettigrew, the question-proponer of his branch of Congress, can scarcely be blamed for his course. A good many people think he has good reason for wanting to know more than he does.

Manchester may yet discover that as between dukes and kidnapers the latter get their money more we have to have them.

America was the last continent to get into the new century. It began in the middle of the Pacific and went west, thus traversing the whole world before it got over here. In fact, it didn't reach this continent until six o'clock in the afternoon of the first.

The country is shocked by the West Point hazing disclosures. Not so much by the alleged "brutality" as by the lack of humor displayed by the cadets. Most of the "jokes" are really British in their ponderosity.

It is hinted in Washington that if the supreme court decides "wrong" in the colony cases, it can be reconstituted so that it will decide "right." This bears a striking resemblance to Mr. Bryan's remarks some four years ago, regarding that august tribunal.

The Eldridge block at Salem, where Jonathan Bourne and Corbett's friends herded the members of the hold-up legislature in 1897, will probably be the scene of a high old time during the coming session. Pliable members will find Doc Keene in attendance, ready and eager to introduce them to "that grand old man, H. W. Corbett, who has often expressed a desire to form your acquaintance."—The Dalles Chronicle.

Senator McBride is a member of the committee on inter-oceanic canals. Rather an important position just at present, and one which Oregon cannot afford to lose merely to gratify the personal ambition of the writer of the Driver letters and organizer of the legislative hold-up, which cost Oregon an immense sum of money and disgraced her in the eyes of the country.—Port Orford Tribune.

Where has Senator McBride been since congress convened? He has been at his post at the national capital attending to his duties and doing what he thought for the best interest of his constituents in Oregon.

Where has Senator Simon been since congress convened? Out here in Oregon laying wires and trying to elect Mr. Corbett to Mr. McBride's seat in the senate.

It might be a gain to have Mr. Corbett succeed Mr. Simon, but to have him succeed Mr. McBride would be a loss.—Forest Grove Times.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.

The situation in China seems to justify the predictions of those who have said from the first that the presentation of the demands of the powers to China would be but the beginning, instead of the end of negotiations. In place of answering the demands, the Chinese government has asked five questions. Those questions are so reasonable that the powers can hardly attach any blame to their asking and yet they may prove the entering wedge for negotiations which will drag along until the patience of everybody except the Chinese, is completely worn out. When these questions are answered, the Chinese government will have probably prepared another batch equally as reasonable, and so on indefinitely, if allowed to do so. Meanwhile, the Empress Dowager is playing ducks and drakes in the interior of China, the foreign troops, excepting our own, are dividing their time between chasing alleged boxers and looting, and the rest of the world is guessing what sort of an end it will all have. The question enters the twentieth century badly enough mixed for anybody.

The outlook for legislation when congress reassembles, this week, is by no means as clear as many would like it, and the extra session if allowed to do so. Meanwhile, the Empress Dowager is playing ducks and drakes in the interior of China, the foreign troops, excepting our own, are dividing their time between chasing alleged boxers and looting, and the rest of the world is guessing what sort of an end it will all have. The question enters the twentieth century badly enough mixed for anybody.

The postmaster general has received a communication from the U. S. minister to Spain, which besides calling attention to the continued activity of the Spanish swindlers who catch American gullibles by representing that they are waiting to be claimed, gives American cupidity a hard rap over the fingers, although a deserved one, by saying that a number of Americans had even gone to Spain with the hope of getting property to which they knew they had not the slightest title. Minister Storer says that he has turned over to the Spanish authorities, a large number of forged documents, drawn up on regular government stamped paper, and has urged some action toward exposing and breaking up these swindlers, but nothing has been done. He adds that one reason for this inaction on the part of the Spanish government, may be the feeling that no person can really be swindled who has not morally become an accomplice by being

willing to send money in order to receive a legacy, to which he knows he is not entitled.

Beginning with Jan. 1, the treasury statisticians in figuring on the per capita wealth of the U. S., the Hawaiian Islands, Alaska and the Indian Territory will be included, which will have a tendency to slightly reduce the per capita wealth, which was last figured at about \$27. If Hawaii should be included, the question naturally arises why should not Porto Rico, the Philippines, and the other Pacific islands, which are now owned by the U. S., also be included. Of course, the statisticians, who never see things at ordinary folks do, had their reasons.

Col. W. F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") who is in Washington, in connection with the irrigation of the arid section of Wyoming, where he has large property interests, said: "The passing of frontier life has not depleted the ranks of excellent shots. On the contrary, the rarer game gets the better marksmanship is required to kill it. There may be long range shooting now than formerly, but trap shooting is perhaps more popular. The sporting blood will bubble up; men love to hunt as much as ever."

A group of congressmen, who spent their holiday in Washington, brought out the following interesting facts about the lives of some of their fellow members, in the course of a somewhat extended conversation: Among those who began life on farms and earned their living as farm laborers, are Representatives Adamson, Haugen, Wheeler, of Ky.; Baker, H. C. Smith, Champ Clark. Representative Lorimer earned his first money as a boot black and afterwards as a street car driver. Representative Robinson, of Indiana, started as a newsboy; Representative Brownlow learned the trade of a tinner and afterwards became a locomotive engineer; Representative De Graffenreid was a railway brakeman; Representative Smith, of Ill., and Tawney were blacksmiths; Representative Graham was a brass founder. Representatives Mercer, Breazeale and Swanson were clerks in country stores; Representatives Hepburn, Heatwole, Young and Cummings were printers. This by no means names all the members who have built up careers for themselves from comparatively humble foundations; only those remembered at the time by some member of the

tion to the fact that Senator Thurston started as a farmer's boy, Senator Stewart as a stage driver, and Senator Perkins as a cabin boy.

The Oregonian urges that there be no personalities indulged in relative to the two candidates for United States senator by the friends and advocates of each among the newspapers of the state, yet its columns teem with abuse of Mr. McBride by its populist and democratic exchanges, which it copies with evident approval, thus dodging direct responsibility for the articles. The Oregonian knows that extracts published, although credited, reflect the views of the paper reproducing them, unless made the subject of comment stating wherein they do not. In view of this it becomes that paper to publish the article which appeared on its editorial page Monday, taken from the Medford Enquirer. The Oregonian is continually prating about being independent and yet not a line has reproduced from the state papers commendatory of Senator McBride. Ever penny-a-liner who favors Mr. Corbett is quoted freely and given editorial endorsement and this in face of the fact that the Republican papers outside of Multnomah county are almost unanimous in their demands that Mr. Corbett be allowed to spend the rest of his days at home with the friends of his declining years, "away from the madling crowd." What the demopops think in this matter cuts no figure. It is an insult to party intelligence for the Oregonian to be continually flouting the opinions and advice of such scallawags as Ally, Hofer and the editor of the Medford Enquirer in the faces of decent republicans. Before it counsels decency let it be decent. In the wholesale there is not such a spectacle of organ grinding as the Oregonian presents in its effort to elect Corbett.

When Presidents McKinley and Diaz meet, as it is proposed at the boundary line at El Paso, the two distinguished American potentates may possibly be somewhat at a loss for a subject of conversation. However, there is always available what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina. The long-concealed secret of the nationality and consequent masterful spirit of China's Empress Dowager is betrayed by her name—'Tz' An. There are plenty of "Tz' Anns" down east.

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Angora Goat Show. The second annual goat show for Oregon will be held at Dallas on February 14, under the auspices of the Polk County Mohair Association.

There will be two grades of goats eligible for entry: Thoroughbreds in one class, and all other goats in another. Twenty-six prizes will be awarded in the thoroughbred class and the same number of prizes will be awarded in the other class, making fifty-two prizes in all.

It is rumored that supporters of Mr. Corbett's senatorial aspirations are threatening to hold up the legislature again unless he is elected. It would be a calamity and a disgrace to the state to have a repetition of the hold-up of 1896, but if the Polk politicians think they can force an improper selection by making such threats they greatly mistake the temper of the people.—Newberg Graphic.

Sheriff's Sale for Taxes.

NOTICE is hereby given, that by virtue of a warrant of the state of Oregon for the county of Polk, commanding me to collect, delinquent taxes, school tax, county tax for the year 1900, which were not collected, and to make and deliver a return of the same, I have levied upon the following described property, viz: W. J. of Lots No. 7 and No. 8, Block No. 2, of Hill's Addition to Hill's Independence, in Polk county, Oregon, the property of Independence Water and Electric Light Company for the same amount assessed on said delinquent tax roll.

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