

Kaiser Wilhelm informs the reichstag that the peace of Europe is now assured, and, therefore, asks for more liberal appropriations for the army and navy. A few months hence he will make the same request because the country is in danger. First he wants more butter for his bread and then more bread for his butter. How long will the German people stand this needless military burden?

It has cost the city several hundred dollars to learn that it cannot erect a city hall on one of the plaza blocks. Meanwhile several months have passed away, property has increased in value and the most desirable site under consideration has been sold. Every day of procrastination adds to the final expense, and it is advisable that early action be taken in selecting a site.

Tuesday night, last, the board of trade of Portland gave a grand banquet at the rooms of the Concordia club in honor of Hon. Sol. Hirsch, who is about to proceed to his post as minister to Turkey. The selection of one of her citizens to fill so important a diplomatic position is an honor to the city, and the banquet was an expression of appreciation of this fact.

It will be unfortunate indeed if the closeness of the vote in Montana shall result in a delay in the admission of the state into the union. Yet, if fraud has been committed at the polls, it is better that it remain a territory ten years longer than that the sanctity of the ballot, the very foundation of a republican form of government, be violated.

Chicago gave one of the grandest banquets the country has ever known to the members of the pan-American congress. Nothing they have seen in the United States has so impressed them as did this great western metropolis. This occasion will do much to further Chicago's effort to secure the great fair in 1892.

The official vote of Washington shows that 40,152 ballots were cast for the constitution and 11,879 against it; 19,546 favored prohibition and 31,487 opposed it; 16,527 for woman suffrage, 34,613 against.

Secretary Windom's final decision in the matter of admitting Mexican lead ores free of duty will scarcely endear him to the people of the west.

Who says Portland is not up to the times when real estate is auctioned off to the inspiring toots of a brass band in full uniform?

Montana had better look out or Idaho will get into the family nest ahead of her.

CATCHING WILD HORSES.

THE scene so graphically depicted by the artist on the two pages in the center of this number is a common one in certain districts of the west.

In Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana there are a number of "horse ranches," where the business of rearing horses for market is conducted upon a somewhat similar plan to that of the range cattle industry. These are by no means "wild horses" in the sense in which that word was used in former days in speaking of the bands of mustangs the pioneers and trappers found roaming the plains and valleys of the west in a state of nature. Nor are they such as are to be found in some localities where the descendants of American horses that have strayed from their owners and entered upon a life of unrestrained freedom are often found living in bands in the mountains; but they are the well guarded property of ranchers, who have permitted them to grow up and pick their own living upon the ranges, kept, however, within certain limits by the ceaseless vigilance of their owners. They are wild only in the sense that they have never been broken or subjected to any individual restraint.

The horse breeding industry is becoming a large one in the west, and the special excellence of the animals sent to eastern markets from our western bunch grass ranges is fast making for them an enviable reputation. Our ranchers have introduced the best strains of blood and are doing all that careful and intelligent breeding can do to raise sound and marketable animals.

The scene in the engraving is a stirring one, and represents the catching of some of these animals preparatory to sending them to market, which is usually done when they have reached their second summer on the range. Many carloads of horses are thus caught and driven to the nearest railroad station for eastern shipment annually. It is the general custom to drive them in a band to the shipping points, where they are directed into a corral and there caught for branding and shipment. It may well be imagined that this work of "rounding up" and catching these fleet and graceful animals, after a life of freedom on the open range for two years, is exhilarating and exciting, and in its many incidents the artist can find subjects to tax the most cunning skill of his pencil.

General Schofield has issued an order prohibiting the sale of liquor or beer to soldiers by post traders, and has recommended the establishment of canteens, under the supervision of officers, where soldiers can obtain beer and indulge in the usual club amusements at wholesale prices. Officers do not seem to take kindly to the idea of managing a beer hall, and the canteen lacks favor with leaders of the post Germans.