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The river and harbor bill has passed the Senate, and now goes to the House, where it will no doubt be concurred in, as Senator dolph has sissippi valley and the Eastern been made a member of the confer ence committee. The appropriations for Oregon were largely increased in the Senate, only two States in the Union getting larger sums. The bill as it passed the Senate contains the

Improving entrance to Coos Bay, \$125,000.

Tillamook Bay, \$500.

Nehalem Bay, \$10,000. Yaquina Bay, \$185,000.

Re-examination of Port Orford to ascertain if the estimated cost for the harbor of refuge can not be materially lessened, \$5,000.

Upper Columbia and Snake, \$20,-

Mouth Columbia river, \$500,000. rivers, in front and below Portland, \$100,000.

Upper Willamette, \$11,000, \$5,000 of which may used in the discretion | educators in the several States. of the Secretary of war in improving the Clackamas rapids and Ross island.

Coquille river, \$80,000. Umpqua river, \$9,000.

Siuslau river, jetty system, \$50,000. Young's and Klaskanine rivers,

The totals aggregate \$1,497,100. Washington did not fare so well, getting a total of \$92,000.

Prof. James Bryce, of England, author of the American Commonwealth, who arrived in New York on the 13th, when asked concerning the opinion in England regarding the Behring Sea controversy, said: "There is not any opinion. Our telegraphic advices from this side of the water have been so scant that they have had no influence at all upon public opinion, and apparently the British public is absolutely and woefully ignorant of the merits of the case. I do not believe there is the slightest danger of a rupture between the two great nations, which stand as the foremost representatives of the Anglo-Saxon race."

Mr. Thomas J. Vivian, of San Francisco, has been appointed special agent of the eleventh census, to collect the statistics of water transportation on the Pacific slope, the territory of Alaska excepted. The vescollection districts 96 to 103, inclu-All correspondence which managing owners of vessels have heretofore had with the census office has been turned over to Mr. Vivian, and all further correspondence may be carried on with him.

Southern Republics, is to the effect would terminate in a manner favorable to both sides. In the meantime Ezeta had been successful in nearly every engagement; had 20,000 men and plenty of supplies, while the Gautemalans were 30,000 strong, but were kicking because of non-payment and the shortness of grub.

A train on the Missouri Pacific, near Tipten, Mo., was taken in by train robbers, and \$30,000 taken from the Pacific Express Company's safe. skipped.

Pacific, 6,000,000 acres, it is claimed, are mineral lands, and an earnest effort is being made to prevent patents issuing for the land.

The German embassy at Paris have been instructed not to pecognize in any way either the Prince or Princess Hatzfeldt, of Huntington noto-

riot in the Chickasaw Nation on the | judgment or any part of it. 15th-election day.

bursting of a steam pipe on board Six others were killed.

J. B. Purdom, an old and highly respected citizen of Albany, died at his home in that city on the 17th, aged 71 years.

Baron Leon, of Vienna, fell down | America. a precipice in the Alps recently and was killed.

The cold dip at Winnipeg, Manimarked 33 degrees.

Elijah Saltmarsh, an aged pioneer, died near Waterloo, Linn county, last Saturday, aged 80 years.

Mrs. Maggie Wills, of Albany, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Copeland, in this city.

President Harrison was 57 years old on Wednesday, just six days the first two by acciamation. older than this scribe.

George Ainslee will probably be the Democratic candidate for U. S. der a false name, and trying to earn and its dredges are of exceptional is a great cosideration in a free gov-Senator from Idaho.

Oregon has been honored again. | CASE OF BOOM-DESTROYING. State School Superintendent Mc-Elroy has been appointed a member of the international educational committee of the United States for Oregon, California, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico. There are six commissioners-one for the Pacific coast, one for the New England States, one for the Middle States, one for the Southwestern States, and two for the Mis-

States. The work of the commissioners will embrace the preparation of an educational exhibit for the Chicago world's fair. The commissioners will report on plans and schedules following appropriations for Oregon: of work to the National Teachers' Association at Saratoga, N. Y. In the fall they will begin active work.

In a recent conversation with an Oregonian representative Mr. McEl-

roy said: I shall have charge of the Pacific coast exhibit and shall make the superintendents of public instruction in each of the States and Territories Cascades, Columbia river, \$450,000. in my district as my deputies. They will necessarily have deputies. I will begin my preliminary correspondence this year, and next year Lower Willamette and Columbia enter actively upon my work. It will be my aim to make the finest exhibit possible. In this I shall ex-

pect the hearty co-operation of the

In the exhibit a specialty will be made of school products, such as school apparatus invented on the Pacific coast, mechanical drawings, industrial work, maps, charts, plans, methods of teaching, crayon work and school reports and records. I do not know how much space will be allotted us, but it will be large. Such was the case at the Centennial Exposition and at the New Orleans World's Fair. Indiana led in 1876. So far as I know the Pacific coast made no exhibit then.

I will look after Oregon in person. Portland will make a fine exhibit. Oregon's schools are now in a flourishing condition. I estimate that there are 103,000 children of school age in the State. . There were a few less than 100,000 when the school census was taken last year, and there has been a large gain since then.

At St. Louis, Mo., on the 18th, Edward Hake shot and killed his wife while she was sleeping, and then shot himself, inflicting a mortal wound. A short time ago he stole from his father \$4,500, but was arrested and the money recovered. On Hake's promise to sue for a divorce from his wife prosecution for the theft was withdrawn. Hake entered suit for divorce, but finding he loved his wife so much, he preferred killing her and himself rather than sels that come within his jurisdiction be separated from her. It was a are such as are enrolled in customs cowardly thing for him to do, however, as she may have preferred to live, even if a separation was to be the result.

The La Grande Gazette published | What do you say ?" this item, which is of especial interest to surgeons: "Some two months ago John Mummey had his hand kan't stand noise, recolleck." The latest from the war among the sawed off below the wrist, which hung only by a shred of flesh. The that peace negotiations were pro- attending physicians desired to cut gressing, and Gen. Ezeta said they it off, but Mummey insisted that it be replaced and dressed as good as possible. Now the severed member has grown together and can be moved slowly."

Some of the foreign powers are trying a little more protection just to see how it works. France adds three francs to corn and six to corn meal, and continues to exclude our hog product altogether. We noticed last their market-houses snails, horse and The robers, satisfied with their haul, mule meats, etc. They have drawn the line on hog and hominy appa-Of the land grant to the Northern | rently. Well, there is no accounting | for tastes.

Miss Knowles sued and obtained a verdict against Lester Frazier Duncan, of the London Matrimonial News, in London, obtaining a verdict for £10,000 (\$50,000) for breach of promise. Duncan fled at once to France, hoping to evade payment, selling his paper and other property probably during the prose-The Government made arrange- cution of the suit. It is doubtful ments to put down the threatened | whether the young lady collects the

The statue of Lafayette, presented Prince Khilkahoff was killed by the by the French government to the United States, arrived at New York the Russian man-of-war Tebesinia. on the 8th. Including the pedestal it is 50 feet high, cost \$200,000, and | facturers are advancing their prices is a beautiful work of art. It will 10 per cent. ornament Lafayette square, Washington, D. C. The pedestal bears on its four sides bronze groups emblematic of Lafayette's career while in

The Linkville stage was held up and robbed two miles west of Lakeview, by two masked men, on the toba, on the night of the 17th, 16th. They secured the express box, mail bags and \$40 from the two passengers on board. Supposed to be small treasure only in the express and mail.

> The Republicans of Idaho met in Convention on the 20th. It is expected that Shoup, for Governor, Sweet, for Congress, and Dubois, for U. S. Senator, will be nominated,

Archduke John, of Austria, is running a saltpeter mine in Chile, unan honest livelihood.

The "boom" spirit has taken such possession of the West that people who are looking for locations have become accustomed to high exagger-

"Do you want to sell your farm ?" was asked of an old fellow.

"Wouldn't mind it." "Land rich ?"

"Cream's poor compared with it." "Healthful neighborhood?"

"Ain't nobody ever died here yet. Cal. Gruder's son died some time ago in Texas, and they fotch him home to bury him, an' dinged if he didn't get well before they got through with the funeral sermon." "It must be healthful."

"That's whut it is. See that fellar goin' 'long yander ?"

"Yes."

"Walks pretty well, don't he?"

"Fust rate." "Wall, I know something about him in connection with this 'ere climate that will sound sorter strange."

"What's that ?" "Wall, when that fellar come here

he had only one leg." "You don't mean it ?"

"Yes, I do." "I have heard so much concerning this part of the country that I am now prepared for almost anything, but I must confess that you astonish

"It's a fact all the same. Only had one leg when he come here, but putty soon another commenced to grow out."

"Grew right on the stump of the

"No, sir; never had a stump. Was borned with only one leg. Do you know that thar ain't a man in this county that draws a pension from the government ?"

"No, is that a fact ?" "A flat-footed fack. Their arms an' legs have growed out till the Government has refused to give 'em

pensions," "Good fruit country ?"

"Well, tolerable, but it ain't good fur apples, fur the trees grow so high that the young apples die of the cold. See that long row of big trees over yonder ?"

"Yes." "When I came here they had just been sot out. They were telegraph poles at first, but shortly after they were put out, they commenced growin', and they jest had to take the wires off of 'em an' let 'em rip. Wonderful country, ain't it ?"

"Yes; by the way, what will you take for your place ?"

"I'll sell it to you cheap, considerin' the fack that they are about to lay off a town on it. You may have my fifty acres for a hundred dollars." "That's certainly cheap."

"Reckon it is. What do you say ?" "It is suspiciously cheap, Why are you so anxious to sell ?"

"Wal, as I tell you, they air goin' to build a town herean' I don't want no noise an' confusion about me.

"Pon't believe I want to buy." "Say, take it fur fifty dollars. I "No, I don't care to invest."

"How would twenty-five strike vou ?"

Not very well."

"What would you say to fifteen ?" "No, I'm obliged to you."

"Wall, git outen here, now-git! You would paralyze any boom the country ever saw. Bill," calling his son, "fetch my gun out here, an' if sired the law so framed that the poor this fellar's in sight three minits | man may be allowed to go on a royal from now I'll take a crack at him. Git!"-Arkansaw Traveler.

The fire at Dayton, Wash., on the summer these Frenchmen selling in 11th, caused a loss of \$85,000; insurance, \$51,800.

> Charles and Daniel Ellison, of Pattison, Texas, brothers, killed each other in a quarrel on the 11th.

Joe Clark, 15 years, was killed by a lot of boys on the 11th, at Willows, Col. Over 80 shot entered his left

Mrs. Lambert, of Lake county, was badly burned recently trying to save two children from a burning building. She will probably recover.

The citizens of Springfield are trying to raise \$7,000, the cost of bringing the Oregonian railway to that town from Coburg.

Owing to the advance in price of hides and leather, the shoe manu-

W.J. King and wife were drowned by the bursting of a water spout near their home on the river, near Salonca, Colorado.

A party of gold hunters proceeded to Rock creek the other day and propose to find out if there is anything in the reports of gold having been found in that stream or in its vicinity, by giving ita thorough prospecting. It is said they were furnished the "sinews of war" by a California syndicate.

purchased the plant used by the the wage earners of this country if American Contract & Dredging Co. at Colon, formerly used on the works | barred to them; but to the millionof the Panama canal, and the plant | aires it will be far different, By is being removed to Graytown. This keeping Chinese out of this country plant did the greatest part of the | we give more labor and better wages effective work on the Panama canal, to our own poor, and this certainly power and capacity.

Socialist Burns says funds raised for his support is exhausted, and if a new collection is not made he will have to go to work. Awful, ain't it?

Miss Ollie Debord, of Marion county, while out walking, received a charge of shot in the breast. Cause -three young men out grouse shoot-

Ex-Consul General to Calcutta, Hon. B. F. Bonham and family, arrived at their old home, Salem, on the 11th, after an absence of five

Polk county kicks because the census cusses give her less population than in 1885. What an awful fraud the census is proving, indeed. The census managers should be embalmed —in tar.

John Milton, of Frazier, says that one of his horses, last week, devoured ten gallons of mineral header oil, a side of bacon, and six cans of axle grease; is a good workhorse and does his share of pulling.

To render paper or pasteboard waterproof, mix four parts of slaked lime with three parts of skimmed milk, add a little alum; then give the material two coatings of the mixture with a brush and let it dry.

The Ameer of Afghanistan visited Cabul on the 11th, and was received with enthusiasm. He was visited by the chiefs, military officers and citizens, and presented with 60,000 rupees to be devoted to charity.

The sheriff arrested William Beaver at Arkansas City, Ark., on the 11th, for assault upon a young white lady, and was taking his prisoner to jail, when a mob met, overpowered the sheriff, and hung the negro to a tree.

W. H. Walker, of Staver & Walker, Portland, was killed on the 12th near Foley Springs, Lane county. It is the same old story: He was out deer hunting with a youth named Powers; the two became separated; Powers heard the brush crack, and fired at what he now says he supposed was a deer. What ought to be done with these fools who, almost weekly, are killing men whom they take for deer! What's the use in building penitentiaries, anyhow? Staver & Walker were the largest dealers in agricultural goods in the Northwest.

Kemmler was executed by electricity in New York on the 6th. It was the first execution by electricity in this country, and was not qu te up to the mark, and some of the tenderfeet in the East insist on abolishing the killing by electricity and falling back on the old barbaric custom of hanging. The weight of authority strengthens the belief that death by electricity is as quick as thought, and therefore absolutely without pain, while death from neck-breaking and strangulation is often prolonged, and altogether revolting. The first case was largely experimental; the authorities will do a much better job next time, and all this howl and maudlin sympathy over the death of a brute will cease.

A prominent citizen said to us the other evening, while noting the gyrations of a "practitioner at the bar," that he was in favor of a law penitentiarying for life any rich man that drank stimulants, for the reason that he was rich already; but he despree once every three months for twenty-four hours, during which time he should have the "freedom of the town" or city in which he. lived, so that he might be as "rich as a lord" four times a year-and that was enough. If he (the poor man) undertook to get drunk between whiles, he should after due trial and conviction, be "electroscooted," if it took a million volts to the square

The ire of the Celestial empire has been-aroused by the exclusive measures, and the Chinese minister in Washington says his country will retaliate if the exclusion acts are not modified. At présent China is realizing the importance of modern improvements, and in building railroads, etc., offers a good field for the investment of money. American capital is interested now in building railroads in the great empire, and if retaliatory measures are adopted our fellow citizens may find themselves at a disadvantage. There can be no question that China has as much right from an international standpoint, to forbid Americans immigrating to the empire, as the United States have to order Chinese subjects out of this country. As a mere matter of financ'al gain, it is simply a balancing of accounts whether the country will gain more by opening wide the gates to these Mongolian hordes, and our citizens enjoying the same privileges in the Celestial empire, or by excluding them be excluded ourselves in turn. China may be a good field for capital, but not for The Nicaragua Canal people have labor; and it makes no difference to the gates of the empire are forever ernment.

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