

The Pie Behind the Guns.

It has been agreed that there is a good deal of "pie" and other desirable things connected with a Government job, but a Chicago man who visited the navy-yard recently says the fact was never so forcibly impressed upon him as on the occasion of his trip to where the big guns are made. The big whistle of the navy-yard was just blowing the noon hour as the Chicago man entered the gate. A moment after the first blast hundreds of workmen rushed out of shops to the road, where a huge wagon stood, whose sides bore the sign, "Pie", in gaudy, painted colors. In a few minutes afterward each of the mechanics was lurching on a huge section of a huge pie. The Government allows no private undertakings inside any of its buildings, and the navy-yard is no exception. As the men have but half an hour for lunch, they do not have time to go outside of the yards, so they have secured the concession from the regular rule which allows the pie wagons to come in. Every day three immense loads of pie are consumed by the men who build the guns for our fighting ships.

Sneak Over Border.

A special to the New York Herald from Washington says: Assistant secretary of the Treasury Taylor will appoint in a few days an immigration inspector and assign him to the special duty of making an investigation of the fraudulent admission of immigrants into the United States.

Steamship lines at New York have found recently that their steamers have brought comparatively few immigrants to the United States, and inquiry developed that persons desirous of avoiding inspection went to Canada and then tried to enter the states over the border. New York has received many of this class.

Mexico has again served as a base for the entrance of Chinese into this country. A report received at the treasury department shows that 2000 Chinamen were taken to Mexico and employed on the Mexican Central railroad. Fifteen hundred of these men quickly crossed the border, and all except 300, who were arrested and deported, are now under the American flag. Investigation of the situation on the Mexican side is in progress.

Gigantic Poultry.

In order to enable the juvenile visitors at the Portland Free Museum to realize the immense size of the birds that lived in the John Day country before that locality was covered to a depth of 3000 feet with molten lava, L. L. Hawkins is having a woodcock egg turned to life size, says the Oregonian. "This egg," Mr. Hawkins said, "is to be 13 inches long and 9 inches through, and will suggest to museum visitors the size of the poultry of the now remote cretaceous period. That was ages before man existed on the earth, and all animals were giants compared with those of modern times. I will write a story to explain the presence of this egg and give a brief description of the owners of those fossil mammoths which existed on the edges of the great lakes and swamps before the earth's crust and finally settled down to a safe basis for man's occupancy. This story will appear on a neat card, so that visitors may read, wonder and ponder all at the same time."

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What Ireland Thinks.

The fooliest fool idea that has yet emanated from any source supposed to be brain capped, comes from the United States geological survey at Washington, which advocates the cutting of fire lanes (rightly called) through the Cascade forests reservation, (somebody's graft for timber, perhaps), that the fire departments at Portland, Dalles city, etc., may enter to fight fires that might befall forth within the reservation. If that is Director Walcott's idea we suggest a camphor-bath for his head. If it's the idea of some smartie on the survey Walcott had better send the chap out here where he can herd sheep and learn something. "Fire-lanes," indeed. They'd become Grand Avenues for flames.—Moro Observer.

"Old Dick" is Dead.

Long years ago, when John Devine went upon the Alford ranch to found and build up one of the big cattle ranches of the western country, he took there two tame elks—Dick and his mate—from which has sprung a numerous herd of noble brutes. "Old Dick" was well known to all who have visited Mr Devine's ranch, and admired the herd in which the owner has just pride. Dick is said to have been a splendid specimen of his breed, and many persons will regret to learn that death has taken him from the park. The possession of such a herd is a novelty, and is one of the delights of Mr. Devine's life on his ranch, deep in the surroundings of broad ranges and far distant from the centers and scenes of human population. May the descendants of old Dick live long and multiply.—Burns News.

Will Ask New Trial for Green.

Attorneys McCredie and Rands have prepared a motion for a new trial for James Green, the convicted Skamania county murderer. The grounds set out in the motion are error in the method of empanelling the jury; error of the court in refusing to grant the defendant's motion for a change of venue; errors in law during the trial, to which exceptions were taken by the defendant's attorneys, and error of the jury in not rendering a verdict for murder in the second degree.

A Bird.

A woman in Chatfield, Minn. has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband's name was Robbins, the second Sparrow and the present one is Quayles, and they live on Jay street. There are two young Robbins, one Sparrow and two Quayles. One might almost be forgiven for suggesting that the lady was a "bird."—Albany Democrat.

When the Robins nest again and the Sparrows homeward fly there'll be Quayles at home in that family if not on toast.

The largest fish wheel on the Columbia river has just been completed by W. H. Warren at the Cascades on the Washington side. The wheel occupies the best position on the river, and no doubt during the open season will more than pay its cost of \$10,000.

It is not generally known that marking an unpatented article "Article Patented" renders the party so designating his goods liable to a penalty under Section 4901 of the Revised Statutes, one-half of the penalty to the person who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the United States. This has, however, been held not to apply to a case where the manufacturer of a previously patented article continued to affix to it the word "Patented" and the date after the patent thereon had expired. This, the Supreme Court has held, could be done by the manufacturer without incurring any penalty. Opinion submitted by E. G. Siggers, Patent Lawyer, Washington, D. C.

Plans have been completed for the building of a vessel at Vancouver B. C. for another Arctic explorer. Captain Joseph Bernier will have charge of the expedition and expects to be absent five years. The vessel will cost \$80,000 and be fitted up in the most perfect manner possible.

The millions and tens of millions of dollars which the Government has received from the West through the sale of its public lands, give that half of the continent the right to expect liberal assistance from Uncle Sam in reclamation of its remaining arid lands which only require the building of storage reservoirs to make fertile and populous.—Burns Items.

D. P. Ketchum yesterday sold his clip of new wool to The Dalles Scouring Mills for 10 cents a pound. Mr. Ketchum says the clip was the cleanest he ever had. Chas. McAllister, also sold 25,000 pounds to the mills at 10 cents. This clip was also bright and cleaner than usual. These and other recent small sales may be fairly taken as an indication that this year's prices will probably range between 9 and 11 cents.—Dalles Chronicle.

The board of classification of the United States general appraisers has announced a decision in the Russian sugar case. The board, by a majority vote, holds the United States government was justified in imposing a countervailing duty on Russian sugar. The opinion was written by Judge Somerville, and General Appraiser Fisher concurs with them. Colonel Tichenor writes a dissenting opinion.

Baker City has begun laying pipe for the new system of water works soon to be in operation at that place. Water will be brought from Elk creek nine miles away.

Wool Rate.

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