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BLAINE ILL AGAIN.
Much Interest Taken in His Condition—Election Matters.
ROAD AGENTS AGAIN AT WORK.
Oregon's De'legation at Work in Washington—Brightly Illumined Heavens.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Blaine's condition continues to excite gossip, notwithstanding the positive statement of the family and the attending physicians that nothing serious is the matter with him. As soon as Blaine is able he will leave Washington and take up his residence for a time in some warmer and more even climate. The weather here is irritating his bronchial trouble, and the doctor finds more difficulty in effecting a cure. Blaine's present condition is that, in view of complications which may arise at any time, he deems it best to seek a climate that will do for him what medical skill does not appear to do here. It is understood that Pasadena, Cal., has been selected as the most suitable place for residence and that Blaine and family will go there early next month.

A Road Agent in Tillamook.
TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 25.—Last Saturday, as the Tillamook and North Yamhill stage was coming this way, there was an attempt to rob the stage, but it was foiled by the driver. There was only one passenger, Mr. H. E. Nelson, of Nehalem, and he discovered the would-be highwayman dodging and crouching behind trees. Mr. Nelson was not armed, so he remained in the vehicle while the driver ventured cautiously ahead on foot pistol in hand. At a sharp turn in the road he discovered a man crouching behind a tree and armed with a Winchester rifle. McCoy, the driver, had the drop on the rascal, and demanded to know what he meant by acting so suspiciously. The stranger begged off, but was so confused that he could offer no satisfactory account of his peculiar actions. He was allowed to go. Careful inquiry failed to identify the man in anyway, and no such individual had been seen on the road at any time before his encounter with the stage nor has he been seen since.

Northern Pacific Robbery.
TACOMA, Nov. 26.—As through passenger train on the Northern Pacific pulled out of Hot Spring, a small station 63 miles east of Tacoma, last night, it was boarded by three masked men, who wore long dark overcoats and slouch hats, and their faces were covered by red handkerchiefs. Two were armed with Winchester rifles of 45-caliber, and one carried an old-fashioned rim-fire Colt pistol, using caps. They rifled a Pullman sleeper, and robbed the conductor and passengers. Their booty footed up \$1065 in money, besides six gold watches and considerable jewelry. The ladies were not molested, as the gentlemanly highwaymen were of too gallant a disposition, and the porter was allowed to keep his diamonds and money undisturbed.

Washington Notes.
Senator Mitchell has returned to Washington and is busy in arranging his congressional work. He is quoted in a New York paper, which city he recently visited, as saying that the most important measure to be considered by congress, either at this or the coming session, is that of free silver.

They Don't Like It.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—The Morning Call will say tomorrow that the white merchants of this city have become alarmed at the condition of Chinese finances, and will hereafter refuse to give credit to Chinese manufacturers whom they supply with goods. Interviews with a number of Chinese manufacturers indicate that business with them is in a bad way. They have reduced their forces largely, and their workmen, they think, will refuse to register under the Geary act, but will go back to China with all their savings. The Call thinks that within the next year the manufacturers of shoes, cigars and clothing by Chinese will have almost ceased to exist in San Francisco.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The Great Northern is pushing its line to the Pacific coast as rapidly as possible. F. I. Whitney, general passenger agent of the road, said today that the company expected to be ready to commence running trains through to Seattle by the last of November.

Killed a Whale.
ASTORIA, Nov. 20.—During the recent fierce storm a monster came ashore at Elk Creek and was first seen by R. C. F. Astbury and Herbert Logan, who were returning from a duck hunt. While riding along the beach they observed what seemed to be an upturned

skelton, over which the waves seemed to be breaking mercilessly. On a nearer approach they found it to be an enormous whale. The monster was stranded on the inside of a sandbank and was thrashing around in about six feet of water in a vain endeavor to reach the ocean. The boys determined, if possible, to kill it, and Logan fired six shots out of his revolver into its head. The whale snapped his tremendous jaws viciously. Meanwhile Astbury had put out the monster's eyes with his shooting. The blood was now pouring out of the wounds, and the water, dyed deep crimson, was lashed into a bloody foam by the desperate struggles of the great mammal to reach its native element. When the tide had receded sufficiently to allow the boys to get close to it, they harpooned it with a couple of crowbars, and Jay Smith drove a hunting-knife so hard into the monster's side that he lost it in the blubber. After three hours vain struggle to reach the sea again, the huge leviathan, with a tremendous convulsion and a long wail, expired. The monster is 76 feet long and 35 feet around.

THE ROSLYN BANK ROBBERS.
Caught in Gilliam County—Belong to An Organized and Desperate Gang.
PORTLAND, Nov. 25.—Cal Hale, Tom Kenzie and George Zackey, men whose names have struck terror to the hearts of the good citizens of Gilliam county for years, are in the clutches of the law. The men are desperate characters, and are leaders of one of the most notorious gangs of thieves that has ever operated in the Pacific Northwest.

For years they have terrorized Eastern Oregon and Washington. The gang numbers about 25 men, all connected by blood relationship, and who several years ago emigrated to the state from Kentucky and Missouri. Their rendezvous is in the mountains of Gilliam county, where they have a number of ranches and several hundred head of cattle and horses, most of which they have stolen in their numerous raids. Their strength has been such that the law-abiding citizens of Gilliam county have been powerless to do anything toward ridding the country of them. Members of the gang have been arrested at different times, but always escaped conviction as sufficient evidence could not be procured.

THE BANK ROBBERY.
On the afternoon of September 23 last five masked men rode up to the bank of Abrams, Snipes & Company, at Roslyn, Wash., dismounted, and leaving one man in charge of the horses, entered the bank. Cashier Abernethy was confronted by one of the men and a revolver pointed at his head. Dr. Lyons, who was in the bank at the time, was also covered. The robbers went to the vault and took about \$12,000 in coin and currency, which they placed in canvas bags, and remounting, rode away. Since then the pursuit has been constant but without success until Marshal McGrath of Ellensburg and Sheriff Wilcox of Gilliam county secured them last Saturday.

The Heavens Shone.
NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The heavens were filled with celestial fireworks last night, and those who kept their eyes and minds on things earthly missed a beautiful and interesting display. All over the sky bright spots and streaks of light were darting and streaming. They came from all quarters, and darted in every direction. Some gleamed suddenly and brilliantly and suddenly went out like the intermittent flashes from tropical fireflies in the dark forests. Others flashed across the sky, leaving behind them a streak of reddish light that often seemed to extend clear across the firmament and last until the brilliant head and all were swallowed up in blackness.

Democratic Success.
LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Daily Telegraph announces that the Cynon, triple works have resumed, after a suspension of three months. There has been a general resumption in the Swansea, Morristown and Llanelly districts resulting from extensive American orders.

Another Whaleback.
TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 25.—A new 4000-ton whaleback barge has been ordered built by the American Steel Barge company for the Northern Pacific steamship line between Puget Sound and China, to be finished May next. She is to make 15 knots per hour when loaded, and have accommodations for 60 cabin passengers.

a republican to represent them in the Oregon legislature. He, owing to some change in his affairs, saw fit to resign, so his place had to be filled by the election of a representative on the 8th inst. The result was supposed to be in favor of Byrd, democrat, from Harney county. But the official count changes his plurality in Harney from 48 to 30 making the vote between him and his opponent, Gowan, from Grant county, a tie, 30 being the latter's plurality in his own county. So, after two elections, the people of Harney and Grant are still without a representative.

AMMONIA IN BAKING POWDER.
Discussion Before the American Chemical Society.
[Chicago Tribune.]
To THE EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE—I have just seen the report in your issue of Sept. 3, of the discussion at the Washington meeting of the American Chemical Society, Aug. 18, relative to the use of carbonate of ammonia in baking powders.

This report is incomplete and incorrect in many particulars, and as the paper which precipitated the discussion was read by me and was based upon my own experiments, I desire to make certain corrections in the interest of the truth and for the benefit of the large number of your readers to whom the question is of great moment. The paper as read before the society related that ammonia in baking powder is retained in the bread by reason of its affinity to the gluten. The consensus of opinion as expressed during the discussion was against the use of carbonate of ammonia in baking powder with the only exception of Dr. McMurtrie, who is now an employe of a baking powder company which uses carbonate of ammonia in its baking powder.

Of the other parties mentioned as having taken part in the discussion were Professor Dr. Barker, of the University of Pennsylvania, who is the president of the society and one of our highest authorities. In answer to a pleading by Professor McMurtrie that only small quantities of ammonia were used in baking powders, he stated: "No matter how small the quantity, I must decline to be dosed medically without my consent when taking my meals." Dr. E. H. Bartley, formerly chemist of the Brooklyn Board of Health and Professor of Chemistry at the Long Island College, likewise named, did not, I believe, take active part in the discussion, but is already on record as strongly opposed to the use of ammonium carbonate in baking powders.

Dr. Richardson volunteered only the question whether the flour used in the experiments was of good quality, of which I assured him by stating that it was the best and the flour used in the family. Professor Mallet was not present. Your article is misleading in so far as it gives the impression that ammonia disappears on baking. My actual tests agree with those made by others, showing that ammonia remains in the bread. My investigations simply assign a new cause for its retention.

H. ENDEMARE, Ph. D.
—New York Tribune, Sept. 17, 1891.
NOTE.—Dr. Endemann, the writer of this communication, is well known in scientific circles, and was for twelve years chemist of New York Board of Health.

The baking powder company above referred to is the Royal Baking Powder Company of New York and the employe Dr. William McMurtrie, who defends that company's use of ammonia, is their much advertised government authority. There is no such office known under our government as that of government or United States government chemist.

Kolb Will Contest.
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 28.—There is going to be a bitter fight over the governorship. Kolb declares he was elected by 45,000 majority, but was counted out. Jones, on the other hand, says there is not the least foundation for Kolb's charges. There is no law for contest by state officers in this state, and Kolb's chances hang on the passage of a law now before the state legislature.