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THE FIGHT IN WASHINGTON.

The fight in the republican ranks in the State of Washington is becoming more strenuous and determined as the time approaches for the legislature to meet.

Mr. Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, still appears to be well in the lead as a senatorial candidate. He is not especially a railroad candidate; he is to a great extent independent of them.

THE TELEPHONE HOLD-UP.

The New Age doesn't go much on public ownership in general, but one thing this and other cities, or the general government, should take over, control and own, is the telephone systems.

FORTUNE'S APPOINTMENT.

The President has again shown his desire and intention fairly to recognize the colored citizens of the country by the appointment of Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age, to be a special commissioner to our insular possessions.

The Virginia constitution, intended to disfranchise Negroes, is to be tested in congress and in the United States courts, and John G. Carlisle, the eminent democratic lawyer, is to manage the case for the opponents of the unconstitutional constitution.

No body can find out whether "Jack" Matthews is chairman of the republican State Central committee, as well as United States marshal, or not.

A system of regularly retiring old employes on pensions will be put into effect January 1 by the Union Pacific railroad company, which is further evidence that all corporations are not "soulless."

Ex-President Cleveland is a great fisherman, and now it is hinted that he is fishing for a third term as President.

Mr. Bryan can still talk and write, but politically he is an away back number, all the same.

The Council is doing some good work; at least the councilmen are earning their salaries.

Who will be the next senator from Oregon? Nobody can answer this conundrum.

The Council and Board of Public Works seem to be pulling in opposite directions.

Get ready to have the best kind of a Merry Christmas.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—There will not be a Negro building at the World's fair. The authorities have officially decided to follow the general classification of exhibits, which does not recognize racial distinctions.

Cuba is threatened with a race war which, if it comes, will unquestionably hasten annexation. The leaders of the white element, foreign and native, of the population of Havana are bringing pressure, it is said, to bear on President Palma to constrain him to exclude Negroes from the state.

Sixty Pullman car porters met in Saratoga last Saturday and formed an association for the purpose of abolishing "tipping." They claim that the company should pay porters living wages and not compel them to depend upon the generosity of the traveling public to make good.

The legislature of Louisiana passed a law providing for the separation of the races on the street cars of the state, but "indefinitely postponed" a measure "to prohibit the living together in concubinage of any white person and Negro or Negress."

Who dares say the Recorder is wrong? Here's what it says of Washington: "Booker T. Washington or any other Negro who, on such historic and important occasions as the celebration at Yale sometime ago and the inauguration at Princeton last week becomes a drawing card and is lionized by people of rank on every side is a character of whom every country or people should be justly proud."

A YOUNG WIFE'S ANXIETY.

"How do you cook craps, Mrs. Frye?" "Craps, my dear? What are they?" "I don't know, but I heard my husband say something about shooting some, and I thought he might want me to cook them."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

What Puzzled Tommy.

Tommy had been worrying papa with the usual number of unanswerable questions, and had been threatened with condign punishment if he did not keep quiet. He fidgeted about in silence for some time, but at length broke out:

"Pa, they say the rain falls alike upon the just and the unjust, doesn't it?"

"Yes, yes. Don't ask silly questions."

"And it isn't just to steal another man's umbrella, is it?"

"Certainly not. If you ask any more—"

"But, pa, the rain doesn't fall upon the man that steals the umbrella, and it does on the man that had his stolen. Funny, ain't it, pa?"—London Answers.

Castles on the Rhine.

It is stated that from the mouth to the source of the Rhine 725 castles, formerly the homes of war-like chiefs, are to be found overlooking its waters.

She Knew Better. "Here is a man," said the defendant's counsel, with a tremulous voice, "here is a man handicapped at the very beginning of his life. From the time he lay a helpless infant in the cradle to this day, when he sits helpless under the pressure of years and affliction, he has labored under the name of Ishmael Abinadab Watts."

Not Original. "I suppose you have selected an original subject for your graduating address," said the father. "Not exactly original," replied the member of the high-school class, "but very interesting."

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