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Death of Judge Wilson.

It is announced by telegram that Hon. Joseph G. Wilson, our Representative in Congress, is dead. He died at the home of his widowed mother, in Marietta, Ohio, on the morning of July 2d, of paralysis. His death is not only a great loss to his relatives, friends and party, but is a serious loss to the State. His knowledge of the State of Oregon extended back through a period of some twenty years. He, as it were, grew up with the State, receiving the appointment in 1852 of Clerk of the Supreme Court; in 1860, the position of District Attorney of the Third Judicial District; in 1862, the position of Judge of the Fifth Judicial District. In 1864 he was elected to the same position. In 1870, Judge Wilson was defeated by Hon. J. H. Slater for Congress; in 1872 he was again nominated by the Republican party for the same position; and after a brilliant canvass against Hon. John Burnett was elected by a majority of 850 votes. Judge Wilson never took his seat at Washington as Congressman, there having been no session of the House since the 4th of last March, at which time his term began; but he spent a good deal of time in Washington last winter, working for the interests of Oregon, and preparing himself for active duties in Congress. Judge Wilson was a successful lawyer, an able Judge, and bid fair to make one of the best Representatives Oregon ever had. Socially our deceased Representative had many warm personal friends, who will most regret his death. He was about forty-five years of age at the time of his death.

Relative to his successor, the Constitution of the United States requires that such shall be elected.

Our Nation's Anniversary.

The day commemorative of the Declaration of Independence, which was enacted by the Continental Congress, at Philadelphia, on the Fourth of July, 1776, occurs today. No event in a nation's history is more important than its birth. Thousands of loyal hearts, nay, millions, will to-day rejoice in the memory of that event. It will bring vividly to mind the dangers, hardships and struggles which our patriotic forefathers endured, the terrible sufferings, and the many precious lives that were willingly sacrificed to establish our nation upon the strong foundation of Republican liberty. In this noble work their lives were splendid examples of pure self-denial and patriotic devotion. Inspired by these, they achieved for us a goodly heritage; and upon this, the ninety-seventh anniversary of its establishment, we rise up and pronounce them blessed.

The Republicans of the State of Maine have put Nelson Dingley in nomination for Governor. Their resolutions are emphatically in condemnation of the back pay measure of the last Congress.

There is a scarcity of women in the San Francisco port.

Great Progress.

Not a hundred years have yet marked the cycles since our nation's birth. Men are yet living—few, it is true—whose lives run parallel in time with its life. As compared with the ages of other governments, the United States has scarcely laid aside its swaddling clothes. Its sun of existence has, as it were, just shed out its rays from above the eastern hills; and yet, how mightily it has learned to shine. How great has been its increase of population—its growth in all the elements of national strength and prosperity, how rapid! The three millions have become forty millions; the thirteen States have multiplied to thirty-seven States and ten flourishing Territories. Then see the thousands of miles of railway that have supplanted the stage-coach; the splendid mansions that have taken the place of log-cabins; the rich and populous cities that have risen like magic from a few dwellings; the amply-endowed institutions of learning, magnificent churches and benevolent institutions that have grown up, giving substantial glory to our prosperity; the free and equitable character of our laws and their prompt enforcement. No wonder the people of other nations, less liberal in their frame of government, regard the United States as the chief luminary among the nations. No foot of land but its rays have reached. The people of every clime and nation have seen and felt its penetrating beams of influence, and have come flocking for more of its light, and millions are longing to come. Our national influence being so great, how great should be our consistency in maintaining our cherished principles.

An Explosion.

An explosion of nitro glycerine and giant gunpowder occurred in Virginia City, Nevada, on the night of June 19th, killing ten persons and wounding many others. The explosion was caused by six cans of nitro-glycerine exploding 150 pounds of giant powder and 200 pounds of black blasting powder, all of which were stored beneath the room of General Van Bokkelen. A number of buildings were shattered and partly thrown to the ground. The body of Gen. Van Bokkelen was found in a corner of what was his room, his features so bruised and charred as to be hardly recognizable. J. P. Smith and his former clerk were found about 50 feet from the room occupied by them. Devine was killed by an iron door, which was hurled a distance of about 100 feet. The names of the others known to be killed are Ben. Maudell, Charles H. Knox, Mrs. Emily O'Connor, Mrs. Deane and daughter.

It is plausibly conjectured that the strong opposition which has been lately shown against railway enterprises throughout the country and the ill success which some recent enterprises have met with, will cause a general decline in railroad building for the next few years. Capitalists in this country as well as in Europe are becoming more and more cautious about investing in such enterprises at any rate.

An exchange says, "the man most likely to make his mark in the world, is one who cannot write his own name." We think the man who writes more than one name, is very apt to create a mark.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Snow was two feet deep at Alta City, Utah, on the 19th inst.

The Trustees of the Willamette University has elected officers as follows: President, Rev. J. L. Parrish; Vice President, John H. Moores; Secretary, O. N. Terry; Treasurer, J. H. Gilbert.

While engaged in detaching drift from the bridge, Mr. Charles Begg's, keeper of the toll-gate and bridge on the Wallowa, was drowned on the 18th inst.

The public schools of Portland have entered upon their vacation.

The Oregonian says the wagon road leading from the north fork of the Yamhill river to Tillamook Bay, has been completed. It will be of great benefit to settlers along the sea coast.

The Good Templars of Washington Territory are anxious to have Mr. Levi Leland come there and give the Territory a going over on temperance.

Montana feels good because so many "pilgrims" are coming there.

Madame Anna Bishop is on her journey Pacific coastward.

Seranading parties are bombarded with double barreled shot-guns, in Salt Lake.

The Presbytery of Oregon and Washington Territory met at Olympia on Thursday of last week.

Through the exertions of the ladies, the Methodist parsonage on Monroe circuit, Liun county, has been supplied with a carpet, cooking stove and utensils, a set of chairs, table, book case and writing table and two bedsteads.

The tabernacle now being erected on the Conference Campground on the bank of the Molalla, adjoining Canby, is 150 feet long by 100 feet wide, probably covering more ground than any other building in the State. Camp meeting on this ground will commence on the 5th of July and continue over two Sabbaths.

The grain crop promises well throughout Utah.

The commencement exercises of the Willamette University took place on Thursday afternoon of last week. There were fourteen graduates, as follows: In the classical department: James Imbrie, Jane Miller, Ladru Royal, and Emily Shattuck. In the scientific department: Libby Brown, Sarah E. Chamberlin, Lydia E. Chamberlin, Robert Eaken, Alfred Nichols, Wm. J. Miller, Wm. H. Meisse, Theresa D. Holderness, Velloza W. Smith, and Mary J. Jory. In the evening, an address to the graduates was delivered by Rev. S. Bowers, and the valedictory address by Miss Jane Miller. All were successful in their efforts.

Corvallis has a new fire bell weighing 453 pounds.

Oregon Penitentiary has 94 convicts, which, to the credit of the women, are all males.

Seven thousand dollars were disbursed to the Warm Spring Indian Scouts last week.

Rev. Thomas Condon is to deliver the annual address at the Oregon State Fair next October.

The peach crop about Walla Walla and the Dalles is almost a failure. Late frosts did it.

Isaac Henshaw, of Polk county, drowned himself on Friday of last week in Goose Creek. He was the same individual who over a year ago, tried to freeze himself to death in the mountains, freezing his feet so badly as to require their amputation. He left a wife and seven children, and plenty of this world's goods for them.

Oregon City Council have passed an anti-Chinese ordinance.

The hay crop this year is the heaviest ever known in this State.

Lafayette is enjoying a season of prosperity.

Admiration and wonder fill the mind of the gazer at the wheat fields of Washington county.

Idaho contributed \$10 50 in coin and four pounds of type metal to the Greely Monument Fund.

A runaway at Salem last week resulted in throwing Dr. Jessup and wife and Mrs. W. W. Marten out of a buggy, bruising all of them, and dislocating Mrs. Jessup's shoulder.

The Owyhee Avalanche boasts of having recently seen a star in the daytime. That's nothing. An emphatic contusion on the head will reveal a whole sky full of them.

At Fort Edmontons, B. C., tea sells for \$1 per pound; flour, of inferior quality, at \$30 per 100 lbs.

Fifty-three Celestials were arrested in Portland one day last week, for violating the Cubic Air Ordinance—an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to be punished by fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$50, or imprisonment for each offense, for any person to sleep in a room which contains less than 550 cubic feet of air. Some of these fellows were crowded into boxes where scarcely 100 cubic feet was allowed to each. They were fined \$5 each.

A family at Coos Bay, lately from North Carolina, have gone into turpentine gathering, which can be procured from fir trees.

Wheat was 70 cents a bushel in Yamhill last week.

Since January fifteen steamers have brought Chinese to the port of San Francisco.

Business will be suspended in San Francisco to day and to-morrow.

At Stockton, Cal., June 28th, a lad named John Jones, aged about 18 years, was thrown from his horse and instantly killed.

From the Oregonian we learn that a shooting affray occurred last Saturday evening in that city between two colored men named Wellington and Gale, growing out of the alleged intimacy of the former with the latter's wife. It resulted in Wellington receiving a pistol shot in the jawbone and neck which the physician thinks will not prove fatal. Gale was arrested.

There is a man in Portland who claims not only to be a linguist and scientist, but is strangely malformed in the left arm. The Oregonian says, "the left arm of this man, by some inexplicable freak of nature, has been suppressed from about three inches below the elbow, there being no forearm and hand. The phenomenon consists in the lower portion of the arm, or stub, having the appearance of a diminutive head and perfect face of an apparently slumbering, new born babe, which at the will of the exhibitor, gives signs of vitality, moves, amusingly endeavors to free itself, etc." This man was to lecture in Portland last Tuesday evening, and exhibit this freak of nature.

The Dalles municipal election resulted as follows: Mayor, R. Grant; Recorder, James A. Campbell; Marshal, Samuel Klein; Treasurer, F. Wingate; Councilmen, F. Dehm, J. W. French, Geo. A. Liebe and John Moran. For the fifth Councilman the following gentlemen received the same number of votes: N. H. Gates, A. C. Phelps, L. Newman and J. M. Beall, and the matter is still undecided.

An oak tree standing near the house of Mr. Rostin Welch, near Forest Grove, was struck by lightning on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Welch's family were considerably shocked. The tree was shivered to pieces.

Andrew Davis, a half-breed Indian, and Geo. Beezley, drunken loafer from Portland, were arrested in the Dalles last week, for selling liquor to Indians. They were committed to appear before the U. S. Court at next session.

Newton Jacobs, of Ashland, Jackson county, had both thighs crushed by the wheels of an ox wagon passing over them, under which he accidentally fell on Wednesday of last week.

Som six inches of snow fell on the mountain rang, north of Corinne, Utah, on the 22d of June.

Seattle expects to be lighted by gas within the next ninety days.

The crickets are reported as eating up the Palouse country.

A military post at Walla Walla will soon be garrisoned permanently.

A company of 100 men is being organized in St. Louis to locate and survey an immense estate of rich agricultural and mineral land in Arizona.

New hay is selling at Eugene City at \$7 50 per ton.

It is stated that Jay Cooke will establish a bank at the terminus of the N. P. R. R., when the terminus is found.

The contest for terminus at Puget Sound is narrowed down to Tacoma and Seattle.

A Douglas county man has carefully developed 150 mullen plants, under the impression that they were tobacco.

Deer, grouse and pheasants can be shot during the present month, but ducks are allowed one month longer.

A Denver chap, who had interviewed the "tiger" more frequently than he had the throne of grace, recently became converted by Hammond, and while exhorting his comrades to follow his example, said: "If you do not accept salvation now, it is not me that you are throwing off on, it is Christ you are 'bucking' against."

Another bear story comes from Washington county. A few days ago a she bear and a cub made their appearance on the playground of a school house, about four miles from Corvallis. The boys of the school turned out and, aided by the teacher, succeeded in capturing and killing the cub. They gave chase to the old bear and ran her for some distance, she coming very near to some of the residences in the neighborhood, in her flight, and finally hiding in the timber on the farm of Mr. T. W. Lockwood, a type in this office. He has lost nearly fifty head of sheep recently and thinks the presence of these bears accounts for the loss, and claims that he don't owe the marauders any more meat.

Upon the dome of the new court house at Salem there is the figure of the Goddess of Justice which stands with outstretched hand supporting the scales of justice. Last Sunday morning, the people of that said city were astonished to see that the said Goddess had been transformed during the night. She was seen to be arrayed in fashionable apparel, robe, bustle, etc., and in her arms she clasped a man (of straw). The figure the Goddess made was ludicrous, and the large

audience that one by one gathered laughed heartily. Some mischievous boys, or practical jokers had clothed the figure during the night before. How the feat was performed, is now the inquiry of the Salemites. A moral philosopher might draw some wholesome lessons from that transformation.

Serious apprehensions of more Apache troubles are felt in Arizona. An exchange thinks they need six feet by four reservations, under ground.

There is said to be at this time over one hundred tons of salmon on the wharf at Astoria.

The Presbyterian church at Olympia was dedicated last Sunday. At the close of the services \$379 were raised to assist in paying the indebtedness on the church.

The Bulletin says seven men were employed last Tuesday in saving the life of an unfortunate mouse that had dropped into the river; and they succeeded.

Bathing in the Willamette river is common among the Salem youth.

During June 1,310 arrests were made in San Francisco.

Over 5,000,000 acres of land are open to homestead and preemption in Dakota.

Nine marriage licenses were issued in Marion county during June, two less than in May.

The Presbytery of Oregon met at Olympia in the Methodist church, June 26th, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Theodore Crowl.

Syl. C. Simpson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, announces July 7th, as the time for the first Semi Annual Session of the State Board of Examination to be held at Salem, in his office, beginning a 10 o'clock A. M. Candidates for Life Diplomas, and State Certificates are requested to be present promptly at that time.

The Statesman says the foundation for the capitol building is almost completed, and looks sufficiently solid for all purposes.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Northern Italy was visited with earthquake shocks on the morning of the 29th ult. Several accidents occurred at Venice and Verona, where the motion was severe. A church reported destroyed at Felletto, and 38 persons killed; and in four villages near Victoria fourteen persons were killed and many injured. Great damage was done at Belluno also.

A general rising in Biscay in favor of the Carlists was anticipated on the 27th ult. At Bilbao the Carlists were impressing able bodied men into the ranks and seizing all the arms they could find.

Castanon's forces were defeated by the Carlists on the 26th ult., compelling them to flee in disorder. At Seville a conflict between the troops and the inhabitants was imminent.

King Victor Emanuel arrived at Florence, June 26th, and immediately summoned Signor Minghetti to undertake the task of forming a new Ministry.

News from Khiva to the 26th ult., announces that the Khan has capitulated, unconditionally to the Russian forces, and the Capital was occupied by the Czar's troops.

Yokohama dates to the 6th ult., state that the educational system of Japan, about which so much has been said, is in danger of proving a failure. Only one superintendent is appointed in eight departments. The Mikado, considering the financial embarrassment of the Government, asks that the work of rebuilding his palace be suspended. The native press is clamoring for the establishment of founding and lunatic asylums. Farmers throughout Japan are advised to adopt our agricultural labor-saving machines and implements. No pupils will hereafter be admitted to the public schools unless they are vaccinated.

The shock of earthquake experienced in Italy on the 29th ult., was even worse in its effects than reported, in the country north of Venice. At Belluno, four persons were killed and many injured; at Toves, three were killed; at Pires, eleven; at Visson, two; at Cavaasigo, one. Hundreds of houses were leveled, and several churches are in ruins. On the 30th ult., thousands of the people were encamped in the fields.

There is said to be Chinese authority for the statement, that the Emperor of China has forbidden the exportation of opium after eighty days from the first of the third month, which is April, and forbidding his subjects to smoke the drug on pain of decapitation. Considerable excitement was caused in San Francisco by the announcement of the news.

At St. Johnsbury, on last Saturday, a farmer, named James Snow, while driving, shot a peedler, named John Stanton, who called at his house to sell him some goods.