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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Washington special, referring to the latest dispatches from Spain, says it is authoritatively stated that the demands of the Government are as follows: That the *Virginias* must be surrendered; that surviving members of the passengers and crew must be restored; that the United States flag must be saluted in the port where it has been outraged; that suitable indemnity must be made to families of American citizens massacred.

Later dispatches have been received from General Wolseley, commanding the Ashantee expedition. They condemn native auxiliaries as worthless. The Ashantees are in full retreat. Their main column, however, is within easy marching distance of the British advance, yet the General is unable to overtake and attack them, owing to the slowness and cowardice of his native allies.

Crescent City got more of the recent earthquake than anybody else. It lasted about thirty seconds, and did considerable damage, more or less injuring all the brick houses in the town. Quite a number of chimneys were thrown down, and other damages done. The ground in that region is full of cracks since the quake, some of them over a hundred feet in length and several inches wide.

Forest Grove Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry was organized on the 21st, with thirty charter members. It is officered as follows: Master, Henry Buxton; Overseer, A. S. Watt; Lecturer, C. H. Walker; Chaplain, A. C. Brown; Secretary, A. T. Buxton; Treasurer, S. G. Gleason; Steward, Geo. Hines; Assistant Steward, John Sheppard, O. G. Keeper, T. G. Todd; Cens., Mrs. M. A. Roe; Pomona, Mrs. R. A. Buxton; Flora, Mrs. R. Kimsly; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. S. C. Todd.

We now have authority, from Spanish sources, denying that an attempt was made to assassinate Minister Sickles. If this assertion prove true, then the Spanish-American embroglio rests entirely upon the *Virginias* case, and in the light of the late news from Spain, the prospect of a war between the two nations is remarkably thin. The difficulty seems to be to tell which of the dispatches received from Madrid are to be credited. It is announced that our Government will continue her preparations, and in the event that Spain fails to come to the "scratch" when "called" by Uncle Samuel, the afore-said Uncle Samuel can go to the front with a full hand.

The following yields of grain, as reported from different sections of the State, gives an outsider a slight insight into the productiveness of Oregon: C. P. Burkhart, of this (Linn) county, raised Golden Amber Wheat that weighed 62½ pounds per bushel, with a yield of forty-three bushels to the acre. R. C. Geer, of Marion county, turned out White Winter Wheat that weighed sixty-three pounds to the bushel, with a yield of sixty bushels per acre. H. Massey, of Polk county, raised Little Red and White Club Wheat that weighed sixty-four pounds to the bushel. The same gentleman raised Russian Winter Oats, weighing forty pounds to the bushel and yielding forty bushels per acre. J. W. Hearford, of Marion county, raised Winter Oats that weighed fifty pounds to the bushel, and produced seventy-five bushels per acre. R. C. Geer of Marion county, produced of the English Winter variety of Oats, weighing forty-five pounds to the bushel, one hundred and six bushels per acre. These are but a few indications of Oregon's productiveness—we might publish columns of equally as favorable reports.

The people of Omaha are variously and pleasantly alluded to by outsiders as "Omahogs," "Omahosses," "Omahorribles," etc.

Gen. Butler is for decisive measures in the *Virginias* affair. He says there being no state of war the *Virginias* could not be a legitimate prize of war. She could not be properly seized for a violation of any of Spain's municipal regulations, because she was not in Spanish waters. She could not be deemed a pirate while carrying, as she did, an American register and an American flag. To maintain the sacredness of the American deck, which is American's soil, and to insure respect to the nation, he demands ample reparation and swift punishment of the offenders.

And now comes Tweed's counsel with a bill comprising nine objections, on which to base arguments for a stay of proceedings. If the prosecuting officer ask time to consider the bill, Judge Davis may possibly take time to cog over the points presented—and then—what? In the meantime, it is stated, Tweed will not go to Blackwell's Island. If Tweed don't get away with that twelve years' sentence we shall begin to think the millennium has struck the modern Sodom.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has informed Delegate McFadden, of Washington Territory, that the public surveys will next spring be extended over San Juan and other islands in the line of Northwest boundary, recently in dispute between Great Britain and the United States.

Jacob Kiblinger, of Salem, has been adjudged insane, and sent to the Asylum. The *Oregonian* says that the whole family are in a fair way to bring up in the same place, greatly to the delight of the Salem people.

Mills at Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, N. Y., have resumed work. They give employment to 650 men. Mills at Troy, also, resumed work on the 21th. Over five thousand men are employed in them.

The latest gold discovery is from Holcombe Valley, California. It is about one mile from Haley and Company's mill. The ledge is sixty feet wide, and projects one hundred feet from the ground, and gold can be seen all over it. It was discovered but a few days since.

Washington county objects to the "equalization," on the ground that her lands are assessed at so high a rate, that they cannot be sold for enough to pay said assessment.

Washington Territory has a new order, a relative, no doubt, of the Granges, entitled the Order of Industrial Co-Operatives. A lodge organized in Olympia is called the "Sunset."

At the recent election in Newfoundland, fourteen Government and thirteen Opposition members were chosen. The House meets in January. There is fun ahead.

The plasterers of New York have struck for \$4 per day during the Winter.

Dr. Glass has been refused a new trial. His sentence was to have been pronounced yesterday.

A State Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry has been organized at Camden, New York.

"Protected Viscera," is the new name for patent insides, Western publishers are in a fair way to wear out the dictionary.

HUNTERS SCHEME.—We have already mentioned the scheme of R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, to ask the General Government to "lend" the late slave States \$400,000,000 without interest, the principal never to be demanded, in consideration of the loss of "property" occasioned by emancipation. The scheme contemplates the further loan of this sum by the States receiving it, and on like generous terms, to the individuals whose slaves were set free. It is now mentioned as one of the probable outcomes of the recent "Conservative" victory in Virginia that Mr. Hunter will be sent to the United States Senate, in order that he may have an opportunity of presenting his ideas, with the authority of a law-maker, to his admiring countrymen. Whenever "Conservative" or Democratic politics get in the ascendancy, ideas like these invariably crop out with them.

Latest News.

On the 25th the American ship *Westmoreland* was destroyed by fire at Antwerp.

London telegrams report the loss of the bark *Clyde* off Valentia—nine of the crew drowned.

McMahon has accepted the resignations of several members of his Cabinet.

The *Angsburg Gazette* says the King of Bavaria has signed a decree repealing the concordat with the Pope.

Sir Robert Hodgson has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward's Island.

On the 25th a patent was issued for the rancho San Vicente Mesa Del Padre Barona, in San Diego county, California, containing 13,316 acres.

It is estimated that thirty thousand French Canadians have returned from the United States to Canada during the past three weeks, owing to the large stoppage of manufactures.

The report that the Government had suspended work on ironclads, and ordered officers detached from all large vessels—in fact stopped all preparations in anticipation of a war with Spain, "until further notice," is contradicted.

By an arrangement of the Eastern Railroad of Massachusetts, the Portland and Ogdensburg, and the Montreal, Chambley and Sorelo Railroads, a through trunk railway has been assured between the West and the Atlantic.

Explanations given by the French Government with regard to the pastoral of the Bishop of Nancy ordering prayers for the recovery of Metz and Strasburg, are regarded as unsatisfactory at Berlin.

A bailiff entered the residence of Archbishop Lelochowski last week, in accordance with a decree of the court, and seized the furniture. The Archbishop maintains an attitude of resistance, and is surprised at the severity of the measure.

A prairie fire near Vermillion, Dakota, on the 24th, destroyed several farms and farm houses, and burned three men to death.

A number of prominent politicians of New York are to be arrested, charged with fraud at the last election.

On the 25th Tweed transferred to relatives over one million dollars worth of real estate, all situated in the city of New York.

Official investigation shows that the defalcation of the State Treasurer of New York through cashier Phepps, will be \$331,772, two hundred thousand of which was stolen last August, and the balance in September. The irregularities of the office, it is announced, are not of a nature to warrant the removal of the Treasurer.

Here is the latest order from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to Hayworth, Indian Agent of Fort Sill, Indian Territory. "Issue no more annuities to the Comanches. The demand for five raiders and murderers is not remitted, and if not complied with in ten days after receipt of this dispatch, you will stop their rations entirely; and if they still refuse they will be handed over to the military. Assure the Indians that the Government is in earnest and that arrangements are already being made to compel the Indians to do right."

On the 25th the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the case of Arthur St. Clair and others against the Western Pacific Railroad. This decision is to the effect that the Lewis survey of the Los Pochitas rancho, made in 1854, and covering about four square leagues, correctly marked the outer boundaries of the Los Pochitas grant, within which two square leagues were subsequently confirmed by the United States. Supreme Court, and patented to Mexican grantees. These lands comprise over thirty thousand acres, and about one hundred and twenty settlers are affected adversely by the decision.

In the Chamber of Deputies at Rome on the 25th, Signor Mancini made an eloquent speech in support of the principle of arbitration. He praised the conduct of the United States and Great Britain in the settlement of the *Alabama* claims. At the close of his speech Signor Mancini offered a resolution recommending the introduction of an arbitration clause in future treaties with foreign powers, which was unanimously adopted.

Hon. Richard C. McCormick, Delegate from Arizona, was married at Washington on the 25th, to Miss Elizabeth Thurman, daughter of Senator Thurman, at the latter's residence, in that city. The wedding was attended by President Grant, several members of the Cabinet, and many other distinguished persons.

There are fourteen daily papers in Kansas, and all but one repudiate the action of Governor Osborne in appointing Crozier as U. S. Senator. It is alleged that the arrangement by which Crozier was appointed, includes the election of Osborne to the United States Senate, and the appointment of Crozier to the U. S. Judgeship in place of Debaney, whose resignation Crozier takes in his pocket to Washington.

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