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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Gambetta has been challenged to fight a duel by Deputy Halingenas.

Caleb Cushing threatens to throw up his seat as Minister to Spain. Caleb's mad must be up.

Governor William Pickney Whyte was elected U. S. Senator for Maryland, from March, 1875, on the 21st.

A fire at Yeddo, Japan, on the night of December 8th, 1873, destroyed property valued at \$2,000,000.

The State Grange of Georgia met at Atlanta on the 21st. Seventy Granges were represented by 500 delegates.

Another rumor was in circulation at Washington on the 21st, that Richardson would resign, creating a vacancy in the Cabinet.

President Grant entertains at dinner at the White House, next Tuesday, the Justices of the Supreme Court.

The commission of Chief Justice Waite has not been prepared, nor is it known when he will come to Washington.

The Naval Court, convened to take into consideration the sinking of the *Virginia*, from the testimony elicited, found that the sinking was unavoidable under the circumstances.

Recent discoveries in South Africa of rich gold fields is causing that country to settle up rapidly. Nuggets have been found weighing from two ounces to nearly four pounds.

A bill providing for holding one session of the Supreme Court each year at St. Louis, Missouri, is receiving the support of leading Congressmen.

The Kansas Legislature has passed a resolution condemning the back pay steal, praising the present Congress for its repeal, and reaffirming its faith in the Republican party.

The Vermont & Canada railroad has been sold to the Central Vermont for \$3,000,000, payable in twenty years, secured by first mortgage, in trust, at six per cent.

The Grand Master delivered an address before the State Grange now in session at Janesville, on the 21st. The order is in a flourishing condition, the Secretary reporting 350 subordinate Granges in the State—Wisconsin.

The tax-payers of Portland in 1869 paid the sum of \$6,211 48 for the support of their Police Department. Under the "reform" policy enacted by a Democratic Legislature, the Police Department cost the tax-payers of Portland, for the year 1873, \$32,377 75!

The following named persons have been appointed Postmasters for Oregon: Samuel Galles at Gervais, Marion County; J. C. Thomas at Mountain Home, Yamhill County; Henry N. Bowen at Summit, Benton County; Charles H. Miller at Upper Ochoo, Wasco County.

The ring candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket is Grover, while the opponents of the ring are urging Whiteaker. For Congressman our town-man, Hon. Geo. R. Helm, has fair chances, while Slater has friends who will strongly urge his claims. No, don't seem to have any friends, but they may loom up, nevertheless.

On Wednesday evening Wells, Fargo & Co's express box was robbed of \$800 in greenbacks, while on board of the cars at Kalama. Mr. Pierce, express messenger, had charge of the box, and was waiting, on board the cars, for the Tacoma train, when the express was transferred from the Kalama to the Tacoma train. Mr. Pierce had hardly had his eyes off the treasure box for a moment, yet during that brief interval some one entered the mail car, unlocked the box, extracted the package, relocked the box and made good his escape.

Latest from Washington.

The Senate, in Executive session on the 21st, confirmed Waite as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, sixty-three Senators voting in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of citizens of Oregon, introduced by Senator Mitchell on the 21st, declares that it is the duty of the Government to protect its citizens on the frontiers who are engaged in peaceable and honorable vocations; and therefore it is proposed that three Commissioners be appointed to inquire into the subject of depredations on citizens of Oregon by Indians, the damages sustained, etc. They are to proceed to the frontier and take testimony. The bill was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Small pox has made its appearance in San Francisco.

Montana with a population of 20,000, produced \$3,000,000 in gold last year.

A little daughter of Mr. Kaye, of Olympia, while riding on a hand sled with some other little girls, last Saturday, ran against a log and broke her leg below the knee.

In the production of the precious metals Nevada leads all the Pacific States and Territories, and Utah ranks with California. At the present, but proposes to beat that State during the next two years.

Montana law provides a severe penalty against saloon keepers who sell liquor to persons known to be in the habit of getting drunk.

The property valuation of Colorado Territory is put down at \$35,669,030; population 33,864.

The fierce winds of Wednesday of last week scattered things on the Sound. Fences and outbuildings were thrown down, and the schooner *Mist* and deputy revenue cutter, *Messenger*, at Port Townsend, were blown up on to the beach, higher than any tide can possibly float them.

Recent rains have set Jackson county miners at work.

Wm. M. Turner, of Jacksonville, has been appointed Justice of the Peace, vice J. R. Wade, resigned.

Wm. Cummins, of Lane county, last week sold his farm of 650 acres for \$22,500.

The Modoc war so far as "figured" up, cost the Government \$338,009 78, exclusive of pay, clothing and armament of the troops engaged. This was at the rate of about \$2,000 per head for each squaw, pappoose and buck caught.

Chief Justice Jacobs, of Seattle, W. T. is slowly recovering from his recent severe illness.

In the District Court at Steilacoom last week, Charles Lytle was found guilty of murder in the first degree, for killing an Indian, and condemned to be hung on the 20th of March next.

The residence of E. L. Willey, Oakland, W. T., was destroyed by fire on the 11th inst. The loss was serious as the County books and papers which were in the house, were burned. Loss, \$1,500.

The Olympia *Courier* says the Ranier anthracite coal can be delivered in that city at \$10 per ton, as against \$10 per ton for Lehigh obtained from the East, and declares the former equal in all respects to the latter, if not superior.

From British Columbia we learn that thirty Indians recently signed the temperance pledge at one meeting of British Columbia Temperance Alliance.

Several rods of the high fence surrounding the State Prison at Salem, were blown down by the zephyrs last week.

Rich quartz have been struck in Rye valley, near the Shonway mill Baker county.

Leabo's ferryboat, this side of Salem, has been raised, and is now "toting" people across the river as usual.

The G. T.'s of Salem will give a grand social and entertainment at the State Temperance Union, February 16th.

Last Monday a man fell from the *Fanate Patton*, on her down trip below Wheatland, and was drowned. The officers of the boat were unaware of his loss until the body was found the next day.

A watchmaker at Boise City has invented a time-piece which runs without weights or springs.

The masquerade ball at Eugene on the night of the 18th was a success.

The snow is reported as eight inches deep at Olympia.

The lower branch of the Legislature of Colorado has 16 Republicans to 10 Democrats.

A general jail delivery at Denver recently, let out two murderers, four horse-thieves, and seven drunks.

A bill introduced by Mr. Nesmith provides for the purchase of 160 acres of land in the Indian Territory for a reservation for the Nez Perce Indians.

Judge Albert Head, of Boise City, indicted for forgery, was discharged by the Supreme Court on the ground of insufficiency of the indictment.

Governor Bennett is urged as a suitable person to send to Washington to aid in getting Government to contribute something in aid of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake railroad.

A man went into a Lodge room of Good Templars recently at Alkali Flat, near Walla Walla, while the Lodge was in session, and with a knife and revolver swinging in his belt, began to beat one of the members. The session wound up boisterously and suddenly.

At Silver City, Idaho, hay is \$50 a ton; flour \$10 a barrel; chickens \$12 per dozen; eggs, \$1 25 per dozen, and scarce at that; potatoes 3 1/2 cents per pound; barley, 3 1/2; wheat, 2 1/2. Corn meal is selling at \$12 per barrel. Times are lively and everybody seems to be prospering.

Two four-horse teams arrived at Boise City on the 16th with goods from Winnemucca. They reported the roads in good condition, with very little snow to Jordan Valley—the rest of the way about eight inches. Two nights, they turned out to grass, and their horses did well.

A letter from Kittitas Valley says times up there are very lively. About forty of those that stampeded in that direction during the mining excitement have remained in the valley in winter quarters. These of course, must enjoy themselves—so dances and parties are kept in almost a continued round, and the people, though aloof from the world, do not mean to any the less deprive themselves of enjoyment.

The steamer *Elta White* came up last Monday night to Tacoma, and reports terrible weather on Saturday night below. She was off Point Lip-Lip, near Port Ludlow, and Capt. Smith, who has done nothing but travel on these waters for ten or twelve years, reports that it was the worst night he ever saw. The sea ran very high, and the night was black as pitch, it lit up only by the frequent flashes of lightning, snow falling very rapidly all the while. The wind was from the southeast. The steamer was four days making the trip from Port Townsend to Semiahmoo and back.

This from Mendocino, Cal., under date of 21st: A heavy storm has been raging up the coast for the past week. Last Wednesday night the wind sprung up from the southeast and blew a perfect gale until Friday morning, when the sun came out through the heavy hail-storm. A new building in course of erection was demolished, boards from the lumber-yard were carried across the street, fences prostrated, and roads blocked by falling trees. The Cloverdale stage, with mail, express and baggage, was carried away in the flood while attempting to cross Dry Creek last Friday. The driver was seriously injured endeavoring to save his horses, one of which was lost. Three passengers narrowly escaped by swimming ashore. The letter mail and baggage have since been recovered, but nothing has been heard from the treasure box. At Point Arena the boilers and smoke-stack of the Garcia Lumber Mills fell through and are now in the river bed. The mill narrowly escaped being washed away.

A CHARACTERISTIC DISPATCH.—The dispatch in the *Herald* stating that Attorney General Williams, while Senator, was appointed visitor to the Military Academy at West Point, and drew \$3,000 mileage in his capacity as official visitor, on the assumption that he traveled from Oregon, while in fact he remained in Washington, is without foundation. Mr. Williams states that he not only was never appointed visitor to West Point, but that he was never in West Point in his life; consequently he drew no mileage for such service.—*N. Y. Times*.

The New York *Post* expresses the opinion that Tweed will be found among the missing some fine morning, and somebody will be the richer by a handsome sum. It adds: "Such is our prediction."

One Way to Fight Monopolies.

Every county in Illinois can and ought to manufacture all the heavy farm implements that are used in the county. A *high man* in the Farmer's Association said to me, not long ago, that the New England states were made for machine shops, and the West to raise food for them. That is true, but he did not tell the whole story. They can, too, raise better wool and more butter and cheese than we can. The West can raise any amount of grain, beef and pork, and in Illinois you may put up a large machine shop in almost all of the counties, and sink a shaft as near as you wish and have all the water and coal needed, under the shop. Now the freight is not much on a dozen hoes and axes or a dozen clothes pins, but it amounts to something on a reaper and threshing machine. Now let the eastern men make our small articles and ship them to us, and let our farmers buy their heavy machinery where it can be loaded from the factory into their wagons, without the aid or interference of any third party. This cut off of freight-agencies, commissions, and profits and loss to middle parties, will lessen the price of a reaper about one-half, and other things in proportion. Some will say this can't be done, but it can. Farmers are willing to pay about 50 per cent. more for reapers than they ought to. Let them do without or repair their old ones for two years, and put \$100 into a stock company to go to manufacturing farm implements, with the condition that the stockholders are to have their machines at a small per cent. on cost. Suppose the original stock is sunk or never pays a dividend, the amount will soon come back in saving freight, commissions, &c.

Make all the farm implements in use in the county, and it will add considerably to the population, and, of course a part of our surplus will go to feed the county manufacturers. There would be less to ship, and the probabilities would be better prices would be obtained. At all events we save freight and commissions on all consumed in our county. "Farmers' Associations" will hardly do this, but it will be done, nevertheless—will be done by the "Patrons of Husbandry." To work against monopolies, who do their work in secret, you must meet them with the same weapon they use. Although their work may be open, the beginning is not known to all men. The "Patrons" are held together by an obligation which is binding on their honor, and this is a fraternal feeling not known in "Farmers' Clubs" or "Farmers' Associations," and if they choose to run a machine shop or an elevator they will do it. That they can do such things is known by their putting up elevators in certain counties of Iowa and shipping their own grain. Where they have done so, private elevators are to rent, and in some cases the "Patrons" have rented them.

This plan of doing our own manufacturing is going to be hard on the *poor middle men*, the traveling machine shops, and all of that sort. What will become of them? No one of them has made a dollar of me for several years. I will buy, first, where made, if possible, next where they keep such goods for sale as I want. I would like the farmers of Illinois to talk this subject up through their own paper, the *Prairie Farmer*. If wanted, I will give what little help I can. I would like to hear all objections raised to home manufactures that can be. I can only now see one, that is they don't "hoose make."—*Ex.*

WORM-EATEN PEAS.—Prof. Maurice Perkins, Union University, Schenectady, furnishes the following for the Country Gentleman:

Very often in the spring I have noticed that the peas, beans, &c., for sale in the stores for seed were worm-eaten. In many cases the seeds were so eaten as to be useless for seed. The worm, and even the egg, may be easily destroyed by the bisulphid of carbon, a colorless, volatile liquid, having an odor like that of rotten eggs. If the barrel containing the seed is not full, moisten a cloth with the liquid, lay it on the seeds and cover the barrel with an old horse-blanket. The vapor of the bisulphid will sink down among the seeds and destroy all animal life. The seeds themselves will not be injured. Two or three ounces will be enough for half a dozen barrels. This liquid is used in Europe to destroy the weevil in wheat. I have not seen the above mentioned in any agricultural paper, and thought that it might prove useful to some of your readers.

Eureka, Nevada, has a citizen named Jones whose beard is three feet and three inches long, and who keeps it braided and hidden within his shirt bosom.

Chang and Eng, the Siamese twins, are settled in North Carolina. They each have a very good farm, adjoining each other, and both have families. They stay alternately, two weeks at a time, at each other's farm. Both have children, who have a fine education, and one of the twins had a daughter recently married. They have good residences on their farms and are successful farmers.

A special from Richmond makes the announcement of the sudden death of the Siamese twins Saturday morning, Jan. 17th, at their residence at Mount Alrey, Surrey county. Chang was partially paralyzed last fall, since which time he has been very much debilitated, and strongly addicted to drinking liquor as a means of alleviating his sufferings. He has been quite feeble for several days, so much so as to confine the brothers to bed. Friday night Chang became worse, and expired suddenly about 4 o'clock on Saturday morning. Eng became so terribly shocked that he roared wildly for awhile. This attack was followed by what seemed to be a deadly stupor, and in two hours from the death of Chang, Eng breathed his last. The wives and families of the twins are in deepest grief, the children, many of whom are deaf mutes, expressing their sorrow in the most pitiful manner.

A Washington special to the *Inter-Ocean* says the resolution of Senator Morton asking for authority to investigate the circumstances attending Mr. Pinchbeck's election was presented on account of assurances given members of the Committee that the election was procured by open bribery. It is alleged that he (Pinchbeck) received \$1,500 in money from Morton, a Register in Bankruptcy, to withdraw as a candidate in favor of Morton, but instead used the funds for his own advancement. It is also charged that he secured members of the Legislature by paying their board and other bills, taking their orders on the Treasury for the same, but never presenting them. Senator Morton, while still confident of the legality of the Kellogg Legislature, still insists that these charges of personal corruption should be investigated.

GENEROUSLY SAID.—The New York *Times*, the paper which brought Tweed down, now has this to say: We venture to suggest that, now that Tweed is undergoing the penalty of his offences, the virtuous papers which cheered and assisted him in the days of his power, may as well desist from pelting him, and above all may with great propriety leave his family alone. When a man is handed over to justice the community is done with him, and he no longer cries out for vengeance. It is not a very elevating spectacle to see his old confederates tumbling over each other in their efforts to get the first kick at him.

Here is an Iowa story: A young girl near Marengo is wonderfully marked by rattlesnakes. Running partially around her neck, side by side, are two snakes as natural as if alive, and the skin being transparent, they seem only lying in wait for a victim. On the front of the neck and upper part of the breast are the rattles—as though a breastpin—making a perfect picture and shedding regularly every year.

The Washington correspondent of the *San Francisco Bulletin* writes of New Year's calls: The Attorney General and Mrs. Williams received calls in the fine mansion which they have just built and occupied on I street, near Connecticut avenue. The drawing-room of this house is the largest, and, perhaps, the most elegant in Washington.

The House, on the 13th, very quietly passed the Senate's Salary Bill without discussion. Twenty-five members voted no, and it is safe to say a large number of other members not present would have voted that way. The restoration of the mileage will tend to make the bill unpopular. The bill in effect cuts off all the expenses of members in coming to Congress. Of the 25 members who voted against the bill, 10 were Republicans and 15 Democrats.

Evansville, Ind., repudiates the idea that it has no first-class poets. Walter Scott works in a sash, door and blind factory; Oliver Goldsmith works on a farm; Thos. Moore is a fisher, and Robert Burns is in the city jail.

Henry W. Genet, whose escape from the Sheriff in New York has occasioned so much comment, is said to be a grandson of the "Citizen Genet," so troublesome to President Washington that he demanded his recall by the French Government.