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FRIDAY.....MARCH 19, 1880

The Baker county fair will be held during the week commencing Sept. 27th.

The world keeps on turning because one good turn deserves another.

The Legislature of Virginia has adjourned without passing the general appropriation bill.

At last the House committee on claims have agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating $3,500 for the relief of A. B. Meacham, for injuries sustained while in the U. S. Service during the Modoc outbreak.

In a recent sermon SPURGEON denounced the English Government for making "bloody wars and oppressing nations." The criticism is just. England's present policy is unnecessarily aggressive, but her efforts, it is noticable are invariably directed against weak powers.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has decided that to write to a debtor on a postal card, demanding a settlement, is illegal, for the reason that such a public method of dunning is damaging to the credit of the person addressed. Postal cards have been very extensively used in that manner throughout the country.

This is the sort of dispatch which the Russian on a "foreign strand" doubtless reads with eager interest and a keen appreciation of the euphony of the Muscovite language: "Prince Doudoukoff Korsakoff will succeed General Melikoff as temporary Governor-General to Kharkoff." These dignitaries should be supplied with bronchial troches.

The bill to restrict Chinese immigration, reported to the House on the 10th, is an exact copy of the so-called fifteen passenger bill that passed both Houses of last Congress, except that the section upon which the President based his veto, namely, the one expressly providing for an absolute abrogation of two articles of the Burlingame treaty, is omitted.

The American Bible Society recently donated to Miss Hattie Carothers, late of this city, now of Dayton, W. T., a complete copy of the Bible, printed in raised letters for the blind. It takes six large quarto volumes for the old testament alone. The set arrived in Portland last week and have doubtless been forwarded to Miss Hattie.

The Walla Walla *Statesman* says: From present indications it appears that this year we will have at least a partial failure of crops. The farmers so far have done but little plowing, the high winds have prevailed for the past six or eight weeks having dried out and absorbed what moisture there was in the soil, so that the prospect of a full crop is not flattering.

It is said that married women, though tax payers, were not allowed to vote at the recent school meeting at Oregon City, on the ground, as reported, that, according to scripture doctrine, man and wife are one flesh, and one person can not be allowed two votes! Scriptural doctrine and constitutional law are sadly mixed in this decision!

The memorial presented to the U. S. Senate by Senator Slater last week, signed by the State officers and several thousand citizens of Oregon, asking an appropriation of $250,000 to remove obstacles at the mouth of Yaquina Bay, is very reasonable in its assertion that the removal of the obstructions to navigation will open up a tract of fertile country between the Bay and the Willamette Valley exceeding 500,000 acres.

The Senate bill for the reclamation of arid land in Colorado, appropriates $20,000 for the experiment. Two artesian wells are to be bored east of the Rocky mountains, the Secretary of the Interior to designate the locality. A reservation of four square miles, with the well as nearly as possible in the center, is provided, said land not to be subject to sale or transfer until such reservation has been released. The experiment will be made in Colorado.

"Figures won't lie." A comparison of the cost of the penitentiary under the management of Bill Watkinds, Suprintendent under Grover, and Mr. A. Bush, present Superintendent, is largely in favor of the latter gentleman. Watkinds expended, in five quarters, with an average of 92 convicts, $47,517.03. Bush, with an average of 175 convicts, in five quarters, expended $22,971.27, a difference in favor of the Bush management of $24 545.76. This difference is outrageously disproportionate, and calls for more "explanations" from Bill.

The senate committee on territories, reported a bill to establish a territorial form of governmont for Alaska. The understanding is, however, that a vote shall not be asked on the bill this session, but allow it to remain on the calendar until after the sub committee can visit Alaska. Authority will be asked from the senate for this sub committee to go to Alaska during the coming summer.

Shepherd Cowley, who starved the little children in New York, has been sent to Blackwell's Island Prison. The embarrassing part of his punishment is the fact that he used to be chaplain there. His old congregation will be glad to see him.

Why I am a Republican.

I am opposed to the Democratic party, and I will tell you why. Every state that seceded from the United States was a Democratic state. Every ordinance of secession that was drawn was drawn by a Democrat. Every man that endeavored to tear the old flag from the heaven that it enriches was a Democrat. Every enemy this great republic has had for the last twenty years has been a Democrat. Every man that shot union soldiers was a Democrat. Every man that starved union soldiers, and refused them in the extremity of death a crust, was a Democrat. Every man that loved slavery better than liberty was a Democrat. The man that assassinated Abraham Lincoln was a Democrat. Every man that sympathized with the assassin—every man that was glad that the noblest president ever elected was assassinated was a Democrat. Every man that wanted the privilege of whipping another man to make him work for him for nothing and pay him with lashes on his naked back, was a Democrat. Every man that raised blood-hounds to pursue human beings was a Democrat. Every man that clutched from shrieking, shuddering, crouching mothers the babes from their breasts and sold them into slavery was a Democrat. Every man that impaired the credit of the United States was a Democrat. Every man that swore he would never pay the bonds, every man that swore he would never redeem the greenbacks, every maligner of his country's credit, calumniator of his country's honor, was a Democrat. Every man that resisted the draft, every man that hid in the bushes and shot at union men simply because they were endeavoring to enforce the laws of their country, was a Democrat. Every man that wept over the corpse of slavery was a Democrat. Every man that cursed Lincoln because he issued the proclamation of emancipation was a Democrat. Every man who believed that any state could go out of the union at its pleasure, every man that believed the grand fabric of the American government could be make to crumble into dust at the touch of treason was a Democrat. Every man that helped to burn orphan asylums in the city of New York was a Democrat—although he knew that thousands would perish, and knew that the great serpents of flame leaping from buildings would clutch children from their mothers arms—every wretch that did it was a Democrat. Recollect it! Every man that tried to spread smallpox and yellow fever in the North was a Democrat. Soldiers, every scar you have on your heroic bodies was given to you by a Democrat. I am a republican.—*Bob Ingersoll.*

The Nabobs of the Press.

"Editors are usually wealthy," the man with the sample case remarked.

"Yes," I said, "they are familiar with all the slang and business phrases of the money market; they write about millions as ordinary men talk about dollars; they know how to pay the national debt; they build railroads; they organize mining and magnificent transportation companies with fabulous capital; they declare war without consulting the Rothschilds, and if all the banks in America were to fail to-morrow, the editors wouldn't be a cent poorer than they are to-day. Yes, they are rich. They associate with the moneyed classes, they sit down at table with kings, and sometimes, in happier, luckier moments, with aces; if you want to borrow money, go to the editor, he will turn to his advertising columns and tell you where you can borrow it. If you have money to loan rather than see you suffer, he will borrow it of you himself. Rich? He knows the secrets of the moneyed rings; he divulges the plans and schemes of heavy operators to the people; he roars himself louder than the bulls, and growls among the bears, his voice is heard in the temples of the money-changers, asking for money; he warbles his little roundelay out on the curbstone, in a melancholy minor key, when he doesn't get it. Oh, yes, editors are rich! When you want to spend all the money you have in this wide, wide world, go to your lawyer; when you want something done for nothing, hie you to your newspaper office. Then when you want to send some man to Congress, send your lawyer, because you can get along without him."

A Somnambulistic Deed.

And this happened near Monterey, California, last month: While in a somnambulistic state, the wife of George Gibson dealt each of her three children, the oldest being about 10 years of age, several blows with a hatchet, at the family residence near the Sur rancho, on the night of January 14th. Her husband was away from home at the time. The poor woman appears now frantic with grief, and has but a confused and vague recollection of the affair, claiming that she did the deed in a dream, and was only awakened by the screaming of the oldest child. The children are still alive.

An Island Disappears.

Says the Idaho *Statesman:* A small island in Snake River, just above Salmon Falls, on which Frank Corbell had a mining claim with a house erected on it and the usual appliances for mining, was noticed to be settling down into the water. It was plain that the phenomenon was due to the gradual subsidence of the island itself. Seeing this Corbell one evening went on the island and removed what he could of his effects, and the next morning the island had entirely disappeared.

Says the Carson, Nevada, *Appeal:* The papers down at the Bay are calling for some more simple method of stock dealing. Brokers aiming at simplicity should go out on the streets at night in squads, knock down their customers with clubs and take what they have about them. This is the pinnacle of simplicity. No office rent, no book-keepers, no interest or commissions, just an ordinary six-shooter, a plain bludgeon and a cheap canvas sack for the swag.

In the Winter Palace.

Imagine the Czar in the act of pulling off his boots to retire, after a long consultation with his most trusty detectives, and after having previously peered under the bed to see if a Nihilist might happen to be concealed there. His right-foot casing having been removed, a strange sound salutes his Imperial ears. It may be the ignition of a powder train. The vibration of the air may have been produced by a tremendous explosion. His Majesty rises hastily and listens with feverish anxiety. Even the boot he has pulled off dangles in his autocratic hand. He strains with intense fear to catch the meaning of that sound. All is still. There is nothing to be heard. Convinced of the passing deception, the despot is himself again. He smiles in a sickly manner at his own hallucination, and proceeds with the other boot. He once intrusted his valet with such matters, but when a man's dining-room floor is blown into kindling wood just as he is about to sup, who would have a valet about him at a late hour of night? His Majesty tugs at the other boot, but suddenly starts up with a look of unutterable horror. Are the walls and floors rising noiselessly in the air by the aid of some newly invented and diabolical agency? Was the other noise he heard the unsuccessful application of fire to a huge mine, and is the fearful crash coming this time without fail? His Majesty will rush to the window. No; he will not dare do that. He may be fired upon by a score of concealed traitors. But hush! the sound subsides. It was only the wind. The haughty Romanoff reproaches himself and turns to his luxurious couch. In the middle of it is a singular swell of the silken coverlid. His restless eye detects it. Now what may that mean? Does there lie concealed some deadly missile of his foes, some shell or infernal machine that will rend him to atoms at the first attempt to remove it? He will summon a valet. No, the valet may kill him and escape in the darkness before the crime is even known. He will prod it with his sword, very carefully, and meantime lie flat on the floor. The act is soon performed, and again His Majesty confesses that his imagination has played him false. Thus does the Czar of all the Russias prepare to retire to uneasy and unrefreshing slumbers, harassed by a thousand miserable fears, while the humblest peasant in his empire may sleep securely on a board by the roadside, and rise with a light heart in the morning. Even the possession of a throne has its drawbacks.—*Chronicle.*

Settlement With The Utes.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Negotiations with the Utes were concluded to-day. The formal agreement provides in the first paragraph on the Indians that they will procure the surrender of those of their nation implicated in the murder of Agent Meeker and his employes, and in case they do not succeed in apprehending the parties, they will faithfully aid any officers of the United states, directed to make arrests. The second paragraph cedes to the United States all the territory of the present Ute reservation in Colorado. One quarter section, (160 acres) of agricultural lands, and a like quantity of grazing land to be given to each head of a family, and one-half of this quantity to each female person, being set apart for the settlement of the Indians. The southern Utes agree to settle upon unoccupied agricultural lands on the La Plata river, in Colorado and New Mexico, or in that vicinity. The Uncompagres go to Grand river, near the mouth of the Gunnison, in Colorado. The White river Utes will take the uplands on the Uintah reservation, Utah. The Indians are to select their own allotments in these localities. Provision is made for roads and highways. This agreement is entered into by the Ute chiefs who promise to obtain the consent of their people to a cession of their reservation upon the following express conditions:

First—The government to survey and patent to the Indians in severality the lands reserved for them, giving a fee simple title to each Indian so soon as the necessary laws are passed by congress, this title to remain inalienable, and the lands not taxable for twenty-five years.

Second—That so soon as the consent of the several tribes of the Ute nation shall have been obtained to this agreement, the annuities heretofore provided for in congress, amounting at this time to $30,000, will be paid to the Indians in cash, and as much more will be added as congress shall appropriate. This annuity is to be paid in cash at the request of the Indians, the president having discretion to pay it in cash or in stock, wagons and agricultural implements, etc. The latter are to be furnished sufficient for their reasonable wants; also such saw and grist mills as may be necessary to enable them to commence farming operations as soon as their settlement is effected. A commission will be appointed to superintend their settlements and attend to carrying out the agreement, and the money appropriated by congress for this purpose shall be apportioned as follows: One third to those who settle on the La Plata river, one-half to those on the Grand river, and one-sixth to those going to the Uinta reservation.

Third—In addition, as pay for their lands, the Utes are to receive an annuity of $50,000 to be distributed among them per capita, and their present annuity of $25,000 to be continued.

It is officially announced to-day that the agreement between Secretary Schurz and the Utes will be sent to congress early next week, and that it will be finally signed by the secretary as soon as congress approves it, which appears to be considered certain. Some doubt is expressed as to whether the Indians at home will acquiesce in the agreement made by their chiefs here, but no substantial reason for this expression of doubt has been made known.

In England a Princess might conclude not to hold a projected levee and no one would be seriously disappointed. Such is not the case in Canada, however. When the Princess of Lorne, on account of an ear ache talked of giving up the idea of a grand reception, a committee of merchants begged her to hold it, as the sale of thousands of dollars worth of dry goods depended on her decision. The ears of an ordinary woman are valuable chiefly to herself, but those of a Canadian Princess may advance or disastrously affect the welfare of commerce.

The national debt has been bolled down to about $2,000,000,000. We came out of the war owing more than $3,000,000,000, and therefore have reason to congratulate ourselves on the present showing. It will be easier to pay off the balance of the debt, funded as it is at a low rate of interest, than it has been to reduce it $1,000,000,000 the whole being encumbered with a high rate of interest.

If the testimony of the painters who worked on the Glasgow bridge last summer is not exaggerated, the responsibility for the disaster which cost so many lives will rest upon the managers of the railroad. At the inquiry now being held in Dundee, several painters testified that a supporting column of the high girders was cracked, and was only kept in place by iron hoops; that many bolts were missing, and many rivets lacken heads; and that, while at work, the passing of trains frequently caused the bridge to sway so badly that they feared it would fall. This is strong evidence; but it has become so common, however, for juries and committees of inquiry to pass a simple vote of censure upon the criminal carelessness of corporations that the result may be the same in this case.

The Socialists of New York have started a school to train up children in free thinking. It remains to be seen whether by this course they will not be hoist with their own petard. Education is a sad drawback to your thorough going Socialist.

"Never leave what you undertake until you can reach your arms around it and clinch your hands on the other side," says a recently published book for young men. Very good advice; but what if she screams?

An exchange contains the marriage notice of a Mr. and Miss Carr. We notice it merely as an instance of car coupling by a clergyman, which is something unusual.

Final Settlement.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Phillips, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Linn county, Oregon, his final account as such Administrator, and by order of said court, Tuesday, the 21 day of March, 1880, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., is set for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof. Any person interested in said estate, is hereby notified to appear and file his or her objections to said final account on or before said day. J. T. ROWLAND, Administrator.

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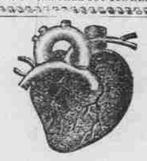

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