

The Democrat.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1881.

Try foreign grain market continues firm, with noted improvement in some directions.

The French political situation is becoming more settled, and general harmony prevails.

The United States is to be represented by a commission at the forthcoming electrical exhibition in Paris.

It is estimated by Treasury officials that the collection of the national debt for February was about \$10,000,000.

The Prussian government some time since prohibited the sale of women's rights publications issued in the United States.

The Pope has appealed to the Russian government for amnesty for the Catholic bishops and priests exiled to Siberia.

In order to encourage the coming of Protestant missionaries into Brazil, the Emperor offers to pay their traveling expenses.

As the Erie Canal has paid for itself as a commercial investment, it is claimed that it should now become a free waterway.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has agreed to the Chinese treaty. It now remains to be seen what the practical results will be.

The Land Department disposed of 14,792,371 acres of public land last year, the largest amount since 1875, when 13,630,000 acres were sold.

Just now the Portland Sunday Chronicle is making quite a feature of its "Art Gallery." It finds subjects in local celebrities and makes some good hits.

A few years more of the lately developed prejudices of the Russian and German nihilists and neither country would have so many representatives of royalty to select from.

CANADA is reporting. The Dominion government is able to announce a surplus of \$2,000,000 for the current year—the first time in some years that expenses have been kept within bounds.

The New York Herald says of civil service reform, "Under Hayes it was a humbug, and is an inherited humbug under Garfield." What else could be expected from the great Humbug Party?

The outlook for pork and bacon is not brilliant, should the trouble in the French market about bad American bacon, and the scare in the English market about trichinosis in American pork continue.

THERE is considerable naval comment in England on the government's position and conduct of the war in South Africa, where some of the very flower of the British army has been uselessly slaughtered.

COLONEL MOSEY is about to be recalled, and the Republicans of Virginia propose to compensate him for his security treatment as an honest, truth-telling General, by nominating him as the Republican candidate for Governor of Virginia.

The San Francisco Chronicle in an editorial comment on the action of Mahone in the Senate, says as follows: "Mahone is a traitor. These who purchased his treachery are co-sinners. To approve of these things is to sympathize with criminality."

The Republican attempt to control the Senate officers is likely at present writing to prove abortive. Much sharp work is being resorted to but the Democrats stand firm, and the probabilities are against it even if Davis and Mahone continue to act with the Republicans.

The Brooklyn Eagle thinks the people of this country will yet know what it is to have coal and brightly lighted lands. It argues that the laws that excluded Vanderbilt and Gould, and that have resulted in the monopoly of coal, of railroads, and of the telegraphic system, will in the course of time evolve landlordism.

The Prohibitionists of Texas introduced a bill in the Legislature of that State proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, importation or sale of intoxicating drinks, and the measure received a majority of twenty-three votes, but not the requisite two-thirds. They propose to exempt beer and wine and think then the measure will be carried.

It would appear from the statement of the poet laureate of Michigan that even the heavens above seem to be the domination of Ohio men, now carried on in the United States. A spirit ascends on high and seeks entrance at the gates of Paradise, announcing in reference to a query from the gate-keeper, that he is from the State of Michigan.

"From Michigan, said the State of Ohio?" "I am from Michigan," said the poet.

"But where is Peter?" asked the poet.

"I thought that he had been sent to the State of Ohio," said the poet.

"What, so he had?" the poet asked.

"That was a change," said the poet.

"I have been a year ago," said the poet.

"The office of the State of Ohio," said the poet.

"All from that State," said the poet.

"The poet, borne down by weight of words, in sadness said: 'It's a long way down.'"

TO THE READERS OF THE "DEMOCRAT."

In consequence of continued ill health, I find I am compelled to retire from the editorial management of the Democrat. After nearly fifteen years of almost continuous labor on the paper, it is with deep regret that I am compelled to sever my relations with its many kind and indulgent patrons.

In retiring I desire to express deep gratitude for the many favors and courtesies shown me during so many years by both advertisers and readers of the Democrat.

I leave the paper in good hands. Mr. C. H. Stewart, who has been intimately associated with me during all these years, will have the management of the paper, which is a sufficient assurance to its many familiar readers that it will be conducted, controlled and edited for the best interests of the public and the party whose principles it has always been my pleasure and pride to advocate through its columns; and I recommend him to the same patronage and favor that have been extended to me.

Trusting that the Democracy of Old Lion will flourish as in bygone days, and rally round that standard it has been the pride of the Democrat to sustain and ever hold up nearest; and hoping that in the near future my health may be sufficiently restored to enable me to resume the active duties of a democratic journalist among my old friends and fellow citizens, I bid you all a regretful and affectionate farewell.

MARY V. DREW.

GRIETING.

In assuming control of the Democrat we have only to say that we shall endeavor to make it in every respect a newspaper worthy of the patronage it has so long enjoyed. As heretofore, its politics will be Democratic, and in all political matters we shall try to present fairly the claims of the Democratic party. We believe in the party—believe it to be the people's party, and have every confidence in its future.

Regarding the mistakes and errors of the past, and every human institution has these, we shall hope and work earnestly for the better future.

In the heart of what we believe to be one of the most favored agricultural regions of the entire country, our farming interests are among the most important, and the Democrat will always give a hearty welcome to correspondence from the farmers, and we shall try to make its columns of interest to them by full market reports and all agricultural news items of interest.

The people have proven themselves in practical benefit to its many members in this section, and so long as its usefulness continues, which we believe is to be permanent, the Democrat will give it a hearty support. We shall endeavor to give a general review of the news of the world, and in all matters to keep up the old-time reputation of the Democrat. We shall favor every liberal and progressive movement looking toward the development of our city and State, and for this purpose our columns are always open.

With a large and increasing circulation the Democrat can offer to advertisers the best return for their money, and in this respect we look for liberal patronage.

We might extend this greeting indefinitely, as might lay before our readers all that we hope and expect; we might conjure up beautiful phrases and elegantly rounded sentences, high-sounding promises and prospects; but these are from the purpose and occupy space better filled with better matter. We will only say that we shall do the best we can in every respect and are willing to trust to an intelligent and associative public for our reward if we deserve any.

C. H. STEWART, A. L. GREY.

A TERRIBLE FIRE.

A terrible fire occurred a short time since at Nien in the principal theatre of the place, causing a fearful destruction of life. One of the gas jets of the stage set fire to some of the scenery.

The curtain was down at the time, and the audience knew nothing of the fire until the smoke burst forth into the auditorium in sufficing volumes. A stampede was the result, and many people were trampled under foot in the rush to get away from the flames, which spread rapidly. At present writing it is reported that more than a hundred lives were lost, and sixty-nine bodies have been recovered. The building was erected at an expense of \$250,000, and entirely without regard to architectural design or convenience of exit in case of such an emergency as has just occurred. It seems, too, the water supply was inefficient. This should be a lesson productive of good results, arising as it does from such a wholesale sacrifice of human life to human avarice. Half the theatre buildings of half the cities of Europe are perhaps as poorly constructed as this one at Nien, and the lesson will apply to many American cities.

This new Cabinet is made up as follows: Secretary of State—James G. Blaine, of Maine; Secretary of the Treasury—William Windom, of Minnesota. Postmaster-General—Thomas L. James, of New York. Secretary of War—Robert Lincoln, of Illinois. Secretary of the Navy—William H. Hunt, of Louisiana. Attorney-General—Wayne McVeagh, of Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Interior—Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa.

PACIFIC COASTERS.

Jacksonville is to have a new hall built.

The A. O. U. W. is booming on the Sound.

Gold exists in paying quantities near Ashland, Oregon.

A. M. Simpson has purchased Hinde's mill at Gardiner.

Willamette University is to have a first-class Art Teacher soon.

Five tons of iron has been taken into the Coquille to be used in making the cribs.

A newspaper convention is talked of to take place in Seattle on the 26th of April.

Several Jackson county farmers intend experimenting with tobacco this season.

Seattle has an active Chinese Mission in operation, and several converts are reported.

Boise City, Idaho, has been having a lively revival, resulting in 60 additions to the church.

The gold product of California since 1818, according to the most accurate estimates, amounts to \$981,000,000.

The Jacksonville Sentinel complains that thousands of deer are being slaughtered for their hides in that vicinity.

The small amount of snow in the mountains will make but a poor supply for California hydraulic mines this spring.

The Charles Dickens mine of Yankee Fork, I. T., is said to give promise of being the "big bonanza" of the Salmon river country.

One of President Hayes' last official acts was the pardon of Hicks, who was confined in the Oregon penitentiary for counterfeiting.

The residence of Mr. Steadman, at Springfield, Jackson county, was destroyed by fire on the 17th. Cause unknown. Loss \$250.

Post offices—established—Cheney, Spokane county, W. T.; Jacob Bittenger, postmaster. Discontinued—Starkey, Union county, Oregon.

We hear that Ben Simpson, postal agent, will soon leave for Washington via Koltun. Perhaps to explain the Roseburg Redding \$50,000 steel.

The Gardiner school district loses its proportion of the school fund by not having three months' public school taught within the past school year.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Willamette University held on the 15th inst., Mrs. E. A. Andrews was elected "Lady Dean" of the Woman's College.

The Coquille City people pushing the work of construction of the long bridge across Cunningham creek and marsh near town, and it will soon be completed.

Plowing has just commenced on some of the dryer bottom lands in Coos county, and the probability is that the area of grain sown this year will be greater than ever before.

In the best race at San Francisco between Stephenson of Vallejo and Catford of Victoria, the latter was beaten by upsetting in turning. "Crack"ness is charged.

A stage-driver named Hunter committed suicide last Thursday in the Snake river, about a mile below Lewiston, Idaho. He tried to outrun a little girl, who was a passenger, but she got away. In a fit of remorse he then drowned himself.

Parker & Co. are building an addition to their mill on Coquille river. It is thought the greater percentage of clear lumber to be obtained from fir logs on the Coquille river will go far to compensate for higher freights that are paid from that port as compared with Coos Bay.

An injunction having been served upon the Northern Pacific Railroad for hiding the transfer of part of its common stock, the stock exchange rule that only certificates of common stock registered March 14th or previous are good for delivery until further notice.

Bieneman Fred Schenck, 34 Carey, who will be on a visit to his parents in Oregon in a short time, has been engaged by the Oregon and Washington Lyceum Bureau to deliver a series of lectures on this coast, and will deliver at least one in Vancouver.

Work on the Waldo Hills branch of the Narrow Gauge Railroad is progressing rapidly. About four miles of the road, says the Salem Talk, has been graded from McAllister's mill, ready for the iron to be laid. A large force of both white men and Chinamen are employed at work on the road, and also a large number of teams. It is expected that the road will be extended to Eastern Oregon by the Minto Pass route.

THE ANTI-MONOPOLY LEAGUE.

On our fourth page will be found an interesting account of a meeting held at Cooper Institute, New York, on Monday, Feb. 21st, for the purpose of organizing an Anti-Monopoly League, with a view of obtaining legislation restraining the encroachments of monopolies on the people. The object is one that should meet the hearty endorsement of the American people, and we believe it will. The people of Oregon, and especially of this section, have felt the effect of monopoly management until they are in good condition to appreciate such a movement as that proposed by the Anti-Monopoly League.

Last Wednesday the Massachusetts House declined to pass a bill giving municipal suffrage to women. The vote stood 76 to 122.

GENERAL NEWS.

Count Pecci, the Pope's brother, is dead.

The President and Cabinet have decided against an extra session.

American homes are becoming favorite on the English race courses.

Clinton, Illinois, has a female house-dier who has become notorious.

The Boer and British have had another encounter near Patebestrone.

Florida orange groves have been seriously injured by the late cold snap.

A large shipment of thoroughbred English horses are on the way to this country.

Indians are raiding in Green county, Texas, and considerable damage is being done by them.

The grand national steeple chase was won by Woodbrook, Regatta second, Thornfield third.

Many eastern cities have been lighted by Edison's electric light, which has proved successful.

The New York Herald reports the existence of a vast plot against Mexican independence.

Grant has been snubbed thus far by Garfield in relation to those whom he desired to hold office.

Russia and Germany are making arrangements for the extinction of the troublesome nihilists.

The Rhode Island Republican State Convention unanimously re-nominated the present State officers.

Commodore Sheffield, U. S. N., has been detached on special service to re-organize the Chinese navy.

The new Senator from Pennsylvania—Mr. Mitchell—is now abundantly endorsed as a Cameron man.

Turkey wants to fight, and is getting ready for war. She has now a total frontier force of 40,000 men.

Of the 3,500 Massachusetts children who are under the care of the State, 2,000 are the children of criminals.

The losses of cattle in Montana, save in a single locality, have not been nearly as great as they were last winter.

Petitions to General Garfield, asking him not to have when in the White House, are circulating by the thousands.

The French troops in Senegal had an encounter with the natives, 150 French cavalrymen, putting over 1,000 natives to flight.

A conflagration in Tokio, Japan, a few weeks since, destroyed 11,000 houses, and rendered 30,000 people homeless.

Emigrant rates from Europe have been cut to such an extent that passage from Liverpool to New York may now be had for \$12.

Mogler county, Montana, lost 40,000 sheep this winter, a number nearly equal to the county's receipts from the summer's drive.

The entries for the pigeon-shooting match for the championship of the world and the challenge cup, include Dr. Carver, Ira Davis and Scott.

People in the west of Ireland are busy working on the land, are very quiet, and are anxious to know the terms of the government land bill.

Paul Boyton writes from Lima, under date of February 7, that, after having been slightly wounded, he is a prisoner of war, and wants to return home.

The revised New Testament will be published by the English University press in May next, in different sizes and styles of binding, at corresponding prices.

Thirty persons have died of the plague in Kerbelia, Bagdad and Djagra, provinces of Bagdad. Precautions have been taken to localize the epidemic.

Postmaster General James was sworn in by Judge Lawrence, who has administered the oath of office to every Postmaster General since the time of General Jackson.

One thousand iron workers are out of employment by a strike at the rolling mills, at Springfield, Ill. The company will fill their places with workmen from abroad.

The President has nominated Robt. R. Holt, of Illinois, assistant Secretary of State; N. W. Spaulding, assistant U. S. Treasurer at San Francisco, and C. M. Levy, assistant appraiser at San Francisco.

The Executive of the United States of Columbia has executed a contract for a cable north and south from the Isthmus of Panama to connect with the United States and Europe, via Central America and Mexico.

Grant is meeting with unexpected opposition to his Mexican railway scheme, by patriotic but ill-informed Mexicans who fear their country's safety will be imperiled by railroad connection with the United States.

A VIRGINIA TRAITOR.

Mahone has placed himself on record by his recent action and speech in Congress as one of the worst political hypocrites of the day. He uses many grandiose phrases, and does much stammering, but all to no purpose, as the bare-faced, vulgar and false appearance of the affair is too prominent for such weak whitewash. It is unfortunate that the entire country must be made to learn the consequence of Virginia's mistake in selecting such a man, but under our form of government and the circumstances of this case it is inevitable. The grain of satisfaction to be found lies in the fact that the people of Virginia will impress upon Mr. Mahone most forcibly their view of the case when the opportunity offers.

The New York Tribune says: The favorable report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on treaty with China, means no doubt their final confirmation. There is not a single feature in the new adjustment of these treaties of our relations with China which is not perfectly just to the United States, and even desirable; yet they may undoubtedly be set down as another success for China. Her successes lately in war and policy have been no significant that it is time we gave them attention. The world will be forced to hear their opinion of this nation before long. Fifteen years ago China was supposed to be in a state of meretricious, but today she shows the vigor and energy of a young nation.

It is reported that Representative M. C. George will request a portion of the appropriation for sinking artesian wells west of the 100th meridian, for the purpose of sinking a well between Lake Abbott and Camp Harney, on the Great Desert. At present this region is useless, but would be most for grazing if it was irrigated sufficiently. It is only eighty miles wide, and would prove very valuable if the necessary aid could be donated by Congress. We sincerely hope Mr. George will be successful in his efforts.

The Commercial Reporter has changed hands, and from its improved appearance we should judge the new management proposed to make itself felt. Occupying a field requiring accuracy and promptness, as well as sound business judgment, Mr. Clay will undoubtedly hold the Reporter in the front rank of that class of papers, and we wish him a full measure of success.

YOUNG KALLOCH has been acquitted by a San Francisco jury, and a large and enthusiastic crowd conducted him home from the court room amid cheers and expressions of joy. The verdict of the jury is somewhat of a surprise, but can be accounted for. The enthusiasm of the populace in such affairs as this can only be based in moral sentiments hardly creditable to the metropolis of the Pacific coast.

When ex-President Hayes arrived at Cleveland on his way home, there were no bands, no military, no crowds, no politicians with addresses at the depot. Nobody even offered to show him a prize pumpkin, or to give him a glass of rum punch and a sandwich. He was allowed to proceed quietly to the residence of Mrs. Hayes' brother-in-law. The King was dead.

The making of M. D.'s in Maine is rendered illegal in a funny and illogical manner. A State law forbids the issuance of a diploma to any one who has not dissected a body, attaches a penalty for surrendering to medical schools a body that has not been hanged for crime, and forbids the courts to sentence any one to death.

"The great contest in the immediate future," says Judge Jere Black, "is the people against the corporations. There will be in this contest no neutrality. The agitation once begun will go on until fifty millions of people will learn the secret that they are fifty millions strong."

HENRY VILLARD, the railroad king, will visit Oregon during the coming summer. Portland owes him a more magnificent reception than she gave Hayes. If that city has as bright a future as is claimed, it has been secured in a great measure by Mr. Villard.

Nihilism in Russia, even with such results as the murder of a Czar, is yet gaining ground. On Monday night last the Russian Council of Ministers convened to consider the question of representation in the government by the people.

It is claimed that postal cards have diminished the sale of writing paper in the United States to the extent of \$12,000,000 annually.

HONOLULU advises report a deplorable condition of affairs there. Smallpox is epidemic, many houses are quarantined, no one is allowed to enter or leave the city, and communication between the islands is stopped.

During the last four years the public debt has been lessened by \$208,824,730, and the annual interest charge has been reduced \$17,557,708, for which thanks are largely due the Democratic Congresses.

President Garfield's "good Lord, good Devil" policy will hardly carry him safely through the Seylla of Conkling's mighty wrath and the Charybdis of party indignation.

BEN HOLMADAY, the original proprietor of the O. & C. R. K., will arrive in Oregon this month. What job he is up to now is not known.

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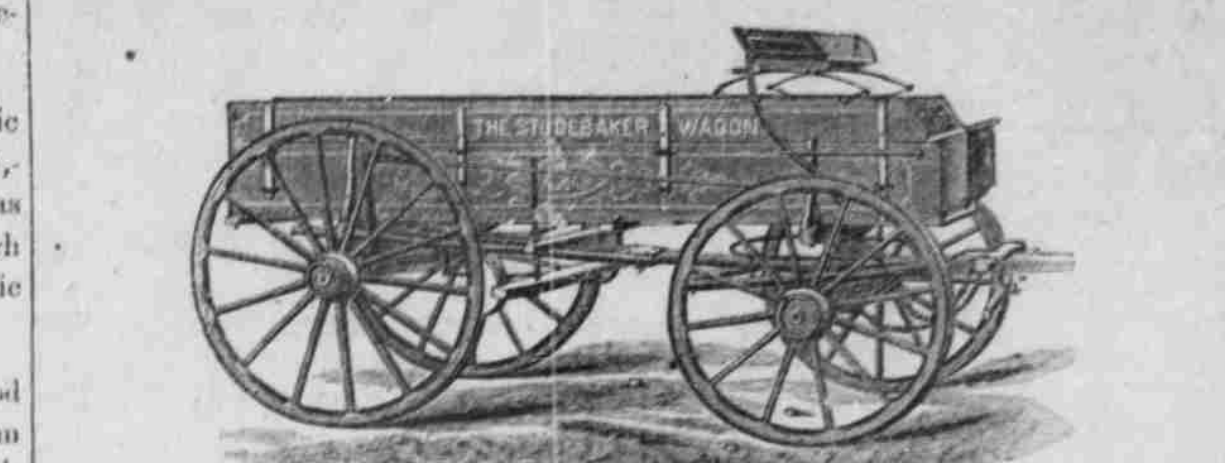
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