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SCIO.—Mrs Ida Veal, of Albany, is visiting with her parents, Mr and Mrs J W Cole, of this city.

Died, in Linn county, about six miles northeast of Scio, at 9 a m, on Jan 22nd, 1893, Anna Gunsaules, aged over 75 years.

Mrs Chas Warner will start Saturday for Elkton to visit her parents. She purposes being absent two or three weeks. Miss Cad Warner will do the housekeeping act for Charlie, her brother, while Mrs Warner is absent.

Johnny Gill, son of M C Gill, had a very narrow escape on Monday from being severely if not fatally injured. He was driving a cow on horseback, when by some means both horse and rider went to the ground, the horse falling on one of Johnny's legs, and while no bones were broken, he was badly bruised and stunned. He was carried home from the scene of the accident on a blanket.—Press.

OVER A MINE.—Friday morning last, at 7 o'clock, a shooting affray occurred at Lucky Queen mine, fourteen miles from this city in which Ed Seeley and Wm Thompson were wounded with buckshot, Seeley eight times and Thompson once. Seeley is now being cared for at the Redman house and Thompson at the residence of J W Griffith. Both of the injured men are single and 28 years old. It seems a dispute had previously taken place about the ownership of the claim and on the occasion of the shooting the elder Stover and two sons had driven up to haul away some ore. Seeley was in the cabin and gun in hand warned the old man off. The sons were on the dump within 60 yards of the house and fired. Seeley does not know whether he fired his gun or not. Moore & Seeley it seems were former locaters of the ledge and had returned finding the Stovers working it, claiming that it had been abandoned. The sons are now in jail awaiting the result of Seeley's wounds. The father is out on $200 bail.—Grants Pass Courier.

THOSE BANKS.—Attachments by Scott Jones for $373.57, and I W Hubbard for $363, were filed Tuesday night against the United States Banking Co of Gervais. The bank still remains closed and will until the arrival of the president from Chicago. The Sheridan Banks also closed. In reserence to the Junction Bank the Guard says: The following attachments on the bank building have been served by the sheriff of Lane county: Lane County Bank, $390; Mrs M S Butler, $421; Samuel Templeton, $339; J J Winn, $155; A R Hill, $617; S E McClure, $412. The officers are: Walter Evenden, president; E M Baldridge, vice president; L H Reeves, secretary; C W Lamson, treasurer. The bank was incorporated with a capital of $100,000. Lamson was in charge of the bank. A number of depositors remain unsecured notwithstanding the bank paid out all money on hand besides turning out for security all notes drawn in favor of the bank.

SNOW BALLING.—The boys have been snowballing everybody almost, regardless, of age or nationality, using little discretion in the matter, among others having an extra dose for the Chinamen. Last night a Mongolian went along the street with his hand on a revolver with the avowed purpose of shooting if not let alone. He was not disturbed. Snow balling is all right, in the right place when the fight is even, and the contest fair; but it is cowardly to hit any one in the back, or older men, and Chinamen, anywhere.

Several boys this forenoon attacked a Chinamen belonging to the Ferry Street house, and it is claimed broke one of his ribs. An attack on Prof Torbett, of the College resulted in the Professor's glasses being broken. Complaint was made for warrants in each case; but it is always difficult to place the offenders, and no arrests had been made at press time.

AN ADVERTISING CAR.—Several parties in Portland, including Geo M Hyland, J H Weider and J M Hodson, have incorporated the Oregon Advertising Association; capital stock, $10,000. Mr Geo M Hyland has been selected president of the company. They will build a car similar to the Leak's, that visited Albany, fill it with Oregon products, and visit points throughout the United States. They expect to be on the road by August 1st.

WORK TO BEGIN.—Here is an item with an old time ring to it. A railroad contractor has just arrived in Albany from California, where he gave up a contract to do so, and will go to work shortly on the extension of the Oregon Pacific which is to connect with the C B & Q. He says it is business this time and no mere foolishness. This is told for a fact and is not a funny item. In the mean time the road will not be sold until the 1st of March. It is probable that then there will be but one bidder, and it is possible that now the matter is all fixed up and contractors are being negotiated with; but not probable.

TO BE TESTED.—The work of the state board of equalization is to be resisted. The suit of Ira Goodenough against the clerk of Multnomah county, and the governor, secretary of state and treasurer of the state of Oregon acting as a board to make the state tax levy, and begun today in the circuit court of Multnomah to enjoin those officers from extending the tax rolls of Multnomah county as ordered to do by the state board of equalization, which raised mortgages of that county fifty per cent and the plaintiff refuses to pay on over 65 per cent of their face value.—Journal.

TOO COSTLY.—It is learned that Major Huer, who recently made an examination of Yaquina bay with a view to ascertaining the practicability of establishing a 25-foot channel at the entrance, figured up that, to extend the jetties the distance required and remove from between them the rock necessary to make a 25-foot channel, would cost $30,000,000. This, even at the present low price of silver, was considered more than the importance of the work would justify.—Oregonian. Pretty thin.

A NEST OF OWLS.—Last evening at the Masonic temple an Independent International Order of Owls was organized with a large membership. There are about fifteen officers in all, with owlish titles, which easily suggest the office. The leading officers are:

D P Mason, Sapient Screecher.
L C Marshall, 1st vice S. C.
J P Galbraith, 2nd vice S. C.
E M Horton, Sapient Scratcher.
E D Cusick, Sapient Bag Holder.

A DECISION REVERSED. — The suit brought by John Burnett against J R Markley et al, whose object was to prevent the treasurer of Benton county from paying to defendants $7219 for present owner books, was decided for the plaintiff by the circuit court, which decision was reversed by the supreme court. The plaintiffs did not show, as the constitution requires, in order to give them cause for action, that the expenditure for these books was voluntary and not made obligatory on Benton county by law.

DRUNKEN BOYS.—The Jefferson Review tells the following: We are informed by parties in attendance that at the dance given at Miller's station Friday night of last week, several lads from Albany, three of them not exceeding 12 or 14 years of age, were in a bad state of intoxication, having to be dragged from where they where they were lying stupefied, and placed in places of safety. Any dispenser of "bug juice" who sells the vile stuff to children deserves severe punishment, and in this case are liable to receive it.

BIG THINGS. — The San Francisco Chronicle is arranging to get out a World's fair edition of 1,000,000 copies. It will contain maps of all the states, and big writeups of any place paying for them, for instance, cities like Albany may be boomed for $1400. Oregon City proposes to invest, one man alone subscribing $200.

PROBATE MATTERS. —In estate of Walter Burnett, a minor, estate was appraised at $1,600

In estate of Cora Ann Cox, real estate was ordered sold.

In estate of Hattie L Dearmond et al minors, J W Swank was appointed guardian. Bond, $108.

In estate of Jessie Barr, will admitted to probate. Cyrus V and John F Barr, executers; bond, $6,000. Appraisers, H Nye, B Harris, H E Cady.

In estate of J S McKechnie, report of sale of personal property approved; real property ordered sold.

In guardianship of Minnie Ansborn Margarette Mo s appointed guardian. Bond, $300. Appraisement, $250.

In estate of Henry Moss, inventory filed. Real property $2109; personal property, $1025.25. Property exempt from execution ordered set aside for widow and minor.

In estate of Artemas Dodge inventory filed. Real estate $19,900; personal property $5934.88. Total, $26,834.88. Personal property ordered sold.

In guardianship of Zenas Richard fifth annual account allowed.

In estate of Robert McCulloch inventory filed; real property $1000; personal property, $269,17; notes $1096.80.

LEBANON. — Rev May C Jones, the evangelist, will hold a series of meetings in the Baptist church, beginning next Wednesday evening.

A S McDonald, of Brownsville, came to Lebanon Monday after a wagon load of brick, which he will use in building fines for a new residence he is putting up in that city.

A P Allmatt, a young man living near Fry station, while cutting wood near Eb Keebler's, Wednesday, cut one of his feet almost off. He was brought to town and Drs Booth and Foley dressed the wound, and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

Ben Crouch and Alvin Marks left Tuesday for Douglas county, where they will build a large stock barn on Joe Melvin's cattle ranch, which is being run by Jas Keebler. They took with them Ed Kellenkerger's big dog, "Sullivan," which will be presented to Mr Keebler and will be used to chase deer.—Advance and Express.

TWO GAME LAWS.—Two bills have been introduced, nearly alike. One provides that "if any person other than an officer on lawful business, being armed with a gun, pistol or other firearm, shall go or trespass upon any inclosed premises or lands, without the consent of the owner or possessor thereof, such trespasser shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by fine not less than $15 nor more than $50, and in default of the payment of the fine imposed shall be committed to the jail of the county in which the offense is committed one day for every $2 of the said fine." One of the bills makes it unlawful for hunters to shoot from or upon the county road, and dogs trespassing upon the premises or lands of another may be killed by the land owner without further ceremony.

MONTGOMERY DISCHARGED.—In the United States district court at Portland yesterday R K Montgomery, formerly of Albany was arraigned on an indictment charging him with sending an obscene letter through the mails. A plea of not guilty was entered, and the case went to trial. Prosecuting Attorney Mays appeared for the U S and Strahan & Piper and J K Weatherford for the defendant. The court decided that there was not sufficient proof to show that the letter was written by the defendant, and the law would not allow of his admittedly genuine writing being used to compare with the letter in question to establish his guilt. There was therefore nothing for the United States attorney to do but enter a "nolle," and Montgomery was discharged.

A NOTICEABLE FACT.—It is a fact that has been noticed several times, that whenever there is a good prospect of the Oregon Pacific doing something the Oregonian particularly throws cold water on the Yaquina harbor. Just now the outlook is good and such an occurrence is noticed. The Oregonian says a civil engineer has investigated the matter and reports that it would cost $30,000,000 to make a 25 foot channel at Yaquina. There is almost such a channel now, and the report is probably not true in any respect. In all probability it is manufactured for the occasion, in view of the present investigation taking place. The statement is a ridiculous one. It is undoubtedly true that Portland fights this improvement secretly in every manner possible.

A PATENT ROAD.—A great deal is said about better roads. Here is a remedy from the Pacific Farmer: N S Biddle of Eugene has received a patent on a wagon road for which he claims many things. Among them are that it is possible to make an easy grade up our worst hills; to prevent wagon ruts and chuck holes; that it requires no ditching or turnpiking and can be built at little cost. He also claims that a team or horse can draw twice as much on his road as on any other road now known, and so confident is he of its success that he is willing to give the plans and specifications for one mile of road and that will apply during 189

WILL TAKE THE PASS.—Here is another from up the Santiam, nearer the authorities than we: It is reported that the C B & Q railroad company are surveying from Boise City this way and will come through the pass that the O P did intend to go through as they think that the O P has held that pass long enough and they want to get into Western Oregon to the Pacific Coast and as this is the most practical route and the shortest they propose to use that pass to get to the sea shore.

THE FIRST.—At a meeting of an Albany literary society, a question asked on American History was "who was the first county clerk of Linn county?" The answer was Mr M C Chambers, who is now an honored resident of this county residing a few miles from Albany. "Who was the first delegate to congress from Oregon?" answer, J Q Thornton, formerly of this city, who died at Salem, a few years ago. Thornton, though, was not allowed to serve long, if at all.

SOME LIVE MEN.—L H McMahan is making arrangements to start an independent evening daily in Salem. Salem has been noted as the grave yard of newspapers; but McMahan is a rustler all over. So is Bob Hendricks, likewise the Hofers, ditto Flagg & Floed. Hence there will be live times in the capital city with her 12,000 citizens.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

THURSDAY

Mrs M F Awbrey went to Albany this morning on a visit at the residence of her son, Dr Awbrey.—Eugene Guard.

Last evening Miss Hela Gilbert and students gave a piano recital at the residence of Mr Arch Hammer. A choice program was rendered. Under the talented instructions of Miss Gilbert the students have displayed marked improvement.

Last evening the C L S C met with the Misses Althouse. Quotations were from Bryant. Miss Clara Gard read an able paper on township government, an examination on civil government and a question box followed, and the evening was ended with a game. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Dr J L Hill, and Lowell will be quoted.

FRIDAY

Mr Frank Propst is lying seriously ill at the home of his brother in this city.

Mrs D W Wakefield, of Portland, is in the city on her way home from a several weeks sojourn in California.

W S Paul, who has been living in Albany for several months, has moved back to his place on Beaver creek. He will set out a prune orchard this season.

Hon Lish Applegate, who has spent years telling that Oregon might prosper, a man whose name is familiar from Curry to Union and Clatsop to Baker since No—well for a long time, was in the city this forenoon and lighted up our sanctum for a short period of time.

SATURDAY

Mr Geo F Simpson is seriously ill at his home in this city.

Miss Alice Brenner is spending a month with Portland friends.

Jos Talt, now with Beeler's insurance agency, of Salem, is in the city.

Mrs L C Bock, of Portland, formerly of Albany, is in the city, the guest of Mr Chas Pfeiffer.

Mrs John Fox, of Albany, spent Sunday in this place with her sister, Mrs W A Calder.—Brownsville Times.

E A Milner and wife, for many years residents of this city, and now of Albany, departed for their home on Wednesday after a few days visit with relatives and their host of Corvallis friends.—Gazette.

Mr C M Rand, representing the bondholders of the Oregon Pacific, is in the city, investigating the matter of the value of the road, among other things having an abstract of the title of the company's property made out by Davis & Kmisey.

M S Ryan is now a man of leisure, the Southern Pacific Company having divided the sections so as to leave him out at this place. He will get one in Southern Oregon soon. Halsey will lose a good citizen when he leaves.—Halsey News.

W R Calloway, the progressive farmer of Soap Creek district, has just returned from a six week's visit with former friends in the Sacramento Valley, Cal. He remarked but little change in the scenes of his old home during the years of his absence.—Gazette.

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Fine groceries at Conn & Hendricson's.

New cream cheese just received at Conrad Meyers.

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Smoke the celebrated Havana filled 5 cent cigar at Julius Joseph's.

Dr M H Ellis, physician and surgeon Albany, Oregon. Calls made in city or country.

Teacher's Examination:

Notice is hereby given that the regular public examination of teachers, for Linn county, will take place in Albany, commencing on Wednesday, February 8th at 1 o'clock p m, and continue until Friday noon, February 10th. All teachers must positively be present at the time of commencement, as no one will be admitted to the examination who is not so present. Applications for state certificates and state diplomas received at the above named time.

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A large stock of pruning shears and pruning hooks, the best made, just received at Stewart & Son's. Now is the time to use them.

REMOVED.—Attorney C E Wolverton has removed his law office from the Foster block to up stairs over the First National Bank where he is prepared to attend promptly to all legal business entrusted to him.

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If you contemplate putting in a water plant get prices of windmills, pumps, pipe, tanks, etc., from W W Crawford. He will astonish you.

The Portland Collection Agency has commenced several suits to collect accounts for G L Blackman. Parties owing him should settle their accounts and save costs.

W F Read has a large stock of boots and shoes to select from, and the best value in town.

Great reductions in Aermotor wind mills for December. See the agent, W W Crawford.

Try W F Read when you want shoes.

The finest line of pocket knives in the city at Stewart & Son's.

Stewart & Son sell the very best patent hears and scissors.

A log cabin made of gum attracts considerable attention at Mueller's. See it.

Remember that F L Dumont does guarantee fit, and sews possible coming rips in clothing bought of his store. Overcoats sold at cost until Christmas.

Fine cream candy, chewing chocolate marshmallows, angels food, etc at Mueller's.

Mr Cleveland is not the man to imperil the success of the administration to gratify personal feelings. That is the Harrison way of doing business.

Probably the heaviest rudder on record is that made for the torpedo-boat Vulcan. It was forged in single pieces and weighs 22 tons.

The exportation of American beef to England through all seasons of the year, has, it is said, caused a reduction of 4½ cents a pound to the British consumer.

The largest child ever born, it is said, was the son of Bates, the "Kentucky Giant," and his wife, the "Nova Scotia Giantess." This infant Hercules weighed 23¼ pounds.

Electricity, where unretarded by atmospheric influences, travels at the rate of 288,000 miles a second. Along a wire, it is of course, vastly slower; a perceptible period of time is occupied by the electric current in sending telegrams over long distances.

And now comes Senator Wolcott and introduces a resolution in the United States senate directing the postmaster-general to discontinue the printing of the Columbian postage stamp. The DEMOCRAT hopes to see the resolution pass. A saddle blanket is a good thing in its place, but it makes a very cumberson postage stamp.

There have been recently additions to the Central Park menagerie. Among them a female Nubian baboon and a rare monkey from South America. "Fatima", the baby hippopotamus, is to be taken from her mother "Miss Murphy," and in all probability will be traded for one of Barnum & Bailey's young female elephants.

Dr Francis Dowling, of Cincinnati, has published the result of his examination on the effect of tobacco chewing on the eyes. The experiments covered 3000 cases, and showed that 95 per cent suffered with visual troubles, and nearly as many exhibited muscular deterioration. It was also demonstrated that tobacco chewing is far more hurtful than smoking.

By the recent discovery of a fossil hemiptherous insect in the upper beds of the Lower Silurian formation of Scania in Sweden, the horizon of insect life is lowered very considerably. Heretofore the honor of being the most ancient of insects has been ascribed to the cockroach, one having occurred in the Upper Silurian of France.

The famous pearl button factory at Eau Claire, Wis, used by the republicans from June to November of last year as a campaign argument, closed its doors today. The proprietors make no other explanation than that pearl button making is the Northwest is not a paying investment.

The house sub-committee, appointed to investigate into the manner in which the federal election laws have been carried out by the notorious Davenport of New York city, report that all the charges brought against that officious intermeddler are substantially true. They recommend that all laws on the statute books permitting federal supervision of elections be repealed. That is right. Wipe out the unholy measure at once.

Dr Sheldon Jackson tells the Independent that it is impossible that the salmon berry of Alaska should get its name from its being put up in salmon oil. There is, he says, no such thing as salmon oil in use there. The only oil used is made from the dogfish, the herring and the Ulican fish. It gets its name, says Dr Jackson, from the color of the berry. There are two varieties of berries, one of which is reddish, and the other a pure salmon color.

The three tallest trees in the world are believed to be a Sequoia, which is found near Stockton, Cal, and is 325 feet high, and two Eucalypti, found in Victoria, and estimated to be 435 and 450 feet in height, respectively. Contrast this with the following fact, viz: On the summit of Ben Lomond may be seen the smallest tree that grows in Great Britain. It is known as the dwarf willow, and is, when mature, only about two inches in height.

The age of turtles, like the age of some excellent women, will never be known. In many parts of the country boys cut their initials on the shell of the tortoise, with the date, and then watch for them in later years. At Hatboro, in Pennsylvania, one was found with L W, 1833, cut on the shell. Mr Levi Walton, who cut the lettering is still living but the slow going turtle will probably outdo him in the race of life.

Mrs Lease and Mrs Diggs who have been very prominent as populist leaders in Kansas are highly furious over the election of Judge Martin as senator. "You can say for me," said Mrs Lease, "that the election of Judge Martin is the death blow to the populist party in Kansas. I renounce my allegiance to it." Mrs Diggs said: "When the populist party elected Judge Martin senator it committed suicide. From its ashes, however, will arise a party not to be dominated by political tricksters, which will carry out the will of the people."

The first firing was done on the new proving grounds of the Bethlehem iron works on the 28th of July last. Screens were arranged in connection with electrical instruments for measuring the velocity with which the shots traveled. In the test made the object was to obtain the velocity of a 250 pound shot fired from an eight inch gun with a charge of 81 pounds of hexagonal prismatic powder. The standard set down for the conditions is 1700 feet per second, or at the rate of about 1200 miles per hour. The instruments showed a velocity of 1702 feet for the first shot fired; this came so close to the standard that other tests were considered unnecessary. This is said to be one of the most satisfactory tests made in the history of modern ordnance.

One of the popular Kentuckians talked of to fill Senator Carlisle's unexpired term is ex-Congressman McKenzie. It was McKenzie who smoothed some troubled waters during a session of the Chicago convention by one of those short and humorous speeches for which he has long been noted. He put every one in good humor at the start by promising not to speak more than two minutes. "If I do," he added, "I trust that some good democrat will suspend my shapely cadaver from one of the rafters of this elegant but somewhat leaky auditorium." At that moment the unsightly great pine box in which the unterrified were assembled was leaking like a sieve, and old fashioned Jacksonian profanity was on tap in more than one part of it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan 23, 1893.

"The Carlisle tariff bill." How does that strike you as a popular title for the democratic tariff bill which is to be passed by the Fifty-third congress? Unless a number of gentlemen who are in positions to know are wrong in their calculations Senator Carlisle, whose resignation as Senator will take effect the fourth of next month, is the man who will frame that bill The great success of the Walker tariff bill, framed by President Polk's secretary of the treasurer, was, it is said, what induced Mr Cleveland to follow the same plan and entrust the framing of a tariff bill which is to be strictly in accord with democratic ideas, to his secretary of the treasury. It is not to be understood or inferred that this move is intended to deprive the ways and means committee of the next house of any of its rights. The idea is merely to put into the hands of that committee a complete tariff bill, leaving its members to decide whether it shall be accepted as prepared or be amended before being reported to the house. Whatever one's opinion of this method of preparing the tariff bill may be, it cannot be denied that John G Carlisle is by experience and ability specially well qualified to frame the democratic bill. He has for many years been a leading tariff reformer, and his name attached to the bill would of itself make it popular with the rank and file of the democratic party.

Much curiosity is felt concerning the answer that Secretary Foster will make to Representative Scott's resolution, which has been adopted by the house, calling for information as to the delay in the erection of public buildings for which the money has been appropriated by congress. Mr Scott says he is satisfied that the delay has been caused by the lack of money in the treasury, and the facts are all apparently with him; but it is hardly probable that the wily secretary of the treasury will admit that.

Representative Bynum's resolution, which has been adopted by the house, calling on the civil service commission to furnish a list of all the men reinstated in the classified service of the government, under rule 10, since March 4, 1889, together with the date of their dismissal or resignation from the service, the states they were from and the states charged with their appointment, the date of their reinstatement, and the departments in which they were reinstated. Rule 10, referred to in this resolution was gotten up by republicans ostensibly to allow the reinstatement within one year of their dismissal or resignation of ex soldiers, but if the information called for by the resolution be truthfully given it will be seen that it has been terribly stretched, both as to time and persons. It would be much better to absolutely suspend the civil service law so far as it relates to appointments and removals, for the first year of every administration, as proposed by Representative DeArmond's bill, now in the hands of a house committee than to evade it as has been done under this administration; besides, it would be much more manly and honorable.

The favorable report to the house on the bill repealing all federal election laws contains some very strong language, but, as the report truthfully says, "these laws are a continued menace to the peace and welfare of the country," and nothing said against them can be too strong. The house will pass this bill, not with any expectation that it can get through the senate at this session, but to emphasize the position of the democratic party against these laws.

Things are now going with a rush at the headquarters of the inaugural committee, and so great has been the demand for hotel accomodations that good quarters are getting scarce.

REFORM FOR RHODE ISLAND.

The democrats of Rhode Island are on the right track when then they set out to demand a reform of a constitution which subject the people to various unjust and unequal conditions.

It is always right and always sound policy for the democratic party to strike at the root of evils which afflict the people. When ancient wrongs are imbedded in organic law there is no hope of complete and permanent emancipation except by reform of the law.

The Connecticut democrats made this issue in the last campaign and it helped them to a signal victory. They may not get their vicious constitution made over this year but they will soon accomplish that aim if they fight for it.

The American people can be counted upon in the long run to establish what is fair and just if those who suffer by injustice do not supinely consent.

It is the proper business of the democratic party to redress the people's wrongs, and it is never stronger than when it is fighting for equal rights.

The death of James G Blaine removes a notable figure from the field of political life. He was for years the most noted as well as the most popular leader in his party. That there were defects in his mental make up needs no more proof than a reference to the mistakes which precluded him from ever becoming president. He was a popular orator, a most pleasing writer, but he was not a statesman in the best sense of the word. Nowhere on the statute books of the national commonwealth are to be found the impressions of his ability as a statesman as are there of Webster, Thurman or Sherman. Nevertheless he had a strong following who believe he was a great statesman, and the great mass of the people without regard to political affiliations sincerely mourn his loss.

A writer in Science says there is no element of speech so variously pronounced in dialect and by individuals as the letter R. All varieties, he explains, are derived from a frictional emission of breath or of voice between two surfaces in the breath channel. It may be made in the throat, in the guttural passage between the back of the tongue and the soft palate, between the arched top of the tongue and the roof of the mouth—common in the United States, the normal R, produced between the point of the tongue and the upper gum, and by transferring the sound from the tongue to the lips, so that R has the sound of W. Another series results from a rattling organic vibration instead of a mere friction of the breath of voice.

A male gorilla has lately been acquired by the Berlin Aquarium. He is larger than any gorilla that has yet been brought to Europe. He is supposed to be eight or nine years old, and was for six years in the possession of a chieftain on the Gaboon.

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