

If McKinley Should Die.

Garret A. Hobart was the sixth Vice-President of the United States to die in office... The others were George Clinton, of New York, in 1812; Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts, in 1814; William R. King, of Alabama, in 1833; Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, in 1857, and Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, in 1885.

The purpose of the national administration is to still further contract the currency by wiping out the \$340,000,000 greenbacks, by which the bond syndicates would get another whack at the treasury.

The fact that this policy would add third of a billion dollars to our interest-bearing obligations and increase the annual interest charges over \$10,000,000 counts for nothing with the wise financiers who are in charge at Washington and Wall street.

The democrats will oppose the converting of the greenbacks into bonds, and will urge the reduction of taxes through a reduction of government expenditures.

The contest now is identical with that in the early days of our struggle for independence. Said Thomas Jefferson then: "The contests of the day (before and during the forming of the constitution) were contests to prevent the formation of a kingly form of government."

An interesting feature of public generosity has been the aid extended to libraries, and the larger part of this must be credited to Andrew Carnegie. Of the total \$7,870,700 he has given \$4,257,700. With his money he has established six new libraries at Clarion, Tyrone, Beaver Falls and Erie, Pa.; Sandusky and East Liverpool, O.; Pittsburg, Dallas and Wasco, Tex.; Newport, Ky.; Tucson, Ariz. Duluth, Minn.; Washington, D. C.; Emporia, Kan.; San Diego, Cal., and Atlanta, Ga., besides giving a small sum to aid a struggling library in New York City and over \$2,000,000 to the library in Pittsburg.

"Independence for the Filipinos under a protectorate which will guard them from outside interference while they work out their own destiny is consistent with American tradition, American history and American interests."—W. J. Bryan.

It is absurd to claim that the government is saving money by buying bonds and forestalling interest. It is forcing the people to advance deferred payments for the benefit of creditors at a premium.

Some people are calling for larger and better armies. The spirit of civilization should be for smaller armies. Anti-imperialism calls for small armies. Imperialism for big armies. The aim of all nations should be peace and not war. Once the aim was for war. That was in barbarous ages. Now we are approaching civilization and should advance few steps never losing sight of the watchword "peace on earth, good will to men."

This is a day of "I told you so's." Of course half had to be right.

No Great Men.

From the World. There is probably no country in the world that is more serenely confident of its own superiority in every department of human endeavor than the United States.

This would be a legitimate cause of pride if the claim were well founded. But how do we stand in the department of intellectual excellence? What are we doing in the higher fields of thought? How do we rank in the scale of real greatness? What great living men, what authorities, what immortals, have we to attest the future ages that our claim is not ignorant and vainglorious boasting?

Will you allow me, Mr. Editor, to put the few following questions to our readers and request an answer in each specific case?

Have we any great living poet? If so, who is he?

Have we any great living novelist or dramatist?

Have we any great composer?

Have we any great statesman or jurist or lawyer or judge?

Have we any eminent authority on financial questions or political economy or international law?

Have we any great historian? Any great astronomer, mathematician, chemist, botanist, geologist, biologist or scientist of any kind?

Have we any great anatomist, physician or surgeon?

Have we any great theologian or preacher?

Have we any great orator?

Have we any great military genius?

Have we any great painter or authority on art or on criticism?

Have we even one great actor?

In a word, have we one great man, one immortal man, one who will live in the future, in any department of intellectual effort?

If the law could be enforced in reference to the prohibition of the sale of liquor to minors it wouldn't be long before the evil would be stamped out. But it is notorious that nearly all saloons sell to young men much under twenty one, in fact it is considerable of an item in the business.

It is undoubtedly true that more drunkards are made from the habit obtained under twenty one years of age than over. It is easy to say that the proper remedy is in the home just because the character of the law is such that it cannot very well be enforced.

What do we have laws for anyway? There is a big problem in this matter for solution.

From the Kansas City Star: It is scarcely possible that Mr. McKinley does not realize that Mark Hanna is an offense to all persons who hate a bully of high or low degree and who resent a public and boastful exhibition of political immorality. But even if the president shared this sentiment himself he would not be in a position to call down a man who was responsible for his nomination for the presidency and who is pulling all the strings he can lay his hands on to make McKinley his own successor.

Twin Ballots.

The following is published by request of Mr. A. J. Carothers:

A long in November, when chill was the weather, Two ballots were cast in a box together— Two ballots were cast in together. They nestled up close, like brother to brother; You couldn't tell one of the votes from the other— You couldn't tell one from the other.

CHORUS: They were both of them ram votes; They sanctioned the license plan. But one it was cast by a jolly old brewer, And one by a Sunday school man.

The Sunday school man—no man could be truer— Kept busy all summer denouncing the brewer. But the ferry cooled off with the change in the weather, And late in the fall they voted together— In autumn they voted together.

The Sunday school man has always been noted For fighting saloons—except when he voted— For temp'rance except when he voted.

He piled up his prayers with help perfection, But knocked them all down on the day of election— But knocked them all down on election.

The foxy old brewer was cheerful and mellow. Said he: "I admire that Sunday school fellow— I admire that Sunday school fellow. He's true to his church; to his party he is truer.

He talks to the Lord, but he votes for the brewer— He faithfully votes for the brewer."

Nothing else adds so much to the charm of the drawing room or board room as the softly radiating light from CORDOVA Candles. Nothing will contribute more to the artistic success of the luncheon, tea or dinner. The most decorative candles for the simplest or the most elaborate function—for cottage or mansion. Made in all colors and the most delicate tints by STANDARD OIL CO. and sold everywhere.

Now, let's shake hands and scrape the mud off First street. It is just plain marshal during election, at other times chief of police. The trust has raised chewing tobacco another ten per cent. That is something that won't digest. Perhaps the men who were defeated are to be congratulated, for the new officers will have a big job on their hands.

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A firm in Albany, N. Y., recently sent an advertisement to La Presse, a newspaper printed in Montreal, and by return mail received the following: "Replying to your favor of the 8th inst., we are sorry to say that we do not publish any advertisement having for its object the immigration of our people to the United States. Yours truly, La Presse."

The "haves" will continue to run the city government of Salem for another year. As they have saved the city \$5,000 a year it is eminently proper that they be continued in authority.

Last evening awhile before the polls closed a republican worker discovered that a resident of the southern part of the city had not voted, so he took a cab and went after him. The man very coolly selected a democratic ticket and cast it straight, much to the amusement of several who witnessed it.

At called meeting of the Ladies of the G. A. R. the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, in view of the loss sustained by the death of our Brother and Comrade Robert Brown and of the still greater loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to him, be it

Resolved, that it is a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting his removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard; that we sincerely mourn with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, that a copy of this, our testimonial of sympathy and sorrow, be sent the family of our departed Brother by the secretary of this meeting.

MRS. JULIA BARBER, MRS. BELLE WESTBROOK, MRS. EMMA BRATHWAITE, Committee. December 2, 1899.

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Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and where chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, that our heartfelt sympathy be extended the bereaved family of our friend by the secretary of this meeting.

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TELEGRAPHIC

Roberts Set Down On. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—After an interesting debate of three hours, the house today, by a vote of 302 to 80, adopted the resolution offered by Taylor, of Ohio yesterday, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah.

By the terms of the resolution Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passes upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the house.

A Fight. MANILA, Dec. 5, 11 A. M.—Last night a force of insurgents, estimated at 800, attacked the American garrison of 200 at Vigan, province of South Ilocos. The American loss was eight killed and many wounded.

After very hard fighting, the Filipinos were driven off and through the mountains, leaving three dead.

Congress. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The opening work of the session in the house promises to be crowded with stirring events. At the very threshold of the session will come the contest over the admission of Representative B. H. Roberts, of Utah, and later in the week the house will plunge into an important debate on the financial bill.

Train Wrecked. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—A train of 14 refrigerator cars of salt pork, intended for the British army in South Africa, was wrecked on the Chicago & Northwestern near Kenilworth, Ill., today. The cars were completely demolished, but it is believed the greater part of the meat will be saved. A serious delay in shipment, however, will result. A broken journal caused the wreck.

Anxious Waiting. LONDON, Dec. 4, 4:40 A. M.—The week opened without a word of news such as the British public is so anxiously awaiting. With a larger army in the field than the country ever before mobilized, it can only be said that the loss of 23,000 men, entailed before the enemy's borders have been crossed, is a serious matter and, while there is no feeling of despondency as to eventual results of the war, it is regretfully admitted on all sides that the strength of the Boer resistance had been woefully underrated.

The Kentucky Vote. FRANKFORT, Dec. 3.—At noon tomorrow the state board of election commissioners of Kentucky will meet to canvass the returns from the late state election, and to decide whether Goebel or Taylor is entitled to the certificate of election for governor. There is not much probability that the matter will be settled tomorrow, and it may be a day or two later before a certificate will be issued.

A Costly Honor. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Within the week every effort will be made by the Citizens' Republican National Association to raise the campaign fund of \$100,000 required to induce a republican national committee to select Philadelphia for the republican convention next year. The work of soliciting financial aid will begin at once.

Predicts Victory. GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 3.—Hon. W. J. Bryan who is here with ex-Governor Hogg, on an outing, spoke today at some length on next year's campaign. Mr. Bryan says that democrats will make great gains next year among large classes of people.

Our War. MANILA, Dec. 4, 10:30 P. M.—An Associated Press dispatch from Santa Cruz, province of South Ilocos, forwarded by courier to San Fab'an, says that General Young arrived at Santa Cruz today. The Americans left Nampacan, province of Union, this morning, expecting to have a fight at Tagudin, in South Ilocos, but they found, on arriving there, that 600 rebels under General Tino had evacuated 30 hours before, deserting an almost impenetrable position.

Opening of Congress. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Enormous crowds witnessed the opening scenes in the house today. The principal interest centered in the disposition of Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah. Those who anticipated a sensational denouncement were disappointed. The program outlined by the republican leaders at their conference Friday night was partially carried out. The objection to the administration of the oath to Roberts was entered by Taylor, of Ohio, as predicted.

An Extravagant Government. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The secretary of the treasury today transmitted to the house of representatives estimates of the appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. The aggregate of the appropriations estimated in \$631,081,994, an increase over the estimates for the present fiscal year of \$38,033,616, and an increase over the appropriations for the present fiscal year of \$34,235,024.

A Fatal Wreck. DENVER, Dec. 4.—A rear-end collision occurred between two passenger trains on the Rio Grande this morning, in which six persons were killed and several others severely injured. The killed are: O. E. Osgood, Denver; H. B. Matthews, Denver; Peter Barnes, Denver; Mrs. George Porter, Grand Junction; A. K. Johnson, Oberlin, O.; unknown man.

The Fleeing Aquinaldo. MANILA, Dec. 4, 11 P. M.—An Associated Press dispatch from Daguapan, containing advices later than those from Santa Cruz, says that General Young hopes to find Aquinaldo in Benguet mountain pass and to capture him there. Both entrances to Benguet are fortified. Two whole troops of cavalry will reinforce General Young in the pass.

A Hanna Sample. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The shipping bill was introduced in the house today by Representative Payne, of New York, who, with Senator Hanna, prepared and introduced the bill last year. Mr. Payne says it is the same in all essential particulars as the former bill except that a provision is made that the bounty shall not exceed \$9,000,000 annually.

Scio.

From the News: Mrs. Nellie Burkhardt, nee Munkers, of Albany, was in Scio the first of the week, visiting relatives and numerous friends.

A council of the Order of Pendo was organized in this city Tuesday evening with about twenty-four charter members.

Alex McDonald brought in a turkey this week that weighed 42 pounds.

Craft Bros. returned a few days ago from a visit to Molalla, Clackamas county, where they purchased 230 head of goats. They paid from \$2.50 to \$4 per head.

Albert Cole is going into the chicken business on quite an extensive scale, and last week received from Boston a large Pararie State incubator, which has a capacity of 300 eggs, and he has that number of eggs in the machine now.

J. N. Jones, of Cottage Grove was in Scio over Sunday, visiting with his son, F. L. Jones, and while here he purchased the Blyeu property near the Commercial hotel, now occupied by Jennings Bros., and as soon as possession is given his two sons, Fred and Willie, will open up a saloon in the building. Jennings Bros. have leased the Austin Building and will have it fitted up and move their saloon into it about December 10th. Two saloons for a town the size of Scio is pretty thick but it is often said that opposition in the life of trade.

The following are the newly elected officers of Deardoff lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, and who were elected last Saturday evening: Frank Morris, K. G.; Henry Myer, V. G.; P. H. McDonald, sec.; R. E. Hibler, treas.

At the regular meeting of Scio camp, W. O. W., last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming term: E. V. Smith, C. O.; T. S. Coffey, clerk; F. L. Jones, escort; A. D. Woodruff, watchman; J. L. Kay, sentry; C. V. Johnson and Ira A. Phelps, managers.

City election day. John I. Blair, who was interested in the old O. P. railroad, died last Saturday.

News has been received of the drowning in the Yukon river on Nov. 11 of Theodore and Converse McManis of Forest Grove. They are brothers of Mrs. T. J. Munkers of Scio, and their death is generally regretted. The hunt after gold is a dangerous one.

The Pioneer Woolen Mill Co. is in receipt of large orders for cloth, which will keep the plant running early and late for several months. Dallas woolen goods are now firmly established in the market, and there is a ready demand for all the mill can produce.—Dallas Observer.

TUESDAY.

To Whom it May Concern.

This is to certify that I have exchanged the "Cable" piano the Wiley B. Allen Co. sold to me last September from their "special car," with E. U. Will for a fancy walnut World's Fair exhibition style "Kimball" piano, valued at \$450 by paying the cash difference. The reason I exchanged the Piano is because of the failure of the working of the piano and because myself and family and friends were dissatisfied with the tone and general make up of the Cable piano. Mr. Will and his associate, J. F. Ramme- clont, have been courteous and gentlemanly, and I believe anyone desiring to purchase a good piano will do well to purchase of or through E. U. Will.

H. A. CLARK, Albany, Or.

City Elections.

Several city elections were held in different parts of Oregon yesterday.

At Salem, Thos. Burrows, Ira E. Allen and P. J. Larsen were elected councilmen on the reform ticket practically without opposition.

In Independence Dr. E. L. Ketchum is the new mayor. Frank Gilliam was elected mayor of Heppner. There was only one ticket and no opposition.

Dr. F. W. Vincent was re-elected mayor of Pendleton by a big majority. O. D. LaTourrette is the new mayor of Oregon City and George H. Wilcox, of Hillsboro.

Squire Lyons of Lyons, was doing business in Albany today.

Miss Ethel Benty returned this noon from a visit with Portland friends.

A. J. McClure, one of Sweet Home's leading citizens, was in the city today.

J. A. Cox, wife and son and Miss Belle Collins of Gat-was, have been in the city.

P. A. Goodwin and P. A. Young returned this noon from a trip to Portland.

Mr. Robert Andrews, of Portland, a former Halsey man, was in the city today on business.

Judge McFadden and J. M. Osborn, two of the leading citizens of Corvallis, have been in the city on business.

Joe Tryon formerly of this city is now the Neesby at the cross roads where the thrifty town of Tangent is located.

O. W. Forsyth, district manager of the Bankers Life Association of Des Moines, is in the city in the interest of this splendid straight life insurance company.

Carl Rankin, who has been residing in California for two or three years, working with a civil engineers crew, is in Albany on a visit, and will remain a month or two.

Capt. M. D. Phillips has taken the Albany agency for the San Francisco Daily Call, which has been worked up here by several solicitors, and will push the paper's interests here.

The Haydn Oratorio Society will meet at the College, Wednesday eve, at 8 p. m. All members are earnestly requested to be present, as some important business is to be transacted.

Ex-Secretary of State Kincaid, of Eugene, went down to Salem to bid good bye to his old friend Ex-Governor Lord before his ostracisation to the southern part of South America.

Ex-Fieriff C. C. Jackson has been in the city on business. Mr. Jackson has one hundred acres of wheat in for next year, and reports it to have been a very bad year for putting in crops.

CITY ELECTION.

Notwithstanding the stormy day people got out to vote yesterday, 720 ballots being cast, and our friends from the upper Crabtree did not vote besides quite a number of others. Four republicans were elected and three democrats. While there was a good deal of scratching there was also a good deal of politics. The vote was as follows:

Table with 4 columns: 1st Ward, 2nd Ward, 3rd Ward, Total. Rows for Mayor (W. H. Davis, O. H. Watson), Recorder (J. E. Van Winkle, T. J. Suttles), Marshal (L. O. Coates, C. O. Lee), Treasurer (E. A. Parker, Frank Farrell), and Councilmen (J. J. Whitney, G. B. Achison, J. M. Halston, E. J. Seeley, F. E. Allen).

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For Marshal. L. O. Coates 114 103 161 368. C. O. Lee 87 119 157 343. Coates' maj., 25.

For Treasurer. E. A. Parker 115 119 168 402. Frank Farrell 67 104 131 302. Parker's maj., 100.

For Councilmen. J. J. Whitney 97. G. B. Achison 82. Whitney's maj., 15. J. M. Halston 207. E. J. Seeley 160. F. E. Allen 138. Seeley's maj., 31.

Big Farm Sold.

From the Journal: Frank O. Baker has sold his "Capitol View Farm," of 317 acres situated four miles south of Salem, to Mr. William Gair, formerly of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Baker and others bought this property back in '89 or '90, when real estate matters all over the country were active. They bought it for speculation. However, latterly the farm became the property of Mr. Baker, who, it is said, improved the place considerably with a view of residing upon it, his wife in particular being very fond of the farm and being extremely desirous of making it her future home. But they both changed their minds, and consequently considered it best to sell it even for a considerably less sum than it cost them.

The purchaser, Mr. William Gair, is to be congratulated on the excellence of his bargain, the purchase-price being, \$10,000.

Mr. Gair is a native of Edinburgh, where he has been a successful manager of large estates. He is in this country looking after the interests of a Scotch syndicate, and is said to be the advance agent of a Scotch colony that is to locate near Salem.

Tribute to June Dickinson.

From the Statesman: Miss Maggie J. McFadden, a former teacher in the institute for the blind, is in receipt of a communication from Albro Dickinson, of Clarksville, Mo., announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. June Dickinson, who died on November 20th, of heart trouble, after an illness of six weeks.

"June," as she was familiarly known, was a very bright and intelligent student in the Oregon institute for the blind, and many of Salem's citizens will remember her as among those taking a leading part in all lines of the regular school work, and in the closing exercises, displaying exceptional talents in music and oratory, giving great pleasure to her many admiring and interested friends. She possessed traits of character of sterling worth, which endeared her to teacher and pupils alike; always cheery and as a ray of sunshine she brought joy and gladness to her associates, who will read this notice with regretful sadness.

Pa-Pa.

A fair sized audience at the army last evening witnessed Stuart & Bird's presentation of Pa-pa, a very funny thing from beginning to end, with many cyclonic situations. The company contain some good actors up in vaudeville work.

George and Lizzie Bird appeared in their original Chinese act which was the feature of the evenings performance. Dot Fulton and Master Herbert, a little tot, in their Coon songs was really good. Miss Nellie Goodwin appeared in the latest songs and her style and good looks pleased the audience greatly. Mr. Balleutens, the vocalist, gave some of the latest songs which he did with credit and Ella De Wolf, the little sobriety, did some clever skirt dancing. The company will play a return engagement here in a few weeks.

EARLY OREGON PIANO.—Silverton Appeal: Jeff Starmer, of the Waldo hills, owns the first piano that was ever brought to Marion county. This old instrument was shipped around the Horn from New York in 1856, and was one of the first pianos ever brought to Oregon. There is now probably only one instrument in the northwest older than this one, the other one having been brought out by Dr. McLaughlin, a very small instrument, which is now in a museum at Tacoma, Wash. Mr. Starmer's piano is a small square Chickering, with plain rosewood case, and is very odd looking compared with modern instruments. It cost \$800. It has been in Mr. Starmer's family for 35 years. It has been well taken care of and has a fair tone.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Hattie Warner, formerly of this city, now of Medford, and Mr. Edward Emerson Gore, at Medford on Dec. 14; Miss Warner's sister recently married a brother of Mr. Gore.

As Tunncliffe one of the Western Union operators, of Southern Oregon, formerly of Corvallis, who has had charge of the Albany office several times, passed through the city yesterday for Idaho to sub. for another operator for awhile.

In addition to