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The whisky men of Portland and the Oregonian are having a big old fight over the high license question.

Estimates of Vanderbilt's wealth range all the way from \$300,000,000 \$600,000,000.

France is threatened with a war with China. It is suggested that the Chinese troops will probably be commanded by European leaders.

The pension payments for nine months have amounted to \$43,000,000 to which it is expected that nearly \$30,000,000 will be added in the next three months.

The rain fall of California warrants the impression that crops will be over average. The increase in the wheat acreage of the state is estimated at from 500,000 to 700,000 acres.

Three colonies from Colorado consisting of 265 persons principally farmers and mechanics have arrived in California to settle in Shasta, Humboldt, Los Angeles, and San Luis, Obispo counties.

The Irish dynamite conspirators are carrying their explosive measures to endangering the lives of innocent men, women and children to such an extent that the Irish cause is losing all sympathy among the sensible and thinking people of the civilized world.

It is stated upon seeming good authority that the Central Pacific Railroad work on the Oregon division is being rapidly pushed forward.

The question of high license which has been under consideration and acted upon favorably in many Oregon towns, seems to be only in keeping with the same sentiment which is now being and has been agitated as never heard of before in England and many other parts of the civilized world.

While the high license question is going through the country it is thought by a great many people that most of the more respectable class of saloon keepers who favor abiding by the law will favor the high license in order to squelch out these places where the law is violated in supplying liquor to minors, common drunkards &c. A little more time will give opportunity to tell.

The statement recently issued by the U. S. Treasury department, shows that in the first nine months of the current fiscal year the reduction of the public debt has amounted to almost \$112,000,000. The cash in the treasury has risen since March 1st from \$396,000,000 to \$315,000,000, and the available cash balance from \$131,000,000 to \$140,000,000. The treasury is therefore prepared for the approaching redemption.

It appears some-what like as near as can be ascertained that the main issue in the coming city election will be license or no license. At the late meeting of the city council the license on saloons and tipping houses having been raised to \$400, just double what it had been before, caused the saloon men to prick up their ears and begin to look "a little out," and it is suggested by some that they will maintain the question of no license on their side, while the other element of society will no doubt stand firm for the extremes on the other side.

In another place in this issue will be seen the views of Mr. Rock of the Oregon City Enterprise on the subject of preserving the Chinook salmon. It is most certainly decreed that it is as active and effective steps are not soon taken to propagate and save the Chinook salmon that this species must in a very few years become entirely extinct. This most favored fish is recognized the world over to be the best and most delicious salmon in existence. So valuable a fish as this is most certainly worthy of a better effort to save it than has ever before been made manifest. When it is entirely gone and can be had no more then the people of Oregon when it is too late will appreciate what they might have had if their efforts had been put forth in the proper time.

STREET WORK.

There is an ordinance of this city if it has not been repealed to require parties lodged in the "sooter" serving their time there for offenses against the city laws, by which they may be compelled to work on the streets. This ordinance is seldom if ever enforced. Time after time and week after week dead beats are confined in the city jail from time to time and kept there at city expense, and yet they are not compelled to work on the streets and city drains as they should be.

THE PRESERVATION OF SALMON. The Oregon City Enterprise does the above subject in the following pertinent remarks: "Now that the salmon season has commenced again, we deem it opportune to call the attention of the cannermen on the Columbia river to the fact that if they wish their business to continue long in the future, they must take some means to prevent the chinook salmon from becoming extinct. A hatchery still exists on the Clackamas river and the buildings are still in good condition. It can be put in working order and run for about \$5,000 a year. The old superintendent, Mr. Hubbard, lives close by and his services, we believe, can be procured again. He gave satisfaction before and the cannermen are even now reaping benefit from his work. The Clackamas is the natural spawning bed of the chinook. The reports of salmon exported during the 12 months ending July 31, 1882, according to the Portland Board of Trade, report was 59,325 cases, valued at \$2,484,781, being within a few thousand dollars as much as the value of all the flour exported from Oregon in the same twelve months. Thus it will be seen that the canning of salmon is one of the most important industries of Oregon. The cannermen should remember that they not only owe the preservation of this fish to themselves, but to the people of Oregon generally, and we hope they will take such steps as will insure success. Let all the cannermen agree to pay into a common fund for the purpose, the insignificant sum of one cent per case and the end would be accomplished. If the catch were only half of that of last year they could well afford to impose upon themselves a tax of two cents per case.

On Tuesday night Jack Tremblath caught one chinook salmon. Ten years ago—before the lower Columbia was a network of seines—thousands were caught here. As it is we expect to catch forty or fifty more here before the season is over. As the fish ladder has not been made our friends on the upper Willamette must now deplore the loss of the fish that Jack caught."

A DYNAMITE FRENCH. A dynamite and nihilist leader who lately arrived in New York declared that his party would blow up every English Man of War and all Merchant Marine flying the British flag and plying between British ports on the seas. That they meant to destroy London by chemicals, fire and dynamite which they could do in one night. Every harbor in England could be fired, and then they would blow up every bank in England and take possession of the gold say ninety-five million a year, that England, he said, had forcibly plundered from Ireland. Then they would begin destruction of private property after which they would fill English rivers and harbors with torpedoes. Harbors in Ireland they would protect with torpedoes and light English soldiers with explosives. He said they had England completely at their mercy and had given her warning to that effect. If she did not take the warning her doom would be on her own head.

In the interest of common humanity it would seem like a man with such a fiendish disposition as the above sentiment indicates had ought to be hung to the first scaffold, and this we do not say because we think England has always treated Ireland properly, on the other hand the English government as a rule is overbearing to powers whom she knows is inferior to her in strength, and it is no doubt in our mind that the Irish people have suffered much in being wronged at the hands of the English government. But the action which seems to have been planned by the dynamite fiend alluded to contemplates the wholesale destruction of the innocent women and children who may be readily supposed to be friend as foe. Persons who contemplate and encourage such wholesale destruction and injury should be taken care of and their career stopped before the damage is done.

AUTHOR OF HOME SWEET HOME.

The remains of John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home," after having lain for thirty years in African soil, have reached Washington, and will now rest beneath the monument near that city, which Mr. Corcoran, the venerable philanthropist, has caused to be erected. He died in Tunis soon after having been given a Consularship which took him to that port. Few men of note have known so little of the joys of home, says the Cincinnati Gazette. Of clever manners and apparent promise, he received attention from literary men, but his vagrant ways prevented his making a success of anything. He made some English versions of French plays, but his literary fame rests solely upon the enduring song which so accurately expresses the feeling of the English speaking people for home. Becoming an actor, he wandered from America to Europe, finding himself at last, owing to an unfortunate venture as a manager, in the debtors' prison in London. Accepting the Consularship at Tunis, he died as he had lived—an exile from home. The air to which "Home, Sweet Home" is sung is said to bear a close resemblance to a tune which the Portuguese Jews sang as long ago as when Columbus discovered America. It is at that time commemorated the escape from Egypt. In the opera of "Anna Bolena," by Donizetti, there is a variation of the melody, and in the opera of "Clari" Payne's song was incorporated. The opera was a failure, but of the song, one hundred thousand copies were sold within a year.

MURDERED BY STEELERS.

All forms of associations which band together and conspire to interfere with the business of others or to prevent others from working should be subjected to severe penalties. Each and every man or person should quit work whenever he desires. But when they go so far as to band-together for the purpose of inducing or forcing others to quit they should be stamped as outlaws and desperadoes and treated accordingly. The following telegram shows the result of such organizations: The union men at the large rolling mills at Springfield, Ill., went out on a strike some weeks ago, and the mills recently started with new hands, gathered from various parts of the country. For several days the old union men have manifested an unruly disposition, and to-day the situation became desperate. A gang of the union men followed three of the non-union workmen—strangers—into the country, and assaulted severely beat and threw them off a bridge. Two of the number have not returned, and are said to be seriously injured. Physicians started for the scene, but returned, being afraid of their lives. Last evening as the workmen were leaving the mill, after getting outside a high inclosure, a gang of strikers opened fire upon them with rifles, shotguns and revolvers. It is said that fifty shots were fired. John Waidron, a young workman recently from Pittsburg, was instantly killed, as he rushed entering his side. Biornard Malkum was severely wounded in the chest and arms, it is thought seriously. No arrests have been made. The murderers are unknown, being in ambush. The workmen are aroused, and express a determination to run the mill.

PERILS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

All the elements of danger to the Republic in France seems evolving. The political perils which continually threaten are now aggravated by dullness of trade, which the trading class is prone to charge to the insecurity of the Republic, and by the discontent of workmen out of employment, alleged in their harangues to be as many as 80,000 in Paris alone, swelled by the idle, vicious and criminal classes, who desire violence and anarchy, and their public demonstrations encouraged by the Imperialists, who believe, as the editor of the Gaulois lately said, that if at the right time a strong man shall mount his horse, and draw his sword, the Republic will be overthrown. The Paris correspondent of the London Times estimates the unemployed at sixty thousand. Under such circumstances it is to be expected that there will be demonstrations of a threatening character. The dissatisfaction turns against the government for the reason that a large amount of public work has been stopped. Serious disturbances have only been averted by a strong arm, which brought the services of the soldiers as well as of the police into requisition. The success of the Government in thus quelling the disturbance has seemed to strengthen it, but M. Paul de Cassagnac, in his speech in the Chamber of Deputies, said that while a riot had given the Government power, by a riot it would fall. To Frenchmen with sixty thousand hungry men in the streets his words were full of meaning. The contract which has since been entered into for the erection of dwellings will have the double effect of reducing riots and giving work to a portion of those out of employment. It is much more likely to afford the Government permanent strength than any display of soldiery.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

The latest and most remarkable proposition in the way of underground railways is that of the Broad-way Underground Railroad Company, of New York, who are urging the Legislature to grant them a charter. The company scoffs at the idea of a mere tunnel for their tracks. They have a much grander scheme in mind—the building of a well-ventilated, well-lighted arcade, which, by being cool in summer and warm in winter, will furnish a delightful promenade ground, and at the same time ample room for all the sewer mains, gas pipes, water pipes, steam pipes, and telegraph and telephone wires. The arcade will relieve the streets of much of their present traffic, furnish rapid transit to the suburbs, and will cost the city nothing.

The Old Fellows of New Tacoma will celebrate the 30th of April, the anniversary of the organization of the order in America.

For three or four days past the steamers bound from Tacoma to Olympia, have been compelled, on account of the low tides, to stop about a mile and a half this side of town. Passengers have been transferred to and from town in open boats, while the freight could not well be thus unloaded and was brought back to the city.

During a conversation with E. H. Morrison, says the Walls Walls Union, that gentleman informed us that the Columbia Valley Elevator company, with which he is connected, intend to erect at the earliest practical moment, elevators and warehouses at all the principal grain-shipping points in the interior, except Walls Walls, which is to be supplied by another corporation. These elevators will be supplied with the most improved machinery for the proper cleaning of grain, and built for the secure storage and shipment of wheat and other grains.

GENERAL NEWS.

Colfax pays taxes on \$325,810.

Beef is retailing at 35 cents in Seattle.

Olympia preparing for a grand celebration the coming 1th.

There are now 120 patients in the Stearns asylum.

Olympia Old Fellows will attend the New Tacoma celebration on the 26th inst.

Over 18,000 buffalo have been killed in Montana this season.

A six foot vein of coal has been discovered a few miles north of Cathlamet.

Wilbur and Oakland are overrun with traps.

J. E. McLaughlin of Portland has leased the cement mines near Oakland.

Track laying has commenced on the Colfax road.

Yakima city is 1000 and Ellenburg 1500 feet above the sea level.

The Old Fellows at Sprague are taking active measures to organize a lodge.

Rockford is now enjoying a boom. The surrounding country is rapidly being settled.

The logging camp of Wm. Henderson, on Camp Creek, was visited by fire, and all tools, provisions, etc., burned.

A saw mill at Garby, Clackamas county, is working on a contract for 80,000 railroad ties.

The new mill of the Yamhill Lumbering Co. has commenced work and turns out 25,000 per day.

The mill at South Bend, Pacific county, W. T., is turning out 50,000 feet per day and cannot fill orders.

Mr. A. Stinson, of Wasco, has sold his ranch for the sum of \$13,000, and expects to remove from that country.

The citizens of Halsey are earnestly agitating the building of a new \$4,500 school house in that enterprising village.

The citizens of Walls Walls distributed \$115 toward the Mayor Trevelt's monument fund.

A small new steamer is to be built for the accommodation of the Arden and Henderson bay trade on the Puget Sound.

The Argus says that houses to rent are very scarce in Port Townsend. Anything with a roof on it rents at high figures.

A new saw mill with a daily capacity of 15,000 feet will soon be completed at Sumner, Pierce county, W. T.

During March 37 steamers, 15 ships, 39 launches and 56 scunoters passed Cape Flattery.

Dan Winfield, a sheepherder near Walla Walla, had a leg broken by being thrown from a horse.

The losses by the recent Walla Walla fire have been adjusted. Total loss by fire, \$4,677; insurance \$2787.

The name of the young man accidentally killed by a pistol shot at Montevideo was Sacramento, and his age was 16 years.

The new court house at Cheney is nearly completed. District court being now held in the large room.

Wells Fargo & Co's. express office at Yakima City, is open for business and the Ellenburg office will soon be open.

A. J. Spawan, of Yakima, is receiving 250 cattle for shipment to Portland. He paid \$40 for cows and \$80 for steers.

A. C. Jones for many years a leading attorney in Jacksonville, has taken up his residence at Roseburg.

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