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Gen. John A. Logan declines with thanks the honor of the election to the vice presidency, says an exchange. As a matter of taste his action is unquestioned. Having failed of an election to that position in the regular way he scorns to accept it at the hands of accident. There is, furthermore, no doubt that he can serve his party and country better without being handicapped by a position which is great only in its possibilities.

At the recent session of the legislature Gov. Moody appointed the Board of Regents for the State Agricultural College. The board in the main is an excellent one so far as we are able to judge, and now all that remains to be done is for our people to go to work and build the Agricultural college building as provided by the legislature. Gov. Moody has done his part in appointing an excellent good board, then let us do our part and be about it at once.

The annual report of the secretary of war issued on the 4th inst., shows that expenditures and appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1885, were \$24,800,000, of which \$2,023,000 was for salaries and contingent expenses, \$2,754,000 for the army and military academy, \$15,164,000 for public works and river and harbor improvements, and \$4,859,000 for miscellaneous. The above figures include \$716,000 credited to subsidized Pacific railroads for transportation during 1885 and prior years.

Col. T. Egerton Hogg, the untiring worker in behalf of the Yaquina railroad and the improvements connected therewith, arrived in Corvallis some days ago, and is remaining a few days to view the situation and improvements which have been constructed since his visit here before. The Col. and his brother William have spent fifteen years of hard and unceasing labor to build this railroad and to develop Central Oregon. If Eastern capitalists who had engaged to furnish money to put the road through had been as vigilant in coming to the front with the coin, as these gentlemen have been industrious in promoting the good work, few if any people would have cause to complain of a lack of financial assistance from this source. When the road is completed so as to form an eastern connection it will be one of the grandest and best improvements on the coast. During Col. Hogg's stay here the eastern management of the business is in the hands of Mr. N. S. Bently, who has long been an associate and a valuable co-worker with Col. Hogg in this long and toilsome work. To these gentlemen and their associates and their untiring work is due for the appropriations which have been passed through congress to improve the harbor at the Yaquina bay for the last few years thereby making a valuable harbor where large sea going vessels may enter and build up a competition in carrying the produce and freights of the country. When the iron horse shall start at Yaquina bay and glide over the Coast range to Corvallis, across the valley and over the Cascade Mountains and over the plains of eastern Oregon to a connection with an eastern bound road, then the people of Benton County and all over Oregon will realize something of the ideas which have involved the careful attention for years of the builders of this enterprise. No doubt during all this time embarrassments have beset the people as well as managers and projectors of this vast improvement, which at times seemed almost impossible to carry the difficulties, but so far as developed things have gradually righted themselves, and no doubt time will right all these things and the road at some future day will be completed, so that the fondest hopes shall be realized.

Says a Washington dispatch of the 4th inst: A story has found its way into publicity, to the effect that a prominent democrat from New England has been engaged in procuring appointments for fourth-class postmasters in his own and adjoining states, charging the successful candidates from \$50 to \$300 for his influence. According to this story he has already secured the appointment of nearly 100 postmasters.

Says the N. Y. Tribune: The chamber of commerce has passed a resolution declaring that the government ought to do something to encourage the building of American ships. The resolution is a good one and ought to have some effect, but it is a sad fact that the administration does not care at all about indefinite declarations of this kind. It indulges in 'glittering generalities' itself about reform and other important matters, and does not mean anything, and it naturally supposes that the generalities of other bodies or societies are equally meaningless with its own. Yet this chamber of commerce might make an impression upon this democratic administration if it would indulge in a little emphatic denunciation of the postmaster-general's present effort to damage our shipping and merchantile interests. What is more, it would stop Mr. Vilas' assertion that the foreign mail service of this country is better than ever before."

A Washington dispatch of the 6th inst., says: An effort is being made to secure a place on the committee on commerce for Congressman Herman, of Oregon. It is the wish of members from the Pacific coast to have one of their number on that committee, and opinion inclines in favor of Herman; but there is a delay in making up the committee, on account of the proposed change in the rules. If some of the committee are abolished, as proposed from some quarters, or if the work of some of the committee is increased, these changes will have to be made before the speaker can intelligently make up the committee. Senator Dolph has been carefully canvassing the prospects of securing a large appropriation for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river. He states that the outlook is very favorable. The engineers have reported that the present plan of improving the mouth of the Columbia has been successful so far, and in this report and from the general feeling in the senate Dolph believes that an adequate sum will be appropriated for either completing or carrying on a large part of the work.

During the last few weeks some of our citizens have been working among the people of Corvallis and advocating the propriety of the citizens of Corvallis to subscribe and pay sufficient money or property with which to buy depot grounds for the Yaquina railroad at Corvallis. No doubt our citizens would be glad to give in this matter, as it seems to be a kind of universal custom for people to supply depot grounds for railroads, but under the peculiar financial strain of the last two years, few of our citizens are able to give much for any purpose at this time, no matter how willing they might be to aid in this matter. The people, and business men especially, during the last two years have carried such outstanding indebtedness, which has to a great extent embarrassed them, and in many instances it has had the effect to embarrass their credit, but as a general thing they have borne it with patience and forbearance, which is not common, and in view of all of these facts it might not be amiss to suggest that if the railroad company should wait before providing for their depot grounds and other improvements in and about Corvallis, until the company shall pay up all its Oregon indebtedness, that then the people of Corvallis and Benton county would, no doubt, feel themselves in a condition to contribute to the purchase of the necessary grounds. The only reason that will prevent the people under their present condition from subscribing the necessary funds is certainly a lack of ability, for while people have to some extent become restless under burdens which they were carrying, such restlessness was done because parties felt themselves unable to carry the load, and not because our citizens felt any unfriendly disposition toward the enterprise. The people and citizens of Benton county feel as warm and friendly to the enterprise as they ever did, and would no doubt do anything within their ability to aid the enterprise. We cer-

tainly hope and again suggest that before the railroad company decide upon anything permanent about their depot grounds and improvements at Corvallis that they wait until our people are reimbursed, otherwise it would be giving our people no show whatever.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 23, 1885. In less than a fortnight the representatives of nearly sixty millions of people will be law making on Capitol Hill. The city is being rapidly filled with its winter population. Signs of the coming season are visible on the streets, at the hotels, and at all public resorts.

Senators and representatives may be seen on the Avenue standing and walking in pairs or larger groups, discussing the probable issues of the session, the tariff, silver, civil service questions, the attitude of the senate to the President, and the forthcoming presidential message.

Preparations continue to be carried on at the Capitol, and quite a number of workmen are engaged there. It is no trivial undertaking to overhaul, clean, scrub, polish and paint, inside and outside, from dome to basement, a building of such proportions as the United States Capitol. In the house of representatives, the desks and seats of members, 333 in number are being arranged for the biennial lottery. The members draw their seats in the hall of the house by lot, at the beginning of each new congress, and the scene is always watched with amusement.

Some repairs are always being made in the spectator's gallery, and the capitol telegraph and telephone lines are being arranged. In the senate wing there is not so much to do. The old carpet is being relaid, although it shows by its frayed edges and fading colors that it has seen its best days. The committee rooms all over the capitol are receiving attention in the way of new carpets, desks and other furniture.

The week has been a very quiet one for the president. His order excluding office seekers from the white house has been effective. The number of callers requesting private interviews is reduced to the minimum, and the president has had time to write his message. Public men who call on the days allowed, understand that they must restrict their conversation to business matters. Some have been discouraged enough to violate their privileges, however. Democratic senators and representatives have failed on some occasions when they called to respect the president's wishes. They have broached the subject of offices by diplomatic hints, speaking more freely as they thought the president would allow it.

from the republican senators. Certain democratic senators who have not had all the patronage they wanted, have determined to force Mr. Cleveland to terms. Senator Voorhees is one of those who expect to devote their energies during the coming session to the repeal of the civil service law. He declares there is not a man in the United States who can stand up fifteen minutes with him in a discussion of the constitutionality of that law. R.

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THE MUTUAL SELF-ENDOWMENT AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, Grand Central Office, Fort Worth, Texas. SAM CUNDIFF, President. B. W. BROWN, Vice-President. E. M. MACY, Secretary. A. W. MORRISON, Treas.

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