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FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

A dispatch from New York dated March 10th, said: A fight is going on for the possession of the books of the Oregon Pacific...

Practical tests for storage batteries have not proven satisfactory. A few days ago there was shipped from Philadelphia to Washington a large consignment of horses ordered by the president...

One by one the patents covering telephone rights are expiring. At midnight February 21st the Blake transmitter, which receives the speech and transmits it over the wire, became the property of the public after many years' exclusive control by the American Bell telephone company.

There is a good deal of criticism on the custom of appropriating so much money to the "horse race"—so called—feature of the state agricultural society.

Two measures which may be productive of good results, were passed by both the Oregon and Washington legislatures. One is the ten-year installment plan for paying for street improvements...

AGAIN Boston has been swept by a fearful conflagration. It cost its victims over four and a half millions of dollars, and some thirty lives. The scenes it produced were appalling, though not by any means new.

It is reported that Cleveland will be in no hurry to appoint the Oregon democrats who are waiting nervously on the anxious seat for positions. It is evident that they will have to wait awhile before they are organized.

THE S. F. Examiner bitterly complains that no effort is made by the people of San Francisco and California to secure the construction and terminals of completing lines of trans-continental railways.

FROM the way new business houses are opening up in Corvallis, it is evident that there will be lively times in this section during the coming season.

PRESIDENT Cleveland evidently received information of the awful struggle for office in Oregon and to avoid trouble for himself quietly announced that Senator Vilas would attend to distributing the loaves and fishes in the webfoot state.

THE Washington legislature, following in the wake of Montana and Wyoming, adjourned without electing a United States senator, thus throwing their destinies upon the doubtful fate of an appointment to the position.

THE silver output of Colorado was increased last year by 3,000,000 ounces, in spite of the low price of the metal, owing to the discovery of new mines in which large quantities of silver are produced at a very low cost.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that over one half of the original territory of Benton county has been formed into the new county of Lincoln, there are not offices enough to go around.

FISH warden McGuire goes at his duties as if he means business. He has had nearly every fish dealer in Portland prosecuted for selling salmon during the "close" season.

THE Chicago Mail estimates the number of outside visitors to the fair at 3,000,000. This is modest and well within the mark. It is true that the inhabitants of the city in which an exposition is held are the most liberal patrons of a show of this kind.

SAYS the Oregonian: Oregon is to have two national parks located within her borders, one at Mount Hood and one at Crater lake. If she is wise she will never ask congress to turn them over to state control, and if ever so foolish as to make such a request, it is to be hoped her petition will be resolutely denied.

FROM the number of bids received by the police judge for the water bonds of Corvallis at a liberal rate of premium, it is flattering to note that our municipal paper is in demand in the money markets of the east.

"Rough on Regents," was a suggestive head line in a recent number of the Pullman Herald, in regard to the way an investigation of the Washington agricultural college row shook up a number of regents on its board.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1893.

The republican party has turned the government in all its departments, except the judicial, over to the democratic party, in accordance with the verdict rendered at the polls last November, and it can now afford to calmly await the result, hoping for the best, and prepared to admit that it was wrong if the new congress and administration can carry out the platform adopted by the last national convention of the democratic party without causing a serious shock to the commercial and industrial interests of the country.

Mr. Cleveland's inauguration was quite a freezing affair, icicles were more plentiful than enthusiasm. Seats on the street stands which were intended to be filled with people—at from \$1 to \$5 a head—were covered by two or three inches of snow, and swept by cold north-west winds, which gave the participants in the parade a stiff and half-frozen appearance.

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and the gold outflow to Europe is not necessarily fraught with any danger in itself. It is the opinion of many that the unusual demand for gold, which has been kept up for several months, will soon cease now that congress is no longer in session.

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