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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has suggested and Senator Fairbanks of Indiana has agreed to accept the vice-presidential nomination on the Republican ticket if tendered him.

SECRETARY TAFT has directed that Fort Walla Walla be made a permanent army post. In so doing he revoked the order issued by his predecessor early in the winter directing that the Fort be abandoned.

THERE has been considerable of a change in the diplomatic service of this government. The President has appointed John Barrett of Oregon as minister to Argentina, minister to the new Republic of Panama, vice Buchanan.

MR. CLEVELAND'S letter on Democratic renunciation and reunion offers no enthusiasm for his party. It is an old sermon in not even a new dress.

RUSSIA has a population of 113,000,000, while Japan has less than 45,000,000. Russia's native and reserve army footing is 1,200,000, while Japan's total force does not exceed 421,000.

NOTHING ever happens in any line that is unusual that something in the same line has not previously occurred that exceeded it, and there is always some old settler around who can remember it.

TESTIMONY submitted at the trial of the St. Louis, members of the city government of delegates at Fulton, Mo., is light in some of the most dastardly corruption of officials ever shown up in this country.

SO MUCH has been said about the Foraker pro-trust bill that it is worth while to state just what it is. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Foraker of Ohio, and has the purpose of permitting "reasonable restraint" of trade.

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SHIP SUBSIDY HUNTERS

Foiled at the Treasury Door, They Try the Window.

WILY METHODS OF ARTFUL MEN.

Endeavoring to Secure a Monopoly of the Philippine Carrying Trade, "God Help the Western Farmer"

The old ship subsidy crowd are again haunting the capitol at Washington. They have, however, learned some things by experience. They are not going directly after what they want and asking Uncle Sam to put his hand in his pocket and give them \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 a year because they are in the business of running steamships.

The ship subsidy hunters are no less greedy now, but they are more discreet. Realizing that the Republicans just before a presidential election, they have planned a special commission to consider the need of government aid to shipping.

But the hungry shipowners are unwilling to wait a full year without a morsel. Hence they are pushing two bills, introduced by Senator Frye, which, if passed, will not only give them a taste of subsidy, but which will be the entering wedge, they hope, for subsidy legislation which will open wide to them the door of Uncle Sam's big treasury.

Mr. Williams thus correctly interpreted Democratic conservatism. Republican conservatism is a misnomer unless the English language has suffered a distinct loss of meaning. The Republican party stands without investigation and without consideration.

As an innocent and harmless as these bills appear, they are so bad that no ardent a Republican as former Secretary of War Root strongly opposed them in letters written to Senator Frye. Secretary Root was in favor of government ownership of the shipping lines.

The printing of Secretary Root's two letters opened the eyes of many to the enormity of the proposed legislation. It was the greatest increase of cost of transportation which would result from these bills, the eastern cordage manufacturers and the western timber dealers compelled them to carry the great burden in opposition to these bills.

Accomplished Facts. The president of the Panama matter is "an accomplished fact." So is the "grafting" in the postal and public land departments, but that is no reason why the guilty parties should not be punished.

Trouble Feared at McClellan.

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WHAT "STAND PAT" MEANS.

It Represents a Dire Extreme, a Party Forced Against a Wall. Democracy's disposition toward existing evils and injurious institutions which have fastened themselves in substantial growth is, and ought to be, sane.

But, on the other hand, it will by no means content itself with the kind of conservatism expressed in Mr. Roosevelt's famous backdown message on the tariff and trusts, in which he declared that the evils in these institutions were wrought about by the good and that to disturb the evils would be dangerous.

Speaking upon the tariff, Representative Williams in his recent and widely read address exhibited the sound and discriminating views which characterize the Democratic attitude, saying that his party had no desire to demolish the tariff at a single blow, to explode it with dynamite or to pull down its pillars and throw down the structure with a crash.

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The residence of M. Dammer, who lives a few miles south of Jacksonville, was on Feb. 29th a scene of a jolly gathering of his friends, among whom were P. Eneale and Paul Dammer. It was the anniversary of his birth, and as it comes but once in four years it was celebrated with due recognition of that fact.

Not a Bed of Roses. With the cost of living advanced to about the highest point, with the trusts in the saddle, with a Republican congress refusing to take any step toward reform, the lot of the ordinary citizen is not a bed of roses.

Kiss All the Servants.

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BRIEF MENTION.

Next Thursday is "St. Patrick's day in the morning," an event dear to all Irishmen. Judge Bollinger has appointed John Miner Booth of Grants Pass as U. S. Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shepherd of Ashland, who have been visiting in the East, returned home Friday. Taxpayers are flocking to the county seat and Sheriff Rader and his deputies are kept busy writing tax receipts.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Eczema, Tetter, Piles, etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve some of which are dangerous, while the Witch Hazel Salve, that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by all Druggists.

The U. S. Grand Jury will meet in Portland during the month. J. N. Hockersmith of Roxy precinct is one of those who has been summoned to serve as members of that body.

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The Siskiyou Electric Power Co.

which bought the electric works at Ashland, several months ago, last week took formal possession, by paying the balance of the purchase price of \$40,000. Messrs. Roseborough, Churchill and Steele came from Yreka, Calif., to attend to the final transfer. Mr. Steele will be in charge of the plant, and will be assisted by J. W. Potter, John D. Stewart, Chas. King and Mr. Owen. The new owners will make a number of improvements and sell electricity to parties wishing to use it during the day time.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

L. L. Hamilton is making San Francisco a business visit. Sheriff Rader was among his many friends in Medford Thursday. Carl Narreag was in Jacksonville today on professional business.

Twenty years ago Oregon farmers were paying \$50 an acre to have their timber lands cleared. Now timber lands that have been cleared are selling at \$50 an acre. Timber men from the East think the state would have been better off had it saved its magnificent fir trees instead of consigning them to the flames, as the value of these woods is to be further enhanced as time rolls on.

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FAVORITE LILIES.

When and How to Set the Bulbs Some Easily Grown Varieties. The lilies, with the exception of candidum and exoniun, may be planted to advantage in November. Autumn, the best set ten or twelve inches deep; the others from four to six inches deep. The lanefolium or speciosum varieties are perhaps the most popular to set, as they are of easy culture and produce large flowers of delicate beauty on strong stems.



LILIA LANAEFOLIUM RUBRUM rose and spotted with deep red, and impoense (rich blood crimson, heavily spotted). These lilies grow from two to four feet high and bloom in August. Everybody knows the splendid tiger lilies, with their rich tones of scarlet or orange salmon, spotted with white. The tubergolum range from lemon color to orange. Lilium is a fine dark yellow. The superbum, or Turk's cap, is a deep orange red, thickly spotted. Lilium brownii has beautiful flowers of immense size, inside creamy white, outside shaded chocolate purple. Most lilies prefer partial shade, and the tall sorts should have protection from high winds.

Our Fruit in London. Now is a particularly opportune time for the American fruit grower to establish a big trade with England. That country has recently been swept by several very severe storms which were unusually destructive to fruit trees. The present crop is absolutely ruined, while the injury done to the trees is such that it will be a number of years before they will again produce a normal output. As a result of these conditions American fruit has been selling like the proverbial hot cakes. The price paid at the auction sales in London is from 25 to 30 per cent higher than usually obtains, and the demand is still insatiable. Considerable California fruit has been received, chiefly pears and plums. New York Bartlett pears are also on the market and getting a good price. There is said to be a splendid opportunity for the sale of our apples, the crop of which is quite abundant in most of the apple growing states—American Gardening.

Colds Cause Pneumonia. One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mr. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies, but all failed. I used One Minute Cough Cure, four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by all Druggists.

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