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EDITORIAL NOTES

Senator McPherson has been reelected from New Jersey, and Senator Coke from Texas. In Kansas Plumb was elected after a sharp contest and in West Virginia John E. Kenna succeeded in carrying off the honors.

The inquiry into the Newhall House disaster seems, so far, to indicate that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The bar keeper of the hotel is now under arrest for this crime and circumstances point pretty clearly to him as from among these graded highest, as the man guilty of this awful deed.

It is reported that the robbers who ination." If this provision is carried recently attempted to rob the express out, applicants will practically appoint train on the Central Pacific road have themselves. The appointment will at been surrounded in the mountains least depend upon the record they near Montello. The gang is said to be make in the examination. It is well known. Three of them are ex- urged that there will be favoritismconvicts and the others are cow boys. that examinations may be so conducted

The Legislature of Arkansas, has as to favor a particular applicant. passed a kill to repudiate eleven mili- Doubtless there will be irregularities ions of the State debt. The bill, it is of this nature; it would be expecting said, will be signed by the governor. too much to assume that exact impar-Having swallowed their scruples to tiality will in all cases be observed. this extent, the wonder is, that the But between the parties the exami legislators did not make one more gulp, nation will be substantially fair. The and pay the entire debt.

The Marquis of Lorne is at Washington. He took dinner at the White House the other day. It took a half column of Press dispatches to tell this fact to fifty million people very few of whom cared whether he took his dinner at the White House or at a two quiring a certain standard of qualifications in applicants for responsible pobit restaurant. sitions is a sound one to establish. We

John B. Gough, the celebrated temperance lecturer, is opposed to the attempted prohibition legislation. He says that moral elevation is the only remedy for intemperance. You can not make men moral by legislation, and whatever of real, permanent good is accomplished in the way of temperance reform, must be done by moral sussion.

Gustave Dore, the famous French painter and designer, is dead. Any one who has ever seen his wonderful pictures, cannot but regret that such a man should ever cease to enrich the world with the fruits of his labors. His Illustrations of the "Biple," and of the "Ancient Mariner," are perhaps those of his works which are best known in this country. This world is made much poorer by Dore's death. Herr Most, the Gorman socialist, attainments. If the successful ap

is not satisfied with the progress he is plicant is unfit for any cause to perform

THE PENDLETON CIVIL SERVICE BILL. THE NORTHEEN PACIFIC AND C. & O.

RAILEGADS

There seems to be an impression The S. F. "Call" reporter had a talk among the people that the Pendleton with John Muir, Superintendent of civil service bill, which, by the way, traffic of the Western Division of the is now a law, actually places the power Northern Pacific, who was in San of appointment in the various Boards Francisco last week. He thought the of Examiners. Such, however, is not Northern Pacific would be completed the case. The Boards of Examiners between St. Paul, Minn., and Portsimply say who shall not be appointed. land, Ogn., by next August. A query No person can be appointed under this as to the effect upon California by the law who does not reach a certain standcompletion of the Northern Pacific, ard of qualifications; and appointments brought out a broad grin upon the face must be made from the applicants of this gentleman being interviewed, having obtained the highest percentages and in a moment the reporter, instead in the examination. The second clause of receiving an answer, was assailed in the second section says: "All offices with questions, which, as he was not places and employment * * * shall the recipient of the confidences of inbe filled by selection according to grade ner railroad circles, induced him to abruptly ask when railroad connecthe result of such competitive exam-

apply this principle to the school de-

partment in this city, and in spite of

occasional irregularities it works well.

The applicants must present evidence

of at least educational capacity before

their claims can be considered by the

appointing ower. It does not follow

that the applicant who attains the

highest percentage on examination will

make the best teacher. But this ob-

jection may be considered when some

method of appointment is discovered

which promises in all cases to insure

the best possible results. Under the

Pendleton act the appointee must be

taken from the highest grade of appli

cants. The ability to make such a

record may not include the ability to

fill the position more efficiently, than

some applicant who stood lower in the

list, but it at least insures respectable

tions would be made between this State and Oregon. Seemingly pleased at the turn the subject had taken, Mr. Muir, vouchsafed the comprehensive information that he did not know. He did think it pessible that some time next year such an event might happen, but to fill the intervening gap would ne cessitate some very heavy work. Several tunnels were to be constructed grades had to be overcome. road from this end, under control of party now in power will generally have

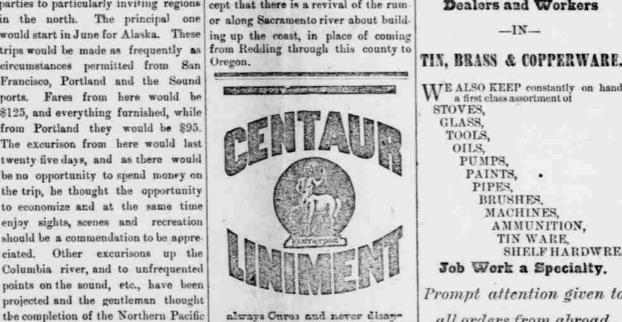
the Central Pacific, would meet that of two members of the Board of Exthe Villard system at or a little south aminers and the party out of power will have one. If there is any favor shown on account of politics the micircumstances permitted. nority member can at least make the Mr. Muir also spoke of a particular fact known. The principle of refeature to be inaugrated for the com-

> ing summer in the way of excursion parties to particularly inviting regions cent that there is a revival of the rum would start in June for Alaska. These ircumstances permitted from San Francisco, Portland and the Sound ports. Fares from here would be \$125, and everything furnished, while from Portland they would be \$95. The excurison from here would last wenty five days, and as there would be no opportunity to spend money on the trip, he thought the opportunity to economize and at the same time enjoy sights, scenes and recreation should be a commendation to be appre ciated. Other excurisons up the Columbia river, and to unfrequented points on the sound, etc., have been projected and the gentleman thought the completion of the Northern Pacific would be the commencement of a se ries of excursions to the northwest by parties from the East. To accommo-

The deathof Gambetta has served to unsettle affairs in France to an extent which presents the greatness of the dead hero in a stronger light than did any of the culogies of his most

ardent admirers. Hardly was he in his grave, until the Bonapartists, who had not dared to push their preten sions above the surface while he lived. publicly proclaimed their right to rule. and their intention to re-establish the Empire with Jerome Bonaparte as its head. But the strength which the Republic had acquired under the fostering care of such men as Gambetta was sufficient to sustain it against the assault, and the presumptious Prince was promptly seized and sent to prison. Although the danger of a Bonapartist uprising is not entirely over, and indecision and inharmony seems to rule in the Cabinet, there appears no immediate danger to the Republic. The government feels sadly the want of a leader in this emergency, and the inestimable value of Gambetta was never so keenly realized as now

The charge of murder against Frank Lames have dismissed. He is now hold for burglazy and his bail has been fixed at \$3000. Mr. James is becomand the difficulties incident to heavy ing quite a respectable gentleman it When seems. It is a great pty to annoy him completed the connection between the with these criminal proceedings. He might make a useful member of society and it would be in accordance with the eternal fitness of things for that of the State line. The porthern line heavy weight detective who occupies was being extended south as fast as the Governors chair, to appoint the PIONEER HARDWARE STORE outlaw his private secretary.



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pect that the pending bill will event- jobbery connected with it. Why ually be passed in such a way as to should not the government pay the correct a great many of the evils of regular rates, the same as other persons the present system. The recent tariff commission, despite the adverse criti- ors of this canal scheme have been lacism to which it was subjected, rendered a great service to the country by assisting our legislators to a better understanding of the subject in hand. The present discussion must be very other. If the government is to extend interesting reading to those valiant any assistance, it should be done in Democrats who have so strenuously such a manner that the extent of the insisted that the tariff was a party ques- assistance may be clearly marked. tion. To any one who is in the least The present political outlook of the familiar with the history of this ques- isthmus is not the most re-assuring, tion, it goes without saying, that it is and the occupation of the canal by this not, and never has been, a purely par- government may lead to serious comty matter. It is entirely a sectional plications with France. The canal issue in which each part of the country should be constructed and controled by shapes its opinions according to its in- the United States in its own interest, terests. Self interest is the basis up- and not in the interests of speculators. on which almost all the tariff argu- If this were done, French opposition ments are constructed. In a commu- would amount to nothing more serious nity where agriculture is the principle than groundless protests. This canal industry, free trade will be found to is one of the certainties of the future, flourish in the greatest perfection. If and our government will lose a great manufacturing is the chief occupation, opportunity if it permits the present protection ideas will prevail. Not short sighted policy to prevail. protection of all industries, but of the particular one in which that community is engaged. Between all this mul- St. Helens Oregon, and edited by Willtitude of conflicting interests, each one iam Glendye is the most recent addition striving to succeed at the expense of to the periodical literature of the State. all the others, an average must be ar- It is a non-partisan non-political weekranged, which will be acceptable to all, ly. We own to some misgivings or at least a majority. It would not about a country paper without any be surprising if a perfect system, en. politics but cordially wish it the best

and confusion.

making in this country. He com- the duties of the office, the fact, when be drawn upon. THE NICARAGUA CANAL. The Nicaraguan canal bill, as re- that the Hawaiian treaty will be conported, provides that the government

shall guarantee three per cent. interest on \$75,000,000 of the company's tion is such that this subject cannot be bonds, for the period of forty years. reached, in its regular order, before This guarantee clause, excited so much the adjournment. Indeed, it is very opposition, that the bill was almost doubtful whether, if it could be reachcertain to fail; and it is now proposed ed, any relief would be afforded. The to strike out this clause, and insert in great misfortune is, that the curse of stead, a provision that the government this treaty is visited only on the Pacishall control the work of building the lic Coast. The evils which beset this

canal, and shall pay the canal com- section of the Union, seem to have Congress is still at work on the pany for whatever use it may make of very little weight with eastern memtariff bill. From the muliplicity of it, "on a basis proportionate to the rebers; and it is no great wonder that conflicting interests involved in this ceipts of the canal for a year prior to the people of this coast are beginning question the present bill is likely to be its occupation by the United States." to become somewhat embittered tosomething in the nature of a compro- This, though apparently fair enough on ward our neighbors on the other side mise. There is, however, a fair pros- its face, has an unpleasant suspicion of of the Rockies. Our situation will more or less sectional, and unless the east consents to allow us to say what is who may use the canal? The projector is not, for our advantage and ceases presuming to tell us what we do, or do boriously urging the necessity of govnot, want, it is to be feared we will ernment aid in their work, and, disstand but a poor show of receiving our appointed in one scheme, they may fair share of attention. Some of our naturally be expected to resort to anlaw makers profess to see such wonderful riches, present and prospective, in these islands as to desire their annexation to the United States. This, of course, is one step too far for even the most devoted admirer of Sir Claus and his islands, to seriously expect to carry the government. But it serves to show something of the sentiment which at present prevails, and points but too clearly at the end of our hopes of relief from the sugar wonopoly.

temptible, subterfuges yet resorted to, to escape the consequnces of criminal carlessness, is that of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in relation to the recent calamity on their road. It is now insisted, by the company was caused by tramps releasing

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