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Death of a Centenarian.

"Major John M. Graham, father of Jesse H. Graham, of Cathlamet, W. T., died January 13, 1886, aged 101 years, 9 months and 26 days, having maintained his health and vigor until his centennial."

So reads a little note received in yesterday's mail. What a history this country has made in the lifetime of that aged man. Born in 1784 he was in his third year when a convention met in Annapolis, Maryland, to propose a revision of the "articles of confederation" that had held the thirteen colonies together during the war for independence. He saw the constitution of the United States drafted and adopted by each of the original thirteen colonies, the first presidential election of Washington and Adams, January 7th, 1789, the first congress at New York, March 4th, 1789, the inauguration of George Washington, April 30th, of the same year, the first state (Vermont) admitted in 1791, the Indian wars in "the northwestern territory," now Ohio and Indiana, was a lad of 14 when war was declared against France, read of the death of Washington in the papers of the day, was 28 years of age when Fort Dearborn was built on the frontier post of civilization, where now stands Chicago with 700,000 inhabitants, and was nearly 30 years of age when the gallant Perry swept the British flag from the northern lakes in his great victory.

Born when there was but three millions of colonists on a narrow strip of Atlantic coast, he lived to see a population of sixty millions covering the fairest portion of the continent. His span of life exceeded that of our government. He was older than the present form of government which to us seems to have existed so long, and his death at the great age of nearly 102 years calls to mind in a striking manner of what comparatively short duration the United States is and what marvelous progress has been made in a period possible to be covered by one human life.

Bill for an Appropriation.

Following is a bill recently introduced by Senator Mitchell to improve the military wagon road between Fort Klamath and railway connection in Rogue river valley:

A bill making an appropriation for the resurvey, relocation, shortening, and improvement of the military wagon-road between Rogue River Valley and Fort Klamath, Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty-thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used, under the direction of the Sec. of War, for the purpose of resurveying, shortening, relocating, and improving the military wagon-road between Rogue River Valley and Fort Klamath, in the State of Oregon; the western terminus of said road to be selected and determined under the direction of the Secretary of War, at such point on the Oregon and California Railroad in the Rogue River Valley as may be deemed most advisable; and such changes to be made in the location of such road as may in the judgment of the Secretary of War be most advisable for the purpose of shortening the line of the same, reducing the grade thereof, and otherwise greatly improving the means of communication by such military road between the Rogue River Valley and Fort Klamath.

In an interview General Manager Towne said that the extension of the California and Oregon road would be pushed forward with all possible speed. The company expect to carry passengers and freight as far as Lower Soda Springs, twenty-four miles north of Delta, by the last of July. This will shorten the overland stage connection between the Oregon and California ends to about 100 miles.--Yreka "Union."

The practice of giving meals for the same price to eaters of all capacities has proved a failure in New Haven. The restaurants there give notice: "Meals 50 cents; for members of the Yale crew, \$1.50. No deviation from these prices."

Real Facts.

There can be no doubt that the average county newspaper is looked upon by a great majority of the people, as a kind of necessary nuisance--an institution which they readily admit is of considerable benefit, but to which they do not feel inclined to lend any great support--financially. When it comes to soliciting merchants and business men to advertise, in this feeling more manifest than ever. Yes they would like to advertise and support the paper--they would like to have their business known, but they don't know whether it would be worth the money they would have to pay, or not. They are doubtful and have misgivings, and are afraid they might lose, etc. etc. etc, and generally wind up by giving the information, with a groan, that they "will see about it." Now there is a cause for all this, and it is to be found in the very average headpiece of the very average editor of the average county paper. Nine out of ten of them will listen to the idyllic utterances of the above mentioned "business men" and by way of making reparation, for having hurt his feeling, will go and give him a big "puff" and perhaps insert a "dead ad" for a few months, free of charge, the thought having entered his muddled brains, and warmed up his generally empty maw, that by so doing he is acting the part of wisdom--gaining the good will of the people--and laying the foundation to future prosperity. The sooner such men starve out; and give place to others who not only "knows how to write," but are capable of ranning a business on business principles, the better it will be for the fraternity at large. It is the duty of every man connected with the press to uphold the dignity of the profession on every occasion, and to keep before his mind the cash value of the benefits he is able to confer, the worth of his advertising columns, and to exact payment for every line inserted therein. Thus only can the people generally, and particularly advertisers be brought to a proper knowledge of the value of what they receive and newspaper men be properly recognized, and receive the benefits they deserve. The above suggestions are entirely gratuitous, but may be taken home with great results by a member of papers in this county and state. Through their advertising columns may not appear so plethoric as they might be for a time, in the long run the result will be increased influence, money and respect. The Scout, at least will sink or swim on this track and what it advertises of any man's business for nothing could be put in a squint eyed man's optic without hurting it.--Scout.

IS CLEVELAND LOVESICK--A Washington dispatch says: The servants at the White House says his (the President's) appetite is falling off to some extent--a sure sign of love, so they say. The other day he only took about ten minutes to eat his lunch, and he usually spends half an hour or more over it. There was a large attendance of ladies at the public reception to day, and one who has watched the President on these occasions before could not help but notice that he passed the pretty girls by with merely a formal shake of the hand. He did not smile at them as usual. Another sign which is against him is that he has taken to moonlight rambles about the White House grounds, and he even goes out riding when the moon is shining, alone, with his thoughts across the sea.

CAUSES OF CONSUMPTION.--After a study of nearly 12,000 cases, Dr. Herman Brehmer, an able German physician, rejects the theory of the contagiousness of pulmonary consumption. He finds the disease to be due to deficient nutrition of the lungs, which may result from various antecedent causes, such as inherited defects of constitution, and vital organs impaired by disease, injury, or mode of living. He believes that the operation of all these causes may produce such changes that it may be possible--years, even decades, in advance--to predict with great probability which members of a given family will be pulmonary consumption, afflicted with and which will remain healthy.

The marriage of President Cleveland and Miss Frankie Folsom will take place about the middle of June. There is no reason to believe that the wedding ceremony will be performed at the White House, but on the contrary there is a general impression that the wedding will be a private one, at the bride's residence in Buffalo. The date fixed for the marriage is a time when Congress will not be in session, so that the President can leave the city for a few days without any discomfort.

The office of the Western Union telegraph company was removed from East Portland last week on account of insufficient patronage. The receipts were not enough to pay the salary of the operator. Many of the people from that side would file their dispatches at the office in Portland while on that side, and so it was deemed advisable to discontinue the east side office.

Senator Fair of Nevada suggests that the Apache question be solved by placing the hostile Indians on the Santa Catalina islands, off the California coast.

A. L. Banesford & Co. are erecting a new building in San Francisco on the site of the one recently burned.

Railroad Matters.

There is no longer any doubt that a railroad is to be constructed from southeastern Oregon to tide water, most probably Yaquina bay. There are various opinions as to what great transcontinental line is engaged in the undertaking, but none as to the speedy completion of the road. It is said one surveying party, operating in the Malheur country, has been sent out by the Union Pacific, with the intention of running one line across the Cascades and down the Willamette valley to Portland, and another line towards California, most probably terminating at Yaquina or Coos bay. Another report is that the Chicago & Northwestern road will build from Boise City west through the Malheur country with divergent lines from Albany to Portland and Yaquina. It is thought the Oregon and Pacific road is really the Chicago & Northwestern, and that its construction was for the purpose of securing a tide water terminus without unmasking the designs of the great corporation. If the latter supposition is correct, the Union Pacific will ultimately be forced to lease the Oregon Short Line, or construct a parallel line with that of the Northwestern across the state. To stop that great line at Huntington and compel it to depend on other roads to get to the coast, will be so contrary to what is generally regarded as correct railroad management, that the managers will hardly consent to be bottled up so ignominiously. The most probable thing is that they will push their road across the state with all the vigor they possess, and thus attempt to supercede the Northwestern and preoccupy the country.--Portland "News."

There is a constant complaint of no work, small pay, and efforts are made to make radical changes in the relations of labor and capital, and concentrated effort is being made by labor to better its condition; yet when we state that the number of immigrants who arrived in this country at one port, New York, in the last three weeks amounted to 75,000, who have come here from less than half the wages paid to labor to which they are fitted at home, we can but see how perfectly useless it is to attempt to force industry to pay adequate wages to labor forcing itself from the old countries upon us as a rate which must keep the condition of labor entirely demoralized, unless the attempts of societies whose interests are all bound up in the extraordinary number that can be induced to come here and compete with what is already here can be qualified.

A society at Portland is sending printed documents in the German language to Germany, Denmark and Sweden to induce immigrants to come here, and \$5,000 per year is paid out of State money for this purpose, while our own people are restless at finding too little employment. We call attention to a slip from an article in the Portland "Mercury," signed Grizzly, which tells the truth.

The first swallows of the season were chirping merrily aloft on the telegraph wires yesterday. There they perched, blissfully unconscious of the thousand tales of human life trailing along the wires to which they cling, a good deal like ourselves as we cling to the surface wires of our lives, unconscious of the under current of hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, ambitions and desires of our neighbors.

Injunctions have been served on a number of union printers in New Haven forbidding them to attempt any injury of the business of the New Haven "Courier" pending judicial hearing in the case. The "Courier" claims that the boycotters have already injured its business \$2000 worth. A candidate for a town office in Michigan on election day, took a coal shoveller's place and shovelled coal till he perspired, while the other man went to the polls to vote--for him, as he supposed, but the other man got the vote. Rev. Mr. Ravelin is achieving present prominence in California. The reverend gentleman obtained considerable local notoriety at Polc, Ills., a few years ago by preaching a sermon the title of which was "Be Dipped or Be Damned."

The Dying President.

Ex-President Chester A. Arthur was raised to the executive chair by a national calamity that was all the more terrible from the fact that it was wholly undeserved. He was not regarded with the greatest favor by a large element in his party, for the reason that he had been identified with the advocates of the spoils system in politics or, in other words, was "one of the stalwarts." Whatever may have been his antecedents in this direction, it is certain that a more conservative magistrate never occupied the presidential chair. He incurred the enmity of the Pacific States by his antagonism to legislation tending to break up Chinese immigration, but his early education having been gotten in New York, he was excusable for taking the South street mercantile view of the case. He was far from being a great man; and the day he vacated the presidential chair he positively looked the representative American gentleman of his era.

How graceful he looked on that bright March morn, the first fair day for an inauguration they had had in sixteen years, only those who saw him can rightly judge. Waving his hand jauntily to the great burly figure that stood beside him, He motioned Mr. Cleveland to get into the carriage and then handed in Senators Edmunds and Ransom; and then, with a step light enough for a lad of eighteen, he stepped into the carriage as "Albert" closed the door. As the vehicle drove up Pennsylvania avenue nearly half a million eyes followed it with anxious gaze and cheers rent the bright morning air, Democrats applauding the idol of the hour, while Republicans threw up their hats for the faithful and honest servent who had before him less than three hours of public life. To us it was a Grecian chariot of the Trojan epoch driving by, and Achilles was seated by the side of Telamon.

And now they tell us that this brave and handsome fellow is a physical wreck, barely able to drag his weary limbs around, and that his eye, which flashed so brightly, has grown lusterless and dim. And all this within a brief year. His wife, the daughter of the silent hero who stood on the palk-benches of the doomed Central America, saying: "No, Mr. Frazer, I am the captain and there are no boats enough--I must go down with the ship," has long since preceded him across the shadowy river, and his flippant son is too much engaged in the hurly-burly of a fashionable life to be of much comfort to him. Mr. Arthur is going, and going fast. To wish him a larger lease of life would only be wishing him a prolongation of sufferings, and the fondest prayer that could be offered for him is that a Christian gentleman may be permitted to die in peace.

PRIZE FIGHT AT BAKER CITY.--The Baker City "Sage Brush" advertises a "fight to a finish" to take place next Saturday night between George Edgar and an "unknown," for gate receipts, with tickets at a dollar a head, and extra for reserved seats. It is very likely that the sheriff and an instantaneous "fotographer" will also be on hand to take a part in the "game." The "Sage Brush" would probably do its citizens a good turn by publishing the law pertaining to such things as prize fights.

HONESTY RUMOR--A Palouse W. T. paper says: News comes to us by telephone from Astin that a rumor is afloat there that the gang of horse-thieves that has been bothering the people of Astin county for some time, was overtaken in Grande Ronde valley and a number of them hung.

So far Jay Gould is ahead \$400,000 on the strikes. \$200,000 of it is his share of the profits on the extra telegraphing occasioned by the strikes. He'll probably make a million altogether out of depreciated railroad securities, etc., before the trouble is over. We have the same thing on a smaller scale nearer home. Petition for Pardon. A petition for the commutation of the sentence of William Briscoe will be presented to the Governor and Board of pardons about the first of June making his term of service end in three years from time of sentence. THAT HACKING COUGH can be so quickly cured by Shilo's Cure. We guarantee it. Call at Brooks's.