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The City and County.

From Daily of Wednesday June 26.

THE WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

Public Exercises. Prize Declamations. Awarding of Medals.

About six weeks ago the Faculty of the above named University offered a gold and silver medal as prizes to be awarded for the best declamation to be delivered during the public examination at the close of the term. The school, by ballot, elected three young ladies and three young gentlemen as the most suitable ones to compete for the prizes. They each selected their own pieces and learned them at their leisure.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Was the time set for the purpose of awarding these prizes to the successful competitor. The chapel was well filled, owing to outside interest in the contest. Printed programmes had been prepared, giving the names of the students competing for the prizes and the subject of their pieces. Miss Libbie Woodward furnished a piece of instrumental music as an overture in a commendable manner. The six competitors then took their places upon the platform and the interesting part of the ceremonies began.

J. W. JORY

Stepped to the front of the stage and delivered an oration entitled "The Corsican not Content," being a condensed history of the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. It was delivered in an able manner, the only objection that could be raised, being the lack of energy shown and the want of variation in the tone of the voice.

MISS EVA L. WILSON,

Being called out, rendered in an admirable manner a poem entitled, "The Red Jacket." It was descriptive of a conflagration and the heroic act of a fireman in saving the life of a little child. So perfect was her representation of the scene one could almost imagine himself present at the scene. Her gestures were appropriate and her intonations without a fault. She was rapturously applauded at its close.

P. H. D'ARCY

Then stepped forward and delivered an oration entitled, "The Dying Alchemist." This was perhaps the most difficult piece of any to speak in the manner it merits. But he did well on it and showed very plainly that he had studied his part attentively and understood the manner in which it should be spoken.

MISS LYDIA E. CHAMBERLAIN

Was the next one on the programme. She had chosen for her piece, "The Soldier's Reprieve." It was an incident of the late rebellion and it came vividly home to the hearts of many. It was rendered in a very touching and sympathetic manner and drew tears to the eyes of many in the house. She literally carried her hearers with her and won the sympathy of all by the feeling manner in which she rendered the piece. Her very heart seemed in the story she was relating and when she took her seat it was amid a well merited applause.

MISS LIBBIE BROWN

Then recited a poem entitled "Abram and Zimri." Miss Brown has a very pleasing manner upon the stage, speaking with apparent ease and with but little embarrassment. Her gestures are used in a pleasing, off hand manner and with appropriate style. She delivered the poem in a very creditable manner and won the hearty appropriation of the entire audience.

JAMES R. COLEMAN

Closed the exercises by reciting in an impressive manner a prose selection on "The Death of Hamilton." We should imagine he made rather a poor selection but he rendered it in as commendatory a style as could be expected. His gestures were graceful and his articulation distinct. He could no doubt have succeeded much better with some other selection.

THE AWARDING COMMITTEE,

Consisting of Rev. W. R. Stewart, C. A. Reed and Rev. L. L. Rowland, with but little hesitation awarded the first prize, a gold medal, appropriately engraved, to Miss Eva L. Wilson. After a long consultation, the second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Miss Lydia E. Chamberlain. Rev. W. R. Stewart presented the medals to the young ladies with appropriate remarks, and the audience was then dismissed with the Benediction.

LACK OF INTEREST.—It is astonishing how little interest is taken by the public in the present examinations at the University. Unless a competition of some kind is on hand the attendance of spectators is very slim. This is no doubt embarrassing to the Faculty, who, during the past year, have done all in their power toward the advancement of the school; and now, at the close of the term, when they desire to have the public know the result of their labors, there seems to be no disposition on the part of the patrons to visit the school and witness its success. The school has never been in a more prosperous condition than it is at present, and the Faculty are of course desirous to show the patrons of the school and the public generally the result of their labors. Some of the Trustees, even, have been quite negligent in their attendance, and it places the teachers in an unpleasant position. What is the use of a public examination unless the public attend? We trust that our readers will show by their attendance during the balance of the examination exercises their appreciation of this institution of learning. The Faculty of the school are always pleased to have the public attend, and will do all in their power to make the exercises interesting.

"THE GREAT REPUBLIC"—A NEW BOOK.—Messrs. A. L. Bancroft & Co., of San Francisco, have recently issued and have just put in this market a new book bearing the title of "The Great Republic." As its title would indicate, it is a book designed to give a comprehensive view of the whole country. It treats of every material feature of every State in the Union, its matter being historical, statistical and descriptive. It is just that sort of book which is likely to be useful, any day in the year, to almost any literary or business man, of whatever class he may be. Some idea of its value may be gained when we say it is a book of over 1100 pages, and literally crammed with concise history, and statistics of almost every conceivable sort, relating to the United States. It is also finely illustrated and elegantly bound, making it a desirable volume for either library or centre-table. It is sold only by subscription. Mrs. Ellen Oakshott, of Portland, is about to canvass Salem for subscribers.

PRIZE MEDALS.—We have just been shown the medals awarded to the successful competitors at the University yesterday afternoon. The first prize is a Gold Medal two inches in diameter, on which is engraved as follows: Around the outer edge the words "Willamette University" and in the center a scroll containing the sentence "Causa honoris." The reverse side contains the following inscription, "Awarded to Miss Eva L. Wilson for the best declamation. June 25th, 1872." The Silver Medal is engraved in the same manner, with the name of the winner. They are plain, but very appropriate.

HORSE STOLEN.—H. Lines, of Independence, had a horse, saddle and bridle stolen from him last Monday night, and came into town yesterday in search of the thief. It was ascertained that the horse was brought into Salem and sold to J. W. Howell, our Street Commissioner. The man who sold him the outfit gave his name as John Childs, and gave a bill of sale for the animal, receiving in exchange the sum of $30 in gold coin. Mr. Lines recovered the horse, but as no clue yet has been made regarding the thief.

UNDER ARREST.—About two weeks ago our City Marshal received a telegram from Oregon City to arrest one Chauncey Martin, who, it was thought, was in this city. Our police have been on the lookout for him ever since, but could find nothing of him until last Saturday night at a late hour, when he was seen coming out of the Pony Saloon, on State Street. He was promptly arrested and lodged in the county jail. Yesterday morning the Deputy Sheriff of Clackamas county started with him for Oregon City. We understand he is arrested on the charge of larceny.

FAVORS.—Mr. Philip Bowers, of Waldo Hills, invaded our sanctum yesterday and left a box of luscious cherries for our digestion. If he had only seen the office boys sail in on them he would have had no doubt of their appreciation of them. "Phil," you will please accept our sincere thanks.

LECTURE.—Col. B. B. Taylor, of Portland, delivered an address to the different societies at the University last evening. We were not present to make a report of the proceedings.

From Daily of Thursday June 27.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

The Hesperian Society. Their Exhibition Last Evening.

The University Chapel was densely crowded last evening to listen to the public exercises of the Hesperian Society. The platform was well filled as the body of the house. The programme consisted of declamations, addresses and instrumental music. The declamations by W. B. Allen, Zenas Bolton and P. H. D'Arcy were all rendered in an excellent manner. Geo. E. Strong's address on the woman question was written and delivered in a very creditable manner. C. B. Moores and M. O. Lownsdale each recited short declamations in their usual impressive manner. "The Address to the Echo" was an original idea and took well with the audience. As for the Society paper entitled "The Hesperian Review," edited by E. W. Hammond, it was entirely beyond our comprehension, and even then we fear it was not up to the expectation of the audience. The address by Henry H. Gilfrey was well rendered. We cannot speak too highly of the excellent orchestra music furnished on this occasion by Prof. A. L. Francis, assisted by an able corps of musicians. It was decidedly the main feature of the evening, being heartily applauded at the close of every piece. The whole affair was a grand success.

SOMEWHAT FRIGHTENED.—Last Sunday evening as three young ladies were returning from the Methodist church to their home in North Salem, they were grossly insulted by two young men who overtook them at a lonely spot on the way home. The circumstances, as near as we could find out, were as follows: The girls live some distance beyond the woolen mills and while going along the road the two young men stepped in front of them and commanded them to halt. This the girls were not inclined to do and started to run. But two of them were detained by force, while the third escaped, screaming at the top of her voice. The two who had been caught were threatened with their lives if they made any noise, and the men then made insulting proposals to them and began pulling them to one side of the road away from observation. Meanwhile the screams of the third had attracted the attention of some of the residents in that vicinity, and parties started out to find the young bloods; but they having become satisfied they were in danger of being caught, had suddenly decamped, and when the men who had started to aid the girls arrived, the fellows had escaped in the darkness. The men were both disguised and the girls could not recognize them owing to the darkness and their own fright. Parties were on the search for them during the balance of the night, and had they been found they would no doubt have been roughly dealt with. But they made good their escape. Owing to the fact of the escape of the guilty parties, we have withheld the names of the young ladies; but they think they would recognize the culprits and as their friends are still on the lookout for them they may yet be made to suffer.

RATHER OLD FOR HIS YEARS.—One of our citizens has a little boy of but a few years of age who rather got the upper hand of his father a few days since. His parent was busily engaged in cultivating his garden when the little chap came to his side and demurely asked him if people that told lies went to heaven. The father answered in the negative and took occasion to impress upon the child's mind the enormity of the sin of telling untruths, and impressing upon his young mind the importance of constant truthfulness in all his sayings, no matter what the circumstances were. The little chap never said a word until his father had finished, then looking up into his face he said: "Papa, I don't believe you will ever get to heaven." The gentleman stopped his work for a moment and asked, "Why not?" "Because," said the little chap, "you promised to bring me home a little wagon last night and you didn't do it." The father told him to run into the house, and he took the wagon home the same day, fearing there was more truth than poetry in the little fellow's logic.

ELECTED TO THE POSITION.—At a special meeting of the Trustees of the Willamette University held last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. T. H. Crawford, of Portland, was elected Professor of Natural Sciences. Until quite recently this position was filled by Prof. L. L. Rogers. Mr. Crawford is a graduate of this University and has had charge of one of the Public Schools at Portland for a number of years, being universally well liked as a competent teacher in every sense of the word. His addition to this school will, we think, be advantageous to all the parties concerned.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of the Alumni, held at the University yesterday afternoon, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing term: H. H. Gilfrey, President; C. B. Moores, Secretary; Miss Mary Robinson, Treasurer; P. L. Willis, Member of the Board of Trustees.

From Daily of Friday June 28.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY.

Commencement Exercises. Graduating Class. Conferring Degrees. Alumni Proceedings, &c., &c.

MORNING SESSION.

Yesterday morning the University chapel was well filled with students and spectators. Prof. Francis' Orchestra furnished the instrumental music for the occasion, and opened the exercises by the rendition of a splendid piece. The good old anthem "Praise ye the Lord" was then sung by a large class. An eloquent prayer was offered by the Rev. G. Hines. Miss Libbie Woodward favored the audience with a Piano Solo entitled "The Last Hope." It was rendered in excellent style and merited the hearty applause it received at the close.

HUBBARD BRYANT,

one of the graduating class, stepped to the front and delivered an oration on "Free Trade." He had evidently studied his subject well. His language was good, his gestures appropriate, and his articulation distinct. But we fear it will be many years before he sees his ideas realized. He was heartily applauded, and received a handsome bouquet of flowers from some one in the audience.

MISS DORA P. SIMPSON,

also a member of the graduating class, delivered an oration, subject, "Our boats are launched, but where's the shore." Her voice was good, her pronunciation clear and very distinct. Her language was excellent and many of her thoughts beautiful. She appeared at home on the stage, and delivered her address in a pleasing off-hand manner. Her allusions to her school life as compared with the dim future that was in store for her were very touching, as was the tribute paid her teachers and school-mates. She too was seated amid the applause of the audience and a floral gift. We prophesy that she will make her mark amid her sex as the coming years roll by. A vocal duet by Misses Gray and Chamberlain was rendered in splendid style. James Chambers, a graduate of the class of '69 delivered an oration on "The Fourth of July" in an acceptable manner. Then came Miss Jose DeVore Johnson, who spoke at considerable length on

THE LIBERAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

Her ideas were original and abounded with good sense. Her mode of delivery was very pleasing, as was her appearance on the stage. She received the applause of her hearers and some handsome bouquets.

MISS ELVA A. WHEELER,

the remaining member of the graduating class, stepped forward and delivered a very interesting oration, her subject being "Each day a life, and each night we die." Miss Wheeler has a very pleasing manner, and no matter what she may be doing is bound to succeed. Her address yesterday was but a repetition of her former achievements, and was a crowning success. Her essay abounded with original thought, which at times was deep and sublime in sentiment. The applause was hearty and the floral gifts well won that she received on taking her seat.

Miss Teresa Holderness executed "Sweet Home" with variations on the Piano in a manner that suited us full as well as did Anna Mehlig's rendition of the same piece. "The Tri Colors," a recitation and chorus led by three young ladies, was very prettily executed, and the audience was then dismissed by a Benediction by Rev. J. L. Parrish.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Orchestra preformed a splendid overture, after which the whole school united in singing "The Soldiers Marching Song." Mr. S. A. Clarke recited an original poem entitled "Sounds from the Western Shore." The poem was a condensed history of this coast from its first discovery years ago up to the present, with even a glimpse into the future. It was well written and delivered as only a composer can utter his own thoughts. It was well received by the entire audience and encomiums of praise were heard on every side. Four of the students then sang a quartette entitled "Under the Ice." The address to the students by

REV. S. H. MARSH D. D.

was a masterly effort. His remarks were of course directed more particularly to the students, showing them the advantages of a liberal education and urging upon them the necessity of close application and untiring zeal. His remarks were concise and right to the point. Miss Libbie Woodward and Miss Teresa Holderdess after the execution of a difficult instrumental duet, using both Pianos, received diplomas, showing them to be fully instructed in that branch of education. Prof. Gatch's remarks on presenting the diplomas were very eloquent. The graduates, Miss Dora P. Simpson, Miss Elva A. Wheeler and Mr. Hubbard Bryant then received their diplomas with the Degree of Bachelor of Sciences. The Orchestra played the closing piece and the audience was dismissed with a Benediction by Rev. A. Myers.

EVENING SESSION.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Cary Johnson, after which an excellent quartette was sung by four of the members of the Alumni. The Annual Address was given by James B. Waldo. Miss Blanche Gray favored the audience with a Piano Solo rendered in splendid style. Miss Jose DeVore Johnson read a lengthy but well composed essay on Mental Degredation. Resolutions of Condolence on the death of Frank M. Hobson were read and adopted. George E. Strong sang the beautiful solo "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," with great skill and in a manner worthy of the hearty applause he won at its close. The Benediction was then pronounced by Prof. Powell, and the public part of the entertainment closed. The Alumni had their Reunion in one of the upper rooms at a later hour, but we were not present and can make no report of the proceedings. Thus closes the Commencement Exercises, which, taken all in all, have been successfully carried out, and the reputation of the school as a first-class institution of learning more fully established.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN MINES.—The companies having in charge the work of prospecting in these mines, situated on the Santiam river, report excellent success. They have opened a tunnel to the depth of 50 feet, and have found fine prospects. They have also cut into some new veins, which promise an abundant yield, and they will probably begin taking out the ore some time next week.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Chemeketa Lodge No 1, I O O F, held at their hallon Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term; A B Crossman, N G; E K Miller, V G; J Henry Brown, R S; J J Murphy, P S; C S Woodworth, Treas. Trustees—J J Murphy, J G Wright and R H Price.

INVITATION ACCEPTED.—At a meeting of Tiger Engine Co. No. 2, last evening, the invitation to join Russell Post No. 3, G. A. R., in the celebration of the 4th, was accepted. The company will turo out in uniform, except that the Firemen's hats will not be worn.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Edgar Brown has reached his destination and is now in Her Majesty's Dominion.

The Masonic Grand Lodge adjourned last evening and went to Portland by a special train.

The construction trains of the O. & C. R. R. reached Oakland yesterday. A change of schedule time will take place Monday.

Fifteen hundred dollar's worth of revenue stamps have been used at the County Clerk's office during the past two years.

Vivian is drawing crowded houses in Portland. Why can't we raise a sufficient crowd to induce him to come to Salem.

Our present County Officers are preparing to lay aside their garb of office and surrender their claims to their successors.

Mrs. Dr. Sawtelle is fitting up an office near the Court House building and will enter into the practice of medicine at an early day.

Business is at almost a stand still. And so it will be unless we can get the railroad down through town.

A large force of brick masons now at work on the County Court House.

HOW THE HOOSIERS ACCEPT THE DEFEAT OF THEIR PET.

(From the Indianapolis Journal.)

The nomination for Senator Henry Wilson of Massachusetts for Vice President is in every respect admirable, and will be everywhere heartily and honestly supported by Republicans. An Indianian might naturally preter his fellow Hoosier, Colfax, who has served so long and faithfully, and with such distinguished honors as Representative, Speaker and Vice President, without a touch of dishonoring suspicion or a reproach of misconduct even from his opponents; but Wilson replaces him in every respect of purity of character, effective ability and political experience. And he adds to the ticket the advantage of separating the candidates by a wider space than a State line. Colfax would have strengthened us in this, one of the "pivoted" States, but we have no fear that he will not lend us his best efforts to the nominations because another has been preferred for a place that he has long declared his desire to leave. He has been taken at his word, and no man can justly complain that his serious declarations are seriously accepted. To this alone, we believe, he owes whatever disappointment the first ballot for Vice President yesterday may produce. If he had not voluntarily put himself beyond the reach of the people, his re-nomination would have been as certain as his chief's, and his late concession of the use of his name was doubtless correctly interpreted as the effect of a desire to please his friends rather than himself.

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EASTERN NEWS.

An American Schooner Captured by a Dominion Cutter.

NEW YORK, June 24.—A Washington special says the State Department has received dispatches from Geo. Hall, our Consul at Gaspe Basin, Canada, to the effect that the Captain of the Dominion cutter Stella Marie has captured the American schooner James Bliss, for an alleged violation of Dominion laws, and brought her into port with the Dominion flag flying at her peak over the American flag which was union down. Our Consul protested against the insult, but it was repeated and it is understood that the act was sactioned by the highest Dominion authorities.

A Ratification Meeting at New York.

NEW YORK, June 24.—A Washington special says a monster mass meeting, to ratify the nominations of Grant and Wilson, will be held on Thursday evening. Speeches will be made out doors in front of the City Hall.

The Jubilee Folks Get Tired.

BOSTON, June 24.—Ontario day passed off agreeably to the strictly musical portion of a moderate audience. The rest of the audience, wearied by the thirty-six airs and choruses, were relieved by the six parlor entertainments, which will hereafter be the great attraction. "Israel" was well rendered by a chorus of twelve hundred from the Societies in and around Boston. President Grant will be present to-morrow, when the attractive features of the past week's programme will be performed.

Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Commissioners Brunot and Cree leave to-day on a tour among the Indians of Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. The objects are to avert hostility on the part of the wild Sioux on the Northern Missouri river, to purchase a portion of the Reservation in Colorado, to effect an exchange of the southern part of the eastern Shoshone and Bannock reservations in Wyoming for lands north, and a general examinations into Indian affairs.

General Walker is here with a delegation of Indians representing several tribes of Arizona, who want to have confirmed a treaty of peace recently made at Camp Grant.

About the Columbus Convention.

BOSTON, June 24.—It is understood Chamberlain, President of the Columbus Convention, has officially notified Judge Davis and Joel Parker of their nomination to the Presidency and Vice Presidency, and that he is to recall the Convention to meet in New York in July for Conference.

Report of Department of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The June Report of the Department of Agriculture is now in press and is exhaustive. It gives wheat statistics based on counties, of which 199 indicate the average condition, 270 above average and 434 in low condition. These 903 reports include a very large proportion of the wheat portion of the country. The summary of returns shows a reduction of 2 per cent. from 1871. The general average condition of the entire crop, taking 100 as the standard, is 94. The Department estimate of the crop of 1871 was 23,000,000 bushels, at 1½ per acre. Considering 12 bushels as the average yield of the area and condition of the present crop in the first week in June, it pointed to a product of 226,000,000 bushels in 1872. The crop of 1869 was about 16 per cent. above the average. The largest record in ten years was 287,000,000 bushels, as returned by the census.

Roosevelt's Opinion, which is an Opinion.

NEW YORK, June 25.—The Hon. Robert Roosevelt has addressed a letter to the New York State delegates to the Baltimore Convention, giving reasons for supporting Greeley and arguing that the Democratic party will be dissolved unless Greeley is indorsed at Baltimore.

Schooner Run Down and Sunk by a Steamboat.

BOSTON, June 24.—Passengers report that the steamer Bristol, from New York, ran down and sank a schooner in the Sound. Boats were lowered, but no survivors found.

A Grand trot, all around.

NEW YORK, June 25.—A grand trot has been arranged for Thursday next. "Goldsmith Maid," "Lucy," "American Girl" and "Henry" have been entered.

Thirty Deaths from the Grand Trunk R.R. Disaster.

BELLVILLE, June 24.—A post mortem examination was held this afternoon on the bodies of those who were killed by the late accident on the Grand Trunk Railroad. The number of deaths up to this time is about thirty, including a number of lumbermen and telegraph line builders from the province of Quebec. The Coroner's jury freely exonerates the Company and engineer from all blame; the cause being purely accidental. The engineer, a sober and efficient man, died at his post.

FOREIGN NEWS.

All Quiet at Geneva—Sickles to Remain at Madrid.

GENEVA, June 23.—All of the Commissioners on the Board of Arbitration are still absent, except Messrs. Davis and Cushing, of the American representatives. Nothing has transpired to weaken the hopes entertained of an amicable adjustment of the differences between the two countries.

MADRID, June 23.—Journals of the city deny that the Government of Spain has requested the recall of Minister Sickles.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Fair's Case—An Oregonian in Search of his Daughters—The A. & P. Railroad—Small Pox Increasing —Stockton News.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—The defense in Mrs. Fair's case having obtained a postponement of the trial until Wednesday, are reported to be making active efforts to hunt up Dr. Lyford, whose testimony as to her insanity was so severely handled on the last trial. It is rumored that Mrs. Fair's exceedingly clear-headed operations in connection with the claims of her medical counsel, after the last trial, has severely shaken his faith in her insanity.

An Oregonian arrived here to-day in pursuit of two daughters, who ran away to get married. The husband of one of the girls has been found but not the girl, and the other girl but not the husband.

The committee of one hundred had an executive session to-day. R. G. Sneath, Chairman of the committee, who went East to confer with St. Louis, made a partial report. A full report will be made soon and submitted to the public. It is understood, though nothing is published on the subject, that Mr. Sneath reported that the people of San Francisco would be asked to subscribe to fifteen millions of preferred stock of the A. & P. R. R., and for three shares of the preferred stock taken, they are to receive one share of the ordinary stock as a bonus. St. Louis to do the same, and the funds raised here to be used in building the road from this point eastward; that raised in St. Louis to be expended in building the line from its present terminus westward. He estimates the revenue of the Company's land grant at not less than $13,000,000 at the present market rates.

The small pox is considerably on the increase in this city. Five cases were sent to the hospital to-day and three more are to be sent to-morrow. Among the parties having it is Michael, a policeman, who is in his own house, and refuses to be removed. He has a pistol by his side, and threatens to make a job for the Coroner if he is interfered with.

STOCKTON, June 24.—The Masonic excursion which left here at eight o'clock this morning for Truckee and Lake Tahoe, consisted of three coaches fairly filled.

Our wharves begin to assume a business appearance. Large quantities of wheat are beginning to arrive.

Good farm lands are scarce at $3 50 per day.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Exploration of Skagit River.

LACONNER, June 24.—The party under Messrs Hill and Sweny, sent out by the Skagit River Co., of Seattle, to explore the upper Skagit and its tributaries, has just returned, and reports that for sixty miles above the jam, the river is navigable for steamers, and that the valley of the Skagit for that distance has an average width of 10 miles, composed of the richest river bottom lands in the Territory, though mostly heavily timbered. These lands are unsurveyed and unclaimed. The company will probably open a portage around the jam, and place a steamer above, which will make the whole country accessible to immigration. The North Pacific railroad survey, under Captain Sheets, had run forty miles from the Sound on level ground, only rising 140 feet from the sea in that distance. There seems to have been an easy grade to the Skagit pass and it is most likely this route will be selected for the North Pacific railroad.

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THE STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA SAVED.

Fresh Outbreak of Small Pox--Great Excitement.

EASTERN NEWS.

The Strikers.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Four hundred employees of the Custom House will petition Collector Arthur to-night for the eight hour rule to apply to weighers.

Yesterday a party of strikers in a planing mill on Sixty-first street, dislocated the machinery and threatened the men with death if they refused to desist work. The police arrested the disturbers.

Trouble With Spain Looming Up.

NEW YORK, June 25.—A Washington dispatch states that Spanish war vessels have been instructed to seize and sink the American steamers Virginius and Edgar wherever found outside neutral ports. The Virginius, as appears by a letter received here yesterday from her Captain, was at Puerto Cabalia, Venezuela, in the latter part of May. She was very leaky, and would be unable to secure the necessary repairs there, and would be obliged to leave for Maribiniquo. Two Spanish war vessels were in port. Their officers were enraged at the refusal of the Venezuelean government to deliver the Virginius up to them, and threatened to cut her out, whereupon the Venezueleans trained the guns of the Fort upon the Spaniards, and the latter quitted the place. The Virginius is also out of coal.

Meeting of Tammany.

NEW YORK, June 25.—At a meeting of Tammany last night, Horatio Seymour was made Sachem. Preparations were also made for a great 4th of July celebration. James Brooks was chosen orator.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Board of Arbitration.

GENEVA, June 24.—Dispatches received since Saturday have induced the American Agent to request Count Schlopsis to summon the Conference immediately. He has accordingly sent telegrams to all members to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday. It is not known whether the indirect claims have been withdrawn. At 8 o'clock all the members who have been abroad arrived here.

It is stated that the Secretary of State, on Sunday, telegraphed Bancroft and Davis a statement of the object of the United States in presenting indirect claims, and the reason for not accepting a money award; also the reason why they should not be taken as an element of consideration in the gross award. Mr. Davis responded yesterday. It is believed that a majority of the Board will accept our views.

VICTORIA, June 25.—The steamer Prince Alfred arrived off the month of the harbor on yesterday morning at five o'clock, from Nanaimo, where she had been for coal. On her arrival she fired two guns, and sent a boat ashore commanded by the first officer, who reported that two cases of small-pox had broken out on board on Saturday while at Nanaimo.

The names of the patients are: Hunter, second officer, and Hall, saloon waiter. Dr. Mathews went on board the vessel, having been informed of the sickness, and ordered the two cases to be landed and placed in the small pox hospital at Beacon Hill. At nine o'clock last evening they were taken over.

The steamer is placed in quarantine in the Royal Roads and a special constable placed on board to prevent any person from leaving or boarding her. We hear that there is another person sick on board the ship, but it is not quite certain to be a case of small pox and the man has not been removed.

The above reported case broke out while the steamer was taking in her coal. The Nanaimo authorities were at once informed of the circumstance, and the ship was allowed 180 tons, sufficient to take her to San Francisco, when she was ordered to leave the port.

The little girl Quickly, the first small pox patient, died yesterday evening, and will be buried to-day. The quarantine of those persons who have been in charge of the Health Officer from the first appearance of the disease will be raised to-day.

The Steamer California Again Afloat.

The steamer Emma arrived and reports that the steamer California was floated off the rocks on Friday night. The tide on Friday fell unusually low, leaving the steamer high and dry upon the rocks, upon which she hung amidships. Two heavy anchors were put out ahead to prevent her slipping off, and holes were made in her "quarters" to let the water run out. When this was accomplished the holes were patched up, as well as the injury sustained in her "forefoot," and at high water she floated off without assistance and was towed down to Nanaimo, where she was beached for repairs.

CALIFORNIA.

The Fair Trial—The Women Suffragists on the Rampage—Republican State Convention Called.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Another effort to have the trial of Mrs. Fair postponed will probably be put forward by the defense. Mrs. Fair has been in excellent health lately, mentally and physically, and the defence will necessarily assume a somewhat different form from that made on the first trial.

A most disgraceful scene occurred at Platt's Hall last night. Mrs. Loomis was lecturing against woman suffrage, and was repeatedly interrupted with hisses and jeering remarks from the leading female suffragists, who were present evidently for the purpose of breaking up the meeting. Assemblyman Meeker finally addressed Mrs. Emily Pitt-Stevens, telling her that she was behaving herself in a most disgraceful manner. Sharp words and abusive language passed back and forth, and it was some time before order was restored. At the end of the lecture Mrs. Pitt Stevens went for Meeker with a deringer in her hand, demanding an apology, but a bystander caught hold of her and compelled her to put it in her pocket. It is stated that the pistol was given to her during the excitement by Mrs. Churchill, another leading suffragist.

The Executive Committee of the Republican State Central Committee met to-day and called a State Convention, to meet at Sacramento August 1st. The State Convention will consist of 325 delegates, unless otherwise ordered by the Congressional District Committee. The Congressional Convention will be held at the same time and place.

Preparations have been made to prevent any interruption of Mrs. Frost's second lecture this evening, by the female suffragists, should they make another attempt.

Special Treasury agents arrived from the East last night by rail with $4,000,000 in greenbacks for payments on government account on this coast.

VALLEJO, June 25.—The first consignment of new wheat—15 car loads, containing 150 tons—arrived to-day from Dixon, consigned to Friedlander.

BY STATE TELEGRAPH.

Cars at Oakland—Crops—Etc.

OAKLAND (Oregon), June 25.—The track on the Oregon and California Railroad was laid to the bridge over the Calapooia at this place, to-day. A temporary side track will be put in north of the bridge to accommodate trains until the bridge is completed, which will take four or five days, so that trains can run into the depot grounds immediately south of the bridge. The completion of the railroad to Oakland will shorten the time overland between Portland and San Francisco one day.

The weather continues dry and warm.

The hay crop will be almost a total failure. Grain also will be very light. Many farmers are already mowing their oat fields to make hay.

Dates to June 26.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Illinois Democracy Indorse Cincinnati.

THE STOKES' TRIAL OPENED.

The Germans to Evacuate France.

GENEVA ARBITRATORS IN SESSION.

Indian Troubles in Utah.

SMALL POX IN OLYMPIA.

Trumbull Spouts against Grant.

Democratic Conventions Declare for Greeley.

ANTI-GREELEY MOVEMENT IN OHIO

Connecticut Republican State Convention.

Miscellaneous News.

EASTERN NEWS.

Groesbeck will wait.

NEW YORK, June 26.—It is well understood here that Groesbeck shows respect to the action of the Baltimore Convention and will accept no nomination made outside.

Pennsylvania Congressional Nominations.

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.—Republican Congressional nominees were made yesterday by the Crawford county system, the people showing their preferences by a direct vote. The experiment is considered a success, though it did not prevent holding back returns or false counting.

Democratic Liberal Conference.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 26.—The Democratic Convention met at noon to-day. Hon. John C. Allen, temporary Chairman, urged the delegates to conduct business in a spirit of conciliation, looking to a reunion with Liberal Republicans. The Liberal Convention met at noon. Governor Palmer, temporary Chairman, predicted the success of the Liberal movement. A committee of conference was appointed to confer with a similar Democratic committee. The Cincinnati platform was unanimously adopted.

Irish Parade—Grant at the Hub.

BOSTON, June 26.—Irish organizations are forming a parade to receive the Irish band next week. The Fenians will also turn out.

President Grant, who is making a visit here, dispenses with all formalities. He attended the commencement at Harvard this morning.

New York News—The Stokes Case—The Strikers.

NEW YORK, June 25.—A strike at the Patterson N. J. Machine Works, throws out of employment, 3,000. The shops are closed in consequence of the strike of 600 men.

Ninety-four trade organizations were represented at a meeting last night, at which a resolution passed that a parade take place on the 1st day of August.

Agents who were sent to Chester, Pennsylvania, to induce 800 ship-builders to strike failed in their object.

Orangemen have obtained permission of the board of police to parade July 12th. Six thousand men will turn out.

Eleven jurors have been obtained for Stokes' trial.

Later—The twelfth Stokes' juror is secured and the case opened.

Trumbull Spouts about Grant.

SPRINGFIELD, June 26.—Senator Trumbull addressed an immense meeting in the State House Square this evening. He arraigned Grant for nepotism, gift taking, unwarranted interference with the rights of States, and the military spirit which impelled him to centralize power in his own person. Such a tendency, he pronounced full of danger to a free people, whose rights and liberties, by being gradually obstructed, were in danger of being lost entirely.

The Ohio Democratic Delegates.

CLEVELAND, June 26.—The delegates to the Democratic Convention held a large meetang at the Weddell House, which was brilliantly illuminated. Speeches by prominent gentlemen favored the ratification of the Cincinnati platform and nominees.

The Fusion in Kansas.

LAWRENCE, June 26.—The State Central Committees of the Democratic and Liberal parties in Kansas met here in joint meeting, and called a Convention to nominate Congressmen and Electors at Topeka, on September 11th.

The Georgia Democracy Unpledged.

ATLANTA, June 26.—The Georgia Democracy send a Conservative delegation to Baltimore unINstructed, but adopted resolutions inviting everybody to co-operate for a change of Government.

Connecticut Republican Convention.

MONTPELIER, June 26.—The Republican State Convention represented nearly every town in the State. Resolutions endorsing the Philadelphia platform and nominees were passed.

An Anti-Greeley Movement in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, June 26.—A confidential circular has been distributed here to-day among Democrats and Liberals, asking the recipients to secure the attendance of the prominent Democrats of this State to oppose Greeley at Baltimore.

New Jersey subject to Baltimore Convention.

TRENTON, June 26.—The New Jersey Democratic Convention pledged itself to abide by and support the nominees of the Democratic National Convention.

Illinois Democrats Endorse Greeley.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 26.—The Democratic Convention met at noon to-day. In the Liberal Convention Cassius M. Clay said that the South is fully prepared to join in everlasting peace.

Miscellaneous.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Stockholders in the Erie railroad are working for a new Board of Directors.

ALBANY, June 26.—Gov. Hoffman man has issued a proclamation ordering an extraordinary General Term of the Supreme Court, of the Third District of Albany, July 16th, at which will be heard an appeal in the suits in the Tweed and other New York cases.

Harvard College has conferred the degree of L. L. D. on President Grant, Governor Washburn and James Martineau. The audience rose to its feet and cheered the President.

NEW YORK, June 26.—Baldwin, Kree & Co., manufacturers of straw goods, have failed. Assets small.

CHICAGO, June 26.—During a recent thunderstorm the Hon. D. L. Hannon lost 50,000 young trout, valued at $3,000. It is believed that they were killed by lightning.

BERLIN, June 26.—The Federal Council has approved the amendments by Parliament to the bill proscribing the Jesuits, and the bill becomes law.

FOREIGN NEWS.

German Evacuation of France.

VERSAILLES, June 24.—It is stated that the negotiations to complete the evacuation of France by the Germans will soon be brought to a favorable conclusion.

From Geneva.

NEW YORK, June 26.—A Herald's Geneva special of last night says that as the meeting was late, the proceedings were limited to a formal presentation of papers and an agreement made to discuss them fully on Thursday. The United States withdraws nothing but its claims for indirect damages. Both parties are before the tribunal. England, however, persists in her demand for a long adjournment.

A Geneva correspondent, under date of June 6th, says the impression is that the British Government has ascertained that judgment will be given by the Court of Arbitration in favor of the United States on all the various counts.

UTAH TERRITORY.

Threatened Indian Troubles—A new Paper—Arrival.

SALT LAKE, June 26.—The Indians are threatening trouble in the Sevier region. All miners and Mormons are arming for protection.

The daily Utah Mining Journal, an evening paper, made its first appearance this evening. It will be the organ of Gentiles.

General Sweet, of the Internal Revenue Department, arrived to-night.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Small Pox at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, June 26.—A passenger per steamer Prince Alfred, from San Francisco, lately quarantined at Victoria, soon after arriving here to-day, broke out with the small pox.

Child Fatally Injured.

A little child, son of S. B. Abbett, was this afternoon kicked by a horse, fracturing its skull and inflicting a probably fatal wound.

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