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WEST SIDE NOTES.

Mrs. Johnson of Ranier is visiting friends at Seaside.

Mrs. Clara P. Hobson is visiting Miss Eva Parker at Skipanon.

Mrs. E. M. Sally made a business trip to Portland last Monday.

Miss Eva Parker spent a portion of the week visiting friends in Astoria.

Mr. Ed Hobson was visiting Alfred and Earnest Dawson during the week.

Miss McGuire returned Saturday from a week's visit to friends in Portland.

J. H. Moore has moved his family to Warrenton to be nearer his work at the mill.

Mr. Freeman Parker of Astoria was a guest at the home of Mrs. D. E. Pease last Monday.

Dr. Geo. A. Skinner is ordered to Vancouver to act as chief surgeon during the absence of Major Egbert.

Judge C. A. McGuire, who has been suffering from another attack of rheumatism, has so far recovered that he is able to be about again.

B. F. Stevens and family have taken Skipanon to be their home for the present. They will occupy the house of J. H. Moore, and Mr. Stevens will engage in the clam business.

Mrs. H. A. Mason gave a very pleasant evening party Tuesday, to some of her friends at the home of Mrs. J. W. Munson. Music, games and candy-making made the evening pass all too quickly.

Monday evening Mr. Short showed some beautiful stereoptican views at Gray's hall. A small admission was charged and a neat little sum was realized for the benefit of St. Thomas By-the-Sea chapel.

Through carelessness in some of the hunters or others who make use of the short distance to and from the beach, by going through the cemetery, the gates are often left open and cattle and horses wander in and tramp over the graves. This is very annoying to people who have relatives and friends resting there.

The Warrenton Amateur Dramatic Company have been giving very successful engagements the last week in their play "English for the War." The cast was exceedingly well placed. The stage settings were simple but effective and the costumes neat and pretty. The company consists of both Warrenton and Fort Stevens talent. Each acquitted himself and herself in a creditable manner. Saturday evening "English for the War" was given at Seaside and Tuesday evening at Hammond.

DEPRECIATED HORSE FLESH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The late Robert Bonner's mare Sunol was sold at auction today to John H. Shults, of Brooklyn, for $4,000. Bonner paid $41,000 for her.

In Kentucky, where they reach in and take whatever votes may be necessary, it is hard for the people to comprehend the Montana way of doing things.

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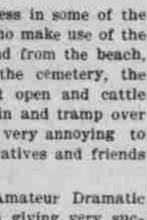

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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

The tie was broken between precincts four and five yesterday, as is disclosed by the registration tally-sheet of the county clerk last night. No. 4 increased three and No. 5 one, making the former the banner precinct in the county. An effort will be made today by No. 5 to outdistance its successful rival. Following is the report by precincts to date:

Astoria Precinct No. 1	40
Astoria Precinct No. 2	81
Astoria Precinct No. 3	79
Astoria Precinct No. 4	106
Astoria Precinct No. 5	104
Astoria Precinct No. 6	45
Astoria Precinct No. 7	45
John Day Precinct	12
Svensen	6
Walluski	15
New Astoria	77
Warrenton	10
Clatsop	12
Seaside	17
Melville	6
Chadwell	12
Youngs River	5
Olney	13
Knappa	7
Clifton	46
Westport	2
Vespar	3
Jewell	1
Mishawaka	3
Elsie	7
Push	4
Total to date	757

A REMARKABLE CASE.

A New Jersey Man Lives With a Great Hole in His Skull.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Feb. 15.—The case of Frederick Barto, an old resident of this place, who has lived for five days with the front of his skull torn away and a fracture at the base of his skull, continues to excite the wonder of the physicians here. Barto's temperature has remained normal and he is conscious and talks intelligently. A strange feature of Barto' case is that before his accident he was a paralytic with a clouded mind. Now his mental condiliton is greatly improved.

A few weeks ago Barto returned from Newark hospital, where he had been under treatment for a year. He moved around with a crutch and a cane. Last Saturday night there was a disturbance at his home over a young man who was visiting his daughter. Miss Barto and the young man left the house, and Barto went to the tracks of the New Jersey Central railroad in search of them. An east-bound freight train bore down upon him. He attempted to jump out of the way, but fell. The footstep at the side of the pilot of the locomotive buried itself in his skull and he was dragged 150 feet. There was an aperture six inches in length and two inches wide in Barto's skull when he was picked up. There is a bare chance of his recovery.

WILL UTILIZE THE CABLE.

Samoan Treaty Will Be Accepted and Proclaimed by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

An innovation in the formality in exchanging treaty ratifications has been adopted by the United States, Great Britain and Germany in order to secure the partition of Samoa with the least possible delay and for the first time the submarine cable is to be called into service to obtain results within as many hours as under the customary deliberate way would have taken weeks, yet without any sacrifice of the dignity or solemnity of the ceremony. When the German emperor is empowered by the constitutional legislative authority to ratify the treaty of December 2, which will probably be in the next day or two, the president of the United States having already the consent of the senate and Queen Victoria having exclusive powers, its provisions may be made binding and operative within one hour or two.

To this end an arrangement made by which the ratifications will be simultaneously exchanged in Berlin, Washington and London. Ordinarily these ratifications would have been exchanged in Washington, as the treaty was signed here; but in view of the unsettled state of affairs in Samoa, which so long as the tripartite agreement lasted might at any moment cause further complications, it was determined to put the treaty into effect as soon as possible, with the object of leaving Germany free in the exercise of sovereignty and the suppression of any disorder in Upola, Savaii and the western islands of the group, while the United States would assume responsibility for Tutuila and the eastern islands, Great Britain ceasing to have a hand in the archipelago.

Great Britain and Germany also had another treaty on the subject on which the United States had no part and it was desirable that that convention should be come effective at precisely the moment when the Washinton treaty of December 2 went into force.

The novel arrangement which has been devised in this instance will probably be adopted generally in treaty exchanges hereafter. The usual time consuming method pursued is to send the official documents back and forth across the ocean by mail and after both parties have ratified, ten days or two weeks must pass before proclamations and decrees can give the provisions the force of statute. Already the three copies of the Somoan treaty are in the possession of the three governments.

The exchange copies are ready for the signatures of the three executives and for delivery to the accredited representatives of the remaining governments.

When the cable dispatch comes from Berlin announcing Germany's readiness to ratify an hour will be fixed and at that hour in Washington, Secretary Hay will give to Lord Pauncefote and to Dr. Von Holleben warrants of President McKinley ratifying the treaty. In Berlin, at the same moment, Count Von Buelow will deliver the emperor's warrant to Dr. White and to Sir Frank C. Lascelles, and in London the queen's warrants will be handed to Mr. Choate and Prince Hatzfeldt by Lord Salisbury. Immediately in Washington the president will issue a proclamation publishing the treaty and imperial decrees will be made in London and Berlin to the same end.

If no German vessel is at Auckland the United States collier Abarenda will take the news to Apia in four days, the kingdom of Samoa will disappear, the United States will be absolved from an irksome entanglement and have indisputable title to the only good harbor in the South Pacific.

RUSSIAN LOAN WANTED.

Negotiations to Place Foreign Bonds in This Country.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Press says:

It has been recently reported that $10,000,000 four per cent bonds of a Russian railway, the Wladikawkas and Southeastern, will soon be placed on the New York market. The bonds will have the guarantee of the Russian government, and, being intended solely for this country, the amount will be stated in dollars. The negotiations for placing the bonds, it is said, will be conducted by a syndicate which has been formed by a New York life insurance company, which does business in Russia, and it is understood that the issue practically has been underwritten by this syndicate, thereby insuring its success. Presumably, if the bonds are not disposed of by the syndicate, they will be taken by the life insurance company or by the other underwriters. Should the syndicate be successful in distributing the above noted loan in this country, probably Russia will be encouraged to negotiate for other loans for more important amounts, for her requirements for railway purposes alone during the current year are understood to be heavy. The business motive which induced the life insurance company to become interested in this first loan, may be expected to appeal to other corporations in this country, which have dealings with Russia. The Russian government has been liberal in its purchases of all kinds of railway material in this country, paying therefor full prices, and thereby it has established very favorable business relations with other manufacturers.

ANOTHER BRAY HEARD.

One, Lee, of South Dakota, Wants War Declared With England.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—"War with England should be the policy of this government," said Governor Andrew D. Lee, of South Dakota, "if the facts set forth in Ex-Consul Macrum's open letter issued to the American people are found to be correct.

"This action of the British authorities at Durban in tampering with mail matter addressed to Mr. Macrum is damnable," the governor continued, "and an outrage against the rights of neutral powers. If the facts as stated in that letter are true, the American government instantly should call Great Britain to severe account. That may mean another war on our hands, I know, but war is preferable to national dishonor. The spectacle of an American citizen, be he in private or public life, having to sit idly by and have his mail opened by an official of a foreign power, is too humiliating for my blood to stand."

Almost equally as radical comments were made by several of the leaders of the anti-trust conference, who were shown the dispatches from Washington setting forth the experiences of the ex-consul. All were emphatic in saying that the rights of citizens of neutral powers should be protected and that England should be condemned strongly for her high-handed methods.

SAILOR BOARDING HOUSES.

Bill Reported to Congress to Regulate Them Through the Treasury Department.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

Congress proposes to vest in the secretary of the treasury authority to stamp out the "land shark" evil in American harbors, and to protect sailors from being the prey of those who board incoming vessels in violation of the law.

The bill for this purpose, which has been favorably reported to the house from the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, is warmly supported by the international allied seamen's aid societies and other organizations and the chances are excellent for speedy legislation.

As explained by Superintendent H. Houghton of the maritime association of the Port of New York, the immediate object of the proposed law is to prevent the decoying of seamen from the ships on arrival.

The vessels are boarded by sailor boarding house runners in quarantine as soon as pratique is given. The seamen are plied with liquor, incapacitating them for service, even in docking the ship. That, however, is only the beginning of the trouble with the runners, shipping masters and others.

The seamen are enticed to sailor boarding houses, where they become practically subject to the will of their keepers until they are shipped to sea, when the landlord gets their advance wages.

There are sailor homes of reputable character, like those maintained by the American Seamen's Friend Society and the Protestant Episcopal church, whose representatives will not violate the law.

The more disreputable class, however, continually violate all laws. It is believed that the presence on board of a United States official, clothed with the proper authority to act, as provided in the new law, would prevent a series of outrages from the beginning.

SYMPATHY FOR PETTIGREW.

He Is Praised for His Courage by the Massachusetts Anti-Expansionists.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—The following communication has been sent to Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota, signed Thomas Wentworth Higgins, William Lloyd Garrison, Gamaliel Bradford, Moorefield Story, Erving Winslow, Winslow Warren and fourteen other anti-expansionists:

"The undersigned citizens of Massachusetts, cordially inviting the co-operation of lovers of liberty and their country in other states, desire to express to you their thanks and congratulation for your courage in the cause of free speech in the United States senate.

"For months the government press has groaned under the production of documents aiming to convince our people that their opponents in this war are savages, with no rights which we are bound to respect; that they are unfitted for self-government and entitled only to such as we may see fit to bestow on them; and that they must bow in abject submission before there can be any negotiations for peace.

"Against this you have asked for the printing, as a congressional document of a translated paper issued by the ruler of these opponents, setting forth in temperate and courteous language the history and basis of the war. This paper, if it proves nothing else, shows that he is no savage, but an accomplished master of composition and statement and that, if his people believe it to be true, they are as much justified in accepting him as their guide and leader in resistance to us as were our ancestors in following Washington in our struggle for independence.

"For doing your duty you have been stigmatized by more than one senator on the floor as a traitor, while the presiding officer, who was also a member of the president's Paris commission, looked on without a word of reproach or enforcement of parliamentary rules.

"The government has had one sufficient warning of the danger of interfering with the privacy and freedom of the mail. We congratulate you, sir, that it has fallen to your lot to protest before the country against the violation of a right which for more than a century has been one of the most precious to the English-speaking race, and we trust that on all proper occasions and by all proper methods you will insist on the maintenance of this right and that when the people of the United States are shortly called upon by the action of our cherished institutions to exercise their sovereignty, they may have before them full materials for the formation of their judgment."

VAN SICLEN HAS ENOUGH.

The Boer Relief Committee Has All the Money Needed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—From Dr. Mollier, in Europe, Secretary Van Sicklen, of the Boer relief committee, has received a letter saying that the Netherland's Red Cross committee has all the money it needs at present, all ambulances needed having been provided and furnished through the Cape Town committee. The committee, therefore, has stopped receiving money for this purpose.

A detachment of 59 nurses and surgeons provided for by the fund raised by the Irish-American societies will sail this morning on La Gascogne for France, whence they will take steamer for Delagoa bay.

CALLS A HALT.

Harvard University President Criticises Immoderate Football.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 14.—President Charles Eliot, of Harvard university, in his annual report for the 1898-99 terms, says:

"The sphere in which intercollegiate sports are conducted has been improved much of late, but there is ample room for improvement. Some players and colleges seem to think at times that they have something to gain from victory in sports which will compensate for discredit in violating rules or taking unfair advantages. It is an objection to football that an immediate advantage may accrue from violations of the rules which spectators cannot see, or even the umpire detect. More and more thousands of hideous wooden seats in high banks are built every year on Soldier's field and more and more gate money is received. Even the students must pay large entrance fees to see the interesting games. On the other hand, the players think that all their wants as to uniforms and personal services should be liberally supplied from the abundant gate money.

"It is an inadequate offset to these drawbacks that a small portion of the gate money has been applied for several years for permanent improvements on Soldier's field, for the grounds cannot be made beautiful so long as squalid banks of seats are permitted to deface them."

WAS A SUCCESS.

Congressman Sulzer Is Pleased With the Anti-Trust Convention.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Congressman William Sulzer, of New York, who has been attending the anti-trust convention, left for Washington last night. As to the work of the conference he said:

"It has been a success. The beneficial effects of its work will be far-reaching and the results deep and lasting. So far as the trusts are concerned, it is the beginning of the end. They will either be crushed by the law or the people will rise and control them for the good of society and the benefit of all. One or the other will happen, and that before long."

Asked as to the probable place of holding the next national democratic convention, he said he did not know where it would be held—the national committee would decide on the city at its meeting in Washington February 22.

"I favor an early convention," he said. "We should set the pace for the republicans. We have the affirmative and we should open the case to the great jury of the American people and proceed. We can gain nothing by delay. The issues are made up by the people and the campaign has already begun. Everyone knows that we will renominate Colonel William J. Bryan, reaffirm the Chicago platform and add strong planks against trusts, militarism and imperialism."

"How about your selection for vice-president?" was asked.

"The convention," he replied, "will choose the best and most available man. I do not care to discuss myself, because I am not a candidate in the sense of seeking that high office. Of course, I feel complimented to have my name mentioned in connection with it, and as a good democratic soldier in the ranks, I will say I will always obey the mandates of my party."

Congressman Sulzer said that he should not relax his efforts to have an investigation of the management of Secretary Gage, and further that "New York will go democratic next fall."

CONFIDENCE NOW PREVAILS.

The "Strong Arm of Bob's" Is at Work on the South African Problem.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Intense satisfaction continues dormant in consequence of Lord Roberts' plan of operation in South Africa, as revealed by the dispatches published this morning. There is no further news of the advance into the Orange Free State or of activity at Modder river, but a feeling of quiet confidence prevails that the strong hands of "Bob's" Badahur the hero of Khartoum are shaping matters towards the much-needed dicisive victory.

A special dispatch to the Times from Cheveley, dated Tuesday, says:

"General Lyttleton has succeeded to the command of the Second division during the illness of General Clery, who is suffering from blood poisoning. Colonel Northcote temporarily commands the Fourth division. Fears regarding the Boer attack on Zululand are somewhat allayed by a special dispatch from Durgan, which says that a column of colonial scouts, after a forced march, had arrived at Eshowe in splendid fighting trim. They were pursued several times during the march by the Boers, but succeeded in repulsing them."

An official list of the British casualties at Rensberg from February 10 to February 12 show:

Killed—Four officers, seven men.

Wounded—Six officers, 14 men.

Missing—Two officers, eight men.

The officers killed were Colonel Conyngham, of the Worcester regiment, and Major Adkins and Lieutenants Powell and Roberts, all of the Australians.

FRENCH SHIPS ASHORE.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 15.—The French steamer Ernstine is wrecked at Palmyra. Thirteen of the crew lost their lives.

The French schooner Notre Dame de Des Dunes, is also ashore at Lacouere. Four of her crew are lost.

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Notice is hereby given that all of the assets of the Astoria Football and Athletic Club have been transferred to the undersigned as trustee for the benefit of all of the creditors of said club, and that all claims against the said club should be presented to the undersigned within 20 days from this date.

C. J. TRENCHARD,
Trustee.

January 11, 1900.

Many people burn the candle of life at both ends. Some men who never indulge in vicious dissipation use up their vital energies just as much by overwork or late hours; and nearly all women are compelled by circumstances to use up their vital powers beyond all reason: It may be in housework; or social demands; or the bearing and rearing of children: At any rate the candle of life is too rapidly consumed.

Some people need to have their natural vigor constantly reinforced in the same proportion that it is used up. They need the fortifying help of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a powerful alterative and invigorant of the digestive functions and liver; it cleanses the blood, and makes fresh blood and healthy flesh. Nervous, debilitated women should take it in conjunction with Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription which is peculiarly designed for female weakness and nervous troubles.

Mrs. Sallie Kauffman, of Virgil City, Cedar Co., Mo., writes: "I had suffered from displacement of internal organs and female weakness for one year. Had a bearing down sensation and very disagreeable feeling after my second child was born; I could be on my feet only a few minutes until he was six weeks old, then I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Favorite Prescription.' I took seven bottles in all. After taking the first bottle I felt much better. I think I am entirely cured of all my troubles. I can do all my work and am on my feet all day. I am in much better health now than I have been in four years; am fleshy and gaining strength very fast."

By writing to Dr. Pierce who is chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., careful professional advice will be obtained free of cost and specially adapted to the individual case. Dr. Pierce's great 1000-page Medical Adviser will be sent free for 21 cents; the cost of postage.

LIGHT-HOUSE PROPOSALS WANTED.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Light-House Inspector, Marquam Building, Portland, Oregon, until 12 o'clock M., March 1, 1900 for furnishing provisions for vessels and stations in the 13th light-house district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, in accordance with specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information, may be had upon application to Commander E. D. Taussig, U. S. N.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS WANTED.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., February 12, 1900: Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., March 12, 1900, and then opened, for furnishing fuel at the several military posts in this department, for fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1900. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at—," and addressed to undersigned. J. W. JACOBS, C. Q. M.

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