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CHINA'S UNPREPAREDNESS.

second is the reform of the faxation methods. Therefore, unlike Japan, China must start with its own reformation. The country is wonderfully rich in undeveloped mineral wealth but the masses of the people are ground down by poverty. In the event of trouble China could only expect disaster at the end.

But things are moving in the right direction in that old country. Granted the element of time, there is no doubt of the outcome. Present information from there is very conflicting but there are many things that point to the conclusion that the effectiveness of the boycott against American goods has been greatly overestimated and that reports of trouble are greatly exaggerated.

braska, Dolliver of Iowa, La Follette and Spooner of Wisconsin and Warner of Missouri, constitute the small band of insurgents who make up the Republican roll of honor in the senate on the ship subsidy steal.

THE KNOCKER STILL AT WORK.

of investing their money are to be hounded and villified, if the knockers' brigade is to get action on them through the newspapers, it is not difficult to figure the outcome. We see examples of it on the north

bank road, we see them at Oakland. These are not pre-cisely parallel cases for the reason that those concerned

are already deeply interested in the country and their coming both to Portland and San Francisco is in pursuance of a much more than state wide policy. But the amoying delays are apparent nevertheless. In the case

of a more or less purely state enterprise or one started from its own initiative the section of the country to be

benefited if not willing to give ordinary encouragement should at least desist from efforts to keep capital out. The transportation committee of the chamber of com-

of it entitle it to hold, we must all pull together to ac

so powerfully manifested that the knocker will either eliminate himself or be eliminated.

Some definite policy as to franchises or public owner-ship for railroads along the waterfront should be adopted and followed out. The time for action is at hand.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL PASSED.

THE PASSAGE of the ship subsidy bill by th

Pacific coast senators except Gearm, all voted with the majority, perhaps with the contemplated excuse that the bill apparently bestows a little sop of the plunder to Pacific lines, but it is a poor, thin excuse, no better than none. The bill is wrong in principle and iniquitous in design. It will be shown up in its true light/before the debate on it in the house is ended.

Democrats have occasion to congratulate themselves that for once the Democratic members of the senate stood solidly together against a wrong and vicious measure and policy.

John D. Rockefeller is in about as many different places at or about the same time as Horace Greeley McKinley.

senate was expected, for nobody who has watched the senate for a few years expects it

western Republican senators, Burkett of Ne

ELECTING A UNITED STATES SENATOR.

HERE HAVE COME TO US many expressions of approval of the campaign we have been mak-ing to establish the principle in our politics of election of United States senator by popular vote. ere is still, however, some misapprehension of the under which this may be accomplished. As a start-point it is necessary that all voters register both their names and their politics. In this way a full expression can be secured in the primaries with reference to candidates. When the various parties have selected heir candidates they can then be named on the official ballots precisely like any other candidates and the man receiving the highest number of votes at the June elec-tion is, under the direct primary law, the lawfully elected candidate for the United States senate.

There then remains but a single act to ratify that noice and that is the vote of the legislature. The peohen they nominate and elect them. This is done trough a pledge embodied in the law itself. Under edge No. I the candidates bind themselves to ratify he will of the people as expressed at the polls. No natter who gets a plurality vote there he is the man to et the election. Involved in this fight is the question get the election. Involved in this fight is the question whether the members of the legislature, supposed to be trustees of the people, are greater than the people themselves. If the voters of the state express themselves in positive terms no member of the legislature will dare disregard their mandate. At the coming election the principle of electing United States senators may be established in Oregon for all time to come. To do it, first register your politics and vote for your choice for senator, and second vote for no candidate for the legislature who will not now please No. I. If the voters unite the who will not sign pledge No. 1. If the voters unite the process is both simple and effective. It is their oppor-unity and they should make the most of it.

to senate is willing to devote millions to ship sub-a to further enrich those who have so long been ex-ing the people of the country but it judiciously lates to appropriate \$400,000 to help maintain the test gateway that the country can boast, which is Columbia river.

THE NEW MAYOR OF BUFFALO.

AYOR J. N. ADAM of Buffalo, who began his official duties January 1, is already making a record that is attracting attention. Mr. Adam is 63 years old, is proprietor of Buffalo's largest department store, and is the third heaviest individual taxpayer in the city. Though a Democrat, he was elected on the principle that "the conduct of municipal affairs is a matter of business, not of politics." He has lately been easting about for a chief of police to suit him, and knowing as a merchant the value of advertising he advertised for one. After election, in company with his private secretary, a newspaper man, he visited various large cities to study administrative methods, but in all his acts is keeping his ante-election declarations in view and attempting to make good.

He at once discovered a shortage of \$9,000, that had been accumulating for 11 years, in the police pension fund. In the first 27 days of his administration the license fees amounted to \$2,312 as against \$1,605 for the same time last year. He makes all city employes put in a full day's work, the same as if they were working for J. N. Adam. He requires all municipal boards to submit to investigation and accounting. He says all the city's floating debts must be paid or bonded. All board and committee meetings, heretofore held in private, must be public. He says that the assessment in Buffalo is a farce, and demands that it be reformed according to facts. He has put on the "lid," but not an impossible, Puritan lid. He advocates single heads, not commissions of several members, for the police, fire and other departments. He invites complaints from all people and hears them personally.

Though one of the wealthiest men in Buffalo, Mayor people and hears them personally.

Though one of the wealthiest men in Buffalo, Mayor Adam has no interest in corporations. He believes in municipal ownership, and says Ruffalo is about ripe for it. On the new charter commission he appointed, among others, his opponent in the late election, the postmaster, a prominent Republican, a member of the New York supreme court and a union labor man. The city allows \$720 a year for his stemographer, but he pays her \$1,000, the balance out of his own pocket. While councilman he was instrumental in securing \$40,000 from a street railway for a right of way it wanted free. He works at his office from 8:30 a. m. till 6 p. m., and often at home in the evenings till midnight, on public business.

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Grover Cleveland made his start in public life as mayor of Buffalo but he was then a rather young man. Mayor Adam is not working for higher positions, but for the good of his home city, and the example he is setting may be followed by other mayors, to the advantage of their cities. He is right: The conduct of municipal affairs is a matter of business, not of politics.

Senator Spooner voted with La Hollette and three other Republicans, Burkett, Dolliver and Warner, against the ship subsidy bill. Has La Follette already begun to convert Spooner.

TWO GRAND OLD WOMEN.

THATEVER ONE'S VIEWS of woman suffrage, room may be found for admiration of and respect for Miss Susan B. Anthony, whose eighty-sixth birthday is being observed by the woman suffragists of Portland today. She is described as still possessed of physical and mental vigor and fresh-ness, and as having "67 years of optimism behind her" in the cause of which she has been so long a foremost champion. A companion piece to Miss Anthony is Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, about the same age, but yet sound and active, and overflowing with faith, hope and charity. One need not indorse all the theories and arguments of these two grand old women to honor their talents, zeal, courage and efforts in behalf of what they believe to be a cause whose success would be beneficial to humanity. They are exceptional women, and in no uncomplimentary sense it may be said that it is well that

About the only line that candidates for primary nominations haven't taken so far is "The Perfect Man." Most of them intimate that it would fit, however, Most June.

Grafting Real Estate Dealers.

The Young Valley correspondent of Klamath Palls Republican writes: seem to be times for graft and ar find it everywhere. The real dealers of Klamath county have ted in to practice it in an open man-They take an option on a man's for a certain price per acre, then they go to sell, they not only get commission but they raise the several dollars per acre. This does justice to both the man who buys the man who sells. The Klamath

ous life on a dry ranch certainly ought to be rewarded for his long spent efforts by reelising all that his farm will bring on the market. The man who purchases a home ought to have it as cheap as possible and not give a big per cent of his hard carned dollars for a little work by a real sutate agent. I would suggest to the farmers that if they list their property for sais they stipulate that the price per acre shall not be raised above a certain amount."

osity in his possession in a S bill which is 125 years old. He has just gained possession or st, although it was left to him by his mother, who died some if years are. The bill was given her when a child by a relative.

It was issued under the act of July 2, 1770, by the state of Rhode Island, drawing 5 per cent interest per annum and signed by John Arnold. Figuring compound interest it is now worth E.Sa. It is the intention of Mr. St. John to communicate with the authorities at Washington and ascertain if the state of Rhode Island will resem the bill.

SMALL CHANGE

So FAR as China is concerned nothing more unfortunate for itself could happen than a general uprising at this time. At the same time a decent degree of self assertion is not only proper but right. As evidence, of it the recent trouble at Shanghai is a case in point. There the Chinese authorities were so manifestly within their rights and the rights had so manifestly been usurped that the moment an appeal was taken they were officially recognized. China has many causes for firitation. It has been the sufferer in every dispute among the foreign nations which enjoy rights

The whereabouts of Uncle John Rockefeller seems about as difficultancer as that of Puter and E

causes for fritation. It has been the sufferer in every dispute among the foreign nations which enjoy rights in its treaty ports. Any pretext was good enough on which to base a claim to more territory and China was in no position to help itself. Indeed a few years ago the partition of China seemed inevitable. After the Boxer uprising in which the Chinese and their government blindly struggled to free themselves from the toils, China would have become the spoils of the European nations had it not been for the intervention of England, Japan and the United States. It was these three nations that maintained the "open door" upon which policy the integrity of Chinese territory rested.

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But China, which is six times as populous and many times larger than Japan, is in no such position to help itself. Its government is corrupt almost from top to bottom. Its people are overtaxed and most of the money so raised is stolen. The people are honest but they are so raised is stolen. The people are honest but they are ground down by taxation unwisely levied and barbarously raised. Observers in China are unanimously of the opinion that there are two fundamental needs in the Yellow kingdom. First of these is a thorough reform and reestablishment of the administrative service, and second is the reform of the faxation methods. Therefore, unlike Japan China must start with its own reference. By the time Lawyer Cromwell through advising the Panama commission and the government won't be money enough left to exercise the company of t

are about three Republicans to one Democrat in Oregon, but there will be a whole lot of independent voting.

Nick has only two days Nobody knows just what Tom Law-son is up to except himself, and maybe he doesn't.

The president will expect lots grandchildren. It is reported that Miss Roosevelt has 27 hata. But she will want a fine new one at Easter, all the same.

Anybody who persists in going by the name of Boni ought to be divorced by his wife.

tomed to mixing kerosene with his whiskey, and the drink didn't agree with him, but it is yet doubtful whether it was the whiskey or the kerosene that was more poisonous.

If Count Boni really means to good if the divorce suit is withdra what does he want so much money i it doesn't cost much to be good.

At any rate, it is certain that Uncle Rocketeller hasn't been abducted by Pat Crows.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

public work. They, too, are included as objects of attack by the knockers' coterie because they have done what they could to encourage the coming of such enterprises. Disagreements among ourselves are to be expected, but if Portland is to reach the place which its commanding position and the great resources back It is said that beavers complish the work. In enterprises of that kind the knockers have no place and public sentiment should be

People along the Deschutes are con-ident that the O. R. & N is going to ould by that route into central Ore-

On Less creek, Douglas county, five large teeth, presumably those of a mastodon, were piped out of cament gravel under a 40-foot bank. The teeth are molars, having six and one fourth inches of grinding surface, and being about four times the length of a horse's tooth, exclusive of roots.

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Signs of railroad hulfding operations in evidence at Myrtis Creek.

Big complaint is made of the rubbering done on farmers' talephone lines. It is declared that when a bell rings all the phones so down. This is eavendropping, which is the smallest of all business and about the most sneaking.—Albany Democrat. But it is human nature, particularly, some claim, feminine nature, the world over. watched the senate for a few years expects it to do anything except to serve the interest of trusts and corporations as against those of the people whenever any such proposition comes up. The senate may be forced by the president against its will to pass some sort of a railway rate bill, but we anticipate that it will amount to little or nothing. It will be as near nothing as the majority of the senate can make it, and the president will probably accept almost "any old thing," for he makes no effort for tariff revision or against this proposed new trust, conceived and designed further to rob the producers of the country.

The bill will not so easily pass the house, where it may be expected that a considerable band of Republican "insurgents" will join with the Democrats in opposing it, and it is doubtful if the agents and tools of the allied trusts, led by Cannon, Dalzell, Grosvenor and Payne, can bulldoze the bill through.

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Clatsop county will spend \$38,000 this year on roads and bridges.

Dufur will have waterworks.

A young man talked of for a came date for representative in the legisl ture doesn't know where to run, wheth in Polk where his farm is, or in Mu nomah where he is studying law, or Lane where his girl is.

Times were never so good in Harney

Astoria's water and school systems are among the best in the northwest says the Astorian.

A two-story hall, a two-room school-house, a feed and grain warehouse, a livery stable, a sawmill, and a bridge across the river are already settled projects on foot for this spring in Cloverdale. **。由于"图图59**图

A man digging a citch near Dufur came upon some bones that had been there for no one knows how long. They were four or more feet under ground and under a layer of gravel that born no evidence of ever having been dis-turbed by man.

A Condon man is going to start a possum ranch.

Kent Recorder: We hope our readers will kindly overlook any little mistake or emissions this week. We haven't felt well. Our devil left his socks on the floor of the sanctum and by some means they got into the stove. We have not enjoyed good health since.

OF A COUNTES

which Miss Gould might have spent \$5,000,000 to better advantage than to have thrown it at the erratio French-

man.

However, it is good to know that at last the countess is being disenchanted—and there is still chance for her to do lots of good in the world.

Odell on Bosses.

From the New York Times.
At the recent dinner in New York the famous Amen Corner, ex-Govern Odell spoke on political bosses, sayin. "I was going to talk to you tonig about bosses, but I don't know man about bosses. I am not a boss myseless." about bosses. I am not a boss myself, but I got a job that everybody else is running away from. Just now boss baiting is popular and there is no boan of high or low degree that anybody is bound to respect. Boss baiting, like reforming, is a business that is usually engaged in by those who have made a failure of every other enterprise in life. "There is always so much good in the worst of us that some of our greatest bosses have gone down into history as our greatest statesmen. He is a mighty poor student who doesn't heed the signs of the times. Those of us who have been chastened by defeat look upon this as a sign of the great responsibilities before us. If we are to preserve popular respect it is a time for the elimination of small bosses, and there is a danger that they will incur the distrust of the people.

"A strong man nevertheless, will surmount every obstacle. Both of our great parties are guilty of the desire for victory, and it leads us often to neglect the desires of the people. I don't claim that I am holler than thou, but I do venture this statement in the hops that I may remove the beam from other eyes than mine.

"We bosses are generally credited with having other qualities than that of judging our own shortcomings. We ought to be able to get down to the human alds of life and be able to judge that would be bossism of the rankest kind.

"Let us hope that in the future the people will be bosses and that we are not to submit to those who are despotit bosses and who will be more arrogant and despotite train ever.

"This is a time when little ones will find their true level and when true worth finds its occupation in uplifting mankind. Let us look forward to a time when graft and grafters shall be no more."

Harriman's Jin-Jitsu Artists.

From the New York Times.
Through the courtesy of E. H. Ha nan, the six Japanese jiu-jitsu wrest and broadswordsmen gave an exhibi-if their skill in the Columbia univer-

THE PLAY

Pollards Change Bill.

At the Empire last night the Pol-lards presented a change of bill, ap-pearing to excellent advantage in Gaiety Girl." The company has, during its stay of a week and a baif, presented several comic operas, all excellently, and last night's show was up to the standard. The Heints boys and Teddy McNamara made the laughs, and the year-old prima donna. Eva Pollard, won fresh laurels. Olivia Moore also distinguished herself, and Daphne Pollard once more came into her own. The chorus sang merrily as ever, and the performance went with a vim.

Tonight the Pollards present "A Gaiety Girl" again, and temorrow night and Saturday matinee the attraction is "An American Millionaire."

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Chicago Special to New York World.

A. J. McDuffee, who has apartments in the Great Northern hotel, fell ill of fever, and suring that period is said to have become a bibliomaniac. Upon his recovery he was confronted with bills for \$50,000 worth of all kinds of books—at least the bills are for that amount—but McDuffee says he does not remember buying any books.

There are now some 15,000 volumes in his rooms. There are de luxe limited editions of all the scandals since Juvenal wrote. His mind did not confinctive. Drays have stopped for days and dumped on him philosophy, memoirs, history, poetry, assays, novels and many of the classics in the original tongues. McDuffee reads only English.

The books are under the bed, piled up five feet around the rooms, and the bathtub is full of them. Thomas J. Dier & Co. have sued him on one bill for \$40,000.

"It is only a bluff," McDuffee said. "The amount they are asking for is exception. This talk about limited editions is a fats. The books are not as represented to be.

"While I was laid up I must have been an wasy mark for the book agents. They could have sold me the Masonic temple or the Art institute. When I recovered, and the last trained nurse had gone. I woke up to discover that the agents had unloaded all their stock on me."

The western ocean smiled at Balboa, and so he gave it the nume "Pacific," remarking, "At least it's like the United States—its intentions are pacific, if it does raise the devil now and then." (4) Balboa went home again to the other side of the isthmus, but, like many others who have since been to Panama, he lost his head. Also, as in the case of many others, it was removed by the administration. (1) Congressional Record, 29 Feb., John F. Wallace. Morning Epoca, 26 Sep., 1512. Phonographic records, p. 25678 (To Be Continued.)

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop:

February Is—Drewyer and Whitehouse set out this morning to hunt toward the prairies of Point Adams. We have heard our hunters over the Netui fire several shots, but they have not yet returned. About 5 p. m. Bratton arrived from the salt works and informed us that Sergeant Pryor and party were coming with Gibson, who is so sick that he cannot stand, and whom they are bringing on a litter. Bratton himself is much reduced by his late lithess, but is recovering fast. He reports that flergeant Pryor's delay was caused by the winds, which had been so violent that it was impossible to take a canos upo the creek to the point where they were to cross with Gibson. The sergeant party arrived with Gibson after dark. We are pleased to find him not so sick as we had feared, and do not consider him in any danger, though he has still a fever and is much reduced. We believe his trouble originated in taking cold while hunting elk through the swamps. He is very languid, but nearly free from pain. We gave him broken doses of niter, made him drink freely of sage tea, put his feet in hot water and at 3 p. m. administered 3 drops of landanum.

From the Baltimore News, atrange spectacle of two sto attle-scarred old Stouz war ch