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LOSSES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND CHICAGO.

IT IS NATURAL to compare the San Francisco disaster with the great Chicago fire 35 years ago, for that was the most destructive and costly conflagration the country had known.

The diversion of so much money to this work cannot fall to have some effect upon the money markets of eastern cities, particularly New York, the great American financial center, and it is reasonable to suppose that the recent violent declines in securities were at least partly due to the prospect of such great sums being used in rebuilding San Francisco.

The work of reconstruction and rehabilitation, the promised making of a greater and grander San Francisco, though pressed forward with all possible vigor, will be one of many years' duration.

NON-PARTISANSHIP IN LOCAL ELECTIONS.

SOME READERS of the St. Paul Pioneer Press have criticized it for not supporting the Republican municipal ticket throughout, that paper has responded: "They evidently want it to pursue a strictly partisan course and support every Republican nominee regardless of his particular merits or the merits of his opponent."

Learned Immigrants.

From the New York Sun. Last year more than 12,000 professional men were among the immigrants who arrived in this country. There were 183 physicians from England, 190 from Germany, 64 from Scandinavia, 406 from Italy and 94 under the designation Hebrew.

Policing the World.

From the London Express. In these days the map of Europe does not undergo the kaleidoscopic changes which it has known over it at several momentous periods in the past, but in this respect it is possible that the near future may witness a change.

of many papers and individuals, more or less influential, is undoubtedly making for better municipal government and a better state of society generally throughout the country. We heard it here in the last municipal campaign, and doubtless will hear it again, that all Republicans were in duty bound to vote the Republican ticket straight, and so give encouragement and support to the party in state and nation.

A BACK-ACTING ARGUMENT.

REPLYING to the Oregonian's absurd contention that because the Democratic party was wrong generations of years ago, therefore no Democrat should be voted for in Oregon by Republicans now, the Salem Journal makes the good point that "the same argument could be made against the candidates of the Republican party in Oregon."

Surely, and with far more pertinency and force, if the sins of the Democratic party committed half a century or more ago, or even 10 years ago, are to be visited upon Governor Chamberlain and Senator Gearin and Judge Hailey and other Democratic candidates, then it will be fair and appropriate to charge up all the sins and alleged crimes of Oregon Republicans in office in recent years to the Republican candidates.

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OUR "FIRST OLD WOMAN"

By Clara Morris. As far apart as an ancient and modern school of acting seem, we find now and again a link—polished and ornate, though very worn and frail—in the person of some "first old woman," untinged then, both by right and knowledge, the explosion of steam will cause an earthquake concussion, and where there is no vent, may be sufficient to convulse and rend the superincumbent strata.

LEWIS AND CLARK

Lapwai Junction, Idaho, May 5.—We collected our horses and at 7 o'clock set forward along the west side of Lewis river, continued his route homeward when he arrived at the house. Our road was across the plains for 4 1/2 miles, to the entrance of the Koonakook. We then proceeded up that river and at five miles reached a large mauthouse, but could not procure any provisions from the inhabitants, though on reaching another, three miles beyond, we were surprised at the liberality of the Indians, who in Captain Clark a very elegant gray mare, for which all he requested was a phial of eye water.

MURDERERS IN FRANCE

From Pearson's Weekly. The recent murder of Senior Balmaceda, secretary to the Chilean legation in Brussels, by Luis Waddington, son of the Chilean minister, again directs attention to the fact that laws that are really need of alteration. It will be remembered that Waddington, after firing five shots at his sister's betrothed, ran at full speed to the Chilean legation, where he hid himself. Balmaceda's house, and took refuge there. In consequence of this action the police have no power to enter the building and arrest the murderer, for the legation is considered to be foreign territory and therefore inviolable. The murderer is thus able for the time to snap his fingers at the law and the police.

OREGON SIDLIGHTS

Sugar beet industry in southern Klamath county probable. Bonanza hotels are crowded every night. The March freeze killed the San Jose scale in Morrow county, also most of the fruit.

My Lady Violet.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. Brevast the news! Today I wandered, Trapped in a faded violet. In a fairy citadel, Gift by elves with grassy appears Who loved her well.

Crime in Great Britain.

From the London Daily Graphic. The principal conclusion as to the increase and decrease of crime in Great Britain to be drawn from the statistics for 1904 are shortly stated thus: 1. Crimes against the person have diminished.

A Waste of Energy.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. "Would you believe me," said the poet, "if I were to tell you that I took me a week to write that last line?" "Pshaw!" replied the genius of commerce, "you ought to have a good stenographer. Mine can write a hundred words a minute easy."

German Outrage.

From the Newark News.—The meanest and most under-handed blow at prohibition is that of the German professor who affirms that the water supply of the globe is to be exhausted some time.