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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in The Dalles that Receives the Associated Press Dispatches.

The fact that Governor Penney has signed the Dalles board of trade circular urging our congressmen to work for a portage railroad at the Dalles has encouraged the friends of the measure to send blank circulars to the governors of Washington and Idaho for their signatures also. The Chronicle suggests that a circular be sent to Senator Allen to see what he would do with it. The people of Oregon have observed with regret that while the Senator has always a good word to say for any purely internal or sea coast project in which Washington is interested, if he has ever said a word in favor of an open river it has never been loud enough to reach Oregon.

The biennial crop of candidates for state and county offices is beginning to bud and in some instances put forth leaves. As an exchange says we cannot all agree as to which party we can act with but we do all agree as to the necessity of good government. Good government begins at the bottom. To leave the primaries to a few local workers who generally take their cue from the party bosses is a mistake. The best element society affords is none too good for a primary. If the people want good government and clean candidates they must guard the primaries above everything else.

Members of The Dalles board of trade have gathered statistics from thoroughly reliable sources upon which they base the estimate that the people of Wasco, Sherman and Klickitat counties have, since the opening of the Cascade portage, on the wheat crops of last season alone, received the sum of \$100,000 for their crops over and above what they would have received had the Cascade portage not been in existence.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has introduced a proposition to amend the constitution of the United States by adding to it the following:

No person of foreign birth, not a citizen of the United States, shall be allowed to vote for any officers, State or National. The proposition is in the interest of good government but politicians of the Tammany stripe to whom anything that can handle a prepared ballot is a voter, will never permit to a pass.

An exchange of very pronounced demerit denunciations, which strongly denounces David B. Hill, says the party has need of him, under present condition, because of his superior shrewdness and ability to cope with the "other rascals" in the opposition party. Politics have come to a pretty pass when a "rascal" becomes indispensable to any party.

The Union Pacific company has failed to file its annual report with the board of railroad commissioners as required by law and the board has notified the governor accordingly. We hope the governor may show the company that there is a bigger man in Oregon than Jay Gould.

The Union Pacific is reported to have discharged one half of the breakmen between Pendleton and Huntington and it is said the crews between Pendleton and Portland will also be reduced. The company is evidently preparing for the annual winter killing so auspiciously started the other day near La Grande.

Morrow county has only \$11,425 in real estate mortgages on its assessment roll. That's a mighty good showing for Morrow county.

A New Colorado Mining Camp.
FLARISSANT, Colo., Jan. 9.—Excitement over the rich discoveries of gold in the Cripple creek district is on the increase, and thousands of gold-hunters are daily passing through this place into the gold fields. The new mining camp is but eighteen miles from here, and is easy of access. Stage and freight lines over good roads are in operation between Flarissant and the gold district. The camp already numbers a population of 5000 or 6000, and bids fair to outstrip the marvelous growth of Leadville.

The alliance "movement" in this country is a "theory in the flesh" to the partisan politicians. Partisan politics means ring rule. Partisan politics is on the downward trend.

Death of an Old Pitcairn Islander.
A Norfolk island correspondent reports the death, at the age of ninety-four, of Mr. Buffett, an old and much respected member of the island community. He had been connected with the Pitcairn community for the long period of nearly seventy years.

Early in the twenties (1822) the English whaler Cyprus, on her way home after an extended and successful cruise, and before starting on the then lonely and perilous passage around the Horn, called at Pitcairn island for fresh provisions and to recruit. Just at that time the island elders began to feel the want of a school teacher for the young community fast growing up, and expressed their wishes to that effect to the captain of the Cyprus, who, without hesitation, willingly agreed to help them, if possible.

The result was that Buffett, then a young man on board, of fair education, was sound, and he gladly fell in with the wishes of his captain and the community, went ashore with all his belongings and thenceforward threw in his lot with the islanders. He was not long, however, a schoolmaster, as on the advent of Mr. Nobbs, some few years later, a majority of the parents wished for a change, and of course Buffett had to acquiesce.

Mr. Buffett's residence, even on peaceful Pitcairn, was not without its exciting episodes. In 1831 occurred, at the instance of the English government, the exodus to Tahiti, and the community's return some months later curtailed through sickness of many of its members. Then again, in 1836, during the "reign" of Mr. Joshua Hill, Buffett and his two compatriots, Nobbs and Evans, together with their families, were for a short period banished to the Gambier islands by this arbitrary gentleman, where the exiles were kindly treated, and remained until the storm blew over. Lastly, the final departure from loved old Pitcairn to the new home at Norfolk island, 3,000 miles away.

Buffett was an ingenious worker in wood, and his handiworks in the shape of cabinets and such like are widely distributed, the old familiar legend, "made from the wood of John Adams' house," being always kept up and no doubt adding attraction to the goods. Until three or four years ago Mr. Buffett had the full use of all his faculties, but for the last eighteen months he has been totally oblivious to passing events.—Chilian Times.

A Soldier's Bible.
While Miss Winter, of Emmittsburg, was overlooking her childhood's treasures, she came across an old Testament which she found on the site of a soldier's camp near there during the war, after the soldiers had left for the field of Gettysburg. On examining the book her eyes fell on the name "Samuel Wolcott, Griffin's Mills, Erie county, N. Y.," and Miss Winter decided to write to the address, thinking the owner would like to recover the book.

In a few days she received a reply from Mrs. Weaden, of Clifton, N. J., stating that she was a sister of the soldier and the only living member of a large family. She said her brother had returned home from the army in 1863, and died in 1864, and Miss Winter's letter had been forwarded to her as his nearest kin. Mrs. Weaden seemed much pleased at the idea of recovering this long lost memento of her dead brother, and Miss Winter sent the Testament to her.—Baltimore Sun

A Chapter on Oysters.
"Oysters are fatter this year than I ever saw them before," said a restaurant oyster opener. "I don't know why, but usually the fatter an oyster is the poorer the flavor. This is because the fat oyster has generally been out of the water too long and has been fed. That is not wholly the reason this year. They are fatter anyhow."
"An oyster is best on the half shell, about twenty-four to forty-eight hours after he is out of salt water. Eaten before that time they are apt to give cramps. Yes, the male oyster is the best, but we don't come across a male more than an average of once in fifty times."—New York Herald.

Why the Opening Was Delayed.
The opening of the recent church congress at Rhylin, Wales, was delayed for half an hour by the nonappearance of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and everybody wondered what had happened. The archbishop had lost his crozier. This emblem was locked up in a leather case, and was carried off by a servant, who thought it was a gun, and locked it up in a room full of breechloaders and cartridges. Whether the congress would have been adjourned if it had not been discovered is a question which does not call for immediate reply.—Christian World.

Bruin Boarded a Hand Car.
A section man was coming into Columbus, Ind., on a hand car on the Pennsylvania road, when he was attacked by a large bear. A terrible storm was in progress at the time. The man and bear had a terrific struggle, but the man finally struck the bear over the head with an iron crowbar, and as the animal rolled from the car the man got it in motion and escaped. He was badly scratched and bruised, but not seriously injured.—Cor. Philadelphia Record.

New Open an Unlocked Safe.
Crackmen played a singular joke on themselves in blowing open the safe in L. G. Blair's store, Rio, Ill. Mr. Blair has been the victim of so many robberies that he has been leaving the safe open and sending the money to Galesburg. The burglars drilled into and blew open the empty unlocked safe.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Making Tea in North Carolina.
The result of the recent attempt to raise tea in North Carolina indicates that the soil and climate are favorable to such an industry, but that, owing to the expense of picking and curing, none but the highest grades could be produced profitably.—New York Times.

One Way of Advertising.
One of the meanest and most heartless of advertising tricks consists in sending round to people's houses, and especially to ladies, advertisements in telegraph envelopes, or in envelopes which imitate them so closely that no one supposes that they are anything else until they are opened. Saturday evening—it was in the evening, let it be noted, when ordinary messages are hardly expected—a lady of the Listener's acquaintance, who had been very ill, received one of these missives. She is weak and broken, and being summoned to receive what she supposed to be a telegraphic message gave her a severe shock. A worse case than this is an actual one of a sea captain's wife who lives in an outlying portion of the city. The captain's ship has been long overdue, and all the people of the neighborhood sympathized with the wife in her agonizing suspense. There came a call to the door "for a message," and the lady answered it with her heart in her mouth.

She tore open the supposed telegraph envelope, only to read the message, "You are wanted immediately at — Tremont street to test the merits of the new sewing machine." Naturally everybody in the neighborhood is indignant, and such an advertisement is certainly bad policy, for there is not a family thereabout who would purchase a sewing machine of the make advertised if any other kind was to be had. Perhaps a like feeling of indignation, stirred up in many neighborhoods, will have the effect to put an end to this offensive and mischievous kind of advertising, which no reputable firm, it would seem, would engage in.—Boston Transcript.

Cause of the Chinese Trouble.
Secret societies extend all over the Chinese empire, and their name is legion. They are semireligious, and have, as a rule, the power of life and death over their members. The Triad society is one of the strongest. It was the cause of a great rebellion in northwest and middle China at the beginning of this century, and its object then was to overthrow the government. This rebellion lasted eight years. It caused the devastation of the provinces in which it went on, and there was much bloodshed.
The secret societies were mixed up in the Tai-Ping rebellion, which very nearly resulted in the overthrow of the Manchu emperor. It is said that the present troubles are largely due to these secret societies. Some of them have their members in every province of the empire, and they embrace the Chinamen living at Singapore, San Francisco and all other parts of the world. Every one has heard of the Highbinders of San Francisco, who have their courts and punishments, and are the terror of the Celestial colony there.—Frank G. Carpenter in National Tribune.

A Heavy Blast.
One of the most terrific and effective blasts ever made in the extensive stone quarries at Glen Mills, West Chester, Pa., was made the other day. In the face of that portion of the quarries which is opened about eighty yards in length nine holes twenty-five feet in depth were drilled at equal distances apart. In these 500 pounds of dynamite were placed, and all were at the touch of the electric button at the battery, several hundred yards distant.
Hundreds of thousands of tons of stone were raised and broken by the explosion, many of the pieces being as large as a freight car. The arrangements for the blast being generally known in that section hundreds of people assembled to see it. The amount of stone loosened by the explosion will be sufficient to keep busy the several large crushers for many weeks.—Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

Rapid Transit for the Farmer.
A practical illustration of the benefit to the farmer of the proposed system of freight service will soon be given in Maryland, where an electric road eight miles long is being run through a first class farming country that the steam railroads have not touched. This road will not only be used for passenger traffic, but will be equipped with freight cars that will have a capacity of five tons. No matter how muddy the highways are or how stormy the weather, the motor trucks upon which the farm wagons are wheeled will always be ready to carry their loads to the nearest market, and to bring back their return load when required.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

His Trap Carried Off by a Buzzard.
A boy living at Lewes missed one of his muskrat traps, the chain of which was broken, indicating that the trap had been carried away by something stronger than a muskrat. Two weeks afterward he found the trap in Russell's woods, and caught in it was a large turkey buzzard fastened by the leg. The trap was opened and the vulture flew away. Alongside of the bird while it was in the trap were two eels, which are supposed to have been brought to the captive by other buzzards.—Wilmington News.

A Monumental Yarn.
Of all the Munchausenlike stories that are going the rounds, this one is by no means the most trifling: "Eight years ago H. H. Bowles, of Cherryfield, Me., planted in his garden a small flowering shrub. Near the shrub grew a green gage and a cherry tree. Last year the shrub put forth cherry blossoms, but bore no fruit. This year it produced luscious fruit of the green gage variety."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The superintendent of the Pine Ridge agency in South Dakota was staggered the other day when a little Indian boy very timidly asked him if there was danger of another uprising of the white people soon.

In Camden one Sunday afternoon recently a two-year-old child sucked its father's old clay pipe and died within an hour in strong convulsions.

Two Englishmen have just returned to London after walking around Europe, a journey which occupied fourteen months.

SOCIETIES.
ASSEMBLY NO. 4827, K. OF L.—Meets in K. of P. hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p. m.
WASCO LODGE, NO. 15, A. F. & A. M.—Meets first and third Monday of each month at 7 p. m.
DALLES ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 6.—Meets in Masonic Hall the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p. m.
MODERN WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.—Meets in K. of P. hall, 507 Tuesday evening of each week in the K. of P. hall, at 7:30 p. m.
COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in K. of P. hall, corner Second and Court streets. Sojourning brothers are cordially invited.
H. CLOUGH, Sec'y. H. A. BILLS, N. G.
FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 9, K. of P.—Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Schanno's building, corner of Court and Second streets. Sojourning members are cordially invited.
D. W. VAUSE, K. of R. and S. C. C.
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will meet every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the reading room. All are invited.
TEMPLE LODGE NO. 3, A. O. U. W.—Meets at K. of P. hall, corner Second and Court streets, Thursday evenings at 7:30.
W. S. MYERS, Financier. JOHN FILLON, M. W.
JAS. NESMITH POST, No. 32, G. A. R.—Meets every Saturday at 7:30 p. m. in the K. of P. hall.
OF L. E.—Meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the K. of P. hall.
GESANG VEREIN—Meets every Sunday evening in the K. of P. hall.
OF L. F. DIVISION, No. 167—Meets in the K. of P. hall the first and third Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

THE CHURCHES.
ST. PETER'S CHURCH—Rev. Father BRONSKI, CREST, Pastor. Low Mass every Sunday at 7 a. m. High Mass at 10:30 a. m. Vespers at 7 p. m.
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—Union Street, opposite Fifth. Rev. E. D. Sutcliffe Rector. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 7:30.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. O. D. TAYLOR, Pastor. Morning services every Sabbath at the academy at 11 a. m. Sabbath School immediately after morning services. Prayer meeting Friday evening at Pastor's residence. Union services in the court house at 7 p. m.
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. W. C. CURTIS, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School after morning service. Strangers cordially invited. Seats free.
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