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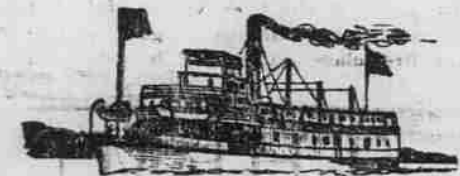
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### EAGER TO COME IN

Several New States to Be Admitted Within a Short Time.

STRONG PRESSURE BEING URGED

New Mexico Seems to be Particularly Favored by Both Parties.

FEATURES OF THE NEW CONDITION

Will Not Tolerate Interference With the Teaching of Spanish in the Public Schools.

Special to The Chronicle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The strong pressure that is being exerted by the territories makes it now probable that a joint conference of democratic senators and representatives will be held within a few days to determine the steps to be taken by the party in the two houses in relation to the admission of the territories into the union. New Mexico, Arizona and Utah have been clamoring for enabling acts or bills tending ultimately to statehood, and a considerable element in Oklahoma thinks that territory has also arrived at a state of maturity. Some of these bills have already passed the house and are pending in the senate, but it is possible the party may now consider the policy of favoring an omnibus bill admitting all these territories to statehood at one time.

Members of congress of both political parties are being flooded with letters and petitions for the admission of the territories, and delegations are beginning to arrive in the city to press the matter. New Mexico presents the somewhat anomalous situation of being urged for admission by both political parties. The Hon. L. Bradford Prince, the republican governor of the territory, and the Hon. C. H. Gildersleeve, ex-chairman of the democratic territorial committee, are both in the city urging upon each of the parties to which they respectively belong the political benefits to be derived by the admission of New Mexico as a state. Nearly all the prominent members of both houses have been seen by these gentlemen.

Gov. Prince has insisted to the republican that the admission of New Mexico would result in a gain of two more republican United States senators, Mr. Gildersleeve has with equal pertinacity pointed out to the democrats the unbroken successes of that party in returning Delegate Joseph to congress for eight years, and assured the leaders that the democratic supremacy in the territory would only be accentuated by the admission of New Mexico as a state. Both gentlemen are, however, aware that any enabling act submitted to the voters of New Mexico would fail of approval which contained any provision the effect of which would be to prohibit the teaching of Spanish in the public schools. The bill now pending in the senate has this objectionable provision, but in the event of its passing that body Delegate Joseph will make a strong effort to have it stricken out in the house conference.

Southern Oregon Mines.

Hon. H. B. Miller says the mining interests in the neighborhood of Grants Pass, in Josephine and Jackson counties, have taken on quite a boom and the excitement has run very high over recent developments. A great deal of local capital has been invested, and people of all kinds are going into it. The excitement was greatly intensified not long ago when it was announced that the result of a test made upon 100 tons of ore taken from a certain ledge gave an average yield of \$33 per ton in free gold. As it pays to work a ledge panning out \$5 per ton in free gold, such a rich find threw the town into a state of excitement and everybody turned out to hunt for an extension of the ledge from which the valuable ore was taken. Several of the searchers ran to the river, where they expected to find shining nuggets to mark the place where the river cut through the ledge. Finally, one man found what he supposed to be an extension of the ledge in a railroad cut, and commenced to dig out the ore. But the section men objected to his depredations and drove him off. Meantime night had come on, but the searchers, not to be foiled, procured lanterns, and by their dim light tried to locate the ledge outside the railroad right of way. The search continued all night, but was unsuccessful—the ledge had in some strange manner disappeared.

A DESPERATE ENCOUNTER.

T. J. Corum Robbed and Murdered in British Columbia.

Deputy Sheriff Phirman of this city, on his way to Portland, Thursday, met with Mr. T. J. Corum of Nelson, who was on his way to Tulare, California, to inform the family of Mr. T. J. Corum, well known in this city, of a desperate encounter with robbers on the road between Nelson and Wyatt, November 24th last, in which Mr. Corum was shot down.

Mr. Corum had sold a band of horses and received in payment for them the sum of \$8,000. In company with two men named Pickens and Talbot, he left Nelson for Wyatt, a station on the Canadian Pacific railway thirty miles distant. After riding about sixteen miles the three men met a party of five highwaymen, who proceeded, according to the methods of robbers, to appropriate to themselves the \$8,000 in possession of Mr. Corum.

After this transaction Mr. Corum and his associates road on to Wyatt, and notified the proper authorities, when a sheriff's posse was organized, consisting of Deputy Sheriff Allen, Constable Nixall, Mr. Corum and two others. They started in pursuit with bloodhounds, overtaking and surprising the robbers in camp about forty miles northeast of Nelson. The robbers immediately opened fire on the posse, when the officers and two men fled in haste, leaving Corum alone to make the fight. He was armed with a Winchester rifle and two revolvers, and must have made a desperate defense, as he emptied his Winchester, killing two of the robbers, but was himself killed, having been shot through the body, and in the forehead between the eyes. When found he held a revolver in his hand, showing that in the desperation of the struggle he had met his assailants at close range. Upon the body of each one of the two robbers killed there was found \$1,000; the other three robbers escaped with \$6,000. A coroner was notified and the bodies were taken in charge. The remains of Mr. Corum were prepared for burial, and Mr. Jefferson started to notify his family of the sad and startling story. Mr. Corum was a son of Mr. Henry Corum of Des Chutes, and a brother of Mrs. Charles S. Miller of Grant.

Additional Locals.

A regulation fox hunt, with a healthy two year old fox, is to be one of the Christmas amusements near Eugene next Saturday. The fox will be led around Skippers butte then placed in a box. The hounds will be placed on the track at the commencement, and the first dog to reach the box will be awarded the purse made up from the small entrance fees. Then the fox will be turned loose on the south side of the butte and the dogs allowed a chance. It is safe to say Sir Renard will not be caught, although they may eventually tree him. No horse or vehicles will be allowed on the butte.

A pleasant surprise was tendered the family of Mr. Richards on 8-Mile the evening of the 14th. The evening was pleasantly passed in various ways, and after a toothsome collation the party dispersed. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Low, Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Allen, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gilbreath, Misses Jennie Waterman, Grace Riddell, Hattie Allen, Clara Allen, Lida Johnson, Grace Johnson, Edna Osborne, Lida Herman, Messrs. George Low, D. Bolton, L. Bolton, N. MacDonald, Jas. Johnson, W. Gilbreath, O. Rice, C. Egbert, T. Farrington, F. Garlow, B. Brooks, Clyde Riddell, Randy and Davis.

THE CHRONICLE is under obligations to Dr. J. R. Cardwell, president of the Oregon state board of horticulture, for a copy of the biennial report to the assembly. It is very interesting, particularly upon such topics as fig culture, by A. T. Hawley, etc. We would not have the state horticultural society lose sight of the fact that remarkably fine figs are produced in The Dalles. This year Mr. E. Shanno had them in abundance, fully ripe and perfected in June. From judicious planting and cultivation of the slips and cuttings of the acclimated and naturalized trees or bushes, if the owners could be induced to go into the business, the shade of the fig tree as well as of the vine could in a few years become a universal feature of an inland Empire landscape.

### A NEW BERLIN PANIC

A German Firm Offers to Manufacture the New Lebel Rifles.

VERY QUEER HARMONY EXISTING

Germany's Idea of the Reciprocity Between France and America.

NOT EXTRA PLEASANT PORTIONS

The Emperor Keenly Annoyed Because a Manufacturing Subject Desired to Compete.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Dispatches from Paris show that Berlin is again wrought up to a high pitch of distraction, over a letter published in Figaro from Loewe & Co., the Jewish gun-makers, to Gen. Boulanger, when the latter was minister of war, saying that, hearing he had sent an agent to America to purchase machinery to make the new Lebel rifles, they offered to furnish the French government such machinery. Boulanger made no reply. The National Zeitung showed the dispatch to Loewe, who replied: "The Figaro letter is quite true, but that was in 1886, whereas we only began manufacturing guns for the German government in 1889."

The Berlin Zeitung takes Loewe to task saying such an offer was unwise and impudent, it being made at the time of the Boulanger agitation, when it was generally believed that France would make war upon Germany. The news was at once conveyed to the emperor, who was keenly annoyed at this further scandal. He immediately instituted an inquiry and the news was confirmed from Loewe's own mouth. The general public received the news with a feeling uncomplimentary to Loewe, and Chancellor Caprivi's indiscreet exaggerated speech lauding Loewe is now gauged at its true value.

Press of the continent freely discuss the subject. The London Standard's Berlin special says Loewe made this statement as to Le Figaro's story of his negotiations with the French government: "France in 1884 was about to purchase a plant for rifle-making in America. We sent in an estimate, but to our regret the orders were executed mostly in America. Had we received the orders, Germany would have benefited by driving France out of American competition. France is the only country in Europe where America is able to hold her own, and there it was owing to peculiar political circumstances."

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Racing with Wolves.

Many a thrilling tale has been told by travelers of a race with wolves across the frozen steppes of Russia. Sometimes only the picked bones of the hapless traveler are found to tell the tale. In our own country thousands are engaged in a life-and-death race against the wolf consumption. The best weapon with which to fight the foe is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This renowned remedy has cured myriads of cases when all other medicines and doctors had failed. It is the greatest blood-purifier and restorer of strength known in the world. For all forms of scrofulous affections (and consumption is one of them), it is unequalled as a remedy.

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