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**INCIDENT IN STATESMANSHIP.**

If it is true, as is reported from Washington, that a fight is being made to oust Secretary Gage from the president's cabinet, the episode is one of the most disgraceful in American politics. The appointment of Mr. Gage to be secretary of the treasury met with much enthusiasm among business circles, and any attempt looking to his forced retirement will be received with displeasure by all save the petty politicians who want nothing which resembles rectitude and ability in office.

We are not the least afraid that President McKinley will allow the secretary of the treasury to resign. The president is too patriotic, high-minded and far-seeing to allow himself to be swayed by the threats and entreaties of the gang of agitators in the senate, who, unless free silver is made the fetish on all occasions, seek to destroy the temple.

Nothing will come of all the talk concerning Mr. Gage's removal, but the incident shows too plainly what dangerous men occupy "the seats of the mighty." When statesmanship has given way to demagoguery in virulent form; when United States senators are influenced by absolutely no motive but the desire for re-election, it is time for the American people to pause and consider.

It is more than probable that with a continuation of good times much of the complaint now attacking the nation may be removed, but nothing like a cure can be obtained until the general tone of statesmanship can be raised and men elected to the United States senate shall be chosen by reason of ability, and not because of political pull. It is fortunate for the country that we have a few such men as President McKinley, Secretary Gage and Speaker Reed at the head of affairs.

Portland business men state the holiday trade for 1897 to be the largest for years. The same may be said of The Dalles and doubtless of the other Northwest towns which were not built altogether on the boom basis. The continued good prices for all kinds of cereals, and the promise of still further advances in cattle, sheep and wool make the outlook for next year still more encouraging. In addition to this, all lines of business upon the coast will receive an impetus from the rush to Klondike. From every part of the world people are coming with money to spend in the Northwest, fitting out for the Alaska gold fields. Many of them may change their minds and remain here. Those who do not, will leave pleasant reminders of their visit in the shape of United States gold standard dollars.

The reorganization of the Union Pacific marks an important event in railroad circles. This one great transcontinental road has been the prey of the plunderers of Wall street until it has become little more than a wreck. The men who have now taken hold are capitalists of standing and wealth, and their connection with it means that the Union Pacific shall be conducted upon a business basis.

An Eastern Oregon paper has nominated T. T. Geer for governor on the Republican ticket. This is as near to the gubernatorial chair, probably, as Tall Timothy will get. He is not the sort of man the politicians of Oregon want.

If there were only a daily mail service to the Klondike so that copies of the Oregonian telling about Portland's efforts to send relief expeditions, the imprisoned miners would be sure to buy their next summer's supplies from the Oregon metropolis. Is it possible there may some method in all of Portland's generosity?

La Grande has secured the sugar refinery. "Watch its smoke."

**NEWS NOTES**

William D. Carter, the pioneer printer of Portland is dead.

Offers have been made to patch up all factional differences between the two wings of the Republican party in Portland.

Fitzsimmons says that he will meet Corbett after Corbett has met Choynski or Maher. Corbett says, "No, I will fight Fitzsimmons first."

Late arrivals from Alaska report that the richest strike that has yet been made was recently discovered on Hemper creek. Ordinarily it averages from \$4 to \$6 to the pan.

A report received from Portland states that this morning the Bailey Gatzert was in some manner caught in the draw of the steel bridge and a number of passengers thrown overboard and injured. Further particulars could not be learned.

The Turkish government, replying to the representations of Greece, has explained that the firing upon the Greek gunboat Actium by the Turks at Prevesa on Saturday last, as the vessel was leaving the gulf of Ambracia, was due to a misunderstanding.

Friedlander & Gottlob yesterday took formal possession of the Baldwin and California theaters in San Francisco, as successors of Al Hayman, who recently retired from the theatrical business in San Francisco. Friedlander & Gottlob now control all the first-class theaters of the Bay city.

Lord Salisbury, the British premier, has written to United States Ambassador Hay in response to America's latest proposal in the Behring sea controversy, by a request that Great Britain would enter into an agreement with the United States, Russia and Japan to stop sealing. Great Britain declines to enter into such an agreement.

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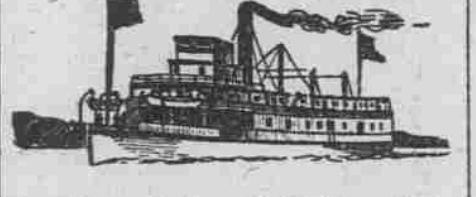


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