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## BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The World's Washington special says a bill will be introduced at the coming Congress reducing the army to 10,000. The Indian war is ended. Neither Sherman nor Sheridan believe it will be resumed.

Gen. and Mrs. Grant, with their son Jesse, will sail for Liverpool from Philadelphia, May 17th. President Hayes and cabinet offered him passage on a government vessel, but the General preferred going as a private citizen.

The public debt statement for April, which will be issued Tuesday, will show a reduction in the debt for the current month of about three and a half millions, and an aggregate reduction since July 1st of about twenty-eight millions.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The following postmasters have been appointed: Walter Jeffreys, San Marcos, San Luis Obispo county, Cal.; H. C. Raymond, Gaston Washington county, Oregon.

The internal revenue receipts up to the 30th of April show a gain of two million six hundred thousand dollars over ten months of last year.

Secretary Schurz has appointed H. H. Bates, B. R. Catlin, and B. C. Tiffany, a board of examination from the corps of the first assistant examiners, to the grade of principal examiners of patents to fill vacancies.

Two hundred and fifty employes, mostly females in the bureau of engraving and printing, were discharged to-day. The bureau will be closed for three days, when Mr. Peterson will assume the duties of chief.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 30.—Ex-Senator W. G. Brownlow died here suddenly to-day.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The Tribune says Oakey Hall's family will soon join him in London. His law library has been removed for sale, and it is rumored his dwelling has also been sold.

CLEVELAND, April 30.—The body taken from the shore of Lake Erie, about 40 miles from Ashtabula, and supposed to be that of P. P. Bliss, the evangelist singer, is known not to be such.

COLUMBUS, April 30.—Republican claimants for State offices will to-morrow consent to proceedings before the Supreme Court, which ends the contest and seats all the Democratic State officials.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The United States Supreme Court to-day gave a decision, ending the protracted system war between Maryland and Virginia. The court holds that Virginia has no jurisdiction over the western part of the State.

LONDON, April 30.—It is officially announced that the government can send 50,000 men at a moment's notice to Egypt. Of this force 25,000 will go to England and 25,000 from India.

The Times continues to deprecate unnecessary alarm, and says even if we had the most positive assurances that Russia intended to besiege Constantinople, there would be ample time to take needful precautions long after her army crossed the Danube. But to assume that the Russian leaders have any such design is to suppose that they have taken leave of their senses. It is not Turkey alone they would have to meet, nor Turkey and England, but the whole of Western Europe. We may safely assume that Russia is not altogether devoid of common sense, and meanwhile we may keep ourselves cool.

A Bucharest correspondent says the action of the Russian authorities in closing the navigation of the Danube certainly indicates an understanding with Austria. The Russians are said to be advancing again by the railways, which were temporarily obstructed by recent inundations.

A Paris correspondent announces that on Tuesday Duke DeCazes will make, in the Chamber, a declaration of neutrality which it is believed to be in concert with England.

Complications are expected to arise in the event of the Russian fleet in China being ordered to the Mediterranean and demanding a passage through the Suez canal.

All central steamers and ships have left Galatz and Izmail.

BUCURESTI, April 30.—It is reported that about 4,000 Russians entered Roumanian territory yesterday. It is estimated that 72,000 have so far crossed the Pruth.

LONDON, April 30.—A dispatch from Bucharest dated Monday, says the Russians are advancing very slowly. The left wing rests at Reni. Grand Duke Nicholas will establish his headquarters at Jassy to-day, whence they will afterwards be advanced to Ploetz.

A special from Galatz reports that the passage down the Danube is now impossible owing to obstructions placed by the Russians at the mouth of the Pruth.

IRAKLI, April 30.—The Russians are building a bridge over the Danube here. The Czar telegraphed the Prince of Montenegro: "I am firmly resolved this time to retrace the sacred mission of Russia and my predecessor. God will aid us."

ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—Notwithstanding Turkey's lion, Russia unhesitatingly permits Ottoman subjects to re-

in Russia under British protection. SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Mrs. Christoforo yesterday, in attempting to jump her local train in Oakland, fell. Her head, receiving injuries from which she died in a few hours.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—The party of surveyors who arrived last night, en route to Victoria to lay out the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad, will leave on the steamer City of Panama to-morrow and proceed at once to the undertaking before them.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30.—Chas. Webb Howard, president of the Spring Valley Water Company, came before the water commissioners in open session to-day with a proposition to sell the works of the company to the city, in conformity with arrangements of the commissioners to receive proposals for supplying the city with suitable works. The price demanded was \$16,000,000, with rather an odd reservation that the company should have the privilege of asking less if they desired.

Saturday, between 8 and 9 P. M., Henry DeForest, aged 45 years a carpenter working at the powder mills, was murdered and robbed back of the old Mission place. He was shot back of the right shoulder, the ball passing through the body. The shot was heard by different parties. The body was dragged across the road and behind some willows, where his pockets were emptied.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—As Mrs. John Roberts was walking along Freelon street this evening with a little daughter aged nineteen months by her side, a panel of fence which had been placed against a lamp post while some repairs were being made to the premises, was blown down by a gust of wind, killing the child instantly.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, May 1.—Two men, Alexander Murray and a man named Todd, died this afternoon in Rinconada valley, about 11 miles east from this place, from the effects of poison. They chanced upon some wild parsley which they ate, they survived but an hour.

SANTA CRUZ, May 1.—It is believed the murderers of DeForest are arrested, and under circumstances that will make their conviction certain. Sheriff Orton, Under Sheriff Hunt, and City Marshal Liddell have worked day and night.

We have received a circular of a society of the above kind, that was organized last December in Portland, by the friends of that branch of science throughout the State. It has Rev. Thos. Condon for President, Rev. P. S. Knight for Secretary, and Mr. O. B. Johnson for Curator of the Central Museum, which the committee have decided to locate in this city, and for which purpose Gov. Chadwick has allowed the free use of a room in the State Capitol building. Mr. Johnson has lately removed to this city for the purpose of taking charge of the work of receiving, classifying and distributing the material sent in by the members. The plan of the society is such that a member by collecting extensively in his immediate vicinity, and sending to the Central Museum, is entitled to receive full sets of all of the specimens received from all of the members from different localities, according to the amount sent in. In this way a school or college can obtain a good cabinet of specimens for study and reference at a small cost. We are glad to see a step in this direction, and hope it may receive abundant encouragement throughout the State, and especially at the hands of our citizens, for the rational study of nature is a factor of great importance in education, and is receiving marked attention in the schools and colleges of the East.

**Oregon Pioneer Association.**  
The sixth annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association will be held on the State fair grounds June 15th and 16th. Hon. Edward Evans, of Olymnia, will deliver the annual address, which will be followed by a picnic dinner at 1 P. M. There will be a grand parade at half-past two o'clock, under the direction of Hon. R. C. Geer. On the same occasion Hon. Stephen Staats and Hon. M. Crawford will deliver addresses descriptive of the immigration of 1845 and 1842. In the evening a grand ball will be given in the pavilion. A camp fire will be lighted at eight o'clock, and short addresses will be made descriptive of the mode of living, traveling and condition of the country in the early days.

The next Annual State Teachers' Institute will be held in the Senate chamber in the capitol, commencing August 21, 1877, and continuing in session four days.

## THE CHRISTIANS IN TURKEY.

Now that Russia has declared war and opened the campaign with Turkey, it appears likely that England will arouse to the memory of a treaty made in 1856, wherein, France, Austria and England united to guarantee the integrity of the Ottoman Empire in the future. It is true that the treaty of Paris, referred to, which took place as the conclusion of the war of the Crimea, has since been repudiated by Russia, but Austria and England seem to fear that, in spite of his assertions to the contrary, the Czar is bent on conquest, and wishes to include Constantinople in his dominions. While it may be well enough for England and Austria to interfere to prevent the absorption of Turkey by Russia—that power can achieve the conquest of Turkey, which is somewhat problematical—it also seems as if Christian nations should hastily unite with Russia in securing the rights of the Christian subjects of Turkey, even if only to be secured by the downfall of the Ottoman power in Europe.

One of the English reviews lately published an account of the degradations and miseries endured by the Christian subjects of the Porte, which shows that they fill a position of abject servitude; have no rights, a Moslem need respect; are beggared by unjust taxation and oppression; have only a mockery of justice to expect from the courts, and not only so but are liable to see their daughters torn from them to fill Turkish harems, while their own lives as well as property are subject to the fierce greed and passions of fanatical Moslems, whose very religion, as laid down in the Koran, teaches them that the Christians who dwell among them are unworthy of the common offices of humanity, intended to be spilt upon and trampled on and made victims of their lust or greed or pleasure.

The article referred to is thorough and exhaustive in quoting the proofs of this state of things, and we may consider it beyond a doubt that many millions of Christian subjects of the Porte are victimized and degraded.

We refer to the paper we refer to the following copy of the form of burial certificate that is given there when a Christian dies, as follows:  
"We certify to the priest of the church of Mary that the impure, putrid, stinking carcass of ————, damned this day, may be concealed underground; to which is appended the official signature and date. This alone should be sufficient to show the intolerance and bigotry of the Turkish government and people. It is due to the interference—repeated during a century past, again and again—of the nations of Europe, classed as the most enlightened and Christian, that their brother Christians, numbering many millions in the Turkish dominions, are kept in an abject and hateful servitude from which they vainly pray the other nations of Europe to deliver them, and falling of their intercession pray for death as a relief from unbearable oppression. No doubt these things are so, and in so far as Russia proposes to battle for her brethren and secure them equal privileges and relief from woes unspeakable, she deserves the moral support of the Christian world.

There is a unity of race that impels the Russian to aid the Greek Christians of Turkey, as they form a portion of the Slavic race of which Russia herself is almost entirely composed. It is suggested that the most satisfactory solution of the European question, and one that would preserve the unities to the best advantage, would be found in uniting the German population of Austria with the German Empire, and forming a great Slavic Empire to the eastward, including the Slavic provinces of Austria that border the Turkish frontier, and Turkey in Europe, that is composed largely of the Slavic element. Then Europe would be balanced with the Slavic peoples, consisting of 90,000,000 souls, in the Empire of Russia and the new Empire to the South; Germany reaching from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, and the Latin nations, Italy, France and Spain to the westward. This would preserve the unities, create a natural equilibrium based on race distinctions, and might be expected to insure more peaceful relations than with the incongruous elements that now exist in Southeastern Europe.

It is a blot on the face of Christendom that Turkish stupidity, fatalism and fanaticism exist at all on European soil and rule with terror the Christian peoples that compose the greater portion of her inhabitants, and it remains to be seen if the nations who boast of such enlightenment will interfere again to preserve the autonomy of Turkey, and not be satisfied to merely restrain and control the Russian idea of conquest and permit the Muscovite to force the Turk

to grant equal rights to his Christian subjects, and, at the worst to drive the Ottoman power across the Bosphorus, to occupy the lands of Asia Minor where its rule will not soon be disputed.

## RIVER FREIGHT CHARGES.

We advertise in this issue the freight tariff recently adopted by the Willamette Transportation and Lock Company. Boats will be run as far as possible up the river all through the summer. A Company of such enterprise is well worth patronage. The following resolutions were adopted by the company:

WHEREAS, The Willamette Transportation and Locks Company are the owners of the locks and canal at Oregon City, and a large number of steamboats and other property upon the Willamette river incidental to the transportation business; and

WHEREAS, The managers of the said Willamette Transportation and Locks Company are fully convinced that the true interests of this company are identical with the producers and shippers of the Willamette valley, and that they should mutually co-operate to develop the resources of the State; and

WHEREAS, Said company having already ample facilities for transporting the products of the Willamette valley at all times, (with the necessary means to create additional facilities if required), and believing that the producers, and the public generally are entitled to an assurance on our part that freight on grain and flour shipped by said W. T. & L. Co.'s boats shall not exceed certain fixed rates; therefore be it

Resolved, That for the period of one year from the 1st day of May, 1877, freight on grain and flour shall not exceed the following rates, viz:

[Here follows the table of rates to be seen in our advertising columns.]

To the above was added a resolution that grain and flour shipped through to Astoria will be charged \$1 a ton additional; also, that S. G. Reed, Vice-President of the Company, be authorized, if parties desire it, to enter into contract with them for any specified time not exceeding five years. The object of this last provision seems to assure a continuance of moderate rates of freight for a long and definite period to such as want to avail themselves of the opportunity.

## WEATHER REPORT—APRIL 1877.

Ed. Record: During April, 1877, there were 27 days during which rain fell, aggregating 6.57 inches of water. There were 15 days during which there was a light shower of rain on the 20th, but not sufficient to gather in the rain gauge. The mean temperature for the month was 50.9°. Highest daily mean temperature for the month 61° on the 25th and 30th; lowest daily mean temperature 45° on 19th. Mean temperature for the month at 2 o'clock P. M. 60.93°. Highest thermometer for the month 77° at 2 P. M., on the 25th; lowest thermometer 34° at 7 A. M. on the 13th. The prevailing winds for the month were from the north during 23 days; south 7 days; light thunder shower at 4 P. M. on the 20th. Frosts occurred on the 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24. During April, 1876, there were 18 days during which rain fell giving 5.57 inches of water; 4 clear days and 8 cloudy days other than those on which rain fell. Mean temperature for the month, 47.32°; highest mean temperature for the month, 55° on the 28th; lowest daily mean temperature for the month, 40° on the 2d.

EOLA, May 1, 1877. T. PEARCE.

## A Good Wheat Sale

Ralph C. Geer sold about 1,500 bushels of wheat on Monday at fancy figures. The roads have been so bad that the wheat could not be hauled, and his fortunate delay brought the sale to a close. The wheat belongs to him, Cal Geer, his son, and Phillip Bowers, his son-in-law, was sold for \$1.42 1/2 per bushel, with the privilege of any rise between this time and the first of June, and the parties have through the month of May to deliver it. Ralph always is in luck and has his dish turned right side up when it rains porridge, and this little trade must make him feel as good as it lately did to fight the Battle of the Abiqua over again.

## Last Shipment—Marion Items.

Mr. J. M. Johns writes us from Marion, this date, as follows:

I have this day shipped the last of Mr. Hubler's wheat, consisting of eleven carloads of a fine wheat as ever was shipped from Marion.

Business is looking up in this town. There will be about six thousand bushels of oats shipped from here in a short time, which will complete the shipment of grain until the new crop comes in.

A company is organizing to bring water from the Santiam.

Lewis Russell was brought up before Recorder C. W. Bowie this morning, charged with stealing a gold watch from the person of George Barker. The crime was charged to have been committed yesterday. The accused waived an examination and was committed to the County Jail to await the action of the grand jury.

The Philadelphia Evening Star says that Senator Groves once taught a class in "Penmanship" in Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

The hosiery factory at Jefferson will commence operations the coming week, under the supervision of Mr. Blanchard from Dallas, Oregon.

## TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

The semi-monthly institute of the Salem Public School teachers, on the evening of the 30th ult., was one of unusual interest. The subject under special consideration, was, "Composition writing in our Public Schools," introduced and led by Mr. S. A. Randle.

To tell all said by him, on this subject, would occupy too much space; the basis of his remarks was, that that special branch of public school study educated the powers of perception, conception, memory, and to some extent reason. It was held that some system of composition writing should be commenced in our lowest school grade, and kept up through all successive grades. Mr. Randle then exhibited specimens of highly meritorious work from some of his pupils, the class work has shown to prove his theory successful in practice.

The work shown was that a second grade class, the same as the graded system now in operation in this city, will in a short time produce from a third, or grade of one year's study, but which will require a little time.

Children are the better for thinking sense than nonsense; they will think either the one or the other. Under proper guidance it is truly wonderful to see the amount of work a mere child will perform without the least injury to itself. A year gained at school is as one more year of life to the child.

To see the effects, even at this early stage of the adoption of the graded system, you, fathers and mothers of children, are invited to visit your schools. The dawn is but before you, and just opening to a full and sunlit day.

State Superintendent Rowland spoke briefly, and strongly in favor of graded schools, and added that he hoped any and all persons were not allowed to say what studies a particular pupil should pursue.

City Superintendent Gregg advocated that it was the duty of superintendents to see to the course of study pursued in country districts—that one system should be maintained.

N. N. STREVEN, Secretary pro tem.

## THE BLIND SCHOOL.

The presentation of the pupils at this institution took place at 2 P. M., to-day. There were present the following ladies and gentlemen, friends of education: Gov. S. F. Chadwick, Hon. S. C. Simpson, Dr. L. L. Rowland, Dr. A. M. Bell, Miss Marie Smith, Mr. A. Stanton, P. S. Knight and Dr. Hill.

The pupils exhibited great proficiency in grammar, geography, arithmetic, etc. Several specimens of their writing were shown and some fancy hand work. There were nine pupils present, three females, five male adults, and one bright boy of fifteen. Two female pupils were absent. At the conclusion a brief address was made by Gov. Chadwick in which he highly complimented Mrs. J. Dawne for the great improvement the pupils had made during her brief period of instruction. Dr. L. L. Rowland made a few remarks and was followed by Syl. C. Simpson who highly praised the pupils and expressed himself as particularly well pleased because he could see that the examination had been so fair one and not a parrot repetition as is too often the case in some of the so-called exhibitions in schools. Taken altogether the examination was more than satisfactory to teachers, pupils and visitors.

## Gone to Eastern Oregon.

Hon. John Minto left this afternoon for an extended trip through Eastern Oregon, a section of our great State that he has not visited since 1844, the year he came to Oregon. He will, ere his return, visit Umatilla and Wasco counties and return to the valley through the Minto Pass. Being largely interested in wool growing he will post himself in regard to the growing of that staple in the sections he visits. His views upon the country through which he will pass will be communicated from time to time to the columns of the DAILY RECORD, and his letters will be looked for with interest.

## Singular Mishap.

Yesterday, May 1st, Mr. Charles Stewart, of Mollala Prairie, lost a valuable mare that had taken a premium at two successive State Fairs, in the following singular manner: The animal was attached to a lever in a capstan that was being used to raise oak grubs out of the ground, when the chain broke letting the lever fly back with such force as to break one of the mare's legs. Mr. Stewart immediately shot the horse, as it would have been cruel to have prolonged its life.

## There will be a picnic given under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry at the railroad bridge, south of Harrisburg, on May 16th. All granges and members are cordially invited to meet with Harrisburg Grange No. 11 at their hall in Harrisburg with their regalia at half past nine o'clock a. m. of said day.