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THE STATE FAIR

The time for holding the annual Fair of the State Agricultural Society is close at hand, and we feel like saying a good word for this society, which for twenty years has held an important place in connection with the products and industries of our State.

THE O'GRANGE

We have lately published all the proceedings of the State Grange, that was lately held at Salem, and we call attention to this fact for the benefit of those who are afraid of the order because of its secrecy.

THE TONNAGE QUESTION

We lately reviewed the prospect for future supply and demand for ships and showed that if California has only half the surplus in 1881 she had in 1880, there would still be demand for ships to carry away over fifty million bushels of wheat from California and the Columbia river.

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Races Postponed

At a special meeting of the trustees of the Northwestern District Agricultural Association, held Wednesday night, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Numerous horsemen from all parts of this State and Washington Territory have requested a postponement of the meeting of the Northwestern District Agricultural Association, and this association not desiring conflict with the Oregon State Agricultural Society, be it

Resolved, That the first meeting of this association be and is hereby postponed until July 25, 27, 28 and 29, 1881, and it is further Resolved, That the entries already made will continue good for the postponed meeting, or the money will be refunded on application to the secretary.

We hope this action of the association will have the effect of allaying every ill feeling the managers of the State Fair may have toward it, and believe it will be for the best interests of the association.

R. E. Bybee was elected Secretary of the Association.

This announcement will gratify the friends of the State Agricultural Society, and shows that there is no intention to interfere with the success of the State Fair. It is a concession that removes all fear that the coming State Fair will not be a financial success, and we hope that both meetings will realize unqualified success.

Prospects in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, June 14th. Reports to the department of agriculture do not present most favorable prospects for a heavy corn crop. The northern grand division, comprising twenty-three counties, about one-third of the corn area of the State, promises only 80 per cent. of the average yield.

California Crops

Crop reports show that late rains and cold weather have benefited cereals. In northern counties the yield will be nearly average. In the lower portion of the Sacramento valley, and in the central part of the State the crop will not exceed two-thirds that of last year, and the same is true of coast counties except those of the South where crops are full.

Outlook of Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, June 14th. The State commissioner of agriculture presents a gloomy picture of prospects in the State. He says that a dry May has damaged crops more than recent rain can repair. Wheat will fall below reasonable expectations of a month ago, and certainly will be over a two-thirds crop. Corn has been planted in some localities three times this year—seed bad, weather bad and season light. Hemp also is in fine condition.

Iowa Crops

FAIRFIELD, June 15th. Crop returns show the corn average 3,012,000; condition 80 per cent. Spring wheat, average 103,000, condition 87 per cent. Winter wheat, average 65,301; condition 87 per cent. Oats, average 1,203,695; condition good over 93 per cent.

Mrs. E. P. W. Packard, author of "The Great Drama," and "Modern Persecution (in four volumes) will entertain the people at Nonpareil Hall, corner of First and Madison sts, on Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock, June 19th, with a recitation of some of her peculiarly wonderful and most thrilling experiences, and work in a manner that cannot fail of being intensely interesting and eminently instructive. Come early so as to get seats.

A GAIN OF EIGHT POUNDS IN FORTY-FIVE DAYS

"About forty-five days," writes a gentleman from Mississippi, "I began the Oxygen Treatment, and as regards the effects of it, with a grateful heart I can say that it has proved wonderfully efficacious, even surpassing my most sanguine expectations. My lungs have been much developed, breathing capacity increased, and the cough, which was at times hard and laborious, has almost passed away. My general health has much improved, feeling more life-like and energetic, having gained eight pounds in forty-five days. Our Treatise on 'Compound Oxygen,' which tells all about this remarkable remedy, is sent free. Address Drs. STARKY & PALER, 1109 and 1111 Girard street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The woman who is truly womanly is never happy with a sorrow, rough, wan, blotched, or otherwise blemished complexion. Give her the costliest garment—that is well; store her mind with all the graces of elegant culture—that is better; let her put on Religion's sweet array—which is best of all. Still you cannot make a true woman truly happy without a "fair and clear complexion." The Oregon Blood Purifier, by its great blood cleansing properties, removes all blotches, pimples, etc., from the skin, imparting to it that pure, marble-like tint and brilliancy so much admired by the fair sex.

Mammoth Russian Sun Flower

A subscriber writes from Waitsburg, W. T., to know where he can get the seed of the Mammoth Russian sunflower, to which we say that the best way probably is to send East to any well known seedman, in case your local seedmen will not undertake to procure them for you.

Supply for a Want Long Felt in the City of Portland

A home on the southeast corner of First and Clay streets, where acute and chronic complaints can find speedy relief in medicated steam baths, and magnetic treatment administered by Mrs. Dr. Logan.

The Cause of Science

has received an important addition in the elegant Observatory which H. H. Warner, proprietor of the valuable Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, has erected at Rochester.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

EASTERN.

Star Route Contractors in their Tribulation

NEW YORK, June 12.—The Washington correspondent of the Times furnishes another batch of star route frauds. He says: "The dishonest star route contractors and their confederates seem to have at last reached the conclusion that the government is really in earnest and intends to prosecute and punish them if possible. After the election of President Garfield they used all their pliant influence to affect his choice of postmaster-general and they exerted their combined strength through ex-Senator Dorsy and others to secure in Brady's place a person who would be satisfactory to them, but there was an honest man at the head of the department and he was determined that there should be honest men around him, and jobbers failed to get any one of their candidates in Brady's place.

The district which is now under Brady's control and the people of Washington are almost entirely dependent upon outside papers for information concerning startling discoveries which have been made, but the war against the president and his investigators has ended in defeat, and persons employed to gather evidence of wickedness quietly and persistently pursue their way supported by high authorities who employ and who approve their selection. In the chair formerly disgraced by Brady sits an upright gentleman of rare business ability who is rapidly becoming acquainted with all the details of the contract system and who looks with astonishment upon a system in which true business methods seem to be completely ignored. The postmaster-general finding on every hand evidence of corruption and reckless extravagance looks through reforms of the present to the realization of the dream of self-sustaining department and cheaper postage in the near future. Energetic subordinates gather evidence which will overwhelm the guilty. It is hard for one who gains an insight into these records and who studies the history and previous investigation, to escape being of the past. The department has been a sink of iniquity for years and it will be no easy task to compute the amount of the people's money stolen or thrown away.

The correspondent notes remarkable increase of pay by the familiar method of "increase and expiration." On one route the pay was raised from \$6,800 to \$22,640 and on another from \$2,550 to \$10,000. He then devotes himself to an exposition of the Texas temporary service, a newly discovered rami-fication of the frauds. The favorites holding "temporary service" in Texas are General Frank C. Armstrong of Texas, and Major J. D. Adams of Arkansas, who in this matter are one and the same person. A. H. Brown, James B. Colgrove, R. C. Kern, and J. P. Harbach and Armstrong was a general in the Confederate army. Adams was a friend and supporter of ex-Senator Dorsy, and A. H. Brown was once a clerk in the department in charge of the territorial routes by which the government has been robbed of many millions.

It appears, says the correspondent, to have been Brady's custom to keep a select circle of favorites informed as to his decisions in regard to temporary contracts so that they could put in their proposals without delay. These proposals were at once accepted without question and without competition. No opportunity was given to local state men or others to compete for the work, which was usually given to a favorite for one year at a price which was three times as much as the work was worth. The favorites sold the contract to the best bidder pocketed or divided the difference. When these favors became possession of a little real money they could very easily get temporary contracts on three or four, or a half a dozen routes in a bunch at their own figures. It is known that a woman worked twelve such contracts in a day.

The route bill passed in 1879 established about 2,000 routes. Brady put temporary service very soon afterwards upon 1,000 of them. At the investigation of 1880 presented a statement of the temporary service put on from July 1, 1879, to October 1, 1879. Most of the jobs were given to the favorites, who did not appear in this statement but were bestowed at a later date, for the sum of \$178,460, representing the total annual pay of the temporary contractors.

In Texas \$163,420 was given to Armstrong, Brown, Duxbury, Colgrove, Harbach and Kern. Colgrove was a friend of ex-Chief French, Harbach is agent of the Louisiana Lottery Company and a friend of Congressman Lorey, and Kern is head of the Kern's Combination of St. Louis.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The employing bureau say that so far as they are concerned the strike is over. They have all the men they want and have lost very few customers.

Jerome Park Races

JEROME PARK, June 14.—Half mile for 2 year olds—Gerald won; Olive second, Time, 30 1/2.

Three year olds, mile and a quarter—Catoction won; Sir Hugh second. Time, 2:15.

Three-quarter mile dash—Greenland won; Edith second. Time, 1:20.

Handicap sweepstakes, 14 miles—Granada won; Green second. Time, 3:21.

Mile and one-third—Edelweiss won; Vagrant second. Time, 2:01.

Respond to be converted

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Forty thousand coupon files were received to-day for conversion into 35 per cent.

The Freeman's Bank

An unpaid Freeman's bank dividend of 60 per cent will be returned in full to the depositors as soon as the bank property is sold.

Race at East Saginaw

EAST SAGINAW, June 15.—500 Grandy won the 2:50 race. Time, 2:26, 2:25, 36 1/2. In the 2:27 class, Helen won. Time 2:26 1/2, 2:24 1/2, 2:24 1/2.

Another Railway scheme affecting Oregon

NEW YORK, June 14.—The Times says: It was reported on Wall street several days ago, that the Union Pacific Railway Company had decided to build a branch line of road 550 miles long from a point between Sidney and Cheyenne to connect with the lines of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company at Baker City, Oregon, and that to raise the necessary funds they proposed to issue to each holder of 100 shares of Union Pacific stock \$2,000 in first mortgage bonds of the new road at par, but without guarantee, and to give as a bonus to the holders of stock in the new company. Officers of the Union Pacific have, however, persistently denied the truth of the story. Yesterday, it was announced privately to stockholders that the rights above detailed would accrue only to stockholders of record Saturday last, and numerous protests were sent in against closing the books in such an arbitrary manner without notice.

PACIFIC COAST.

Butcher, Mrs. Watson and More Like Them; MILK ALL.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—The ministerial union some time ago appointed a committee

ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH

THE CHINAMAN AT CHEYENNE

has been sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of the Chinaman, Abdul Aziz, has been drawn up. Troquois, Lorillard's American horse, on the 14th, won the Prince of Wales' stakes at Ascot.

Postmaster-General James will save \$1,500,000 for the government this fiscal year by star route saving.

A tornado visited Missouri, Iowa and Kansas on the 14th, being especially destructive to life and property in Missouri.

The Mexican government will project the building of the Brannan road through Sonora with 10,000 troops if necessary.

The new lark C. Southard Hulbert, 4,679 tons, has just sailed from New York to Portland with a cargo of railroad iron.

Clark Adams has conceded high legal authority which he claims advises of the right of Cannon to a seat in the house.

A suit has grown out of the division of the spoils in the profits of the Boss Shepard real estate pool in Washington. Interesting developments looked for.

The Sportsman says: Americans have a great deal to be proud of in securing both the Derby and Grand Prix, but nobody will begrudge them their success.

A telegram states that a hundred persons were killed and six injured by an earthquake which recently devastated a number of villages in the province of Van, Armenia.

Two schooners were crushed at Port Townsend by the falling of a warehouse and wharf full of goods on the 14th. Nobody hurt, and most of the goods saved.

Keen's American horse, Foxhall, won the Longchamp race for the grand Prix de Paris, on the 11th, and the 12th Archer, the celebrated jockey, rode Tristan.

A wrecking steamer lying alongside the wreck at Cape Henry exploded on the 12th, killing fireman Frank and terribly scalding James Turner and Sam Ward.

During the eclipse of the moon at Danville, June 12, John Taylor, a negro who had grossly assaulted a white woman, was taken from the Greensboro jail and hanged.

Sixteen hundred striking brewers marched on the 13th in New York. Beer is coming from outside cities. The strikers say that all this beer is manufactured by union men.

The man that was found in the river at Shell Rock, Upper Columbia river, on Thursday last, still remains tied in the river at that place, although the proper authorities were notified immediately.

Martin Fleischer, whose wife, an actress at the German theatre, recently applied for a divorce, drowned herself in San Francisco by jumping from the Oakland ferry boat.

Work on the new Duluth and Winnipeg railroad will begin in a week. Boston capitalists have subscribed \$5,000,000 to build it. The country through which it will run is very rich.

It is said that the pope is very painfully impressed by the conduct of the Catholic clergy in Ireland, and has ordered a letter written to Irish bishops, drawing their special attention thereto.

Gen. Grant, Mrs. Grant, Miss Sharp and Col. Fred Grant left St. Louis on the 11th for Chicago, where they will probably spend several days and then go to Galena. Mrs. Grant is still quite feeble.

Troops have gone to Millstreet, county Cork where many thousand people are expected to assemble for the purpose of obstructing the execution of writs. The troops are ordered to stop the meeting at any cost.

Conkling said to a friend that the question of his re-election will soon be decided, because developments which are to come in the bribery case will either cause the half-breeds to vote with the stalwarts or seek adjournment.

Twenty-five vigilantes took from the jail in Little Rock, Arkansas, and hung Col. Emery, wife murderer, sentenced to 21 years. He was shot in the head and probably was dead when hung. This is the third attempt to lynch him.

"Billy the Kid," the famous desperado, has killed three herders of Cheshire and sent word to the sheriff at Santa Fe that he was getting even. Patrick Garrett, sheriff of Lincoln county, has been on the "Kid's" trail since April 27th.

Thurman's friends say that it is nonsense to think of his running for governor. He is in Europe, and would not have the nomination. The Democrats do not expect to elect a governor, but will try for the legislature to redistrict for Congressmen.

The suit of Walsh vs Brown, entered on the 12th in the circuit of the district, is regarded by those familiar with the Star route frauds as the beginning of the end. It is said that Walsh has supplied the Government with much damaging evidence against the ring.

John H. Webster, lottery public and searcher of records, was found drowned at Stockton, Cal., on the 11th. He had been drinking heavily, and whether death was the result of an accident or suicide is unknown. He was a pioneer citizen of Stephenson's regiment.

It is estimated that the postal revenues of the year ending July 1st will be \$39,579,000; congressional appropriation, \$40,955,000. Reductions in expenditure of star service since the 4th of March are almost exactly \$1,000,000 per annum. This includes \$200,000 cut off during the past week.

Another nihilist proclamation has been issued from the office of the nihilist journal Will of the People, called "Trial and Torture," and declaring that the assassins of the late czar were tortured before execution, Roussakoff having informed the crowd to that effect while on his way to the scaffold.

While on midnight on the 13th, in Chicago, while a heavy storm was raging, officer Timothy Mahoney, one of the bravest and oldest policemen on the force, while attempting to arrest two drunken thugs, who had just burglarized a house at the stock yards, was shot three times and died within a few minutes. The burglars then escaped.

The revival inaugurated under the auspices of the boy preacher evangelist, Rev. Thomas Harrison, eleven weeks ago at Indianapolis, has been spreading until some 2,000 conversions have resulted, and several thousand more have risen for prayer and been at the altar. It is believed that the work is only begun. Sixteen churches are now open for revival work.

The directors of the Maritime association have adopted a resolution respectfully urging upon President Garfield, Secretary Windom and Collector Robertson, that the principles of civil service reform be especially observed in the custom house, and efficient employees retained, and ability and experience be the sole test governing new appointments.

It is stated that Andrew Cummins, liberal and home rule member of parliament, will defend McKevitt, McGrath and Roberts on their trial for attempting to blow up the Liverpool town hall. The authorities of the Portsmouth naval station are taking precautions to prevent the introduction of explosives among coals on iron clads.

TERRITORIAL.

Elegant crops are promised from the Ohehals river section.

Villard has bought the Puyallup coal mines according to the Olympia Courier.

The Idaho Democrat says Boise City and valley are receiving large accessions to their population.

Saloons and horse-thieves are the only flourishing institutions in the Wood River mines just now.

The Oregon Improvement Co. has received applications for 3,000 acres of land on the line of the N. P. railroad.

King county's debt April 30, 1881, was over \$26,000, and increase of over \$11,000 in one year, which does not speak very encouragingly for taxpayers of that county.

It took pack trains 17 days to go from Lewiston to Warrens, which at this time of the year is considered excellent time. The first supplies reached Warrens on the 29th ult.

H. P. Isaac, Esq., received yesterday morning says the Walla Walla Journal, a lot of carp from Sonoma, Cal. They were in an excellent condition and will be placed in the reservoir of the North Pacific mills.

The large dam on Sullivan Slough, near Pleasant Ridge, has been completed.