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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FROM VARIOUS POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

Democrats Everywhere for Cleveland—Republicans Nearly All for Blaine—Prospect of Increase in Columbia River Appropriation—Decision Against Henry George—Villard Again—A Grist of Portland News—A Yamhill Farmer Injured—Other Eastern and Coast News.

PORTLAND NOTIS.

A Divorce Case After Many Years of Married Life—A Dissipated Doctor's Troubles.

PORTLAND, May 17.—Suit was commenced today in Judge Stearn's court by Stephen Berni, a German, aged about fifty-five years, against Margaretta Berni, his wife, aged about fifty. The complaint charges defendant with cruel treatment, endeavoring to estrange his children from him, calling him hard names, and making his life a burden in various ways. Mrs. Berni denies all these allegations, sets up counter charges, and asks for divorce on the grounds of inhuman treatment, failure to provide, squandering their property and using abusive and obscene language to her in presence of the children. Four children of the parties to the suit were in court—three girls, aged twelve, seventeen and nineteen, and one son, aged 25. These children are all very nice-looking and intelligent. Their testimony corroborates the charges made by defendant, the two older girls testifying that they had seen their father strike Mrs. Berni in the face; that they had worked out and paid their earnings over to their mother for the support of the family. The son testified that he had worked for wages and paid them to his mother. The case is still on trial.

In the police court, Chapman, a well-known character of the gambling dens, was up on a charge of vagrancy. The case was continued.

Dr. Odeal, who was charged by one Dragner with having robbed him of eight dollars some ten days ago, was tried and held in fifty dollar bonds to appear before the grand jury. Dragner stated that he met Odeal and had a few drips with him, when Odeal stated he had no place to sleep, and Dragner took him to his room, where they passed the night together. In the morning Dragner missed eight dollars, and had Odeal arrested. The officer who made the arrest testified to having seen five or six dollars the night after Dragner was robbed. Odeal said he had money, but that one McGraw, his friend, had paid him \$15. McGraw testified that he gave defendant \$15. Mr. McGraw stated to your correspondent that Odeal had been quite a prominent physician in the East, and was a gentleman, but that drink had driven him crazy. He was well satisfied that Odeal did not steal any money. Odeal came here from Spokane, and formerly practiced medicine in Illinois and Dakota. Fred Hendley, from Echo, is at the Gilman.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The River and Harbor Bill—Probable Increase of Columbia River Appropriations by the Senate—The Dallas-Celilo Estimate and Survey Bill Passed—A Letter from Cleveland to Brazil.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Senate committee on commerce is holding daily sessions to consider the River and Harbor bill. Dolph thinks it will be reported the first of next week. The bill as reported to the Senate will contain the following increase of appropriation: For the month of the Columbia, an increase of from \$375,000 to \$500,000; the Lower Columbia and Willamette below and in front of Portland, \$100,000; the Cascades of the Columbia, from \$175,000 to \$300,000.

The Senate bill appropriating \$500,000 for making final surveys and estimates for the final construction of a boat railway around the obstructions in the Columbia river between The Dalles and Celilo passed the Senate yesterday.

President Cleveland sent yesterday a letter of congratulation to the Brazilian government on the abolition of slavery in that country, in which he expressed the hope that the extension of freedom would result in increased happiness and prosperity to the people of that country.

AN OUTRAGEOUS DECISION.

A Bequest to Henry George Declared Void Because George's Ideas do not Suit the Immaculate Court.

TRENTON, N. J., May 17.—Chancellor Bird yesterday decided the case of the Hutchins heirs against the Henry George clause in Hutchins' will, by which he left Henry George a bequest for the purpose of aiding him in the circulation of his peculiar ideas and theories among the people. This clause was declared void, as being neither a charitable, benevolent nor educational bequest. The court said that George advocated practices with respect to real estate detrimental to the laws of the land, and the judge said he could not sanction the spreading of such sentiments.

A FARMER BADLY INJURED.

Thrown from his Wagon Upon Rocks, he is Dangerously Cut and Bruised. McMENNVILLE, Ore., May 17.—Frank Stout, a prominent farmer living near Carlton, in Yamhill county, fell from a load of hay to-day, receiving serious injuries about the scalp, face, and spine, by striking upon rocks. He received an ugly gash across the chin, part of his

nose is cut off, and the scalp is split back from each corner of the forehead to the crown of the head, the skin dropping down over the face. Stout weighs 270 pounds, and had he not struck the brake-rope in his fall, would undoubtedly have been killed. Dr. Galtreath sewed up the wounds, which he says will not necessarily prove fatal, but he cannot tell yet to what extent the spine is injured.

NEW YORK REPUBLICANS.

Oppose Reduction of Taxation and Boom Depew.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 17.—Delegates to the Republican State Convention which met here yesterday, are nearly all decked out in badges bearing the name of Chauncey M. Depew, and handsome lithographs of Depew are being distributed by the armful. Depew was elected one of the delegates to the Chicago Convention, but is non-committal as to his choice for President. The platform opposes the Mills tariff bill, and urges the defeat of every device intended to place upon the statute books the free trade theories of Cleveland's message.

MILLER AND DRIVER.

A Prohibition Speaker and a Methodist Preacher Try to Tell What They Don't Know.

PORTLAND, May 17.—Miller, the Prohibition candidate for Congress, and Rev. I. D. Driver, had a joint discussion at the court house last evening. About 200 people were present. Miller is no match for Driver, and the sentiment is strongly in favor of the latter's superiority. Miller looked hungry, and his mind seemed to be running on a square meal, as he mentioned the Democracy going hungry for twenty-four years.

VILLARD AGAIN.

He is to Become President of the Oregon Transcontinental.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The statement is made here that Henry Villard is to be elected president of the Oregon Transcontinental Company. The World says: Sidney Dillon, the present president, will retire, but will be retained in the Board of Directors in Villard's interest, as will also W. L. Ball. Who the new directors will be cannot be ascertained.

Accident to a Train.

LEADVILLE, Col., May 17.—While an express train was rounding a curve near here this morning, it left the track, and the express and baggage car were dashed to pieces on the rocks. The smoking car was also demolished. A number of people were injured, but no one was killed.

Markets Recovering.

PORTLAND, May 17, 2 p. m.—Advices from Chicago up to noon say that options, except May, have recovered a little of what they lost the last few days. While the feeling is better in Portland no practical effect is visible yet, as not enough offerings have been made yet to test the market. Spot quotations are unchanged.

A Tariff Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Morrill has appointed the following sub-committee of the Senate committee on finance, to consider tariff and revenue subjects: Allison, Aldrich, Hiseock, Beck and Harris.

Kentucky for Cleveland.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 17.—The Democratic convention held yesterday, adopted an outspoken tariff-reform platform, and are solid for Cleveland. The Ohio Delegates are solid for Cleveland.

New York Delegates for Blaine.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—The Times claims to have secured knowledge of the political preferences of the delegates from New York to the Republican National Convention, and says that Blaine is the man.

The Flood.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—There is no abatement of the Mississippi flood, and the situation is becoming more serious hourly.

Ingersoll for Gresham.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—R. G. Ingersoll, in an interview to-day, came out flat-footed in favor of Gresham for President.

Tennessee for Blaine.

NASHVILLE, May 17.—Delegates from Tennessee to the Chicago convention are instructed for Blaine.

Virginia Democrats.

NORFOLK, Va., May 17.—The Convention of Virginia Democrats endorse Cleveland.

DEATH OF COWL.

Undoubtedly Murdered for his Money—The Mystery yet Unsolved—The Singular Notes of an Unknown Party—Joe McCoy in the Role of a Lawyer.

From the Milton Eagle. It will be remembered that some time ago the Eagle gave the news of the mysterious death of W. A. Cowl, who left Milton in December for New Orleans. The family of the deceased have been unable to ascertain any further particulars of his death than those given in the Eagle, and when Joe H. McCoy departed for his eastern trip last month they delegated to him the work of solving the mystery. In the New Orleans Times-Democrat of April 29th is given an account of the circumstances attending the death of Cowl and an interview with Mr. McCoy, who is erroneously stated to be a lawyer from Walla Walla. The article reads as follows:

About twenty-five years ago a man named W. A. Cowl arrived in Walla Walla, Washington Territory, accompanied by his wife. He had in his possession \$10,000 in cash, a portion of which

he invested in farm land, becoming a rancher and at the same time establishing a country store. He soon succeeded in accumulating money, but was such a perverse, eccentric kind of a man that very little was ever found out about him further than that he was a native of New York, and had moved West because it suited him to do so.

Business prospered with him, and as he grew wealthy from the products of his ranch, and the profits of his store, he speculated in various ways. He had no confidence in banks, so always kept his money about his house or carried it about his person.

At irregular periods he would suddenly pack his trunk and gripsack and take a trip into some of the States in the South and Southwest; "going East," they call it out there, so all that would be known about his jaunt either by his wife, son or neighbors would be that he had "gone East."

These flying visits, however, were made for a purpose. As subsequent events proved, for he had the habit of buying property in the different States that he went to. About two years ago he came to New Orleans, and taking a trip over the lake bought a place at Gulf View, near Bay St. Louis, for \$2,000. This, he said, as he was growing old, being upward of seventy years old, was to be his winter residence; but this intention he never carried out.

On December 12th last he told his son that he intended taking a run East to New Orleans and Bay St. Louis. The boy, as usual on such occasions, packed his trunk and valise, and saw his father on the train for Frisco. Cowl remained two days in San Francisco, then took the Southern Pacific for New Orleans. He had between \$7,000 to \$10,000 in cash on his person, a trunk full of fine clothes, and a valise with smaller articles put up for his convenience.

On December 26 he came to the rooming house at No. 17, Baronne street, where he engaged lodgings. He had then NO BAGGAGE WHATSOEVER, and nothing besides the clothes he wore, a part of which was a heavy overcoat.

He was a large man of muscular and commanding presence, and assured the landlady that he had sufficient means to pay his way. A very few days sufficed to show the people of the house that they had a very positive, gruff and peculiar customer. He resented all proffers of kindness, refused attention and allowed no friendly advances. The landlady also soon discovered that he was an extremely sick man, and considering his age likely to die on her hands. Knowing nothing about him, she decided to have him go to the Charity Hospital. On January 4th he was taken to the hospital where the physicians and Sister Agnes did all that was possible for him, but on the evening of January 5th, at 3 o'clock, he died. There was found sewed up in the leg of his drawers \$210. A part of this money was used to give him a decent burial and the balance retained by Sister Agnes. There was also found on him a memorandum from the Southern Pacific agent at Rosenberg Junction, Tex., to Frank Borgo, general baggage agent of the road, stating that Cowl had left a valise, a pair of boots and a bundle at that point, and to deliver same to him on presentation of order. The order, of course, had never been used.

Now comes the chapter of the story that ENVELOPES IT ALL IN MYSTERY. On the 27th of January his family received a package, addressed in Cowl's own handwriting, that contained a lot of deeds to property scattered about the country, some other papers and the following note, written on a piece of paper that had evidently had the letter head torn off. The note was crumpled and thrown in among the other papers and read thus:

"New Orleans, La., 1/4 (meaning Jan. 4). "Mr. Cowl died at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La. These papers he entrusted to me before he left the hotel to send to this address. The one marked on package—. They took a large sum of money from him, he said, but he could not remember who got it. I also ship a trunk by freight, which he said was almost worthless. E. A. HAMILTON."

"P. S.—I hope you may find all papers of importance."

The handwriting of this note was plain, like that of a clerk, but the construction as to capitals and form of sentences was such as to arouse suspicion that it was the work of

LABOR AND INTENTION to put up the letter in that style. A few days after the receipt of this mysterious missive his folks received through the postoffice a ring of keys, but the trunk never came to hand. Fearing that all was not right, his family communicated with a Mr. Byrnes of Bay St. Louis, who came to the city but failed to make any discoveries. Then they commissioned J. H. McCoy, a lawyer of Walla Walla, to proceed to New Orleans and take such measures as would unravel the matter.

Immediately upon his arrival he waited upon Capt. Leonard Malone, chief of detectives, and laid the entire history of the case before him. Capt. Malone placed Pecora and Gaster in possession of the things at hand and started them out to investigate. Mr. McCoy remained here until yesterday evening, and was accidentally run across by the reporter, and from him the story was obtained.

The detectives first found the difference existing in the date of the letter—January 4, just ten—that he had died, when he had not until the afternoon of the following day. He had never been at a hotel. He had never had any papers at the house, nor had anyone been there to see him. His trunk, instead of being worth-

less, was known to have been a most valuable one. Then there was the peculiar fact that the package containing the curious note was addressed in the handwriting of the deceased.

Having unraveled this much the detectives learned that his trunk had been checked through to this city, but had NEVER REACHED ITS DESTINATION.

Much less had it been reshipped from this point to Walla Walla or any other place.

Then they began to search for Hamilton, but no such personage could be found. He has not turned up yet, and probably will not of his own free will and accord.

The theory of the detectives, as explained to Mr. McCoy, is that the old gentleman had been trailed by a parcel of confidence men who, by some means, ingratiated themselves into his good favor, succeeded in getting him to miss a train at Rosenberg Junction, and then managed to rob him. His eccentric nature caused him to remain silent, but the thieves, fearing detection or exposure, had one of the party keep on his track with his address, written by himself, in his possession to use when required, and see what became of him. Perhaps they doctored him too, and when he went to the hospital "Hamilton" jumped at the conclusion that he was dead and forwarded the package. Mr. McCoy left the matter with Pecora and Gaster to develop if possible.

As the case appears now it is

A MYSTERIOUS CASE, and should be thoroughly investigated not only by the local force, but by the police of Texas, especially the citizens of Rosenberg Junction and the detectives of the Southern Pacific. The case presents evidences of robbery and perhaps a darker crime, as the old man grew rapidly worse day after day, until death gave him final release.

Mr. McCoy before leaving presented his power of attorney to Sister Agnes, who thereupon delivered to him the amount of money remaining in her hands. It is the intention of the family to have the body disinterred and removed to Walla Walla.

CAMPBELL AND TWEEDY.

NYE, OREGON, May 15, 1887.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian. In your issue of May 8th C. H. Campbell brings serious charges against T. J. Tweedy, our present stock inspector—that is they would be serious charges if true; but they are false, as most of your numerous readers are aware. How Mr. Campbell could perpetrate such a monstrous piece of audacity, as to assert over his own name that two-thirds of the sheep in Umatilla county are affected with scab, I am unable to understand. My business recently has brought me among some of the largest sheep owners of the county, and I am aware of only one hand affected with the disease.

The good condition of Mr. Tweedy's own sheep, and his experience in Oregon and California with sheep are sufficient guarantee of his competency as an inspector. The idea of a man of Campbell's capacity criticising and giving instructions to an inspector of stock, and dictating to the Democrats whom they shall have to act in that capacity, is sufficient to draw an audible smile from a mule.

The idea of Mr. Tweedy's loafing and being in collusion with office-wanters is news to his neighbors, nor is it a lack of discernment on their part that they did not learn of it. When Campbell was learning the powers of the "Blarney stone" in Ireland, Tweedy was a stock-raiser on the Pacific Coast.

Your intelligent readers will see at once that Mr. Campbell's real object is not a fear that the scab has increased, or will increase, nor yet that some one is incompetent, but that Judge Lucy has the appointing power.

We here who are Tweedy's neighbors know that the county court was petitioned by many of the leading sheepmen of the county to appoint Tweedy. How then can Campbell blame Lucy? In conclusion, I will say that I consider it an indirect attack on Lucy, through Tweedy, and that both men are worthy of the offices they enjoy, and that they pay strict attention to their own business, which is more than can be said of some other people. J. McBrook.

CASH PATENTS AT THE LAND OFFICE.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 16, 1888.

To the Editor of the East Oregonian. The following "Cash" Patents have been received at this office and will be delivered to claimants or their agents upon delivery of the Receiver's duplicate receipt of corresponding number, viz:

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Claimants may advise us of their post-office address and enclose their duplicate receipt by mail and we will forward the Patent, by mail, to their address. HENRY RUSSELL, Register.