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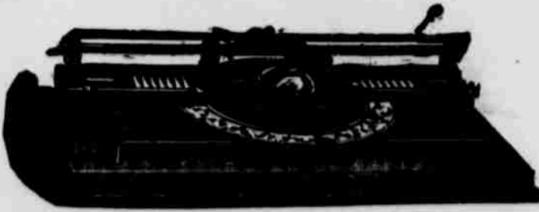
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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

A FORTUNATE DEATH

H. D. Merwin, an old Resident of Union County, Who Had Become Violently Insane Through Family Trouble, Succeeds in Killing Himself.

LA GRANDE, OR., May 28.—H. D. Merwin, an old resident of Union county, who has been showing signs of insanity for some time, was taken in charge yesterday, having become unmanageable. On the way to the court house he attempted to commit suicide, by throwing himself from and under the cars. After he reached Union he twice attempted suicide by shooting himself, but was prevented. Although handcuffed, he managed somehow to get hold of a handkerchief, which he tied around his neck and a bedpost, and then threw himself so as to break his neck, killing himself instantly. Mr. Merwin was an early pioneer of this county, and was well known and well liked by all. The insanity is a result of family trouble, his wife having left and refused to live with him.

THE END VERY NEAR.

Gen. Sheridan Becoming Weaker, and Sinking Rapidly, Though Conscious—Ready to Die.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Gen. Sheridan's condition is much worse than last night. He appears to be gradually sinking, and all hope has been abandoned. His strength is gradually failing. About 6 o'clock he desired to be lifted up higher. Two attendants, assisted by Mrs. Sheridan, endeavored to raise him up, but he was so heavy they had difficulty. The general, noticing this, said, jokingly, "I am pretty heavy, but I haven't got any paralysis," referring to a newspaper statement giving that as his malady. The edema of the lower limbs is a dropsical swelling, due to imperfect circulation of the blood. Gen. Sheridan fully realizes that his end may come in a moment's time, and has made all necessary arrangements which he desired perfected prior to his demise.

MASS MEETING OF CATHOLICS.

They Propose to Assert that They can Attend to Their Own Affairs, Without the Aid of Papal Rescripts.

CHICAGO, May 28.—At a meeting of 200 delegates of the Irish Catholic society, gathered to make arrangements for an annual reunion and outing, a motion of importance was offered relating to a mass meeting of Irish Catholics to be held on Thursday next. The object of the mass meeting is the consideration of the papal rescript. The motion, which carried without a dissenting voice, was to the effect that it be the sense of all Irish Catholics that they could manage their own political affairs, and that all Irish in societies could attend a mass meeting to lead their voice in this belief.

HANCOCK MEMORIAL SPEECH.

Interference and Slanders of Politicians Denounced.

MOORESTOWN, PA., May 28.—Memorial services were held over the tomb of General Hancock in Montgomery cemetery yesterday. Maxwell Stephenson was the orator, and delivered a speech in which he denounced the interference of the Grand Army posts with politics, and rebuked political leaders who would assail the renown of departed defenders of the Union. The speaker was frequently applauded while making such references. Five thousand people were in attendance.

PERHAPS A TRICK.

The Body of Tascott, the Chicago Murderer, Reported Found Drowned.

MILWAUKEE, May 28.—The body of a young man, shot in the abdomen, was found in the lake last Tuesday. A reporter of the Herald has found that the body bears the description of Tascott, as given by the chief of police of Chicago. Yesterday a fisherman at Waukegan found a bottle containing information that Tascott contemplated suicide, and that the body would be found in Milwaukee bay.

A HORSE THIEF KILLED.

A Horse-herder Makes a Good Indian in Montana.

HELENA, MONT., May 28.—Several bands of horse-stealing Indians have been operating in the vicinity of Marias and Teton rivers. They have already got away with considerable stock. Three days ago an attempt was made to run off horses belonging to McDavitt at Fort Conrad. Shots were exchanged with the herd herder, which resulted in the sudden death of one of the Indian raiders. They proved to be bloods from across the line.

MCGLYNN ON THE POPE.

He Administers a Rebuke to Both the Pope and the Irish.

NEW YORK, May 28.—Dr. McGlynn in his speech last night said that while the Irish fools are sending from 30,000 to 40,000 pounds per annum to the Pope, he sends them in return his blessing. Is it not strange that while money is being collected in New South Wales and other places for Ireland, she sends this much to the Pope? He said the Pope resembled that individual who took the Savior up into a mountain.

Sheridan's Condition.

WASHINGTON, May 28, 2 p. m.—Sheridan's death is momentarily expected.

Solid for Grover.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—The California delegates to the National Convention left here this morning for St. Louis. They went in a special car, which bore this inscription: "California Delegation, Solid for Grover Cleveland."

PROTECTION OR OPPRESSION?

To the Editor of the East Oregonian.

The types made up in a former article that there are as many factory people as there are agriculturists. That was wrong; there are eight millions of workers on the farms of the United States and only eight hundred thousands engaged in the manufacturing interests including all the branches connected with protected industries. The eight million tillers of the soil are not only unprotected but they are compelled to compete in the markets with the products of cheap labor when they sell, but to pay duty on what they buy. I have reduced my expenditures to the following items: I paid out in one year for family supplies, freight and commissions, \$498.37; and for protection \$251.62. According to these figures I worked two days for myself and one day for the protection of other men's interests. I would like to make this simple point of my argument plain. If I could buy in a free market as I am compelled to sell, one thousand bushels of wheat would bring the same amount, say \$500, that it brings now, and that money would buy goods that now cost \$750. Right there, brother farmers, is the difference between tariff and tariff reform. And where do the \$250 go? That is the money that buys the pianos, the organs, and the silk dresses in this country; and that is the money that forms the great surplus that lies in the swelling vaults at Washington and New York. Who pays that money? Ten dollars are paid by the farmers to one by those who are benefited by the tariff. Who wear the silk dresses? Not the farmer's wife and daughters. Who owns the pianos? Not the girl that does the daily choring.

PORTLAND LETTER.

From an occasional correspondent.

PORTLAND, May 25, 1888.

If half you hear on the streets about the Republican ring in the city be true, Portland can take the cake from Southern bull-dozing or New York city repeating at the polls.

The ring here in Portland runs the Republican party of Oregon and collect toll from the interior until they have become rich and begin to think they own the State. As I wrote you before, if the farmers and laboring men of the interior want to vote to sustain this ring who are only the tools of corporations, who make the farmer pay from 15 to 20 per cent. more than it ought to cost him to get his produce to market, who live in the city can stand it. The business men, both Republicans and Democrats, are too much engrossed in their own affairs in making money to take much interest in politics, but the time is coming when they will be compelled from necessity to take hold of the matter and break up this corrupt ring, as they did in San Francisco many years ago. This thing is fast coming to a focus, and the time is not far distant when you will see a people's party spring up, which will sweep this present ring out of existence. Business men will leave their stores, mechanics their shops, and go forth to the polls to put a stop to buying votes as you buy cattle. Corruption can go just so far with the American voter, and no further, and I think from present appearance it cannot go much further in Portland.

I understand that the U. S. Marshal says he is going to see that the election is conducted properly, if he has to appoint five hundred deputies, and I only hope such is the case.

The ring papers make a terrible do about John P. Irish coming here to canvass for the Democrats, while they have imported one from New York and another from California, who are stamping the State for the Republicans.

I am opposed to these political rings in any shape. They are always detrimental to the people. Although a Democrat, the writer was in the convention which nominated a people's ticket in San Francisco several years ago, which defeated a corrupt Democratic ring in that city and so demoralized them that they never recovered; and it created a better feeling, not only in the city, but throughout the State. And that is just what will be done in Portland before long, if it is not done at the approaching election. If you could only get the business men of this city to see this matter in its proper light these political sharks would be thrown overboard in June. It takes people who do not muddle in politics a long time to find out the workings of these political rings, but when they do once get aroused they very soon put a quietus on them. The leading Republican papers of California seem at present to have Oregon under their special care from the numerous quotations published in the ring papers of this city. At any other time they are inclined to speak disparagingly of Oregon. The writer is a correspondent of a California paper, and in one of my letters I portrayed to the best of my ability the great advantages Oregon possessed, and her undeveloped resources when fully developed would make her one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of the Union, but the California papers were careful to suppress that portion of my letter. These papers now have a point to gain and their tune is changed. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."

You can put it down in your note book that Gearin is going to be our next Congressman, and Thompson sheriff of this county. The Daily World is a bright, spicily paper and is doing good work in the cause of reform and exposing corruption. Democrats should, and I think will, give it a liberal support. W. B. S.

Sand-Baggers at Work.

From the Wallula Inland Empire.

Monday evening, shortly after the arrival of the nine o'clock passenger, an unknown man, who had been employed as a grader on the Eureka Flat road, was knocked down and some small change taken from him. He was under the influence of liquor at the time, and not seeing him since, we were unable to learn the amount of his loss. Constable Ellingsworth was notified and soon captured the two sand-baggers, but nothing was found to convict them. They were led to First street, and given ten minutes to get out of the city. Thinking it best for their scalps, they lost no time in getting over the ties towards Portland.

The Voters Know Him.

From the Baker City Democrat.

There is no opposition to W. M. Ramsey, for judge, in Malheur, Grant and Baker counties. The voters are a unit on his election. With W. M. Ramsey on the bench it will bring the people back to the feeling of security that characterized the judicial administration of Judge L. L. McArthur. Mr. Ramsey is an able lawyer, the equal of any practitioner in Oregon, and his record before the Supreme Court is a testimonial of his worth that any man could well be proud of.

DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM.

The Democracy of the State of Oregon, in convention assembled, declare its fealty to the great national organization of which it is a part, and asks the respectful attention of the people of the State to this, its statement of national politics.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse President Cleveland, who by his capability and fearless honesty, and fidelity to the trust reposed in him, has illustrated the principle that this is a government of, by and for the people, and pledged to guarantee equal rights to all and give special privileges to none.

Resolved, That we approve the present faithful and efficient Democratic State administration.

Resolved, That we most earnestly and unqualifiedly endorse the policy of tariff revision, and a reduction of the surplus revenue to the needs of the government, economically administered, as set forth in the President's last annual message to Congress. We believe that such a revision is dictated by sound policy, and that unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation and oppression, and that the public revenue should, as far as possible, be derived from taxes levied on the luxuries rather than upon the necessities of life.

Resolved, That we demand the forfeiture of unearned land grants, and that the public domain be held as a sacred trust for homes for our rapidly increasing population; and we commend and approve the President's message in regard to Oregon wagon road grants lately sent to Congress.

Resolved, That proper public policy looking to the future security of the country, requires that the government keep all its pledges to the soldiers of the Union in its various wars, and that the pension roll of the republic be jealously guarded as a roll of honor, without imposing upon the people burdens equal to the maintenance of a standing army, and exhausting the resources of the taxpayers, which may be needed for future defense.

Resolved, That as a free people, enjoying the blessings of liberty in a government of the people, we denounce the policy of the English government in its administration of Irish affairs, and that we extend, on behalf of the Democracy of Oregon, our earnest sympathy with Gladstone and Parnell in their efforts to secure home rule and land reforms for the people of Ireland.

Resolved, That we endorse the salutary policy of the national administration in restricting corporations to the privileges and profits to which they are strictly entitled under the law.

Resolved, That we are in hearty accord and sympathy with the efforts of the laboring masses and wage-earners to ameliorate their condition and establish their rights, and are in favor of the enactment of such laws as will best protect their interests, and of legislation which will totally exclude all Mongolian immigration.

Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of the United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the present railway commission law of Oregon, conferring upon the board of railroad commissioners power to fix and negotiate the rates for transportation of freights on railroads within the State of Oregon.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the opening and improvement of the Columbia river and various ports of entry on the seaboard, so that the commerce of the country may be carried without interruption to the markets of the world; and for that purpose we demand of the general government liberal appropriations, and ask a speedy enactment of the pending river and harbor bill now pending before Congress.

Resolved, That we demand of the general government the speedy completion of the locks at the Cascades, and the immediate construction of locks at The Dalles, on the Columbia river, and sufficient appropriations therefor; and that we favor the State, as far as in its power, making such improvements at or around these points as will, until the completion of the locks, accommodate the commerce of the country.

A Humorist's View of Humor.

Bill Nye in New York World.

Humor is a luxury and yet it is a necessity. Everybody is permitted to use his own taste and discretion in selecting his style of humor, but you can rest assured that he is going to have it in some form or other. Humor, like religion, needs purification, and all is not humor that calls itself so; but whether it be in music, in art, in literature, on the stage or in the pulpit, it is doing more in a good-natured way towards dispelling the features of error and fraud than many more pretentious agencies. In the first place, it has a bigger audience. In the second place, it has a good-natured audience. In the third place, you can laugh a stubborn man out of a folly when you cannot knock it out of him. You can ridicule him out of it. You can ridicule him out of it when you cannot preach him out of it or pray him out of it. Therefore, let a purified and exalted humor keep the sinner good-natured while it makes folly appear foolish and paves the way for what is more profound.

Easy Enough To Be Worth Trying.

From the British Medical Journal.

Exercise before partaking of a meal stimulates the circulation of the blood and facilitates the flow of blood through the vessels. A glass of water washes out the mucous, partially distends the stomach, and prepares the alimentary canal for the morning meal. Observation has shown that non-irritating liquids pass directly through the tubular stomach, and even if food be present they only mix to a slight extent. According to Dr. Leuf, who has made this subject a special study, cold water should be given to those who have sufficient vitality to react, and hot to the others. In chronic gastric catarrh, it is extremely beneficial to drink warm or hot water before meals, and salt is said in most cases to add to the good effect produced.

Seats have been assigned reporters of the great dailies in the St. Louis Convention.

A STORM MOVES 36 MILES PER HOUR.

A new gasometer in the gas works at Hochelaga, Canada, exploded Saturday, killing seven persons. The explosion was caused by a fire incautiously approaching a tank with a lamp while endeavoring to locate it. The damage to property is estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000.

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