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CLEVELAND AND HAWAII.

President Cleveland thinks it is one of the strangest things of these strange times that his opinion on the Hawaiian question should be misunderstood.

Mr. Cleveland says he is opposed to annexation as a perversion of our national mission, which is to "build up and make a greater country of what we already have."

ONE MORE WHY.

MR. EDITOR: In a recent issue of your paper there were a few "Whys" published and from "appearances" they had the effect of arousing some slumbering souls.

OBSELYER.

THE IMMIGRANT bill has passed. It provides that all immigrants "physically able and over 16 years of age, shall be able to read or write the English language or some other language; but a person not able to read or write, who is over 50 years of age, and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age, capable of supporting such parent or grandparent, may accompany the immigrant, or the parent or grand parent may be sent for, and come to join the family of the child, or grandchild over 21 years of age who is qualified under the law, and the wife or minor child not able to read or write, may accompany or be sent for and come and join the husband or parent who is qualified.

Too much attention cannot be paid to the subject of horticulture in Oregon. The immense loss to our state during the past season, which has been estimated at \$150,000,000, has, to a great extent, been attributable to two enemies: The fruit pest and the commission and shipping pest.

COLONEL R. A. Miller, who recently let go hold on the Oregon City land office by virtue of the will of President McKinley, is being talked of for governor of the great state of Oregon.

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THE YEAR'S SHOWING.

Admirable Illustration of the Benefits of the American Policy.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

The year just closed is an admirable illustration of the benefits resulting from a wisely framed protective tariff. The first half was dull and profitless, and there was a growing cry that the republican party had failed to keep its promises of good times; but during the latter half business was larger than ever before in the nation's history.

But apparently the zenith has not yet been reached. Shrewd observers predict a still larger trade in 1898. All indications point in that direction. Dealers in many lines say that stocks in jobbing and retail hands are small and buyers are even now nibbling at the markets in a way that presages activity after the new year gets well going.

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THE COST OF A TREE.

A. W. Winchester, of West Virginia, a bright lumber dealer, in a recent speech before the Western Lumber Dealers' Association, discussing the cost of a tree, he said: "I don't know anything about the pine that you are cutting in Minnesota, but I suppose the popular in Virginia averages 400 feet to a log, and 400 years in age, or 300 at least. Begin with the original tree, and call it worth one cent, then add the taxes and the insurance and simple interest, say ten per cent in all, doubling every ten years, and it would just paralyze you if you stopped to figure it. It will make the tree worth five or six or eight or ten hundred thousand dollars. Still, what are you getting for the popular tree? There is no use going into details, but I want you to look at it. I don't believe much in this forestry idea. I am glad Mr. Vanderbilt is carrying on that experiment at Biltmore, North Carolina. It is interesting and instructive, and it is much better for the American nation than to put that money in a steam yacht, but I do not believe it has a bit more connection with practical lumbering than has the grass on your lawn with the big broad meadows of the west. How is Vanderbilt going to plant a tree for a cent, and keep it for 400 or 500 years?"

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MOODY ON SUNDAY LABOR

There are Certain Things That Must be Done on the Lord's Day.

SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

"There are one or two principles which apply directly to the frequent difficulties which meet the Christian young man," writes Dwight L. Moody of "Young Man's Religious Life" in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "In Sunday labor there is a certain amount of work that must be done on Sunday, both for the needs and health of a community. But in necessary work it should be dispatched as quickly as possible, and not be used as an excuse for unnecessary work."

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GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a WEST CORRESPONDENT.

Gleaned from the regular correspondence. [Ed.] Tom Kentler is the father of a boy. Ernest Rowe has finished his barn. Forest Whisman is living with William Taylor. Mrs. Seth Simmons has been ill for several weeks. Joe Whisman is selling off his personal property. Mr. Morseman talks of buying the Joe Whisman place. Herman Steinhauer is working on the snag boat on the Willamette. A big drove of cattle was taken out over the low pass road last week. Bob and Norman Eggleham are going to Idaho. Roy Eggleham is home again. A strange disease is reported among the goats here. Quite a number have died of it.

THEY FOUND THE GROOM.

About ten o'clock Monday evening the citizens of Florence were startled by the screeching of a mill whistle at Acme with which was soon mingled the sound of bells and reports of firearms. At first it was thought to be an alarm of fire but later it was ascertained that some of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montgomery had met and after collecting all the cow-bells, old tin pans, guns, powder and other explosives in the vicinity, with the help of the Indians surrounded the residence of Mrs. Tripp and proceeded to wake up the neighborhood or in other words to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery. When the din had been kept up for some time the bride made her appearance and informed the party that the groom was not in and that she has been left in care of her mother while Mr. Montgomery went to the ranch. The party then proceeded to the ranch where Mr. Montgomery was roused up and promised them a treat.

It is probable that he had been present at Acme with his bride he would not have enjoyed the music of the charivari as no one else in the neighborhood did. Be that as it may we congratulate him on the event of his wedding and also surviving that bugbear of newly married couples, a charivari.

LATER. Frank Montgomery met the charivari party Tuesday evening and treated them handsomely. CURE YOUR BOWELS WITH CASCARETS. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., Jan. 24, 1898.

There is an air of expectancy around the capitol and among visitors to the white house—official visitors. Cuban matters came dangerously near to reaching a crisis last week, through action of the house on the belligerency resolution. It required all the power of the administration and of Speaker Reed to keep the republicans in line, and if Chairman Hitt, of the house foreign committee, had not made his speech in which he virtually stated that the administration stood ready to respond with armed vessels whenever Consul General Lee pressed the button, they might not have succeeded. The nerves of congress are on edge, so to speak. The attendance is unusually large in both branches, and the opposition leaders are watching each other. The number of consultations the president has had with prominent members of his party, also indicates the probability of some move on his part.

Owing to the Teller resolution, the senate will not devote much time to the annexation treaty this week. Its fate is still in doubt.

Judge McKenna, whose nomination was confirmed last week without a roll call, will be sworn in as an associate justice of the supreme court, on Wednesday, and if the senate acts upon the nomination of Gov. Griggs, to which there is no opposition, in time, he will assume the duties of attorney general on Thursday.

It is not believed that President McKinley will allow himself to be swayed by the schemers who have candidates whom they wish to succeed the late Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, commissioner of patents, whose death was so generally lamented. He knows the valuable work done by Mr. Butterworth in reforming criminal abuses in the practice of patent attorneys; that Acting Commissioner Greely was an important factor in that work, second in fact, only to Mr. Butterworth himself. Others regard Mr. Greely as the logical successor to Mr. Butterworth, and it is believed that Mr. McKinley also so regards him.

By refusing to grant hearings respectfully asked for by the executive committee, of the American Bimetallic Union, the house committee on banking and currency, which has heard everything the friends of the gold standard had to say, made a break that will help the silver men more than it will hurt them, as will be seen when they appeal from the decision of that committee to the voters in the congressional districts. The claim that only those were granted hearings who appeared to advocate some particular currency bill, put forward by the committee, was a mere subterfuge that fooled nobody. Such action on the part of this committee would have been inexcusable if there were any chance of favorable action upon the bill that it may prepare, but when it is extremely doubtful whether a majority of the committee can even agree upon a bill, and certain that if they do the bill cannot become a law, it seems that common decency, not to mention fair play would have caused them to give the silver men a hearing. Any illogicalism or fad can be overthrown in this country by argument, but suppression will never be countenanced as legitimate opposition.

The Teller resolution, declaring U. S. bonds to be payable in silver dollars, at the government's option, is now being discussed by the senate and will be voted upon Thursday of the present week, and, of course, adopted. When it goes to the house, it will be smothered in committee. The country will doubtless be glad that the financial debate on this resolution will be so short. It will probably get all the financial discussion it wants and much more, in the coming congressional campaign.

If a bill which has been favorably reported to the house becomes a law, first class mail matter will not be forwarded after the first of next July, unless the postage is fully prepaid. At present a two-cent stamp on a letter will insure its being forwarded, no matter how much the postage may be, the government depending upon collecting what is due, before it is delivered.

Instead of reporting a bill, the house civil service committee has started to give public hearings to all interested. That is what the senate committee has been doing since the extra session. As far as the house committee is concerned this is regarded as merely a move for time, in order that it may be seen how far the modification of the civil service rules which Mr. McKinley has decided upon will go. Perhaps the fact that the committee has been unable to agree upon the details of a bill may also have had something to do with these hearings.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets. Necessity may render a doubtful act innocent, but it cannot make it praiseworthy.

These papers of the day have uses more adequate to the purposes of common life than more ponderous and durable volumes.

Do not be too moral, you may cheat yourself out of much life so. Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

There are a good many real miseries in life that we cannot help smiling at, but they are the smiles that make wrinkles and not dimples.

Music in the best sense does not require novelty; nay, the older it is, and the more we are accustomed to it, the greater its effect.

Flowers never emit so sweet and strong a fragrance as before a storm. Beautiful soul; when a storm approaches (thee as fragrant as a sweet smelling flower.

Naivete is the language of pure genius and of discerning simplicity. It is the most simple picture of a refined and ingenious idea, a masterpiece of art in him in whom it is not natural.

We must not inquire too curiously into motives. They are apt to become feeble in the utterance; the aroma is mixed with the grosser air. We must keep the germinating grain away from the light.

God discovers the martyr and confessor without the trial of flames and tortures, and will hereafter entitle many to the reward of actions which they never had the opportunity of performing.

Let a man take time enough for the most trivial deed, though it be but the prizing of his nails. The buds swell imperceptibly, without hurry or confusion; as if the short spring days were an eternity.

When God would educate a man, He compels him to learn bitter lessons. He sends him to school to the necessities rather than to the graces, that, by knowing all suffering, he may know also the eternal consolation.

But for money and the needs of it there would not be half the friendship in the world. It is powerful for good if divinely used. Give it plenty of air and it is sweet as the hawthorn; shut it up and it cankers and breeds worms.

The avaricious love of gain which is so feelingly deplored, appears to us a principle which in able hands might be guided to the most salutary purposes. The object is to encourage the love of labor, which is best encouraged by the love of money.

A man's name is not like the mantle which merely hangs about him and which one perchance may safely twitch and pull, but a perfectly fitting garment, which like the skin, has grown over and over him, at which one cannot rake and scrape without injuring the man himself.

Nature has no mind; every man who addresses her is compelled to force upon her for a moment the loan of his own mind. And if she answers a question which his own mind puts to her, it is only by such a reply as his own mind teaches her parrot-like lips. And as every man has a different mind, so every man gets a different answer.

The married man is like the bee that fixes its hive, augments the world, benefits the republic, and by a daily diligence, without wronging any, profits all; but he who contemns wedlock, like a wasp, wanders an offence to the world, lives upon spoils and rapine, disturbs peace, steals sweets that are none of his own, and by robbing the hives of others, meets misery as his due reward.

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