

In every nation and in every age the concentration of wealth in a few hands has caused the down fall of the nation or the oppression of the masses.

As a rule our millionaires are not creators of wealth. They are men who by some good fortune or by opposing others have received more than they have given.

It is by this unjust division of the results of labor that millionaires are being multiplied throughout the land.

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A SIMPLE REMEDY. One of the heavy items of expense connected with conducting the state government is the conveying of convicts and patients to the penitentiary and insane asylum.

sheriffs put in exorbitant bills for this service than any other. It has been alleged time and again that the bills are inflated.

A sheriff who submits bills for unnecessary expenses for conveying convicts and insane patients commits perjury, and should be held accountable just as the same as the witness who goes up on the stand in a court and testifies falsely.

After subscribing to this oath if there is a single item in the sheriff's account of expenses that was not necessary or actually incurred, the officer becomes guilty of perjury.

Senator Wolcott. It is reported, will soon sever his relations with the republican party and follow his colleague, Teller, into the ranks of the silverites.

It is the Oregonian draws rather a fine distinction considering its attitude toward Senator Mitchell.

But with Mr. Mitchell it is different. At least so far as the Oregonian is concerned. We do not desire to be judged as pleading Mr. Mitchell's case.

Still the Oregonian insists that he is a "silver idiot"; that the republicans of Oregon cannot trust him to stand by the administration in case of a vote on the gold standard.

All the political parties and managers are opposed to civil service reform because it proposes to curtail their power of patronage.

It is stated on pretty good authority that there is a move on foot in Portland to patch up all differences between the different wings of the republican party.

FARMERS AND THE TARIFF

Many a farmer, who last year voted for the re-enactment of a high protective tariff, is wondering now how much he is benefited by the tariff law that was recently passed.

The prospects of a time when this government will cease to pay pensions is not flattering; the date is far in the distant future.

State Superintendent Irwin was severely criticised by the teachers' association in Portland.

It may be a sad commentary on the perverseness of humanity, but it is nevertheless true that the way to make men honest is to make dishonesty odious and grievous.

Will the independent republicans, who have their own principles for the principles of their party, or rather to boost himself into office.

Those forty women that called last week in company for "the Klondike" will cordially hate each other by the time they reach Portland.

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GAGE WILL NOT RESIGN

Reports of Him Leaving the Cabinet Contradicted. WILL DYE IN TRANSIT

Dr. Nansen Does Not Believe Reindeer Can Be Taken From Norway to Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, when asked today concerning the report that Secretary Gage had tendered his resignation, said: "There is nothing in it."

It is believed in some equally well informed circles that the report is substantially correct, but there was no formal tender of Gage's resignation.

Dr. Nansen's Views Upon Alge's Klondike Relief Plan. BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, was asked what he thought of the plan of bringing reindeer for taking relief to the Klondike miners.

CONFIDENCE IS SHAKEN. The Italian Minister Has Little Faith in American Banks.

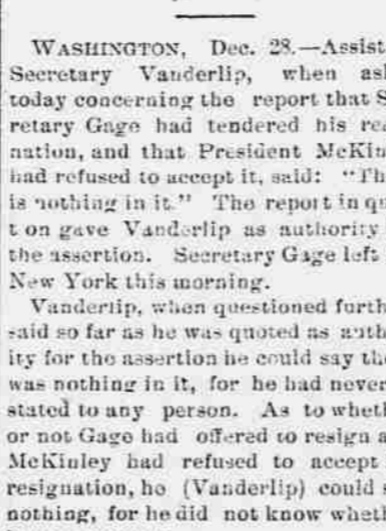
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Singer Pruzzati, Italian minister of finance, in a speech to the Italian chamber has recommended the establishment of a bank in this city to be under the direct supervision of the Italian government.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser, from New Haven, Conn., says: Captain George L. Kelsey, of the schooner Wallace Ward, which has just arrived here from Barcelona, states that the American consul at that port fears mob violence, and is unable to protect the American flag upon Uncle Sam's vessels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—If Judge Wofford adheres to his intention that he has announced from the bench the shifting sands of prize-fights between belligerent attorneys may be one of the attractions of the criminal court in the future.

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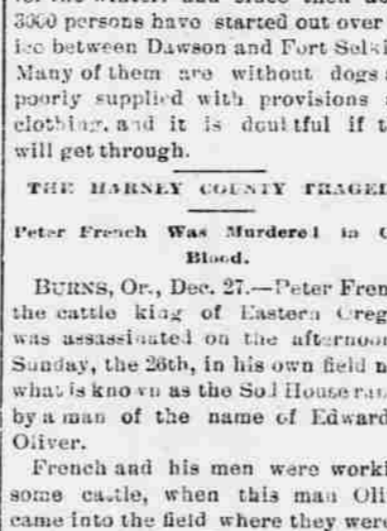
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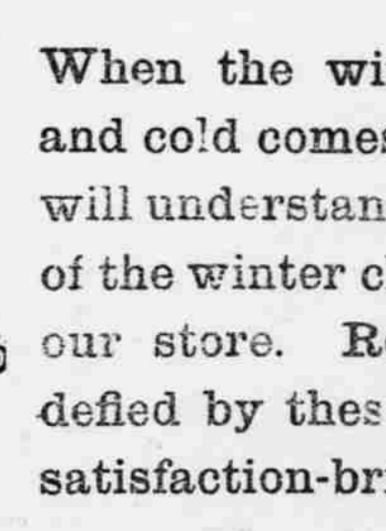
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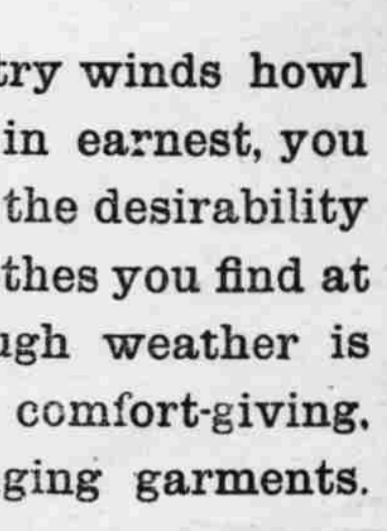
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