

# THE OREGON SCOUT.

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## GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The annual report of the Pacific Mail steamship company shows total earnings during the year ending April 30, 1886, of \$1,480,000; total expenses, \$3,179,000; net earnings, \$1,300,000.

Nothing is known at the war department in regard to the reported action of General Miles in offering rewards for the capture of renegade Apaches, dead or alive. It is stated that if such is the case, General Miles alone is responsible and it will not be sanctioned by the war department. There are no funds available for such purpose and it is said, further, that such a course would not be considered civilized warfare, even against savages.

The village of Runkles, Wis., on the Valley division of the St. Paul road, was totally destroyed by fire. Many settlers barely escaped with their lives. Loss estimated at \$25,000.

The porte declares there is no foundation for the report that a conspiracy at Sofia existed for the assassination of Prince Alexander and Minister Narvaloff.

Fire in Chicago on the 26th destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of property.

Senator Edmunds reported favorably, from the committee on foreign relations, the Morgan bill, directing the attorney general to bring suit against Benjamin Weil, to determine whether the award made by the United States and Mexican mixed commission, as to his claim was obtained by fraud, and to recover the money already paid to the claimant.

At the farewell performance of Miss Mary Anderson in "Pygmalion and Galatea," and "Comedy and Tragedy," at the Star theatre, New York, she was called before the footlights three times after the fall of the curtain in the final scene and made the following speech: "I am very grateful and almost overwhelmed by this generous expression of good feeling towards me. I have been honored by being invited to the approval bestowed upon me. Let me assure you that this is not so. I am ever most appreciative of the approval which may be given to me by my countrymen and countrywomen."

While returning from school at Gaithersburg, Md., Betty Floyd, aged 14, was overpowered and brutally outraged by an ugly negro. The whole community is aroused and scouring the neighborhood, and the brute's capture will be followed by immediate lynching.

The British ship, "William Law," from Havre, went ashore at West Scotia near Louisiana. She is a total loss. Two seamen were drowned. The ship was valued at \$40,000.

The First Methodist Episcopal church burned at Elmira, N. Y. Loss, \$70,000.

The United States dynamite works near Tom's River, N. J., exploded. Two men were killed.

Marshal Wilson on the 27th purchased the Green estate for President Cleveland, and placed on record a deed of transfer to Grover Cleveland for \$21,500. The property consisted of an old stone mansion, known as Rosedale, and about twenty-eight acres of land. It is located on the Fenalloytown road and a few miles from Georgetown.

In the French chamber of deputies on the 27th the government introduced a bill for the expulsion of the Orleans princes, and demanded its immediate consideration, announcing its readiness to give immediate effect to the provisions of the act when it should become a law. M. Demole, minister of justice, read the preamble of the bill, which stated that the princes had seized every opportunity to damage the republic, and declared that time had therefore arrived when they should cease their intrigues within the borders of France. The reading of the bill and the subsequent remarks of M. Demole were frequently interrupted by derisive shouts from the members of the right, but amid much excitement and confusion the motion of urgency was carried and the bill was referred to a committee.

The German government is preparing an espionage bill which will be introduced in the Reichstag at an early possible moment after the assembling of that body.

At Keokuk, Ia., Jacob Steffer, a well-to-do citizen, was shot dead by his son John, who was recently released from an insane asylum before being fully cured. The young man had somehow eluded the watchfulness of the family and procured a revolver and waylaid his father in the dark. The mother of the youthful maniac, who, by her importunities, procured his liberation, is nearly frantic.

On the certification of the civil service commission the following persons have been appointed special examiners in the pension office at Washington: Henry W. Snyder of Tennessee, Samuel D. Stahl of Illinois, Fred K. Jones of Indiana, Martin B. Miller of Indiana, Charles P. Berry of Illinois, Edward McLaffin of California.

At Lehigh, Iowa, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Schoonover, while playing with a pistol which she supposed was not loaded, accidentally discharged it, the ball lodging in the head of her sister, two years younger.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, in an extra edition, states that after the publication of Maxwell's confession last Wednesday week the body of C. A. Preller was exhumed and the parts which Maxwell swore in his testimony to have been diseased were dissected for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Preller had suffered from stricture or any other private ailment. The result of the investigation was that no stricture or other diseased condition of the parts was found. Three doctors will be put on the stand to testify to this as a rebuttal of Maxwell's testimony.

A London dispatch says that Secretary Bayard's recent note to Minister West, which the latter cabled to Earl Rosebery, the British foreign minister, has been made public. It requests that England shall restrain the extreme exercise of what Canada considers to be her legal rights in the matter of seizing American fishing vessels, and forbid additional seizures during the diplomatic discussion of the disputed question. The note is couched in calm and judicious terms throughout, and assumes the intention of both countries to secure a removal of cause for dispute.

**A Big Conspiracy.**  
Chicago dispatch: A conference between Police Captain Schack and State Attorney Grinnel occurred to-day. It is rumored to have been about the conspiracy which the captain has been credited with the discovery of. Starting as the rumor is, it is said that Captain Schack has in his possession the details of a plot concocted by anarchists which contemplated blowing up the board of trade police stations and various other buildings in the city on June 14th.

## New Government Notes.

Washington special: The house committee on banking and currency have under consideration at present a bill providing for an entire new series of government notes, of such designs as will render the raising of denominations impossible. The bill was introduced partly on the recommendation of Gen. Rosencrans, register of the treasury, who favors a complete change in the present series and character of the currency of the country and in the system of bookkeeping now in vogue in the departments and partly to the effect that treasury detectives have recently come into possession of a \$5 bill which had been raised to \$100 and put into circulation. A novel design has been presented to the committee for the proposed new notes, which, it is claimed, will make it impossible to raise the denominations. The bill has been sent to the secretary of the treasury for his opinion and recommendation.

## Evangelize the Chinaman.

In the Presbyterian general assembly at Minneapolis, there were animated speeches on the resolution proposed concerning overtures from missionaries at Canton, touching upon the ill-treatment of Chinese in America. The assembly adopted a resolution commending the stand of the Christian Pacific alone, urging them to be everywhere to create a public sentiment in favor of protecting and evangelizing the heathen on our shores, and directing that a copy of these resolutions be sent in the Chinese language to the Chinese consul at Washington.

## THE FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

### A Record of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Same.

SENATE, May 25.—Harrison reported favorably the bill to authorize the appointment of an additional adjutant general of the army with the rank of major of cavalry. Placed on the calendar. During consideration of a private pension bill Ingalls severely criticized Gen. Black, commissioner of pensions, declaring him to be an impostor whom Congress granted the highest pension on the false allegation of his being a "wreck." He protested against Black's enjoyment of such a pension while opposing pensions to other soldiers. The president pro tem laid before the senate a letter from the governor of Ohio transmitting resolutions adopted by the Ohio state highest pension on the false allegation of his being a "wreck." He protested against Black's enjoyment of such a pension while opposing pensions to other soldiers. The president pro tem laid before the senate a letter from the governor of Ohio transmitting resolutions adopted by the Ohio state highest pension on the false allegation of his being a "wreck." He protested against Black's enjoyment of such a pension while opposing pensions to other soldiers.

HOUSE, May 25.—Springer, from the committee on territories, reported the bill to enable the people of Dakota to form a constitution and state government. He also reported adversely the senate bill for the admission of the state of Dakota and for the organization of the territory of Lincoln. Referred to the committee on the whole. Dunn, from the committee on Pacific railroads, reported the bill to incorporate the Arkansas, New Mexico and Pacific Railroad company. Placed on the private calendar. Mayberry, from the committee on ways and means, reported adversely the bill to carry in effect the convention made between the United States and Mexico, signed January 20, 1853. Referred to the committee on the whole. Hewitt presented the minority report. Randall submitted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill and it was agreed to. The house then discussed the oleomargarine bill until adjournment.

SENATE, May 26.—After the routine morning business the senate proceeded to the consideration of private pension bills on the calendar. At 2 o'clock the bankruptcy bill was placed before the senate. The bankruptcy bill having been read, it was temporarily laid aside and an amendment to the bill providing for the taxation of railroad ground land was agreed to making the United States the preferred purchaser in case of sales. By unanimous consent the Chinese bill was then taken up and discussed by Plumb, Sherman and Hoar. After debate further, its consideration was indefinitely postponed and the senate adjourned.

HOUSE, May 26.—Blount reported that the conference on the postoffice bill has been unable to agree, and a further conference was ordered. The house then went into committee of the whole, Springer, of Illinois, in the chair, on the oleomargarine bill, all the general debate on the measure being closed. Hatch, in speaking to the formal amendment, sent to the clerk's desk and had read the following telegram received from Chicago: "A protest of several hundred members of the Chicago board of trade against the action of the directory favoring bogus butter was mailed to you last night." Henderson reaffirmed every word spoken by him yesterday. Lawler read a protest against the bill from the Knights of Labor of Chicago, and opposed the bill as taxing a cheap food product out of existence.

SENATE, May 27.—A resolution was offered by Wilson, which was ordered to lie over one day, providing for the investigation of the matter of the appointment of Indian traders by the commissioner of Indian affairs. The preamble to this resolution recites that in the matter of such appointments it is stated that acts have been done or permitted to be done in disregard of law and the rights and proper interests of citizens. On Dolph's motion the senate took up the bill restoring to the United States certain lands granted the Northern Pacific Railroad company. Van Wyck said the bill proposed to forfeit from Wallala to Portland a portion of the original grant over which the Northern Pacific did not contemplate building a line. His (Van Wyck's) objection to the bill was that there were lands along other unfinished portions of the road and some along portions that had been finished which should be included in the bill. The bill as it stood, he said, if it passed, would be a legislative declaration that the matter of forfeiture had been passed upon by congress and no other forfeiture proceedings could be undertaken. Resolutions expressive of sorrow of the senate at the death of the late Senator Miller were called up and addresses followed, after which adjournment took place.

HOUSE, May 27.—Dingler, from the committee on the shipping bill, could not agree. Breckenridge, of Kentucky, thought that the consideration of the report should be postponed until the members of the house had an opportunity to examine the provisions of the bill carefully. After some discussion the statement was made that the pending proposition was simply to arm the president with the right to deprive Canadians of privileges of which they deprived citizens of the United States. The report was then agreed to without division. Resuming the consideration of the oleomargarine bill in committee of the whole, Daniel moved to reduce the special tax on retail dealers in oleomargarine from \$48 to \$25. He opposed the amendment, believing that the judgment of the committee on agriculture in fixing the rate of tax might be relied upon, but, without action, the committee rose and the house adjourned.

## SENATE, May 28.—The chair laid before the senate Wilson's resolution, offered yesterday, providing for an investigation by the committee on Indian affairs into the matter of appointments of Indian traders by the committee on Indian affairs.

The senate then resumed the consideration of the Northern Pacific land forfeiture bill. The pending question was to lay on the table Van Wyck's amendment forfeiting all lands continuous with and adjacent to such parts of the proposed lines not completed at the date of the passage of this act. The motion to lay on the table was lost, yeas 23, nays 25. The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment. The Van Wyck bill for the taxation of railroads was then placed before the senate and, under the plea of discussing this bill, the debate on the Northern Pacific land forfeiture bill was continued. Called attention to the fact that the effect of the proceedings thus far on the Northern Pacific forfeiture bill was just the same as if the senators had all been employed by the railroad company to "bedevil" the bill and to do nothing at all in the matter to which it related. He said that Van Wyck had proposed to give out of the funds of the United States for that was what it amounted to—a subsidy to the Union Pacific railroad company—from lands on which the United States had a mortgage and the bill which Van Wyck was intended to build the railroad in Nebraska. Doubtless Van Wyck could explain his inconsistency. If it was good for the Union Pacific to have United States funds with which to build railroads in Nebraska why was it not good for Washington Territory that the Northern Pacific should be allowed to build a railroad through that territory? Van Wyck did not think the senator from Vermont need be anxious about people making any mistake about the senators being "all employed by the railroad company." He did not think the word "bedeviling" should be employed to characterize the action of the senators in the provisions of the Northern Pacific forfeiture bill so as to cover land that ought to be forfeited. It was evident from the way the bill had been reported from the committee that it was intended to give an advantage to the railroad company—that it proposed to forfeit and sell the railroad company were willing should be forfeited. He thought it had been "engineered" in the interest of the railroad company. No definite action was taken before the senate adjourned.

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