

FROM THE CAPITOL.

CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WAR-SHIPS.

A Long List of Presidential Appointments—American Ship-Building to be Encouraged—Annexation of the Hawaiian Isles

Albert G. Porter, of Indiana, will be minister to Italy.

John F. Swift, of California, will be minister to Japan.

Secretary Blaine advocates an extra session of congress.

Arthur C. Millee has been appointed governor of Dakota.

Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, will be minister to Spain.

President Harrison believes in the provisions of the direct tax bill.

Since April 17th the treasury has paid out \$145,231,587.96 in bond purchases.

Lewis Wolfley, of Tucson, Arizona, will succeed Governor Zulloch of that territory.

A broad educational policy for the Indians is being urged upon the President.

Walter Blaine has been appointed examiner of claims in the state department.

Eugene Schuyler, of New York, has been appointed assistant secretary of state.

Jeremiah Sullivan has been appointed collector of customs at Fort Benton, Montana.

J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, has been appointed first assistant postmaster general.

Senator Hearst has purchased the residence of ex-Secretary Fairchild in Washington.

The admission of Idaho will be one of the first measures considered by the next congress.

Albert D. Weed, of Montana, has been appointed United States attorney for that territory.

John D. Washburn, of Massachusetts, will represent the United States at Switzerland.

George S. Bachelor, of New York, has been designated assistant treasurer of the United States.

Cornelius C. Hanford has been confirmed as justice of the supreme court of Washington territory.

It is authoritatively announced that Senator Chase, of Rhode Island, will shortly resign his seat in the senate.

President Harrison and all those who accompanied him from Indianapolis to Washington paid regular railroad fare.

The time within which the railway mail service is to be brought within the civil service law has been extended from March 15th to May 1st.

It has been rumored at Washington that General Longstreet will succeed General Joseph E. Johnston as commander of the Pacific railroads.

Secretary of the Navy Tracy has extended the time for receiving proposals for the construction of an armored coast-defense vessel from March 15th to April 3d.

The contractors who are building the new cruiser Charleston at San Francisco have informed the navy department that the vessel will be ready for trial next week.

The inter-state commerce committee has issued an order saying that all advances or reductions in general tariffs must be plainly printed and publicly posted.

The New York "Herald's" Washington special says that in the event of Germany's taking possession of Samoa the United States will annex the Sandwich Islands.

Senator Stanford has made an urgent appeal to the President for the appointment of Osborne, of the Los Angeles "Express" to the office of government printer.

Secretary Proctor is an advocate of the Sunday rest law, and in consequence he will soon issue an order abolishing Sunday dress parades at all points throughout the army.

The President in his forthcoming message to congress will recommend the establishment of American shipping interests and clearer and closer relations with our South and Central American neighbors.

The conference of the inter-state railroad commissioners at Washington has adjourned after having thoroughly discussed the subject of accidents and their prevention.

The office of sub-treasurer at San Francisco remains vacant, and the President is unable to fill it. The men he prefers for the place don't want it, and the large number who clamor for it he won't have.

The President is authorized by the recent legislation to open to settlement about 8,000,000 acres of land in Oklahoma, and the opinion prevails that he will shortly issue his proclamation adding this acreage to the public domain.

John A. Kasson, of Iowa, William Walter Phelps, of New Jersey, and G. H. Bates, of Delaware, have been appointed commissioners to represent the United States at the Berlin conference in the Samoan matter.

The latest advice at the state department show that there was no basis for the sensational rumors of an engagement between the Nipic and the German corvette Olga. On the contrary the Germans have given up their aggressive policy and abandoned all claim to the right of searching foreign vessels for contraband of war.

After the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1st, contracts will have been let for the construction of new war vessels which will increase the tonnage of the navy 15,000 tons. Although small, they will embody in their construction the latest improved ideas of high speed and heavy armament, and will be very formidable ships of war.

The reply of the commissioners of the District of Columbia to Senator Edmund's resolution for information concerning the exclusion of persons from any charitable institution in the district "on account of race, color or previous conviction of servitude," shows that the color line is very distinctly drawn, so far as association in the institutions is concerned, although the treatment of both races is generally the same.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

THE FEARFUL LEAP OF A PORTLAND LANDLORD.

The Selection of the Site for the New Navy Yard—A Man and Wife Convicted of Murder in Nevada—A Levee Breaks.

Roseburg is soon to have a system of water-works.

Ashland now rejoices over the introduction of the electric light.

The Brownsville woolen mills will remove their plant to Albany.

The clock on the dome of the courthouse at Redding will cost \$1700.

The saloonkeepers of Sacramento have organized a protective association.

The Oceanic steamers have stopped running to Samoa and New Zealand.

A man in Linkville has filed a home-claim on the court-house block.

Great suffering is reported among the miners who have flocked to the Lower California gold fields.

Heavy storms, with land slides, interfered with travel on the California & Oregon road last week.

A second attempt to fire the Rothchild building was made at Port Townsend Wednesday night.

The bill introduced in the California legislature to exempt mortgages from taxation has failed to pass.

Four men were arrested at Bakersfield, Cal., Wednesday on suspicion of being the Pixley train robbers.

Mrs. James Bulger, of San Francisco, was horribly burned Thursday by the explosion of a coal oil can.

Jennie Hamilton, of Victoria, has become insane through attending the meetings of the salvation army.

Near Gilroy, Cal., Friday, two men unearthed a can which contained gold dust and nuggets valued at \$1200.

A break in the levee at Knight's Landing, Cal., Friday, and a part of the town and many farms are inundated.

The sheriff of Malheur county captured a crazy man with a lasso and carried him to the insane asylum last week.

George Taylor, of Marysville, Cal., fell beneath a moving train Thursday and his head was severed from the body.

John McElron and wife have been arrested at Port Townsend charged with the murder of their six children.

Some excitement prevails at Spokane Falls over the discovery of silver at a point 20 miles north of that place.

O. P. Beardsley, of Eola, shot and killed T. L. Perryman Thursday. The killing was the result of an old feud.

D. C. Carrington was acquitted at Los Angeles Friday for the killing of Pat Mulen during an election riot last December.

Marvin Craven, book-keeper for the Los Angeles Planing Mill company, has left the city \$2000 short in his accounts.

The stone dry dock at Vallejo, Cal., is to be completed at once. It has been seventeen years in course of construction.

Cornelius H. Hanford, recently appointed chief justice of Washington territory, has been a resident of Seattle since 1856.

It is announced that Mexico will declare martial law in Lower California in the event of trouble at the Santa Clara mines.

Paul Schulze land agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, had one of his toes taken off by a stray bullet at Tacoma Sunday night.

W. H. Stone was convicted at Hollister, Cal., Wednesday, of murder in the second degree for the killing of C. H. Waters last July.

A school-house was blown down during a heavy storm at San Diego, Friday. A teacher and one of the pupils were seriously injured.

The commission appointed to select a site for the new navy yard has secured the option on 2000 acres of land at Port Orchard, opposite Seattle.

Governor Swineford, just returned from Alaska, reports the discovery of a number of rich gold strikes on Admiralty island 75 miles from Sitka.

Julia Mannix, formerly of Portland, has brought suit in the San Francisco courts against her brother for \$299 for services rendered as housekeeper.

Josiah and Elizabeth Potts were found guilty of murder in the first degree at Elko, Nev., Friday, for the killing of Miles Fawcett at Carlin, January, 1888.

Frank Avery, chief of the San Diego fire department, who was recently arrested on the charge of stealing shoes at a fire, was discharged Wednesday.

The man arrested at Nanaimo on suspicion of being Tascott, the murderer of Millionaire Snell, of Chicago, turns out to be a deserter from the British warship Icarus.

Several towns on the Northern Pacific have been victimized by one Gordon who represents himself as agent for the "West Shore" magazine. He is in jail at Billings, Mont.

A thousand citizens of Colusa county, Cal., visited Sacramento Saturday to urge Governor Waterman to sign the bill recently passed by the legislature dividing the county.

Excitement in Southern California towns over the alleged gold discoveries in Lower California is abating. It is said that the hoax was started by the International company.

The ordinance making it a misdemeanor for proprietors of public places to allow minors under eighteen to play cards or pool, will be strictly enforced by the San Francisco police.

Charles C. Scott, one of the proprietors of the Gilman house, Portland, committed suicide Friday night while temporarily insane, by jumping from a third-story window to the pavement below, a distance of fifty feet.

A committee of the California legislature has made a report favoring the claim of Captain John Mullane as agent of California and Oregon at Washington in collecting from the government certain moneys due to the states.

NEWS MISCELLANY.

THE HEINOUS CRIME OF A CHINA-MAN AT MILWAUKEE.

The Cold-Blooded Murder of a South Carolina Editor—An Arizonian's Method of Replenishing a Depleted Exchequer.

Jake Kilrain returned to England last week.

Powderly declines to lecture on prohibition.

Pennsylvania proposes to establish the whipping post.

The Chinese laundries of Milwaukee have been gutted.

Fifty colored men are studying for the priesthood in Rome.

Ex-President Cleveland is planning a pleasure trip to Cuba.

A mammoth steel trust was organized at Chicago Wednesday.

The boomers will again be driven out of the Oklahoma territory.

It is reported that one of Legitime's war-ships has been destroyed.

In De Lapere county, Dakota, scarlet fever is raging with fearful effect.

Wm. Bell, a Kansas City cook, killed a hotel-keeper and suicided Sunday.

The cattle throughout the states and territories were never in better condition.

Admiral Jareus, of France, was seized with a fit last Thursday and expired.

The lack of snow in the Wisconsin lumber district has paralyzed the lumber business.

The supreme court of West Virginia has decided that Gov. Wilson is entitled to hold over.

The developments in the Times-Parnell case reflects little credit upon English methods.

The supreme court has decided that the label of Cigarettes International union is not a trade mark.

Five school girls attempted suicide at East Aurora, N. Y., last week because they had been jilted.

Cherry county, Nebraska, with an area larger than several Eastern states, has no practicing physician.

A soldier at Oran, Algiers, has been sentenced to death for firing a quid of tobacco in an officer's face.

Fire Thursday destroyed the plant of the Anaconda smelting works at Butte, Montana. Loss, \$500,000.

Great destruction of live stock by dogs afflicted with hydrophobia is reported in Wetzel county, W. Virginia.

Assistant Postmaster Kelly, at Detroit, has been systematically robbing the mails for the last thirty years.

The police of New York are charged with bulldozing saloon-keepers into selling a certain brand of whiskey.

Three negroes were hanged at Little Rock, Ark., Friday, for the murder of Arthur Horton, colored, in 1887.

Mrs. Langtry denies her marriage with Freddy Gebhardt. She has not been divorced yet from her first husband.

John L. Adams, an inmate of the Georgia penitentiary for stealing \$70,000, proposes to starve himself to death.

A Montreal man claims to have a process by which ice can be furnished at the rate of 75 cents for a year's supply.

On account of the scarcity of farm hands in Germany it is proposed to introduce Chinese labor into the country.

A masked man at Phoenix, Ariz., held up the players in a taro room Thursday and they anted to the tune of \$600.

The New Foundland authorities will refuse to sell bait and other supplies to American fishermen the coming season.

A bill has been introduced in the Ohio legislature prohibiting the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines in that state.

The Michigan legislature has passed a law authorizing one railroad to purchase another—a reversal of a former law of the state.

By the bursting of a battery of boilers at the boiler works of Monroe & Son, at Pittsburgh, Thursday, several employees were killed.

The cold-blooded murder of Captain Dawson, of Charleston, S. C., has infuriated the people, and fears of lynching are entertained.

The dispute between the employees of the Northern Pacific and Union Pacific roads in Jefferson canyon has been amicably settled.

A family were poisoned at Evansville, Ind., Sunday, by a package of poison on an upper shelf leaking into the water-bucket below.

A German newspaper, published in Palestine, states that the city of Jerusalem is growing in size and population at a remarkable rate.

The jury in the inquest in the Dawson murder case, at Charleston, S. C., found McEow guilty of feloniously killing, and his cold butler as accessory.

Joe Snow, aged 14 years, and Chloe Poland, aged 13, were married at Keyser, West Virginia, Friday. They had been sparking each other for four years.

Adolph May was swindled out of \$10,000 by Denver sharpers last week. The loss so preyed upon his mind that on arrival at Kansas City he took his own life.

J. E. Robinson, deputy postmaster at Dalby Springs, Ark., was accused of assaulting an eight-year-old girl last week, and a mob hanged him to a tree and ridled his body with bullets.

Conservative papers in Mexico assert that the United States will eventually absorb Lower California. The Mexican government, however, declares there is no ground for the statement.

On account of the enticing of little girls into a Chinese den for immoral purposes at Milwaukee last week, the citizens have determined to rid the city of the saffron-skinned devils. In consequence the Chinese are leaving at a rapid rate.

HOME AND FARM.

INCENDIARY BARN-BURNING IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

An Excellent Remedy for Cuts and Wounds—To Promote the Flow of Milk in Cows—Valuable Cooking Receipts.

Large breeds of sheep require good pasturage. They will pay only when the conditions are favorable. Uneven pasturage, coarse grain and "pickling" will not do for them. They must be supplied with all they may require.

When potatoes are taken from the oven they should be put in a napkin or towel, and the skin broken so as to allow the steam to escape, and this will keep the potatoes mealy. If cooled without breaking the skins they will be watery.

For cuts, wounds and sores, take of lard four ounces, beeswax four ounces, resin two ounces, carbolic acid one-fourth of an ounce. Mix the first three and then melt; then add the carbolic acid, stirring until cool. This is excellent for man as well as beast.

To make glue waterproof, soak for twenty-four hours in water until reduced to a stiff jelly, pour in a desert spoonful of linseed oil, and mix well with the jelly before boiling. It will then be impervious to damp, and wood-work, if previously mended with the above, will remain sound throughout the winter.

To make breakfast rolls rub into a pound of flour half a teaspoonful of butter, add half a teaspoon of sweet yeast, a little salt, and sufficient warm milk to make a stiff dough, cover and put in a warm place and it will rise in two hours. Then make into round cakes. They will bake in a quick oven in fifteen minutes.

For griddle cakes sift a pint of corn meal, add salt to taste, and a piece of lard the size of a hen's egg, mix into a thin batter with sweet milk, add the beaten yolks of three eggs, and just before cooking the cakes stir in the beaten whites. Fry on a hot griddle well greased, turn the cakes quickly, and send to the table hot.

Whether it be best to spread manure on land intended for corn in spring depends on the land. If too rolling, much of the soluble matter of the manure will be washed out and carried off by the rains, unless the land has been plowed and left in an unharrowed condition so that the rains may more easily carry the matter downward.

A few roots or apples or potatoes fed daily to cows giving milk promote the flow of milk and help to keep the animal in a healthy condition. When considerable meal is fed, some kind of green food, at least occasionally, is very much needed. Farmers should raise more beets for feeding to their farm stock. A little experience would soon give them facility in securing a large yield on suitable land.

To make chocolate creams: Mould small bits of the cream flavored with vanilla into cone shape, and set them away upon an oiled paper to dry. Melt some chocolate in a bowl set in a kettle of boiling water, or over a boiling teakettle. Boil each of the dry creams in the melted chocolate until well covered. Set aside to dry. Use a new hair-pin for rolling the cream, and keep the chocolate melted while using.

A secretion of puss often takes place under the corner of a cow's eye as the result of inflammation that often causes temporary blindness. This may be caused variously: Chaff in the eye, a blow, cold, or constitutional tendency may all produce it. It may be removed possibly by the application of burned alum blown into the eye through a quill once a day for a few days. This will cause an absorptive action which may remove the white cloud.

There are some crosses that do not result to the best advantage. With dogs it is claimed that the union of a hairy with a smooth-coated dog will produce worthless offspring, and with poultry the crossing of birds with rose combs and single combs has not been as productive of such good results as when a single comb breeds have been bred together as crosses. Experiments in this direction are worthy of attention.

The cost of milk depends upon the cost of the food, hence the more milk received from a cow in proportion to the food given, the cheaper the cost. But unless warm quarters be given, a large quantity of food must be diverted to creating warmth for the body, and it would, therefore, be economical to keep the cows comfortable, in order to cheapen the cost by lessening the amount of food required for bodily warmth. In other words, shelter is food, as it protects the animal against cold and exposure.

To make escalloped cabbage, slice two quarts of raw cabbage and let it stand in cold water one hour. Drain and boil in salted water until tender, then drain and chop it a little. Melt two teaspoonfuls of butter, one of flour, one of salt, a salt-spoonful of pepper and one cup of milk. Add the cabbage and simmer ten minutes. Pour into a baking dish that has been buttered, covered with buttered cracker crumbs, and bake until brown. If the cabbage was not baked with the crumbs it would be creamed cabbage.

Four pints of soft water, two ounces of pearl barley, one pound of salt beef, one marrow bone, six shank bones broken into small pieces, two large onions, one stick of celery, two turnips, and two carrots thinly sliced. Set the sauce pan containing these ingredients over a clear fire; when it boils skim it and let it simmer slowly for five hours. Twenty minutes before serving add a teaspoonful of chopped parsley and some salt, and you will have an excellent Scotch barley broth.

To make hominy drop cakes take one pint of fresh boiled hominy (or cold hominy may be used). If the latter, break into grains as light as possible with a fork and beat in a farina kettle without adding water, one teaspoonful of water, two eggs, white and yolks beaten separately. Stir the yolks into the hominy first, then the whites, and a teaspoonful of salt if the hominy has not been salted in cooking, or if it has use half a teaspoonful. Drop in teaspoonfuls on well buttered tin sheets, and bake to a good brown in a quick oven.

The resignation of Senator Chase, of Rhode Island, from the United States senate, because of the small salary paid to members and the great cost of living in Washington, will probably have the effect of increasing senators' salaries from \$5000 to \$10,000 a year.

PORTLAND MARKET.

THE LOCAL MARKET ALL THAT COULD BE DESIRED.

Sugars are Weak, and the Provision Market Continues Unsettled—Apples Have Advanced—Meats Remain Firm.

Business in the local market continues good. The strike on the river division of the O. R. & N. company has terminated in a satisfactory manner. The wheat market remains stagnant with no prospect of improvement. Sugars are weak. Provisions have again dropped another point, and the market continues weak. On account of the scarcity of apples has sent up the price from 25 cents to \$1.25 per box. Dried fruits continue a drag in the market. The dairy produce market is weak.

GROCERIES.

Sugars, Golden C 5½¢, extra C 5½¢, cube, crushed and powdered 7¢. Coffee: Java 25¢, Rio 20½¢, Arbuckle's roasted 24¢.

PROVISIONS.

Oregon ham 12½¢@13¢, breakfast bacon 13¢, sides 10¢, shoulders 9¢@10¢. Eastern ham 12½¢@13¢, Sinclair's 13¢@13½¢, breakfast bacon 12½¢@13¢, sides 10¢, shoulders 10¢@11¢. Lard 10½¢@11¢.

FRUITS.

Navel oranges \$4.85@5.00, Riverside \$3.25@3.50, apples \$1.16, lemons \$5.50 per box.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes 30¢@35¢, onions 70¢@75¢.

DRIED FRUITS.

Apples 5¢@6¢, sliced 6½¢, apricots 13¢@14¢, peaches 8¢@10¢, pears 8¢, Oregon prunes, Italian, 8¢, silver 8¢, German 5½¢@6¢, plums 5¢@7¢. Raisins \$2 per box, California figs 8¢, Syria 15¢.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, Oregon fancy 25¢, medium 20¢, Eastern 32¢, California 22¢.

EGGS.

Eggs 13¢@15¢.

POULTRY.

Chickens \$5.50@6, ducks \$12.25 per doz., geese \$10@12, turkeys 17¢ per lb.

WOOL.

Valley 18¢, Eastern Oregon 8¢@15¢.

HOPS.

Hops 10¢@17¢.

GRAIN.

Wheat, Valley \$1.35, Eastern \$1.30. Oats 35¢.

FLOUR.

Standard \$4.50, other brands \$4@4.10.

FEED.

Hay \$13@15 per ton, bran \$17, shorts \$18, barley chop \$23@24, mill chop \$18.

FRESH MEATS.

Beef, live, 4¢, dressed 8¢, mutton, live, 4¢, dressed 8¢, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs 6¢, dressed 7¢@7½¢, veal 6¢@8¢.

The fall and spring sowing is reported in excellent condition in all parts of Eastern Oregon.

The negro exodus from North Carolina to Arkansas has depopulated many plantations. The negroes are promised forty acres of land, a brick house, a cow and \$1.50 a day.

It is said that President Harrison will not be content with the eight war vessels, which will be let by contract after June 30th. He will advocate in his message to congress the building of a very strong and modern navy.

The grand jury at Missoula failed to return true bills against either J. E. Clifford or Dr. Cunningham, the parties charged with killing an Indian at Demersville recently, and which came near causing an uprising of the Indians on the reservation.

Hiram Adams, a colored deputy constable, shot and killed a colored barber over a 50-cent game of dice at Kansas City Wednesday. Adams was visited in jail by several hundred colored people, among whom were ten wives with outlying districts still to hear from.

J. L. Fisher, a young German farm hand near Napa, Cal., has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$400,000, so it was reported. On the strength of which he succeeded in victimizing several parties out of large sums of money.

A constable attempted to arrest B. S. Sprague, at Garvanza, Saturday, for beating a little girl, and was shot through the head. A posse of citizens started in pursuit and one of the number succeeded in bringing Sprague to the ground with