

FROM THE CAPITOL.

JUDGE THURMAN CALLS UPON THE PRESIDENT.

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The President's health has improved. Judge Thurman called upon the President Thursday.

Albert M. Brooks has been appointed postmaster at Seattle.

General Schofield will inspect all military posts next month.

Senator John Sherman and family will soon make a trip to Europe.

W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, has declined the Korean mission.

The supreme court will adjourn for the summer on the 13th of May.

J. A. Pickler, of Dakota, has been appointed inspector of public lands.

Senator Higgins is the first Republican senator elected from Delaware.

Lyman E. Knapp, of Vermont, has been appointed governor of Alaska.

The pension office has allowed a claim of \$14,000 to Phillip Flood for arrears.

The successor to the Chinese minister at Washington has been decided upon.

Monday is now a day on which the President will not receive office-seekers.

H. G. Jacobs has been appointed superintendent of construction at Los Angeles.

Thomas H. Sherman, of Maine, will be appointed consul-general at Liverpool.

Secretary Rusk will reduce the number of employes in the agricultural department.

Ex-consul general to Samoa Sewall has been appointed disbursing agent at Berlin.

William Woods, convicted of murder in Arkansas, has been pardoned by the President.

John T. Scott has been appointed superintendent of public buildings at Port Townsend.

The work of re-organizing the consular service was commenced this week by Secretary Blaine.

E. M. Read, jr., of Washington territory, has been appointed register of the land office at Seattle.

C. M. Ogden has been appointed special timber agent of the land office in Washington territory.

Ecuador will be represented at the conference of American states to be held at Washington October 4th.

Major Armes is being tried by court martial at Washington for having pulled the nose of General Beaver.

The Rev. Dr. Scott, the President's father-in-law, keeps steadily at work at his desk in the pension office.

Henry W. Raymond, of Pennsylvania, has received the appointment of private secretary to Secretary Tracy.

It is said that the President will not confine himself to party lines in his appointment of Southern officials.

Mrs. Harrison denies that any discrimination has been made at the White house against colored domestics.

The secretary of war has ordered that the new military post near Denver shall be named in honor of Gen. Logan.

The comptroller of the currency has authorized the Citizens' National bank to begin business at Spokane Falls.

The President will only appoint men of ability to office in the South. Party lines in such cases will be ignored.

All the states and the territory of Dakota have been provided by congress with agricultural experiment stations.

The state of Wisconsin has been transferred from the military department of the East to the department of Dakota.

In the selection of Indian agents the secretary of the interior has decided not to appoint men residing near reservations.

The secretary has received information from the consul at Rio de Janeiro of the prevalence of yellow fever at that place.

Commissioner Stockslager estimates that fully 1,000,000 people are now ready to enter Oklahoma, ten to each homestead.

The maintenance of war ships at Samoa will be discontinued at the Berlin conference by the American representatives.

The secretary of state has been informed by the American consul at Panama that there is now no danger of trouble on the Isthmus.

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THE PACIFIC COAST.

THE CALIFORNIA POWDER WORKS EXPLODED.

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Bees are not permitted in Los Angeles.

At Lodi, Cal. 3000 acres are planted to watermelons.

The Canyon Diablo train robbers have been captured.

A large hotel for tourists is to be built at Santa Rosa.

The police at Los Angeles have closed all gambling games.

Carson, Nev., has succeeded in stamping out the small-pox.

An artesian well, 1000 feet deep, is to be bored at Alhila, Cal.

Fully 10,000 people are now out of work in San Francisco.

Marysville, Cal., is now making large shipments of strawberries.

Ex-Senator Vrooman dropped dead at Oakland, Cal., Wednesday.

Two colored men have been placed on the Los Angeles police force.

Miss Verona Baldwin has been sent to the insane asylum at Napa.

Rev. Samuel Miller, of Seio, drooped dead of apoplexy Thursday.

A. J. Crab fell in a cellar at Wallula, last week, breaking his neck.

A band of ten Indians are creating terror on the Colville reservation.

Mrs. L. C. Anderson cut her throat with a razor at Spokane Falls Thursday.

The relief station at Point Barrow, Alaska, will not be established this year.

Ex-Lord High Sheriff Hubbell, of London, England, was in San Francisco last week.

The head of a fireman killed in a railroad accident near Reno last week could not be found.

The old board of directors of the Oregon and California Railroad company have been re-elected.

A Chinaman fell on a gang-saw at Port Discovery, Saturday, and his head was severed from the body.

The canned fruit organization at San Francisco is again making an effort to reduce transcontinental rates.

Absalom Parker, a stage driver at Spokane Falls, was shot and killed last week by his employer, Frank Martin.

Mrs. A. F. Webber, 62 years old, fell fifteen feet off a bridge and a horse fell on her at Colledgeville, Cal., last week.

John Kelly, of Portland, has been appointed by the governor to represent the state at the World's exposition at Paris.

W. Parberry, aged 60, was found dead on the porch of his cabin, five miles above Volcano. He had been murdered.

The California powder works at Piquette, Cal., exploded Wednesday, instantly killing S. M. Swan, and injuring C. Sessing.

The Sacramento Board of Trade is seriously considering the matter of the proposed branch railroad to Anador county direct from that city.

Santa Rosa, Cal., is making preparations to protect itself against the hoodlum element which visits that place during the picnic season.

Miss May Carroll's eyes, it is feared, were entirely destroyed by a lotion applied to her face for neuralgia by a Los Angeles druggist's clerk.

The book-keeper who stole \$500 from the First National Bank of Butte, M. T., was captured at Helena and taken to Butte.

G. W. Callahan has been arrested at Los Angeles for passing forged checks. He, it is believed, is the same person who victimized people of Stockton.

A wharf 2000 feet long is projected for Santa Monica. Los Angeles is raising subscriptions for the work, and Santa Monica will give \$20,000 toward it.

A judgement was entered at San Diego last week for \$86,330, with \$9,500 additional for counsel fees, against the ex-Mission Land and Water company.

Six men have been arrested at Banning, Cal., for unlawfully seizing and imprisoning A. Knight, a rancher, whom the men had accused of stealing cattle.

A boy by the name of O'Donnell, alias A. M. Allen, of Texas, was sent to jail at Red Bluff, Wednesday, for one month for forging a pass on the O. R. & N. railroad.

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OVER THE STATES.

NATURAL GAS DISCOVERED IN KENTUCKY.

The Wife of Theodore Thomas Dead—An Attempt to Assassinate the Czar of Russia—General Boulanger a Refugee.

Murders are on the increase in Paris. Labor strikes in Germany continue.

A registry has been established in Holland.

Denver has organized a law and order league.

General Boulanger is a refugee from France.

Natural gas has been discovered in Kentucky.

Onions are one cent a bushel in Canastota, N. Y.

The Eiffel tower in Paris will be 1000 feet in height.

Gladstone presided at the Parnell banquet on the 11th.

A heavy snow-storm raged throughout Old Virginia last week.

The wife of Theodore Thomas died at New York Wednesday.

The town of Smithfield, N. C., was destroyed by fire last week.

A panic prevailed at Percyville, Ia., last week, over mad dogs.

Henry George has made a number of speeches in England recently.

Four "marbled polecats" are the latest arrivals at the London zoo.

An attempt was made to assassinate the Czar of Russia last week.

Governor Wolfley was hanged in effigy at Flagstaff, Ariz., Thursday.

The Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., is rapidly falling to pieces.

The Michigan legislature has made it a criminal offense to sell a cigarette.

The Smithsonian institute has received three elk from Buffalo Bill.

The German man-of-war Olga, recently beached at Samoa, has been floated.

The recent losses by fire in Savannah, Georgia, is estimated to be \$1,000,000.

The report of the English admiralty is that the navy of that country is inefficient.

The effort to declare the present Chicago city government invalid, fell through.

The world's conference of Latter Day saints was held at St. Joseph, Mo., last week.

Canada is in favor of a partial but not an entire reciprocity with the United States.

Lewis Conklin, of Port Jervis, L. I., was brained by his wife with an ax, Tuesday.

The Oklahoma boomers encamped around Caldwell, Kan., Wednesday, numbered 2000.

A negro at Clinton, Wis., broke his neck while trying to pull his own tooth Wednesday.

Thieves steal horses and buggies at Chicago and ship them to Denver where they are sold.

Snow as black and dirty as if it had been trampled under foot, fell at Aitken, Minn., last week.

Mosella White, a music teacher, was arrested at Susquehanna, Pa., Wednesday, for stealing \$15,000.

Sandy Carty, a negro desperado, killed Police Captain John R. Miller at Bessemer, Ala., Sunday.

The U. S. steamer Pensacola, which went down in a storm last week at Norfolk, has been raised.

The Sultan of Turkey has discovered a plot to depose him and to place his brother's heir on the throne.

The All-around-the-world baseballists were entertained in sumptuous style on their arrival in New York last week.

Major Armes has made an abject apology to General Beaver for pulling the latter's nose at Washington recently.

Lee Sing, a wealthy merchant of Denver, was arrested in Chicago Tuesday for eloping with another Chinaman's wife.

Russell Harrison was arrested in New York Friday, on a charge of criminal libel against ex-governor Crosby of Montana.

There are said to be only three of the war governors now living—Blair of Michigan, Curtin of Pennsylvania, and Kirkwood of Iowa.

The Emperor of Brazil is about to issue an edict prohibiting Brazilian girls from marrying until they arrive at the age of ten years.

Ellison Hatfield, one of the Hatfield-McCoy gang of Kentucky desperadoes, now in jail, confesses to three cold-blooded murders.

Kilrain and Sullivan have agreed to fight for a wager of \$10,000. It is earnestly hoped by a long suffering public that it will be a Kilkenney in every sense of the word.

The prohibition state of Iowa has had five murder trials so far this year within its borders, in each of which intoxication was urged by the defense as a mitigating circumstance of the crime.

Andrew Carnegie, in a speech in the Pennsylvania house of representatives Tuesday, declared that the Pennsylvania Central railroad was injuring the value of property in large sections of the state.

It is said that a lack of coal at Pago Pago harbor, Samoa, was the cause of the recent disaster to shipping. The absence of coal prevented the German and American war-ships maintaining steam, hence they were at the mercy of the storm.

Manuel Perales de Salinas and Dionisio Blanco, the latter a nephew of ex-President Blanco, were arrested in New Orleans, last week, on a telegram from the Mexican legation at Washington on the charge of forgery and robbery, committed in Mexico.

Editor Stead, of the "Pall Mall Gazette," London, while inspecting the Eiffel tower at Paris, last week, stumbled over some loose boards and only saved himself by clinging to some projecting iron from an 800-foot fall. He was released from his perilous position by workmen.

HOME AND FARM.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORIGIN OF HOG CHOLERA.

The Superiority of Carrots and Mangle Wurtzels as a Food for Milk Cows—Yield of an Acre of Land in Strawberries.

There are in this country, according to the government statistical bureau report, 44,612,837 head of hogs, breeding animals and young pigs.

Select seed corn carefully from the best stalks, choosing the choicest ears, and then hang them in a perfectly dry place where they cannot freeze.

A grindstone conveniently placed ready for use, leaves no excuse for working with a dull axe or other cutting instrument that never does good work.

Leather, as it slowly decomposes, gives off fertilizing matter. Some people like to bury old boots and shoes near grape vines or trees where their valuable qualities are realized.

To make hens lay, make a mush of coarse corn-meal, boiling in a large red pepper in each two quarts of the water. Cook for an hour and feed hot. Boiled apple skins seasoned with red pepper is also good.

During the summer a great deal of rubbish collects in the garden, and perhaps in the orchard. All this ought to be raked up and burned, or otherwise disposed of. If left on the ground, it furnishes food for insects.

Mashed Potatoes: Boil a quantity of potatoes and pass them through a sieve. Put them into a saucepan with a good lump of butter, and salt to taste; add a little milk, and work them well with a spoon on a slow fire for a few minutes, adding small quantities of milk as it is required, until they get of the desired consistency.

Potato Pudding: Boil four large potatoes and pass them through a sieve; stir into them powdered loaf sugar to taste, and the yolks of two or three eggs; add a few drops of essence of lemon, then the whites of the eggs whisked to a froth; mix quickly and pour into a plain mould, buttered and bread-crumbed, and bake for twenty minutes in a quick oven.

An acre of land will produce five or six times as many strawberries, in bushels, as it will of wheat, and the prices usually obtained for strawberries are more than three times as much as for wheat. One acre of strawberries will bring as much profit as fifteen acres of wheat, while the cost of raising the strawberries is proportionately but little more than that of producing wheat.

An extensive apple-grower in Illinois is said to plant only half as far apart as the trees should stand permanently, and then he brings three-fourths of them into bearing as soon as possible by girdling, letting them produce all they will until the permanent ones need the room. The girdled trees are then cut out and the others have all the needed space for growth and productiveness.

Have you a good stock of carrots and mangle wurtzels in your cellars for your milk cows? If you have you are a lucky man. If you have not, it is too late now to provide them, but make your calculations to sow the seeds of them liberally the present season. You will never complain that you have too many of such roots for your stock. Cows, oxen, horses, and sheep actually need green food in winter as much as in summer.

There is no doubt whatever about the benefits to be derived from a well-conducted creamery, observes a Dakota farmer, not only to the farmers, but to every one within the limits of operations. It gives the farmer a cash market for his cream, and enables him to pay cash for supplies. It gives him an inducement to better his stock, and to employ better and more profitable methods of caring for them, in addition to many other benefits.

Cold Slaw: Put three tablespoonfuls of vinegar in a saucepan with a little salt and pepper; beat two eggs very light and mix with a teaspoonful of sifted flour, a teaspoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of sugar and a half teaspoonful of ground mustard. Set the vinegar on the stove, and when it boils stir in the mixture, adding half a cup of milk. Cook for two minutes stirring constantly. Pour the sauce over the shred cabbage and let it become cold before serving.

Oysters a la Bouquette: Put one quart of oysters in their own liquor. Let come to a boil, turn in a hot dish, strain. Put two ounces of butter in a saucepan, add sifted flour, let cook one minute, stir and add a cupful of the oyster liquor. Take from the fire and mix in the yolks of two eggs, a little salt, a very little pepper, one teaspoonful of lemon juice and one grated nutmeg. Beat well, return to the fire, heat well, but not boil. Drop in the oysters. Dish and boil.

Salad dressing for Oysters: Take the yolks of three raw eggs, a small tablespoonful of mustard, a teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls of white sugar, an atom of cayenne pepper, a cup of oil or butter melted, a small half-cup of vinegar, the juice of a lemon. Beat the eggs very light with the sugar, add the mustard salt and pepper. Mix in the butter and vinegar in small quantities alternately, and, just before pouring over the salad add two cups of whipped cream. To whip cream, let it stay on the ice a few hours, then whip with an eggbeater.

Potato Balls: Take half dozen potatoes, boil them, pass them through a sieve, and work into them in a bowl one gill of cream and the yolks of three eggs; add pepper, salt and nutmeg to taste, and some parsley finely chopped. When they are well mixed and smooth, take them up by tablespoonfuls, roll each in a ball, flatten it and flour it slightly. Lay them in a saucepan with plenty of butter melted, and cook them slowly. Turn them over when one side is done, and serve hot as soon as both sides are colored.

The agricultural department after careful investigation into the origin of hog cholera, is said to have proven conclusively that it results from the use of carrion food dropped by buzzards, while the habits of the hog are such that one in a herd being attacked will soon spread the disease. Typhus fever in man has been traced to the use of infected meat, of animals slaughtered to avoid the disease. Thorough cooking of pork in affected districts will alone prevent man's liability to typhus fever from that cause. Immediate isolation of affected animals is recommended.

PORTLAND MARKET.

CROPS GIVE PROMISE OF A GOOD HARVEST.

In Sugars we Note a Slight Advance—Cured Meats are About Steady—Oranges and Apples Find Sale at Good Prices.

The lack of rainfall has not brought forth any serious complaint from the farming community, and so far the crops give every promise of a good harvest.

Sugars have advanced since our last report. Cured meats are unchanged. Apples and oranges of the best variety find ready sale. Butter is rather weak, but choice dairy is salable at fair prices.

A drop of a few cents in wheat has occurred since our last report. The market is quiet in feedstuffs, bran commanding a fair price. The local freight market is without any new business to report for the week, and rates are therefore nominal.

GROCERIES.

Sugars, Golden C 67c, extra C 71c, dry granulated 83c, cube, crushed and powdered 83c. Coffee: Costa Rica and Rio 21c, Java 25c, Mocha 28c, Arhuac's roasted 25c.

PROVISIONS.

Oregon ham 12c@13c, breakfast bacon 12c, sides 10c@11c, shoulders 9c@10c. Eastern ham 12c@13c, breakfast bacon 12c, sides 10c@11c. Lard has declined 1c, 10s 8 1/2c, 5s 8 1/2c.

FRUITS.

Navel oranges \$4.75, Riversides \$3.25, California lemons \$3.50@4 per box, apples \$1.25@1.75.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes 30c@35c, onions 90@1, rhubarb 10c, tomatoes \$2.50 per box.

DRY FRUITS.

Apples 5c@6c, sliced 6c, apricots 13c@14c, peaches 9c@12c, pears 9c, Oregon prunes, Italian, 8c, silver 7c, German 5c@7c, plums 5c@7c. Raisins 2c per box, California figs 8c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, Oregon fancy 25c, medium 20c, Eastern 22c, California 18c@20c.

EGGS.

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POULTRY.

Chickens \$4@6.50, ducks \$10@11 per doz., geese \$10@12, turkeys 17@18c per lb.

WOOL.

Valley 17a18c, Eastern Oregon 8@15c.

HOPS 10@17c.

GRAIN.

Wheat, Valley \$1.27@1.30, Eastern \$1.25. Oats 30@31c.

FLOUR.

Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.90.

FEEDS.

Hay \$13@15 per ton, bran \$15@15.5, shorts \$16@17, barley \$22.50@25, mill chop \$18@20.

FRESH MEATS.

Beef, live, 3c, dressed 7c, mutton, live, 3c, dressed 7c, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs live 6c, dressed 7c@7 1/2c, veal 6@8c.

There's a certain well known reporter whose writing is so bad that even his best friends do not attempt to read it. One afternoon he dropped several sheets of his notes on the floor of the surrogate's office and they were afterwards picked up by one of the attaches of the office, a violinist. He took them home and played from them, but was surprised when Sidney told him they were news notes, and not violin notes. He could not be convinced, however, that they were not intended for music.—Buffalo News.

A Reasonable Time.

"You must give me time, George, to think it over. It is all so strange, so unexpected."

"I will give you a year's time if you wish it. My love for you is great enough to bear that strain."

"Oh, I don't want a year—give me five minutes."—Life.

The Watchword Was Distorted.

The colored brother has a wonderful capacity for adapting a word to his senses. "During the war," said a well known veteran, "we often had trouble in getting up a list of countersigns. I had the matter in charge, and took a list of European battles. It was a colored regiment. The countersign for the night was 'Austerlitz.' In the evening I tried to get into the lines and was halted. I gave the countersign, 'Austerlitz.'"

"Dat ain't right, sah," said the darky, and he called the provost, who was also colored. When that officer came, I complained that the sentry didn't know the countersign.

"What is it, sah," asked the provost of me.

"'Austerlitz,' I answered.

"You are wrong, sah