

EASTERN ITEMS.

THE TALK ABOUT AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Presidential Ceremony—Heavy Damages Recovered—Robbers Captured—Rainfall in Washington—Suicides in Ohio.

White caps are yet active in Ohio. A white-lead trust has been formed. There were three suicides at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 8th.

The Scotch-Irish Congress is in session at Columbia, Tenn.

Thirteen sat at the Presidential table at the Centennial ball.

Talk about an extra session to organize Congress is again revived.

The Chicago Club gave Minister Lincoln a farewell dinner on the 8th.

Great suffering is reported among unsuccessful Oklahoma boomers.

The prospects for a large peach crop in South Jersey were never better, it is said.

The consignment of trotters from Palo Alto has reached New York in good condition.

Bugs and the fly are playing havoc with the wheat and tobacco plants of Kentucky.

"Maple syrup on snow" is a treat that they are yet able to serve among the Maine hills.

Fifth-avenue Hotel entertained 1500 guests each day during the celebration in New York.

The president has appointed Asa Matthews, of Illinois, to be first comptroller of the treasury.

The White House oak which was blown down a few days ago, was planted by Martha Washington.

About fifteen companies have been organized during the past month to build cotton mills in the South.

"Jere" Dunn, the prominent sporting man who killed Jimmy Elliot in Chicago, is defendant in a divorce suit.

Edward Scovell, leading tenor of the Boston Ideal Opera Company, is threatened with complete loss of voice.

A number of men, charged with robbing cars belonging to the Union Pacific Railroad, were arrested in Montana.

The rainfall in Washington during the past month was 9.13 inches, an excess of 6 1/4 inches over the average for April.

A Kansas family has arrived at Zellwood, Fla., in a "prairie schooner." The journey took them nearly four months.

All the Florissant, Col., robbers escaped into the mountains but one, who was killed. The body has not been identified.

The Supreme Court of Michigan has decided in an insurance case that the suicide of an insane man is an accident.

A hemorrhage of the lungs has caused John A. Enander, appointed minister to Denmark, to write a letter of declination to the president.

Tramps in the jail at West Chester, Penn., are compelled to break stones on the street, wearing ball and chain attached to their legs.

One of the most suggestive incidents in the great military parade was the cheering called out by the playing of "Dixie" by the Southern bands.

It is estimated that the amount paid for window-rent of Fifth avenue, New York, during the Centennial parade would pay all the taxes on that street for a year.

Work on the branch of the Mexican Central road running from Aguas Calientes to San Luis Potosi is nearly completed, and trains will be running in less than a month.

The Mayor of Cincinnati has appointed a wealthy and influential lady, Mrs. Matzney, of that city one of the Work-house directors.

The war department has just completed and published the allotments of the \$400,000 appropriated by congress for the equipment of the militia.

Six women were killed and five injured in a collision between a street-car and a switch-engine on the Michigan Central tracks, in Kalamazoo, last week.

The books of ex-Treasurer Wildman, of Typographical Union, No. 6, of New York city, are being examined by experts, and it is reported that he is about \$8000 short.

An explosion on the whaling bark Sea Fox, of New Bedford, Mass., while the vessel was at Equimena, killed five men, injured several and badly damaged the vessel.

Secretary Tracy has extended for four months and four days the time allowed the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, in which to complete cruiser No. 5, the San Francisco.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has given the representatives of the Western roads a hearing in the matter of mileage allowances on cars furnished by shippers, car companies, individuals or connecting lines, etc.

Secretary Windom gave a hearing to persons interested in the question of the dutiable character of Canadian built cars, used in the transportation of merchandise between Canada and United States points.

The introduction of high license in Boston has closed out 1700 liquor saloons. Furnishings to the value of \$2,000,000 are on the market, and over two thousand idle bar-tenders are ready for professional engagement in other cities.

Ten years ago the superintendent of an Iowa railroad booted a tramp out of his office for having the check to ask for a pass. To-day that tramp is the superintendent of that same road, while the man that lifted him on his boot keeps a restaurant and sends him over lunches.

The president last week pardoned John, an Alaska Indian, convicted of resisting an officer, and commuted the sentence of hanging to ten years in the penitentiary in the case of Grace Smallwood, colored, of Washington, D. C., who strangled to death her illegitimate child.

President Harrison, in a late reception, courageously "reverted to first principles," and restored President Washington's custom of not shaking hands with everybody, but merely receiving the bows of the callers and saving his right arm and nervous system for greater usefulness.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Queen Victoria's Birthday—The Czar's Edict—Three Missionaries Held for a \$5000 Ransom.

The Pundita Ramabai has reached Bombay.

Vesuvius is in an alarming state of eruption.

Boulanger's presence in London is almost unnoticed.

Gold commands a premium of 56 per cent at Buenos Ayres.

Two new streets in Berlin are to be named Bach and Wagner.

The Zouave uniform is to be abandoned in the French army.

Boulanger has been elected to the Municipal Council of Paris.

Count Tolstoi, Russian Minister of the Interior, is dangerously ill.

The Paris boulevards are to be lighted this summer by electricity.

Lord Calogan is mentioned as next Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

The American pilgrims in the Holy Land have arrived at Nazareth.

Emperor William is opposed to the appointment of a papal nuncio at Berlin.

It is rumored that the Duke of Newcastle will soon be in the divorce court.

Searle, the Australian orsman, sailed for England May 10th to meet O'Connor.

The houses of sixteen Boulangerists at Neuilly have been searched by the police.

An International Anti-slavery Congress will be held at Lucerne, Switzerland, in July.

Queen Victoria will celebrate her birthday Friday, May 24th. She was born in 1819.

The Eaton, England, Steel Works is to have shears that will cut nine feet steel plates.

Thirty persons who were selling socialist pamphlets at Hamburg, have been arrested.

Sir Charles Dilke will soon deliver a series of labor speeches in the mining districts of England.

Figaro says the kings of Belgium, Saxony, Greece and Serbia will visit the French exhibition.

Sir Morrell Mackenzie was offered \$30,000 to treat an American patient. He wants the earth.

The steamer Willand has arrived at New York from the Azores, with the Danish's passengers.

A Kurdish Chief recently attacked an American village and burned several prominent citizens alive.

A London paper thinks that telephones are more generally used in Sweden than anywhere else in the world.

Three systems of elevators—two French and one American—are used in the Eiffel Tower at the Paris Exposition.

A storm has destroyed all the crops in the Goerlitz district of Silesia. Five persons were killed by lightning.

The Pope has removed Father Agostino for invoking the Divine blessing upon King Humbert and the Italian army.

The Sultan of Turkey is about to build a new palace, and has ordered the furniture from Paris regardless of expense.

The revolt of the supporters of the British government against the Sugar Bounties bill gains in strength every day.

An exposition of agriculture and forestry is to be held in Vienna from the middle of May to the middle of October, 1890.

President Carnot has received Thomas A. Edison with extreme cordiality and holds almost daily conversations with him.

The chief of the Zanzibar insurgents holds three English missionaries in his power and schedules their freedom at \$4000.

Belgium's zinc manufacturing business has developed until one-third of all the zinc used in England is made in that country.

Emperor William proposes to make a trip in the autumn to the North Cape. He will be accompanied by Saltzmann, the painter.

A project to place an export duty on Swedish iron ore has just been defeated in the Swedish parliament by a considerable majority.

Russian petroleum is competing with the American product in the Dutch East Indies, which have been customers of the American companies.

Information has been received at Vienna from Rome that the Pope will bestow the Golden Rose on the Dowager Crown Princess Stephanie of Paris.

Alexander, the well-known collector of Chinese and Japanese works of art, has offered to give £100,000 to build a gallery for national historical portraits.

The miners' strike in Westphalia is spreading. During the labor riots last week in Gelsenkirchen, a miner was killed and many persons were injured.

The Czar of Russia has issued an edict forbidding members of his family to contract morganatic marriages. Hereafter they must take their matrimony straight.

Machinery is driving out hand labor at last in the nail-working trade in England. The machines have had a monopoly of the business in this country for many years.

In spite of the attacks of Canon Taylor and Mr. Cairne, the income of the Church Missionary Society for the year just closed will be larger than in any previous year.

The Comte and Comtesse of Paris will celebrate their silver wedding on the 30th of May. It is rumored that the Comte will issue a manifesto in honor of the occasion.

Edmund Yates observes a revival of coaching in England. There are this year ten coaches running out of London, which is more than twice the number of a few years ago.

Three times as much coal as ever before was imported into St. Petersburg last year, and a Russian government commission is investigating the Russian mines to find out what ails them.

The Czar has ordered Baron Mohrenheim, the Russian ambassador at Paris, to return home during the Paris exhibition unless the French government urgently requires his presence.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

SEATTLE'S RAILWAY CONNECTION WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stage Robber Captured—Murder and Suicides—Criminal Libel Suit—New York Capitalists at Ellensburg, W. T.

Santa Cruz is to have a \$25,000 jail. Ellensburg, W. T., has 4000 people.

Visalia will soon be lit by electricity. Watsonville has decided to reincorporate.

The cherry crop around Vacaville is light.

The "lovers" have been driven out of Oroville.

San Leandro elected the people's ticket last week.

Portland's exports for April amounted to \$160,705.

May 8th was pardon day at the California capital.

Petaluma has raised its liquor license from \$11 to \$100 a quarter.

Roxburg has signed as catcher of the Sacramento baseball club.

The Portland & Clackamas Railway Company has incorporated.

Work was begun recently on the water works for Unqupa City, Or.

There are some prospects of establishing a military post on Drake's Bay.

At Ellensburg, W. T., 400 houses, it is estimated, will be built this season.

On the 7th inst., the first train ran over the line between Paso and Selma.

The San Pedro, N. M., carbonate strike promises to be a big thing for the territory.

Fishing for perch in Clear Lake is now all the rage. They take the hood freely.

It is now decided that the Pacific Methodist College will remain in Santa Rosa.

The Washington Territorial Dental Association was held last week at Spokane Falls.

The woman suffragists are making a vigorous campaign in Washington Territory.

The hot springs at Temicula, San Diego county, are said to be equal to those in Arkansas.

James Hutchinson, a logger at Bradbury, Or., was killed recently by a log crushing him.

The Tohema county clerk says the divorces are about equal to the marriages in that county.

Seattle is to have railroad connection with the Canadian Pacific at New Westminster within a year.

Work has been begun on the life-saving station at Point Reyes, which is to be completed by August 15.

The young vineyards at Woodbridge, San Joaquin county, have been ruined this spring by cutworms.

Nineteen thousand sheep and 133,895 pounds of wool were shipped from Huron, Fresno county, in March.

A large deposit of asbestos has been found near the line of the Cuyamaca railroad, in San Diego county.

Emil Weber, a well-known sporting man of Portland, Or., was shot and instantly killed on the 10th inst.

New York capitalists have purchased 180 lots near Ellensburg, W. T., and will make substantial improvements.

Bill Keogh of Chicago knocked out Phil Duncan, colored, of California, in three rounds at Virginia City, last week.

The committee on Commercial Relations with Canada stopped over at Reno last week and attended the theater.

The excitement over the gold find in Douglas county, Nev., has died out. It is intimated the claims were salted.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holser, of San Buenaventura, charged with the murder of Daniel Sheldon, have been discharged.

A chrome mine has been discovered on Jacillites creek, in the Coast Range, twenty miles west of Huron, Fresno county.

Prisoners in the Spokane Falls jail attempted an outbreak recently, but a murderer in the woman's cell betrayed them to the guard.

On the 6th inst., Fred Simmons, aged 13 years, accidentally shot and killed Avarado Apalaco while hunting near Halfmoon Bay.

The city clerk of Stockton says with a tax levy of \$1.83 on the \$100, this year, the city will run short \$40,000 before the end of the fiscal year.

Walter T. Logan, an Arizona cattleman, died at the Lake Erie Ranch, near St. John's, A. T., on the 6th inst., from an overdose of morphine.

Whale-oil soap is being extensively used in the orchards in the vicinity of Santa Rosa for exterminating the codin moth and other insect pests.

Harry Bethune, the famous sprinter, and Frank Lewis, a Pacific Coast runner of more than local note, are matched for \$250 a side at Seattle, W. T., May 26.

The Los Angeles Herald says: All the employees of the Southern Pacific living in the desert will be supplied with ice by the company during the coming summer.

W. H. Pain, a Victoria, B. C., sculler, says he will accept the challenge of Henceman and row for \$500 to \$1500 in October, at Stockton or San Francisco.

The notorious dance house at Fresno, which was closed by the vigilance committee last year, has been granted a liquor license by the Trustees, and the papers predict trouble.

Detective Stone, of Fresno, has captured Robert Stewart, colored, and most of the bullion stolen from the Hillbreth stage last July. It is said to have been concealed in a hollow stump.

C. Anderson and D. D. Lynch, who published the Portland Electric Light, have been indicted for criminal libel on John Sullivan and H. Brandt; employees of the Southern Pacific machine shops.

A writ of habeas corpus has been granted by the Supreme Court in the case of the twenty Chinese hydraulicers imprisoned in the Yuba county jail for contempt of court in violating anti-debris injunctions.

HOME AND FARM.

The Way to Test Seed Corn—A Gargle—Sheep Raising Profitable—Stock Breeding—Bee Culture.

Don't plant corn that will not grow.

Don't plow the land when wet or sticky.

Be sure and test your corn before planting.

Don't breed a draft mare to a trotter or a thoroughbred.

Mix the dry horse manure with the wet cow manure.

There is no sweet corn for late planting that excels Stowell's evergreen.

Don't breed to a mishapen, ungainly horse, even if he has a long pedigree.

Watch the young ewes for frequently they will not allow the lambs to suck.

Don't breed to a horse that is accidentally good looking in spite of bad ancestry.

Young chicks may be put upon a cracked wheat diet after about three weeks of age.

Some farmers may not, of course, be in a position to keep bees to advantage—this must be a matter of individual judgment.

It will be readily understood that, to be a money-making farmer, one must be able to manage men profitably; he must also understand to a great extent the markets of the world.

A little soda as well as salt is recommended to boil with cabbage, and effects the flavor agreeably. For one head of cabbage take a pinch of soda equal in bulk to a good sized pea.

The latest idea in window curtains are the pretty shades, hand painted. A cool fawn-colored linen shade is the background for a branch of lilac; a spray of pink hydrangea looks well on gray linen shades.

Do farmers ever stop and consider their loss when they allow their manures around stables, pens, etc., to take the spring rains before hauling out? Manure is too valuable to lose when it can possibly be avoided.

A gargle made of strong black tea and cold, night and morning, is now the fashionable preventative in London against falling a victim to sore throat during the cold winds of spring and similar 'cold spells' at other times of the year.

A delicious pudding is made in this way: Chop a pine apple quite fine; take some cake which is a little dry, rub it fine in your hands or crush it on a kneading board; put it into a pudding dish in alternate layers with the pineapple, sweeten abundantly, moisten with cold water and bake in a moderate oven for an hour and three-quarters.

The way to test seed corn is simple and easy. Take two thin sods; on the soil side of one place the corn (take a kernel only from each of several cobs, fifty or so) moisten with warm water; place the other sod soil side down on them; put under the kitchen stove, keep moist with warm water three or four days. Lift up your top sod—you will know what per cent will grow.

Sow your celery seed. An ounce of seeds should produce 2000 plants. Sow on a fine seed bed and cover the seeds very lightly. If the weather becomes dry water the young plants. Grass must be kept out, and should there be danger from heavy winds at night or frosts, a covering of muslin held at the corners with weights may be spread over them, though the young plants are quite hardy.

For chapped hands take half a gill of olive oil and two ounces of beeswax; cut your wax into thin strips, put that and the oil into a gillpot on the hob and let it gently dissolve, after which stir it thoroughly and let it get cold, when it will be fit for use. If two hard, add more oil. This is a good thing for all chaps, whether hands, feet or lips, and is neither disagreeable nor unpleasant if applied to the lips.

Very rich fritters are made of one and one-half pints of flour, the yolks of four eggs, two small teaspoonfuls of baking powder, butter the size of a large hickory nut, salt to taste, with enough milk to make a thick batter, fry in lard that is heated to the boiling point. A rule for plainer ones may be wished for also. Two eggs, one cup of sweetmilk, a little salt, flour enough to make a stiff batter. These are nice with maple syrup.

The early weeds that spring up on fields not intended for cultivation can be kept down by a flock of sheep. Many weeds that are a nuisance for foot when matured serve as choice morsels for many kinds of stock when they are just shooting out of the ground. Sheep graze very close, and forage all over a field very industriously. They find every vestige of green food that appears, and by keeping down the weeds early the field can in time be entirely cleared of the pests.

To make a loaf of light corn bread for breakfast, beat up two fresh eggs, add a cup of milk, half sour and half sweet, a lump of soft, fresh butter, a little salt and a little salaratus. Beat in enough corn meal to make a moderately thin batter. Beat very hard, pour into a buttered pan and bake in a pretty hot oven—one not hot enough, however, to burn the top before the middle is cooked. The batter, with the addition of a little flour, will make excellent griddle cakes.

Thimble rigging is something new in the sewing line. Some one has invented a piece of thimble rigging which is conducive to a seamstress' comfort. A metallic ridge is attached to one of the faces of the thimble just below the indentations. This is known as a thread cutter, and is meant to save the trouble of using the scissors at every finish, not to speak of the pernicious habit of biting off the thread with one's teeth. The enamel of the teeth is very quickly destroyed in this way, decay soon follows, and your teeth are ruined before you know it.

A simple but excellent remedy for burns. If you get half a pint of cold drawn linseed oil and some clean linen rags, pour oil over the rag until it is perfectly saturated, have ready a gillpot or other clean vessel to let the oil drop into; take the rag up with some tongs, set it alight, hold it over and let the burnt oil fall into the vessel, keep on until the whole is burnt then strain and bottle. Keep a feather in the bottle and when anyone meets with an accident apply the oil to the burn with the feather, afterwards saturating a piece of lint and wrapping up the injured part with it; attend to and dress frequently. This is a very old but safe and excellent recipe. No household should be without it. The cost is trifling compared with its usefulness and beneficial effects.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT STILL REMAINS VERY DULL WITH NO DEMAND.

Early Fruits of all Kinds in Demand—Cured Meats Steady—Apples Extremely Scarce—Sugars are on the decline.

A spell of fine weather is all that is now needed to ripen the abundant crops of early fruits of all kinds for market. Wheat remains very dull, with no immediate prospect of any improvement. Sugars have fallen 5/8c since our last report. Cured meats are steady at former quotations. Fruits are in steady demand. The market is well supplied with butter. The local wool market is rather quiet and very little business is reported. The wheat market continues to be depressed. We quote:

GROCERIES.
Sugars, Golden C 6 1/2c, extra C 6 3/4c, dry granulated 8c, cube, crushed and powdered 8 1/2c. Coffee: Costa Rica 21 1/2c @ 22 1/2c, Rio 22a22c, Java 25a27c, Mocha 28@31c, Arlonckle's roasted 23 1/2c.

PROVISIONS.
Oregon ham 12 1/2 @ 13c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2c, sides 10a10 1/2c, shoulders 8 1/2 @ 9c. Eastern ham 13 @ 13 1/2c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2 @ 13c, sides 9 1/2 @ 10c. Lard 10s 9 1/2c.

FRUITS.
Navel oranges \$5 @ 5.50, Riversides \$3.25, California lemons \$3.50 @ 4 per box.

VEGETABLES.
Potatoes 30 @ 40c, onions \$2, rhenbarb 3c, tomatoes \$2 per box.

DRIED FRUITS.
Apples 4 @ 5c, sliced 6c, apricots 13 @ 14c, peaches 8 @ 10c, pears 8c, Italian, 8c, silver 7c, German 6 @ 6 1/2c, plums 5 @ 7c, California figs 8c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.
Butter, Oregon 14 1/2 @ 20c, medium 15c Eastern 22c, California 18 @ 20c.

EGGS.
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POULTRY.
Chickens \$5, broilers \$3 @ 4, ducks \$10, per doz., geese \$9, turkeys 20c per lb.

WOOL.
Valley 16a17c, Eastern Oregon 10 @ 15c.

HOPS.
Hops 10 @ 15c.

GRAIN.
Wheat, Valley \$1.25, Eastern Oregon \$1.15. Oats 30 @ 31c.

FLOUR.
Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.90.

FEED.
Hay \$13 @ 14 per ton, bran \$14, shorts \$15 @ 16, barley \$22.50 @ 25, mill chop \$17 @ 20.

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

THE ROSES BY THE RUN.

The roses and the clover
Are very sweet and fair,
And I love the fragrant odors
They breathe upon the air;
But sweeter scented the blossoms
Beside the meadow run,
The time that you were twenty
And I was twenty-one.

How fondly I remember
The time we culled them there,
And 'neath the shady maples
I wove them in your hair;
How there in bliss we tarried
Until the set of sun,
The time that you were twenty
And I was twenty-one.

It may have been the flowers,
Perhaps a look from thee,
That made me whisper softly
How dear thou wert to me;
I never stopped to question,
I only knew 'twas true,
The time that you were twenty
And I was twenty-one.

We've had our summer, darling,
The fields of life are brown,
We've traveled up the hill side,
We're on our journey down;
Yet oft I wake from dreaming
Those days have just begun—
That you again are twenty
And I am twenty-one.

When life and love are over,
And I am laid at rest,
I hope some one will gather
And place upon my breast
Such flowers as used to blossom
Beside the meadow run,
The time that you were twenty
And I was twenty-one.

A Snake's Battle with a Cat.

It is not often that a newspaper man comes across two true snake stories in one day, but a reporter heard yesterday of two which are well authenticated. Mr. Cyrenius Hall, the artist, has a summer home at Isle of Hope. Three weeks ago Mrs. Hall, to encourage her hens to lay, bought a half dozen china nest eggs and placed them in their nests. On looking for them a few days after they were not to be found, nor were there any sugar bowls or tea sets about to show that the china eggs had hatched. The disappearance of the eggs was a mystery, until one day last week a chicken snake was killed on Mr. Hall's farm, and two china eggs were found inside of it. His 'reship had been doubtless suffering from dyspepsia for several weeks.

Mr. Hall's snake experience did not end with the eggs, however. That gentleman has a large cat, which is said to be one of the best and bravest of the feline species. A few nights ago the cat was locked in the store room. During the night a terrific noise was heard emanating from the room, and it was supposed that a strange cat had gotten in and the house cat was trying to put