

Brief War News, Telegraphic News Notes, Etc., Etc.

Another Departure. The past week's goading has been sufficient to justify the Gazette laying aside its "quaker garb" and adorning its fighting rig. It has taken one year's time to decide that while the noble (?) redmen have been banished to the hidden recesses of the mountains their tactics have been retained to a considerable extent in this community by the "would-be powers." The liberal patronage of the business men bestowed upon the Gazette in their consideration of our management has enabled us to meet our bills when presented, for which they have our sincere gratitude, so we have no grievance on that score. What troubles us most is the fellow, known as an evil doer, who takes delight in discouraging not only the social conditions, but the business welfare of the community. Sticking in the "crow" of many of our friends is the scurrilous article appearing in the Times previous to that editor's unfortunate affliction. Providence commanded our respect at that time. Now, in defense, we will open up our past record to the public, inviting an inquiry of all the leading business men, and church denominations with which we have come in contact throughout Oregon, Washington and California during the forty years of our existence, two-thirds of which time has been spent in the state of Oregon in close association with the leading business men, whose respect and confidence we have retained. We have yet to be accused of shirking a just debt, or suspected of a crime against law or society; have never played the hypocrite or meddled with affairs of others. While we make no pretense to brilliancy we carry public record of having done well in our undertakings, and have standing invitations to return to the fields we have left behind. The insinuations of the article appearing in the Times were mischievous and carried convictions only with those who depend upon the agency from which they came. Evil insinuations like evil suspicions bode no good for those with whom they originate. Threats, insinuations and disagreeable personalities are not in our make up. When we can show up the truth we simply turn on the lights.

Ever since the official announcement that President McKinley would visit St. Paul and Minneapolis, as well as Chicago, when he goes west next month, the president has been overwhelmed with invitations by mail, by wire and verbally to visit other western cities. While this proof of his personal popularity is naturally gratifying to President McKinley, it is also embarrassing to him because of his inability to accept all the invitations and his unwillingness to appear to discriminate. He may decide to visit other places, but the chances are that he will not. His promise to visit Chicago during its autumn festival was obtained many months ago, and it was through his desire to assist in welcoming the Minnesota volunteers home from the Philippines that caused him to decide to go to Minneapolis and St. Paul; his interest in and kindly feeling toward the volunteers are known to all who have come in contact with him.

Representative Eddy, of Minnesota, who is an expert in feeling the public pulse, is in Washington. Since congress adjourned he has been almost continuously on the move, and has been from Massachusetts to the state of Washington, making it a point to find out the condition of public sentiment. As a result of his investigation he says that the foreign policy of the administration will be the principal issue in the presidential campaign. Of that issue he said: "The sentiment of the country is, in my opinion, overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining American supremacy over every foot of territory which came to us as a result of the war with Spain. The anti-expansionists of the East have really done President McKinley a good turn by their calumniation. For they have aroused the sentiment of the people and made an issue that will be settled in the presidential election next year, and settled right, as every question involving American dignity and honor has always been settled when submitted to the voters."

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Robert J. Thompson, secretary of the Lafayette Memorial committee, says he thinks the people of the United States are making a rash movement in condemning the French nation for the Dreyfus verdict. "The people of the United States owe a deep debt of gratitude to France," he said in an interview. "And we should show moderation and sympathy at this time instead of violence. The people of America must not forget as a nation independent of the European influence and dictation, we owe all practically to France. The treatment of France by the United States has under the circumstances that have existed been, to say the least, the most ungrateful and shameful. Do our people know that besides giving us Lafayette, France has also given us Rochambeau, with thousands of the best trained soldiers in Europe? She gave us De Grasse and Count d'Estaing with fleets of splendid warships, and she expended in her co-operation with General Washington in the war for independence, \$250,000,000. She loaned and gave us outright as gifts of friendship many millions of dollars and she did these things at a time when not to have done them would have meant the absence of the republic of the United States on the western continent, in my opinion, forever.

"It seems incredible, but history nevertheless records the fact," continued Secretary Thompson, "that but a few years after our establishment of independence as an independent government through the aid of France we negotiated a secret treaty of friendly alliance with Great Britain against France resulting in this outraged friend turning her guns on our infant merchant marine, producing a loss of \$20,000,000 which France later agreed to pay if we would reimburse her for the expenses she had gone to in establishing us as an independent nation. We quickly acknowledge the expenditure on the part of France of the \$20,000,000 in our behalf, played the poverty act and begged them to withdraw their bill. To this day, 100 years after, the French spoliation claims are unpaid. "The United States as a government and the people individually owe to France more than can ever be paid. Therefore, moderation just now would be the part of friendship rather than a wild and useless attempt to interfere in her most sacred internal affairs.

Seattle, Sept. 20.—The steamship Topeka arrived from Lynn canal this evening with news of a terrible earthquake, which began September 3 and continued until September 10. The steamer Dora carried the news to Juneau. The earthquake extended from Lituya bay, 150 miles below Yakutat, 500 miles northwest into the Cooks inlet country. It was the greatest phenomenon witnessed in Alaska since a similar occurrence in the Russian days. Three distinct shocks were felt at Juneau. Buildings were badly shaken. The earthquake was most severe at Yakutat. Kanan Island, at the entrance to Yakutat bay, sank 20 feet into the sea. At high tide only the tops of trees are visible. Huge fissures opened in the earth. Dora passengers say that in two minutes the ocean rose 20 feet and almost as quickly subsided. Indians at Yakutat have deserted their homes and are living in tents on the beach. Many have gone to Juneau.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Barrett, Farnum & Co., the board of trade firm, failed today. The house, it is understood, was heavily short on wheat. The shortage of the firm was estimated at four to five millions of bushels. James Walker, manager of the concern, thinks the suspension will be only temporary. When the failure was announced at 11 o'clock the scene in the pit took on the tone of a panic. The December option had opened at 71 1/2 to 71 3/4, and the market slid quickly off under sales against calls to 71 1/4. At this figure Barrett, Farnum & Co. renewed their efforts to cover, but the prices jumped fractionally to 72. Then came the announcement of the abrogation of the firm's contracts and a scramble to get out from under. December declined to 72 1/4.

A Mother's Appeal. Mysterious Disappearance of Her Son, Mark Neumayer. For a long time I have been seeking information as to the fate of my son, Mark Neumayer, whether living or dead. To all who have ever known my son, I appeal for information as to when and where last seen or heard from. To the papers of this city and state, and elsewhere, willing to assist a distressed mother to clear the mystery of her son's disappearance, I appeal with a request to publish this article.

Still More Counterfeiting. The secret service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected by counterfeiters for imitation, notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The bitters sets things right in the stomach, and when the stomach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it. In this manner the bitters get at the seat of strength and vitality, and restores vigor to the weak and debilitated. Be sure of counterfeits when buying.

THE FALL RACES.

Programme Finished Saturday—Attendance Was Light.

Long Creek Eagle. The weather was all that could be desired on Thursday last week, when the special three eights dash was run, instead of the half mile and repeat race, which failed for lack of entries. The entries were:

Black Bee, by Fred Hunt; Tip, by T. J. Scroggins; Charcoal, by W. C. Gibbs; Cyrus King, by M. S. Keeney.

But little scoring was done, and when they were sent away every one could see that the race lay between Fred Hunt's beautiful black mare and the thoroughbred stallion Cyrus King, but neither could gain any advantage over the other and they came under the wire neck and neck. The judges decided it a dead heat, and ordered the jockeys to get their horses ready for another trial of speed. Tip was third. Charcoal also ran. Time, :36. In 20 minutes the contestants were at the score again, and when the flag fell the mare took the lead and held it to the finish, winning by a length.

On Friday the three eights of a mile sweepstake race, was run for a purse of \$75, paid by the owners of the following named horses: Tiger, Lark and Charcoal. Tiger won, with Lark a close second.

But one entry was made for the five-eighths mile dash on the programme for Friday and the directors substituted a special one-fourth mile dash, and barred all fast horses on the grounds. The entries were:

Miss Maud, by J. H. Hamilton; Bally, by T. E. Hinton; Comet, by W. G. Keeney; Barlow, by M. S. Keeney; Claude, by Otto Ward.

But little time was wasted in getting them off and they came under the wire in the following order: Barlow first, Claude second, Maud third, with Comet and Bally a length behind Maud.

The one-fourth mile dash for Saturday filled with the following entries: Daisy, by Henry Hawk; Buffalo, by Slavens & Hardy; Tip, by T. J. Scroggins; Barlow, by M. S. Keeney; Claude, by J. H. Cassidy.

The riders and their mounts were: Leo Morris on Daisy, Clats Hinton on Buffalo, Turner on Tip, Frank Keeney on Barlow, while Claude did not start. Tapper, Joe Masterson, Judges, Geo. W. McHaley, William Carter and M. M. Brierly.

Great interest was taken in this race and several hundred dollars was wagered on the favorites, Buffalo and Daisy, by their admirers. They were over an hour at the score before the tapper got them off. Their positions were: Barlow, Buffalo, Tip, and Daisy on the outside. The sorrel mare easily led the bunch from the score and came under the wire a length in the lead, with Barlow second, Tip third. A foul was claimed by Hinton against the rider of Barlow, and allowed by the judges, who ordered the race run over. This was a great injustice to the owner of Daisy, whose rider had kept her in position and she was entitled to first money. The decision was so unjust that now judges were put up by the directors for the second race, the owner of Daisy agreeing to let her run under those conditions. The judges appointed were: Frank McGill, B. F. Swick and R. A. Short.

The tapper was some time in getting them away, and the jockeys did some excellent riding, but the fleet footed sorrel was too swift for the others and she came through an easy winner, with Buffalo and Barlow tied for second place. This ended the races for the week, the pony race not having filled.

Wood Wanted. Now is the time for subscribers to arrears to pay their subscriptions in wood. GAZETTE

One Way to Cure Green Reporters. The Albany Journal tells a story of two green reporters, Englishmen, who were sent by the city editor of a certain newspaper to a suburban town to write up the burning of an orphan asylum. Late that night when the news editor was wondering why no "copy," about the fire was coming by wire, a telegraph messenger rushed in and handed him a dispatch. He opened it and read: "Dear sir—We are here. What shall we do?" It was signed with the names of the two men sent to "write up" the fire.

The news editor made a few remarks, which, while they were appropriate to the occasion, would not look well in print; then he wrote on a telegraph blank this brief message: "Find out where the fire is hottest, and jump in."

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