

BRAYAN'S POSITION.

The Springfield, Massachusetts, Republican, in a recent issue has this to say: There is some speculation here and there in view of Mr. Bryan's opposition to the regular democratic candidate for mayor of St. Louis, etc.

It is only fair that the readers of the Commonwealth should know what I am up to, and that I should be held for being a little bit personal.

They had attended the grand opera and were talking it over. "What a tour de force that Jean de Resque has done in this work!"

They were silent for a moment. Then the girl, with a wistful, yearning look, asked: "Did you ever write musical criticism?"

TALES FROM WASHINGTON.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, rushed breathlessly into his bathroom a morning or two ago to shave himself. He was late for breakfast. He hastily scraped his chin and reached for a tube of face cream.

LESSON OF A BROKEN TRUST.

From far-off Vancouver comes a warning and a lesson for those who may look upon the requirement of wealth as the chief object of existence. It is a story of speculation, broken trust and self-destruction.

A WITTY REPLY.

"Henry S. Lane was one of the best stump speakers that Indiana ever produced," said a gentleman the other day who has resided in his state for over sixty years.

STEARNS BOOMING OREGON

Tells Glenn Falls, N. Y., Paper Some Things. Says the Glenn Falls, N. Y., Morning Star, a copy of which dated April 10 reaches the East Oregonian:

Asked about the rivalry of Seattle with his city of Portland for supremacy in the northwest, he promptly explained: "Seattle is a good town. It is the best city in the whole of Portland's trade area."

Booms the Centennial.

Portland increased its population nearly 100 per cent in the decade 1890 to 1900, and why should it not with the rest of the country?

Gives Them Advice.

The practice of going to a fair to buy and sell merchandise is a habit with them as old and firmly rooted as the love of money.

A FINANCIAL GENIUS.

Bought a Typewriter and Didn't Have a Cent to Pay for It. "Do you see that young man over there?"

A MUSICAL DISCOVERY.

A curious discovery, which resulted from much electrical research and experiment at the Central Technical college of the city and guilds of London

GENERAL NEWS.

The cable chess match resulted in a draw. The cable chess match resulted in a draw.

A Pittsburgh firm will build locomotives for India. Harvard won two and Yale one of the annual relay races.

Cardinal Rampolla has resigned the office of papal secretary of state. The Ohio capitalists have formed a syndicate to develop parts of Alaska.

Afrianders are protesting against British treatment of Cape Dutch. The crown prince of Germany has entered as a student at Brown university.

Proprietors of New York pool rooms have declared war on the bookmakers. Count Carnulier has been acquitted at Paris for the alleged murder of his wife.

Count Arvid Poppo, formerly premier of Sweden, died in Stockholm aged 81 years. A forest fire in Wisconsin near Mullen 1,000,000 feet of hemlock was burned.

The midway will be closed on Sunday at the Buffalo Pan-American exposition. There is a report of a warship builder's pool, Irving Scott, San Francisco, denies it.

Gen. A. O. Miller, aged 74, one of Indiana's noted Civil War heroes, died at Lebanon. California Fruit Association sold 20,000,000 pounds of prunes on Wednesday.

The insurrection in Panay island, Philippines, has ended, all having surrendered. It is now thought that England may consent to abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Callahan, charged with being the kidnaper of Edward Cudahy, is on trial at Omaha. Secretary Hay and Ambassador Pauncefote have held conferences on the canal question.

Negotiations for the renewal of the Driedrum Triple alliance will be opened this spring. England is now endeavoring to secure a reduction of the claims against Russia by its powers.

Wm. T. Stead predicts war between England and the United States over the Nicaraguan canal. A monument will be raised at Valley Forge to commemorate the sufferings of the revolutionary heroes.

The Northern Pacific will ship all unconsigned freight for the North and West over the Burlington. The yacht Constitution, an ex-defender, will be loaned into New York the week beginning May 9.

Bishop J. J. Eber, senior bishop of the Evangelical Association of America, died in Chicago on Tuesday. Gen. H. C. Merriam, commander of the department of the Colorado, opposes a large standing army.

A London paper says that the condition of the future will be between Germany and the United States. Iowa will celebrate the return of Minister Conger from China with a reception in the state house.

The transport Kilpatrick at last report was in quarantine in Honolulu harbor with smallpox on board. Z. C. Wilkey, a burglar pursued by constables, leaped into the Missouri river at Pontreac, Ia., on Friday.

Chas. Moore, brother of Mrs. Nation, died in Wichita, Kans. He was in jail at the time for saloon smashing. Two workmen in the guise of electricians robbed a Utah, N. Y., house of \$10,000 in diamonds and jewelry.

Harvard graduates have raised serious objections to conferring on President McKinley the degree of L. L. D. The Constitution and Independence are to sail trial races off Newport on Saturday.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Baptists of Ione will erect a \$1000 church. Oil and gas lands are being bonded near Colfax.

Seio has a fax mill in operation, the first in Oregon. Anaerotics, Wash., will have a salmon cannery.

Long Creek has a number of diphtheria patients. Astoria's commercial club has incorporated for \$1000.

Oil excitement has broken out in Bala creek valley. Twenty lives were lost in a snow slide at Cliffside, Alaska.

Colfax barley have been offering 75 cents for buyers, the highest price for years past. The city council of Vancouver, Wash., has raised saloon licenses from \$50 to \$100.

J. M. Conter, of Stevenson, Wash., shot and killed himself at Astoria on Monday night. Henry Wiggins, a Chemawa Indian who was vaccinated ten days ago, died from the effects.

An electric light wire started a fire in the window of a store in Salem and caused \$40,000 loss. Alex McDonald, "King of the Klondike," has been given the cross of St. Gregory by the pope.

Tacoma city employes were beaten in a suit demanding an 8-hour day, and pay for overtime. Four Washington state officials are charged with appointing their own families to state offices.

North Yakima Masons will erect a 3-story building this summer, using the third floor as a lodgeroom. A Washington correspondent says Eastern Oregon will not have a forest reserve for many years to come.

Property of the estate of Julius Lowenberg, a Portland, has been sold to satisfy a judgment for \$80,574. A prominent Willamette valley hop grower says that the prospect is for one of the best crops ever raised here.

Passenger rates, regular tariff \$10 to Skagway from Seattle, have dropped to \$5, a rate war being in progress. A. A. Atkinson, of Forest Grove, has been awarded the fellowship in biology at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Emil Johnson, who attempted suicide at Astoria, has been turned over to the sheriff. He may go to the asylum. Consul H. B. Miller, of Chung King, China, thinks Oregon can build up a large trade in condensed milk in that country.

The will of the late Chas. Brown, president of the Vancouver First National bank, gives all his property to his wife. Dawson merchants are offering prizes to the nearest guessers on the date the Yukon will open. It is looked for on about May 5 to 10.

John C. Trullinger, of Astoria, father of Mr. T. C. Coer, died Sunday. He was an Oregon pioneer and was prominent in Astoria for 20 years. Wallawa county citizens have again petitioned the government to keep Indians of the reservations from bothering them during the summer.

Baker City voted \$100,000 bonds for water and electric light works, and now a legal contest may be begun to prevent consummation of the deal. Mrs. Rath, delirious from measles, tried to kill herself near Colfax. She cut her throat with a razor and jumped into a well where she was rescued and will probably live.

SLANG AND ENGLISH.

"Double Time for its Study" Says Gunton's Magazine.

Why the teachers in the public schools of New York City should be directed to reduce the amount of time devoted to the teaching of English grammar is one of the things that, on the surface at least, is beyond comprehension.

ORIGIN OF FOUR ONES.

There is a tradition that accounts for the four ones instead of the IV. A famous French jeweler of the name of Henry Vick presented to King Charles V., surnamed Wise, a clock whose dial bore the correct Roman numerals.

LOCATED.

she wore an evening costume rare with great effect. He soon found out her name. He never saw her again.

THE MODERN MINISTER.

He preached about the "social state." "Waxed eloquent of course." "The Press" he mentioned once and later.