

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27, 1880. Senator Blaine, of Maine, had a long private interview with Gen. Garfield today. The conversation between them was of the most frank and friendly character. It is understood that Mr. Blaine gave his views of matters and things with great freedom, as it is probable these gentlemen will not meet again until about the time of the inauguration. Such being the case, Gen. Garfield was anxious to have now whatever suggestions the Maine Senator wished to make. After their interview Gen. Garfield was asked a question in regard to his prospective cabinet and replied that he should not agree in his own mind as to members of his cabinet before February, that he thought this was abundantly soon to come to a conclusion upon the important question. An intimate friend of his supplements this by saying that the General has not at this time a single man in his mind's eye whom he has concluded to ask into his cabinet.

A statement which has been issued from the Department of Agriculture, says that the returns of the 1st. instant to the department shows an increase in the wheat crop of the United States of 31,000,000 bushels since 1879. The yield per acre is somewhat less, but the increase in area sown more than counterbalances the loss of yield. In the States of Minnesota and California, the yield per acre, as well as the average, shows an increase. The reports from the cotton belt were more favorable this month than last. In the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, the weather has been good and the prospects are for an increase in product of from fifteen to seven per cent. In Alabama and all the states bordering on the Mississippi, there is reported too much rain and damage from rot and ball worm, indicating a decrease in the product since last year. In Texas the weather has been generally favorable and the crops promise an increase of eighteen to twenty per cent. The principal complaint there is scarcity of labor. Frost is generally reported, but except in a few localities the damage has been slight. The area planted in cotton, as reported to this department last spring, was seven per cent. more than last year. The oat crops of 1880 shows a slight decline as compared with the crop of 1879.

At the coming session of Congress it is said an effort will be made to suspend the navigation laws for a period of several years that foreign built ships may be registered and sail under the American flag. The idea is to make an experiment, for a stated time, with the view of permanent legislation for the restoration of our carrying trade. It is urged that the folly of endeavoring to foster iron-ship building in this country has been demonstrated; that the British possess too many advantages in this particular to suffer any from competition in this country. At the present time the British are building one mile of vessels for the North Atlantic trade, several of which were ordered by and will be owned by Americans, but will sail under the British flag. While making an effort to give the stars and stripes their rightful place on the high seas, Congress must keep in mind the interest of our coastwise trade.

There is a very general demand upon the part of business men and firms for a national bankrupt law that will protect creditors against fraudulent transfers etc. The failure of Harwood & Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., with liabilities of over \$1,000,000, and the discovery that the members of the firm had given "prior liens" to members of their own families and intimate friends sufficient to cover all the assets, emphasizes the demand of business interests for the re-enactment of a bankrupt law; and prominent members of Congress, among whom are Senator Edmunds, Thurman and Conkling, intend, it is said, to bring the matter before Congress during the coming session.

The public debt statement for the month of November will probably show a decrease of less than \$2,000,000. For November of last year the reduction was \$799,823.13. The receipts this month up to date considerably exceed those for the same time last year. The expenses have, however, been very heavy and may bring the reduction of the debt for the month to even lower than \$1,000,000.

At the cabinet meeting yesterday Secretary Everts announced that the United States commissioners had negotiated two treaties with China, both of which had been signed and will be sent to the Senate immediately after it convenes.

The inauguration committee held a meeting to-night, but did nothing except select sub-committees, the names of which will not be announced until to-morrow or next week. The meeting was not a public one.

Seattle is as happy as a child with a new toy, all because a San Francisco bank president who recently visited there predicted Seattle would have 100,000 inhabitants in ten years.

Protection compels the farmer to buy, not from the cheapest sources, but from special sources where he pays extravagant prices, privileged by law. Protection says to the farmer, "pay certain parties a portion of your gains to make up for the losses of other branches of business controlled by them. Protection has made millionaires of many citizens, by making each farmer contribute so much per annum extra for the necessities of life, to fill the purse of the manufacturer.

Protection makes the American farmer sell his produce at lower figures, and pay higher figures for what he consumes, than any farmer else in the world. Protection on a fair estimate makes the American farmer pay \$400,000,000 more annually than they would with free trade. That is, farmers alone. Now as those are facts that can be proven to the satisfaction of any one interested, we would ask our Oregon farmers how they like the picture. This is no romance, no morbid creation of a wild fancy, but is so near home and so practical that the reading farmer can say, "I pay my share of this immense outlay, this sum that is about double of what it costs to run our government." Besides is it not time for every sensible man to conclude that the manufacturers must have outgrown their dependent infancy, if they will ever do so? Fifty years ago they said, "help us just a little longer, and we are ready to stand alone." Yet they are actually receiving more aid now than then! When will it end, if the present stimulus of dollars and cents gain on one side, and apathy on the other, continues? Is it not time we stopped paying \$20 for a \$12 coat? And then just think of the absurdity of having the protection in some instances so light that the collecting of it exceeds the income from it, while, on the other hand, some articles are protected to such an extent, that outside competition is an impossibility!

A great many republican papers seem to be considerably exercised as to how Gen. Grant shall be provided for. There is quite a diversity of opinion on the subject. That Gen. Grant did good service to his country as a military man few will deny; but that he should be for that reason a dependent upon the bounty of the people is at least doubtful. While we have never been as warm in our admiration of Gen. Grant as a great many; yet we have sufficient regard for him to deprecate the idea that he needs any interference on the part of his friends to provide for him. We would suppose that it would be exceedingly humiliating to a man in his position to have his chances of some prominent public position canvassed in the manner in which his friends are doing. He is not, however, without his share of blame in this matter. Just as he might have set at rest the vexed question of a third term by a manly disavowal of any such intentions, so now he might put to rebuke his officious admirers by disclaiming to be made a pensioner, and asserting his ability to provide for himself. But it is evident that he desired the third term, and that his silence was significant. It seems to be the same in this instance. We have an elephant on our hands, in the shape of this great man, and the question is, what shall we do with him.

Peter McDonald met with a serious accident this week. He was felling a tree and had made the last blow with his axe, and, as he supposed, retired to a safe position; but the tree fell in a direction contrary to that which he had anticipated and, coming in contact with another tree standing near, it jumped from the stump and the butt end struck the young man on the leg and threw him to the ground. The bone of his leg was fractured and the flesh badly lacerated. Drs. McDonald and Rinehart were called in and under their care the sufferer is progressing favorably.—E. O. Republican.

One day last week a freighter, coming from Baker City to Union, tied two of his horses behind his wagon. The road was very slippery, and the animals were not rough shod. One of them fell down and the teamster, not perceiving the accident, kept on and the horse was dragged over half a mile before its condition was discovered. It was quite dead, the strain having broken its neck.—E. O. Republican.

The organization of a fire department for the protection of our city is of the utmost importance, and yet we scarcely ever hear the question mentioned. Suppose a fire was to break out on the south side of Main street, what would be the consequence? Half the business part of the town would in all probability be swept away in spite of every effort we could make to save it. Is it wisdom then to wait until we have been made to suffer, before we proceed to take steps for protection?

PENDLETON ITEMS.

PENDLETON, Dec. 7, 1880.

Editors Leader:

Since last writing, the weather, most of the time, has been quite cold. Snow fell to the depth of six inches, the wind blew from the North, and all things looked decidedly wintry. This morning, however, seems to be more favorable, the "chink" is melting the snow to quite an extent and the prospects are favorable for it to continue to blow.

We are to have a new drug store soon. It will be owned and run by Warmath & McMillen. They are both perfect gentlemen and are eminently fitted for the business; they deserve, and doubtless, will obtain the full confidence of the people of the town and surrounding country.

Quite an amount of real enjoyment has been indulged in during the last few days, by all classes, in the way of sleigh-riding. This is the jolliest part of the winter that we have yet been privileged to witness.

Summerville & Raley are having the lower part of Millarke's brick fitted up with shelving, preparatory to moving their drug store. The work is being done in first-class style, and will make the room look far more tasty than any other store room in the town. They will probably move into their new quarters about the twentieth of this month.

Sharon & Co.'s planning mill continues to run on full time. They seem to have a large amount of work on hand yet to do. Perhaps nothing speaks more favorably for the general prosperity of our town than the fact that all manufacturing establishments, of which we can boast, are in a prosperous condition.

In the way of amusements for the future we see Phantom Ball on Dec. 8; Christmas tree at the M. E. Church, Dec. 24; the same at the Episcopal Church; Christmas Ball on the 25th of Dec., and New Year's Ball on January 1st, 1881.

Stages arriving from Baker City, report immense quantities of snow in the Blue Mountains.

The boat bound down the Columbia river, on last Saturday, failed to make the trip owing to the ice.

We hear that the Villard Hotel proprietors have rented the rooms in the upper story of Millarke's brick, for sleeping apartments, and will run them in connection with their hotel.

The railroad surveyors, as mentioned in last week's correspondence, did not arrive as expected; but they are in town now and if the weather continues favorable, they will commence the survey down the river in a day or two.

The store house and wharf boat at Simon's or Cold Spring landing, on the Columbia river, was this day sold at Sheriff's sale to J. G. Coy, of Centerville, for \$100.

The rumor that General Garfield had made some concessions to Senator Conkling, which is inconsistent with the dignity of the Presidential office, seems to require a good deal of denial. General Grant loses no opportunity to deny it, and General Grant is certainly in a position to know if the report is true or false. It may be that circumstances give more color to the report than facts would warrant. It is certain that Conkling had done little or nothing to help Garfield until after his visit to Mentor, and equally certain that he worked most effectively after the date of that visit. Conkling may be an easy-going, confiding sort of a man, but if he is, the fact is not widely known. But, an event is half promised, in our dispatches, which will not take place if Conkling exacted conditions of Garfield. We refer to the expected tender of the Treasury portfolio to Sherman by Garfield. If the tender is made and accepted, we may safely conclude that General Garfield, not Conkling, will be our next President. But a tender of the position and its declination by Sherman would not be conclusive. Politics are politics. Conkling might not object to an offer of the place to Sherman for its moral effect if Sherman is pledged in advance not to accept it.—Ex.

Some weeks ago we mentioned that a few of our prominent citizens were interesting themselves in the formation of a Real Estate Association. It was the intention of the body to build houses to rent or sell on the installment plan. The scarcity of dwelling houses is one of the greatest impediments to the progress of our city. The proposed plan of supplying this demand was good, feasible and remunerative. Now is the time for owners of real estate to make it valuable. The vast extent of rich agricultural country of which Weston is the natural commercial center, is advancing with rapid strides; and if the city does not enter to its wants some other place undoubtedly will. It now remains with us to improve the advantage we possess or allow it to slip from our grasp forever.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Weston, Oregon, Dec. 10, 1880.

- Anapawh, Nook; Azzing, Geo A 4; Bacon, J W; Bowen, J W; Carlyle, Jas S 2; Derrick, Henry; Durance, D W; Estel, W L; Fair, Mrs Emma; Far, Joe H 2; Gorsey, B D; Gray, Nicholas; Harrison, Wm; Hutchins, Arthur E; Wyatt, Zell; Hutchins, Mary; Warner, Joseph.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say "advertised." L. S. Wood, P. M.

Poetry.

The following poetical production is the labored lubrication of one of the most prominent members of the Weston Literary and Musical Association, and as such is entitled to a careful perusal. While we are careful not to admit anything in our columns but that which is first-class, it must be admitted that this poem is not devoid of genuine merit. In the first place it is not very long. Then, again, that touching allusion to the hungry cayuse is redolent with the pure spirit of poetry. It is our duty to encourage home production and therefore we give space to this budding of local talent.

The Chinkook. Up from the south came the soft chinkook, And the kingdom of frost to its center shook; It breathed on the brow of the snow-dad hills, And their vesture changed into rushing rills; It swept with a sigh through the frost-bound trees, And they waved their arms in the melting breeze; It hadd' the face of old mother earth, And she swept wild streams of grateful mirth; It brushed the hair of the starved cayuse, And it hopped with joy like a mad reduce; It sent the snow to the sounding sea, And all nature grand' such a change to see. WESTON, Dec. 7, 11:30 P. M., 1880. ALEX.

NOTICE. All parties indebted to the undersigned for medical services are requested to settle by cash or note by December 30th 1880, as I must have money to meet obligations. W. T. WILLIAMSON.

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- Atwood, W; Beru, Peter 4; Carier, E C; Cox, Ben J; Gray, Joseph; Hill, John B 2; Howard, E L; Hudson, John; Johnson, Curtis; Mager, John; Morrow, James; Murphy, James; Peck, Miss Emma; Redman, H A; Richardson, Mrs F; Roberts, Mrs Jane; Rogers, George; Russell, James; Sanford, Richmond; Shaw, W F; Sovereys, Amos; Taylor, H J; Taylor, J C; Warren, W D; Welchins, George.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT James Johnston, of Umatilla County, Oregon, having by an instrument in writing dated the 11th day of October, 1880 and duly executed as required by law, assigned all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, and the Hon. Circuit Court for said county having by its order dated October 29th, 1880, appointed the undersigned assignee therein.

All creditors of said James Johnston are hereby notified to present their claims to me properly verified within three months. ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO SAID JAMES JOHNSTON are notified to pay their indebtedness immediately to me or to my Attorney, W. S. Crawford, of Weston, Oregon. Dated at Weston, Oregon, this 29th day of November, 1880. C. W. DEPLY, Assignee.

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