

LEADERETTES.

The desire for an extra session of the Oregon Legislature seems to be confined to a few Republican bosses.

War always has its terrors; but when it comes to a war of railroad rates the people view the contest with great fortitude.

The number of cattle shipped from Eastern Oregon and Washington this season has been immense—nearly 40,000 head.

Washington Territory dealers in slick cars are being elevated by Judge Lynch. It is a pity that the courts are not competent to deal with such cases.

If Cleveland adheres to the civil service rules he is simply deceiving the people for political effect. If he violates these rules he is simply deceiving the people for political effect. We knew all the time that he was a bad man. This is a sample of the Blaine organ logic.

How many of the intelligent voters of this country could give a reason that would be perfectly satisfactory to himself for his belief in protection or tariff for revenue? The question of tariff is one of the most important economic problems of the day and now in the political lull is the time to study it dispassionately and without bias.

Rosecrans was not a great General, neither was Grant a very good President, and it would be just as silly to argue that because Grant was not a good President he could not have been a great General as to maintain that because Rosecrans was not a great General he will not make a good Register of the Treasury.

Each report concerning winter wheat is more unfavorable than its predecessor. The June report is lower than ever before. Spring wheat promises better but the acreage is so small that the general average will not be much increased by it. Oregon and Washington Territory give promise of a magnificent yield.

This Indian Reservation business is a mistake and has been more productive of rascality, speculation and fraud than it has been of benefit to Indians. Each Reservation is a standing menace which only the maudlin sentimentalists who are far removed from its dangers can afford to despise. Let Indians and whites be amenable to the same laws and then equal justice will be meted out.

Gladstone will now probably retire from politics. The grand old man carries with him the highest honor. His career has been long and brilliant, marked by unwavering honesty of purpose and the highest order of statesmanship. Often he was not popular, simply because he adhered to that which was honest and true in spite of popular clamor. He was a man of honest convictions that dared to do right, because it was right. He was and is the first statesman of the age.

It seems certain that Cleveland is seriously offending the Bourbon element of his party by his cool treatment of their demands for spoils. The Blaine organs admit this and see with delight that the Democratic party is being greatly weakened thereby, but there is not one of them that has the manly honesty to acknowledge that Cleveland is doing his duty. They are simply partisans and nothing more. They are the equals of the Bourbons and place party and spoils before everything else. All good citizens are willing, nay are pleased to have the President offend both Bourbons and Blainites.

The Bourbons supported Cleveland because it was their only hope of securing the spoils. They did this in the face of the fact that Cleveland repeatedly assured them that the offices should not be prostituted to partisan purposes. But he had scarcely been seated when their demands for postoffices poured in upon him fast and furious. It was only after repeated snubbing that they began to realize that his motto was "Tell the truth," that he meant what he said about civil service reform. Their rage and threats are something refreshing. A little honesty and common sense would however greatly improve their criticisms. Cleveland was not their choice and they supported him reluctantly. He was elected on the civil service reform issue and by those who believe in its principles. Even from a partisan view Cleveland owes not so much to the Bourbons of the West as he does to the Mugwumps of the East. His election was not a great Democratic victory. It simply meant the defeat of the spoils system.

Riddles of Natural History.

Chickens, two minutes after they had left the egg, will follow with their eyes the movements of crawling insects, and pick at them, judging distance and direction with almost infallible accuracy. They will instinctively appreciate sounds, readily running toward an invisible hen hidden in a box when they hear her "call." Some young birds also have an innate, instinctive horror of the sight of a hawk and of the sound of its voice. Swallows, titmice, tomits and wrens, after having been confined from birth, are capable of flying successfully at once, when liberated, on their wings, having attained the necessary growth to render flight possible. The Duke of Argyll relates some very interesting particulars about the instincts of birds, especially of the water ouzel, the merganser and the wild duck. Even as to the class of beasts I find recorded: Five young polecats were found comfortably imbedded in dry, withered grass, and in a side hole of proper dimensions for such a lair were forty frogs and two toads all alive, but merely capable of sprawling a little. On examination the whole number, toads and all proved to have been purposely and dexterously bitten through the brain. Evidently the parent polecat had thus provided the young with food which should be kept perfectly fresh because alive, and yet was rendered quite unable to escape. This singular instinct is like others which are yet more fully developed among insects—a class of animals, the instincts of which are so numerous, wonderful, and notorious that it will be probably enough to refer to one or two examples. The female carpenter bee, in order to protect her eggs, excavates in some piece of wood a series of chambers, in special order, with a view to a peculiar mode of exit for her young, but the young ant can have no conscious knowledge of the series of actions subservient to ensure. The female of the wasp, spheg, affords another well known, but very remarkable example of that complex instinct closely related to that already mentioned in the case of the polecat. The female wasp has to provide fresh, living animal food for her progeny which, when it quits its egg, quite in the form of an almost helpless grub, utterly unable to catch, retain or kill an active struggling prey.

Accordingly, the mother insect has not only to provide and place beside her eggs suitable living prey, but to so treat it that it may be a helpless, unresisting victim. That victim may be a mere caterpillar, or it may be a great, powerful grasshopper, or even that most fierce, active and rapacious of insect tyrants, a full and venomous spider. Whichever it may be the wasp adroitly stings it at the spot which induces, or in the several spots which induce, complete paralysis as to motion—let us hope as to sensation also. This done, the wasp entombs the helpless being with its own egg, and leaves it for the support of the future grub.

Comets Due in 1885. Several periodical comets may be expected to return to perihelion during the present year. Encke's comet has already put in an appearance, having passed its perihelion on the 7th of March. It was detected in 1844, but as comets technically belong to the year in which they pass perihelion, Encke's comet finds place on the records of 1885. This comet is our oldest friend among the class to which it belongs, for it was first seen in 1786, though its periodicity was not discovered till 1819. Since that time, it has not failed to make us a visit at intervals of about 3½ years.

Others' comet is another celestial guest whose return is looked for during the present year. It was discovered by Olbers in 1815, and was found by Bessel to have a period of about 75 years. It will therefore probably appear either this year or the next. It will be as warmly welcomed, if it deign to make us a second visit, as the comet of 1812, or the Pons-Brooks comet, was last year, for it will rank as third on the list of comets of a long period that have made more than one recorded return. Halley's comet, with a period of about 75 years, stands first on the list. It has been traced back to the year 1456, and since that time has made 5 recorded returns. The last being in 1835. It will be due in 1911. The comet of 1812, or the Pons-Brooks comet, made its first recorded return during the last year. If the comet of 1815, or Olbers' comet, visit us during this year or the succeeding one, the solar system can rejoice in the possession of three comets of a long period, as they are called, to distinguish them from the larger family of comets of a short period. Tempel's comet of 1867 was expected to reach perihelion in April. It has a period of about 6 years, was first observed in 1867, was seen again in 1873 and 1879, and was due in April, but has not yet made its appearance. On the 13th of March, Dr. Gautier, of Geneva, discovered a suspicious celestial object, that was thought to be the expected visitor. Diligent search was made for it at the principal observatories, but without success, for the object seen proved to be a far away nebula. Either some unforeseen calamity has delayed its advent, or one of the giant planets has turned it into a new course by its resistless power of attraction. Tempel also discovered a second comet of a short period in 1869. It was rediscovered by Swift in 1880, when its periodicity was determined. It is consequently known as Swift's comet, and has a period of 3½ years. It is expected to return to perihelion at the end of the year. But it is likely to pass un-

seen at its present return, as it did in 1875, being, in like manner, in an unfavorable position for observation. One more comet closes the list of members of the cometic family that are expected to return to perihelion in 1885. It is Tuttle's comet, and seems to occupy a position of its own, having a period of 13½ years, and therefore ranking neither with comets of a long period nor with those of a short period. It was first discovered by Mechain in 1790, and rediscovered by Tuttle in 1858, when its periodicity was recognized. It was observed in 1871, passing its perihelion in November. It is therefore due in July of the present year.

In city and country alike, it is the dark corners, the neglected and little used places in a house, which most frequently contribute to its unhealthfulness, and in ways which are the more insidious because so often unsuspected. In this respect the cellars of many houses have much to answer for, for they are generally dark and damp, with no direct rays of the sun to kill the mephitic gases which always seek those low levels, and no ventilation to disperse them, even where the cellars themselves are not made the depositories of cast-off rubbish and vegetable refuse. Therefore the warning cannot be too often given, especially in the spring, when so many families move into new houses, and when the good housewife generally enforces the most thorough cleaning and overhauling of the year, to look to it that the cellar is not neglected. Their ceilings and walls should be plastered and whitewashed or calcimined where possible, to keep them dry and clean, and the occupants should prevent their cellars above all things else from becoming "poke holes" for rubbish; the floors should be well paved or cemented, to keep out emanations from the soil; and where this can be done, they should be ventilated by keeping open, in dry weather, windows or doors communicating with the outside air. Expansions from cellars do not kill in a night; they are but too frequently not noticed at all, although damp and mouldy cellars have undoubtedly done much to undermine the health of many families. This cellar air is taken up through the rooms of a house gradually, and in small doses at a time, but the warmer air of the upper rooms produces an upward current every time the cellar door is opened, and neglect in regard to this matter is sure to entail serious consequences because the real reason is so often overlooked.

The workmen of Cook & Co., of Sheffield, England, a town in which human life is worked out at a greater speed among the manufacturing laborers, statistics, than anywhere else in the kingdom, recently went under their employers, who were laboring under difficulties, and stated that "in consequence of the stagnation in the iron trade, and as their wages could not be reduced, owing to their being governed by the South Staffordshire Board of Conciliation, they had decided at a meeting that it was their duty to help their employers to tide over the period of adversity. They had therefore agreed to work a week for nothing"—which they cheerfully did.

In the West Virginia Institution for the Blind recently a lad 15 years of age and blind from his birth was operated upon, and made to see perfectly by a physician who came to the conclusion that the optic nerves were perfect, but covered by double congenital cataracts, and who proved the correctness of his theory. When light had been gradually let into the room the lad was shown a book and a key, but was wholly at sea as to which was which. He did not know his relatives until they spoke to him, and when they did so went home with them a very happy youth.

My daughter, when you note the man who wants to marry you is just too awfully anxious to learn whether you can take a loaf of bread or wash a shirt with Chinese dexterity, before you just fly round and ascertain if that man is either willing or able to earn enough flour to make a biscuit and if he has paid for the shirt he wishes you to wash. Nine times out of ten, daughter, the man who only wants to marry a housekeeper can be economically in the workhouse than he can in your father's house.

Barn owls are inveterate mousers, and in summer time feed on night-flying moths and beetles. Owls are valuable in destroying nature insects, thus preventing the laying of the eggs. Hawks eat mice, frogs, grasshoppers, snakes, lizards, beetles, small birds and various vermin according to their species. The crow is an omnivorous feeder, but eats less corn than any other food. The proportion of hawks that kill chickens is small.

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