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ANOTHER COMPULSORY EXODUS.

At last, Alaska has grown famous. This is the country for which "we" paid seven millions of the dollars of our daddies, and which we would make money on, by selling it for one year's interest on that amount, at eight per cent, per annum. Somebody remarked once, in the writer's hearing, that "Alaska was the biggest thing-on ice." It would be a good thing if the ice were to melt, and let this "valuable acquisition" disappear.

There are a few people up there, in that benighted country, who respect the laws of this nation, and her treaties, pretty nearly as much as they do in Tacoma, and Texas. Ex-Gov. Hoodley of Obio, Mr. Haven of Chicago, Bishop Warren of Colorado, have just returned from there, with an account of the expulsion of Chinese laborers from Douglas Island and Juneau City, in the mining districts of that country and of their being inhumanly set adrift, on the bosom of the mighty Pacific, in an unseaworthy schooner, and without sufficient food or clothing. The deed was, to say the least, an exceedingly dastardly one, and one that this government should not countenance, for an instant. These men who disobey the laws of this government in that way, are just as guilty of treason and conspiracy, or, perhaps more, than the anarchists of Chicago.

These things have occurred too often for the good of our country's fair name. We are all of the same opinion, as regards the Chinamen; no one believes that we want them here, nor that they are a desirable population. But the honor of our nation is at stake, and its maintenance must be assured, "though the heaven's

In the telegraphic dispatches of yesterday, information is given of China's hasty announcement and war preparations, and fears that she intends to turn her attention to the United States, in retaliation for what her citizens have undergone in this country. China is well prepared for war-has a good navy-a good army, and, the best of all-she has good ordnance. She would prove a formidable enemy, even on our own shores, were she to try anything. The Pacific coast has no sign of defense. Her harbors are all open, and undefended-except at San Francisco. But even Fort Point could not put forth any thing of a defence against a large and strong naval force.

The reasons are manifold why the United States government owes it to herself tion to citizens of other countries, as she seks from other countries to her own citizens, and the above is but one reason.

LESS SLOTH AND MORE ACTIVITY.

Speaking of Cleveland's vacation, the Cincinnati Commercial moralizes thusly:-Instead of getting on the cars and going west to see the country, Cleveland betakes himself to his old hiding places in the woods. The idea of a man as robust as he is talking about rest and retirement is ridiculous. If he was of the sort of stuff men of force are made of, he would show his young wife the coast of California and Oregon before the re-assembling of congress. It is sluggishness that takes his heaviness to the wood-pasture of New York. Why doesn't he go "where rolls the Oregon" and hear many sounds save her own dashings? He doesn't need sloth and more weight, but activity, seeing things far off, learning that this country has breadth, that New York is a provce of the nation on the eastern edge.

Ir is now put down as a foregone conelusion that Chas. Voorhees, "the son of his father," will be renominated as delegate to congress from Washington territory, by the democratic territorial convention. Ezra E. Meeker, the Puyallup p king, will probably be the nominee

REPAIRS of the bridge across north Mill Creek, at the Capitol Mills, should have en authorized at the last meeting of the county court. As it is, many farmers from down the river have to drive several blocks out of their way to get into the

Mexico has no navy. Then you "betsherlife,"we can lick'em on the high seas. We have a navy-or at least, recently a acquisition was made for several thousand pounds of "black navy" chewing tobacco, or the sailors and marines.

THE Australians are filling a want long felt by organizing an expedition in search of the south pole. That pole has been greatly neglected.

A Southern newspaper announces that "Jefferson Davis is a patriot still." And

THE STATE PAIR.

The time for holding the state fair rapidly approaches, and interest in that comng festival is growing stronger every day. And well it may, and rightly, it should. There is no state institution that merits the hearty generous support of the people especially those people who represent the agricultural part of Oregon, more fully than does this institution, that hes for its object, the improvement of farming or agricultural facilities, the improvement of the stock of the country, and the mutual interchanges of ideas on farming subjects, so as to bring forth a healthy, and to Oregon, much needed improvement in the manner of farming.

A great many farmers have become

taken up with the idea that the state fair was gotten up as a "big horse trot," and only to give persons who own "flyers" a chance to sell a few pools on a race. This paper must admit, that the trials of Hill? speed have been about the main attractions there for some time, but the farmers will also have to admit their laxity of interest in the institution has been the cause. If the fair presents any other attractions than those of the race course, then it must have some other attraction to present. Notably :- It must have attractive exhibits of grains, produce, flowers, works of art, machinery, stock, and of everything that is used or produced in the country. The farmers are the ones to whom the public look for the greater portion of these exhibits. If the farmers take the matter in hand, with the honest natural pride which they feel in their life work, then one can depend on seeing a the people of our own state, and the wonder of visitors. Oregon has more to exhibit, and to feel proud of, than any other state, in the way of agricultural produce, and the STATESMAN hopes a creditable the coming fair, and that the coming fair

will be made a complete success. Remember the date: Sept. 13, to Sept. 18th. Entries must be made by 7 o'clock p. m. on Monday the 13th.

GROUNDLESS APPREHENSIONS

The Chicago Interior for August 12,

From time to time during the last few years serious apprehensions have been felt that the prosperity of the wheat-producing sections of the United States would in the London market, with the products of the large, and enlarging, wheat-producing sections of India and Australia. Thus the "audacity of genius." far those apprehensions have not been realized. Their realization does not seem to lie in the immediate future. The extension of railways into what was supposed would become the richly productive wheat-fields of India, does not seem to have answered the expectation of the projectors of those supposed highways of commerce. The difficulty in the matter is that, while the highways are there, the materialized. The profits of wheat-raising are not full of encouragement to the Indian ryot. At thirty-two shillings per quarter, about the usual price of wheat in the London market, the profit to the Inand her citizens to give as strong protec- dian farmer is about four and one-half cents. American money, per bushel, This was the amount realized on the crop of '85, which does not seem to have had a stimulating effect even upon that easily satisfied tiller of the soil. But when the price declines to thirty-one shillings per quarter, as it has, the profit to the producer is only about one and one-third cents per bushel. Another fact pertinent to this subject is that, while an excess of 10,000,000 bushels was confidently expected in the wheat crop of India and the native states for the current year over that of last year, there is an actual decrease of 21,666,000 bushels. So remarkable a decline in the face of the fact that railways have been introduced into what were supposed to be the largest wheat-producing sections of India, is strongly suggestive of the opinion that the production of wheat in that country is not likely to be largely increased for many years in the future. Australia, another British dependency, has also sadly disappointed the confident expectations of London wheat dealers. The production of wheat in that country is signally uncertain. It is subject to wide fluctations, and has, upon the whole. declined during the last six years. Just before the beginning of the last harvest, six months ago, statisticians confidently predicted an export of 10,600,000 bushels of wheat from Australia. The result has been that, instead of a realization of these predictions, this expected increase dwindied to a negative quantity and there finally turned up a deficiency of about 22,000,000 bushels, which has been supplied by purchases in San Francisco. It ooks as if the United States need have no fears of competition from either India or Australia in the wheat markets of the world for many years hereafter.

MR. DANA's presidential booms are becoming immediately fatal to the victims. -{Chicago Herald. If this is intended to carry the impression that Mr. Tilden died of "Sun stroke," then the Herald ought to be frozen to death, for the perpetration of such a vile joke on the American people.

ALL the cannon foundries of Europe are overrun with orders and working day and night. While they make guns abroad the S. F. Alta adds:—All right. Just let we make ploughs and work to raise the him keep still. food that must support the luxury of war.

BLAINE'S CHANCES.

The death of Tilden has silenced the voices of a democratic boom for him for 1888, and has deprived one wing of the democracy of a candidate for the presidency and of a leader and political guide. The democratic party is not satisfied with Cleveland and his administration. If that party is compelled to accept him for its standard bearer in 1888, which is barely possible, he will be an easy man to defeat. He will not receive the vote of his these bunchgrass hills. Rather let him party, which he did in the accident of be spurred up by the present partial failhis election. If, on the contrary, the democracy puts forward such a man as Hill, of New York, he can also be beaten. Not all the fields yield a small crop or He would no doubt receive nearly his full party vote, but this will not elect there could be seen thrifty, fresh and

But where have the republicans a man a man as Cleveland, or such a man as

of Maine.

of this country to-day than ever before He has no Burchard now.

He is the only man who can be reckcoast state; he can carry New York against Cleveland and against Hill, Hendricks is dead; Blaine can carry Indiana and with New York and Indiana, he can That state, with its thirty-six electoral who is as strong in New York as Blaine. Blaine

And why? Because Blaine is the display of her produce will be made at Gladstone of America. He is the greatest living American statesman and orator. His is a great mind, stored with great treasures, trained to great events, exerting itself in all times of great public education to lead in public affairs. He knows our country's needs. He has studand proud of her institutions. He has has made enemies among the leaders of his own party, he has gained friends be seriously jeopardized by competitions among the people. A man without ene-

It is highly probable that Blaine will be the republican candidate for the presidency in 1888. We have been told by Joseph Medill, the very able editor of the great Chicago Tribune, that his nomination is a certainty. We want no better leader than Blaine, and if he is nominated the combined strength of the whole political opposition cannot defeat him. The republican party has other good men expected commerce does not seem to have and able statesmen, but Blaine stands head and shoulders above them all.

HON. ASA McCULLY.

By an unfortunate accident, the honorable and upright citizen and pioneer heads this article swered the summons of eternity, and left his field of usefulness on this earth.

Respected by all and loved by many, his sad taking off is a sorrow and a loss to the community and a calamity to his family, who can rest assured of the profoundest sympathy.

When living he was faithful to every trust and obligation, his word was as good as his bond, and he was the embodiment of honesty and honor. Terrible as death is, coming in any of its myriad forms, a sudden or accidental death adds a tinge to the sorrow. We can in a measure be prepared for the shock of a death after a lingering illness. Such sad occurrences as this serve as reminders of the uncertainties of mortality, and the very narrow dividing line between time and

A VETOIST FROM VETOVILLE.

A Rochester N. Y., paper has prepared the following table which shows how often the veto power has been used by the twenty-two men who have filled the presidential chair :--

Washington, Adams. Filmore. Pierce, Madison, Buchanan, Monroe, Lincoln. Johnson, Jackson Grant, Van Buren, Hayes, Garfield Harrison. Arthur, Cleveland, Tyler, Polk.

Twenty-one presidents vetoed 106 bills in ninety-five years; President Cleveland vetoed 111 in eight months. Certainly Cleveland is the boss vetoer.

THE S. F. Alta has brought forth another and a very potent reason why a war with Mexico is inadvisable at this time. It says:-Considering this war with Mexico, it is well to remember that Americans hold largely of Mexican bonds, and that merchants in that country are heavily indebted to our manufacturers and commission men. War means repudiation of these debts.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS is strongly opposed to the bill against bogus butter. veto got a lick at him first.

KEEP A STIFF UPPER LIP.

The Heppner Gazette has the following ords of encouragement and cheer to the poor unfortunates of the bunchgrass coun-

'That the present season is a dry one cannot be denied; that the crop is short is apparent. It is discouraging for the farmer to see the year's labor bring but poor return at the harvest time. But this should not dishearten the settlers among ure of crop to find out how to secure at least an average vield in a dry season. are cut for hay. Just before the harvest strong stands of grain in close proximity to other fields in which the grain was who is equal to the task of defeating such short and parched. Such circumstances should be investigated and the knowledge thus gained used to good advantage at the They have one man who is equal to next seeding time. Perhaps one cause the task and his name is James G. Blaine of the poor yield of some fields is in the manner in which they were put in or cul-Blaine is stronger with the people tivated. There is no agricultural sharp on the staff of this journal to ladle out useless advice to farmers, who already know more about the subject than he oned as certam of carrying every Pacific does; but it may be stated as a fact that land which has been thoroughly cultivated and then well rolled is best calculated to hold moisture. In an ordinary season in 1888. He is sure of losing no strength, this is not so necessary; it is the dry season which proves the truth of this asserafford to lose a good deal. The battle tion. Examine the tussecks of bunchground will be in New York again. grass were not fed down to the roots, and green shoots will be found, no matter how votes, will decide the election one way or hot and arid the season. Now it stands state fair that will attract the attention of the other. The republicans have no man to reason that soil which will maintain green grass the year round is well fitted They have no man who is as strong to withstand drouth. But when its natwith the people of the whole country as ural condition is disturbed and the sod broken in order to replace the wild growth with plants which shall produce food for man, it should be the aim of the agriculturist to so manipulate the soil as to direct that energy expended in the produc tion of the wild growth to the grain, vegetables or trees with which he repiaces it. necessity, skilled in all the details of great | Farming here is but in its infancy. There public trust, and adapted by nature and is much to learn in regard to this bunchgrass soil. For this reason the settler should not lose faith in the future of his ied her people, and is acquainted with farm on account of one short crop, but should endeavor to learn wherein he helped to make her history. While he failed in his duty to his dirt. Experience is a hard schoolmaster, but its lessons are well taught. Be of good cheer, striving settler, with a crop of hav where you exmies is a man without individuality and pected grain, and remember this: You a character of his own, is a man without live in a healthful climate; you have a productive and lasting soil to start with ; your neighbor has a good crop this dry season; success is often the direct result of previous failure. Go in and win."

A TERRIBLE ARRAIGNMENT.

Tilden was a democrat. He was the brains of the party. But for him the organization would have never been in condition to gain a national victory. When this democratic congress convened he addressed them upon an important question, that of the coast defenses. He urged them to take some action towards fortifying our coast against the possibility of an this unappreciative democratic congress

Tilden's last public paper was that upbraiding this democratic congress for its inactivity. He died with this terrible arraignment on his lips! Who can doubt that his disgust for this democratic congress hastened the hour of the final dissolution of the great sage and statesman? Who will profit by this lesson?

Will the democratic party doit? Hardly. The republican party is the one that should and will profit by it. It is the party of improvement and progress. It is the party that builds ships and public improvements. It should go before the people in 1888 with a plank in its platform favoring the principle that Tilden advocated, and of which his party was unheedful.

It would be in accord with the spirit of progress, and would be a bugle note of victory.

Tag Pendleton East Oregonian says the Keady liquor law is a failure in its operation in some of the small towns of Umatilla county, from the fact that it fails to operate-that is they keep saloons in defiance of the law, without license. The temperance people up there should talk less and act more.

BEFORE Gladstone lost his grand old Bass, the brewer. The London press suging title for the new Lord.

THE New York World admits that there are some good things in the river and harbor bill; the appropriation of \$750,000 for the improvement of the New York harbor, for instance.

Our Navy!! The United States manat great cost, and came near sinking from dry dock.

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT.

EDITOR STATESMAN:-The circus seaon is upon us, and the small boy in the unior kniekerkoeker period is in the zenith of his delight, the seventh heaven of his glory. There is now bound hitherward, and the dead walls are emblazoned with the loud appropriement that there will positively soon appear here one or the gigantic aggregations of wonderland, the unrivaled and unparellelled collection of the curious, the unique and the beautiful of the earth, the great convocation of the nations under one tent, the gigantic combination of the earth's wonders, the most stupendous assemblage of nature's most capricious production and the most extraordinary physical phenomenon of the age, the Titons of size, the Samsons of strength, the gladiators of endurance, and the intrepid Argonauts of daring; the paragon of beauty, the paradox of perfection, the reigning king of amusements; perilous episodes of border life, vivid pie tures of the wild, wild west by the original 17-yard-wide cowboys, the dangerbugs of the plains, the acknowledged bell-wether of the world's flock of tented wonders, the symmetrical and successful blending of the Occident with the Orient. joining together in one happy family the creatures of the land, the water and the air; all this and more that words cannot describe-nor eyes see -and the price of admission is only a dollar. Fall in line and march up to the ticket office when you hear the steam cal-

evidences of improvement and progress, airs, and imagine that she was a city. But one of her residents was in Portland recently, and in conversation with one of the citizens of that village, the Portland man remarked that he was thinking of going "to the country" to spend a short vacation. He was asked what objective point he had in his alleged mind. He answered that he thought of going to Salem. We all object.

Christine Nilsson has been married to she is no doubt satisfied, and the Spanish gentleman has a soft job, that of playing tion. It can be Counted upon that it is

Before the final dissolution of the late amented Portland Standard, its editorial page was often made up of long disquisitions on the tariff, civil service reform, and kindred subjects of about equal interest to the general public, and, almost invariably, at the conclusion of one of these articles would appear the advertisement. 'Use Rose Pills." Of course, it was always accidental, but there was a kind of suggestive sympathy between the editorial and the advertisement that sometimes made me grin.

A young man "starting out in life" is beset with questions and doubts as to is tastes and inclinations. A young man him, during his absence." Later on he upbraided them upon their not a thousand miles from the "city of inaction, and expressed his profound sor- churches" had had the subject under conrow that they should pay no attention to sideration for some time, and in consultaso grave a subject, and reminded them tion with a friend, said that he liked the that he was backed in his views by seven profession of a lawyer, but didn't think Cleveland gets right up out of bed, and hundred influential newspapers of this be could be a consistent Christian and a country. Still they did nothing. In fact successful lawyer, all at the same time. it was a congress that distinguished it. The friend answered that he thought he self rather by doing nothing than other- would make a better Christian than law-

NED H. PELL

THE STATE FAIR.

Nearly every paper in the state that comes to hand this week contains a handsome advertisement for the state fair, and most of them have eloquent words of healthy feeling now all over Oregon for this institution, which presages future success. So long as the people are interested, and regard themselves as partly responsible for its success, there will be no such thing as a failure in the future, or even a partial failure. There is no doubt 1,100? now that the fair for this year will be a grand and unqualified success, a regular 'boomer." The newspapers are boomwill be a creditable exhibition.

THE PERLING IS MUTUAL.

In a recent letter to "one C. H. Jones," of Jacksonville Florida, Mr. Cleveland, president of the United States, says :- "I am surprised that newspaper talk should be so annoying to you, who ought so well to understand the utter and complete recklessness and falsification in which grip he made a peer out of Sir Michael they so generally indulge." It is plain to see that the president does not admire gests that "Baron XXX" would be a tak- the average newspaper. It is hardly necessary to state that the feeling is mutual in numerous cases-notably, the New York Sun (democratic), the New York World (also democratic), and several more too numerous to mention.

THE record of the late session of congress is said to be 1500 pages longer than of-war Vandalia has just been repaired that of any pravious session. The time it will lay without anyone in this country He thinks he would have vetoed it, but a a leakten minutes after she got out of taking it up to read it, will be longer atill.

THE NEW NAVY.

We have a navy now of four vessels, and even if congress cannot be induced to do anything more we shall shortly have eighteen. This, of course, is leaving the hulks of the old navy out of account. Says an exchange, we are really in a slightly better position than these figures would indicate, since the old vessels, while worthless for modern warfare, do very well for some purposes and thus enable the new ones to be put where they will do the most good. The Tennessee, the Lackawanna, the Trenton and our other wooden relics can be used for store and receiving ships, for scientific expeditions, for chastising troublesome savages, for carrying on hydrographic surveys and for various other necessary purposes. Our eighteen modern vessels will thus be a net effective force. In comparison with the past we shall then be in a very respectable condition. We shall have a better navy than Mexico, Chili, Roumania or Venezuela. It will be small, but it will be complete and well assorted. With four heavily armored monitors for harbor defense, two armored sea-going cruisers, several unarmored cruisers of high speed, a dynamite gunboat, a first class torpedo boat and an elegant dispatch boat, we shall be in possession of a modern naval sample case. The sight of that ought certainly to inspire congress to do more. We pay more now to keep up our navy than any nation in the world, except England, France and Russia. In the quality of its personnel it is equal to any service, without exception. Yet we With our electric lights, new bridge in have permitted it to become the butt of course of construction and many other both hemispheres by refusing to furnish ships and guns. We are returning, slow-Salem had begun to put on metropolitan by but unmistabably, to a condition in which we can take pride in a service that never shirked an arduous duty.

THE COMMERCIAL STREET BRIDGE,

The matter of the petition of A. N. Gilbert, R. S. Wallace and about eighty others of the most prominent business men of this city, to the common council, praying for construction of a pile wagon bridge across Mill Creek at the north end of Commercial street, was referred to the gentleman with the cordurov name of council committee on streets and public Count De Cassa Meranda, of Spain, and property, on Tuesday evening, giving that committee power to act in the premises. The committee will meet with the husband of an actress. It is not stated county court to-day at 8 o'clock, and will how much is his salary in his new posi- try to get the county to pay one half of the cost of construction. If this is agreed to by the county, the bridge will be constructed, thereby giving Commercial street an outlet at both ends.

This would be a great improvement to the city, if built, and the bridge would prove a great convenience. The county court will certainly do what is fair and just in the matter. It is estimated that \$600 will cover the entire cost of con-

Commercial street being the main business thoroughfare of the city, it should. by all means, be opened out both ways.

ON A VACATION

His "excellency," the president of this United States, is off on another vacation, invasion of our enemies. His words of what business or profession for which he and has left word bellind that "no mail wisdom fell resultless upon the ears of is best fitted, or would the best conform to will be forwarded to him, nor opened by

> And still, less than 3000 out of the whole lot of offices in this country, have been given over to men of the democratic partv. Yet even in the face of all this. goes off with his tent and frying pan, for a month in the mountains, where he can't be found by any one who is officehungry. Democracy certainly has received another blow.

CAN HE CARRY NEW YORK ?

A Philadelphia paper says ;-The question for republicans to consider now, for it is time to be preparing for the contest, is, can James G. Blaine carry New York against Cleveland or Hill? It is certain praise for the state's pride. There is a he can carry every other necessary state except New York. Is there any doubt that he can make a better fight next time? We do not think there is. Will any democrat deny that Grover Cleveland is not weaker in New York to-day than when he was elected by the narrow majority of

THE New York Sun wants the congressional committee on rivers and harbors ing it, and everybody is booming it. It abolished, and wants the committee on will been itself, from the fact that it appropriations restored to its old powers. The appropriations recommended by the latter committee, are usually "squandered" on the Atlantic cities, while the river and harbor appropriations get too far from New York City to suit the Sun.

> Mg Lub Saussury has made a speech to his feller-citizens, in which he proposes bullets and bayonets for the tenant farmers of Ireland, because the Orangemen of Belfast have already killed some of them. That is to say, he proposes to hang Catholic Irishmen for the crime of having their countrymen killed by his partisans.

> WHAT's the matter with trying to whoop up a little "woolen mill fever"

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher uses and gives away over three hundred Allcock's Porous Plasters every year. She writes that she has found them a "genuine relief for most of the sches and pains which flesh is heir to." Hon Samuel J. Randall said that they cured him of inflammation of the kidneys when everything else falled, and cored him of a severe cold that threatened to run into pneumonis. Hon James W. Husted writes that they cured his son of chronic rheumatism and relieved him of serious pulmonary troubles.