

The president has pardoned a number of persons convicted of violating revenue laws, tampering with mails, etc.

A pumpkin that measures over six feet in circumference and weighs above 200 pounds, is still growing on a farm in California.

Over half a million people died up to the end of July in southern India, and more people were found dead in Madras in one morning than had died in the whole of the Bengal famine.

The secretary of war has addressed a letter to General Schofield, commanding at West Point, heartily approving his order which provides for summary and severe punishment for hazing cadets.

The army worm is devastating cotton in counties adjacent to Memphis, Tenn. Many planters state that their fields look as if fire had swept through them. It is believed that serious damage will result to the crops in that district.

The Ohio campaign progresses without any very decided rush of talent to the head on either side. There have not been half a dozen respectable speeches made on both sides. Indeed with the exception of the address of Secretary Sherman, we have failed to see anything that was profitable for doctrine or reproof.

The race between republicanism and democracy in Maine was an uncommonly lively one, and good time was made by both parties. If the same rate of decrease is kept up, the republican party will be totally wiped out in about three years and a half, while the democratic party will last perhaps four years. If an election should come off in the intervening six months, Maine would go democratic.

Dr. John W. Foye, resident physician at the smallpox hospital, San Francisco, reports to the supervisors on the workings of that institution during the past year: Whole number of patients treated, 875; number of deaths, 245. Of the 875 cases, 403 were natives of the United States, including 153 of California, and 472 were of foreign birth. Of the 245 deaths, 119 were natives of the United States, including 47 born in California and 120 were foreign born.

We understand that in Germany the government will not issue a patent for any preparation of food, nor a copyright for any school book. There is a great deal of wisdom in these characteristic exceptions, and they might very well be adopted in this country. The compiling of school books is almost entirely a mechanical task, but it is misrepresented by the publishers as a tremendous item in the cost of their school books, and the public are made to pay for it. A government concession which is abused in this way should be withdrawn.

The war spirit is represented to be at a fever heat in Russia. The reverses of the army in Armenia and the defeat at Plevna have both humiliated and angered the people, who demand a more vigorous prosecution of the war, and scout at the proposition of peace so long as it is within the power of the government to put a squadron in the field. It is asserted by the correspondent of an eastern paper writing from Moscow, that if the emperor consented to a peace at this time, he would only enter that city at the point of the bayonet. To talk of intervention while this feeling exists, is a mere waste of words.

Chinese Labor.

Some persons, no doubt, honestly believe that Oregon cannot prosper without Chinese labor, and that the more of it we have, the better we shall be off. Was there ever a greater mistake? We begin to fall behind with ten thousand Chinese in the state. Does any man who seriously considers the subject believe that business would improve if we could have three or four thousand more of these people thrown in upon us? If we had white people instead of the ten thousand Chinese now in the state, business would speedily improve. Our markets for every commodity would be enlarged. We should do our own work; hence the money which now goes to China by every steamer would remain to quicken trade in Oregon. Every thoughtful person agrees that we have as many Chinese in the state as is good for us at present.

Sinecure Positions in the Boys' High School.

From the S. F. Bulletin. There is a belief that the present Board of Education has made several sinecure for men whose abilities do not commend them for active work as teachers. For some time it was the gossip among teachers that Mr. Bissell of the Boys' High School had nothing to do, and was regularly receiving a comfortable salary from the department. An examination of the reports on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board shows three teachers of the Boys' High School have no classes assigned to them, but Superintendent Bolander says it is a common thing for teachers to be so recorded in the reports—that many of the hardest worked tutors have no regular classes of their own. Mr. Bissell is one of those teachers without assignment in regard and in response to an inquiry as to what service he rendered, the Superintendent replied that he was teaching a class in Mathematics, and correcting French papers. During a visit subsequently paid to the Boys' High School, the name of Mr. Bissell as the teacher of Mathematics was incidentally mentioned in a conversation with the Principal, when the latter replied that Mr. Bissell was not teaching Mathematics this term, but put in his time correcting French papers and assisting other teachers in various ways.

A few weeks ago the Board introduced the study of mechanical drawing in the Boys' High School, and elected a teacher to take charge of that particular branch of education. Some of the students do not care to study mechanical drawing, and their parents are not anxious to bear the expense of purchasing drawing paper and instruments. The rule is that the study shall be compulsory, and pupils so understand it. If it were not mandatory the duties of the mechanical drawing teacher would be exceedingly light. Some parents of humble circumstances have revolted, owing to the excessive expense in the furnishing of materials, and have positively refused to purchase them. It is understood that only a particular make of instruments are acceptable to the Principals, and these cost \$12 per set. The military drill recently introduced has already proved a failure. The novelty of the thing is wearing out, and boys find romping more acceptable as a means of recreation and exercise than the restraint of half military discipline. The story about the caps which was so indignantly denied, evidently had more truth in it than was agreeable to the drill instructor. At least twenty-five or thirty boys at the High School wear military caps, and some of them come so near to a display of uniform that they might be taken for cadets.

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P. DAVISCOURT, Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 17, 1877 89-3W

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