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## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## Miscellaneous.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Clarance King left to-day for Oregon to attend to his cattle interests there preliminary to entering upon his new duties at Washington.

NEW YORK, April 4.—A Shanghai letter of Feb. 21st states that a joint stock company of Chinese merchants is being formed for the manufacture of cotton cloths, and very large mill will be built at Shanghai. It is also proposed that another woolen factory be started at Tien Tsin. Wool can be got for the gathering, and their fleece has not hitherto been properly utilized.

LONDON, April 4.—West African newspapers confirm the report that two French gunboats had landed a company of soldiers on the British island of Matacong. The British authorities at Sierra Leon have sent a gunboat with a protest to the French officer commanding the occupation. The French claim that the island was ceded to them in 1878. The British claim possession since 1820.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Although no scenes of violence have yet occurred on account of the laborers' strike, it now transpires that serious attacks have been made on some of those who declined to join the strikers. Last night several men employed on the sea-wall were rushed upon, kicked and beat into an insensible condition by strikers, who fled, and all of these men are in a precarious condition. The force of police was increased, and the strikers driven from the immediate vicinity of the scene of the work. The contractor announces his intention of continuing work if he has to put Winchester rifles in the hands of employees for self-protection.

## A Startling Invention.

**Two Hundred Words a Minute Sent Over One Cable Wire—A Whole Newspaper Telephered in Half an Hour.**

From the Boston Post, March 11th.

We are enabled to lay before our readers this morning a piece of exclusive intelligence which indicates that the old and new worlds are about to hail the approaching dawn of cheap telegraphy on land and under sea between and throughout all the countries of the civilized globe, but more particularly across the Atlantic. The American cable company, of New York, has just closed, signed and sealed one of the most important contracts that was ever connected with the subject of telegraphing, and by which the new company has secured the exclusive right to the use of a new invention or process for sending messages by cable and otherwise. One party to the contract guarantees to send ten messages of twenty words each per minute through the conducting wire between Paris or London and New York.

This is the minimum speed stated in the contract, but it is said that at the maximum speed what could be sent in thirty minutes would be equal to the number of words contained in one number of the London Times or the New York Herald. And it is also asserted that by this process an entire number of either of the above-named journals could be dispatched through the cable from New York to London and Paris, or from London to New York, and be re-produced at those points in fac simile, on a stereotyped block or plate, complete and ready to be printed from in thirty minutes, and at a trifling expense. This would make an average rate of about two thousand words per minute.

What has enabled this wonderful process or invention to be brought to perfection and put to practical use, is the new system and inventions now

controlled by the American cable company, these latter instruments serving as the basis of the new discovery. The above-named company has an exclusive right to the use on all of its proposed cables of both of these most wonderful inventions, but the general agent owns and controls all the other rights of both inventions in all countries and for all purposes. It is now believed that with the combined use of these two inventions the cable company will be able to reduce the tariff for cable messages between New York and the five different countries which are to be connected directly by its cables to from three to five cents per word, and pay dividends of from eight to twenty per cent. on its total capital.

We take great undisguised satisfaction in the fact that an American company is to be the first to enjoy the distinction and receive the benefits of the introduction to the world of these two inventions. They will be instrumental in bringing about marvellous advancements in the distribution of news throughout the world. The great importance of this discovery may, perhaps, be better appreciated from the additional statement that at the moment of signing the document of transfer to the American company through its general agent, the inventor was offered for the process so large a sum as £400,000 by the Anglo company through parties interested in the latter.

Inasmuch as it could not have been used by the Anglo company for lack of the proper electric instruments, the benefit of it would, of course, have been lost to the world. A company is to be formed in London, with large capital, to bring over and operate all other rights of the invention outside of those held by the American cable company. It is evident that ocean telegraphy is yet in its infancy, and Americans will have reason to feel proud of seeing the promised revolution in the business set on foot by a company that bears their country's name.

## Worth Knowing.

**The Art of Making Our Friends Feel "Perfectly at Home."**

## Golden Rule.

Is it possible for our friend to "just make himself at home" in our house, as we so often invite and enjoin him to do? Something depends no doubt on the friend, but more, we think, on the home. If the guest be incapable of forgetting his own home, and given to contrasting unfavorably everything that is unlike it in others; or if he be one of the unadaptable sort—a human "old cat," who is never at ease when out of his accustomed haunts; or if he; more frequently, perhaps, this is she; only goes about among friends, to be "entertained," in such case you can't well make them at home, nor avoid wishing them there! On the other hand, if you desert the pleasant family quarters and plant your friend amid the unused fineries of the

## "STIFF BEST ROOM;"

If you keep the children on dress parade, and break up all their wonted good times; if you palpably make a decided difference in the family fare, as if your friend came to learn the qualifications of your cook book or to judge of your ability to "keep a hotel;" if, in a word, your every-day domestic life is so broken up that having a guest implies a complete change in the internal arrangements and economics of the household, he cannot, if a sensible and sensitive person, feel himself "at home," for he will perceive that you are not. Think what being "at home" means to yourself and try and let your guest have something of that feeling. You require a certain liberty and an atmosphere of naturalness for your contentment; a knowledge that you are not making any undue work or worry, and a sort of slipper-and-dressing-gown freedom of deportment.

## FOR YOUR COMFORT.

Your don't want your down-sitting and up-rising too much planned out for you. You expect to be courteous and agreeable and punctual, and to practice the rest of the household virtues as much as in you lies, but you don't want to talk at a mark all the time, nor have everything give way for your entertainment. These isn't a better rule of politeness in the world than the rule called "golden." The trouble is that we keep it too much for ethical or "great moral" questions, instead of turning it to use in the every-day affairs of life. We can best enable our friends to make themselves at home by keeping it home-like for them.

Thirty paintings recently imported by William H. Vanderbilt cost \$240,000.

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HAMILTON BOYD, Agent for Oregon

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\$335,511.04

Assets, Jan. 1, 1878. \$378,065.85

Liabilities—

Losses unpaid. \$3,638.37

Dividends " 1,297.00 5,595.37

Surplus for Property Holders. \$672,470.47

Losses paid in Oregon in six years. \$114,916.72

I. W. CASE, Agent, Astoria, Oregon.

A. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

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MATT H. SIBSON, Agent, Astoria, Oregon.

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