

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1882. J. F. HALLORAN, Editor.

Flightedness. Among the great pile of papers received by yesterday's steamer was one—the Morning News—published at Wilmington, Delaware, which has a leading editorial on the Chinese question. We quote:

"As to the shocking inhumanity of President Arthur in neglecting to sympathize with the roughs of San Francisco and the desperadoes of the mining camps who, so long as the Chinese stay, will have to go on hunting them down like so many rats, and committing casual murders when the powerful heathens will not part with their enormous earnings upon less compulsion, the matter only needs to be stated in order to show what a cold-blooded tyrant Mr. Arthur is, and how indifferent he is to those well-worn maxims of personal rights and individual liberty which have come down to us from the fathers of the Republic."

This is given simply as an example of the eastern style of looking at this matter, and as an exemplification of the density of the settled prejudice that would permit such attempt at irony in what appears to be a well-meaning and intelligent journal.

Washington Letter. (From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16, 1882. It may as well be granted that the tariff commission bill will become a law, and that the President will have to appoint nine commissioners from civil life to take in consideration the present tariff, how it affects the various industries of the country and recommend to Congress what changes ought to be made in it. There are already a good many candidates for these nine positions and the President has, it is said, a considerable list of men who believe themselves or are believed by their friends to be eligible. There is some reason to think that ex-Secretary Kirkwood will be one of the commissioners if he wishes the place. Concerning the others nothing is known. When the commission comes to be made up, if it is honestly done, it will be something of a question to determine the scale upon which the great industries of the country shall be represented. The nine commissioners should represent fairly and proportionately the industries of the whole Union. To begin with, at least four of the commissioners should represent agriculture North and South. This is the largest and most important interest in the country. Wheat and the other grains, beef and the other meats, cotton, sugar and hay, not to speak of other minor agricultural industries, employ more people and interest more families than all the other industries in the country taken together, and to give the agricultural interest four representatives on the commission would be to give too little rather than too much. To give to the raisers of grain, cotton, beef and pork, sugar, hay and fruit less than four commissioners would necessarily cause great disappointment and distrust among the agricultural class of the country.

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some years ago, was regarded ample for all time. Senator Windom's new house is nearly ready for occupancy, and so is the spacious one built by Mr. Blaine. But the latter and his family will not move in before next autumn, as they propose spending the summer out of Washington, as usual. Senator and Mrs. Windom will probably move into theirs, which is a mammoth dwelling, very soon. Their former residence, which Senator Platt, of New York, purchased and settled on his wife just a year ago, has stood empty ever since last November, when Senator and Mrs. Windom gave it up. Mrs. Platt, hoping to rent it, came here and refurbished it throughout very sumptuously, but has not found a tenant. These three houses, all very handsome and specially adapted for entertaining, stand as monuments to the utility of human hopes and ambitions, which was never more forcibly exemplified than by the brief duration of the Garfield administration and the consequent change of plans of those who had expected to shine during its continuance, which they certainly believed would be four years at least. Since he is a senator, as he was before his brief experience in the cabinet, Mr. Windom will not look upon his big, new house as a white elephant; still it probably is true of him as of Mr. Blaine that he began building with a view to the requirements of a cabinet officer's residence. Perhaps otherwise, both gentlemen would have been satisfied with the houses they had used while senators, for Mr. Blaine also used his while speaker, when it was customary for the speaker to have public evening receptions, like those of the President, once a week. It may be considered certain that had Mr. Platt waited a week or two he would not have bought a house here at all.

Since the end of Lent the Capital has been very lively socially, politically, and generally. Congress has not stirred up much dust, but it keeps pegging away and matters are shaping for more lively work in the next two months. The Democrats give up beaten on the tariff question, in the present Congress at least, and the commission bill is certain to become a law. Several contested election cases have been settled by the election committee and are ready to be reported to the house. There is likely to be some music when the report comes up for consideration, but there is but little doubt that the committee's conclusion will be sustained. Captain Howgate gave us another sensation by eluding a deputy marshal who had been sent with him to his house, and the fact removed whatever doubts previously existed of his guilt. It cannot be that he really expected to escape beyond recapture, but he may have regarded his case so desperate anyhow that it could not be made any worse by the attempt. The Star-route prosecutions promise to occupy some attention for the next four weeks and we shall see whether the government is powerless to convict rascals who steal from and swindle it under cover of law.

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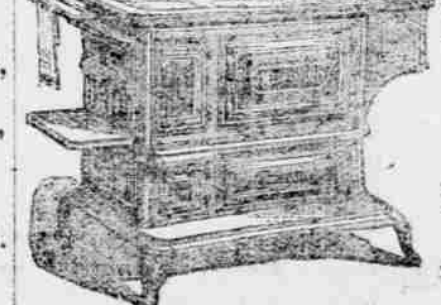


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