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MR. H. VILLARD is going to Europe.

THE Northern Pacific president has not yet been named.

THE next National Democratic convention will comprise 802 delegates instead of 738, as heretofore.

PORTLAND will turn to Astoria in '84, embrace her as her long lost sister, and clamor for a railroad to the sea.

SIX hundred thousand strong came across the sea in '83. In six years they will be ruling us in and out of legislatures.

THEY say in Washington that Arthur's dream is now to get re-elected himself, make Conkling a senator, and appoint Grant secretary of state.

GUITEAU'S skeleton, which is hidden in a private room of the Army Medical museum, has been polished and bleached until it looks like an ivory figure.

THE Galveston *News* declares that there is no considerable sentiment in Texas in favor of dividing the state, and the talk about it is the idle frothing of politicians.

ON December 1st the total number of distilleries in the country was 565, against 356 at the same time last year, with a total daily capacity of 289,000 gallons, against 263,000 the year before.

PIERRE LORILLARD, gave a Christmas present of $17,600 to the employes of his Jersey City tobacco factory. It averaged a week's wages to each of the 3,000 men, women, boys and girls.

A METEOROLOGIST says the railroads and telegraph lines, form a network of electric conductors which tend to equalize the climate of our country—that of the North becoming warmer and of the South colder.

IT is asserted that there is a one-legged Confederate soldier in Georgia who has never drawn any state pension, because all his command were killed, and there is no one to certify to his having been in the army.

THE secretary of the Treasury has decided in the case of Chinamen brought to New York on the ship *Resolute*, that they cannot be landed in the United States, but may be transferred to any other vessel going to a foreign country.

THE threatened modification of the land laws has created increased interest in the coast land offices, and an evident disposition to take advantage of the present liberal constitution of the land laws is manifest in many applications for homestead entries.

THE last pier of the Northern Pacific bridge across Snake river at Ainsworth, W. T., is practically done. Half of the false work is done and there is no doubt that the structure will be completed before the next high water, and probably within two months.

GENERAL MCKENZIE, commander of the department of Arizona, whose insanity has been announced, is a nephew of Admiral Rodgers, and his father was the McKenzie who hung a son of the secretary of the treasury for mutiny. He graduated very high at West Point, and was placed in the engineer corps.

THE publishers of the daily papers in New York have now had three months' experience under the cut-rate system, and taken as a whole they are not a happy set of men. Talks with newspaper men in all branches of the business bring about vigorously worded opinions that the whole scheme of reduction as carried out was a grand blunder.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR, at the New England dinner, whispered to one of the speakers that the way to break up Mormonism was to establish twenty-five dry goods stores and millinery shops in Salt Lake City, thereby taxing the elders to such an extent that their organization would go to pieces. This suggestion is far ahead of the recommendations on the same subject made in the presidential message.

PRIVILEGES always bring attendant responsibilities. The women of Washington Territory have a vote, and it is right they should, but liability to jury duty and the necessity of paying poll tax doesn't exactly suit. They won't mind it when they get used to it. If there is any one sensation in the life of an American voter more pleasurable than another, it is to be shut up in a 10x12 room, with eleven other sovereigns, on an all-night hung jury.

THE Walla Walla *Watchman* devotes considerable space to its former proprietor, in an attempt to prove that he is a rascal. The time has gone by when a newspaper can afford to quarrel with a man. It hurts the newspaper more than the man, and, when, as in this instance, it is plainly a matter of private spite, policy would suggest some other means of attack than the columns of a man's paper to attack his adversary. It's too apt to create sympathy for the attacked.

THE subject of cremation now occupies a good deal of public attention. Every feeling of decency, every impulse of humanity, every prompting of finer feeling, impels the idea that cremation is preferable to sepulture.

PEOPLE whose habit it is to harp upon the "extravagance" of our government as compared with that of Great Britain, would do well to make a note of the striking fact that Great Britain employs 5,965 officials at a cost of about $10,000,000 yearly, to collect her internal revenue, while the United States employs only 4,098 persons at a cost of a little over $5,000,000 per annum to do the same thing, and our territory is thirty times larger than that of Great Britain besides.

MRS. VILLARD is described as a singularly unworldly woman, who regularly gives a certain time every day to the education of her children, accompanying her little daughter on the violin at the piano with schoolroom routine. At the same time a large proportion of her time is given to charity. She has always a procession of dependents in winter, in whose welfare she interests herself, and in summer performs gracious deeds in inviting to her country home friendless girls and those persons to whom pleasure and recreation rarely comes.

SEVERAL territorial papers are commenting adversely on the actions of their chief executive. In this they seem to be strangely inconsistent. They say, and truly, that they want immigrants, men with money, and to have the country go ahead. Gov. Newell is a whole immigration society in himself, and by voice and pen, by travel and published result of observation has done more to bring people to the territory than any other one man in the country. It may be that others want his place; that is natural; but it is unjust and unmanly to charge the present able executive with incapacity.

THERE is a story that Congressman Willis of Kentucky got his first nomination in his district in a peculiar manner. There were two prominent candidates for the Democratic nomination, which was equivalent to an election. Their strength in the nominating convention was exactly equal. Mr. Willis proposed to his competitor that there should be no quarrel about the matter, and that the readiest, fairest and most amicable way to settle it would be to toss pennies. The competitor agreed, and Mr. Willis won the toss, the nomination, election and seat in congress. Somebody asked Mr. Willis the other day if the story was true. "Certainly," said he, "but I have not had to toss pennies for the nomination since then."