

The Daily Astorian.

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AN INCIDENT OF HISTORY.

In the year 1801 emperors Paul of Russia and Napoleon of France agreed to invade India. A French army of 35,000 under the command of Massena, were to march to Ulm, and thence descend by way of the Danube to the Black sea. Then a Russian fleet was to convey the troops to Taganrog, reaching Astrakhan, where the French army was to be joined by 50,000 Cossacks. This army, 85,000 strong, was to push on to Candahar by way of Herat, and so enter India at the expiration of four or five months from the outset. The death of the emperor Paul frustrated this plan. But in 1798, three years before the plan here noted had been matured, Napoleon had outlined a plan for opening a new route to India with the hope of hitting Great Britain in a sensitive, if not a vital place. These schemes were, at his instigation, issued by the French directors:

Art. 1. The general-in-chief of the army of the east will seize on Egypt. Art. 2. He will drive the English from all their possessions in the east and, above all, destroy their entrepôts in the Red sea. Art. 3. He will have the isthmus of Suez cut through, and will take all the necessary measures to insure the full and exclusive possession of the Red sea for the French republic.

It is interesting to note that nearly eighty-five years ago a Russian czar was meditating an invasion of India by the Herat-Candahar route, and that the military plan, which was then, perhaps, a wild one, is in the year of grace 1885, considered so feasible that it has nearly caused a great war between England and Russia. At the same time, England has been expending millions of treasure and valuable lives to keep up its communication with India through the Suez canal, which the directors so easily ordered to be cut.

Three-fourths of a century after the date of the decrees the French did also cut the isthmus of Suez, and did in this way create the short and direct route to Europe. Great Britain, under the ministerial guidance of Disraeli, adopted the master stroke of policy by which a controlling interest was bought in the Suez canal. When Renan welcomed De Lesseps to the French academy, he suggested that the waterway thus cut across the isthmus might yet become the scene of a great conflict because it was the key of India. But all the skill of diplomacy is to be employed to avoid any such issue.

"The people do not forget that Roscoe Conkling was clean-handed," says an eastern paper in connection with a floating paragraph naming him as the proper person to deliver the eulogy of General Grant. No, the people will never forget that; neither will they forget that Roscoe Conkling stands by his friends, a quality that shines uppermost, too, in the character of the greatest captain of the age. "Put yourself in his place," said a friend of his recently in discussing the ex-senator, "and tell me what you would have done as a United States senator if you had held an interview with the president of the United States on a given day and he had told you positively that no appointments should be made in New York unless you were consulted, and you were to wake up the next morning to find that your bitterest enemy had been appointed collector of the port." I confess that Roscoe Conkling one of these days will win back popular favor. The American people love fair play. There is a story going the rounds that Roscoe Conkling, George C. Gorham and Frank Hatton are going to start a great newspaper in Philadelphia. We do not know what truth there is in it, if any, but what a trio to be named in such a connection—Conkling and Gorham as editorial writers! Great Scott, how their scintillations would be sought after, as were the letters of Junius, and how like those noted papers would they shine like diamonds with merciless sarcasm and wit. Everyone knows Conkling's mastery of the English language, but Gorham's power with the pen is not so well known as it will be one of these days, if he goes back to journalism, where he belongs. He strikes sledge-hammer blows in any cause in which he is engaged, and like the man from Utica, is clean-handed.

The New York World announces that it has raised money enough to place the colossal Bartholdi statue in position. Congress will be asked to change the name of Bedloe-island to Liberty island. Its subscription has reached \$63,000, and is rapidly increasing.

THE recent law reducing Oregon railroad fares to four cents a mile has, it is charged, caused the O. R. & N. Co. to attempt to reimburse itself, as far as freights are concerned by charging Washington Territory shippers a dollar a ton more on flour than on wheat for the same distance. Eastern Oregon and Washington journals call attention to such manifest injustice, which, of course, is prejudicial to grain interests of the inland empire. The Walla Walla Union, in the course of an article on this subject, says: "The mills of this country turn out over 100 barrels of flour per day, of which nine-tenths must be exported to find a market, and the millers are forced to pay about 14 cents more for wheat to make a barrel than the same wheat will cost the Portland millers and wheat buyers; and will be almost a death blow to the milling business in this section." From all parts of this northwest coast come complaints about the policy and management of the O. R. & N. Co. The upper and lower Columbia, the sound, and everywhere they have business with the public complain of their style of transacting business. Relatively speaking, we, of Astoria, are better off in this regard than some of our neighbors, for thanks to our location, we can always secure competition that will prevent any more extortion than such petty gouges as "primage," etc.

THE Hebrew word "sheol" has lately been brought into prominence by being substituted in the revised version of the old Testament for the familiar "hell." It would appear that the revisers could not find an English expression for "sheol" which satisfied them, and therefore they have transcribed it just as it stands in the Hebrew text. Originally, however, "hell," like the Greek "hades," was the exact equivalent of "sheol," both being the designation of a vast hollow place or cavern under the earth where the spirits of the dead were supposed to dwell, not in torments, but still in darkness and discomfort. The place of punishment was called by the Hebrews in later days "gehenna," from the name of the valley near Jerusalem where rubbish and ordure were cast, and where fires were kept burning to purify the air. The idea of "hell" as a place of torment is a modification of the original conception, but it has become so firmly established that the word no longer answers to the Hebrew "sheol," and has therefore properly been discarded by the revisers.

SECRETARY BAYARD made a fine speech at Columbia, Missouri, last Thursday. Among other things he said: "Whatever may be the difference between men's opinions, whatever may be the difference between men's personal ambition, the American people have recognized, and they do recognize that there is a point beyond which they cannot go, and that point is national safety. That is the guard that is the boundary, that is the work which I trust all education in this country will teach us to observe. Our education in all its forms is simply to end in making us higher, better, more self-subordinate; to teach us that we are humble instruments in the advancement not of mere selfishness, but of something far beyond it—the glory and welfare of our entire country."

THE secretary of the interior has decided that lands purchased by the United States and transferred to the interior department are to be regarded as part of the public domain, held in trust for the people, and on the same basis as if the lands were acquired by cession. The question arose from discussion of the act of July 5, 1864, providing for transfer to the interior department of certain lands formerly used as military reservations.

PORTLAND gave a fine reception to senator Sherman and Chas. Francis Adams, Jr., last Friday. It was a graceful thing to do. They are representative men such as any community might well honor. Not the least of the advantages accruing from the present possibilities of rapid transit is the ability of the leading men of the nation to become acquainted with this far off corner of the national domain.

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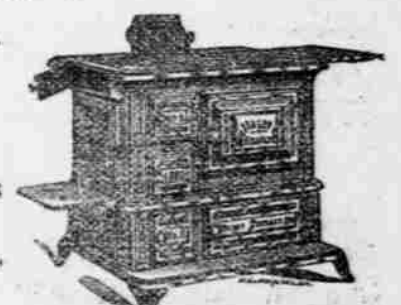
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