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It took 12,000 men two weeks in December to clean the snow from the streets of Vienna.

So far the coinage debate in congress exemplifies the truth of the old adage that "speech is silver."

THE London Times is valued at \$25,000,000; Standard, \$10,000,000; News, \$6,000,000; Telegraph, \$5,000,000.

THE pope and the emperor of Germany have been exchanging decorations to express mutual satisfaction at the termination of the Carolines dispute.

FOR the first time in the history of our beloved country there is no one named Smith in congress. The Smiths are kicking about it and talk of organizing a party of their own.

THE New York Evening Post of January 1st, quotes Oregon salmon at 35 cents a pound. If it cost three cents a pound, and five cents a pound freight there ought to be money in the traffic.

ST. LOUIS journals are agast over the atrocities of Chinese high-binders. Those folks on the other side of the Rockies are not as fond of the "little brown man" as they used to be before he arrived among them.

THE English parliament meets to-morrow. It is said the queen's speech will denounce the national league as an unlawful organization, and ask parliament to support a bill either for regulating the league or suppressing it.

CONGRESS jauntily granted \$450,000 to New York for a little parade ground for a dude military company. Oregon has to go without adequate mail service to save \$10,000. This is almost as bad as refusing representation to Clatsop county while demanding her quota of state taxes.

THE New Orleans grand jury proposes a novel remedy for the habit of carrying concealed weapons. This is to allow every one to go armed. It argues that what is not forbidden will lose its attractiveness, and the criminal and the coward will no longer have the advantage in an encounter with an honest man.

IN the town of Riom, France, is a penitentiary. The other day the convicts, 600 in number, overpowered the officers, seized and fortified the prison and defied attack. Were that to happen in any city or town in this country the European press would worry for a week about the "demoralizing influence of republican institutions." As it is the occurrence is looked upon as a matter of course.

MR. GARLAND, attorney general of the United States, has accepted a fee from the state of California to argue a case before the United States supreme court. Fancy the nation's attorney appearing as a paid attorney to argue a client's case before the nation's supreme tribunal! This may be all right viewed from a democratic standpoint, but it looks a little singular to many that have an idea that his proved connection with the Bell telephone suit has seriously impaired Mr. Garland's influence as a cabinet officer.

MEN seldom attain much power in congress except after long service. Judge Kelley, the father of protection, has been in congress continuously for twenty-four years; Judge Randall, Judge Kelley's ablest co-worker in this interest, twenty-two years; Mr. O'Neill of Philadelphia, twenty years; Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts has seen twenty-nine years' service in the two houses of congress, and his colleague, Senator Hoar, seven-

teen years; Senator Frye, of Maine has served eighteen years in both branches, and his senatorial partner, Eugene Hale, fifteen. Senator Morrill, of Vermont has seen more congressional service than any man in the history of congress, except Thomas Benton, of Missouri. Mr. Morrill's record just now equals Benton's. He has served twelve years in the house and eighteen in the senate. His colleague, Judge Edmunds, has served twenty years in Washington. Senator Sherman has served twenty-six years, and has just been reelected to the senate for six years more.

DISCUSSION regarding the "Mitchell letters" still goes on. They are as famous in their way as the celebrated "Mulligan letters." The Oregonian masses all who think or say the letters are forgeries in an indiscriminate heap and says they are fools and sons of darkness. Messrs. Isham and Caton of Walla Walla it considers "prostitutes." These gentlemen insist that the Oregonian editor is a "liar," whatever that may be, and so the fight goes on. In the meantime Senator Mitchell is in his seat in the senate of the United States working with Senator Dolph for the good of the commonwealth that those gentlemen so ably represent.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.
 A Short Sketch of a Worthy Institution and Its Work.

At St. Mary's Hospital for the year '85, there were admitted about four hundred patients representing nearly every nation, and exhibiting nearly every form of disease and injury known. Patients suffering from only slight maladies, and patients who were suffering from diseases which would sooner or later number them with the silent majority on the other side; cases with slight injuries, and cases which required the most formidable surgical operations for their relief. And some whose names are on the hospital register, had while being conveyed to the institution, from which they hoped to obtain relief and care, silently given up the struggle and grim death had ruthlessly foreclosed his mortgage ere they reached their earthly destination.

What is true of all hospitals is also true of this, that many who are admitted are those whose constitutions are broken by exposure and dissipation; and yet, notwithstanding this fact, the number of deaths at this hospital each year has been less than that of other hospitals on this coast, in proportion to the patients treated. This is due, no doubt, to the mildness of the climate and healthful location of the hospital.

It is interesting to note the diseases which have proved fatal as well as to note the causes of these maladies. Twelve cases of consumption admitted. Some of them afterwards died under other climates; some of them died after leaving the hospital. Five died in the institution. Out of the twelve admitted only two were natives of this state. The rest were foreigners, mostly from Finland. Probably the disease had established itself before they came to this state. Anyway we are not to conclude that this climate is particularly severe on the lungs, but must remember that these people had all led lives of exposure and doubtless this was a factor in causing the disease.

Bright's disease of kidney caused three deaths; cause of disease, exposure in one, alcohol the other two, probably. Disease of liver caused two deaths: cause of disease, alcohol in one, syphilis in the other. Typhoid fever, two deaths: cause, bad sanitary conditions. Heart disease, two: cause, rheumatism. Apoplexy of the brain, two: cause, diseased condition of arteries, due to old age, also alcohol. Inflammation of bowels, one, due to injury. Cancer, cause unknown, one death. Exhaustion following operation, one death. Injuries received, caused three deaths. Total number of deaths, twenty-one. Out of the twenty cases of typhoid fever admitted only two originated in Astoria, this city being comparatively free from that fever this year. There were no contagious fevers admitted, unless we consider typhoid contagious, which all physicians will not admit at present.

The operations were numerous, such as amputations of every nature, removing tumors, removing dead bone, cutting strictures, operating for stone in the bladder, tapping the chest, trepaning the skull, and in fact nearly every operation known in surgery. Following these operations there never was a single case of erysipelas or blood poisoning. And what is still further to be said in praise of the nurses and physicians, is, that never since the organization of the hospital has a disease been communicated from one patient to another. This, of course, is due to the strictest care and attention on the part of the nurses and physicians.

Here the American mariners are sent for treatment. And after a long voyage at sea they find here a pleasant home during sickness and convalescence. The county poor are also provided for by the sisters of charity. The number is not great, and it is surprising to note the feeling of contentment which shows itself in the face and actions of a pauper who has a life lease on the county. This class of patients is usually a happy class despite their condition, and it is a quiet week when one or more able bodied men do not seek permits for

admission from the overseer of the poor. It costs the county four dollars a week for the care of the poor. When this is discounted ten cents on the dollar and when some county patient requires four or five dollars worth of medicine a week, and about twenty dollars worth of attention, it can readily be seen that keeping the county poor is not a very remunerative business.

This is a charity hospital, and if all could know the number of homeless, friendless and penniless men and women who find care and kind treatment here the world would be less selfish itself, and there would be few indeed but would speak words of kindness and extend a helping hand to that band of noble and brave women who devote their whole life to the relief of suffering, and the doing of acts of kindness and charity. Their names are not blazoned on the rolls of fame; the gentle, patient sisters of charity are content to have their names on the roll of duty, and their highest conception of duty is to minister to the suffering, smooth the dying pillow and do all they can to alleviate the anguish that none but the castaways and homeless know. To them is due a just meed of praise and recognition. Temporal reward is not theirs, but in the "House not built with hands, eternal in the Heavens" let us hope they may find solace and abundant reward for a life of devotion and self-abnegation on earth.

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