

The Daily Astorian.

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The truly good who strained at the Mulligan letters are swallowing the Pen Electric scheme.

During the Reil revolt the Canadian government paid the Hudson Bay company \$2,000,000 for supplies and transportation.

One of the bills now before the Iowa legislature provides that before a marriage license shall be issued each party to the proposed matrimonial contract shall give satisfactory evidence to the clerk that they are able to maintain and support each other with all necessities of life, and also to take care of the children, if they should have any.

When it is remembered that the war of 1812 closed over seventy years ago, surprise may well be excited that there should now be more than 20,000 pensioners on the rolls, of which 17,312 are widows. At what age did they marry, and are soldiers' widows exceptionally endowed with long lives? Exact answers to these questions would furnish interesting information and might reduce the number of pensioners.

The American people have no thought of abandoning government by parties, and never have had. Everything human is liable to abuse, and whatever a few theorists may have intended, or may still hope for, the great mass of voters of the country have never for a moment entertained the idea of fanning out the offices to a class and then running what is left of politics on a plane of ethics which, from a lofty height, looks down with a frown of reproach upon anything like self-seeking in politics. There is no danger that politicians will not be partisans.

When the Morrison bill first came up the reduction to be accomplished it was placed at \$40,000,000, but, says the Post, this estimate was afterward reduced to \$20,000,000, and now Mr. Morrison places it at \$12,000,000. As the receipts of the government last year were \$523,000,000, the reduction seems a very small outcome after all the campaign talk, and even this reduction stands very little chance of being made. The drift of public opinion is in favor of liberal expenditure. The people want internal improvements, a new navy and adequate coast defenses.

Imperceptibly, says the Nation, but hardly less surely, the humbler members of the war generation are departing along with its famous heroes. Many men will help to elect the next congress in the fall of 1886 who were not born when Lee surrendered, and many more who retain boyish memories of the war which that event ended. The few surviving politicians of that age have lost their old audiences. The great majority of the men whom they now address never shared in the emotions and the prejudices of the rebellion epoch, and cannot be stirred by the most fervid appeals to passions which, unlike their fathers, they have never known. The passing of the generation which fought in the war involves the dropping of war politics. The election of Grover Cleveland, the first man ever nominated for the presidency by either party whose public career did not begin until long after the rebellion, marked the end of an era in our history as clearly as have the deaths since his inauguration of Grant, Hendricks, McClellan, Hancock and Seymour. The nation has entered upon another epoch as distinct from the last as that which began with the inauguration of John Quincy Adams, the first president who was not of the revolutionary day in 1825, and which ended in the organization of parties upon new lines.

EASTERN CHINESE NOTES.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The different labor organizations met yesterday, and the Chinese question was brought up by rosters, whose delegates introduced resolutions calling attention to the fact of Mongolians being driven from the west to the east; that there was a prospect of their taking the place of white laborers; protesting against such immigration, and calling upon the Central Labor union to take such action as it should deem best to discountenance the begira.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The Times' editorial says: It is expected that the president, early this week, will send a message to congress recommending legislation to indemnify Chinese who have suffered from anti-Mongolian raids in the Pacific states and territories. It is well understood that the cabinet has had the subject under consideration at several meetings, and that representatives of the Chinese government in this country have filed claims for damages with the state department. One of them, of small amount, goes back more than five years, to the Denver troubles, but the chief bill of damages arises from occurrences during the last six months.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The Herald's Ottawa special says: British Columbia members are strongly urging the government to make certain amendments to the Chinese restriction bill of the last session, which, they represent, falls short of what is required to keep the Chinese out of that province. Although each Chinaman now entering the country is obliged to pay \$50 into the treasury before he can land, they are assisted in evading the law by their countrymen who were residents in the country at the time of the passage of the statute. These are entitled to certificates without any fee, to enable them to return without paying the \$50 exacted from those who never have been in the country before. These resident Chinamen obtain their certificates and forward them to their friends in China, who, on arriving on British soil, simply hand the certificates to the customs officers and are allowed to land without paying the regular tax. In the governor general's message reference was made to the proposed amendment to the Chinese bill, and it will probably be in the direction of taking away these certificates, which appears to be the only means by which the existing evil can be remedied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25th.—General James A. Hall, of Maine, speaking of Blaine, said to a Tribune reporter yesterday: "He is in excellent health. He has his second volume off his hands, and now he has time for something else. For the present he is looking over his old letters that have accumulated through thirty years of public life." "What are the Republicans going to do in 1888?" "The old ticket is the thing. Nominate Blaine and Logan and then there will be no need of brass bands or speeches or parades or fireworks or even committees. They will walk into the national capital almost without opposition. Even Harper's Weekly would support them. I do believe there is no other man than Blaine who can be elected. Sherman and Logan both have friends who favor them for president, but Blaine is matchless in strength."

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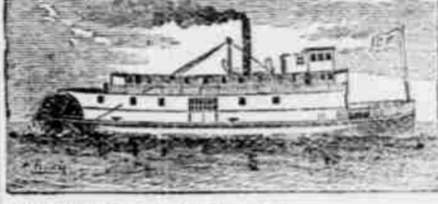
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