

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1887.

FIFTY degrees below zero at Miles City, Montana.

BLAINE says he would rather be secretary of state than be president.

THE decrease of the public debt for the month of January is \$9,750,000.

The editor of the *Bookman*, in commenting upon an article on "So-called Americanisms" in the *St. James' Gazette*, of London, points out that 'cute' and 'cuteness' occur in Goldsmith; that 'fall' (for autumn) is found in Massinger; that our use of the word 'bug' is Tudor English, and that in *Wiclif's Bible* the following sentence occurs: "At ystra Barnabas an Paul rent their clothes and skipped out." The expression, "I got left," is used both in Shakespeare and in some of the old madrigal writers.

THERE is always a sharp competition for the position of meanest man in the world. Every few days some paper comes forward with a new candidate. The *Baltimore American* has discovered a man who seems to have a great many qualifications for the place. He is a clerk in the pension office at Washington. A number of the women employes have been absent of late owing to illness. On their return to duty the clerk obliged them to take oath as to the truthfulness of their statements before a notary public. He himself holds that office and he charged them fifty cents apiece.

A WASHINGTON correspondent calls attention to the fact that Garland and Bayard while in the senate opposed the original interstate bill on constitutional grounds, while Lamar voted for the bill. Manning and Whitney are believed to be hostile to the present measure. He adds: It is whispered that the attorney-general will evade the question of the constitutionality of the measure altogether and transmit to the president an opinion which will leave the latter a loop hole to deal with the bill as he sees fit, and again it is said that the president will veto the bill, not because he considers it unconstitutional, but because it is loosely drawn, open to misinterpretation and capable of being improved after further discussion. At any rate, whether to be signed or vetoed, it is certain to be made the subject of a message. It is certain that if the bill is vetoed it will be passed over the veto in the house, but it may fail in the senate if the veto is put on the ground that the provisions of the bill are not sufficiently well defined.

Rough Weather on the Railroad Lines. The Oregon Short Line train arrived at East Portland at 1 P. M., yesterday. Two locomotives and a snow plow preceded the train. No train arrived from the Northern Pacific. Through passengers who arrived by the latter road Wednesday speak of an almost continuous blizzard from the time they left St. Paul until they reached Spokane Falls. A sweeping storm came down from Canada and swept through Montana, Dakota and Minnesota. At Fort McGinnis on the 23th, the thermometer dropped 34 degrees in about three and a half hours, and the wind was traveling at the rate of 100 miles per hour. Cattle perish at the hundreds and frosted hands and ears were fashionable. The east bound train that left here on the 26th of January was snowed under near Jamestown, Dakota. All through Minnesota, Montana and Dakota the weather is very cold, with high winds and drifting snow. Passengers who came in yesterday say there is considerable snow along the O. R. & N. line, and slow progress is made in consequence.

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TUG LEGISLATION AT SACRAMENTO.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 28, 1887.

The Assembly Committee on Judiciary, of which Mr. Varill is chairman, held a meeting last evening for the purpose of taking some action on the bill introduced by Brooks of Ventura, reducing the charges of pilotage into and out of the port of San Francisco, 20 per cent. Mr. Page, attorney for the Shipowners and Merchants Tug-boat Company of San Francisco, and Capt. Gray, president of the company, appeared to explain the bill. The former stated that the only change from the present law was in one section, where the liability of the vessel piloted is exempted for the master of the tug-boat, in the United States Supreme Court, the state cannot create a lien against any vessel navigating the high seas. The port of Fort Coats had been recognized in several sections, and a provision inserted requiring the Pilot Commissioners to publish a semi-annual statement of their collections. These changes and the reduction in pilotage fees were the only alterations in the Code. Capt. Gray stated that the pilotage on the coast of \$350 per month; the Pacific Tug-boat Company, under an agreement, he added, obtains the balance of their collections. Several members of the committee inquired concerning this agreement between the pilots and the tug-boat company, and it was stated that in order to obtain business the former were compelled to make an arrangement to divide their fees with the tug-boat company. Otherwise the tug-boat would transact the business.

Assemblyman Hyde did not think the committee should adopt the bill without consideration, as it would simply cut down the salaries of the pilots and have no effect on the profits of the big boats. Assemblyman Venable said he did not see why the Legislature should continue the heavy tax on the commerce of California simply to accommodate pilots and tug-boats.

In answer to questions, Mr. Page stated that the subsidy paid the Pacific Tug-boat Company by the pilots amounted in between \$50,000 and \$50,000 a year. The mode of the combination was very easy to divine. He leveled the alliance to be offensive and defensive, for the pilots had been threatened for twenty years with hostile legislation looking to the abolition of the tug-boat for the pilot-boat, in case they did not stand in. The pilots were well aware of the political power of Goodall, Perkins & Co., and Miller Griffith, who composed the Pacific Tug-boat Company, and hence the hard maintenance of their agreement, although those of them who testified before the senate committee in 1883, when this bill was first proposed, were anxious to let the state have the fees and except a salary of \$250 a month. The object of the reduction proposed by the bill was to compel the pilots to break this agreement with the Pacific Tug-boat Company. In 1883 they had agreed to a reduction equal to this, and he did not believe they would oppose the bill. The only opposition would come from this tug-boat company. The company he represented was interested in breaking up the monopoly, because in that way competition in tonnage could be brought about. Mr. Page gave some comparisons of the pilotage rates in the ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, in none of which were there any tonnage dues. The maximum charge per foot draft was shown to be higher in San Francisco than in any of these ports.

The bill before the legislature for legislative reapportionment provides that the ratio of representation shall be one senator for every 6,592 of white population or fraction thereof exceeding one-half in each senatorial district, and one representative for 3,296 white population or fraction thereof over one half.

SENATORIAL DISTRICTS. First district, Marion, 2 senators; second, Linn, 2; third, Lane, 2; fourth, Douglas, 1; fifth, Coos and Curry, 1; sixth, Jackson, 1; seventh, Jackson, and Lake, 1 jointly; eighth, Benton, 1; ninth, Polk, 1; tenth, Yamhill, 1; eleventh, Clackamas, 1; twelfth, Washington, 1; thirteenth, Clackamas and Marion, 1; fourteenth, Multnomah, 5; fifteenth, Clatsop, 1; sixteenth, Washington, Columbia and Tillamook, 1 jointly; seventeenth, Wasco, 1; eighteenth, Wasco and Gilliam, 1; nineteenth, Umatilla, 1; twentieth, Umatilla and Morrow, 1 jointly; twenty-first, Union, 1; twenty-second, Baker, 1; twenty-third, Grant and Crook, 1 jointly.

REPRESENTATIVES. First district, Marion, 5 representatives; second, Linn, 3; third, Lane, 3; fourth, Douglas, 2; fifth, Coos, 1; sixth, Coos and Curry, 1 jointly; seventh, Jackson, 1; eighth, Jackson, 3; ninth, Benton, 2; tenth, Polk, 2; eleventh, Yamhill, 2; twelfth, Yamhill and Tillamook, 1 jointly; thirteenth, Clackamas, 3; fourteenth, Multnomah, 10; fifteenth, Washington, 3; sixteenth, Clatsop, 2; seventeenth, Columbia, 1; eighteenth, Wasco, 2; nineteenth, Gilliam, 1; twentieth, Morrow, 1; twenty-first, Umatilla, 3; twenty-second, Union, 3; twenty-third, Baker, 2; twenty-fourth, Grant, 1; twenty-fifth, Klamath and Baker, 1 jointly; twenty-sixth, Crook, 1.

The lighthouse inspector has been instructed by the acting chief of the signal service to direct the light keeper at Cape Mendocino to take charge of the apparatus of the service now at that place. It is probable that the signal station at the cape will be abandoned. Mariners of the northern coast say that if this is done it will be to the great detriment of the shipping interests. The winds prevailing at Cape Mendocino are the most severe known on the entire coast of the United States, and in this respect Pike's Peak and Mount Washington alone excel it.—S. F. Post.

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