

PRESIDENT Cleveland is the first Democratic president renominated in 48 years.

The other day a steamer made fast to a dock at Duluth, adjusted six receiving spouts, took on 52,000 bushels of wheat and was off with her load in forty-nine minutes.

HENRY VILLARD writes confirming the statement that he is about to undertake an expedition to the South Pole. Dr. Neumayer, a director of the Deutsche Zentrale of Hamburg, will co-operate with him.

It is becoming plainer with every week that the present constitution of the French republic cannot last much longer. Inside and outside of the chamber of deputies it is assailed by almost every political faction and from every sort of motive.

The workmen on the great Eiffel tower in Paris have struck, on the ground that the higher they go, the greater the danger is. There are 200 of them, earning on an average 80 cents a day. If their wages are to rise with the tower, it will not go very much further.

NATURAL gas has caused in the past three years, the Insurance Chronicle finds, seventy-five fires in Pennsylvania, causing a total loss of \$900,151, of which \$700,430 was covered by insurance. This makes natural gas one of the most destructive fire causes on the list.

A FLORIDA hotel-keeper retiring at the end of an unprofitable season remarks: "It is with a feeling of sadness that I retire from active control, but the house is left with a gentleman abler than I am, financially to handle it. The gentleman is well known in this community. He is the sheriff."

THE unpleasant discovery has been made that the bones that have been shipped recently from Cairo to England for fertilizing purposes, and which were supposed to be those of giraffes, antelopes, etc., are, many of them, the bones of English soldiers killed in Egypt, the natives having followed the terrible practice of digging on battle fields and pulling the bodies from trenches.

R. M. ARBUTHNOT of Beaver Falls, Pa., has an old horse that for many years has not been known to go faster than a dog trot. For several weeks past, however, Mr. Arbuthnot has been feeding him on malt from one of the neighboring breweries, and the animal seems to have become a raving maniac. He is unmanageable and frisky as a two-year-old colt, and a terror to all who have had any experience with him.

A WELL was bored at Louisville, Ky., several months ago, from which mineral water and natural gas have since been flowing. Samuel R. Miller, a young man who believed the water to be beneficial, drank two or three glasses a day for several days. A few days ago he began vomiting, and peritonitis ensued, from which he died. His body turned livid within fifteen minutes. Several physicians have forbidden the use of the water to their clientele till an examination shall have been made.

A DEVICE has been patented to keep the shell of the oyster closed from the time it is captured until it is opened and set before an epicure 1,000 miles away. It is a simple piece of wire twisted around the oyster shell with a pair of pincers and then sealed. Close an oyster's mouth and he will preserve himself for weeks—three months is the time claimed. Oysters were recently locked up this way and sent to Denver, where they were opened and found to be of an excellent flavor.

WOMAN has done much in the past few years to disabuse the masculine mind of the deeply rooted fact that she is a timid creature; that the sight of a mouse would throw her into a fit of hysterics. She began to rid herself of this calumny when she first placed live Brazilian bugs in her hair by way of ornament, and she quite threw off the yoke when she took literally to her heart that uncouth species, with the clammy, spider-like legs, known as the "Machette bug." The ultra-fashionable woman wears her "Machette," which is some two or three inches in length, encased in a gold harness; and permits it to wander at will over her shoulders and throat. It is a matter of congratulation that these charming ornaments are imported sparingly. Live lizards also writhed themselves into the favor of a few, who test their own courage and the endurance of their friends, by petting them tenderly and wearing them as shoulder decorations.

THE FIRST PIONEERS. Data of the First Expedition to the Northwest Coast.

SEATTLE, June 7, 1888. TO THE EDITOR—As pioneer data is at this time of interest, may I be allowed to give a few facts regarding the original discoveries on this coast, and figures in connection with its earliest history.

Being a grandson of the original projector of discovery, Charles Bulfinch, of Boston, I have esteemed it proper to try and correct some mistaken ideas regarding our early history, and from documents in my possession, make the following quotations: From the time of the subjugation of the Mexican empire by Spain, Spanish ambition led to a series of discoveries on the northwest coast of America, most of which were unknown to other nations till after Capt. Cook's voyage.

Capt. Cook made no discoveries south of 57 degrees north. The history of his last voyage having been published in England, and the rich fur trade on the northwest coast becoming known to the world, the coast became thronged with English, Spanish, American and Russian navigators. Invited by the great profits in this trade, the United States, in 1787, commenced her discoveries, explorations and possessions, which gave her, aside of the purchase from France, and the deed from Spain, a clear right to the Oregon country.

Charles Hallinich, Joseph Barrall, Crowell Hatch and others, all of Boston, at the instigation of Mr. Bulfinch, the principal owner, planned a voyage of trade and discovery to the northwest coast. They fitted out two vessels; one a ship of about 250 tons, called the Columbia Rediviva; the other a sloop of 100 tons, called the Washington.

Captains John Kendrick and Robt. Gray were appointed to the command of the vessels, Kendrick in the Columbia, and Gray in the Washington. They sailed October 1st, 1792, patronized by congress, and the state of Massachusetts. The Columbia arrived at Nootka sound, on the 16th of September, 1788, and the Washington soon after.

In 1789 Capt. Gray entered the Straits of Fuca, which he explored into the interior for sixty miles.

Before leaving the coast these vessels exchanged masters. The Columbia, after extending her voyage to Canton, China, returned to Boston. Again she sailed for the northwest coast, and on June 5, 1791, entered Clayquot Sound, which place in the former voyage was called Hancock's harbor. The Indian chief Clishinah informed Captain Gray that a Spanish ship was there, but no British vessel had been seen since one that the Spaniards had captured some time previously.

Captain Kendrick arrived at Clayquot on the 29th of August, having brought to the natives their landed estate lying south 240 miles on the coast, paying them in muskets, iron, copper and clothing. Here the first keel was laid and the first vessel built on the Pacific coast, being the sloop Adventure, which Captain Kendrick built to penetrate the sounds and shallow waters.

In March, 1792, Captain Gray left this place, and on May 11th, 1792, while sailing snug to the coast, in latitude forty-six degrees and nineteen minutes north, he discovered and entered one of the largest and most beautiful rivers in North America. He named the river after his ship "Columbia." Vancouver, who was at this time at Nootka, receiving from Captain Gray information of this river, sent his first lieutenant to survey its mouth. In 1803, the United States ordered an expedition under Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clarke, to explore from its source to the ocean this majestic river. They took formal possession of it, and built at its mouth Fort Clatsop.

Captain Kendrick, for convenience, had the sloop Washington newly rigged as a brigantine, and pursued the objects of the enterprise, in getting possession of and buying various tracts of land. In a voyage to the Sandwich islands, he fired a salute in compliment to a British ship of war then in that port. The salute was returned by the Englishman, when unhappily he was struck by a cannon ball, and lost his life. Previous to this, he had sent a letter and several deeds to Jefferson, then secretary of state.

For many years, as we all know, there was joint occupancy by our country and England, of the whole northwest; then came the treaty defining the limits of both, but the Columbia company's claim as owners of land was disallowed, it being held it was national not corporate holdings that was acquired, and the company, as such, got nothing, not even expenses of the voyage.

So far I have traced the above from words written by my father, Francis V. Bulfinch, now deceased. Every word is closely connected with incidents of family history, and every word has the endorsement of the actors therein. Very respectfully,  
JOHN T. BULFINCH.  
—Post-Intelligencer, 8th.

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