

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1889. PECULIAR ECONOMY.

On July 16th, 1887, the county court officially certified to and individually signed a statement that, as near as they could estimate, the county debt at that time was \$52,527.57. Well, let the 57 cents go; though even when financiers figure close they often make a mistake of an odd cent or two. Maybe it was 56 cents; maybe 58. Anyhow the official statement signed and attested to was, according to these gentlemen, over \$52,527.50. That was eighteen months ago. Now the county debt is, according to official figures, over \$62,000—ten thousand dollars more. Explanations are in order. If "economy" can reduce the debt from \$52,000 in July '87 to \$62,000 eighteen months later, maybe it would be better to chop on the system.

NEWSPAPER RESPONSIBILITY.

This country should not hold together at all without newspapers. The newspaper, with the telegraph in its service, makes the people of California and the people of New York neighbors, and enables them to understand each other. When the states of Mexico get more newspapers and telegraphs they will have fewer revolutions. This says the St. Louis Republic, in only one of the many great services the American press renders the American people, and there is no reason to believe that all of these services are not fully appreciated. The press is the power in front of the people and behind the people's government. It receives its impulses from those it leads, and transmits it to those over whom it is the people's right and interest to exercise a controlling influence.

The people want a responsible press, and they want to keep it responsible. The evidence of this is seen in the libel laws of the different states, which some of our contemporaries are just now attacking as tending to "restrict the freedom of the press guaranteed by the constitution." Undoubtedly libel laws can be so framed as to practically nullify that clause of the constitution, and in some cases something very like that has been done. Such laws generally originate with lawyers, who are always suspected of being interested parties in anything that promotes litigation, but they are generally repealed before their bad effects become serious. The popular idea that a newspaper should be fully responsible, is right and just, and it is right that it should be expressed in just law.

All that any newspaper has a right to ask for itself when called to answer by law is the right to prove truth in justification. Or if it has made an honest mistake, not to be called to account for it as if it were malicious. Every newspaper that tries to tell the truth at the right time, and only the truth at any time, expects to have libel suits and to fight them. That is a part of the responsibility of a responsible newspaper. People expect it, and that they approve it, the verdicts of the juries nearly always show. People who have good reputations and deserve them are not afraid of the press, but they have very sensible ideas about it. They know the value of private reputation and they want the newspaper to be careful in dealing with it. If it does that, it can rely on public support and public sympathy. If it does not, juries of the people can make a very little law go a long way against it.

A new and startling plan for harbor defense is now proposed and will soon be experimented with. Perforated iron pipes will be sunk in the water, and through them petroleum will be forced. In this way a fierce stream of blazing oil could be sent down on an enemy's fleet to drive it away. Iron vessels could not pass through this lake of fire, because it could be made to extend many miles along the river.

It makes one shiver in our mild weather to read of the Russian cold snap with its record of 175 persons frozen to death in Ekaterinburg, in the district of Perm, on December 27th. Perm is mostly in Europe, but partly in Asia, being separated by the Ural mountain into two unequal portions, between 55° 40' and 62° N., and 53° 10' and 65° E. The climate is very severe.

The postmaster of New York says that if the rates paid by the government for carrying the mails on the railroads of the country were reduced in the same proportion as the companies have reduced freight rates to

private parties, a 1-cent rate for letters could be immediately inaugurated without increasing the present post-office deficit. The Paris Figaro announces that De Lesseps and the administrative council of the Panama Canal company have signed an agreement with the banque Parisienne for a fresh issue of shares to the amount of 60,000,000 to be subscribed in two lots.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

The Nicaragua Canal Bill Scheme. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—After routine business the senate resumed the consideration of the tariff bill and took up the sugar schedule. No amendments were offered. The paragraph as to pen knives and razors was then taken up, the question being an amendment reported to it on the 16th instant.

Vest opposed the amendment, claiming an undue increase on the cheaper grades. After transacting some business of minor importance, the house went into committee of the whole.

CREDENTIALS QUESTIONED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—When the credentials of Anthony Higgins, senator from Delaware, were presented this morning, senator Edmunds moved that they be referred to a committee on elections, as he understood they were not in accordance with law.

IN THE HOUSE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The house today, in committee of the whole, took up the consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill.

CANADIAN ANNEXATION. OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 19.—One of the biggest political sensations Canada has had for many a day has just been developed. A few months ago the Reform party formally adopted unrestricted reciprocity between Canada and the United States as the leading plank in their platform. A caucus of party leaders was held recently, and as a result Hon. Wilfred Laurier, the present leader in the commons, forwarded a confidential circular to each of his supporters in parliament, notifying them that unrestricted reciprocity is not to be agitated during the coming session, but that the party will revert to the stand it previously took, viz., a tariff for revenue only. The necessity for dropping unrestricted reciprocity has been occasioned by the annexation movement in the United States, which the Reform party in Canada fear will be connected with the reciprocity movement, and in the present state of public opinion in Canada spoil the chances of the Liberal party returning to power for some years.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The conferees on the Nicaragua canal bill have practically reached an agreement, although another meeting will be held to settle some disputed details. The house recedes from its amendment requiring a statement that "the United States does not guarantee the bonds" to be stamped on each bond, and also recedes from the amendment giving congress the power to regulate the rates of freight and fares on traffic through the canal.

A LONG TRIP. OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Surveyor Ogilvie, after an absence of nearly two years, returned today from his famous exploratory trip through northern British Columbia and the Mackenzie river district. He will prepare a report for parliament.

PEARL'S Soap secures a beautiful complexion.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Notice to Stockholders. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A meeting of the stockholders of the Central Co. Road and Construction Co. will be held in the hall of Chamber of Commerce, in Astoria, Oregon, on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, 1889, at 7 o'clock p. m. At this meeting the board of directors will submit a report of the work done upon the road, and consult with the stockholders as to the management of the road in the future. All stockholders are earnestly requested to attend. By order of the board of directors, made Jan. 19, 1889. J. W. CONN, President. C. R. THOMSON, Secretary.

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