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ASTORIA, OREGON.

THAT'S THE PLACE!

Were I to seek a place to dwell,
 More like heaven and less like hell,—
 Where roses bloom the year around,
 And where the finest girls are found,
 A place that knows no cold or heat
 And where the climate can't be beat,
 Where epidemics are unknown
 And courtesy is strangers shown,
 Where the harbor is wide and deep,
 And Herman Wise sells clothing cheap,
 Where fair play rules 'tween man and man,
 And everyone does all he can;
 There's no other place 'neath the sun
 Such as "Astoria, Oregon."

—H. W. Shortfellow.

THE ASSIGNEE'S SALE

— AT —

Parker & Hanson's

Will be continued for a few days until further notice. Everything

MUST BE CLOSED OUT

— AND —

PRICES - WILL - BE - CUT

To Suit the Condition and the times.

W. W. PARKER, Assignee.

THE QUESTIONS.

1. What has been the most fertile cause of war?
2. Where does the water in a blister come from?
3. Which sense is capable of the highest educational development?
4. Which is the most rapid national decadence on record?

Answers must be in by Friday next.
 Please send full name, school and class
 you belong to.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Cleveland Receives the Congratulations of Distinguished People.

COMPOSITION OF THE TWO HOUSES

Wagon Road Land Grant Decision Sustained—Chinese Exclusion Stringently Enforced.

Associated Press.
 Washington, March 6.—Crowds of distinguished visitors began to storm the White House early today, and Mr. Cleveland was obliged to forego his work and listen to words of congratulation from governors of states, senators, representatives, and hosts of others.

At two o'clock the president received more callers. It is estimated that nearly 8,000 people shook his hand during the day.

There were thirty-six nominations sent to the state by President Harrison during the last session that failed of confirmation. Of this number one was rejected, that of John V. L. Findlay, of Maryland, to be arbitrator for the United States on the Chilian claims commission. The name of G. M. Lambertson was substituted by President Harrison, but no action was taken on it by the senate.

The most important nomination not sanctioned by the senate was that of Benton Hanchett, of Michigan, to be United States circuit judge for the Sixth Judicial district, to succeed Judge Jackson, who was confirmed as associate justice of the United States supreme court. For purely political reasons the democratic senators used their influence to prevent Hanchett's confirmation. Three army nominations, all for desirable positions, failed for lack of action. One was that of Lieutenant Jno. A. Dapray to be paymaster with rank of major. The promotion of Col. Ewell S. Otis to be brigadier general in place of General Carr, who was forced to retire, also fell through on account of the antagonism of General Carr's friends, who objected to his retirement. Among the other failures were that of Lycurgus Ward to be commissioner for the district of Alaska.

Judge Gresham took the oath as secretary of state this afternoon. Secretary Wharton afterwards signed Judge Gresham's commission, and the latter will perform a like office tomorrow for his associates in the cabinet, who will take hold on Wednesday.

The present roll call of the senate shows 44 democrats, 33 republicans, and 1 populist, 1 independent, 1 farmers' alliance, and three vacancies. The vacancies are one each for Montana, Washington and Wyoming. Should the republicans eventually fill all of these vacancies, which can scarcely be the case in view of Beckwith's appointment in Wyoming, it would give them 41. Should the third party senators then all vote with the republicans, an unlikely proposition, the senate would still be a tie, with Vice-President Stevenson holding the controlling vote.

The composition of the house as shown by official returns, is democrats, 217; republicans, 128; third party, 8.

Secretary Foster, of the treasury department, this afternoon received a telegram from Robert, assistant secretary at New York, stating that \$2,975,000 in gold will be taken for export tomorrow. This leaves the United States treasury with less than \$2,000,000 free gold, the lowest point it has reached since the passage of the act for the resumption of specie payment.

The supreme court today decided against the United States in its suit against the California & Oregon Land Company to set aside and declare void the title of the land company to tracts in Oregon purchased by the company from persons acquiring title from the grantees under what are known as the wagon road land grants acts of congress. The decision of the lower court is affirmed.

THE CITY SUSTAINED.

It May Charge a Rental for the Use of Public Streets.

Washington, March 6.—In the case of the city of St. Louis against the Western Union Telegraph company, the supreme court, in opinion by Justice Brewer, reversed the decision of the lower court and held to be valid the city ordinance exacting compensation from the company for the use of streets for telegraph poles, the charge being \$5 on each pole erected. The court holds that this was in reality a rental charged for the use of the public streets, and that the city had as much right to charge such rental as it had to charge for the use of a room in the city hall.

STRIKING MINERS CLEARED.

Washington, March 6.—In the opinion delivered by Justice Blatchford, for Chief Justice Fuller, in the case of

George A. Pettibone and other striking Cosur D'Alene miners in Idaho against the United States, the court decided in favor of the miners, and directed that the indictment against them be quashed.

These cases grew out of the riots at the Wardner mines. The court at that time had granted injunctions restricting the strikers from interfering with the men, and it was alleged that Pettibone and others conspired to violate the laws of the United States. The court holds that the indictment under which they were convicted of this charge is defective in that it was not shown that the men had knowledge of the order of the court. Justices Brewer and Brandegee dissented.

HIGH HONOR TO HARRISON.

He Is Given a Warm Welcome by State and People.

Indianapolis, March 6.—The city was gaily decorated in honor of the return of General Harrison. The day was clear and comfortable, and great crowds assembled to welcome the distinguished citizen's return. The train bearing the ex-president arrived at half-past eleven. General Harrison was escorted to a carriage, and the different organizations fell into line and the procession moved toward the hotel. The welcome home was as warm as his God-speed to Washington was enthusiastic four years ago.

Fully 15,000 people gathered at the state house to bid him welcome, and greeted him with most enthusiastic demonstrations of applause.

Mayor Sullivan called the meeting to order and delivered a brief speech of welcome. When General Harrison stepped to the front of the platform cheers were given three times three and repeated.

Harrison said in part:

"Four years ago, if the calendar is consulted, I left you to assume high responsibilities. If I should consult heart and mind, I should say it was ten years since since I bade good bye to my Indianapolis friends to make my home elsewhere, but it seemed to me my only home was Indianapolis. (Cheers.) I am too old to make new homes, but not too old, I hope, to renew the old associations that made this so dear a home. I left you with one certainty, and I return with the certainty that I had no other motive in my heart than honor to the flag, sacredness of the constitution, and the prosperity of all our people. (Cheers.)"

"I come to you again accompanied by a great sorrow, but I trust, and your presence here gives me your witness that I am unattended by any shame growing out of the discharge of my public duties. Add to your kindness and to this great welcome which you have extended to me today the further kindness of excusing me from attempting to speak to you further. May God bless you all."

The ex-president then shook hands with the vast crowd.

Today the house of representatives unanimously adopted a resolution extending to Hon. Benjamin Harrison, a cordial and hearty welcome upon his return to his home and congratulations for the "high honor he has achieved for himself and the state of Indiana, as president of the United States of America, from which high office he has just returned full of honor."

HARRISON'S PROGRAM

Indianapolis, March 6.—It is authoritatively announced this afternoon that General Harrison will not return to the practice of law for at least a year. He will go to Stanford University, California, for two months in the autumn.

SOUNDING THE NEW TREASURER

Washington, March 6.—Information has reached the treasury department that \$1,500,000 of gold will be exported tomorrow. It is understood that it goes to Austria. The treasury officials see in this, an effort on the part of New York bankers to force the incoming secretary of the treasury to define his position. The free gold in the treasury is slightly in excess of \$4,000,000.

THE POSTPONED ILLUMINATIONS

Washington, March 6.—Incidental to the inauguration festivities was the illumination tonight of the capitol building and Pennsylvania avenue, and the display of fireworks on the monument grounds. These were to have taken place on Saturday evening, but owing to the inclement weather they were postponed until tonight.

DEPRESSED BY THE INAUGURAL

New York, March 6.—Cleveland's inaugural remarks on trusts caused a weakening in industrials this morning. Compared with Saturday's closing, the figures show losses of from 1 to 4 per cent. Railroad stocks are fractionally lower in sympathy.

FATAL GALE IN MADAGASCAR.

Paris, March 6.—A hurricane on February 23d, at Tamatave, on the east coast of Madagascar, sunk ten vessels in the harbor and all of their crews were drowned except ten men. In Tamatave a large number of buildings were wrecked and many lives were lost.

THE WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

Some Important Measures Are Under Consideration.

CHURCH PROPERTY TO BE TAXED

Except in Churches Where the Seats Are Free—Credits Are to be Taxed—A Derelict Sighted.

Associated Press.
 Olympia, Wash., March 6.—The senate chamber was thronged with spectators this afternoon, all anxious to learn what disposition was made of the Metzger capitol bill. Owing to preference in the consideration of other bills on the calendar, the capitol bill was not reached.

Bills were disposed of as follows:

The house bill in relation to the repair, construction and location of public roads was passed.

A bill appropriating \$4000 for the relief of Elisha P. Ferry and T. M. Reed for money advanced for filling fees on public lands was passed.

The senate bill No. 391 to amend the constitution so as to permit the state banks to issue their notes and circulate them as money, failed to pass.

Claypool's metropolitan police bill, providing for the appointment by the governor of a board of commissioners to regulate, appoint and control the police departments of the cities of Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane was passed.

The committee on corporations returned a majority report on the Anderson railroad bill, recommending its passage with an amendment providing for only a 15 per cent. reduction, which leaves the rates from the great wheat belt at \$4.55 1-2 per ton. It is the same as the Wasson bill, but strikes out potatoes and hay and fixes the rate at not greater than \$4.31 per ton on the greatest distance in the state. The committee submitted with its report a lengthy argument to the effect that the railroads could not carry freight at the rates contained in the bill. The report was signed by Smith, and Vandevanter favors the bill as it came from the house with the \$4.31 rate. The bill with both reports will be considered as a special order for tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Webb's senate bill to establish a state agricultural fair at North Yakima, consumed the remainder of the afternoon. Miller of Walla Walla, opposed the bill from a moral standpoint and his amendment to strike out any portions of the bill that would admit of betting or the selling of pools failed to pass.

The bill passed by a vote of 21 yeas to 10 noes.

The emergency clause was passed.

The house passed the bill abolishing the Puget Sound Board of Health and giving the state board of health entire jurisdiction in quarantine matters.

The balance of the day was devoted to the revenue bill which is still under consideration.

At the evening session section 3 relating to the taxation of mortgages was stricken from the bill and an amendment to tax "all credits including accounts, notes, bonds, certificates of deposit, judgments, etc." was adopted. The amendment to strike out section exempting churches from taxation was lost and an amendment to limit the exemption to churches in which the seats are free was adopted. Grounds 120x200 feet in size of library, hospital, and asylum buildings, and of institutions for fallen women and homes for the aged and infirm, were exempted. An amendment to provide for but one real estate valuation every two years was adopted. The consideration of the bill was continued till tomorrow.

THE SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Olympia, Wash., March 6.—The senatorial ballot today was as follows: Allen, 45; Turner, 22; Griggs, 15; Gilman, 9; Van Patten, 9; remainder scattering.

A DERELICT SIGHTED.

San Francisco, March 6.—Captain Morrill of the schooner Orient which arrived today, reports a vessel bottom-side up, and a quantity of wreckage 47 miles northwest of Point Reyes, sighted on Sunday night. It was too dark to ascertain the derelict's name.

A SETTLEMENT OF DAMAGES.

Tacoma, March 6.—Judge Wood, of Portland, is here arranging a final settlement between the Wells-Fargo Express Company and McIntyre & Stewart, who have accepted the company's offer of \$7,250 in lieu of their claims for false imprisonment. Deducting expenses, this will net the young men about \$3,900 each.

FATAL CARELESSNESS.

Tacoma, March 6.—Geo. Danforth, 11 years old, while hunting rabbits Saturday afternoon near Ferndale, allowed his gun to drag along the ground with the muzzle pointed to his stomach

The hammer struck a stone, causing the shot to penetrate his body. He died this afternoon.

A MOST STRINGENT ORDER.

An Endeavor to Enforce the Chinese Exclusion Act.

Washington, March 6.—The treasury department is informed that numerous fraudulent papers have been presented by Chinese upon the Pacific coast and Canadian borders, claiming to be merchants with the right to domicile in the United States. In view of this state of affairs Assistant Secretary Spaulding has instructed collectors of customs to disregard all such papers and refuse entry unless it is proven satisfactorily that the persons presenting them have the right to land. This order is the most stringent ever issued by the treasury department in an endeavor to enforce the Chinese exclusion act.

TWO LONG, SEVERE VOYAGES.

San Francisco, March 6.—The American bark Adolph O'Brig, arrived in port this morning, 330 days from New York, after one of the most tempestuous voyages ever experienced. The second mate and two men were lost overboard, and when the vessel put into Port Stanley for repairs eight of the crew deserted. After the O'Brig left Port Stanley she encountered storm after storm, her decks being at times a mass of snow and ice.

The British ship Old Kennington arrived here this morning after a voyage of 344 days from London. Her long delay was due to rough weather off Cape Horn in which she was dismasted. The captain ran for Port Stanley and remained there from May until December.

SMALL-POX AT CLACKAMAS.

Oregon City, Or., March 6.—There are two cases of small-pox at Clackamas. Mrs. Benjamin Knox and her youngest child were stricken with the dreaded disease yesterday. The citizens have sent for a special physician from Portland to attend the cases, and have also procured a nurse and quarantined the house, but it is doubtful if the spread of the disease can be prevented, as John Knox, from whom they caught it, has been all about town. The citizens are taking vigorous measures to protect the community from contagion.

CLEVELAND WILL CONSIDER.

Washington, March 6.—The committee on ceremonies of the World's Fair commission this afternoon called on Cleveland, and invited him to be present and to take part in the opening exercises. The president replied in an entirely informal manner, saying that there would be many things claiming his attention at that time, but that if he decided to go it would be because he considered it a public duty. He would consider the matter and announce his decision in a day or two.

A HARD EXPERIENCE.

Seattle, March 6.—The ship State of Maine, arrived today 221 days from New York, after an exceedingly rough passage. The seamen suffered terribly on account of being constantly wet. The vessel put back to Montevideo, on November 8th, with her crew all disabled and their supply of fresh water entirely gone. All the crew deserted there but one.

IMPROVEMENT IN HONOLULU.

San Francisco, Cal., March 6.—The bark Carrier Dove, arrived from Honolulu tonight and brings advices up to February 16th. As the work of the provisional government progresses, the difference between the two regimes becomes more apparent and gives the American residents there great satisfaction. No outbreak of any kind has occurred.

SENATOR MORGAN INJURED.

London, March 6.—Senator Morgan, of the Bering sea commission, is lying ill in Southampton, where he arrived on Saturday. During a storm on the voyage he was thrown from his berth and suffered injuries in the head, crystalline supervening. His physicians expect him to be able to attend to business in a week.

THE NARONIC STILL MISSING.

New York, March 6.—The White Star Line steamer Naronic is still among the missing craft. The overdue Italy, which it was thought might possibly have the Naronic in tow arrived today and reports that she saw nothing of the missing freighter.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Washington, March 6.—The senate in executive session confirmed all Cleveland's cabinet nominations, and at 12:30 adjourned till Thursday.

JOSIAH QUINCY ASST. SECY.

Washington, March 6.—Hon. Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, has accepted the position as assistant secretary of state.

JUDGE GRESHAM RESIGNS.

Washington, March 6.—Judge Gresham has filed his resignation as judge of the Seventh circuit, and it has been accepted.