

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.

OUR GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Surplus Gold in the Treasury Is Practically Exhausted.

FIRST MEETING OF A NEW CABINET

Ex-Cabinet Officials Bid Their Old Assistants Good Bye—Tokens of Kindly Remembrances.

Associated Press. Washington, March 7.—The majority and minority reports of the committee on ways and means on their investigation of the condition of the treasury are completed and sent to the printer. Springer, who prepared the majority report, says that, assuming the statements made by Secretary Foster to be correct, on the 30th of June next there will be an estimated cash balance in the treasury of \$20,992,377 over and above the gold reserve. This estimated balance is probably too high. The majority are of the opinion that at the close of the present fiscal year there will be an available cash balance in the treasury, aside from the gold reserve, of not over \$17,000,000. As to 1894, Springer says the secretary estimated the available cash balance at \$47,057,462. But under the most careful estimate that can now be made, it is apparent, says the report, that at the end of the ensuing fiscal year there will be a deficiency amounting to from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000. In these calculations no account has been taken of the requirements of the sinking fund. In conclusion, the majority cite Secretary Foster's statement that in his opinion there would be a deficit at the end of the fiscal year of 1894, and that the receipts of the government should be increased at once by \$50,000,000 to meet the treasury condition as set forth in his report and that the gold reserve fund should be increased by \$25,000,000. The minority report is signed by all the republican members of the committee and it says the conclusions of the majority, from the evidence presented, seem wholly unwarranted and misleading. "In fact, there seems to be an utter lack of evidence to justify any of the conclusions of the majority upon the statement of the secretary, which showed there would be a surplus in the treasury on the 30th of June, 1894." The statements of the secretary are supplemented by evidence of treasury experts, evidently of the most conservative character. The estimated receipts being placed at a minimum, while the estimated expenditures are placed at a maximum.

STATE OF THE U. S. TREASURY. Down to Bedrock for Gold, but Nothing Alarming in It. Washington, March 7.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Foster said this evening that the treasury was down to bedrock when turned over to the new treasurer today. Carlisle finds himself confronted with a great responsibility to maintain a gold basis, and a man with less ability might find the task a very difficult one. It is probable that before he has been two days in office he will find it necessary to choose between issuing bonds and trenching upon the gold reserve. The ex-secretary said the department was now practically to the gold reserve, there being less than \$2,000,000 free gold on hand. He did not regard the situation as alarming, however, as all the excitement about gold shipments appeared to have subsided. It was, he said, in better condition than he expected to find it at this time, and did not look so alarming as it did a week or so ago.

LEAVE TAKING. Courtesies between Cabinet Officers and Employees. Washington, March 7.—The new cabinet officers all assumed their duties today. The new officers were introduced by the retiring officers to the assistants, chiefs of divisions and clerks. The old cabinet officers shook hands with and bade good bye to all the employees of the respective departments.

A HISTORIC CEREMONY. Washington, March 7.—The induction into office of the members of President Cleveland's cabinet, today (save Secretary Gresham, who was sworn in yesterday) was a historic event at the state department this morning. For the first time in the history of the government the heads of the depart-

ments assembled in the diplomatic parlor and together took the oath of office.

THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Indications Are That the Populist Senators Will Be Ignored.

Washington, March 7.—The democratic caucus which met in the senate chamber this morning was well attended. The action today indicates that the populist senators are to be ignored, as Senator Kyle of North Dakota, Feffer and Allen, populists, were not invited to be present. Martin of Kansas was present and participated in the proceedings. Allen, it is understood, will vote with the democrats when it comes to organization.

The caucus organized by electing Gorman chairman and Faulkner secretary. Much time was consumed in discussing matters bearing on the standing of senators appointed by governors. A spirit of opposition was manifested. It was finally decided, however, that these matters, together with the case of Martin, should be referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

The first meeting of the president's cabinet was held this afternoon and lasted over two hours. The necessity for filling positions without delay was taken as a self evident fact, but President Cleveland impressed upon the official family the necessity of going slowly in making selections.

HOKE SMITH'S PAPER SAYS SO.

Atlanta, Ga., March 7.—The Atlanta Journal, Hoke Smith's paper, in a leading telegram from Washington serves a warning upon office seekers that appointments will not be speedily made. It says this is going to be a business administration, and not a huge partisan machine. Prominence is also given to the fact that the president has served a distinct and emphatic notice that he would hammer with his veto every silver bill that congress might pass. The declaration is made that tariff reform will be indefinitely postponed. Chief among the reasons given is that the finances of the government are in a precarious condition. The question arises, are the revenues of the government now sufficient to meet the expenses imposed by republican extravagance. This question must be settled before a decisive measure of tariff reform may be undertaken at this time, or can be determined.

A TERRIBLE THOUGHT.

New York March 7.—A morning paper says: "The intimation that Cleveland may appoint a commission to visit Hawaii before acting on the annexation question has caused a chill to run up the backs of the Hawaiian commissioners. The appointment of a commission, they realize, would not only occasion delay in the settlement of an important question, but would deprive them of any honors or profits connected with it."

OFFICE-SEEKERS ARE DISCREET.

Washington, March 7.—The steady tramp, tramp of office seekers sounded through the White House all day. While the larger number of those who saw the president were candidates for office, few of them attempted to press their claims, and congressmen with long lists of constituents willing to work for Uncle Sam, were discreet enough not to ask for favors, but simply to pay their respects.

UNAUTHENTICATED RUMOR.

Chicago, March 7.—A rumor in the board of trade this afternoon that the government had decided to issue \$50,000,000 in bonds, sent wheat up nearly a cent. The Associated Press correspondent at Washington telegraphs at half past three this afternoon: "Cabinet is now in session. No bonds have been issued yet. What may be done, is conjectural."

A DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Washington, March 7.—The democratic members of the senate went into caucus this morning. Up to 1 p. m. absolutely nothing had been done beyond the expression of individual views. The time of the caucus so far, has been devoted to the consideration of committee changes and chairmanships.

MAY McCLELLAN MARRIED.

Paris, March 7.—The religious marriage of May McClellan, daughter of the late General McClellan, to Paul Desperes, an attaché to the French legation at Washington, occurred today.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT ELECTED.

Boston, March 7.—Vice-President Reinhart, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, was today elected to succeed President Manvel, deceased.

DEATH OF MRS. BROWN.

Chicago, March 7.—Mrs. Archibald I. Brown, eldest daughter of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller, died here this morning.

KAIULANI TO SEE CLEVELAND.

Boston, March 7.—Princess Kaiulani, left this evening for Washington. She will call on President Cleveland.

WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE WORK

Anderson's Railroad Bill Passes As Amended.

VARIEITY OF GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

"Racing or No Racing" the Subject of Debate in New Jersey, Affirmative Has the Inside Track.

Associated Press. Olympia, Wash., March 7.—The consideration of the revenue bill was concluded by the house this morning and passed by a vote of 54 to 18.

White's senate bill No. 3149, for the excavation of water ways by private contract, was passed.

A message from the senate announced their decision that that body was not to concur in the amendments to the revenue bill, and a conference committee was appointed.

Ludden's bill for the appraisal and sale of tide and school lands was passed.

The Anderson railroad bill consumed much of the morning session of the senate, and it was continued this afternoon. The bill occasioned endless debate and as amended was passed. Section 1, as passed, reads:

"No individual company of corporation, owning, operating, managing or leasing any railroad or part of railroad in this state shall charge for or receive a greater or higher rate for carrying wheat, barley, flour, flaxseed, rice, or other mill stuffs, oats, potatoes, or hay, than 85 per centum of the rate actually charged for carrying said articles or commodities on the first day of January, 1893, provided, that no greater rate than 55 per ton shall be charged for carrying the articles or commodities hereinbefore enumerated for a haul of 500 miles or less."

Tucker's house bill providing for a levy of a three and one-half mill tax for school purposes was indefinitely postponed.

Recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

The senate devoted nearly the entire evening to the consideration of Metzger's house bill to erect a state capitol, and passed it almost unanimously with an amendment that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for a starter.

THE SENATORIAL SITUATION.

Olympia, March 7.—Following was the vote for today: Allen, 46; Turner, 19; Griggs, 7; McCroskey, 20; Van Patton, 9. The remainder, scattering.

THE NEW JERSEY CONFLICT.

The Racers Versus the Anti-Racer. Struggling for Supremacy.

Trento, N. J., March 7.—The anti-race track memorial was presented in the assembly today. A resolution providing for a public hearing of delegates from the mass meeting of the anti-racing people provoked a heated discussion. The speaker ruled the resolution out of order and an appeal was taken and the chair was sustained. He then announced that the chairman of the committee on municipal corporations would accord the public a hearing on the bill at 2 o'clock, and the fight for the present was over.

In the senate Marsh presented a petition from a committee of fifty, asking for a hearing on the racing appeal. He made a motion that such hearing be granted, but President Adrian declared it out of order. He was inexorable and the whole subject had to be dropped.

The house committee on municipal corporation this afternoon heard the committee of fifty. Tomorrow the advocates of racing legislation will be heard.

THE WASHINGTON EXHIBIT.

Re-election and Reorganization of the Committee in Tacoma.

Tacoma, March 7.—The Washington World's fair committee reorganized here last evening, reelecting old officers as follows: Dr. N. G. Bialock, of Walla Walla, president; D. S. B. Conover, of Port Townsend, vice-president; P. C. Kauffman, of Tacoma, secretary; Samuel Collyer, of Tacoma, treasurer; and Dr. G. V. Calhoun, of Laconner, executive commissioner. Commissioner Calhoun leaves for Chicago on Monday to superintend the completion of the state building, and the arrangement of exhibit.

FRANK NEWBRA SUICIDED.

Portland, Ore., March 7.—Frank Newbra, a jewelry engraver, committed suicide this morning by means of morphine. Newbra was unable to obtain work and was despondent. He was thirty-two years of age, and unmarried. His parents live in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

THE INDIANS WILL SELL.

Moscow, Idaho, March 7.—The special messenger from the Lapwal this afternoon, brings the information that a majority of the Indians on the Nes Perce reservation have signed the

agreement for the opening of the reservation. This comes as a surprise as two of the three members of the commission appointed by the government to confer with the Indians, left for the East a few days ago thoroughly discouraged over the stubbornness of the natives.

THE OREGON PACIFIC.

Continued Postponement of Sale. Also of an Astoria Terminal.

Corvallis, Or., March 7.—The sale of the Oregon Pacific Railroad, which was advertised to take place today has been postponed one week. The bond holders petitioned the court for a further extension of three months to allow experts to complete the examination of books and properties heretofore prevented by the action of the late receiver, and also to investigate the territory east of the Cascade mountains. The court is inclined to grant the petition if some satisfactory provision could be made for the payment of at least \$40,000 upon back pay due employees. This matter not being as yet in the shape desired by Judge Fullerton, the sale was continued one week. Several persons who claim to know, say that the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy will bid on the Oregon Pacific and use it to complete their road to tide water. The Burlington has already reached the Idaho line and if they can get the Oregon Pacific the gap to be filled in will be considerably less than 500 miles. If the Burlington should acquire the Oregon Pacific they will build a line from Albany to Portland a distance of eighty miles, and probably extend it to Astoria.

GOVERNOR STONE'S OPINION.

He Condemns Federal Courts.—Says Says They are No Good.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 7.—Since Friday last, when Judge Phillips of the United States court announced a decision in the case of the St. Clair county judges, Governor Stone has been giving the points of the opinion some close attention. He gave out today a lengthy statement on the subject. He denies his trying to defy the federal courts and then says: "The federal court is semi-foreign to the state. Circuit judges are rarely citizens of the state whose laws they set at defiance. States have absolutely no control over them. They have no special interest or concern in the government. They hold life offices and draw salaries from the federal government."

The governor thinks it would be better to "go back to the old rule which prevailed in the better days of the republic when the spirit as well as the letter of the constitution was observed and when state sovereignty sovereign within its proper sphere—was something more than a shallow pretense or a mocking dream. Do that, and these hateful and menacing conflicts in jurisdiction will disappear."

A DAMAGING FIRE IN PORTLAND.

Large Stock of the Brownsville Woolen Mills Suffers.

Portland, Ore., March 7.—A fire broke out tonight on the second floor of a building on Second and Morrison streets, in a room occupied by a Japanese store. The fire, which started from an overheated stove, was soon extinguished by the department and the loss on the upper floor was nominal. The lower floor which was occupied as a store by the Brownsville Woolen Mills, was flooded with water and the stock of goods valued at \$200,000 badly damaged. They claim that their loss will reach \$100,000. The stock was insured for about one-half its value.

HALL-FITZSIMMONS FIGHT.

New Orleans, March 7.—Trains arriving this morning brought additions to the crowds in attendance on the fights. There will be more people present than was expected last week. Most of the fighter here pin their faith to Hall because they believe he will be able to hit Fitzsimmons, and most experts agree that Fitzsimmons does not relish being punished. Hall will enter the ring weighing about 175 pounds. Fitzsimmons will be seven or eight pounds lighter.

IOWA TOWN ELECTIONS.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 7.—Town elections were held throughout Iowa yesterday. Returns from seventeen of the principal cities show republican successes, at Ottumwa, Atlantic, Carsh, Mason City, Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Lemars, and Iowa City. The democrats won at Creston, Cedar Rapids, Independence, Boone, and Clinton. Party lines were not closely drawn, so no comparisons can be made.

NOT A FULL CONFESSION.

Little Rock, Ark., March 7.—Rev. H. S. Buchanan, one of the Arkansas insane asylum trustees, has confessed that he embezzled about \$15,000. It is not known what he did with the money.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Clarksville, Tenn., March 7.—Mrs. J. W. Jones and daughter were in a field when their clothes caught fire from a burning brush heap, and both were burned to death.