

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Oregon and Washington, occasional rain.

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The Bare Facts.



After eight and a half years in business in this city I own more of my own goods than any other house, and at lower prices [new goods]. During the eight years and a half of my business here I have always paid 100 cents on the dollar [never have settled for 25 cents, nor 35 cents, nor 50 cents on the dollar]. While doing business in this city I have never used my creditors' money in politics, in log rolling or high rolling. I simply attended to business in the interest of the community, therefore am able in the Clothing War to hold my own, and will give better value than any other house in Astoria.

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NOVEL AND PRETTY

An Exhibition of Dancing in Astoria Last Night.

MR. BEGGS SCORES A SUCCESS

Forty of His Pupils Drew a Splendid House and Gave a Beautiful and Creditable Entertainment.

To provide amusement and to present a satisfactory evening's entertainment having for its sole attraction the art of "Terpsichore" in its most graceful but not less present such a performance with amateurs, giving no acquaintance with music, and in infinitely higher. Success therefore, is all the more satisfactory and commendable, and Professor J. N. Beggs at Fisher's Opera House last night, scored a decided triumph with the large class of apt and brilliant pupils of his dancing academy. Most dancing masters who occasionally present public performances by their pupils generally fill in the major part of the evening with angelo, doves, tableaux and colored fire. All this is very pretty but it is not a correct or a legitimate exposition of dancing methods. Mr. Beggs' entertainment, however, devotes every portion of it to some department of the art, and the brightness of each number, combined last night with a perfect knowledge of the music, delighted and entertained everybody who was present.

The house was crowded in every part, and a large number of people were unable to find seats. The opening number a "Grand Pasquet of all Nations," introduced in a very effective manner, and filled the stage with bright faces and pretty costumes. Several specialties were crowded into the first part of the program, and all were most excellently performed, fully equalling professional work, and invariably calling forth encores. A double Scotch sword dance, and a Highland fling by four young ladies, Misses Hawes, Leberman, Stone and Curtis, were especially good. A Salters' Hornpipe by Masters Stone and Trullinger brought down the house, and a Scotch and Irish Reel by the Misses Trenchard and Hawes, and Masters Stone and Trullinger, was excellent. "The March of the Amazons," an intricate and beautiful marching exhibition by sixteen young ladies, captained by one of the senior pupils, was one of the best portions of the whole entertainment. Misses Trenchard, Trullinger and Leberman danced a skirt dance that could not have been excelled. The skirt dance, performed with anything like the sprightliness and grace that should always accompany it, is one of the hardest of all exhibition dances. The performers never made a mistake and showed in every "how" how they were conscientiously they had been trained.

The interlude was filled in by Professor Navol, leader of the orchestra, who decorated the stage with a "Fainting of a Yankee Doodle on the violin." Responding to an encore that would not be denied, he gave the "Mocking Bird," and a quaint Norwegian air, both of which were handled in a masterly manner. The second part opened with a Spanish Cachucha by Miss Stone, who while she had not quite the grace and precision of a professional dancer, danced with a great deal of grace and precision. Professor Beggs' exhibition with five young pupils followed. In this number the professor was assisted by several dances, old and new, and showed the audience by practical illustration, his method of teaching. An Erlmine gavotte, and a Minuet, both of which were effective and effective contrast to the more sprightly modern numbers that had preceded them. An Irish jig in "uniform" by five boys was very funny, and the same performers in a skirt dance provided a great deal of amusement for the audience. A grand tableau of nations concluded the performance.

Professor Beggs is to be heartily congratulated on the result of the entertainment. The success attending it and the surprising talent shown by every pupil who appeared on the stage were fitting tributes to his methods and ability. No more excellent evening's amusement has ever been provided in this city.

COMMERCIAL LIBERTY.

Its First Centennial Celebration, December 19th.

The following from a New York paper is of general interest throughout the country: The arrangements are very nearly completed for the American Commerce banquet to be held at Delmonico's on the evening of Commercial Day, December 19, to commemorate the close of the first century of commercial liberty in America, as secured by the treaty negotiated with England by John Jay, of New York.

The chairman of the committee of arrangements, Mr. S. W. Fairchild, announced yesterday the following named as the speakers of the banquet: Senator William F. Frye will speak on "Our Merchant Marine." Don M. Dickinson will respond to "American Commerce." Gen. Charles H. Taylor will represent "The American Press," and General Horace Porter "The American Business Men."

The aim is to have no important American industry and no section of the country without one or more representatives at this centennial celebration. The reception committee is announced as follows: Chauncey M. Depew, chairman; Colonel Daniel Appleton, John Jacob Astor, Samuel D. Babcock, Matthew C. D. Borden, Henry W. Cannon, Andrew Carnegie, John Claflin, Charles H. Conder, William Bayard Cutting, Andrew H. Green, Clement A. Grignon, John D. Hooker, Richard Irvin, Woodbury Langdon, Seth Low, Charles H. Marshall, John A. McCall, Richard A. McCreedy, Frederick P. O'Hart, Whitelaw Reid, John D. Rockefeller, Theodore Roosevelt, Samuel R. Schellenger, John Sloan, John A. Stewart, Amos

Phelps Stokes, Dr. Albert Shaw, Benjamin D. Sullivan, Albert Steppes, William L. Strong, Martin L. Sykes, Cornelius Vanderbilt, William H. Webb and General S. L. Woodford. Speaking of the celebration, Chauncey M. Depew, who is the author of "Commercial Day," said yesterday: "The historical facts to support this movement are prominent with interest and suggestion. The close of the first century of our American commerce should not pass unnoticed, and the business men of today should have their minds fixed on the valued services rendered by the patriots of one hundred years ago. I am very much pleased at the favorable attention which has been given in all parts of the country on my suggestion that December 19 be recognized as "Commercial Day." Some of the papers seem to have labored under the misapprehension that I have made a mistake in my date. The Jay treaty was not made that day. From the time of Jay's appointment until the ratification of the treaty by both countries, a period of three years elapsed; but it was in December, 1783 that Washington expressed to Congress his approval of the treaty as a whole, and with the close of this year we mark our century of success inaugurated by this treaty. December 19 was mentioned because the ratification had been chosen for the gathering and banquet in New York."

WILL INVESTIGATE.

U. S. Treasury Will Undergo an Examination by a Committee.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Several Republican members of the house have been in consultation since the president's message was issued, to devise a method whereby they could secure a definite statement of the condition of the treasury. Walker, of Massachusetts, will endeavor to bring about an investigation of the finances by an expert under the direction of the committee on appropriations. One of the points of this plan is to substantiate the statement made by the Republicans that Secretary Carlisle has delayed the payment of appropriations and held back public works in order that the treasury might make the best possible showing.

ATLANTIC SQUADRON

Program of Winter Maneuvers is Announced.

Will Have Target Practice in Para Bay, but Not Enter Venezuelan Waters.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The program of the movements of Admiral Bunce's North Atlantic squadron has at length been arranged. The squadron will depart from the rendezvous on the 21st inst., and is expected to return to that place May 12 next year. The first stop will be at St. Thomas, on December 23, and after that the ships will put into a number of ports on the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean sea. During the stay at Trinidad the squadron will have drills and target practice in the bay of Para, just off the Venezuelan coast, and near the territory which is now in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela.

It is a matter of note, however, that the squadron enters a Venezuelan port, and Admiral Bunce doubtless is influenced in this respect by the wishes of the department of state. In the case of an American fleet in Venezuela at the juncture might be construed as a threat and in the end greatly complicate the negotiations. An agreement has been signed by the British foreign office over the Venezuelan boundary question. To prevent any such impression from gaining ground, the navy department has decided to stipulate explicitly that the winter maneuvers of the North Atlantic squadron are absolutely uninflected by any foreign issues and are simply in continuance of the summer drills as outlined last spring.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—W. F. Harris, chairman of the Democratic National committee, this afternoon requested the secretary of the committee to notify the delegates to the assembly at Washington, January 15th next, for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next Democratic national convention. It is believed a date later than the middle of July will be selected.

STRIKE TERMINATED.

New York, Dec. 13.—The strike of the housemiths, which began November 13, has terminated in a decided victory for the Iron League. An agreement has been signed by J. E. and J. M. Connell & Company, and the United Housemiths and Bridgemen's Union, the latter retracting its demands for recognition by the Iron League and an increase of 2 cents in the wage scale.

SCHLATTER IN MEXICO.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 13.—Francis Schlatter, the healer, reached Santa Cruz this afternoon, 30 miles north of here. Passing through Texas yesterday, Schlatter was met and followed by hundreds of people. At the village of Rancho de Tacos 500 people assembled to greet him. He blessed handkerchiefs and treated many people. There is great excitement tonight over Schlatter's probable advent tomorrow.

FRIGHTFUL STORMS.

St. Johns, Dec. 13.—Incoming ships report frightful weather. Coastwise steamers have been unable to leave their harbors for 36 hours. The schooner Edie Lake is ashore at Bay Buttes. The steamer Fortis running between New York, Halifax and this port is in Hong oredered from Halifax, and must have been driven out to sea and broken down. Much apprehension is felt about her.

Funerals—Ex-why-I-can't really say that I write my jokes. They come to me, as it were, unbidden, from whom do they come?—Indianapolis Journal.

"NOT FOR JOSEPH"

Southern Pacific Special Fare Train for Through Traffic.

WAY PASSENGERS NOT IN IT

Notice Issued by the Company, It is Thought, Will Have Little Effect With Travelers.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Southern Pacific Company is distributing cards to the traveling public, bearing the following notice: "Special notice regarding the San Francisco and Portland train: This train is run for the exclusive accommodation of San Francisco and Portland traffic. This train does not stop at intermediate stations for the purpose of handling or taking on passengers, in as much as no tickets are sold nor baggage checked for those who point. Consequently we feel obliged to give the traveling public due warning not to take this train for the purpose of taking passage thereon, for any intermediate stations, for if they do they run the risk of being carried by the station which they may desire to reach. Conductors are instructed to demand and collect the San Francisco and Portland special rate in every instance from those who may be found on this train; who do not hold special passage tickets, which are sold for this train only. Many people bound for intermediate points are buying through tickets to Portland at the cut rate and leave a train when it arrives at the station to which they are destined. The announcement that the special will hereafter have no regular stopping points will have little effect. It is thought, in inducing a passenger bound for Roseburg, to buy a ticket to Roseburg and \$10 more for a Pullman berth, when he can travel on the special for \$10, with a Pullman berth through in.

A BLOW AT PORTLAND.

U. S. Internal Revenue Agent at "Frisco" to Take Charge.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—United States Internal Revenue Agent B. L. Cromwell, received information from Washington today that the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho had been added to his jurisdiction, and that the federal office which has been relieved at Portland will at once send all unfinished business and property belonging to the government to the headquarters in this city.

This change is an important one, as it makes the division, over which Cromwell has jurisdiction, the largest in the United States, extending over the states of California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the territory of Arizona.

ORIENTAL LINE ASSURED.

Portland, Dec. 13.—The O. R. and N. Co. has signed a ten year contract with the Oriental Line, which insures the continuance of the line.

VICTORY FOR THE RAILROAD.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The case of Richard H. Collier, an insurance solicitor, arrested at the instance of the Southern Pacific, for killing on a ticket issued in the name of William McPhoe, was finally disposed of today. Police Judge Conlan ruled in favor of the railroad, and Collier thereupon Collier pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10. This is a substantial victory for the railroad. The ticket was issued in Chicago and sold to Collier by a local scaler. Collier was ejected from the train at Port Costa, and arrested for falsely impersonating another. The case has excited much interest in railroad circles all over the country, as it was regarded as a test case.

INSURGENTS LOSE A BATTLE.

Havana, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Santa Clara says the troops commanded by General Oliver have fought and routed the insurgent troops commanded by Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo at Maraca. The dispatch also says the insurgents have entered the town of Sagua, not far from the battlefield, and the troops commanded by General Oliver and two other columns are in pursuit of the insurgent.

DOCTORS ARRESTED.

Topeka, Dec. 13.—Attorney Stafford today began criminal proceedings in the district court against three prominent physicians connected with the Kansas Medical College. Drs. Minoy, McGee, and C. S. McClinton. Warrants were served upon them today charging them with receiving stolen bodies.

HIS CURIOSITY GRATIFIED.

(Chicago Tribune.) "What can your sex do, madam," asked the cynical caller, "in case it becomes necessary to nail a campaign?" "We may not be able to nail it, sir," replied with dignity the new woman who had gone into politics, "but we can pinch it full of holes with a hatpin."

NUDESBY NEEDLEWORK.

This is to be done for, and not by, the dentists of the nursery. It consists of crawling rugs and picture tablecloths, either of which is calculated to make the tots wild with delight. The former are made with a square of dark cloth or flannel, lined to give it body, after working upon it with red creels the most fascinating pictures from Mother Goose. Any nursery book will furnish you with the designs; although you can have them stamped if you prefer, and the stitch is simply outline or cable.

PREPARATION.

Mother—You've been into that jam again! "Truthful Son—No, I haven't. I'll declare I haven't." And he chuckled at the thought that his mother had not accused him of putting the jam into him.

WAITED MANY YEARS.

For the fulfillment of the dreams of John Jacob Astor, the day of her millennium has come, and her climb up the ladder of progress and prosperity is already half way accomplished.

HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT.

Local Bakeries ABSOLUTELY PURE

ASTORIA BEGINS

Where Others Left Off in the Race of Progress.

FIVE TRANSCONTINENTAL ROADS

Opened Here at Once Upon the Completion of the Connecting Link.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Word has reached here from British Guiana that the country is much exercised over the prospect of war with Venezuela on the boundary question. The local militia has begun a series of sham battles with colonial policy, in which Georgetown is defended against an imaginary attack.

SENATE ORGANIZATION.

Forecast of Some of the Committees.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Republican senate caucus committee, after a prolonged session today, expressed the opinion that they would be able to report the Republican membership of the senate committees on Monday.

The Jays' developments make it altogether likely that the appropriations committee will be enlarged to twelve members in order to make room for Senators Quay, Pettigrew, and Perkins, of California.

Senator Stewart, who was formerly slated for membership in the appropriations committee, as a Populist, probably will not get the place, but will become chairman of the committee on Pacific railroads.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, is to be made chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchments.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY

Assumes the Responsibility of Armenian Relief Funds.

The Destitute People Number 350,000—Will Have to be Assisted Eight Months.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The American Red Cross Society has decided to accept the duty of distributing the relief funds for the Armenian sufferers, and has issued the following statement: "Owing to the unanimous and urgent appeals from the friends of humanity, representing nearly all of the people of this country, the American National Red Cross Society has decided that it must accept the sacred trust of endeavoring to relieve the starving Armenians in Asia Minor. According to conservative estimates there are 350,000 utterly destitute people in that country who will have to be assisted six or eight months until next harvest. Fully realizing the difficulties and dangers to be met, the Red Cross will start for Turkey as soon as sufficient funds are placed at its disposal, or guaranteed, to insure success.

"Funds may be sent to Miss Clara Barton, president and treasurer of the American National Red Cross, Washington. The authorized agents to receive funds and materials will be published in a few days. The Red Cross also suggests that goods, grain and other material may be sent by chartered steamer. (Signed) The American National Red Cross, Clara Barton, President.

Miss Barton feels that it will be the most extensive relief work ever undertaken.

KEPT HIS NERVE.

Canon City, Col., Dec. 13.—Abe Taylor, the murderer of Chas. Marshall Emerson, of Alamosa, was hanged at the penitentiary tonight. Taylor retained his nerve till the last, going to the execution room with the same quiet demeanor that has marked the last days of his life.

DUN'S WEEKLY.

New York, Dec. 13.—H. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade, which issues tomorrow, will say: It has been a very quiet week without any disturbance. Prices of manufactures products, with the exception of the high water mark of speculation and no material increase in demand is now expected until after the holidays, but there is general confidence that great activity will then appear and that works which have stopped a little earlier than usual will again be called into operation.

The futures for the week have been 53¢ in the United States against 35¢ last year and 54¢ in Canada against 41¢ last year.

MORRIS AND WILLIAMS.

Morris and Williams, the two boxers, who are to meet tonight at Ilwaco, in a 30-round contest, completed their preparations yesterday with light work, and are in perfect shape. A great deal of interest is taken in the affair mainly owing to the fact that Williams, the little fellow from Portland, is a stranger here, and the from Portland, is a strange hero, and can do so with the gloves. Morris' confidence continues, and he certainly looks big and strong enough to make it interesting for a heavier man than Williams. Some of those who intend witnessing the affair, will go over to Ilwaco this morning, and a special boat will leave Astoria's dock this evening at 7 o'clock. A large number are expected to be present, and all expect to see a lively and exciting contest.

M. CONON-BERG, A SWISS.

whose home is now in Paris, weighs 50 pounds—probably the heaviest man in the world.