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COATS and JACKETS

These are articles that are not only suited to Christmas requirements, but as substantial gifts as well, and something to commend themselves to parents. SHANAHAN BROS.

VENEZUELAN QUESTION

Congress Passes War Measures in Both Houses.

WHAT THE OTHER NATIONS SAY

France in Sympathy With Cleveland—Germany Says We Have Our Hands Full.

Special to the Astorian: Washington, Dec. 18.—The house today unanimously passed a bill empowering the president to appoint a commission to consider the Venezuelan boundary question, and appropriating \$100,000 to defray the expenses of the commission.

TO INCREASE THE MILITARY FORCE

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Chandler today introduced a bill "to strengthen the military armament." It directs the president to strengthen the military force of the United States by adding 100,000 infantry rifles, 1,000 guns for field artillery, and not exceeding 5,000 heavy guns for fortification purposes.

GERMANY SPEAKS

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A representative of the Associated Press had an interview on the subject of President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question with a high German official. He said: "Europe has never acquiesced in the Monroe doctrine."

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WHALE AND STEAMER

Large School Caught Asleep on the Water. One Struck and Blood Flies—Others Escape—Steamship Was Not in Any Way Injured.

A New York paper has the following interesting account of a collision between a steamer and a whale: "The steamer 'The Amrum,' bound for this port, ran into a school of whales on December 3, and killed one. The others escaped."

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PATRIOTIC MEASURE

Senator Hill Introduces Bill to Repeal Disabilities Law.

EX-CONFEDERATES TO SERVE

In Army—Resolution Calling for Correspondence Regarding Boundary Question.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Senator Hill today offered a resolution to repeal the law imposing disabilities on those who served in the war of the rebellion.

It is most opportune at the present moment, said Hill, "that these men from the South cooperate with those of the North in giving the country any military or naval defense that may be required."

He spoke of the measure as a patriotic one, tending to obliterate the animosity of the war long ago closed. In conclusion Hill asked that the rules be suspended and the bill put on its immediate passage.

It was a novel procedure to ask the senate to pass a measure of this character before the senators had considered the subject.

On motion of Davis, the senate agreed to the resolution calling for information and all correspondence relative to the establishment by Great Britain of postoffices and post routes in the United States territory of Alaska.

Another significant resolution was offered by Gallinger, authorizing the secretary of war to contract for the purchase of improved counterpoise battery. The resolution went to the committee on military affairs.

FREIGHT RATES NOT RAISED

Upon Restoration of Passenger Rates from Frisco. San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The restoration by the Southern Pacific of passenger rates between San Francisco and Portland will have no effect upon freight rates.

The railroad company is still in the position of having to haul empty cars to Oregon and back, and it is not likely that it will raise its rates, or would be in that position were it not for the cut in northbound rates and so long as this condition obtains it is argued that the rates will remain as well get loads at the low rate as to draw cars with nothing at all in them.

Despite the restoration of railroad passenger rates the railroad men continue to meet the competition on freight by sea, and at this kind of trade the steamers have a decided advantage at normal rates.

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PHILADELPHIA'S STRIKE

No Settlement Made With the Street Car Men.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The great street car strike is still on. At every principal point in the city detachments of armed police were concentrated and scattered along the more frequented thoroughfares.

Throughout the day epidemic attempts to keep several of the lines in operation were made, but in every instance the crawling cars bore more policemen than passengers.

CLEVELAND CONGRATULATED

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Cleveland had many callers today from senators and representatives who came to congratulate him on the attitude he had assumed. The telegrams which began to pour in yesterday, commending his course were supplemented today by many letters.

Secretary Olney had his share of callers. Although there is no where a suggestion of any abatement of our claims, and indeed it is generally recognized that the president has left no avenue for retreat, it is still confidently believed here that the difficulty can, and will be settled peacefully.

Based upon the expectation that Great Britain will re-establish diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

KILLED IN A MINE

Union, Or., Dec. 18.—A fatal accident occurred in the Bradley mines at Sanger, twenty-five miles east of this city, this morning. A. L. Megalove was instantly killed. He had put in a shot a short time before, loosening up a large quantity of ore and rock in the stop, and was removing the ore at the lower end when a rock suddenly fell upon him, instantly crushing out his life and so completely imbedding him that the debris had to be picked away before the body could be removed.

A remarkable discovery was made while digging a well recently near Eugene Junction. At the depth of 70 feet a cedar was found. The grain of the wood and knots are still plainly visible.

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Introduced to His Fellow Senators by J. H. Mitchell.

MAGNIFICENT BANQUET GIVEN

Washington Society Event—Much Good Humor and Comradship Prevailed.

Yesterday's Oregonian contains the following special telegram from its correspondent at Washington, D. C.: "The dinner which Senator McBride gave to his colleagues, Senator McMillin, was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the kind that has ever taken place in Washington. The senators and others who were present are still talking about it, and Senator Mitchell was congratulated by those who attended upon the success of his dinner, while Senator McBride was congratulated upon being so auspiciously introduced to his future fellow senators."

Besides being a magnificent spread upon a beautiful table, the assembled company was in the vein to enjoy everything, and each contributed his share to the pleasure of the evening. Senator Mitchell paid a glowing tribute to Senator McBride, and detailed his career since he had known him, which covered a period of twenty-five years.

Senator McBride in response, said that he could hardly express his pleasure at meeting his fellow senators, and remarked that he was under some embarrassment on account of the too generous praise which Senator Mitchell had bestowed upon him.

While detailing the political career of Senator McBride, Senator McMillin said that the successful run he had made for secretary of state, and also mentioned the fact that Mr. Hermann had also been elected by a large majority. This brought up Mr. Hermann at the conclusion of McBride's remarks. Mr. Hermann began by endorsing everything Mitchell had said of McBride, and then he went on to address his great pleasure, and was exclaiming upon the joy he felt when the news was flashed over the wire that McBride had been elected. At this point, some of the members began to roar with laughter, some of them declaring that Hermann had been lying awake nights with his ear close to the ground expecting that he would be called to the place himself. This rather broke up the representative's speech.

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HE WANTS TO DIE

So Says Montgomery, Convicted of Murder in First Degree.

Defense Could Not Establish Plea of Insanity and the Prisoner Says Did Not Expect It.

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