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Is the Place for a Good Meal...

Eastern Oysters in the shell or can Served to Order or Sold at Retail

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MAKE FACTORIES AND PAYROLLS

Start Wealth-Producing Enterprises Which Will Feed Commerce.

LET INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT

Follow in Their Natural Course—If Farmers Raise Sugar Beets and Flax Mills Will Be Erected.

"The port of Astoria can better afford to turn all its attention and money to the building of factories and the establishing of payrolls, than wasting time over internal improvements which will simply increase taxes before the city and county is prepared for it," said Mr. T. E. Adams yesterday. Mr. Adams came here from Montana a week or ten days ago, represents Eastern capitalists, and has spent his time in thoroughly investigating this city as a place for investment. He left this morning for the East, but said he would return again before going away he gave a reporter some of his ideas of the situation here.

"I have been much interested in the talk about proposed improvements. The building of a seawall, new court house, and new county bridges are all very well, but in my opinion the time has not come for such an increase in your taxation as would be required for the undertakings, and even the passage of bills authorizing their construction, while not necessitating immediate commencement of work, would only excite certain classes and be a constant menace to taxpayers. What you want here, next to your railroad, which will soon be completed, is something to make payrolls and dinner pail brigades, then these other internal improvements will take care of themselves. With your fine system of waterways, you do not even need to pay so much attention to county roads, though they are a necessity, and should be looked after. But for the present the natural waterways throughout the county can take care of the bulk of the business.

"It appears to me, looking at the situation from a practical and business standpoint, that if you get factories here, provide the means of getting to the markets of the world, population will rapidly follow, your farming lands will be occupied and roads, bridges and seawalls will build themselves, while new courthouses, city halls and post-offices will spring up like mushrooms in a night.

"Have your farmers ever made a thorough and practical test of raising sugar beets? It is said your tide lands are particularly well adapted for their culture, but no one knows this for a certainty. Raise a few and analyze them. If found a success, capital will soon supply a sugar mill, if the beets are raised. This industry alone means millions.

"Have you ever thoroughly tested the growing of flax here? If it is once practically demonstrated that it can be raised successfully and of good quality, flax spinning mills will follow as surely as day follows the night.

"The largest and finest bodies of timber on the coast grow in Clatsop county. Are there any large mills here to manufacture lumber for export, as is being done on the Sound? Astoria has the finest outlook for a large lumber manufacturing business of any place in the United States I know of.

"A dry dock is needed for the repair of the ships that come to this harbor. If you are going to be a shipping port you must have one.

"Here is also the natural location for export fruit mills. Soon the wheat from all parts of Oregon and Eastern Washington will be coming down here on your railroad and on barges down the Columbia through the newly opened Cascade locks. This is the very place to make flour for the rapidly growing Oriental trade.

"Many other manufactures could be profitably established here, and to a mere outsider it would appear to be foolish not to bend effort, and every dollar that could be saved from present unnecessary taxation, to securing these large enterprises which will soon people your city and county and make all things else possible and feasible. The railroad alone cannot bring that prosperity which will build a city. Without it nothing can be done, but with it must be auxiliary enterprises to make traffic, develop trade to its fullest extent, and bring people. Get people and trade and town lots will quickly become a scarce article on the market."

POLITICAL AGITATION.

Plan to Be Pursued for the Next Four Years by the Republicans.

Cleveland, Ohio, January 27.—It can be stated on authority which cannot be doubted that the Republican leaders have decided upon a radical change of policy in connection with the proposed continuation of political agitation throughout the coming four years and that in its stead the verdict of the American people in the recent presidential election and the merits of the incoming administration will stand alone. Immediately following the election

many leading Republicans throughout the country urged upon Chairman Hanna the importance and absolute necessity for continuing the agitation pursued during the campaign just closed. At first the members of the committee were fully in accord with this idea, but after mature deliberation a majority of the national committee, including Mr. Hanna, experienced a change of heart. Mr. Hanna clearly demonstrated his change of views by frankly stating to a representative of the Associated Press:

"I am in favor of stopping all present agitation and permitting the verdict of the people to stand upon its merits." It is believed that the potent factor entering into the discussion and final decision on this question is the belief that is apparently growing on all sides, that active political work on such a scale as mapped out by the Republican leaders some time ago is now and would continue to be a menace to the return of business prosperity. It is stated that the original plans for work assigned to the Washington headquarters will be largely curtailed, though the office may be maintained for a short time.

ENTERTAINS MESSENGER BOYS.

San Francisco, January 27.—Messenger boys of San Francisco to the number of nearly 400 were given a reception today by Mrs. Leland Stanford at her mansion on California street. The boys in detachments of twenty-five were given all they could eat and their comfort was looked after by Mrs. Stanford personally.

HIS TRIALS ARE OVER.

San Jose, January 27.—Charles F. Wilcox, one of the most widely known and esteemed lawyers of this city, committed suicide this afternoon, in the presence of Miss Rosay, his typewriter, by drinking nearly an ounce of a strong solution of carbolic acid. Ill health and financial distress are attributed as the causes of his despondency.

NEVADA'S PRIZE FIGHT BILL.

Carson, Nev., January 27.—The glove contests bill was introduced in the senate today, and referred to the committee on public morals.

A TIME TO ACT.

From the Stockton Record.

This is the most vital time in the history of the Nicaragua canal. A little urging here and there may turn the scale in favor of the measure. In San Francisco, in Sacramento, in New Orleans, in Mobile, in Tampa, Florida, in Los Angeles, in Eureka, in San Diego, and even in Fresno, the people are alert and acting through public meetings, legislation, commercial organizations or by some form of memorial to the national congress just to delay longer the inauguration of the great project. Here in Stockton there is attendance and apathy. Here, the very center of the wheat producing area, here where the tides reach the heart of the city, and there are dreams of an open ship canal, here where every week in the year there are carloads and boatloads of grain leaving that travels 8,000 miles out of its way to get to Liverpool; here where the people would be more directly and immediately benefited than in any other section of the country, except, perhaps, the lumbering centers of the coast; here where the construction of the canal should be the paramount issue, where it is the only relief that can intervene between the producers and the ruinous Argentine and East India competitors; here there is not a sound from city or country, from commercial organization or public meeting. Yet there are people who believe Stockton is alive to its own interests.

COMING FRUIT CROP PROMISING.

From the Oregonian.

Of course it is too early in the season to make any prognostications in regard to the fruit crop, but Mr. Miller, the well-known nurseryman, who has been investigating the condition of affairs in a number of orchards, says that the outlook is promising, judging from the showing of fruit buds on the trees. He finds also that the scale pest has almost entirely disappeared, just from what cause he does not know, but he thinks the unusually early cold snap last fall may have had something to do with it. He says about the only pests which are now left for the orchardist to fight are the codlin moth and the woolly aphis. The latter can be got rid of by putting hardwood ashes around the roots of trees; and the former can be killed by spraying. Mr. Miller says he has not been able to find that any serious damage has been done to fruit trees by the freeze-up last fall. It might be that the young trees in nurseries, which were full of sap when the frost came, have been damaged, and possibly some trees in exposed positions, but as a general thing, in bearing orchards, no harm has been done, as far as he could see, and there is every prospect of the usual bountiful crops of fruits of all kinds this season.

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BENSON HOUSE RENT ASUNDER

Representative Miscner Withdraws From the Rump Organization.

MITCHELL'S CHANCES POOR

Probabilities Are that the Break-up of the Rump House Will Set His Senatorial Star.

ALL A-FLUTTER.

Washington Society to Be Augmented by the Vanderbilts.

Washington, January 27.—The Evening Star says: Society circles are all in a flutter over the prospective residence in Washington during the remainder of the present social season, of Cornelius Vanderbilt and family, of New York. Vanderbilt's agent has just leased the Lowery mansion on the northeast corner of Vermont avenue and K street for three months, and the Vanderbilts will take possession early next week. Vanderbilt will bring his entire New York household, including cooks and servants, and will also bring twenty horses, six coachmen and four grooms, with ten or twelve carriages of various styles. It is said that several other wealthy members of what is known as the Vanderbilt set are looking for houses suitable for entertaining purposes, to which the Lowery mansion is admirably adapted, and that others of the same class are securing apartments at the Arlington and uptown hotels. The coming of Vanderbilt is taken as an indication of his intention to follow the example being generally given by people of wealth, and make Washington his regular home.

AN OREGON EARTHQUAKE.

Newport and Alsea Bay Receive a Shaking Up.

Newport, Or., January 27.—This section was visited by an earthquake shock yesterday at 2:45 p. m. The shock was of about three seconds' duration, and houses were shaken until dishes on the shelves rattled. The vibration appeared to come from a northerly direction, and was accompanied by a slight rumbling noise, like thunder. Reports from Alsea Bay state the shock was felt quite plainly there about the same time.

ST. LOUIS SUFFERERS.

St. Louis, January 27.—The weather is moderating somewhat. City Controller Sturgeon thinks the city should take some action to relieve the sufferings of the poor. He had just returned from a visit to the headquarters of the Provident Association, when he said:

"The situation is certainly desperate. I do not see how the associations are going to cope with it unless there is a great increase of donations."

A PLUM FOR GAGE.

Chicago, January 27.—Lyman J. Gage received a telegram from President-elect McKinley today requesting him to leave for Canton at once. Mr. Gage left at midnight and will reach Canton at noon tomorrow. This is believed to mean that his selection for the treasury portfolio is a certainty.

THE MARKETS.

Liverpool, January 27.—Wheat—spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 8 1/2d; No. 1 California, 6s 11 1/2d. Futures—May, 6s 6 1/2d.

Portland, Or., January 27.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 81¢; Valley, 84¢.

THE OLYMPIA CONTEST.

Switching Votes on the Senatorial Ballot at Washington's Capital.

Olympia, January 27.—As agreed at last night's conference of the Populists, Lieutenant Governor Daniels today received the full vote for United States senator that heretofore has been cast for Speaker Cline. Four ballots were taken. A complete transfer of the Cline strength was made on the second ballot, when Irwin, Carr, Koehler and Range, who had voted for either Squire or Cline on the first ballot, voted for Daniels. This gave Daniels 44 votes or two more than Cline received at any time. Judge Turner increased his strength three and finished with 23 votes, the highest he has received.

Senator Blumer asked the privilege of explaining his vote, and made a most dramatic speech in advocacy of Turner's candidacy, and closed by voting for him for the first time. Canut made a speech imploring the middle-of-the-roads to stand together. The main feature of the balloting was that Daniels could not unite the Populists' vote any more than Cline could, and that the Populists for the first time seemed restless and to lean towards a caucus. The Turner forces seem impregnable and are now more hopeful than ever of final success.

The senate was in session for two hours this forenoon only, then adjourned till tomorrow. The proceedings were devoted to a consideration of committee reports.

The house this afternoon passed three bills. One makes it lawful for farmers to peddle produce without license in the cities. Another provides for annexation of contiguous territory by counties. The most important bill passed, however, was one raising the age of consent to eighteen years, and makes the carnal knowledge of any female under that age equivalent to the crime of rape with penalty of imprisonment of from five to twenty years. The house killed the bill increasing the fee for filing articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, which the members from mining districts vigorously opposed.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

South-bound Southern Pacific Derailed at Gregory Siding.

Ashland, January 27.—The southern-bound freight train on the Southern Pacific which left Ashland this morning was wrecked at Gregory Siding, on the south side of the Siskiyou mountains, just over the California line, and twenty-four miles south of Ashland, at noon.

Fireman John S. Sibley was seriously, but not fatally injured, and Geo. Smith, of Medford, who was working his passage south, was fatally injured, dying two hours after the accident.

The train was going down the mountain with an engine and thirteen loaded cars and coaches, when it is sup-

UNITED STATES MUST BUILD IT

Nicaragua Canal Cannot Be Constructed by Private Effort.

SO DECLARES JOHN SHERMAN

Venerable Senator Scooped at the Idea that England Inspired Opposition to American Control.

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