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THE American eagle has given the British lion's tail a sharp twitching, and if that unrelenting animal becomes unduly obstreperous its hide will come with its tail.

THE Wall street scare over President Cleveland's patriotic message has caused the gold reserve to drop below the \$70,000,000 mark. There is nothing that frightens the average moneycrat like a little stiff back talk from Brother Jonathan to old John Bull.

THE editor of the Corvallis Times is about right in the opinion: "English supremacy is not anchored to war, but to peace, and in the supreme hour, as the twist grows stronger, the lion's tail will drop between his legs and the warlike roar will subside into a peaceful whine."

In a recent contribution to the Oregonian, Colonel R. W. Mitchell suggests that a magnificent silver service would be the most appropriate and suitable testimonial for the citizens of this state to present the "battleship Oregon." "The state of Oregon," says Mr. Mitchell, "owes it to herself to give the battleship a substantial and magnificent testimonial, such as will show the effete East that the state of Oregon can recognize a great compliment."

It is amusing to note the ingenious efforts of certain leading newspapers and politicians to start a third-term boom for President Cleveland. Granted that the democracy have a fighting chance to elect their president in 1896, the popular prejudice against electing a third-term candidate would overwhelmingly defeat Mr. Cleveland. No American statesman, however popular with the masses, could successfully carry out a political innovation which was repudiated by both Washington and Jefferson as inimical to the liberties of the people and the safety of the republic.

THE remote possibility of a war between this country and England has led to a critical comparison of their respective naval strength. It is found that England's navy out numbers that of the United States 10 to 1, or in other words the former has 501 naval vessels and the latter 64. England has 50 battle-ships, 11 armored coast vessels and 23 armored cruisers, while the United States has 3 battle-ships, 16 armored coast-vessels and 1 armored cruiser. This comparison shows how weak we are as a naval power. If we expect to enforce the Monroe doctrine we must build up our navy.

THE Oregonian is supporting President Cleveland's Venezuelan policy with a vigor of statement and wealth of erudition that is attracting wide attention. Mr. Scott enjoys the reputation of being a vigorous, perspicuous and brainy writer, and his editorial utterances on the contention between this country and Great Britain evince patient and studious research into the underlying principles of the Monroe doctrine. He shows that the doctrine has undergone a change, commensurate with the political and commercial importance of the great republic, since it was first promulgated by President Monroe. It is for this wider implication of the doctrine that President Cleveland is virtually contending, or rather this is a logical deduction from the premises assumed in the message.

NOTICE.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the parlors of said Bank, Independence, Ore., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

One Gives Relief. It is so easy to be mistaken about indigestion, and think there is some other trouble. The cure is Ripian's Tablets. One tabule gives relief. Ask any druggist.

It is extremely improbable that the firm position taken by the president and congress upon the Venezuelan question will lead to war. Neither country is prepared to turn loose upon each other the grim dogs of war, and Great Britain is really the least prepared of the two, in spite of the fact that she is the proud "mistress of the seas." Russian aggression in the East threatens to change the maps of the world, and the civil anarchy now reigning in Turkey is also a menace to the peace of Europe. It is an open secret in diplomatic circles that a Russo-Turkish war is imminent, and, of course, it is understood that in such a contingency England would be compelled to throw her army in the field to save Constantinople from capture. With this portentous war cloud hovering along the Russian-Turkish border, it would be national suicide for England to engage in a war with the United States. The uplifted hand of the Cossack is a warning to Great Britain not to strike America, to say nothing of her exposed frontier along the Canadian and British Columbia border. Of course, the United States would severely suffer along the line of her exposed sea coast, but as soon as she could organize and discipline her army she would exact a terrible retribution in the invasion of Canada and British Columbia. The final outcome of a war between Great Britain and the United States would result in extending our northern border as far north as Hudson bay, and practically sweeping England from the North American continent. But we do not believe there will be war between the two great English speaking nations of the world. The Venezuelan dispute will be settled through the arts of diplomacy and not by the stern arbitrament of the sword. War is the last expedient and should be resorted to only when every other honorable means fails. We believe that the belligerent temper aroused on both sides of the Atlantic will result in ultimate good. It will teach the nations of Europe that the United States will not permit them to intermeddle with the affairs of the Western continent, and it will teach us that in the piping times of peace we should prepare for the possible exigency of war.

THE San Francisco Examiner expresses the opinion that England has more to fear than the United States in the event of a war between the two countries. It says: "England may accept the inevitable gracefully or ungracefully, she may do it quietly or obstreperously, but in some fashion or other she will have to recognize the Monroe doctrine as the law of the Western world. As we have said, her cards lie on the table. She has just one strong one in her hand—the bombardment of American seaports. We have five—the occupation of Canada, the destruction of British commerce, famine in the United Kingdom, the precipitation of European hostilities and the collapse of the British Empire."

THE Monroe doctrine is an American principle, it applies to America and Americans. No one is so silly as to pretend that Europe has any sympathy with it. We Americans should be pleased that the great powers of Europe give it ungrudging recognition, but whether they recognize it grudgingly or not at all, it is a principle which the great republic can and will enforce, through the arts of diplomacy, if possible, by the stern arbitrament of the sword, if necessary.

Two Classes of Numskulls. There are two classes of men about whom the public are actually tired of reading. One is the man who didn't know it was loaded. The other is the man who buys gold bricks. A case of the first sort has just occurred in one of the suburbs of New York city. Two young men were talking together at noon in the planing mill in which they worked. One of them found an old revolver and flourished it. He didn't know it was loaded, of course. But the next moment his companion was dead. An instance of the gold brick idiocy occurred at Lyons, la., where a wealthy farmer paid out \$2,500 for a brick worth \$8,000, and is, it goes without saying, out his \$2,500. How men who live in this age can make such blunders passes comprehension. We advise them to subscribe for a newspaper and by close application to its columns save themselves the trouble of learning by experience.—Omaha World-Herald.

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WORSE THAN CHEWING GUM.

The Evil Effects of Masticating Paper Illustrated by an Old Story.

In the time of Charles XII of Sweden the private secretary of Count Goertz, then minister to England, was strongly addicted to the habit of chewing paper. Goertz had made the young man's acquaintance on a journey to Courland. He was the son of a landed proprietor named Buchren. Count Goertz took him to Stockholm and gave him a place in the cabinet. At first the young secretary chewed only white paper, but soon acquired a liking for paper even that had been written on.

A peace treaty had been formulated between Russia and Sweden, which the members of the assembly forced Charles XII to accept. The basis of the latter was a treaty which both states had agreed upon with regard to Finland. The original of this treaty was given by Count Goertz to his young secretary. When it was called for by the assembly, it could nowhere be found. The assembly believed that it had been destroyed by Goertz in order to overthrow the peace policy and give Charles XII a chance to go to war. Goertz was arrested, when his secretary came forward and confessed having masticated the document. He was tried and sentenced to death. The king would gladly have pardoned him had he dared in the face of the angry assembly, but he gave him an opportunity to flee from the country. Buchren went to Courland with a letter of recommendation to the duke.

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County News.

Important Happenings and Events From the Various Neighborhoods in the County

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NOTE.—Correspondence should be received later than Wednesday afternoon of each week to insure publication. We want a live correspondent in every town and township in the county.

PARKER.

Correspondence to THE ENTERPRISE.

Parker will not have a Christmas tree this year.

The Luckiamute has swollen to the size of a mighty river.

The upper Luckiamute loggers passed by here on a drive Monday.

The literary society rendered a good program Saturday night to a large and attentive audience.

Miss Lillie Reed, a student of the O. A. C., is spending holidays with the family of Thomas Calbreath.

Clint and May Bradley came home to spend the holidays. They have been attending school at Monmouth.

"More rain, more rest," the Darkey's say. So on account of the recent rains, Bradley & Boone are resting.

Misses Edith Shaw and Lora Richards and Mr. Frank Boardman, students of the O. S. N. S., at Monmouth, are spending the holidays at Parker visiting friends.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

To Whom it May Concern: Notice is hereby given that James Alexander has transferred to me, by deed of assignment all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of all his creditors, which said deed of assignment has been duly entered of record in the records of deeds in Polk County, State of Oregon; and that I have duly qualified as such assignee by filing therein a good and sufficient bond as by law required. All persons having claims against the estate of James Alexander are hereby notified to present such claims under oath within three months from the date hereof. Dated this 25th day of December, 1895. J. W. KIRKLAND, Assignee.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL BANK.

At Independence, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, Dec. 13, 1895.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, Premiums on U. S. Bonds, Stock, securities, etc., Banking-house, furniture and fixtures, Due from State Banks and bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other National Banks, Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, Specie, Loan-funder notes. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National bank notes outstanding, Due to other National Banks, Due to State Banks and bankers, Dividends unpaid, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit, Notes and bills rediscounted.

Total Assets: \$124,100.45. Total Liabilities: \$124,100.45. J. W. F. CONNORWAY, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. F. CONNORWAY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Dec. 1895. GEO. A. SMITH, Notary Public. H. HENNINGSEN, H. H. JARVIS, A. NELSON, Directors.

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