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The house committees will probably not be announced till the latter part of next week.

The Oregonian suggests that, seeing a British fleet is on its way to Venezuela with the intention to repeat the Corinto incident, we need not be surprised to see the harbor and custom house of New York occupied till that \$425,000 seal award is collected.

A rich and suggestive cartoon is shown in the Inter-Ocean this week. The Sultan of Turkey is represented as being at his bloody work and has piled high about Armenian skulls.

It will hardly be necessary to impeach Minister Bayard. It will probably be sufficient to notify Venezuela that we will maintain the Monroe doctrine.

An Eastern exchange sums up the whole of the president's message in this brief paragraph: "The gist of the message upon foreign affairs is that France won't release Waller, nor permit us to see the evidence upon which he was convicted."

The Christian World stands aghast at the butcheries of Christians in the first centuries, and call the Roman emperors, who permitted them, such names as modern vocabularies furnish.

The comptroller of the currency reports that for the twelve months prior to his report fifty-one banks left the national system, and thirty-six went into the hands of receivers, or eighty-seven altogether.

For a long time before 1893 we had a gold reserve and the greenbacks, too, yet we were not troubled about either. What gave us, and even Grover, during his first administration, most concern was the surplus.

Of unusual interest to every reader of this paper, is the announcement made elsewhere in this issue, by The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, unquestionably the greatest of American newspapers.

To remove the charge of desertion against Julian Fox, late of company G, Twenty-sixth Kentucky infantry; to pension, at the rate of \$20 per month, Mollie Crandall, widow of

CONQUER AND NOT FIGHT.

After five months' reflection, the Earl of Salisbury has replied to Secretary Olney's note defining the position of the United States with reference to the arbitration of differences between England and Venezuela over the boundary line, and an interpretation of the Monroe doctrine.

While the reply has been delivered to Secretary Olney, the full text has not yet been made public, though it is understood from news reports from England by cable, that the reply in substance is a refusal to arbitrate any of the territory eastward of the Schomburgk line.

He now contends that the Schomburgk line was not arbitrarily run; that it was, in fact, located upon authentic data, and that it can be proved by the records, the treaty descriptions and the maps, that it correctly represents the western limits of the territory Great Britain acquired by cession from Holland.

If this is a true report of England's position, arbitration is a proper and the only tenable plan of settling the dispute, unless England by brute force proposes to hold territory having a cloudy title.

In case of war we would soon cross into Canada. England would have no army to meet us. It would take hundreds of transports to land an army in America sufficiently large to be effective.

But there is a defense more powerful to prevent war than anything above mentioned. Our citizens and corporations owe England a lot of money, and those British capitalists will not allow their government to engage in any enterprise that will jeopardize their investments.

The work laid out by the Oregon senators may be thus summarized: Senator Mitchell's bill to pay the Indian war claims of Oregon and Washington asks an appropriation of \$3,296,658.

The bill which the senator introduced to settle the amounts of states on the Mississippi plan, would allow all states admitted since 1857, \$1.25 per acre for all lands withheld as Indian and other reservations.

Another bill which Senator Mitchell has regularly introduced in congress, and which sometimes is favorably reported by the committees, is to reimburse California, Oregon and Nevada for money expended by them in suppression of the rebellion.

AFTER HIS SCALP.

The following paragraph was found on the street yesterday. It is presumably a piece of editorial copy lost by the Cornelius Searchlight man, and was intended for publication. It was not to be lost.

"Treasurer Sappington has shown the people of Washington county his peculiar capacity as a county official. Any man who is so grossly ignorant as to overcharge himself is just as liable to switch the cut and have the other way several times next year.

Every well-informed man knows that this McKinley law, with less than the present internal revenue tax, raised enough revenue to pay the expenses of the government with a surplus over, and that during its operation, until its repeal was threatened, our exports reached the highest point in our history.

Another statement which staggers us into amazement, is that the depletion of the gold reserve is not the result of the deficiency of revenue. The treasury pays the expenses of the government with greenbacks, and these greenbacks are redeemed out of the gold reserve in the treasury, and again paid out for expenses, yet, although this is an acknowledged fact, the president informs congress that the expenses are not paid out of the gold reserve.

The Louisville Commercial tells why another democratic administration is not to be expected for 33 years: "Unable to or unwilling to profit from the lessons of the past, this generation resolved to try the experiment of an unrestricted control of the government by the democratic party."

In discussing the free coinage of silver President Cleveland said in his message: "I especially entreat the people's representatives in congress, who are charged with the responsibility of inaugurating measures for the safety and prosperity of our country, to promptly and effectively consider the fills of our critical financial plight."

The claim, however, of the president, that our present deplorable financial and commercial condition is due to the existence of this greenback currency, and can be relieved only by its retirement, is so palpably wrong that it appears grotesquely absurd to urge it.

A correspondent, noting the proposition to pension the confederate soldiers, writes these lines: "A bill before congress for the pensioning of ex-rebel soldiers, is the latest piece of news for the American people to think over and to digest in their mind, coming as it does during our great financial stringency."

The U. S. cruiser, Cincinnati, caught fire next the magazine, but by flooding with water an explosion was prevented.

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There is strong evidence that in Texas the democratic party is so shattered upon the silver question that it is liable to break in pieces.

The St. Louis, Mo., Globe-Democrat has been examining the new constitution of South Carolina, which is to take effect without being submitted to the people, and is lead to remark that a "long line of precedents is violated to say the least."

The city election in Astoria occurred on Wednesday last. There were two tickets in the field—Republican and Citizens'. The republican ticket, headed by Ex-Judge Taylor for mayor, was elected, except city treasurer, and two were elected from the citizens' ticket, but they are republicans on national issues.

The next national republican convention is to be held in St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896. The place was chosen after an active contest on the part of San Francisco, which locality had twenty votes on first ballot, though its strength was not maintained.

The pressure has been too strong for Turkey to stand alone, and she now permits extra guard ships to sail through the Dardanelles. But it is doubtful if the massacres of christians will be suppressed at once.

The libellous statements lately contained in the Evening Telegram of Portland will be promptly and emphatically refuted and shown to be absolutely false. Till then the INDEPENDENT will not make further comment.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Portland Public Schools, will be held at 9 o'clock on Tuesday, January 13, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before said meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Minerva C. Brown, deceased, has filed a final account as such administrator, in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, and said Court has approved, Monday, the 5th day of December, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the hour of hearing and account.

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