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The returns of the registration under the Geary law shows that there are 105,312 John Chinamen, residents on American soil. As there are several more registration certificates issued than the census shows Chinamen on American soil we conclude that either the census was bad or John probably intends to dispose of the surplus certificates at a big profit.

The persons whose names are now being mentioned as probable Speakers of the next House of Representatives are: O. F. Paxton, of Portland, Multnomah county; C. B. Moore, of Salem, Marion county; C. A. Selhbrede, of Roseburg, Douglas county; J. A. Wright, of Sparta, Union county. For President of the Senate, B. F. Alley, of Florence, Lane county; and Joseph Simon, of Portland.

The Chicago Inter Ocean complains bitterly about the strike, and the damage suits that will result therefrom. It says the laws of Illinois are modeled after laws of Pennsylvania, under which the people of Pittsburgh were compelled to pay \$2,700,000 damage for destruction of railroad property in that city. The bonds issued by Beaver county in payment of \$1,854,500 damage to property will not all be paid off before 1906. The people pay for property destroyed by riots.

A statement has recently been published that Senators in Congress receive \$6,000 and representatives \$5,000 a year and mileage both ways, and that "each member is allowed a clerk and some have several of their own family employed," making the "average salary, mileage and clerk hire of Senators \$13,000 a year." This is a mistake. Both Senators and Representatives receive \$5,000 a year and mileage, and are paid monthly, the Senators by the Secretary of the Senate and the Representatives by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

Mr. H. D. Campbell, of Chicago, who has been in Portland for several weeks on business in connection with the proposed Portland and Astoria road, is one of the contractors who are building the great Chicago drainage canal. In speaking of this stupendous enterprise Mr. Campbell said: "The canal starts from the Chicago river and runs into the Illinois river. The flow is about 100 miles in length, and is an average depth of 38 feet. It will not only afford a perfect system of drainage from Chicago, but will be navigable by boats drawing 22 feet of water. Boats will be able to run between Chicago and all points on the Ohio and Mississippi river and their tributaries. The Great Lakes being thus connected with the great interior water ways. This work was begun in September, 1879 and is to be completed, without much doubt, by April, 30, 1896. Fifteen thousand men are employed. Fifteen miles of the canal run through solid limestone, and some parts of the canal will cost \$1,000,000 a mile. Through the rock section the sides of the canal are cut down by tunneling machines so that the sides are perfectly smooth, these machines have been made expressly for this work. The total cost of the work will be \$40,000,000. The money is raised by the city of Chicago by a tax of one-half of one per cent, no government aid having been asked." Oregon State Journal.

TAX PAYERS. The following are the names and amounts of taxes paid in Washington county. All parties paying less than \$25 are omitted from this roll. J. A. Abbott and wife 25 75. Amelia Akerrina 81 51. G. C. Alsworth 90 25. Geo. Alexander 147 15. Alexander Allen 70 25. J. V. Allen 27 06. Benj. Anderson 24 46. J. P. Apple and son 94 80. A. C. Arnebohl 138 92. Geo. Armentrout 86 33. John Armstrong 84 10. Julia A. Aahr 26 13. J. H. Barber 182 12. C. P. Bacon 198 36. Dr. F. A. Bailey 486 21. Valvin Bailey 47 94. Joe Bailey 25 25. Daniel Baker 49 75. Isaac Ball 39 60. J. L. Banks 35 01. Bliza J. Barrett 72 32. W. N. Barrett 48 50. J. P. and J. I. Barnard 47 00. Patrick Barnard 88 18. J. J. and W. W. Fowler 62 53. W. A. Freeman 16 67. Robt. J. 19 81. J. 41 48. Geo. Frevling 30 46. M. F. Frink 71 0. Office Fring 70 92.

Table listing names and amounts of taxes paid in Washington county, including names like Paul Fuher, August Gaberth, Lyeurgus Galbreath, Joseph Gaston, H. V. Gates, etc.

WASHINGTON LETTER. He must be a queer sort of a democrat who can get any satisfaction out of the present tariff situation. The report of a general disagreement as the result of nearly two weeks work on the part of the house and senate conferees certainly does not look encouraging, although some of the gloom is lifted by the knowledge that while the disagreement is for reasons satisfactory to the conferees reported to be general it is in fact only over some half dozen of the senate amendments, including sugar, coal and iron ore, the house conferees insisting that they should go on the free list, as in the Wilson bill, and the senate conferees that they shall remain as passed by the senate. It is not clear just at this time what the outcome is to be, but I cannot believe that the democrats in congress will be willing to carry the disagreement to the extent of following the McKinley law to remain in force, as is now being jubilantly predicted by the republicans. It would be better if the conferees after another attempt fail to reach an agreement to call in some prominent democrats from the outside and let them arbitrate. The democratic party has promised the country a tariff law and it will be suicidal for the democrats in congress to fail to keep that promise. The senate committee on territories decided at its meeting this week that although the Utah bill first became a law Arizona and New Mexico should be admitted to the Union at the same time, and directed that bills therefor should be ready by its next meeting. Political ingratitude is so common in Washington that it seldom attracts more than a passing notice, but the apostasy of Representative Denson, of Albany, who has written a letter announcing his withdrawal from the democratic party and his intention to act with the populists hereafter, is such a glaring case and his object so plain to all that it is receiving more attention than it really deserves. Still an Alabamian democrat: "The reason given by Denson for leaving the democratic party—his inability to support President Cleveland and his financial policy—is absolutely ridiculous when the fact is remembered that he owes his seat in the house to President Cleveland, who, during his first administration, appointed him U. S. District Attorney for the northern and middle districts of Alabama, thus giving him the prominence which enabled him to get nominated and elected to congress two years ago. Now President Cleveland, as all the world knows, has not changed the financial ideas he held during his administration. It is Denson's own fault, and not that of Cleveland, that he is out of the house. The third time he has been expelled from congress for several years—he only beat his populist opponent by 1800 votes in a total of more than 20,000—and Denson believes it will carry the district this year and is willing to be elected to congress as a populist rather than to chance being defeated as a democrat. Such men can be spared by the democratic party. Representative Bailey, of Texas, was made happy this week when the house, by a vote of 127 to 81, passed his voluntary bankruptcy bill. He has maintained ever since the Torrey bankruptcy bill was defeated that a majority of the house favored a rational bankruptcy law, and that it was only because the Torrey bill put it in the power of creditors to force a man into bankruptcy when he considered himself solvent that it was defeated. The vote on Mr. Bailey's bill, which makes a man judge of his own solvency, indicates that his judgment was correct. Representative Springer, of Illinois, was this week given a hearing by a sub committee of the house committee on labor, on his bill providing for compulsory arbitration of all disputes between employer and employees, by a national board of arbitrators. Mr. Springer claims that his bill covers every possible contingency that may arise, and that if it be enacted into a law a long step will be taken towards the solving of the problem which has been so troublesome of late. A number of bills dealing with the same subject are being considered by the sub-committee. Representative Bland, of Missouri, proposes to put the newly-found friendship for silver which so many republicans are professing to the test, by getting his bill for the free coinage of silver reported from the house coinage committee, if he can manage to get a quorum of the committee who are favorable to the bill together soon. Owing to the absence of the members and the nearness of the close of the session the chances are against Mr. Bland's succeeding, and then the thing that adds to the chances against him is that a considerable number of the members of the house, many of them democrats, are strongly opposed to any further agitation of the silver question at this time, and still more opposed to the taking of a record vote on the Bland bill. State officers elected June 4, 1894, do not go into office until the first session of the legislature which will be on January 14, 1895.

WASHINGTON LETTER. PROFESSIONAL CARDS. S. B. HUSTON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC. BARRETT & ADAMS, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW. T. H. TONGUE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. W. D. WOOD, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. S. T. LINKLATER, M. B. C. M., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. DR. F. A. AND F. J. BAILEY, PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND ACCOUCHEURS. JAMES PHILIPPE TAMISSIR, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. WILKES BROS. ABSTRACTORS AND SURVEYORS. Removed! THE TAILOR! Hillsboro House. THE STAR BARBER SHOP. ONE QUART Liquid Bluing. Liquid Bluing. W. J. WALL, MUSIC TEACHER. The Organ, Piano, Violin, Cello, and Claironet. If you Want to Hire a Good Livery Team. CONOVER PIANOS. CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGANS. HIGHEST AWARDS. At the World's Exposition for excellent manufacture, quality, uniformity and volume of tone, elasticity of touch, artistic cases, materials and workmanship of highest grade. CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGAN CO.

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