

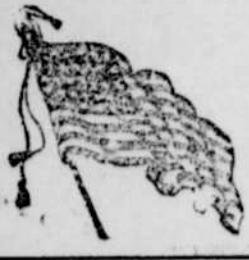
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At Toledo, Lincoln county, Jim Sam, a Chinaman, and Betsy Holland, an Indian woman, were spiced for better or worse—most likely the latter.

The show the grafters will have at the legislative session which begins next week is somewhat limited as there is no United States senator to elect.

Gertrude May Williams a thirteen year old girl, of Tolt, Washington was recently married to Walter Moser by the consent of her parents. A Washington reformatory for imbecile parents would not be out of place.

The times are particularly auspicious for a large increase in the opportunities for trade for American ships in the West Indies, Central and South America. A man with half an eye could see that; and the contemplation of it ought not to be confined to the people of the North. The lesson ought to be learned in the South, as well.

Since the Manila Guards, of McMinville, are to participate in the ceremonies at the inauguration of Governor Geer, the Oregonian ventures to suggest that the mamas of the girls will do well to keep them at home a while lest they become unduly elated and vainglorious. Of course those of us nearer their home would hardly dare say so much.

Representative Flagg, of Salem, will introduce a bill in the legislature to have all executions of condemned murderers to take place at the state penitentiary. Some states have such a law which is said to be very satisfactory. If we must hang criminals let it be done as far away from the home people as possible. Such a bill ought to pass.

An exchange says: Two candidates for sheriff of Lincoln county, Idaho, tied on the vote for that office and it was left with the commissioners of the county to decide the matter by casting lots. Before doing so, however, the contestants mutually agreed that the successful man should give his opponent \$1000 in cash, which agreement they carried out and both are happy.

Of all the newly elected congressmen Brigham H. Roberts, of Utah, is commanding the most attention at the present time. Mr. Roberts has more wives charged up to him than the law allows and besides this his first name don't sound well in the ears of the Gentiles. He should be promptly expelled from the house if he is ever allowed to be sworn in as a member.

An Indiana exchange says: The post office at Kaskaska, Illinois, after doing business for two hundred years has been discontinued. This is the oldest post office in the state and it seems the victim of old age. The great Father of Waters is gradually washing away the site of what was once a pretty and prosperous town. Kaskaska was the first capital of that great state.

Walter A. Lyon, the Salem correspondent for the Oregonian, has been selected by Governor Geer as his private secretary. The Statesman thinks the governor has made a mistake in the selection of Mr. Lyon to fill this important position but since it will be remembered that the Statesman has never been a very warm supporter of Mr. Geer its admonitions on this score will scarcely be taken at par.

Hon. Wm. P. Lord who is just now rounding out his term as governor has lost favor very largely with his party by the attempts he has made from time to time at trimming his sails to catch the senatorial breeze. The people in many of the other states, as well, have become very weary of their governors meddling in senatorial elections. Our newly elected governor had the good sense to say positively when the extra session was called that he would not be a candidate for the United States senate.

Ships, nowadays, are made of steel; steel is made of iron and coke and limestone; all of these things exist in great natural abundance in this country; we have a surplus of people eager to mine and quarry the essential materials; we have the finest skilled labor in the world capable of turning it into steel, and of turning the steel into ships; we have the money in abundance with which to run the ships, and we have a great foreign trade worth nearly two billions of dollars annually to carry—what, then, is there to stop us from doing our own carrying on we begin? We shall not be able to begin, however, until Congress says the word.

The Hoang-ho, or "Yellow" river of China, is in flood again, devastating the country in its lower courses and drown-

ing thousands of people. By these overflows the bed of the main stream is frequently changed. The shifting of its lower course, unparalleled in the history of rivers elsewhere, produce devastation in districts occupied by tens of millions of inhabitants. The river wanders about over a country hundreds of miles in extent, and in the course of six centuries has entered the sea by months as distant from each other as the whole length of the coast line of Oregon. Embankments have been raised during many centuries, for the purpose of controlling it, but it frequently breaks them down, as it has done now again. It is a very great river, having sources in the heart of Asia, and a course 2500 to 2600 miles long.—Oregonian.

The Telegram says: According to the last state treasurer's report \$2,000,000 of the irreducible school fund was then loaned out on interest-bearing notes, supposed to be secured by mortgages. The abstract shows that much of this money has been placed into irresponsible hands, and on many notes the interest has defaulted for several years. It is strange that this fact is brought to the attention of the public at this late day, as the report referred to was issued in January, 1897. During each session of the legislature men supposed to be expert accountants are engaged for from \$8 to \$10 a day, putting in about five hours per diem, to examine the books of the state treasurer; yet in making their reports these "experts" have failed to comment upon the nature of the securities upon which this money has been loaned, or upon the defaulted interest. At the forthcoming session of the legislature we suggest that competent experts be engaged on the treasurer's books, and the work not given to mere bookkeepers at Salem who have a political "pull." The integrity of the state treasurer is not called into question, but the people desire a definite knowledge of the condition of that fund.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

It is perfectly apparent that Col. Bryan quit the army in order to prevent the rest of his dependencies from slipping away from him.

The Chilean government has caught the expansion fever from the United States, and will convert Robinson Crusoe's lonely island into a prosperous colony.

The Spaniards claimed every battle and skirmish that was fought in Cuba, and with characteristic audacity are now claiming to own all the property on the island.

America continues to underbid England on steel rails, and has just overtopped France in a deal for Prosper d'Epina's marble bust of Jeanne d'Arc. Uncle Sam is by all odds the best business man on either continent.

Oliver H. P. Belmont has broken into court circles with a new paper called The Verdict, which is to stand for democratic principles and battle for the truth. Oliver will find it very hard to keep up his circulation under a handicap like that.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the author, used the force of his eloquent pen against the subjugation of the inhabitants of the Samoan islands to German rule. Germany hated the story writer for his activity in behalf of the freedom of his beloved island, and the presence of an American warship at Apia at a critical moment turns this wrath upon the United States, because it seems to point to a realization of Stevenson's dream of independence.

THE OLD YEAR.

The year that has just expired is one of the most memorable in the history of our country. There are epochal years in the history of every great people. The great years in the history of England were 1066, the year of the Norman conquest; 1215, the year of the first representative parliament; 1539, when Henry VIII completely broke with Rome and practically declared himself pope of England by closing the monasteries; the year 1640, from which dates the government of England by the house of commons; the year 1688, from which revolution dates increased freedom of the press and religious toleration under law; the year 1759, when Canada was taken from the French; the year 1781, when with the surrender of Yorktown, Great Britain finally lost her American colonies; and the year 1815, when the final fall of Napoleon at Waterloo saved England from the greatest foreign peril she had known since the dispersion of the Spanish armada.

The greatest year in the history of France was that of 1789, the first year of the great revolution which completely revolutionized the land tenure, replacing a landed aristocracy, composed of the king, the court and the church, with peasant proprietorship; an oligarchy of landlords succeeded by a multitude of small farmers. The greatest year in the history of Germany was the year 1806; the year of the battle of Sedan, which placed Prussia at the head of the German states and opened the way for German unity, which was fully achieved in 1870, the year of the battle of Sedan.

The greatest year in the history of this country, after the adoption of the federal constitution of 1789, was the year 1863, which saw the final settlement by arms of the question whether we were a nation or a loose collection of states, whether the federal government or the state was supreme. The greatest New Year's day in our history was that of January 1, 1863, when the bells in all the rooking steeples of the North rang out freedom to the slave, for then it was that Lincoln made liberty a New Year's gift to every negro that was in bonds throughout the land.



The Giant Despair. One of the most horrible things about the nervous diseases to which women are peculiarly subject is the sense of overwhelming despair which they bring upon the mind. A woman's mental condition is directly and powerfully affected by the delicate, special organs of her sex. Such a difficulty not only racks her body with pain and suffering but burdens her with mental anguish which words can hardly describe. Thousands of women have had a similar experience to that of Mrs. Harrah A. Williams, of Westport, Oldham Co., Ky., in which the use of Dr. Pierce's wonderful "Favorite Prescription," by imparting health and strength to the feminine organism, has not only restored complete vigor and capacity to the bodily powers but has also given renewed brightness and buoyancy of spirit.

"I suffered for over a year," says Mrs. Williams, "with indigestion and nervous prostration. I was unable to eat or sleep. I tried several physicians, but they only helped me for a short time. A friend advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pellegrina' and three vials of the 'Favorite Prescription,' three of the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and three vials of the 'Pellegrina,' and I am now feeling better than I have for two years. I have gained weight, sleep well, and do not suffer from indigestion or nervousness. I have gained seven and a half pounds since taking these medicines. I have recommended Dr. Pierce's medicine to several ladies, one of whom is now taking it and is being greatly benefited."

That was a great day for the nation, when a stolen-right was made a New Year's gift to a despised race.

Our greatest year since 1865 is that of 1898, for out of the unexpected opportunities of our Spanish war have come an accession of new duties and responsibilities, whose faithful discharge cannot but largely influence the future fate of this nation; an increased army and navy; the government of distant possessions in the Asiatic Pacific; a closer intimacy with the great powers of the world, and a tacit understanding with Great Britain, which at any great emergency is sure to harden into an alliance for the defense of common interests.

These are some of the consequences of our Spanish war that must have a far-reaching influence upon the future policy of this nation. For the policy of comparative national isolation we are sure to substitute that of expansion whenever expansion spells national expediency. We stand tiptoe, like a winged Mercury, ready to venture upon our new flight. We have reached this critical hour of change in our ancient contracted policy and purpose through no act of national greed or national dishonor. Thank God that we can still say of our country and its people:

Despite of every yoke 's he bears, The Land is Glory's still and theirs; 'Tis still a watchword to the earth; Which man would do a deed of worth He looks to her and tarax to tread, So sanctioed, on the tyrant's head.—Oregonian.

The Control of the Pacific.

The government at Washington, we are told, is fully awake to the necessity of making and keeping American influence paramount in the Pacific ocean, and is taking energetic steps toward that end. It is well. There is nothing more logical and appropriate in the commercial development of the world. Of all the commercial nations bordering directly upon the Pacific the United States is by far the greatest, our nearest rival being Japan, with little more than half our population and only the merest fraction of our territorial extent. As for Great Britain, Russia, France and Germany, they are remote from that ocean by thousands of miles, touching it directly only through colonial possessions. But the United States abuts immediately upon with a state and territorial frontage of five thousand miles, besides having important island possessions stretching across its central zone in a mighty chain. The Pacific will always be free to all the world, as all the high seas must be. But by virtue of natural position the United States ought to be, and we believe will be, its dominant commercial power.

Attention is called to the strategic location of United States holdings on and about that sea. With the exception of a little more than five hundred miles, the whole eastern shore is ours from north latitude 32 degrees 50 minutes to the Arctic circle. At the Tropic of Cancer we have a magnificent out post two thousand miles west and south from our main land coast. At Guam we have a station dominating all Western Micronesia. In the Philippines we have the most commanding position on the western rim of the great sea, and incomparable vantage-point for trade in the whole East Indies. And finally, in Samoa, we have a station of the highest possible value to trade with Australia and New Zealand. There are not on the whole map four points more advantageously placed to serve the interests of commercial empire than Honolulu, Guam, Manila, and Pago Pago.

Above all these our flag now floats, and at each an armed vessel stands guard. At any one of them our whole Pacific fleet could speedily be concentrated in case of need long before any hostile fleet could reach them. But two things will occur to the thoughtful observer as urgently desirable, indeed essential to American interests in the Pacific. One is the construction of the Nicaragua canal under United States control, so that our vessels from the Atlantic and the Gulf will have the readiest possible access to those waters. The other, far less costly but scarcely less important, is the laying of tele-

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graphic cables connecting all our Pacific possessions with each other and with the United States, every landing of which must be upon our own soil. No other nation has such advantages for cable-laying as we have, and no other has so great need thereof. Yet three others are at the present moment practically considering the undertaking. It would be a lasting shame to us if we permitted ourselves to be forestalled in that enterprise by any other power. We should have at the earliest possible moment a cable from San Francisco to Honolulu, and thence to Guam and to Manila; and after that branch lines to Samoa and Japan. In case of war such a system would be of the most vital importance, while in time of peace it would be inestimable value to our commercial interests.

It is to be assumed that the government has these considerations already well in mind, and will act upon them at the earliest possible opportunity.—N. Y. Tribune.

Brave Love.

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, was recently asked to name his favorite poem, and responded by giving the following bit of fugitive verse written many years ago, and the author of which is unknown.

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