

McKinley's Cabinet.

Secretary of state—John Sherman. Secretary of the treasury—Lyman J. Gage. Secretary of war—Russell A. Alger. Attorney general—Joseph McKenna. Postmaster general—James A. Gary. Secretary of the navy—John D. Long. Secretary of the interior—Cornelius N. Bliss. Secretary of agriculture—James Wilson.

News Notes.

The Washington state senate has passed the freight bill fixing a rate of \$4.25 a ton for a haul of 300 miles or more and for less distance not more than 90 per cent of the present rate.

Every union plasterer and hod carrier in Chicago is on a strike for an increase of wages.

Senator Allison has been elected chairman of the republican caucus to succeed Sherman.

The experiments at the agricultural college in Corvallis show that the root of the wild parsnip is a deadly poison when eaten by cattle. A calf to which a parsnip was fed last Thursday died in less than the six hours after eating the bulb.

Fully 105,000 pounds of wool were sold recently in Wallowa county at 8 cents the pound. One lot, of 58,500 pounds, was sold by Knapper & Jennings, of Joseph, to Mr. McIntyre, of Oregon City woolen mills.

H. F. Putman, who purchased 160 head of grain fed steers of J. L. Caviness, at Enterprise, in Wallowa county, last week had them weighed and they averaged a little over 1400 pounds a head, which at 3 cents brought Mr. Caviness the snug sum of about \$6800, or over \$42 a head. The cattle was shipped to the Sound.

All the members of the new cabinet were sworn in Saturday and took charge of their respective departments.

Colonel John Hay is expected to assume his duties at the London United States embassy on Easter.

The story that the flag question has aroused a warlike feeling among the Mexican people is branded from the City of Mexico as a pure falsehood.

McKinley's inaugural address has created an excellent impression in Havana, according to advices from that place.

In a London Hotel.

An American visitor to London who stops at a certain hotel in that city finds many novelties and conveniences that are not known here in America, where hotels are supposed to have reached the acme of

luxury. It has an American plan dining room, says the Chicago News, but only a French bill of fare. It has an Indian room, where an Indian chief, in the costume of the country, prepares native dishes for those who desire them.

In this hotel each guest is known by the number of his room instead of his name, and it is rather odd to an American to be addressed as "Mr. 969," as though he were a convict in the penitentiary.

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