

"I'm 'ferriest' the government" was the common expression last Tuesday.

If Mr. Croker could control the electoral votes of New York, his advice would be more valuable to the democratic party.

There is nothing yellow about Dewey. When he said he needed the battleship Oregon, it is safe to bet he knew what he was talking about.

There is again a report that the Carlists are about to rise in Spain. This thing is growing tiresome. One becomes weary even of the fiction at times.

In London they are experimenting with cork as a pavement and in Paris they are doing the same with glass. There would seem to be no comparison between the two as to comfort—in sitting down.

Secretary Alger has given it out flat and plain that nothing short of a kick from Mr. McKinley will force him out of the cabinet, and now the public is waiting to see if Mr. McKinley has the nerve to administer that kick.

Wah Miles, the conqueror of Porto Rico, and Schley, the destroyer of Cervera's fleet, both apparently on the Washington blacklist, one is tempted to wonder if there is not a place also reserved there for Dewey.

In view of the fact that kerosene and chloroform where the flavoring extracts which one of the army colonels examined by the Court of Inquiry detected in the meat furnished to his men in Cuba, it was rather unnecessary pleasure in eating."

The first shipment from the United States to Spain since the war was a cargo of wheat, Spain ought to recognize by this time that she can get anything from this country, from a licking to a square meal, if she only goes about it right.—Ex.

Sore heads often tell the truth. For instance, when Congressman Johnson, of Ind., who said as much about Mr. McKinley as Egan did about Gen. Miles, only in more polished language, charged that the policy of the administration was dictated by a combine of capitalists.

We understand the "city dads" will insist on brick flues in all parts of town. That's the stuff! If we are to do without any better fire protection than what we have at present, it stands the property owner in hand to look after his buildings. No more stove-pipes.

The new city officers elected last Tuesday are good, substantial citizens and have all expressed themselves as being opposed to bonding the town of Burns for any purpose. Those who were inclined to drop further improvement and building on account of the bonding clause in the new city charter can now proceed without fear.

Should a country newspaper accept advertising matter from merchants in competing towns? This is a question that will bear discussion. As a general proposition we should say not to do so, providing your own merchants reciprocate. We fail to see any good reason, however, why all the loyalty to some institutions and all self-sacrificing should devolve on the newspaper man.

Each year increases the benefit of reciprocity and the injustice of setting up one standard of home loyalty for the editor and an entirely different one for themselves.—Enterprise.

In twelve years, from 1882 to 1895, the number of females employed in industrial enterprises in Germany was more than doubled. That is the sort of showing the U. S. will make when it gets to maintaining a big standing army, but we don't believe the people will ever allow it to get to such a thing. Thanks to the determined stand of democratic senators, the evil has been avoided for the present.

Fitz Lee doesn't hold the highest command in our army in Cuba but the Cubans treat him as though he was "the whole thing" whenever he shows himself in public assemblage.

Gov. "Teddy" has been to Washington, but Mr. McKinley has doubts as to whether he correctly stated his mission when he said his visit was "merely social."

Public condemnation made Alger give up his contemplated pleasure trip to Cuba and Porto Rico, but it has not yet been able to make him give up his grip on the War portfolio.

Czar Reed is said to oppose an extra session of congress because he had some outside business to attend to. He, in common with all the other congressmen, draws an annual salary.

Hellow! Those interested in the elevated railroad, which has virtually owned New York city for years, are now calling Tammy "populists", because the City administration has called the railroad company down.

The new words, graft and grafter, have come to mean, in describing the words and describing a punishment for a person found guilty. A grafter is defined to be any person who loafs around legislative halls seeking employment by persons or corporations interested in measures pending before the legislature and any member of the legislature who introduces bills of a prohibitory character for the purpose of extorting money and who assists outside grafters in securing employment for intended victims. Any person convicted of being a grafter shall be fined \$500 and be disqualified for holding any office.—Ex.

New York Insurance Co. Leads.

Albany, Feb. 26.—The insurance reports filed with Insurance Superintendent Pavn are being tabulated for reference to the legislature. The year 1892, for the fire and marine companies, shows an improvement over 1891. The total premium receipts were \$128,452,223 40; paid for losses, \$75,158,861 13; paid for taxes, \$3,916,444 96; total disbursements, \$132,338, 978 35. The life companies' statements show that there has been a large increase over 1891.

The New York Life leads in new business, paid for the year, with 73,471 policies, insuring \$152,093,369, and new premiums of \$6,054,499. The Mutual Life reports 51,785 policies, insuring \$128,780,088 and new premiums of \$5,146,549. The Equitable Life, 42,030 policies insuring \$121,267,516, and premiums of \$4,486,654. The war stamp tax to the government on the new business of these three great companies will exceed \$350,000.

The New York Life has filed with Superintendent Pavn a new form of policy which is made absolutely nonforfeitable and incontestible from date of issue. It is based on a 3 per cent interest earning assumption, and the department experts state that it is the most liberal policy contract ever issued by any company. It is expected to create an upheaval in insurance methods.

TAP HARNEY COUNTY.

Baker City, Ore.—David Eccles, C. W. Nibley and other stockholders of the Sumpter Valley railway, say they will this year extend the railway to tap Harney county stock region, the most extensive livestock range in Eastern Oregon.

BUILDING INTO OREGON.

Redding, Cal.—The construction crews on the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad have reached a point 12 miles north of Amadec, Lassen county, and are rapidly extending the road bed across the Madeline plains toward Alturas and Southeastern Oregon.

The haste of the narrow gauge people in throwing their road forward is said to be occasioned by the approach of a road southeastward from Grants Pass, which is making for the rich stock regions of Klamath and Lake counties.

OREGON NOTES.

Fifteen hundred men will be employed in construction work on the Northwest Railway before March 15th.

Tramps objected to the Japanese section men "clearing up" the railroad depot grounds, at Gervais, one day last week, and a lively scrimmage ensued, resulting in the tramps being entirely "cleaned out."

C. Guernsey has let the contract for the first stone building at Canyon. The contract was let to Joe Gosman, of Vale. The building is to be two stories high, dimensions 23x40, with a dressed stone front. Excavators have been working for several days.

The ducks and geese have arrived and our local sportsmen are bombarding them from one end of the slush to the other with indifferent success. More birds are killed about the stove than any place else. Ammunition, guns and gumbots are in demand. The general complaint seems to be the slightitude of sightedness.—Lakeview Express.

The ice on Big Klamath lake is nearly all gone, and as soon as the postoffice department permits the carrying of the Fort Klamath mail by steamboat, the little steamer Lottie C will be brought up from the lower Klamath and put on the big lake for that purpose. The Fort Klamath mail contractor, J. M. Childers, is daily expecting word from the department to this effect.

The Johnson Bros., of John Day, lost about 50 head of sheep below Dayville last week, says the Canyon News. The sheep were on a bar between two channels of the river, and when the ice broke up, causing the water to rise, the bar was overflowed and 3,200 sheep were in danger of drowning. By heroic efforts all the sheep, with the exception of about 50 head, were piloted across.

Good beef cattle are scarce in Lake county now, and the unprecedented demand for fat cattle has caused many stock men to consider the proposition of winter feeding them for the spring market. About the only available beef cattle in the county are those owned by Henry Jackson, the wealthy Indian stock man of the reservation, who has about 150 which he is feeding at the big marsh.

An earth slide in Cow creek canyon Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock resulted in derailing the engine, tender and dead-head baggage car of the south bound S. P. overland. Michael Devaney, the fireman, was caught and pinioned under the engine as it was overturned and from the nature of the ground it was some hours before he could be released. Fortunately he was lying close to Cow creek and a constant application of water prevented his being scalded to death by escaping steam. He was taken to his home at Roseburg with good prospects of recovering.

Nothing yet has been heard of or from W. B. Booth, who started across the mountains from Foster, January 30, and it is supposed that he perished in the snow. Mr. Erickson's man went with Booth as

far as Fish lake, where there was five feet of snow on the ground and the worse storm of the season prevailing. Mr. Booth was to leave his horses there and proceed on snowshoes to his ranch on Cache creek, nine miles west of old Camp Polk. He owned a home there, and served as tollgate keeper for the road company. He was about 35 years of age and a good mountaineer.

In its issue of Saturday next the Baker City Epigram will announce that Frank A. Bowen, who for the past year has been the editor and proprietor, has sold out to Wesley Andrews, a young man who has been his foreman. Mr. Bowen retires from journalism to engage in other business which offers him a more remunerative field.

The officers in charge of the United States recruiting office in Portland has received orders to enlist no more recruits for the forces in the Philippines at present. He has been sending away quite a number of recruits lately and has evidently supplied the demand. Those who have put off enlisting will now have to wait awhile to get another chance.

There are 8000 hungry natives about Manila who want Uncle Sam to give them a square meal. They want to surrender. How much canned roast beef has Mr. Alger on hand?—Telegram.

City Election.

There was a "hot time" and no mistake Tuesday. Although all the candidates had expressed themselves as opposed to bonding the town, it was nevertheless made an issue and worked to a "queens taste."

The nominees at the meeting held Friday were not satisfactory to a number of the voters and another meeting was held Saturday evening and other candidates nominated. The saloon men considered they should have some representation on the board, but were not successful in electing their candidate, which was a disappointment to them as well as many others who favored their nominee. There were 176 voters cast with the following result:

J. C. Welch, 155; Mayor, 155; J. C. Anderson, 76; Geo Fry, 60; Geo Shelley, 91; Geo Geo Waters, 61. The highest two elected. Treasurer W. A. Govan, 89; M. L. Lewis, 67; Recorder, D. Jameson, 86; W. Y. King, 83. The result gives good satisfaction.

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