

REGARDING the President's appointment of Judge Brewer of Kansas, (nephew of Judge Field), to succeed Stanley Matthews, the Daily Examiner tritely remarks, "Mr. Naegle will not be entirely destitute of friends on the Supreme Bench."

Acting-Receiver of the LaGrande land office says regarding a new ruling for that office:

"In answer to my letter of inquiry of Nov. 15th ult., I this day received a letter of instructions from the honorable commissioner of the 12th inst., in which I am informed that all testimony taken by me in final proof cases, since the death of the late Receiver, is void. The honorable commissioner further says: 'In view of the facts, however, parties whose time for making final proof is set for a day which occurs during such vacancy, will be allowed a reasonable time after a Receiver assumes his duties at your office in which to offer final proof. Such proof may be submitted without re-publication.'"

The Oregon Pacific

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 9, 1889. By invitation of the O. P. R. Co., together with some twenty-five residents of this place, I have just had the pleasure of riding over this new road on an excursion train out as far east as the track is laid, and had the experience of walking the grade for some distance beyond the present terminus of the track. The completed road is smooth and fine.

The track is now laid from Albany for a distance of about sixty miles, some three or four miles beyond Breitenbush—the last located station. This takes it to a point about north of Upper Soda on the W. V. & C. M. wagon road, possibly as far east as a point directly north of the Mountain House, and within 35 miles of the summit of the mountains. You will remember that the railroad route misses Seven-mile hill, and the summit referred to is the summit at Sand mountain, a few miles north of Big lake. The road is graded eastward from present terminus of the track continuously for about seven miles. There is, also, considerable grading done at different places this side of the summit, making one-half of the grading done between the end of the track and the summit.

The Company is doing its own work in track laying, and has a large force of men employed. They are going ahead with the work, have plenty of ties along the line, and plenty of rails within a few miles of the present end of the track. The grading is done by contractors, who are vigorously at work extending the grade eastward from the seven miles of completed grade. The number of men employed in the work is variously estimated at from 1000 to 1500, but I was not up to where they were at work, and did not learn definitely as to the number. The soil along a portion of the road, recently graded, seems to be of a rather dry, sandy nature, seemingly no marshy places to work through, and I understand much of the same kind of ground is to be worked over on up the mountain.

Unless the weather becomes extremely stormy, there will doubtless be a great deal of work yet done this year and during the winter it will have to become very bad to stop the work of track laying, as they have box cars fixed for the hands to board and lodge in. The cars are moved along as the work progresses, so that the workmen are quite comfortable under the circumstances. The Company feels confident of having the road completed in time to move Crook county's next crop of wool. It is surprising to note the number of little towns building up along the line of this road, and the lumbering interest is being developed at Mill City; here is already quite a village, a large saw mill, planer and shingle mill all combined, and one or two stores, etc. East of Mill City, Gateville is laid off, which is the nearest point to Quartzville mines. At the Narrows, six miles further east, is another substantial saw mill in operation. At this point abundant water power is obtained by damming up the river at a place where the whole river formerly ran, thro' a cut in the solid rocks, four and one-half feet in width, thus raising the water about 60 ft. These mills all seem to be running on full time. The timber along the line of this road seems to be unlimited, and there will certainly be a very large business when the road is completed. J. N. DUNCAN.

COMMUNICATIONS BY OUR READERS.

A cordial invitation is extended each and every reader of THE HERALD to contribute to the department of the paper, on any subject of general interest. We claim the right to accept or reject any part of the above, but not to change the ideas presented. We prefer articles over the writer's own signature, but non-signatures are admissible. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions advanced by writers under the above caption.

Why Not Teach the Brotherhood of Man?

EDS. HERALD: I am surprised why the church originated the doctrine of the innate vileness of mankind. The priest and the clergy originated the church scheme to enslave mankind and rob them of their liberty and make cowards of them.

Man taught these doctrines from childhood up, becomes semi-insane and that he is undone forever, that he is insane from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet.

Why not have taught the brotherhood of man, God the universal Father, and we his children, and in his image? But that would have diverted the whole plan.

But God as an angry god, and man a wretch undone suited better. Then he goes to work to avert the awful doom that awaits him, by building magnificent temples and gorgeous places to worship in, and the statistics before me says there is 100,000 churches in the United States, and they are valued at \$700,000,000, and pay no taxes and are only used once a week and only for an hour or two. They do not furnish shelter for the homeless, nor food for the hungry, nor clothe the naked; they educate no ignorant, and they reform no vicious, and yet through the cunning of the priest and the clergy, the deluded masses are made support these institutions at an enormous expense of time and money; these gorgeous temples are only for the rich.

Just stop the pay and the whole thing would stop, and these priests and clergy would find some thing else to do; they have a good thing and they know it. Dr. Talnage gets the nice little sum of \$16,000 a year, and still slanders honest men that differs with him on religion, and eulogise the merits of the old she-dragon that has left the traces of blood in her slimy trail down through the ages, when her murdered numbered millions, and, if ever they get the Blair bill coupled into the constitution of the United States it is good-by for our religious liberties; with God in the constitution they will make other laws and gradually tighten up until man will be forced to obey the mandates of the church, then it is good-by freedom of the press and religion; the Blair bill is the serpent's low warning; it is the hiss of the viper that beheaded Burns in 1600, and other great reformers, it is the out-cropping of that old Puritanic doctrine that bored quakers through the tongue with a red hot iron, and women naked tied them behind carts drawn by oxen, and whipped through the streets of Boston for being witches. The constitution as our fathers made it is good enough. Z.

FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31, 1889.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Morton are no longer on friendly terms. As much has been suspected for some time, but it was not until the trip to Chicago from which both of them returned Wednesday morning that suspicion became a certainty. They would not go together, nor even on the same line of railroad. One had a special car on one line and one on the other, although one car would have furnished ample accommodations for both parties. In Chicago they had nothing to do with each other, and at the dedication of the auditorium, which both attended, they entered, separate, although it was the intention of the managers of the affair that they should make their entrance arm-in-arm. It is not probable that any one thing brought about the present state of feeling between the two gentlemen it has been steadily growing since March. Mr. Morton was very liberal, one might say extravagant, contributor to the republican campaign fund, and he very naturally thought that he was entitled to a little more than the fifth-wheel sort of influence usually accorded the Vice President. Mr. Harrison, it seems, thought differently, hence they now confine their association to barely speaking as they pass by.

No man ever spoke to an audience which more nearly represented the entire civilized world than was the one which gathered in the Hall of the House of Representatives, Wednesday afternoon, to hear Chief Justice Fuller deliver an address on the inauguration of Washington.

The Chief Justice, though making no pretence of being an orator in the popular sense of the word, acquitted himself in a manner that was highly creditable to him, and enjoyable to his hearers. The ceremonies were held in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's inauguration. The real anniversary was the 30th of last April, but as Congress was not in session at that date it postponed its part in the centennial until December 11.

Speaker Reed has already proven that the republican managers knew what they were about when they slated him for speaker. Never before has any speaker announced any of the committees of the House until they were all completely made up, but so anxious are the Republicans to oust some of the Democratic members and give their seats to the Republican contestants, that precedent was set aside and five committees announced last Monday. The committees named are Ways and Means; Appropriations; Manufactures; Elections; and Mileage. The committee on Elections is the one they wanted to get to work, as no contested election case can be acted on by the House until it is reported from that committee.

The defalcation absconding of E. C. Silcott, Cashier of Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom's office is still worrying the members of the House, and the question of whether the Treasury shall lose the \$72,000 stolen or the members for whose pay it was drawn, is not decided.

It was not intended by the administration that any official notice should be taken of the death or funeral of the late Jefferson Davis, but the closing of all the departments at noon on Wednesday, an account of the Congressional centennial, caused many people to think they were closed in honor of Mr. Davis that being the day of his funeral.

Speaker Reed is believed to favor having the House decide the contested election cases before any Rules are adopted. It would be violation of all precedent, but precedent doesn't count for much with some people when it happens to clash with party advantage. The Speaker has almost absolute power over the House while it remains as it is now—only governed by ordinary parliamentary rules, and if the election cases were before the House the unseating of nearly every Democrat whose seat is contested would be an absolute certainty. But it is doubtful whether the Republican managers are prepared to take the responsibility of adopting such a radical program. They will be apt to remember that in all probability the next House will have a majority of Democrats, and this belief will make them careful.

Dec. 18.—Arrived in Singapore, and is expected to reach Hong Kong four days ahead of schedule time. She has completed half the journey around the world in 34 days.

Dec. 23.—Nellie Bly at Hong-Kong. Sails for San Francisco on Oceanic Saturday; expects to arrive there January 21; was delayed at Colombo because Victoria arrived one day earlier and Oriental sailed one day later than advertised. She is two days ahead of time at Hong-Kong. The World expresses the opinion that she will accomplish the trip around the world within seventy-five days.

Courier-Journal: Since the message came out the young debating societies have a question to discuss: Which is the greatest man—"R. B. Hays or Benjamin Harrison?"

Chicago Herald: Harrison reports that our foreign relations are satisfactory. He might have added that his own relations have nothing to complain either.

Conservatism the Base for Novelty. The Seed Annual for 1890, issued by D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan, has reached our table. Its cover this year is especially artistic and attractive, and its contents, as usual, interesting and instructive. Ferry's seeds are thoroughly reliable, and always come true. The directions given in the Annual for the cultivation of both flowers and vegetables so full and explicit that no one can fail of success who uses their seeds and follows the instructions.

D. M. Ferry & Co. are very conservative, both in offering new sorts and their claims for them when off, and they take pains to inform themselves as to the true character of all new varieties, so if some much lauded novelty are not found in the Annual, the probability is they have tested them and found them of no value.

A request sent to the firm at Detroit, Michigan, will bring you a copy of the Seed Annual for 1890 by return mail.

BABYHOOD for November opens up the question of how to meet the increasing demand for intelligent nursery maids. It is a subject in which all mothers of young children are interested, and the methods proposed by BABYHOOD for raising the standard of nurse girls deserves careful consideration. No less important to parents is the warning as to "Growing Pains" given by Dr. J. Lewis Smith, "Nursery Cookery," "Scarlet Fever," "The Musical Education," "Nursery

Helps and Novelties," maybe mentioned among the many topics discussed in the current number; \$1.50 per year. BABYHOOD Publishing Co., 5 Beekman Street, New York, or with THE HERALD \$2.75.

Walla Walla Statesman: Republican papers are out with nearly everybody. They are in open and active war with the W. C. T. U. people. They are in open condemnation of the farmer's convention in St. Louis. They are down on the Knights of Labor. Since Mr. Powderly has said that he is not talking high protection these days they have no more use for him.

Baker City Democrat, Dec. 16: On his way to this city, and on the trail between the Homestake mine and Burnt river. C. W. Durkee was caught in a snow slide and covered to a depth of over ten feet, and but for assistance rendered by his partner, Geo. Robinson, who was at hand, would have perished. He remained under the snow, in a standing position, upwards of three quarters of an hour, totally unable to move hand or foot, and all the time fully conscious of the danger. He says he does not believe he could have survived the ordeal much longer, and when his friend uncovered the snow from his head it was the happiest moment of his life.

ADDITIONAL HARNEY COUNTY ITEMS.

—Next Monday Miss Laura Stancliff will start to school, in Burns.

—The Lakeview mail stage has not got in since Wednesday, Dec. 18, missing two trips to Burns.

—Mrs. M. A. Fry was in to see Mr. and Mrs. Paul Locher's little son, it having the prevalent cough.

—King, the untiring mill man, keeps the road open to his mill, and there's abundance of lumber on the market.

—Band Boys' Christmas Eve ball numbers sold 44; Christmas Night 56; New Year Night 45, an average of 47 couples per night.

—Miss Pierson, the accomplished daughter of the photographer now located in Burns, arrived Wednesday evening, from Prineville, and will remain this winter.

—Chas. Ziegler and son, Tuesday, delivered THE HERALD office what he dubbed a Harney county toothpick, a pine log 3 ft. in diameter and nearly 11 ft long. "That's the way we grow them."

—As will be seen in this issue, Victor Miller, whom we have found an attentive, industrious young attorney-at-law, has taken up his residence in Burns, and resumed his practice of law in this county. We give him the hand of welcome and trust his may be a pleasant stay.

—J. B. Caldwell, of Waitsburg, Wash., sent his little name-child, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Caldwell, of Burns, a lovely case containing an infant's silver set: knife, fork, spoon, and napkin ring, with initials of donor and recipient on each piece.

—Thursday morning a rumor is on the street that the driver, on the Bidwell end of the line, who stops at Shirk's, had his feet and arms badly frozen; if the stage could not get through how did the news get here.

—A. F. Ritterbusch informs us the Island school house is now furnished and carpeted. This, we believe to be the only school district in the county, that has shown a similar consideration for the comforts and pleasure of its pupils, during their six hours work in the school room.

—Our young lawyer friend, M. R. Biggs, by his careful attention to the details of all business entrusted to his care, is winning the confidence and esteem, of all with whom he sustains business relations. We are glad to see a young man so prosperous on his own merits.

—There is an aged Indian, a Piate, deaf from the infirmity of age, now at Crow Camp, that remembers the buffalo ranging through this country, and when all Harney Valley was dry, with no lakes. And this was then as now the home of the Piate.

—Silver State: D. L. Shirk is in from Stein Mountain. He says it has stormed a good deal out that way.

—David L. Shirk shipped two carloads of horses from this station to San Francisco last evening.

—Peter French shipped 21 carloads of cattle to San Francisco.

From Det Nois.

January 1, 1890

—I send u few items.



During 1890 the Century Magazine (whose recent successes have included the famous "War Papers," the Lincoln History and George Kennan's series on "Siberia and the Exile System") will publish the long looked for Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson, whose "Rip Van Winkle" has made his name a household word. No more interesting record of a life upon the stage could be laid before the public. Mr. Jefferson is the fourth in a generation of actors, and with his children and grandchildren, there six generations of the actors among the Jeffersons. His story of the early days of the American stage, when, a boy, traveling with his father's company, they would settle down for a season in a Western town, playing in their own temporary theater—the particulars of the creation of his famous "Rip Van Winkle," how he acted "Ticket-of-Leave Man" before an audience of that class in Australia, etc.—all this, enriched with illustrations and portraits of contemporary actors and actresses and with anecdotes, will form one of the most delightful serials The Century has ever printed.

Amelia E. Barr, Frank R. Stockton, Mark Twain, H. H. Boyesen, and many other well-known writers will furnish the fiction for the new volume, which will be unusually strong, including several novels, illustrated novelettes, and short stories. "The Women of the French Salons," are to be described in a brilliant series of illustrated papers. The important discoveries made with the great Lick Telescope at San Francisco (the largest telescope in the world) and the latest explorations relating to prehistoric America (including the famous Serpent Mound, of Ohio) are to be chronicled in the Century.

Prof. George P. Fisher, of Yale University, is to write a series on "The Nature and Method of Revelation," which will attract every Bible student. Bishop Potter, of New York, will one of the several prominent writers who are to contribute a series of "Percent Day Papers," on living topics, and there will be art papers, timely articles, etc., etc., and the choicest pictures that the greatest artists and engravers can produce.

Remittance may be made directly to the publisher, The Century Co., of New York. Begin new subscriptions with November (the first issue of the volume) and get Mark Twain's story, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," in that number.

That Dowdy

Homely girls will take heart after reading this delightful and sensible story. A girl, plain in face, and indifferent in her attire, is suddenly aroused to her defects, and, so far as in her power, resolves to amend them. Candid and guileless herself, she unexpectedly discovers that the husband whom she devotedly loves contemplates her with aversion, that she is really what a woman of honor most dreads—a despised wife. As he holds her thus in contempt, the question arises, Why did he marry her? This is one of the mysteries of the romance, the heroine of which soon convinces her husband that, while beauty is attractive, the charms of the mind are far more enduring. The story has an excellent plot, the action is natural and spirited, and the character drawing is in the author's best style. It is certainly one of Mrs. Georgie Sheldon's most entrancing stories. It is No. 24 of Street & Smith's Select Series.

The only illustrated weekly west of Chicago is West Shore, which has not a superior in any respect in the United States. Its large colored illustrations are works of art, and are of home scenes in which all our people are interested. Its editorials are crisp and pithy. Its humorous sketches and paragraphs rival those of the papers which make a specialty of them. Its illustrated poems are one of its most attractive features. In every respect it is just the paper our people want for themselves, their wives and their children. \$4.00 a year. L. Samuel, Publisher, Portland, Oregon.

There's a story told of an Irishman who was given a bed in the second story of a lodging-house in New York. In the night the fire-engines ran past with their frightful noise. Aroused from a deep sleep, and utterly terrified, Mike's first thought was to get out of the house. He hastily jerked on his trousers, unfortunately, wrong-side before, and jumped out of the window. His friend sprang to the window and cried out: "Are ye kilt, Pat?" Picking himself up and looking himself over by the light of the street lamp, he replied: "No, not kilt, Pat, but I fear I'm fatally twisted!"

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