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The Smithsonian institution recently paid $1500 dollars for a single butterfly. The species has long been believed to be extinct. The one now in the Smithsonian was caught in the Sierras.

One thing has been demonstrated by the government rain makers now operating in Texas, they have succeeded in bringing down showers of criticism and storms of abuse.—Canyon City News.

There are now sixteen prisoners confined in the Union county jail, besides Mrs. Le Bord who remains at the sheriff's home, among them several parties charged with murder. From present indications the coming term of circuit court will be a very lengthy one, and of considerable importance.—Scout

Replying to the query of a young school teacher, we answer that the amount of surplus money in the treasury of the United States at the close of Cleveland's administration was $176,607,265.11 while the available surplus now is $1,696,942.51. There is a whole volume in that simple unvarnished statement.—Albany Democrat.

A Lack of Enthusiasm.

The replies of French manufacturers to the government circulars relative to the Chicago world's fair indicate a lack of enthusiasm for the enterprise. They generally regard American's invitation, following upon the McKinley tariff, as a mere mockery. The Chambers of Commerce of Bordeaux, Lille and Roubeaux report that not a single intending exhibitor has yet applied Lyons, Steitenne and Rouen have had one applicant each. The majority of the chambers merely note the absence of applicants. About one hundred Parisan manufacturers and traders have anounced their intention to exhibit.

Murder at La Grande.

It now transpires that the man, Patrick Sheener, who fell dead in a chair at the Lodge saloon in La Grande on Tuesday morning Oct. 6, was killed by being severely beaten by the bar-tender named Abner Hall, and that his death was caused by blows administered by Hall with a bottle during the night or early in the morning. It is said the man, a new comer, had been treating in the saloon until his money ran out and was then allowed credit by the bar-tender. Toward morning the latter demanded $3.25; the drunken stranger refused to pay, and was struck and knocked down by the bar-tender, his head striking the foot railing of the bar. He was taken into a back room, came out again and tried to go outside, but was not allowed to do so. He then sat down in a chair, but soon fell out, rolling upon the floor. He was again removed to the room and the door locked, and the boys heard those present say he was dead

Hall skipped out, but was overtaken at Huntington and brought back to Union. A man by the name of Andrew Johnson was also arrested as being an accessory to the crime. Elmer Graham, Geo. Duncan and John Morrison, colored "song and dance artists," who were holding forth in the saloon, were witnesses to the affair and took the train for the west. They wer overhauled at Pendleton and brought back. There were also two other parties, Wm. Cavinaugh and Cy Graham, who were held as witnesses. An examination of the case was held before Justice Knowles, of La Grande, who bound them over to appear before the next grand jury. They failed to give bonds and were brought to Union and placed in jail.—Scout.

Demagogical.

To Senator Faulkner, Representative Bynum and others. Gentlemen: Whenever you get everything produced in your states on the free list, come out and talk to us about putting everything produced in our states on the free list. But till then your missionary efforts will be wasted.—Oregonian

This is the language of a demagogue. It is the language of one who finds himself utterly unable to answer the arguments made by Faulkner and others. Why did not the McKinley crowd, before talking free sugar to the south propose to put wool, iron, salt and lumber on the free list. The Oregonian is a bundle of egotistic, selfish, bigoted inconsistencies.—Albany Democrat.

The Guatemalan War.

From exchanges we get the following news of the revolution in Guatemala.

The revolutionists in Guatemala finally succeeded Wednesday in drawing Barillas' army into a fight and the government troops were badly used up, retreating to Guatemala City, forty miles from the scene of the fight. There was great secret rejoicing in the city when the news reached there of the defeat of the government troops. President Ezeta, of Salvador, declares Guatemala is ripe for a plan of consolidating all Central America into one republic, and he will not lose one opportunity to bring about this result. Advices from Salvador are to the offect that President Ezeta, with over 4000 troops, is on the Guatemala frontier.

THE doings of the farmer politically of to-day, are watched closely by both old parties. In reading the platforms of both the great parties one would imagine that the legislative bodies assembled and worked for no other purpose, except to better the condition of the poor agriculturist. The zeal of the one party striving in every way possible, to convince the farmer that protection is the only panacea for all his troubles. And the other great party in its effort to prove that protective tariff is a curse This fight is truely commendable and each party should be credited for its zeal. But in the meanwhile what's the farmer thinking off? For quite a number of years he(the farmer) has been promised this great rilief by protective tariff Has the relief come?

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