

THE John Day Sentinel criticises most unmercifully the verdict in the Church murder case. The jury returning a verdict of man-slaughter. This decision of the jury, the Sentinel say, "was a surprise to many familiar with the facts of the case," and further says: "In the face of all the evidence in this case it is a mystery to us how any set of twelve men could be induced to suppress conscience as to render a verdict that almost approves of this cold-blooded act." The Sentinel declares it was cold-blooded, premeditated murder, as was ever committed by mortal man, and goes on to state that the only excuse the jury could possibly have for doing as they did, was the weakness in the prosecution, which was a worse outrage of common decency than the verdict itself. No effort was made to get the strongest witnesses for the prosecution, those that were examined the prosecuting attorneys did not try to bring out the strong points, but seemed more inclined to encourage the attorneys for the defense in entangling the witnesses as much as possible. We give below what the Canyon City News says of the matter:

"Malcolm Church had a previous good character proven for him, and

the fact that he received substantial aid from men who had no interest in him except mere acquaintanceship, was a good recommendation. The boy, in a fit of passion, committed a deed that he afterwards bitterly repented of, and his friends rejoice that the law did not deal more harshly with him."

THE Sherman-Foraker fight in Ohio may result in disrupting the cabinet before Mr. Blaine's Presidential aspirations does it. It is not a secret in Washington that Blaine dislikes Sherman and that the feelings is cordially returned, nor is it that Mr. Harrison has long ago thrown the administration's influence to Sherman. To add insult to injury Mr. Harrison treated Foraker in such a brusque manner a few days since when he called at the White house to pay his respects that the frey Ohioan took himself off in a huff, and went to Mr. Blaine, his friend, for consolation. Last week Secretary Foster raised a big row in the Ohio republican association, which contains many friends of Foraker, by making a speech in favor of the re election of Sherman. Mr Blaine doesn't like this and it is believed that he is bringing all the personal influence he can command in Ohio to Foraker's aid, and that Foraker is to reciprocate next year.

Mr. Mills has the lead for the Speakership at this time, and his friends think it impossible for any

of the other candidates to catch him. All the new members, especially those who hail from the West, feel kindly disposed to Mills and will vote for him on the ground that their election to the House was chiefly due to the splendid work he did for tariff reform in the elections of November a year ago when the great political cyclone knocked the Republicans higher than Gelroy's kite. It is understood that when the first break in the caucus comes the supporters of Bynum and Hatch will go to Mills, which will elect him by a large majority.

From Van.

Van, Nov. 27, 1891.

Hauling wood seems to be the Order of the day.

Mr. Chas Anderson, of Burns, has been visiting his nephew J. H. Anderson. We learn that he started for home Wednesday.

Miss Mame Vilott returned home this week after a few weeks visit with her sister Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

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