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BAY COUNTY is the proposed name for a new county to be cut off Coos this session. The movement does not arise from any desire of the people, but originates with schemers who want county offices or have village property to make a county seat of. Coos county has no larger population than Josephine and is barely able to support a county organization as it is, but this small objection cuts no figure with those who expect to become tax eaters. Taxes are lighter in those counties where there is most assessable property, and higher where the poorer counties are staggering along under the load a county-seat ring puts on the tax payers. The people at large are never consulted on matters of county division and these schemes are generally rushed through the legislature while those who pay the taxes are asleep in their beds. There are already several counties in Oregon which cannot support county organizations, such as Lincoln, Sherman and others, and these should be an object lesson to legislators when county division comes up.

THE deadlock in the assembly, which the people of Oregon have been contemplating arises as a prologue to the struggle of Mitchell and anti-Mitchell forces for possession of U. S. senator. To the uninitiated spectator it is somewhat queer that legislators who are elected and paid to enact needed laws, should trifle away their time like school boys, but the patronage which the U. S. senator is supposed to have, is the bone of contention. Several of our legislators want judgeships or postoffices under McKinley and have secretly come to an understanding with the bosses at Washington and elsewhere to "tickle me and I'll pull for you." These secret contracts are of course unknown to the mass of voters when they are depositing their ballots for this or that "good fellow" who has been liberal with promises and drinks and cigars during the previous few days.

THE selection of John Sherman as secretary of state by Mr. McKinley does not look much like an attempt to compromise on the financial question. Mr. Sherman has been in public life for nearly a generation and is the "arch conspirator" in the "crime of '73," supposing the demonization of silver to be a conspiracy. Mr. Sherman essayed to come west during the recent campaign, but got no further than Montana, where the silver men were too numerous and demonstrative to suit him, so he went back East again. His place in the senate is to be given to Mark Hanna, unless there is too big a kick in Ohio over the change.

THE corporation papers are telling the people that they have lost everything by defeating the Funding Bill. They say the railroad cannot be foreclosed unless the government assumes the \$60,000,000 first mortgage and that congress has no power to do this. This tack is only the next move on the part of Huntington, who has been driven to it by an honest congress. The government can take the road and run it with a receiver, as it has done both the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line, with success and without bulldozing the people unfortunate enough to be found living along its lines.

MR. MCKINLEY does not want the present congress to do anything in the Cuban matter and this is a sign that a policy has already been mapped out by the incoming Administration, which will probably give us some pronounced moves in this direction. They are badly needed. It would have been better for Cleveland's record had he made some mistake and adopted a strong American policy in dealing with foreign questions. As it is, his name will be linked with that of Buchanan, who was a regular puppet when the crisis came.

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ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

What Has Happened During the Past Seven Days.

It is stated, and apparently true, that commanders of British ships lying in the San Francisco harbor are underfooting and overworking their men for the purpose of inducing them to desert.

R. L. Jeffrey, a hotel man at Astoria, Or., while intoxicated kicked George Collins and probably fatally injured him. Jeffrey was drunk.

General Miles, as chief of the ordinance board, has asked congress to appropriate funds aggregating \$5,000,000 for guns and other fittings for fortifying four points on the Pacific coast. San Francisco and San Diego, north of the Columbia and Puget sound.

The grand jury at Sacramento is likely to investigate the alleged frauds committed in the organization of the legislature.

Rev. H. C. Benson, a pioneer Methodist preacher, and well known throughout Coast church circles, died at Santa Clara, Cal., a few days ago.

The severe snow storms in Southern California mountains have driven many deer into the orchards and meadows for food.

Hillborn of California has introduced a bill in the house granting to Hannah D. Crane and others the right to sue the government for the rental and value of lands now occupied by the mint in San Francisco, in which they claim an undivided one-sixth interest.

Glendora, Cal., was shaken up by an explosion of giant powder in a drug store which did considerable damage to houses and frightened the people.

The congregation over which Rev. C. C. McLean presided at Los Angeles has objected to his longer serving the church on account of his action in the so-called Parkhurst movement inaugurated there to suppress vice.

Sonoma county has a republican majority of supervisors, who have just elected democrats to county positions.

Albert Gautenbein, employed in the woolen mills at Oregon City, accidentally fell into a vat of boiling dye and was badly burned. He begged to be killed to end his suffering.

The governor of California issued a proclamation declaring Saturday, January 16th, a legal holiday on account of the defeat of the refunding bill. The legislature was about the only body to recognize the occasion, and its members wanted to visit home, apparently.

M. B. Moraghan, who made a fortune by raising oysters in San Francisco bay, died a few days ago.

A juror came into court in San Francisco last week intoxicated. Judge Cook sent him to jail to sober up.

A. M. Dering of Riverside has invented an orange picking bag.

Yreka is to have a new up-to-date hotel, with forty-five rooms, to cost \$25,000.

The holes in the county jail at Santa Ana have gone on a strike and refuse to work.

A cave discovered in San Diego is believed to have been made and equipped for the receipt of stolen goods.

The Santa Clara County Floral Society will have a bulb show some time in February. The society has elected Mrs. J. E. Thompson president.

The Maricopa county, A. T., board of supervisors have acted from the county treasurer a bond of \$100,000, which is \$25,000 higher than two years ago.

A Georgia amateur detective has written to Sheriff Lyndon at San Jose for money to go after Danham, whom he claims is now in Florida.

The walnut growers at Goleta are grubbing out and cutting into wood all the old English walnut trees of the old varieties, and will transplant the improved variety of paper shell nut.

Blind stagers are killing larders in Alsea valley. Or. R. S. Bradley in Benton lost a team from the disease. Other horses in the valley were affected and a few other deaths are reported.

Peter Peterson, an old Arizonan and for several years an employee of the Southern Pacific, was crushed to death near Benson by falling earth and timber.

The movement in favor of a new court-house at San Bernardino has twice been defeated by popular vote, but those who favor a bond issue for that purpose propose to once more agitate the matter.

The remains of Robert J. Mueller, a young medical student, were found outside the grounds of Stanford University some months ago, and was buried in the petter's field in San Jose, will be disinterred and shipped to relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Ellen Gretchell, residing in Humboldt county, will lose one of her eyes as the result of an accident. She lay in a dangerous position, but was finally hauled off and towed to Holyhead. She sustained no apparent damage by grounding.

The work of Roentgen rays was introduced in court at Waukegan, Ill., in the case of Dr. Holt, whom Patrick Tobin charges with malpractice in setting a broken limb. A Roentgen ray radiograph was produced showing the disjuncting of the fracture.

The fund for the relief of the sufferers by the famine in India, which was started a few days ago by the Lord Mayor of London, now amounts to \$25,000. The largest subscription to the fund was that of William Waldorf Astor, who gave \$2000.

A dangerously well made counterfeit \$20 United States certificate is in circulation.

J. Pierpont Morgan has offered a gift of one million dollars to construct and maintain a living-in hospital at New York city.

Albert N. Baris, a traveling salesman plead guilty to a charge of larceny in Chicago. The judge issued a decree of divorce to wife No. 1 who was in court, and then remarried the prisoner to wife No. 2, who went to her home, while the husband goes to jail for one year.

A motor car jumped the track at Pittsburg and caused considerable damage.

Commander Philip McGriffin, who commanded the Chinese flagship Chen-yue in the Japanese-Chinese war, has gone insane from his wounds received during the war. Consciousness caused by heavy shot hitting the ship are supposed to have led to the affliction.

New York has returned Thomas C. Platt, who resigned with Roscoe Conkling when Garfield was president, to the United States senate. Platt is reported to be a political manipulator of unusual shrewdness.

OVER THE GARDEN WALL.

Interesting Items Culled From the Dispatches.

Delaware is about to abolish the whipping post as a means of punishment for petty crimes.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of North Dakota making one year's residence the limit for divorce in that state.

Senator Sherman of Ohio is said to have accepted the offer to go into McKinley's cabinet as secretary of state.

Ton Lowe, 25 years old, is under arrest in Denton, Tex., for his unusual enterprise in the matrimonial line. He is said to have had sixteen wives in eight years.

The Joint Traffic Association has decided to reduce the rate of grain between Chicago and New York from \$2 to 15 cents per 100 pounds.

The North Carolina populist senatorial caucus has nominated Dr. Cyrus B. Thompson to succeed Senator Pritchard.

The Boston Merchants' Association held its annual banquet, at which Bourke Cochran was the principal speaker. He announced himself as a free trader, believing that protection exacts a tax which is unjust.

The secretary of the interior has granted leave to the Missouri Agricultural College to select 20,000 acres of government land in Missouri, which amount had previously been charged to the college erroneously.

Eliel Assnes has sued her husband, Abraham Assnes of Cleveland, for divorce, alleging that he led her into marriage by false representations that he was wealthy. The husband sets up a similar complaint.

A gardener working in the park at St. Petersburg was called by the czar and while responding was shot dead by a guard, who assumed the man to be a would-be assassin.

The election of Hugh John McDonald to the house of commons at Winnipeg has been declared void because he had hired vehicles to convey voters to the polls.

Nine men were set adrift on floating ice at Menominee, Mich., and were driven into Lake Michigan by a fierce gale. The men were fishing through the ice when it parted from the shore and drifted to sea.

A disastrous fire occurred in the orphan's home at Dallas, Tex., on the 15th, and five children were burned to death. Three of the dead were the children of the matron, who forgot her own boys in her anxiety to save her wards.

George Woodcock, a veteran of the Civil War, died a few days ago at his home in Butte, Mont., of paralysis, and the next morning his wife, who was exhausted and worn out through constant watching at his bedside, breathed her last.

George Victor Evans of Marion county, Or., is the youngest person in the state holding a certificate to teach school. He is 11 1/2 years old and passed an examination held by County School Superintendent James last August. His general average was 73 per cent.

An Indiana barber has prepared a bill to go before the legislature fixing a tax on whiskers of \$10 a year.

Joseph Willard, proprietor of the well known hotel of that name at Washington, died a few days ago. He left a fortune of several millions dollars.

General Maceo is dead again, after having been killed and subsequently proven alive at least half a dozen times in the past month.

Ex-pugilist, ex-actor, ex-saloonkeeper and all round "artist" John L. Sullivan announces his intention of returning to the stage.

The cashier of the Northwestern Elevator Company at Toledo, O., was held up and robbed of \$500 while making up the payroll. He claims to have recognized in one of the robbers a stepbrother of his mother.

The ex-ambassador postmaster and the stamp clerk at the Salt Lake postoffice are under arrest on suspicion of having embezzled postal funds.

John H. Beadle, a well known newspaper writer, died at his home in Rockville, Ind., a few days ago.

Kansas editors have been taking corn in settlement of subscription accounts with gratifying success. One editor took in 200 wagon loads at 18 cents per bushel.

McKinley will be the third Methodist president of the United States. Of the others, eight have been Episcopalians, six Presbyterians, two Unitarians, one Christian and one Free Thinker.

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A convict in Sing Sing prison became insane by enforced idleness and tried to burn himself to death. Another jumped from a fourth floor tier and died of his injuries.

No agreement has yet been reached for the acquisition by the Atchafalaya, Toledo and Santa Fe railway of the western division of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, which extends from Albuquerque, N. M., to Mojave, Cal., a distance of 834 miles. The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad will probably acquire the central division of the Atlantic and Pacific, running from Seneca, Mo., to Pacific, I. T., a distance of 112 miles.

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