

Daily Democrat.

Salt water is heavier than fresh water because of the salt dissolved in it.

Like every other living thing the oyster has its enemies. The star fish is ravaging the beds in Long Island Sound, and one dealer already reports a loss of \$20,000.

The word "state" was first officially used May 15, 1756, when Mr Archibald Cary reported to the Virginia convention, then in session in Williamsburg, the famous resolution "to declare the United Colonies free and independent states."

The hat-ribbon decision comes at an awkward moment. It will call upon the treasury for \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 presently, which is not a pleasant thing to contemplate when the treasury is already empty and its obligations are enormous and increasing, thanks to the Billion Dollar Congress.

A dispatch from San Francisco states that Prof Brigham, in a report to the surveyors office concerning the recent break down in the crater of the volcano of Kilauea, Hawaii says the entire fire area is gone. Peaks, cones and pools have vanished, and in their place is a pit (crater) of elliptical outline, 2500 by 300 feet in extent. The walls, Prof Brigham says, were perpendicular and impassible. It is estimated that their depth was 500 feet. The break down is slightly larger than that of 1886, and differs from it in that after a lapse of three weeks the molten lava has again appeared, and the crater is filling up rapidly.

There is a vast bed of pure rock salt in the Colorado desert, and the Southern Pacific railway, in laying their tracks to the salt mines, crossed a point where, for over 3,000 feet, they were obliged to make a fill and ballast the track with beautiful lamps of pure salt crystals. This is perhaps the first instance in the history of railroading where a track has been laid in and ballasted with salt. Millions of grasshoppers and legions of giant centipedes fell into this salt when it was in a liquid state, and now, after having reposed there for thousands of years, they are found perfectly preserved.

The latest dinner novelty, according to the San Francisco Argonaut, is the serving of lettuce grown under the eyes of the guests. The secret of performing this feat lies in soaking germinating lettuce seed in alcohol for about six hours, and sowing it in an equal mixture of unslaked lime and rich soil. After the soup has been served, sprinkle the seeds with lukewarm water and they will sprout immediately, the lettuce growing to about the size of hazle nuts before the time for serving the salad arrives.

The method for caring for the insane in Holland is in establishing villages for their residences where the patients are kept in a kind of family life. Surrounding the village are farms that furnish healthful out-of-door occupation, the open-air employment being regarded as of great efficacy in the cure. Recent councils of philanthropists have discussed this idea with a view to its trial in this country. It is believed that the enforced association of insane with insane in the large asylums tends to greatly retard and often to prevent their recovery.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1891. A great big scandal, involving, through more than one of its members, the administration, may be the outcome of the Itata business. It is whispered in inside circles here that the opinions of certain people—the matter is entirely too serious to use names upon no better basis than rumor—have been influenced both for and against the Chilian insurgents by the receipt of large sums of money, which has, according to the story, been furnished by certain parties in New York who are heavily interested in Chilian commerce, and whose business rivalry is thought by many to be at the bottom of all the trouble in that unfortunate country. Certain it is that Balmaceda and the insurgents are both represented in Washington by shrewd agents and lawyers, the latter Americans, and the appearances indicate that both sides are well supplied with money and that at least one side has paid big money for the right to use the columns of certain newspapers. The administration officially recognizes only the Balmaceda government but Senator Mott, the representative here of the Chilian insurgents, or as he says, "the only constitutional government of Chili," appears to be confident that the Itata will be released by the courts and that the insurgents will soon be recognized by this government.

It is rather an odd coincidence that Secretary Foster, the defender of the extravagance of the billion-dollar congress, and a man who has been prominent in his party as a spoilsman, should have reached the same conclusion that the late Hon Samuel J Randall, who as chairman of the committee on appropriations of the House of Representatives made a reputation for honesty and economy in public expenditures never surpassed, did as to the advisability of abolishing five out of the six auditors offices of the treasury department, because of the uselessness of the work done in those offices, which consists almost entirely of duplicating the work done in the offices of the Comptrollers of the treasury. Mr Randall once drew up a bill to

abolish these and some other useless bureau of the treasury department, but he found it impossible to secure support for it in congress, because it meant a large reduction in the number of clerks employed, which meant that much less patronage for the congressmen. It would be an easy matter, were congress so disposed, to save nearly \$2,000,000 per year in this one department, by taking up and carrying out Mr Randall's original idea, which for some reason Mr Foster has seen fit to endorse.

Prof Dyrenforth of the agricultural department is on his way to the most arid section of western Kansas, carrying with him the balloons, kites, dynamite bonds, etc., with which he expects to obtain by explosions in the air a copious fall of rain in that region, where rain is unknown. He has an appropriation of \$9,000 to spend in experimenting.

Fourth Auditor Lynch, the negro who with ex-Senator Bruce was given office in exchange for a Harrison delegation from Mississippi, has just returned from that state and reports that the contract has been complied with, and that not only Mississippi but the entire south will send a solid Harrison delegation to the republican convention, which cannot be broken. He forgot to add: Unless some other candidate is disposed to open a barrel, in which case the southern delegation can be stamped just as they have been in all previous republican national conventions.

Another negro, Fred Douglas, will soon be out of a job, as it is semi-officially announced that he will not go back to Hayti as minister. He brought with him a reciprocity treaty with Hayti which he negotiated, but the administration for some reason doesn't seem proud of it.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, administrator of the estate of Charles T. McFarland, deceased, has filed his final account in the office of the clerk of the county court for Linn county, Oregon, and the judge of said court has set the 20th day of August, at the hour of 1 o'clock, p.m., as the time for hearing objections to said account, if any, and to settle said estate. This 17th day of June, 1891. H. B. SPRENGER, Administrator. J. K. WEATHERFORD, Atty for administrator.