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CONGRESSIONAL NOTES

THE TERRITORIES READY TO ENTER THE GALAXY OF STATES.

The Conditions on Which Montana Will Enter—Pension Legislation—Oregon's Militia Bill Becomes a Law—The Inaugural.

The nomination of Walter L. Bragg to succeed himself as interstate commissioner, has been favorably reported in the Senate.

The Atlanta left New York Saturday morning for Haiti. It is thought that the vessel's presence is necessary to preserve peace.

Secretary Whitney says the State department has done all it can in the Samoan matter, now rests with Congress, which alone has power to declare war.

The pension department has granted pensions to Henry F. Phillips, of Seattle, and John B. Wencmy, alias J. Smith, of Lewiston, Idaho, a survivor of the Mexican war.

Vice President-elect Morton was in Washington last week looking about the city for a desirable residence, but failed to find a suitable one. He does not desire to build or buy a home at the capital.

The Dakota delegation now in Washington feel confident that a bill will now be passed for the admission of South Dakota into the Union; also the passage of an enabling act for the early admission of North Dakota.

The President has approved the act to provide arms, ammunition, etc., for the militia of Oregon; the act to provide stores for the militia of Montana, and the act amending the postal laws in regard to the special delivery of letters.

General Swain will be placed on the retired list, notwithstanding the fact that many members of the retiring board are said to be of the opinion that his present disabilities are not serious enough to incapacitate him from further active service.

Representative Hermann's bill providing for an increase of pension for Colonel James D. Waters, a veteran of the war of 1812 and of the Oregon Indian wars, who is now ninety-four years old and blind, was reported favorably to the House last week.

Among the bills recently introduced in the House are the following: Granting right-of-way for a road across the Fort Pitta Indian reservation in Arizona; granting the Big Horn Southern railroad right-of-way across a part of the Crow Indian reservation in Montana.

Governor Swineford, of Alaska, estimates the annual resources of the territory at \$300,000,000; minerals, \$200,000,000; all other resources, \$300,000,000. He urges the development of the territory's mines, especially that of coal, which he claims exists there in large quantities.

The Senate sub-committee on finance has occupied much time in hearing opposing claims of the wool growers and wool manufacturers on changes in the tariff on wool. The impression prevails that the committee will ask for a reduction on the common grades of wool from eleven to ten cents.

Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, chief marshal of the inauguration procession, has issued an order calling on all organizations desiring to participate to notify him at headquarters before February 20th. Civic orders of less than fifty in number will not be permitted in line, or with improper costume or equipment.

The board of Indian commissioners, at their recent annual meeting, adopted resolutions deprecating the practice of changing Indian officials for partisan reasons, and urging the extension of the civil service system to the Indian service; also opposing the removal of the tribes from their reservations where they are settled and are making progress toward civilization.

The President has returned to the Senate without his approval the bill to pay \$3800 to William D. Wheaton and Charles H. Chamberlain, for many years prior to 1879 register and receiver of the land office at San Francisco. These two officers were required by an order, issued July, 1877, to pay thereafter into the treasury certain fees to which they were entitled by law.

A movement is on foot to secure a pension for Postmaster Louis Purdy, of Yorktown, Westchester county, New York, who is ninety-three years old, and who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest postmaster in the country, having served for President-elect Harrison and his grandfather before him. Purdy was appointed postmaster of Strub Oak by W. H. Harrison in 1841, and has discharged the duties of his office ever since.

The omnibus bill, which has passed the House, in so far as it relates to Montana, authorizes the people to choose delegates, to form a convention, in each district. The whole number of delegates to be seventy-four, and are to meet on July 4, 1889. They are authorized to form a State government and constitution, provided, that at the time of election of delegates the constitution adopted by the constitutional convention in 1856, and in 1858 shall be submitted to the people for ratification. Land sections 16 and 36 will be granted to the State for the support of common schools, and 90,000 acres of land are granted for the support of agricultural colleges. Five per cent of the proceeds of sales of public lands is also granted for common school purposes.

The examination of Sewall, constitutional general, by the Senate committee on foreign relations, has been concluded, but he is held here to await the printing of his testimony. He is deeply interested in the Samoan situation, and is anxious to return to the people of the United States should arouse themselves to an intelligent appreciation of the importance of maintaining the independence of the islands, in order that the government may properly maintain its interests there.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A Youthful Bank Robber Comes to Grief at Kansas City—New Mexican Cattle Line—A Judge Arrested—Other News.

Heavy snow storms are reported from Dakota.

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A warrant was recently issued for the arrest of John Hall, a prominent architect of Los Angeles, on a charge of perjury in a timber claim case.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

NEW DISCOVERIES IN THE NORTH-WESTERN MINING DISTRICT.

A Los Angeles Detective Shoots Himself. Prospectors Find a Watery Grave in the Colorado River—Nevada's Miner's Home.

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THE AGRICULTURALIST

SOME ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

Cheap Lands Not Always the Most Profitable—The Value of Hay Lies in Feeding It to Your Own Cattle—Well-Kept Farms.

To a pint of warm boiled hominy add a pint of milk or water and a pint of flour. Beat two or three eggs and stir into the batter with a little salt. Fry as any other griddle cake.

The farmer who thinks that to make money he must go where land is cheaper, should consider well if he would not make more money by making the land he has deeper and richer.

The elements of the fundamental principles of farming are: Soil, heat, moisture, muscle and brain power. The commingling of these five elements produce the key to successful farming.

Pumpkins for cows have best effect when fed before very cold weather, for there is less absorption of animal heat to warm the mass—forty or fifty pounds—that a cow will take into her stomach.

A neat and well-kept farm indicates that the owner is thrifty. The manure heap is the most important thing now. If the heap is sheltered so as to prevent loss, and so managed that everything that can be added to it can be decomposed, it will effect a saving and prevent filth in the barnyard.

We do not produce potatoes enough for home consumption if the fact that such products are imported are taken into consideration. If foreigners can ship their products 3000 miles to reach us, we can, with our improved machinery on our cheaper lands, produce more than may be required in this country.

Sheep manure contains from 90 to 95 per cent of the plant food contained in the rations consumed by the sheep. It is, therefore, a very rich fertilizer, as experience has shown. It is especially rich in nitrogen in an available form, and for that reason is excellent for use as a starter in the hill for corn and potatoes.

All smutty corn or husks should be burnt. It is better to take precaution for next year than to attempt to prevent smut by some remedy. It would have been best to destroy the affected stalks when growing, but even now no traces of smut should be allowed to exist. Seed should never be selected from a field containing smutty ears of corn.

When grain and hay crops are sold off the land they carry away the fertility of the farm, but when such crops are fed to stock not only is a portion of the crop left over as manure, but a higher price is received for such crops in the shape of beef, pork, mutton or milk, which enables the farmer to restore any loss of fertility to the soil, and as the consequence upon the keeping of stock.

The improper keeping of cream, and allowing it to become sour while waiting for more, and the failure to keep the milk and cream in some place of even temperature, is the cause of nearly all poor butter. The quality of the cream should be uniform, and pure motives, do not find working the butter can compensate for the injury done before churning, and every portion of the work should be done speedily and not be made dependent on something that is to follow.

A correspondent in the Southern Live Stock Journal gives the following as a remedy for thumps in hogs: Give one tablespoonful of vasoline, petroleum jelly (not carbonized). Repeat every twenty-four hours as long as necessary. The great advantage of the remedy, aside from its efficacy, is the ease with which it is given. It is very rarely a failure, in any event, whose children are its fruitage and the family altar is the center of its daily sanctification.

Those who sneer and mock at marriage are not God's people; they are not of those who are the best development of modern civilization; they are not illustrations either of social morality or of sound sense. They are the froth and scum that float and bubble upon the surface of social life. They are people of unbridled passions, sensual and selfish instincts or shallow minds. They are not the many, but the wild and reckless few. As a rule, marriage is not a failure, but quite the reverse. When it proves a failure, it is an exception to the rule, just as an idiot, cranks, lunatics and moral lepers are exceptional developments of human evolution.—Chicago Journal.

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PORTLAND MARKET REPORT

GROCERIES—Sugars have fallen six cents our last report. We quote C 1/2, extra C 5/8, dry granulated 6/8, cut, crushed and powdered 7/8. Coffee 8/8, Guatemala 18/24, Costa Rica 18/24, Rio de Janeiro 19/24, Arabica 19/24, roasted 23/10.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams are quoted at 13 1/2, breakfast bacon 13 1/2, extra 14 1/2, green fruit receipts 1200 lbs. Hard fruit is scarce, and the supply of apples not equal to the demand. Apples 650a 65, Mexican oranges, lemons 4/6, 4/6, 4/6, bananas 5/8, 5/8, 5/8, quinces 4/6, 4/6.

VEGETABLES—Market well supplied. Cabbage 1 1/2 per lb, carrots and turnips 2/6 per sack, red pepper 3c per lb, potatoes 25/6 per sack, sweet 12/6 per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Receipts 100,000 lbs. Sun-dried apples 4/6 per lb, factory apple 4c, factory plums 7/8c, Oregon prunes 7c, best 8c, peaches 9/10c, raisins \$2 1/2 per box, California figs 8c, Smyrna 1/2c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Oregon creamery choice dairy 35c, medium 32c, 25c, 20c, 15c, 10c, 5c, choice dairy 27c, eastern 25/6c.

EGGS—Receipts 200 cases, Oregon 25c, POLTRY (Chickens) \$52.25, for large young and \$4 4/7 for old, turkeys 14/6 per lb, ducks \$2/7 per dozen.

WOOL—Valley 18 1/2c, Eastern Oregon 18 1/2c. HOPE—Choice 84 1/2c. GRAIN—Valley \$1.35, Eastern Oregon \$1.20 Oats 33/2c.

FLOUR—Standard \$4.50, other brands \$4.25, Dayton and Cascade \$4.20, Graham \$3.25, eye flour \$6, Graham \$5.50.

FRESH MEATS—Beef, live, 31/2c, dressed 7c, mutton, live, 34/2c, dressed 7c, lamb 22/6 each, hogs, live, 5/6c, dressed 7/11, veal 6c.

The unseemly discussion which a certain class of newspapers have been making a conspicuous feature in their columns of late of the question, "Is marriage a failure?" is simply a fresh breaking out of the old and nauseous social malady of "free love." It is amazing that any editor who has either any regard for the respectability of his journal or any respect for the welfare of society should countenance the discussion of so grave a theme in the reckless and flippant style and manner in which it is treated by the class of shallow and inconsequential writers who in their anxiety to air their immoral sophistications, delight to exhibit their contempt for those things and institutions which reasonable and good men deem too sacred to be assailable.

The man or woman who seriously asks the question "Is marriage a failure?" is obviously disqualified, by a lack of either virtues or proper experience, or of intelligent and proper conviction, from answering or even discussing the question at all, the very asking of it being almost proof positive of the one asking it is of the affirmative way of thinking, and that he or she is of that way of thinking because of experiences, observations and theories that are at least superficial, but more probably the result of the individual folly or viciousness of depraved nature. A married life that has proved a failure because the parties to the contract have had neither sense enough, mutual forbearance enough nor morality enough to be faithful to its obligations is not a just sample of the marital institution, is not a fair illustration of marriage, because it is not an exponent of the average family condition of civilized society. It is exceptional and abnormal. A true man and a true woman, entering into the relations of man and wife with rational deliberation, with genuine affection, and with high and pure motives, do not find marriage a failure. They know what they are about before they enter into the intimate and sacred partnership. It is on their part not a matter of impulse, of emotion, of money, nor of passion, but of mutual and reciprocal affection, guided and consummated by the dictates of reason and of a thoughtful anticipation of all the possibilities and all the contingencies that are involved in the solemn compact. Such matches are made in heaven, are heavenly in their lifelong continuance, and extend beyond this life into heaven itself.

Marriage is a failure only when the man or the woman is a failure in his manhood or in her womanhood. It is never a failure when the man and the woman are true to themselves and to each other. It is never a failure where the feeling and the motive and the purpose are right. It is never a failure where true love and honor are the links of unity. It is never a failure where good sense and good principle lead to and control the relationship. It is very rarely a failure, in any event, whose children are its fruitage and the family altar is the center of its daily sanctification.

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INCH AND OUNCE

The Derivation of These Two Standards of Measurement.

As the Jews had a mystical reverence for seven, and the ancient Welsh and Celts for three, and the Greeks a perfect philosophy constructed out of the harmonies of all sorts of numbers, so the Romans fell back upon a scale of—or, more properly, upon a scale with a base of—six. Accordingly, as they divided the pound into twelve ounces, so they also divided the foot, which was the standard of linear measure, into twelve sections, and they called these sections uncia, too. But how did they get the inch originally? It may be asked. Rather, how did they get the pound? For that and the inch, is the unit. There seems to be no precise information on this point. They would divide the unit into twelfths, and a prevailing notion was at one time the linear uncia was really the original, and was then transferred as a name to a weight. This, though plausible, is hardly the case. Sometimes, especially in old books, written when philology was not what it is now, it was the fashion to derive uncia from the same word in the Greek, because, after the revival of letters in Europe, the admiration of the Greek became so great that whenever similar words were found in it and some other language it was always said that the other language borrowed them from the Greek. This is very far from being always so, and in the present instance the very reverse appears to have occurred. The ounce is literally the twelfth, and thus we see at once the sense of speaking of an ounce of land and an inch of milk, just as of an inch of a man's will or an inch of interest for money on a loan. It was always the twelfth of a unit; twelfth of an hour; twelfth of a jugerum, that half-acre which the two oxen plowed in a day; twelfth of a sextarius, or equivalent to our pint; twelfth of the entire hereditis; twelfth of the principal lent on time when it was money at usury—that is, over eight per cent.

It is, accordingly, as much of a mistake to say that the primary meaning of the word is a linear, which is to say that it comes straight from the Greek into the Latin and thence on to us. The riddle is plain enough when we get to the true origin of the word—a twelfth. Once, indeed, it used to be said that the word meant thumb breadths, because its equivalent, pollex, in linear measure, was often used in its place. But this is not the case. Some of the old Latins themselves, moreover, thought it meant literally the unit; but even this will not hold beside the proper signification of the twelfth.

The pound weight really never divided by inches or ounces, it was divided by twelfths, by halves, by thirds, by fourths and by sixths. And here, again, we see what a convenient base a system of twelfths is for division compared with a system of tenths, which could only be divided evenly in two ways—by two and five. For seven ounces they use the literal seven-twelfths; for eight ounces they said two parts—that is, two thirds; for nine, wanting a fourth, which with us reads like a roundabout way of expressing three-quarters; for ten, wanting a sixth; for eleven, wanting a twelfth.—Boston Herald.

BEATING A LAWYER. It is Done by a Farmer Who Believes in Treating His Cattle as Equals.

"You newspaper fellows," said a Taylor township farmer to a reporter the other day, "have had so many guys and gags at cider that the majority of people believe we add half water in every case."

"Don't you?" innocently inquired the scribe.

"No! you blame numbskull, we don't!"

"But I—"

"Oh, of course, you thought so, but you fellers ain't expected to be too smart in the top-story. However, I was going to tell you about a lawyer in town. He wanted a barrel of cider, but he was terribly afraid of being cheated. He engaged me to bring in the juice, and in order to keep me straight he said:

"Now, then, when the cider comes I shall test it with a lackadissal, and if there is any water in it I'll make you sweat for swindling."

"Did he say lackadissal?" asked the reporter.

"Something like that. It made me a bit mad, and so I planned to fix him. I brought in a cask holding forty-eight gallons. Thirty gallons were well watered and the rest cider. I left it at his house, and to-day I called at his office to get my money."

"And he went for you?"

"Hardly. He gave me half a dollar extra, and said it was the first barrel of genuine cider he had had in ten years."—Detroit Free Press.

Which Man Felt the Worse?

"You look depressed," said one club member to another. "I am depressed," was the reply. "I went home last night slightly under the influence and my dear little wife would not say a word to me this morning. I feel pretty badly. I can tell you."

"Crickety!" commented the other. "I wish my wife would do likewise. But when I go home 'tired and troubled' you bet I catch it. Why, she'll almost talk my head off and she'll follow me all over the house lecturing. No talk to me! Why, that is just what I want her to do. You are the luckiest chap I know."—Denver News.

She Was Not a Cook.

Miss Grimes, do you sing? She—A little.

She—And play? She—Yes.

She (sighing)—Paint, too, I suppose? She—Some.

She—Recite any? She—Once in a great while.

She—Do you cook? She—No!

She—Thank Heaven! Miss Grimes, will you be my wife? Burlington Free Press.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Chaussier dried a man in a kiln and there resulted only twelve pounds of solid matter.

—An experiment recently made in Scotland proves that the tortoise can walk a mile in four hours.

—Telephones are great conveniences, and yet people are all the time talking against them.—Yonkers Statesman.

—A traveling man remarks that any fellow who makes love to a widow is literally courting danger.—Merchant Traveler.

"I wish I could sell all I write," remarked a certain author to