

FROM THE CAPITOL.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS—INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Increase of Pensions—Admiral Kimberly's Report to the Department—Easter Monday at the White House.

Zach Montgomery will practice law at Washington.

Alex R. Morrison, of Mexico, will be appointed timber agent.

Secretary Blaine is suffering from a slight attack of lumbago.

The Chinese minister at Washington is soon to give a farewell ball.

E. W. Carson, of Spokane Falls, W. T., has been granted a pension.

John T. Lobaugh has been appointed postmaster at Pullman, W. T.

Ex-Congressman B. J. Ellis, of Louisiana, died suddenly last Thursday.

Julia A. L. Castro has been commissioned postmistress at New Era, Or.

Easter Monday is always children's day at the White House and grounds.

The president was overwhelmed with office-seekers and other callers last week.

The appointment of W. C. Hunt has been recommended as statistical expert.

First Comptroller Durham severed his connection with the treasury department on the 22nd inst.

The senate committee on our relations with Canada, will start for the Pacific Coast in a few days.

Prominent republicans think an extra session of congress will be convened by the president in October.

The president has appointed Willis Sweet, of Idaho, attorney for the United States for that territory.

President and Mrs. Harrison entertained vice-president and Mrs. Morton at dinner, last Wednesday.

Charles J. Goff has been appointed special agent of the treasury department for the fur sea islands in Alaska.

At Rigby, Bingham county, Idaho, a new postoffice has been established, and John Parks appointed postmaster.

J. L. Stoddard, present disbursing officer of the department of labor, has been recommended as disbursing officer of the census.

No apprehension is felt at the navy department respecting the non-arrival of the Monongahela and Brooklyn at their destination.

The president has appointed the following postmasters: Edward Anger, at Halley, Idaho, and George P. Cook, at Flagstaff, Arizona.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Whitford has under consideration the establishment of several star mail routes through Oklahoma.

On the 21st inst., President Harrison received a delegation of Southern republicans, among the number being several well known colored men.

The secretary of state is informed that Russia will send delegates to the Marine Conference, which meets at Washington on the 18th of October next.

Commissioner of Pensions Tanner last week rendered a decision by which the pension of Henry Dembets will be increased from \$30 to \$72 per month.

The resignation of Nicholas M. Bell, superintendent of the foreign mail service of the postoffice department, has been accepted by the postmaster-general.

Admiral Kimberly has forwarded to the navy department a report from Chief Eberstadt, stating that the engine of the Nipic has been tried and worked well.

The naval board appointed to select a site for a navy yard on the Northwest coast, having completed its labors, have returned to their respective former duties.

The president has appointed as the committee to negotiate with the Sioux Indians, Dakota, Hon. William Warner, of Kansas City, and Hon. Charles Foster, of Ohio.

The acting comptroller of the currency has authorized the Washington National Bank, of Tacoma, Washington territory, to begin business with a capital of \$100,000.

The secretary of war has ordered the commanding officers at all the military posts to fire a national salute of thirty-eight guns April 30, the Centenary of Washington.

Consul General Walter, at London, in his his report to the department of state, says there has been a general revival of trade and commerce throughout the United Kingdom.

The following residents of the Pacific Coast have been granted pensions: Washington Territory—Joel Bradley, La Center, Idaho—Mexican survivor, John Green, Boise Barracks.

Secretary Rosk has appointed Dr. G. E. Morrow, of Campaign, Ill., to represent the Agricultural Department at the Jubilee show of the Royal Agricultural Society to be held in England this summer.

Commissioner Stockslager, of the general land office, says that from present indications the contests over land claims in Oklahoma would ultimately involve nearly every quarter section of land in that territory.

Corporal Tanner, commissioner of pensions, rendered an important decision on the 23d inst., in passing upon the application of John Webb, late private of Company D, Indiana cavalry, for an increase of pension from \$24 to \$40 per month.

HOME AND ABROAD.

Hundreds of Boomers to the Oklahoma District Reurning—Heavy Hailstorm in Georgia—Notes.

Albert M. Frey, the pool champion, died last week.

The sanitary commission has reached Jacksonville, Fla.

The Michigan legislature has passed the anti-dressed beef bill.

The old board of directors of the Union Pacific has been re-elected.

Four murderers escaped from the Wichita, Kan., jail, last week.

Hundreds of disappointed Oklahoma boomers are on the back track.

The sleeping car interests are to be united in one enormous concern.

Jackson, Miss., after being dry nearly two and a half years, is again a wet town.

For the fourth time in English history the title of the Duke of Buckingham has become extinct.

The monastery of Melk, in Austria, has just celebrated the 800th anniversary of its foundation.

Signs of effort to establish a Whisky Trust have become manifest in the United Kingdom.

The City of Mexico proposes to follow New York's example and clear the streets of wires and poles.

Otto Falke has started in a small boat from Bangor to New Orleans. The trip is made on a wager.

The heaviest hail and rainstorm ever known in that section of country, fell in Atlanta, Ga., on the 24th.

The fellows who crowd the White House to keep certain other fellows from getting office are called "spikers."

Claim-jumpers in Oklahoma are creating considerable trouble, and several of them have been killed in consequence.

The Russian Czar is suffering from extreme nervousness and excitement, being in constant dread of attempts on his life.

A Swedish laborer who landed in New York a few days ago, was shipped back to Sweden under the contract Labor law.

A remonstrance from leading property-owners against an elevated road in Boston, is published in the papers of that city.

Lord Brownlow denies that he has accepted the viceroyship of Ireland. He says that he has never been offered the post.

C. J. Smith has been appointed general manager of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, with headquarters at Portland.

It is officially announced that Prince Ferdinand, nephew of King Charles, has been selected as heir to the throne of Roumania.

The Farmer's Alliance of Mississippi has obtained room in the penitentiary building to operate a bagging factory of a capacity of 5000 yards a day.

A bill is pressed in the legislature of Michigan to establish the business of twine manufacturing in the state prisons. These movements are hostile to trusts.

Boulanger says he fled from Paris because the government had formed a plot to assassinate him, and failing in that, to sentence him to death by a one-sided court-martial.

The French Ambassador at Rome has just discovered there a famous portrait of Voltaire that has been missing for more than half a century. It represents him in his youth.

Topeka, Kan., has the largest electric railway system in the world. There are sixteen and a half miles of track in operation, and a speed of fifteen miles an hour can be attained.

The Mammoth hotel at Rockaway beach, which was built by the Rockaway Beach Improvement Company in 1879, has been sold for \$29,000. The building will be torn down.

There were more than 17,000 saloons in Ohio. Under the policy of taxation by regulation this number has been reduced one-half and the revenue amounts to \$2,500,000 a year to the state.

The debtor who does not pay in Siam must become the slave of his creditor, who charges him from 15 to 30 per cent a year, puts him in chains and takes his work as the interest of his debt.

Applicants for country postoffices are now sending their photographs to Washington to be filed with their papers of indorsement. It is noticed that nearly all photos represent very good looking men.

The Connecticut State Board of Charities has investigated charges made against officers of the state prison of Weathersfield, and a shameful state of immorality and lack of discipline was shown.

The Texas Spring Palace at Fort Worth, Texas, will be opened on the 29th of May. Its object is to exhibit Texas to the people from other states, and to induce men and women to see the South for themselves.

Grand Old Man Gladstone is to be honored with a great natural monument. The highest peak of the Finisterre range in New Guinea is to be christened Mount Gladstone. It is said no white man has yet reached its summit.

Count Papenheim, formerly adjutant to the late King Ludwig of Bavaria, is reported to have absconded to America with the funds he obtained by the sale of estates, leaving a large number of creditors to bewail his flight.

Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, has vetoed the bill providing for the removal of the state penitentiary. The measure was regarded as the first step toward the abolition of the convict lease system and the governor has raised a storm of popular indignation.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

HACKMEN OF PORTLAND ORGANIZE AN ASSOCIATION.

Government Land Thrown Open for Settlement—Steamer Sunk—Railway Notes—Disastrous Collision—Items of Interest.

Petroleum has been struck at Ukiah.

Frasno has organized a Tally-ho club.

San Diego complains of the price paid for ice.

Pneumonia is plentiful in Hawthorne, Nevada.

The plant for the creosote works at San Pedro has arrived.

It has been so far a bad year for bar-racuda in southern waters.

The hackmen of Portland are to organize a protective association.

The cutworms has appeared in some some of the California vineyards.

Many Santa Rosa ladies have been victims of endowment associations.

Konrad Frederick Wiemeyer, editor of the Sacramento Journal, died last week.

San Diego county bee men say the prospects were never better than this year.

There is a report that the oil wells at Seape are not yielding as much oil as formerly.

The mayor of Portland and city council are at outs respecting the location of a city hall.

William Hamilton, a prominent rancher of Grub Gulch, Fresno county, died recently.

Yosemite was connected by telegraph with the outside world last week for the first time.

Santa Cruz has fixed the liquor license at \$200 per annum, and the circus license at \$250 a day.

Two female tramps, who carry their blankets and sleep in barns, are doing Yolo county.

Mulky's Tom Daly, Little Dock and Butcher Boy were the winners of the races at Fresno on the 18th inst.

Frankie Joesink, a 10-year-old boy, fell under a moving freight train at Sacramento, recently, and was killed.

Los Angeles last year shipped away 8000 tons of citrus fruits and imported from the East 7021 tons of beer.

Mrs. George Lovelock was drowned while fishing in a slough near her residence, on Humboldt river, Nev., last week.

The commission to fix a site for the insane asylum for Southern California voted for a locality last week, but as each voted for his own county, no result was obtained.

At Victoria, B. C., on the 23d, the corner stone of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital was laid by Mrs. Nelson, wife of Lieutenant-Governor Nelson.

Austin A. Bell, a prominent and very wealthy citizen of Seattle, W. T., committed suicide on the 24th inst., by shooting himself through the head.

Corbett and Choyanski, San Francisco pugilists, have signed articles to meet in a fight to a finish for a purse of \$1000 a side, Queensberry rules to govern.

A disastrous collision occurred at Thompson Falls, on the Northern Pacific, on Monday last, in which the engineer, fireman and brakeman were injured.

Charles Mint, an Italian fisherman at Seattle, W. T., was arrested last Tuesday for attempting to rape Mabel Gifford, the 5-year-old daughter of a laundress, man of that city.

Hon. John F. Swift, the newly appointed minister to Japan, accompanied by his wife, left San Francisco on the steamer Oceanic, last week, for his new field of labor.

Governor Stevenson's call for a constitutional convention, to be held at Boise City, July 4, has been unanimously endorsed by the republican territorial central committee.

Albert J. Cody, who bit off a portion of Joseph Morin's lower lip, in a fight last month at Portland, has been convicted of mayhem. The penalty is next to that for murder.

N. Cooper was cut to pieces recently by a California halfbreed Indian named Ben Jones, at Colony ranch, Harvy county, Or. They were apparently very friendly a few minutes before the killing.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation company is pushing its line through the Cour d'Alene reservation and Cour d'Alene mountains to Mullen. About two thousand men are employed.

The steamer Alliance, owned by the Portland & Coast Steamship Company, had a collision with the steamer Danube on Thursday last, near the Willamette slough, in which the Alliance was sunk.

Frank Sanford who killed himself at San Rafael last week, was a son of Hon. Stephen Sanford, and a cousin of Congressman Sanford of Amsterdam, N. Y., which place he left to avoid divorce proceedings.

A new railroad company, known as the Rockford & Spokane Falls, has been organized to build from Rockford, twenty-five miles, to Spokane Falls. When completed it will open a new line to Portland via Farmington and Pendleton.

At Seattle, W. T., on the 23d inst., the government authorities advertised two townships of valuable timber land to be thrown open for settlement. The rush for the land office almost equalled the frantic rush of the land-seekers to Oklahoma.

HOME AND FARM.

The Turkey Toilet—The Care of Poultry—The Pruning Season—Farm Improvements.

Plants require their food in a soluble condition. No matter how much manure is added to the soil, only the soluble portions are used. The solids can not be of benefit until they decompose and are dissolved by the moisture.

Knitting silk has been found to wash better than embroidery silk, and so makes more serviceable outlining on damask cloths for the figure. Monograms on doilies are worked with yellow silk, in large letters, at the middle.

Poultry need a good, dry dusting place. They like it better on a level with the floor of the poultry-house than to climb into a box. Over-feeding or keeping on corn and other fattening food is quite as frequent a cause for hens failing to lay as lack of food.

Farmers have a much greater sphere of influence on the flavor of milk produced than they suppose, or they are willing to admit. The reason why a certain number of consumers in all large cities are willing to pay what, to a farmer or an average consumer, may seem extraordinary prices is because they get butters of high flavors which are always uniform. The makers of these butters nearly all use clover or meadow hay and corn meal, in varying proportions with other coarse fodder and meals.

Lemon Shortcake: Make a shortcake dough exactly like a strawberry shortcake. While that is baking grate the peel of a lemon and squeeze every drop of juice from it into the bowl, then take half a cup of sugar and half a cup of molasses, a teaspoonful of water, a little lump of butter and a tablespoonful of flour. Let this boil until it is just about as thick as a boiled custard. When the shortcake is baked cut it in two parts, and pour the mixture over the lower one, then lay the upper part on this, bottom side up, and cover that also with custard.

Brown bread, which may be also served as a pudding, is made by taking one cup of molasses, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a half cup of boiling water; stir this in the molasses until it is thoroughly mixed with it, then add three parts of graham flour to one of corn meal in sufficient quantity to make a batter, to this add a tablespoonful of melted lard. Steam this four hours. If you wish to eat it hot in place of bread, dry it in the oven for fifteen minutes; if for pudding, serve it fresh from the steamer with a sour sauce.

Fresh salads: Fresh salads ought to lie long in water; the withered only long enough to crisp them. The outside leaves are thrown away, the inner ones parted, well rinsed and examined, and, if necessary, plunged into salt and water for a few minutes, which will quickly free the leaves of any insects that may cling to them. They may be thrown into a colander or salad basket to drain, and thence into a napkin held by its four corners and shaken lightly until it absorbs the water hanging about the leaves. Handle the salad as little as possible in cutting. Do not mix it with dressing until the moment of serving, and then it is usual to put the liquids at the bottom of the bowl and stir it up just before serving. Salads of fish, meat or potatoes are better made half an hour before they are used, except such as are mixed with leaf salad. Let chives or onions be handled apart when used, not mixed in, as so many object to the flavor.

The Nursery Toilet: Some one should make a protest against the sopping of children's hair with water, or using a wet brush in dressing their hair, to save the nurse or mother some trouble in arranging it. Water constantly evaporating from the surface affects the natural circulation, the color and oil of the hair; it should be used on the scalp only, to cleanse it, or at fixed times to wash the hair, and this preferably at night, when the head can be well covered up to avoid taking cold. It will be found quite dry in the morning. The use of hot water, instead of cold, for cleansing the scalp and hair may be recommended. Hot water is a stimulant and should give the hair a good color. It is known that sulphur is a component part of the natural color of the hair, and some of the hot water hair dressers avow that they can distinctly smell the sulphur developed by this process in the hair with the hand rubbing that accompanies its use. Hair dries more quickly also, after the hot water application than the cold. But be sure to pin the head up—after rubbing—in a towel, which can be removed and replaced, if it becomes wet. If salt be applied, it should be in this way. Occasionally this application will give a sound sleep to restless or fatigued heads.

The best and the shortest way to improve a farm is to reduce the stock, plow your fallows in winter so that the soil will be warm and dry and the subsoil decomposed early in the spring. Harrow well and then sow ten or twelve quarts of grass seed to the acre when you put in your oats. If all take, your chance is good for obtaining from five to ten acres of oats and a field of grass. Then prepare as many acres for rye-sowing, provided your land is not good enough for wheat, and the two crops will give you all the straw you need, and the corn field, with usual good luck, will produce enough to fatten stock. At the end of the season you will have the produce from fifteen to twenty acres of land, represented in oats, corn and potatoes, and as many acres sown with rye and wheat. Keep just stock enough to eat up the produce in grain and hay, and after gathering your next year's crop of hay and grain, covering say fifty acres of your farm of one hundred acres, you may think of adding as many head of cattle as your farm will sustain without purchasing heavily of foreign supplies. By the end of the fourth year you are ready to put in a crop of wheat and save plowing up your bottom meadow, you have re-seeded your whole farm and are now ready to enlarge your dairy—and at the end of ten years your land ought to be in a condition to double your crops and the number of your cattle. This is in rotation.

PORTLAND MARKET.

THE OUTLOOK VERY PROMISING FOR THE FARMER.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in Good Demand—Sugars Have Advanced—Wools in the Interior are Higher.

The condition of the local merchandise market continues to be active, and shows that Portland is getting its fair share of the expanding trade of the country tributary to it, while the favorable spring weather gives every indication of another bountiful harvest. Sugars have advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ all around. Provisions are steady at former quotations. Fresh fruits and vegetables of all kinds find ready sale. Dried fruits are selling fairly well. Oregon prunes especially. In dairy produce and poultry the market is about steady, while wools in the interior are held too high by 3 or 4 cents per pound. The grain market is rather quiet, but flour remains steady and in demand at quotations for standard brands. We quote:

SUGARS. Golden C 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, extra C 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢, dry granulated 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, cube, crushed and powdered 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Coffee: Costa Rica 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Rio 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Java 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, Mocha 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 31¢, Arbuckle's roasted 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

PROVISIONS. Oregon ham 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 13¢, breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, sides 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 11¢, shoulders 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 9¢. Eastern ham 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 13¢, breakfast bacon 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, sides 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 11¢. Lard 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ @ 11¢.

FRUITS. Navel oranges \$4.75, Riversides \$3.25, California lemons \$3.50 @ 4 per box.

VEGETABLES. Potatoes 30¢ @ 40¢, onions 13¢ @ 14¢, rhubarb 15¢, tomatoes \$2.50 per box.

DIET FRUITS. Apples 5¢ @ 6¢, sliced 6¢, apricots 13¢ @ 14¢, peaches 8¢ @ 10¢, pears 8¢, Italian, 8¢, silver 7¢, German 6¢ @ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, plums 5¢ @ 7¢, California figs 8¢.

DAIRY PRODUCE. Butter, Oregon fancy 25¢, medium 20¢, Eastern 22¢, California 18¢ @ 20¢.

EGGS. Eggs 14¢.

POULTRY. Chickens \$4 @ 6.50, ducks \$10 @ 11 per doz., geese \$10 @ 12, turkeys are 3¢ higher at 20¢ per lb.

WOOL. Valley 16a17c, Eastern Oregon 10 @ 15c.

HOPS. Hops 10 @ 15c.

GRAIN. Wheat, Valley \$1.25 @ 1.27 $\frac{1}{2}$, Eastern \$1.15 @ 1.17 $\frac{1}{2}$, Oats 30 @ 31c.

FLOUR. Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.90.

FEED. Hay \$13 @ 14 per ton, bran \$14 @ 15, shorts \$15 @ 16, barley \$22.50 @ 24, mill chop \$18 @ 20.

FRESH MEATS. Beef, live, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, dressed 7c, mutton, live, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, dressed 7c, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs live 6c, dressed 7 @ 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, veal 6 @ 8c.

—A new sort of coursing is complained of in the English journals, being a regular hunt, by well-to-do young men, of cats with bull-dogs in the metropolitan streets.

—The temperature of Siberia was once much milder than at present. This change of climate is said to account for the conversion of what were once secondary birds there into birds that migrate to South Africa and elsewhere.

—The Emperor of China, a boy of seventeen, has a serious hesitation in his speech, and he speaks with considerable difficulty. He is quiet in disposition, but very obstinate when once he has formed an opinion.

—The nitrate industry of Chili is rapidly developing large wealth. An English company, organized in 1883, has re-earned \$125 for every \$100 paid in. Since that date new companies have been organized, with an aggregate capital of \$10,550,000.

—At Cayenne when a convict dies the body is borne to the sea and a great bell is tolled. And then is the viscous, glaucous sea surface furrowed suddenly by fins innumerable, swart, sharp, triangular—the legs of the sharks rushing to the hideous funeral. They know the bell!—Harper's.

—An "Emperor William clock" has been made in Berlin. The case represents the Emperor's palace. When the hour strikes the palace guard marches past, and William I. with his first great-grandson, now the little Crown Prince, appears at the historic corner window where he so often showed himself to his people.

—A monument is to be erected on the spot in the Forest Epineuse, where stood the oak tree in which Gambetta and M. Spuller alighted from their balloon, in their escape from Paris to Tours during the Franco-German war. The tree itself was recently cut down by the owner, who has no regard for relics.

—In a report made by a committee of the British Association, it is stated that the physique of the inhabitants of Great Britain "varies considerably according to social standing and environments," the professional classes being the highest in the scale, the artisans in the towns the lowest, while the intermediate position is occupied by the country laborers, farmers, etc.