

EASTERN ITEMS.

THE TALK ABOUT AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Presidential Clemency—Heavy Damages Recovered—Robbers Captured—Rainfall in Washington—Suicides in Ohio.

White caps are yet active in Ohio. A white-lead Trust has been formed. There were three suicides at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 31st. The Scotch-Irish Congress is in session at Columbia Tenn. Thirteen sat at the Presidential table at the Centennial ball. Talk about an extra session to organize Congress is again revived. The Chicago Club gave Minster Lincoln a farewell dinner on the 8th. Great suffering is reported among unsuccessful Oklahoma boomers. The prospects for a large peach crop in South Jersey were never better, it is said. The consignment of trotters from Palo Alto has reached New York in good condition. Bugs and the fly are playing havoc with the wheat and tobacco plants of Kentucky. "Maple syrup on snow" is a treat that they are yet able to serve among the Maine hills. Fifth-venue Hotel entertained 1500 guests each day during the celebration in New York. The president has appointed Asa Matthews, of Illinois, to be first comptroller of the treasury. The White House oak which was blown down a few days ago, was planted by Martha Washington. About fifteen companies have been organized during the past month to build cotton mills in the South. "Jere" Dunn, the prominent sporting man who killed Jimmy Elliot in Chicago, is defendant in a divorce suit. Edward Scovell, leading tenor of the Boston Ideal Opera Company, is threatened with complete loss of voice. A number of men, charged with robbing cars belonging to the Union Pacific Railroad, were arrested in Montana. The rainfall in Washington during the past month was 9.13 inches, an excess of 6 1/2 inches over the average for April. A Kansas family has arrived at Zellwood, Fla., in a "prairie schooner." The journey took them nearly four months. All the Florissant, Col., robbers escaped into the mountains but one, who was killed. The body has not been identified. The Supreme Court of Michigan has decided in an insurance case that the suicide of an insane man is an accident. A hemorrhage of the lungs has caused John A. Egan, appointed minister to Denmark, to write a letter of declination to the president. Tramps in the jail at West Chester, Penn., are compelled to break stones on the street, wearing ball and chain attached to their legs. One of the most suggestive incidents in the great military parade was the cheering called out by the playing of "Dixie" by the Southern bands. It is estimated that the amount paid for window-rent of Fifth avenue, New York, during the Centennial parade would pay all the taxes on that street for a year. Work on the branch of the Mexican Central road running from Aguas Calientes to San Luis Potosi is nearly completed, and trains will be running in less than a month. The Mayor of Cincinnati has appointed a wealthy and influential lady, Mrs. Mauley, of that city one of the Work-house directors. The war department has just completed and published the allotments of the \$400,000 appropriated by congress for the equipment of the militia. Six women were killed and five injured in a collision between a street-car and a switch-engine on the Michigan Central tracks, in Kalamazoo, last week. The books of ex-Treasurer Wildman, of Typographical Union, No. 6, of New York city, are being examined by experts, and it is reported that he is about \$8000 short. An explosion on the whaling bark Sea Fox of New Bedford, Mass., while the vessel was at Equinima, killed five men, injured several and badly damaged the vessel. Secretary Tracy has extended for four months and four days the time allowed the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, in which to complete cruiser No. 5, the San Francisco. The Interstate Commerce Commission has given the representatives of the Western roads a hearing in the matter of mileage allowances on cars furnished by shippers, car companies, individuals or connecting lines, etc. Secretary Windom gave a hearing to persons interested in the question of the dutiable character of Canadian built cars, used in the transportation of merchandise between Canada and United States points. The introduction of high license in Boston has closed out 1700 liquor saloons. Furnishings to the value of \$2,000,000 are on the market, and over two thousand able bar-tenders are ready for professional engagement in other cities. J. Latourrette, a Frenchman, committed suicide at Santa Barbara last week by taking poison.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Queen Victoria's Birthday—The Czar's Edict—Three Missionaries Held for a \$5000 Ransom.

The Pundita Rainabai has reached Bombay. Vesuvius is in an alarming state of eruption. Boulanger's presence in London is almost unnoticed. Gold commands a premium of 56 per cent at Buenos Ayres. Two new streets in Berlin are to be named Bach and Wagner. The Zouave uniform is to be abandoned in the French army. Boulanger has been elected to the Municipal Council of Paris. Count Tolstoi, Russian Minister of the Interior, is dangerously ill. The Paris boulevards are to be lighted this summer by electricity. Lord Cadogan is mentioned as next Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The American pilgrims in the Holy Land have arrived at Nazareth. Emperor William is opposed to the appointment of a papal nuncio at Berlin. It is rumored that the Duke of Newcastle will soon be in the divorce court. Searle, the Australian oarsman, sailed for England May 10th to meet O'Connor. The houses of sixteen Boulangists at Neuilly have been searched by the police. An International Anti-slavery Congress will be held at Lucerne, Switzerland, in July. Queen Victoria will celebrate her birthday Friday, May 24th. She was born in 1819. The Eaton, England, Steel Works is to have shears that will cut nine feet steel plates. Thirty persons who were selling socialist pamphlets at Hamburg, have been arrested. Sir Charles Dilke will soon deliver a series of labor speeches in the mining districts of England. Figaro says the kings of Belgium, Saxony, Greece and Servia will visit the French exhibition. Sir Morrell Mackenzie was offered \$30,000 to treat an American patient. He wants the earth. The steamer Willand has arrived at New York from the Azores, with the Denmark's passengers. A Kurdish Chief recently attacked an American village and burned several prominent citizens alive. A London paper thinks that telephones are more generally used in Sweden than anywhere else in the world. Three systems of elevators—two French and one American—are used in the Eiffel Tower at the Paris Exposition. A storm has destroyed all the crops in the Goeritzen district of Silesia. Five persons were killed by lightning. The Pope has removed Father Agostino for invoking the Divine blessing upon King Humbert and the Italian army. The Sultan of Turkey is about to build a new palace, and has ordered the furniture from Paris regardless of expense. The revolt of the supporters of the British government against the Sugar Bounties bill gains in strength every day. An exposition of agriculture and forestry is to be held in Vienna from the middle of May to the middle of October, 1890. President Carnot has received Thomas A. Edison with extreme cordiality and holds almost daily conversations with him. The chief of the Zanzibar insurgents holds three English missionaries in his power and schedules their freedom at \$6000. Belgium's zinc manufacturing business has developed until one-third of all the zinc used in England is made in that country. Emperor William proposes to make a trip in the autumn to the North Cape. He will be accompanied by Saltzman, the painter. A project to place an export duty on Swedish iron ore has just been defeated in the Swedish parliament by a considerable majority. Russian petroleum is competing with the American product in the Dutch East Indies, which have been customers of the American companies. Information has been received at Vienna from Rome that the Pope will bestow the Golden Rose on the Dowager Crown Princess Stephanie of Paris. Alexander, the well-known collector of Chinese and Japanese works of art, has offered to give £100,000 to build a gallery for national historical portraits. The miners' strike in Westphalia is spreading. During the labor riots last week in Gelsenkirchen, a miner was killed and many persons were injured. The Czar of Russia has issued an edict forbidding members of his family to contract morganatic marriages. Hereafter they must take their matrimony straight. Machinery is driving out hand labor at last in the nail-working trade in England. The machines have had a monopoly of the business in this country for many years. In spite of the attacks of Canon Taylor and Mr. Caine, the income of the Church Missionary Society for the year just closed will be larger than in any previous year. The Comte and Comtesse of Paris will celebrate their silver wedding on the 30th of May. It is rumored that the Comte will issue a manifesto in honor of the occasion.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

SEATTLE'S RAILWAY CONNECTION WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stage Robber Captured—Murder and Suicides—Criminal Libel Suit—New York Capitalists at Ellensburg, W. T. Santa Cruz is to have a \$25,000 jail. Ellensburg, W. T., has 4000 people. Visalia will soon be lit by electricity. Watsonville has decided to reincorporate. The cherry crop around Vacaville is light. The "lovers" have been driven out of Oroville. San Leandro elected the people's ticket last week. Portland's exports for April amounted to \$160,705. May 8th was pardon day at the California capitol. Petaluma has raised its liquor license from \$11 to \$100 a quarter. Roxburg has signed as catcher of the Sacramento baseball club. The Portland & Clackamas Railway Company has incorporated. Work was begun recently on the water works for Umpqua City, Or. There are some prospects of establishing a military post on Drake's Bay. At Ellensburg, W. T., 400 houses, it is estimated, will be built this season. On the 7th inst., the first train ran over the line between Paso and Selma. The San Pedro, N. M., carbonate strike promises to be a big thing for the territory. Fishing for perch in Clear Lake is now all the rage. They take the hood freely. It is now decided that the Pacific Methodist College will remain in Santa Rosa. The Washington Territorial Dental Association was held last week at Spokane Falls. The woman suffragists are making a vigorous campaign in Washington Territory. The hot springs at Temicula, San Diego county, are said to be equal to those in Arkansas. James Hutchinson, a logger at Bradbury, Or., was killed recently by a log crushing him. The Tehama county clerk says the divorces are about equal to the marriages in that county. Seattle is to have railroad connection with the Canadian Pacific at New Westminster within a year. Work has been begun on the life-saving station at Point Reyes, which is to be completed by August 15. The young vineyards at Woodbridge, San Joaquin county, have been ruined this spring by cutworms. Nineteen thousand sheep and 123,895 pounds of wool were shipped from Huron, Fresno county, in March. A large deposit of asbestos has been found near the line of the Ouyamaca railroad, in San Diego county. Emil Weber, a well-known sporting man of Portland, Or., was shot and instantly killed on the 10th inst. New York capitalists have purchased 180 lots near Ellensburg, W. T., and will make substantial improvements. Bill Keogh of Chicago knocked out Phil Duncan, colored, of California, in three rounds at Virginia City, last week. The committee on Commercial Relations with Canada stopped over at Reno last week and attended the theater. The excitement over the gold find in Douglas county, Nev., has died out. It is intimated the claims were salted. Mr. and Mrs. John Holser, of San Buenaventura, charged with the murder of Daniel Sheldon, have been discharged. A chrome mine has been discovered on Jacillites creek, in the Coast Range, twenty miles west of Huron, Fresno county. Prisoners in the Spokane Falls jail attempted an outbreak recently, but a murderer in the woman's cell betrayed them to the guard. On the 6th inst., Fred Simmons, aged 13 years, accidentally shot and killed Avarado Apadaco while hunting near Halfmoon Bay. The city clerk of Stockton says with a tax levy of \$1.83 on the \$100, this year, the city will run short \$40,000 before the end of the fiscal year. Walter T. Logan, an Arizona cattleman, died at the Lake Erie Ranch, near St. John's, A. T., on the 6th inst., from an overdose of morphine. Whale-oil soap is being extensively used in the orchards in the vicinity of Santa Rosa for exterminating the codlin moth and other insect pests. Harry Bethune, the famous sprinter, and Frank Lewis, a Pacific Coast runner of more than local note, are matched for \$250 a side at Seattle, W. T., May 26. The Los Angeles Herald says: All the employes of the Southern Pacific living in the desert will be supplied with ice by the company during the coming summer. W. H. Pain, a Victoria, B. C., sculler, says he will accept the challenge of Henceman and row for from \$500 to \$1500 in October, at Stockton or San Francisco. The notorious dance house at Fresno, which was closed by the vigilance committee last year, has been granted a liquor license by the Trustees, and the papers predict trouble.

HOME AND FARM.

The Way to Test Seed Corn—A Gargle—She p. Raising Profitable—Stock Breeding—Bee Culture.

Don't plant corn that will not grow. Don't plow the land when wet or sticky. Be sure and test your corn before planting. Don't breed a draft mare to a trotter or a thoroughbred. Mix the dry horse manure with the wet cow manure. There is no sweet corn for late planting that excels Stowell's evergreen. Don't breed to a misshapen, ungainly horse, even if he has a long pedigree. Watch the young ewe's for frequently they will not allow the lambs to suck. Don't breed to a horse that is accidentally good looking in spite of bad ancestry. Young chicks may be put upon a cracked wheat diet after about three weeks of age. Some farmers may not, of course, be in a position to keep bees to advantage—this must be a matter of individual judgment. It will be readily understood that, to be a money-making farmer, one must be able to manage men profitably; he must also understand to a great extent the markets of the world. A little soda as well as salt is recommended to boll with cabbage, and effects the flavor agreeably. For one head of cabbage take a pinch of soda equal in bulk to a good sized pea. The latest idea in window curtains are the pretty shades, hand painted. A cool fawn-colored linen shade is the background for a branch of lilac; a spray of pink hydrangea looks well on gray linen shades. Do farmers ever stop and consider their loss when they allow their manures around stables, pens, etc., to take the spring rains before hauling out? Manure is too valuable to lose when it can possibly be avoided. A gargle made of strong black tea and used cold, night and morning, is now the fashionable preventative in London against falling a victim to sore throat during the cold winds of spring and similar "cold spells" at other times of the year. A delicious pudding is made in this way: Chop a pine apple quite fine; take some cake which is a little dry, rub it fine in your hands or crush it on a kneading board; put it into a pudding dish in alternate layers with the pineapple, sweeten abundantly, moisten with cold water and bake in a moderate oven for an hour and three-quarters. The way to test seed corn is simple and easy. Take two thin sods; on the soil side of one place the corn (take a kernel only from each of several cobs, fifty or so) moisten with warm water; place the other sod soil side down on them; put under the kitchen stove, keep moist with warm water three or four days. Lift up your top sod—you will know what per cent will grow. Sow your celery seed. An ounce of seeds should produce 2000 plants. Sow on a fine seed bed and cover the seeds very lightly. If the weather becomes dry water the young plants. Grass must be kept out, and should there be danger from heavy winds at night or frosts, a covering of muslin held at the corners with weights may be spread over them, though the young plants are quite hardy. For chapped hands take half a gill of olive oil and two ounces of beeswax; cut your wax into thin strips, put that and the oil into a gallipot on the hob and let it gently dissolve, after which stir it thoroughly and let it get cold, when it will be fit for use. If too hard, add more oil. This is a good thing for all chaps, whether hands, feet or lips, and is neither disagreeable nor unpleasant if applied to the lips. Very rich fritters are made of one and one-half pints of flour, the yolks of four eggs, two small teaspoonfuls of baking powder, butter the size of a large hickory nut, salt to taste, with enough milk to make a thick batter, fry in lard that is heated to the boiling point. A rule for plain ones may be wished for also. Two eggs, one cup of sweetmilk, a little salt flour enough to make a stiff batter. These are nice with maple syrup. The early weeds that spring up on fields not intended for cultivation can be kept down by a flock of sheep. Many weeds that are unfit for food when matured serve as choice morsels for many kinds of stock when they are just shooting out of the ground. Sheep graze very close, and forage all over a field very industriously. They find every vestige of green food that appears, and by keeping down the weeds early the field can in time be entirely cleared of the pests. To make a loaf of light corn bread for breakfast, beat up two fresh eggs, add a cup of milk, half sour and half sweet, a lump of soft, fresh butter, a little salt and a little salaratus. Beat in enough corn meal to make a moderately thin batter. Beat very hard, pour into a buttered pan and bake in a pretty hot oven—one not hot enough, however, to burn the top before the middle is cooked. The batter, with the addition of a little flour, will make excellent griddle cakes. Thimble rigging is something new in the sewing line. Some one has invented a piece of thimble rigging which is conducive to a seamstress' comfort. A metallic ridge is attached to one of the faces of the thimble just below the indentations. This is known as a thread cutter, and is meant to save the trouble of using the scissors at every finish, not to speak of the pernicious habit of biting off the thread with one's teeth. The enamel of the teeth is very quickly destroyed in this way, decay soon follows, and your teeth are ruined before you know it.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT STILL REMAINS VERY DULL WITH NO DEMAND.

Early Fruits of all Kinds in Demand—Cured Meats Steady—Apples Extremely Scarce—Sugars are on the decline. A spell of fine weather is all that is now needed to ripen the abundant crops of early fruits of all kinds for market. Wheat remains very dull, with no immediate prospect of any improvement. Sugars have fallen 1/2c since our last report. Cured meats are steady at former quotations. Fruits are in steady demand. The market is well supplied with butter. The local wool market is rather quiet and very little business is reported. The wheat market continues to be depressed. We quote: GROCERIES. Sugars, Golden C 6 1/2c, extra C 6 3/4c, dry granulated 8c, cube, crushed and powdered 8 1/2c. Coffee: Costa Rica 21 1/2 @ 22 1/2c, Rio 22a23c, Java 25a27c, Mocha 28@31c, Arbuckle's roasted 25 1/2c. PROVISIONS. Oregon ham 12 1/2 @ 13c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2c, sides 10a10 1/2c, shoulders 8 1/2 @ 9c. Eastern ham: 13@13 1/2c, breakfast bacon 12 1/2 @ 13c, sides 9 1/2 @ 10c. Lard 10s 9 1/2c. FRUITS. Navel oranges \$9@5.50, Riversides \$3.25. California lemons \$3.50@4 per box. VEGETABLES. Potatoes 30@40c, onions \$2, rhubarb 3c, tomatoes \$2 per box. DRIED FRUITS. Apples 4@5c, sliced 6c, apricots 13@14c, peaches 8@10c, pears 8c, Italian, 8c, silver 7c, German 6@6 1/2c, plums 5@7c, California figs 8c. DAIRY PRODUCE. Butter, Oregon fancy 20c, medium 15c Eastern 22c, California 18@20c. EGGS. Eggs 30c. POULTRY. Chickens \$5, broilers \$3@4, ducks \$10, per doz., geese \$9, turkeys 20c per lb. WOOL. Valley 16a17c, Eastern Oregon 10@15c. HOPS. Hops 10@15c. GRAIN. Wheat, Valley \$1.25, Eastern Oregon \$1.15 Oats 30@31c. FLOUR. Standard \$4.25, other brands \$3.90. FEED. Hay \$13@14 per ton, bran \$14, shorts \$15@16, barley \$22.50@25, mill chop \$17@20. FRESH MEATS. Beef, live, 3 1/2c, dressed mutton, 7c, live, 3 1/2c, dressed 7c, lambs \$2.50 each, hogs live 6c, dressed 7@7 1/2c veal 6@8c.

THRESHER TRAIN ARRIVED.

Z. T. Wright's Immense Train of Advance Threshers Arrived in Portland at 4:30 P. M. Last Friday.

This is the only special freight train that ever crossed the continent that had a special printed time card for the entire trip. The C. B. & Q. R. R. had this special time card printed before the departure of the train from the East, and it has been run on strictly schedule time all the way through. There are more threshers on this single train than any firm in Portland has ever yet shipped during an entire season, there being 72 threshers besides engines and horse-powers. It is learned from Mr. Wright that this shipment is only a portion of the order that he has already placed with the Advance Thresher Company for this season. To give some little idea of the importance of this shipment, it can be stated that if these threshers were strung out one behind the other they would reach a distance of twelve blocks. The train was in charge of Mr. Clarence L. Wright, a younger brother of Mr. Z. T. Wright, and the former enjoys the distinction of making the first visit to the coast in the full enjoyment of a special train, he being the only passenger on this train. Mr. C. L. Wright expects to make his home in the future on this coast. It is further learned from Mr. Wright that last summer he was about over thirty machines, and it was this that induced him to make this enormous shipment this year. He will make every endeavor to fill all orders received during the present year, but he advises all parties who desire threshers to send in their orders as early as possible. Mr. Wright says that the Advance Thresher is the only machine in the market that will stand crowding up to its full capacity and not waste the grain, and as farmers are like all others of the times, the making every attempt to do everything in a hurry, they have found by careful trial that the Advance Thresher is the best machine in the market to-day. The train was stopped below the N. P. Mills and was photographed, and any of Mr. Wright's friends who wish a photograph of the largest train of Threshers ever shipped west of the Rocky Mountains, and more threshers than ever has been shipped in any one train by any firm except the Advance Thresher Company, they can get it by applying in person or by letter. Mr. Wright informs us that the greater portion of the machines on this train are already sold. He also says that there is no machine in America that can equal the Advance for fast work and and saving grain. Mr. Wright's warehouse and office is at the foot of Morrison street, and he will take pleasure in explaining the merits of the Advance Thresher to all who may be interested. Please mention this paper.