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OCCIDENTAL MELANGE

Catholic Priest Overpowered and Robbed by a Mexican.

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA RESERVATION.

The Strait of Fuca Reported to be Stacked With Drift Logs—An Editor Acquitted of Libel.

Phenix, A. T., has a free-delivery postal system.

The National Bank of Pocatello, Idaho, has been authorized to do business.

Los Angeles' Council has voted to permit the building of a smelter inside the city limits.

The diamond fields in Idaho are creating intense excitement at Nampa and neighborhood.

The four-masted barkentine Jane L. Stanford, the largest wooden sailing vessel ever built in California, was successfully launched in Humboldt Bay recently.

Turnkey French was attacked in the Idaho penitentiary at Boise by Samuel Hatton, a desperate convict, and in self-defense French stabbed and killed Hatton.

The Chamber of Commerce at Los Angeles by a resolution has requested the Governor to recommend that a branch of the State Treasury be established in that city.

Citizens of Florence, Or., desire that that town shall be incorporated, and a charter is now being prepared for submission to the people before the Legislature meets.

In the court-martial at Mare Island on the Mohican case the testimony so far taken goes to show that there was some friction among the officers at the time of the accident, and also that the Mohican was inefficiently manned.

Grangeville, Idaho, proposes to make an active fight to secure the location of the State Agricultural College at that point. The experiment station on Camas prairie is in excellent condition, and experiments will be begun next spring, mainly with grasses at first.

The big government dike at Snag Island in the Columbia river has been completed, and the gangs of workmen were taken to the mainland. The dike is 19,000 feet in length, and is placed in the river so as to force the current into the old river channel and to keep the river within narrower bounds. Frequent soundings at marked points show that the channel is steadily increasing in depth.

The Wolcott reports that in the recollection of sea-faring men on the Coast there has never been so many drift logs in the Strait of Fuca as at the present time. The high freshets have swept down the fallen logs of ages and sent them adrift to the sea. Logs that have been buried in the sand for years along the beach below Port Crescent have been washed up, and in some places great dams of logs are formed, rendering it dangerous for navigation.

The monster whale that came ashore at Elk Creek about a month ago is rapidly melting away over hot fires at Mr. Logan's ranch. A large force of men are rendering the blubber, which is in an excellent state of preservation, and the result will be nearly 100 barrels of excellent unrefined oil. The whalebone, which averaged three feet in length, was taken out some time ago, and footed up a total weight of about 300 pounds. The skeleton, as soon as cleaned, will be set up in front of the Logan house at Elk Creek.

Articles of incorporation of the Northern American Navigation Company were filed the other day at San Francisco by a number of the prominent residents of that city. The corporation is formed with a capital stock of \$3,000,000 and for the purpose of purchasing or building vessels to carry on business as common carriers between San Francisco and Panama, and then to make connection with the Panama Railroad Company's lines or other agencies that afford communication with New York and another Atlantic ports. The term of the corporation is given as five years.

On a charge of criminal libel at Portland George H. Moffett, editor of the Telegram, has been acquitted. The alleged libel consisted in an article published prior to the city election last June, charging a number of persons with levying assessments on gambling houses and the inmates of the houses of ill repute to be used in carrying the election for the Republican ticket. Judge Shattock instructed the jury that the levying of assessments to be used in a political campaign was not a crime, and that, therefore, no libel had been committed.

The other night an individual called at the residence of Father O'Reilly, a Catholic priest of Colton, San Bernardino county, Cal., and asked him to hurry with him to the bedside of a dying man beyond Colton. The priest hurriedly made arrangements, and got into the buggy of the stranger. After they passed Colton the stranger, who was a scoundrel, overpowered the priest, took him of his watch and money and left him out in the middle of the night to find his way back. The robber was afterward

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL.

The Arid Region of the United States—Incandescence Lamps—Rudolfsky Cheap in Sweden.

St. Louis leads in shoe distribution. Oysters cost 40 cents a quart in Denver.

There are over 7,000 saloons in Chicago.

Agriculture employs 3,000,000 Italian women.

Electricity is applied to the blocking of boots.

Paper socks are made and worn in Germany.

Baden has a 2,000-horse-power electric locomotive.

A sable muff of approved style costs as high as \$300.

An enormous rice crop has just been harvested in Louisiana.

About 10,000 gross of pens are produced from a ton of steel.

Fifty thousand Missouri moles are sold in St. Louis every year.

Minnesota is making 38,000 barrels of flour on an average a day.

Great Britain has enough coal stored in her mines to last her 900 years.

Sixteen women are employed as ticket agents on the Brooklyn elevated road.

According to statistics 11,803,000 bales of cotton were used by the world last year.

Skates which sold for \$6 and \$8 a few years ago can now be bought for from \$2 to \$4.

Bicycles are used by some of the Chicago policemen in the discharge of official duty.

More than 1,000,000 Canadian immigrants have migrated to the United States since the year 1860.

The product of American distilleries of all kinds last year amounted to 117,186,114 gallons.

The old-time quill pen is still used in the British patent office, where the steel pen is unknown.

It is estimated that about 150,000 incandescence lamps are burned in New York every night.

The linen manufactured yearly in England could be wrapped around the earth seven times.

A single row of pearls as large as peas and perfectly round were sold recently in Paris for \$120,000.

An apparatus that economically delivers grains of corn to poultry only as fast as used is a late invention.

Europe consumes upward of \$24,000,000 worth of gold and silver annually for plate, jewelry and ornaments.

The arid region of the United States comprises 1,300,000 square miles, or nearly one-third of the entire country.

Incandescence lamps are ridiculously cheap in Sweden, the price of those with all voltages up to 125 being about 20 cents.

Ten thousand pounds worth of pearls were in three years' time during the last century taken from mussels in the Tay near Perth.

A single mahogany tree in Honduras was recently cut into boards, which when sold in the European markets realized nearly \$11,000.

During the last six years 1,600 novels have been published which have succeeded so far that they were asked for at the libraries.

The historical egg which Columbus made stand on his little end has been made the model of a pipe which has just been put on the market.

The platinum beds of the Ural Mountains are the only ones in the world in which this metal is found in grains.

Platinum is found in Brazil and in the Cordilleras in the hard serpentine rock, but never in the form of grains.

New York is the richest municipal government with one exception in the world. Paris alone surpasses it in the amount of its revenues and in their purchasing power. London has a divided authority and a double system of government.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Value of the Signature of Three Great American Generals in the Autograph Market—Edison.

Oliver Wendell Holmes will be invited to write the ode for the opening of the World's Fair.

General R. E. Lee's signature is worth \$10 in the autograph market, General McClellan's \$3 and General Sherman's \$5.

Mrs. Emmons Blaine has recently given to the city of Augusta, Me., \$10,000 to found a library in honor of her husband's memory.

A costly pipe is that which the Shah of Persia smokes on state occasions. It is stated to be worth \$320,000, and is set with rubies, diamonds and emeralds.

Mrs. Sarah Kiple of Scranton, Pa., is 90 years old, and has smoked since she was 20. She has spent a thousand times as much in tobacco as in doctors' bills.

M. Legouve, the oldest member of the French Academy, is 85 years old. Pierre Loti, the youngest, is 43. With the exception of ten all the academicians are 60 or over.

Edison, the electrician, is satisfied with cracked wheat and cream for lunch, and dines as plainly as if he was still a poor operator who had to count every quarter he expended.

Miss Celeste Stanifer, to whom Samuel J. Tilden was once engaged, and to whom he left \$400,000, is a resident of Chicago. She is still beautiful, and is reported to have refused many offers.

BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

An Advance in Stocks Increases the Value of Gould Property.

BOOMERS READY FOR A RUSH.

Application for an Injunction Restraining the Commissioners From Closing the Fair on Sundays.

The tobacco trust has captured the Lorillard.

The Supreme Court of Mississippi has decided that alcohol is not a beverage.

New York health officers are preparing to receive the cholera again next summer.

About 4,000 men are without employment and on the verge of starvation in Toronto.

Secretary Foster estimates a deficiency of \$50,000 in the quarantine estimates for 1893-4.

Justices of the United States Supreme Court bar cigarette-smoking from their apartments.

The Iowa corn crop is reported to be far short of the usual average, caused by the wet weather.

The City Council of Dubuque, Ia., has decided to buy the plant of the Dubuque Water Company.

General Boynton asks the House Appropriations Committee for \$100,000 for the Chickasaw National Park work.

For the fun of chasing Garza, the Mexican border bandit, the United States government has thus far paid \$200,000.

A New York syndicate is trying to buy for \$7,000,000 all the rolling-mill and heat furnaces in and about Youngstown, O.

The Hudson river is to be dredged to a uniform depth of twelve feet from Troy southward at an estimated expense of \$2,000,000.

The recent advance in stocks has made the Gould property worth about \$15,000,000 more than it was on the day of Gould's death.

The packing in Chicago since the opening of the winter season is 622,000 hogs, or 50 per cent. less than the same time last year.

Among the Missouri exhibits at Chicago will be twenty-four varieties of tobacco from the experimental farm of the State University.

Another appropriation for the government exhibit at the World's Fair of \$201,000 is asked, making the entire appropriation \$1,800,000.

A supposed ghost at Flatbush Hospital, New York, turned out to be a live man who had been hauled off to the morgue as dead, but returned.

There is trouble with the Welsh tinworkers at Elwood, Ind. They refuse to permit the company to operate patent machines with unskilled labor.

Boomers are already assembling on the southern border of Kansas in anticipation of the opening to settlement of 6,000,000 acres of land in Cherokee Strip.

Telephones have been introduced at the government rifle range at Fort Sheridan, Ill., as a means of communication between the firing points and the targets.

Emer Ferrin of Long Branch, N. J., is reported to have vomited eight green peppers, each an inch and a half long, that had grown from seed in his stomach.

J. F. Lee, the American astronomer, who has been studying at Berlin for four years with Prof. Forester, has been appointed to the chair of astronomy at the Chicago University.

Premier Gladstone will be invited by the World's Fair authorities, they say, to cross the ocean in order that he may deliver the address at the formal opening of the exposition on May 1.

The Eastern railroads are getting ready for the Chicago Fair. Car builders are overrun with orders. One Eastern firm is turning out seventy-five cars per day, and has orders ahead for 5,000 cars.

Boston is to get gas for cooking, heating and power purposes for \$1 per 1,000 feet, while that for illuminating purposes is to have a candle power of at least twenty-five, instead of sixteen as now.

Zinc miners at Webb City, Wis., have noticed lately that a shaft they were digging has been growing hotter. At a depth of 163 feet the other day they had to stop work, as flames burst through into the shaft.

A new serpent mound, the largest now known, has been discovered by Prof. Putnam near Fort Ancient, O. It is 1,600 feet long and about ten thick, and is considered one of the most remarkable of prehistoric works.

An application for an injunction to restrain the World's Fair Commissioners from closing the fair on Sundays is to be made before the courts at Chicago.

The application is based on the assumption that the Jackson Park is public property held by the Park Commissioners in trust for the people, and that they have no authority to close the public room entrance to it any day in the year.

For some time John Voorhis has been a teacher in the primary department of the public school at Williamsburg, Cal. He was also an amateur dentist. When children were unruly he extracted their teeth as a punishment, the stating them with greater punishment if they should tell their parents. He extracted ten teeth from one Italian boy, who told his parents. This was the direct cause of the mob organizing to lynch the man. Voorhis got wind of their coming, and made his escape on horseback.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

The New Nicaragua Canal Bill Increases the Obligations of the Canal Company—Etc.

There is to be an organized effort in the House after the holidays to bring about some financial legislation, probably taking the shape of an attempt to repeal the Sherman law. The opponents of free coinage believe this daily menacing of the securities of the government is inevitably leading to gigantic losses. On the other hand, the friends of silver are not less active, and expect to see a free-coinage bill forging to the front before many days of the new year have passed. Stewart's amendment to the bill of Hill provides for a repeal of the Sherman act, and makes that measure practically a free-coinage bill. Stewart thinks that when it comes to a vote it will pass.

Representatives Hermann of Oregon and Wilson of Washington were greatly disappointed at the failure of the bill in Congress for the increase of the light-house service in the United States, in which both Washington and Oregon were largely interested. In the bill was a provision for twenty-five beacon lights and buoys on the Willamette river between Portland and Salem; also for a light and fog signal at the mouth of the Willamette, as well as lights for other places on the Oregon and Washington coasts. There were other bills reported from the same committee which were sidetracked by the failure of this bill, among them being a bill allowing the Great Northern Railway Company to build a bridge across the Columbia river.

Mr. Foster said recently that he thought it a grave mistake to assume that the Monetary Conference will prove to be a failure. The taking of a recess was expected by the administration when the American delegate left Washington City. Bothheld's proposition and his declaration that unless something is done to insure the better use of silver among the nations serious consequences would follow is in itself a hopeful indication that the prominent bankers of the world feel the necessity of reaching an agreement of such a nature as will secure approximate uniformity the world over in dealing with the question. The Secretary said that so far as he was personally concerned all he expected of the preliminary conference had been accomplished. The general feeling of the conference was even more favorable than he anticipated.

The new Nicaragua canal bill reported by Senator Sherman is drawn on substantially the same lines as the bill reported from the committee to the last Congress, including as it does the proposition to guarantee the bonds of the company to the extent of \$100,000,000 to aid in the construction of the canal. The new bill, however, contains some additions, which increase the obligations of the company as well as the security of the government. For instance, the real and personal property and the franchises of the company are included in the liabilities. It is provided that all stock heretofore subscribed for or issued shall be called in and canceled; all bonds issued redeemed and canceled, and all outstanding obligations satisfied before the act takes effect. The date is changed to make the bonds issue in January, 1893, and mature in 1953; but they are also made redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after 1913. The section requiring the company to execute a mortgage to the United States as security for the guarantee is amended by the addition of a clause requiring the mortgage to contain a provision for a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds at maturity. If the company defaults in the payment of interest or other respects before the canal is put in operation, the right of foreclosure shall at once attach in favor of the United States.

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