

OCCIDENTAL MELANGE

Geary Chinese Act Obnoxious to Portland Ministers.

A NEW FIND OF COAL IN ARIZONA.

The Purchase of a Controlling Interest in the First National Bank of Santa Barbara, Cal.

The cattle ranges in Arizona are reported in fine condition.

Rear Admiral J. B. Skerrett has assumed command at Mare Island.

All the attractions of Al Hayman and Charles Frohman are to be played at Los Angeles hereafter.

The Portland Ministerial Association has adopted resolutions asking Congress to repeal the Geary Chinese act.

The new coal find near Flagstaff, A. T., is creating much interest. The coal is of a fine quality and the veins large.

A party of conchologists is to visit Point Loma at an early date to secure shells, which are said to be abundant in that section.

Senator John P. Jones of Nevada and other capitalists have purchased a controlling interest in the First National Bank of Santa Barbara.

A considerable quantity of cabbage, cauliflower and celery is being shipped from Los Angeles East in carload lots, but the demand is greater than the supply.

A petition to the Oregon Legislature has been extensively signed throughout the Willamette Valley to have railroads fence their lines where they run through pasture and meadow lands.

The orange crop in the south will not begin to move much for two or three weeks, when heavy shipments may be looked for. The quality and quantity are both ahead of any previous season.

An apportionment bill, based on the vote cast at the recent election, has been introduced in the Idaho Senate. The bill provides that each county shall have at least one Senator and Representative.

There are valuable slate beds four miles from Merlin in Josephine county, Or. This is the only slate quarry known in the State, and Portland contractors have been obliged to obtain their slate as far away as Maine.

The Bradstreet mercantile agency reports fifteen failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with fourteen for the previous week and fifteen for the corresponding week of 1892.

Captain Anderson, a pilot at San Pedro, while cruising in his yacht off Santa Monica had an adventure with a whale, which passed under and raised his vessel three feet. A shot in a vital part of the animal drove it away.

The appeal in the case of the People of the State of California vs. Ah Lee Deon, a Chinaman who was convicted of murder in the first degree at San Rafael and sentenced to death in March, 1891, has been affirmed by the Supreme Court.

The Arizona Press Association has passed resolutions favoring the admission of the Territory as a State and recommending the appointment of L. C. Hughes, editor of the Tucson Star, to the office of Governor under the Cleveland administration.

Jean Baptiste Trauvico, a survivor of the famous Donner party, and who claims to have been the only one in George Donner's camp who for many days was able to keep up the fire and wait on the others, is living in Santa Rosa, Cal., in destitute circumstances.

A novel house is to be built on the ocean front at Coronado by N. C. Jones of Mantua, Cal., for a winter home for himself and wife. It will be two stories in height, and the front, facing the sea, will be of glass. The roof will be flat and covered with cement for a roof garden.

The will of W. S. Ladd of Portland has been filed for probate. His widow is given an annuity of \$24,000. His sons are left all banking interests. The sum of \$450,000 for educational and charitable purposes has been left in trust, and a number of relatives in Massachusetts have been bequeathed annuities. Ample provision was made for all the family.

An error in the census taken in Boise in 1890 has been the means of depriving the residents of the suburban districts of the enjoyment of the same postal facilities extended to those in the heart of the city. An attempt has been made to have the matter righted, and a statement recently forwarded to the department at Washington, which shows that the population is 5,800 instead of 2,000, as erroneously supposed, will probably help greatly in straightening the matter out.

Thomas Hann, Treasurer of Berkeley, Cal., is short in his accounts to a considerable amount. He gave a check on the Berkeley Bank for \$0,000 to the German Savings and Loan Bank of San Francisco in payment for electric-light funds. The Berkeley Bank refused the check, as Hann had no money on deposit. Hann says he has used his town's money in his own business, and he has no idea how his affairs stand. He has turned his property, valued at about \$25,000, over to his bondsmen, and a sheriff is examining his books.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

The House Committee on Territories Reports Favorably on the Admission of Utah Into the Union.

The President has determined to leave the Grater Lake and Mount Hood reservation to his successor.

The House Commerce Committee has adopted the report of the subcommittee on the bill to allow pooling by railroads under supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Commission by a vote of 6 to 5 rejected the railroad pooling provision amendment to the Otom bill, and will report the bill as thus amended.

The House Committee on Territories without division has ordered favorably reported the bill enabling Utah to form a constitution and State government and to be admitted into the Union.

Senator Dolph has introduced a bill for the relief of the Blacklock Wheat Growing Company, which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and will probably be reported favorably soon.

In reporting to the House the Committee on Election of President says relative to the bill repealing the Federal supervision of election statute that "voters must be freed from such espionage and interference" and that "the people have decided Federal meddling with elections must cease."

It is now certain that the sundry civil appropriation bill will contain a provision to allow the four States admitted in the omnibus bill the preference right of sixty days to select lands for their public institutions. Attorney-General Jones says this is worth \$7,000,000 to the school interests of Washington.

The lighthouse bill, which passed the House, contains the following appropriations for Oregon and Washington: At the mouth of the Willamette river, Or., a light and fog signal, \$6,000; at Gray's Harbor, Wash., a first-order lighthouse and fog signal, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000, in addition to the appropriation of \$15,500 already made; on the north head of Cape Disappointment, Wash., a first-order lighthouse, not to cost more than \$80,000, and when the light shall have been established the light at Cape Disappointment will be discontinued and a light of the fourth order to be substituted therefor; at twenty-five points on the Willamette river between Salem and Portland, beacon lights and buoys, at a cost not exceeding \$5,000, and the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. Representative Wilson has already secured in the sundry civil appropriation bill a provision for a lighthouse at Gray's Harbor.

Perhaps the most important meeting of the Finance Committee of the Senate held during this Congress was that which resulted in the decision of a favorable report of the bill to repeal the Sherman silver purchase act. Subsequently Sherman reported the bill, and it was placed on the calendar. The meeting was largely attended, every member being present except Senators Jones and Vance, who is ill. While a majority was in favor of the action taken, a vigorous opposition was manifested by Harris of Tennessee and Voorhees of Indiana. Those who voted to report the bill favorably were Morrill, Sherman, Allison, Aldrich, Hilscock, McPherson and Carlisle. Senators Voorhees and Harris entered an emphatic protest against the proposed action of the committee, and would have been joined by Senators Jones and Vance had they been present. The meeting is said to have been interesting. This is probably in reference to the speeches made by Harris and Voorhees. They were outvoted, however, and the discussion will now be transferred to the floor of the Senate. Senator McPherson said the bill was satisfactory to him, although he would rather have had his resolution reported. One feature he did not approve was that which postponed the time to January 1, 1894, but still he thought it afforded a relief, for the people would know at that time at least that the present inflation of currency would end and the country would return to currency and money not debased. Teller and Voorhees do not believe the bill can pass, and Voorhees is credited with saying that not ten Democratic Senators will vote for it.

The proposed Seattle canal has met with a serious obstacle by points raised by engineers and scientific men who have visited that point and given some attention to the climatic conditions and topography of the lands and the country surrounding Lakes Union and Washington. It appears now that, if this canal should be built, a depth of water sufficient to be of any use for floating ships into the fresh-water lakes would be so great a drain upon the lakes as to materially lower their depth. There is not sufficient rainfall in that vicinity nor sufficient water-shed in these lakes to keep up the supply. As a consequence the outflow would soon drain the lakes. This question will no doubt come up so soon as another attempt is made to put the bill through the House or Senate. That it will make a great difference in the consideration of the bill there can be no doubt. As a matter of fact it may be positively stated that Congress does not intend to dig this ditch, and that it will accept any theory like this advanced by scientific men and refuse the endorsement of the Seattle scheme. Of course, the members of Congress cannot be expected to understand the topography of these lakes and the lands surrounding them nor to know whether there is not sufficient water-shed or rainfall to supply the demand that a huge ship canal would demand, but it may be certain that before any action will be taken a scientific commission will be appointed to make the investigation and ascertain whether conditions exist which would drain the lakes and render the ditch useless after \$1,000,000 or more has been expended upon it.

BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

Iodide of Potassium Recommended for Lumpy Jaw.

GREAT SUFFERING AT HOMESTEAD.

The New Canadian Canal Tariff Puts an End to Discrimination Against the United States.

A corner in tin is being manipulated in the East.

The Mississippi river is shallower than it has been before since 1856.

There is only one Columbian coin for every thirteen inhabitants of this country.

Thousands of crows starving near Harrodsburg, Ky., are killing sheep and hogs.

The Santa Fe road is requiring its employees to separate from labor organizations.

During the year 1892 957 ships brought 479,477 passengers from Europe to New York.

Philadelphia's Mayor recently vetoed an appropriation of \$1,300,000 for completing the city hall.

Out of a population of over 1,500,000 there are only 593 persons sustained in almshouses in Kansas.

Philadelphia has already spent \$10,000,000 toward building her city hall in the past twenty years.

A threatened clash between the white and black races has put Jeffersonville, Ind., in a state of terror.

A five-mile ride in a three-horse sleigh for 25 cents is one of the attractions in Central Park, New York.

Secretary Foster says there will be an available balance of \$20,000,000 in the Treasury on July 1 next.

Negroes have been driven out of Markerville, La., by the whites, because they wanted to educate their children.

Philadelphia society is in a ferment over the attempt of the Health Board to prohibit the sale of skimmed milk.

St. Louis merchants favor the opening of the Cherokee Strip, because they think it will increase their business.

The Slaven Bros. of New York and San Francisco are said to have made \$15,000,000 out of the Panama canal scheme.

By a compromise ex-President Beers of the New York Life Insurance Company gets \$15,000 a year instead of \$37,500.

Petitioning for \$24,500,000 to build a railroad from Mexico to Canada, Farmers' Alliance men will seek 1,000,000 signatures.

The flow of American capital in \$10,000,000 lumps to Cape Breton and Nova Scotia coal mines greatly cheers the Canadians.

According to a New York paper body-snatching is a profitable calling at the national capital, where there are two medical colleges.

The suffering at Homestead among the families of those who were in the strike is said to be very great, 300 being on the verge of starvation.

Joe Goddard and "Denver" Ed Smith have been matched to fight to a finish at catch weights for \$2,500 and the best purse offered at Chicago.

The series of world's congresses to be held in Chicago this year will be opened by a world's congress of representative women, the call for which has just been issued.

A Chicago paper has been testing the honesty of the citizens by sending its reporters round to drop pocket-books.

The people of North Carolina, like the people of Maryland, will discuss in State convention this month plans for systematically improving their country highways.

The Tennessee Board of Health has passed resolutions favoring a permanent international commission to prevent the passage of contagious diseases from one land to another.

The trustees of the University of Pennsylvania hospital are contemplating the erection of an extensive addition to the hospital building to cost in the neighborhood of \$180,000.

St. Louis is hoping that her beer war may last until the summer torridity comes along. Four glasses for a nickel make the city on the muddy Mississippi a paradise for toppers.

The experiments of the Agricultural Department on cattle diseases at Chicago have resulted in the recommendation of iodide of potassium for lumpy jaw. The disease is not contagious.

Visitors are enjoying the spectacle of the ice bridge at Niagara Falls, and seclusionkeepers have set up booths on the dividing line between Canada and the United States and sell liquor without a license.

The Treasury Department has compromised for \$25,000 the civil suit against S. Block & Sons of New York, charged with undervaluation of imported Nottingham laces. Criminal proceedings are still pending.

The Cleveland (O.) Presbyterian Union, composed of all the Presbyterian Churches in that city, has adopted a manifesto deprecating any effort to impose new tests on orthodox or to restrict the liberty hitherto enjoyed by one who have sincerely subscribed to the confession of faith.

INDUSTRIAL BREVITIES.

Exportation of American Beef to England Causes a Large Reduction in the Price to the Consumer.

Germany is building paper houses. Japan has thousands of them.

A locomotive that consumes its own smoke has made its appearance.

The principle of the bicycle is applied to the propelling of small boats.

The rice crop in the South this year is estimated to be 225,000,000 pounds.

The forests of Germany pay an annual government revenue of \$25,000,000.

In Douglas county, Col., 48,000 fruit trees are irrigated by one company.

France sent almost 20,000,000 bottles of champagne to this country last year.

The anthracite coal fields produce more than 45,000,000 tons of coal every year.

In only thirty-six of Oregon's new orchards there are 9,000,000 young fruit trees.

It is said that the iron-pipe foundries of the country have formed a \$20,000,000 trust.

It is said that 1,000 rose trees are required to supply two ounces of sassafras roses.

Edison has 200 women in his employ, making the most delicate electrical instruments.

Some 35,000 lambs are being fed and fattened in the Oache la Poudre Valley, Col., this winter.

A single row of pearls as large as peas and perfectly round were sold recently in Paris for \$125,000.

The real-estate brokers in New York city sold property worth in the aggregate \$45,000,000 last year.

The time is not far distant when a paper-bound book, well printed and illustrated, will be sold for 5 cents.

Canada takes in proportion to her inhabitants almost three times as much of British goods as the United States.

Denmark, France and neighboring countries sell about \$50,000,000 worth of dairy produce annually to England.

The silver output of Aspen, Col., the last year was 9,101,100 ounces, as against 8,000,000 ounces of the preceding year.

The number of persons carried by the railroads of the United States the last year was in round numbers 600,000,000.

Sixty-five thousand incandescent lamps are manufactured every day at an average selling price of about 75 cents apiece.

The buttons of the wedding dress of a New York millionaire's daughter recently married were made of jewels, and cost \$100 each.

At Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, alone 1,200 men and women are employed in the lobster industry. Five million is the annual catch, which represents \$180,000 in value.

The returns of the salmon pack at British Columbia shows a total of 221,797 cases, as compared with 312,211 cases for 1891, a decrease for 1892 of 90,414 cases.

The value of the pig iron produced in this country is now greater than the value of gold, silver and copper combined. The value of the coal product is greater than that of pig iron.

Pope Leo has declined to receive Senor Valoria, the Spanish Envoy recently appointed, on the ground that he has written immoral novels.

Mrs. George Hearst, widow of Senator Hearst of California, is the most heavily insured woman in the world. Her policies aggregate \$60,000.

The New York State Senate has confirmed the nomination of Miss Susan B. Anthony as the head of the State Industrial School at Rochester, N. Y.

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