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OCCIDENTAL NEWS.

Bill Extending the Time of Citizenship in Arizona.

HIGH WATER CAUSES DAMAGE.

Brakeman on the Atlantic and Pacific Becomes a Hero and Receives a Purse—Etc.

Counterfeit dimes, composed of antimony and tin, are in circulation in Lane county, Or.

Mrs. McWhirter has begun suits at Fresno for \$30,000 insurance on her husband's life.

The Astoria cannery fixed the price at \$1 a salmon, and the Fishermen's Union demands \$1.15.

The American Historical Society has instituted two libel suits at Portland against the Oregonian.

All the men charged with crime in connection with the labor troubles in the Cour d'Alene are now at liberty.

There is talk of reducing the miners' pay at Nasaimo, B. C. The union is very strong there, and a strike is not at all improbable.

Bands of Apaches are away from their reservation in Arizona. So far the Indians are charged only with frightening people and being very saucy.

Governor Murphy of Arizona has vetoed the bill passed by the Legislature extending the time of citizenship from six months to twelve months.

The whisky smuggling on the west coast of British Columbia is not as extensive as reported. The bulk of it is from Victoria, not the United States.

Reports have been received at Phoenix, A. T., of new and rich placer diggings in the southwestern part of Maricopa county, about thirty miles north of Agua Caliente.

Superintendent Hussey of the British Columbia police at Victoria has decided to go north in connection with the Indian excitement over the alleged Sorrow Island massacre.

The International Nickel Company, which owned the great nickel mine at Riddle, Or., has sold a two-thirds interest in the property to an English syndicate for \$600,000.

The Bonanza mines in the Harqua Hala, Yuma county, A. T., cleaned up \$150,000 as the result of the last month's run. This is the largest chunk of gold ever run into one bar.

During high water on the Gila river a few days ago a large section of the dam of the Gila Bend Irrigation Company's canal, sixty miles southwest of Phoenix, was washed away. The damage is stated to be not less than \$100,000.

Oregon has five live ex-Governors, and all are Democrats but one—Hon. Z. F. Moody of Salem. The Democrats are Hon. L. F. Grover of Portland, Hon. W. W. Thayer of Portland, Hon. John Whitaker of Eugene and Hon. S. F. Chadwick of Salem.

In the suit of John Doe against the Waterloo Mining Company, tried in the Los Angeles United States District Court, involving the title to disputed ground in the mining claims at Calico, Judge Ross rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. Several suits are practically settled by this decision.

The advent of a Chinaman at Great Falls, Mont., who proposed to open a laundry there, created much excitement, and caused a mass meeting of laboring men, who sent a committee to consult with the authorities. Police protection was given the Chinaman, but he was forced to forego his design and leave town.

The Planz murder case at San Jose is again before the people in the shape of hints at evidence being found, and that sensational arrests will shortly follow. The theory of suicide has never been popular, the appearance of the clothing and the shoes tend to show that the body had been dragged to where it was found. The murder was committed last November.

The Arizona Legislature has passed a bill which provides that upon the petition of the parents of fifty pupils in incorporated cities and towns a teacher must be employed to teach Spanish. The strongest opposition was from the sections where Mexicans predominate. The ground of the opposition was that the result would certainly be the exclusion of English in many schools.

The great project of irrigating the Mojave desert by means of a mammoth dam to be built at Victor Narrows, on the line of the Southern California railroad, appears to be an assured fact. Documents for the formation of a company have been completed and signed. The capitalists interested are Eastern men from Duluth and elsewhere. The expenditure involved is about \$1,500,000.

"There's more whisky on the west coast than in Victoria," remarked Frank Adams, who has just returned to Victoria, B. C., from that section. "The Indians are all drunk, and the sealers have a hard time in getting a crew. Whisky is being smuggled in by the wholesale, and the red men are having a high old time. The whisky is coming from the American side. I never saw so much drunkenness on that coast. There does not seem to be any government control there at all."

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding Writes a Letter to the Collectors on the Pacific Coast.

Secretary Hoke Smith gave a hearing to the representatives of the Big Blackfoot Mining Company and the Bitter Root Development Company on the question of the revocation of their permits, granted some months ago, to cut 50 per cent of the timber on twenty-six sections of land in Montana.

Secretary Morton of the Department of Agriculture has devised a plan to test the fitness of applicants for positions not governed by the civil-service rules. Each applicant on filing his application will be required to answer a set of questions as to moral and physical qualifications and on the work which he will be required to perform. He hopes by this means to secure a high standard in the department.

A Republican Senator, who stands high in the party councils, says the proposed Senatorial investigations of a private character and the reorganization schemes will come to nothing this session. They cannot be considered while the contested seats are under consideration, and when that subject is disposed of the Senate will probably adjourn, as the quorum would otherwise disappear within two days after the President notified the Senate he has no further business to present to it.

Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle while looking into the expenditures of the Behring Sea Commission reached some allowances which were extravagant and should be discontinued. It appears that everybody connected with the commission, from the stenographer down, have been given very liberal allowances, which the officials of this administration include under the head of "useless extravagance." There are, it is said, eight or ten officials connected with the commission who are receiving more than double pay by drawing \$6 to \$15 per day in addition to regular salaries, which range from \$1,500 to \$3,500 per annum. Rumors of these exposures have made quite a stir in the department, and some interesting developments are expected.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations held a meeting the other morning. It is understood that, while favorable to making public the text of the Russian treaty, it was unable to agree upon a favorable report by reason of disagreements relative to the correspondence accompanying the convention. A well-known Senator, who is the champion of general humanitarian legislation, states that, when published, the treaty will be found neither more nor less objectionable than several other treaties which have been in operation for some years. The criticisms, he says, are due to a conception of the effect of the instrument upon the garbled extracts of a surreptitious publication of the treaty first sent to the Senate.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding has written the following letter to Collectors on the Pacific Coast: "The department is informed that the practice obtains among Chinese laborers in this country of entrusting money to merchants, which is treated as a part of the capital in the business. Chinese laborers who have made such a disposition of their savings, although not actually engaged in business, have claimed to be merchants, and say they are thereby entitled to leave the country and return at pleasure. The department desires you to closely scrutinize the certificates which may be presented at your port by returning Chinese and to require evidence of the standing of the holders as bona-fide merchants, actively engaged in business. In no case should Chinese be permitted to enter as merchants unless their right to the privilege is clearly established, and where it appears the practice herein referred to is attempted the certificates presented should be ignored, the holders arrested and the facts reported to the department."

The question of sheathing our naval vessels is one to which Secretary Herbert, it is said, proposes to give some earnest consideration. Naval Constructor Hichborn has prepared some important data on the subject. He shows that the Atlanta on her trial trip with a clean bottom attained a speed of 15.5 knots an hour with a 3,345-horse power, while the Boston, her exact duplicate, with a comparatively foul bottom made but 13.5 knots on 3,390-horse power. Constructor Hichborn holds that the importance of the preservation of the bottom of steel vessels from corrosion and fouling can hardly be overestimated and is continually emphasized by the reports of loss of speed and increased coal consumption received from our new unsheathed steel vessels now in commission. Unless our cruisers are to be confined to cruises of short duration in the neighborhood of our own ports, it would appear that they are deficient in the most important quality—the ability to maintain high speed at sea for long periods. The additional expense incurred in putting on the sheathing of wood and copper is in reality a great saving during the lifetime of a ship, as it obviates the necessity of frequent docking and the largely increased coal bills when the metal bottom is foul. For a vessel like the Chicago the cost would be between \$300 and \$400 for docking alone. To this sum must be added about \$1,000 for scraping and painting. In Great Britain competition has brought the charges for private docks down to a minimum, but the docks in India, China, Australia and on the Pacific Coast are very expensive. Captain Hichborn recommends that all cruising vessels intended for general service in foreign waters be sheathed if above 1,000 tons displacement, and that vessels of less than 1,000 tons displacement intended for general service as cruising gunboats, etc., be of a composite construction, with steel-framing wood outside, planking and copper sheathing.

EASTERN MELANGE.

Florida Orange Crop Probably the Largest Known.

THE PENINSULA OF MICHIGAN.

Nebraska Will Elect Her Presidential Electors Hereafter by Congressional Districts.

Western wheat-crop prospects are not encouraging.

Another epidemic of grip is threatened in New York.

In 1892 the railroads in Pennsylvania killed 1,439 persons.

A case of malignant typhus has appeared in Cincinnati.

The World's Fair has taken in \$200,000 in admissions already.

A syndicate is reported to have purchased the New York Times.

Nearly 400 applications for patents were made last year by women.

The Treasury Department has plenty of gold for all practical purposes.

Arkansas proposes to tax all sleeping-car, express and telephone companies.

The new iron-pipe combine in the Southwest will have \$20,000,000 capital.

Americans can now buy bait in Newfoundland without taking out a license.

An article New York Italian has made about \$8,000 by raising \$1 bills to \$5 bills.

A bank, exclusively for the colored race, has been organized at Anniston, Ala.

Cattle in the Colorado country wintered exceedingly well during the late cold spell.

New York's Board of Electric Control is still laboring to get the wires under ground.

The Cherokee Strip will not be opened to settlement in time for the planting of spring crops.

The Atlanta Constitution is earnest in declaring that Georgia is entitled to 2,500 Federal offices.

Two ex-Auditors of Illinois are being sued for the recovery of interest on State money placed in banks.

Thomas Helm of Austin, Tex., offers \$500 to any one who will secure his appointment as Postmaster at that place.

Governor Northern of Georgia is tired of politics, and has become enamored with the life of a religious missionary.

The right of a saloon-keeper to eject female crusaders from his premises is to be tested in the Illinois Supreme Court.

The trial trip of the cruiser New York has been every way successful. All cruiser speed records have been surpassed.

A Chicago syndicate of capitalists is contemplating the establishment of an extensive packing-house plant in the City of Mexico.

It is learned positively that a dispatch has been received from Oxford by the Yale Boat Club opening negotiations for an international race.

The City Electrician of Nashville, Tenn., states that it would be very dangerous for women wearing crinolines to cross the electric car tracks.

Rumors of a shortage have led the Randolph County (Mo.) Court to begin an investigation of the books of County Treasurer Matlock of that county.

For a long time hitherto New York city bonds have sold at a premium in all the markets of the world. Some new 3 per cents have been selling at par.

A Washington special to the New York Herald says that President Cleveland has finally made up his mind to call an extra session of Congress next September.

The Union Club of New York has engaged Captain Charles Perry Smith, late of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, as its Superintendent at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

The Delmonico Restaurant at New York will have to move from its well-known stand in May. The Wormsors Brothers, bankers, have bought the property.

A friend of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, has presented the institution with \$50,000, with which to pay for a new building for the Out-patient Department.

A bill providing for the election of Presidential Electors by Congressional districts has passed the Nebraska House, and is likely to pass the Senate and become a law.

The Lower House of the Kentucky Legislature has declared against the marriage of cousins on the ground that children of such marriages are frequently weak-minded.

The United Brotherhood of Switchmen held a secret meeting at Philadelphia. No definite resolution was formed as to a strike when business is crowded during the World's Fair.

There are on file in the Postoffice Department more than 5,000 resignations of Postmasters. These cases will be considered and disposed of before any cases of removals are taken up.

The admission fee to the World's Fair grounds will shortly be raised from 25 cents to 50 cents, to discourage visitors until the work, which must now be pushed night and day, is completed.

The result of the efforts to increase the trade of the United States with the countries of South and Central America seems to be an increase in the exportation of American agricultural implements, the figure of one country, the Argentine Republic, alone showing an increase from \$327,000 to \$1,391,000 during the year.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Senator Fry will deliver the eulogy on Blaine in Boston, May 3. No man knew him better.

President Howe, of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, is a son of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe.

Mr. Gladstone would be the favorite boarder in an American private hotel. He is fond of rice pudding and prunes.

Mrs. Lamont, wife of the popular Secretary, will remain in New York until the close of the school year liberates her children.

Susan B. Anthony has weathered the gales of adverse criticism for forty years, and still clings to the hope that she will yet be permitted to vote.

Mrs. Langtry has made a success of her display of good clothes. She has a \$175,000 yacht in which to enjoy her seafaring and be fashionably miserable.

Verdi will have a gold mine in "Falstaff." He has already received \$32,000 for the opera, and will have 40 per cent of the performing and publishing royalty rights.

Buffalo Bill now stands at the head and front of American citizenship. He told President Cleveland that he was not an office-seeker and wanted absolutely nothing.

James J. Hill of St. Paul, the railroad magnate, has a splendid collection of French paintings bought on his own judgment. He talks as understandingly of art as of railroads.

William Ordway Partridge, the Boston sculptor, gets \$10,000 for his statue of Shakespeare, and will receive \$27,000 for his equestrian statue of Garfield. He is only 31 years of age.

The Empress of Austria has translated "Lear," "Hamlet," and "The Tempest" into modern Greek, in which language she is wonderfully proficient, talking and writing it like an educated Athenian.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is sensible enough to be very particular about his diet and means of living, and to take care that no unwise indulgence on his part shall benefit the doctors or shorten his days.

There is a fortune in store for the author who has a long list of good-selling novels. Ouida has written altogether twenty-seven novels. They still enjoy a large sale and return large royalties to their author.

If the Infanta Isabella of Spain comes to this country, she will show the Chicanos that a woman of forty-two can dance like a girl, hunt like a M. F. H., and drive a four-in-hand like the President of a coaching club.

Among the latest of the prominent actors to reply to Elbridge T. Gerry's violent assault upon the women of the stage is John Drew, who points to his distinguished mother, who began her professional career about 9 years of age. He holds that the children are better off on the stage than in any other occupation that is open to them.

BUSINESS BREVITIES.

Paper barrels are a success.

The cigarette manufacture is decreasing.

Locomotives now have electric headlights.

England is building a ship that will cost \$4,750,000.

Europe is reported to have 50,000 match factories.

There are over 21,000 Western Union telegraph offices.

The keys used for the exportation of gold hold \$50,000.

The annual production of pepper averages 25,000 tons.

Electric lights are extinguished by a clock arrangement.

Twenty-five cents a day is good wages for a laborer in China.

During 1892 there were 1,768 strikes in the State of New York, involving 25,764 persons.

More than five hundred street railroads are operated by electricity on this Continent.

The Bessemer iron miners of Michigan admit the formation of a pool to limit their output.

More gold has been obtained from Spanish America than from any other part of the world.

A new wire, called the Hungarian, is covered with three coats of thread and two coats of celluloid.

From all sections of the Southern cotton belt come reports of a largely increased cotton acreage.

There are quite a number of women in New York who earn their living by taking in "baby boarders."

More than 500,000 lizard skins were shipped to this country last year from the State of Tobasco, Mexico.

The fish hatchery at Selkirk, Canada, which has a capacity of 15,000,000 fry, is said to be the largest in Canada.

The silver output of Colorado was increased last year by 3,000,000 ounces in spite of the low price of the metal.

There is \$12,000,000,000 of life insurance written in all parts of the world, and of this nearly one-half is placed in this country.

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