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OCCIDENTAL NEWS.

The Libel Suit Against the Itata Dismissed.

POLITICAL SCANDAL AT YUMA.

A Will Contest for the Possession of a Colored Recluse's Estate in California.

San Diego's tax levy has been fixed at 85 cents on the \$100.

The San Jose Council has passed the Sunday-closing ordinance.

Santa Rosa voted to bond the city for the purchase of water works.

The Reed Hotel at Ogden has closed its doors, because the patronage did not make it pay.

The Directors of the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railroad Company have made arrangements for the sale of the road to the Canadian Pacific.

Director Ames of the Union Pacific railroad writes that the company is making an active inquiry with the view of extending its track to Astoria, Or.

The by-law for Vancouver, B. C., to guarantee the interest on \$400,000 of debenture bonds to be issued by the street railway company has been defeated by 152 majority.

Health Inspectors visiting Chinatown at Los Angeles found fifteen buildings that, in their opinion, cannot be cleaned or made healthful, and recommended their being razed at once.

Inquiries are now being made into the practicability of shipping frozen mutton by the Australian system to Vancouver. A company will probably be formed to build a cold-storage warehouse at the latter place and go into the business.

The damming of the Mojave river at Victor, creating an artificial lake nine miles long, three miles wide and 130 feet in depth, water sufficient to irrigate 200,000 acres of desert land, is a project on foot in San Bernardino county, Cal.

The arrest of ex-Prison Superintendent M. McInerney at Yuma, A. T., on warrants charging him with embezzling Territorial property from the penitentiary at Yuma is the beginning of one of the most sensational political scandals ever developed in Arizona.

Alderman Towler of Vancouver, B. C., refused to apologize for saying the members of the City Council went around with their hands behind their backs seeking bribes. He said he would go out in the alley and take his coat off with any Alderman that tried to make him eat his words.

James Reedy, an old miner who is now janitor of the City Hall at San Jose, claims to have discovered rich gravel in Santa Clara county, and in support of the claim exhibits a small bottle containing flakes of gold, which he claims to have washed out.

A sensation has just come to light at Pacific Grove by the absconding of E. M. Carver, the cashier of the Bank of Pacific Grove, with \$10,000 of the depositors' money. The creditors who were duped by the wily cashier were Mrs. Goodrich of San Jose for \$5,000; William Hannon, a real estate dealer of Monterey; Rev. Dr. Clark, a Presbyterian minister of Monterey, of whose church the missing cashier was a devout member and a number of other well-known persons of Pacific Grove. Beside these victims there is a further list of persons who were inveigled for less amounts.

United States Judges McKenna, Morrow and Hawley, sitting as a Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco, have affirmed the judgment of the United States District Court of Southern California, dismissing the libel suit against the Chilean steamer Itata and releasing the vessel and 2,000 cases of rifles she had aboard when seized by the United States Marshal in San Diego harbor two years ago. The libel filed in the Itata case charged deliberate violation of Section 5,283 of the United States Revised Statutes, and set forth that the Itata had been fitted out with the intent to cruise and commit hostilities against the government of Chili, with which the government of the United States was at peace. The decision of the Circuit Court is lengthy and reviews the details of the late Chilean revolution and overthrow of President Balmaceda. The Court finds that the state of affairs as alleged in the libel is not borne out by the evidence.

The State of Oregon has filed its answer to the cross bill of Multnomah county in the tax suit. The answer admits several unimportant charges, and asserts that the object of the equalization was to maintain a uniform assessment. The charge that assessment on mortgages in some of the counties is lower than that of Multnomah county, and other assertions to the same effect, are denied. The answer also denies that mortgages were discriminated against in favor of other real estate in Multnomah county, and also that only 10 per cent was added to the assessment of mortgages in Coos, Linn and Washington counties; 25 per cent in Douglas, 30 per cent in Yamhill, and 7 per cent in Marion. The answer asks for the dismissal of the cross bill, and that the county be compelled to pay \$95,968.89 taxes to the State, which it has refused to do.

CHICAGO EXPOSITION.

One of the most striking features of the Chicago Fair is the absolute and staring nudity of the statuary.

The charge for a room in Chicago—hotel or boarding-house—ranges from \$1 to \$5 a day. The average price for an average room is now \$2 a day.

The Countess di Brazza, sent to Chicago by Queen Margherita to watch over Italy's collection of lace, is an American, who before her marriage was Miss Cora Slocum.

Washington State day at the Chicago Fair, which was to have been May 17, has been postponed until some time in June, owing to the unfinished condition of the State building.

The Chicago City Council has unanimously passed a resolution declaring for Sunday opening of the World's Fair grounds, and as representatives of \$5,000,000 of stock in the exposition criticized the financial management which closes the gates on one day out of the seven.

Commissioner Forsyth has presented a communication from wine growers of California. There have been charges that restaurantkeepers at the fair placed such high prices on California wines that no one will call for them, as they can obtain foreign wines at almost the same price. Californians assert that restaurants at the grounds will not place any wines upon their lists unless a bonus of \$2,000 to \$5,000 is paid them. Californians say this would exclude their wines, as they cannot afford to pay any such sums. They propose therefore to establish a cafe at the California building, in which all the wines of the California exhibitors will be listed. New York, Ohio and other domestic winemakers will be given a show on the same cards. The council of administration is asked to reduce the usual 25 per cent. turned in to them as their share of sales to 10 per cent, to enable wine to be sold at reduced prices.

The World's Fair gates will be open to the public Sunday, and the vexed question is settled. At the regular monthly meeting of the local Directors of the World's Fair, it was decided to open the gates of Jackson Park to the public for half the sum of the admittance to the fair during the week, viz: 25 cents. This action has nothing to do with the opening of buildings. The latter will remain closed as required under the laws passed by Congress, and as agreed to when the \$2,500,000 was accepted from the Fifty-second Congress. The vote by which the resolution was adopted was twenty-seven to seven. Under the resolution Midway Plaisance is also thrown open. Edwin Walker, attorney for the board, submitted an opinion, and on the strength of the opinion the board acted. Briefly, Walker decided the exposition grounds altogether a distinct and separate thing. Unless the National Commission acts vigorously to prevent it, Jackson Park will be open Sundays, the exposition buildings remaining closed.

After much hard work the committee investigating misunderstandings in the bureau of music has made a report to the national commission. It is a most severe arraignment of Theodore Thomas and his methods of conducting the bureau of music. It gives a fearful rasping to Chief Harpist Schenke, who proposed to a local firm of musical instrument manufacturers that he would play their harps for a bonus of \$1,000 a year. Schenke in his testimony, it appears, admitted having made the proposition. Before the committee Thomas denied being in any way connected with any house engaged in selling or manufacturing instruments. Thomas declared that the authority of Director-General Davis over him was merely nominal. The committee concludes by the expression of the opinion that no piano exhibited for awards should be used for performance; that the usefulness of Prof. Thomas as the head of the bureau of music of the World's Columbian Exposition is so impaired in the judgment of the committee that his services should be further dispensed with, and recommends that the Director-General be instructed to request his resignation.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY.

Andrew Douglass of Wisconsin has been appointed Examiner of the Chipewyan Indian lands in Minnesota, vice Otis Staples, resigned.

Charles H. Martin of Illinois has been appointed Examiner in the Mineral Division of the general land office, vice Charles T. Yonder, resigned.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed Medical Inspector Rufus T. Brown, Surgeon-General of the Navy to succeed General John Mills Brown, retired.

Secretary Herbert has authorized the statement that he will decline to extend leaves of absence to any officers of the navy who are engaged in private business.

Officials of the State Department at Washington confirm the prediction heretofore made that ex-Representative Blount would be appointed Minister Resident to Hawaii.

The members of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington expect that in the course of a few months the Spanish government will elevate the legation in Washington to the grade of an embassy.

The President's rule regarding personal applications for office has caused a large increase in the number of callers at the departments, and it is believed the Cabinet members will have to follow the President's counsel.

Supervising Architect O'Rourke of the Treasury Department says it is his determination to remove, just as soon as it could be done, all Republicans holding positions of Superintendents of Public Buildings, and to fill their places with Democrats.

EASTERN MELANGE.

Secretary Hoke Smith Trying to Correct Evils.

AN AUTOMATIC VOTE RECORDER.

Heavy Rains Disclose Some Valuable Relics on the Historical Massie Farm in Ohio.

Drought will cut Kansas' wheat crop down one-half.

A postal computation gives Detroit 283,000 population.

A "Colored Tariff-reform Club" has been organized in Atlanta.

The Michigan Legislature has indorsed an automatic vote recorder.

The licenses for 6,000 dogs are annually taken out in New York city.

Cold and frost has rendered necessary much replanting of the cotton crop.

Carter Harrison has forbidden smoking in the Chicago Council chamber.

A new law precludes the possibility of an absolute divorce in Massachusetts.

The population of Johnstown, Penn., has increased over 6,000 since the flood of 1889.

The coal and coke business of Colorado is now in the hands of four great companies.

The Duke de Veragua is so much taken with America that he proposes to stay indefinitely.

Milwaukee has been taking a little census of its own, and is satisfied that its population is 245,019.

The Ohio Legislature has again rejected a measure looking to the granting of the veto power to the Governor.

St. Louis banks have turned over \$2,000,000 in gold to the United States in exchange for Treasury and bank notes.

Alabama reports an increase of 6½ per cent in the acreage in cotton, 2½ per cent in corn and 6 per cent in wheat.

Last year there were 3,500 arrests for violations of the excise law in New York, but the convictions numbered only thirty-five.

The consumption of domestic beer in the United States last year was about one-half a barrel per capita, or something like a barrel, barring teetotallers. According to official report, the prohibition town of Portland in Maine uses \$76,000 worth of liquor a year for "medicinal and mechanical purposes."

Deaths from exposed electric wires, very frequent in New York before Mayor Grant's crusade against the dangerous and unsightly poles in 1891, are now a thing unknown.

The great tunnel which is to drain the Valley of Mexico is nearly finished, and will be completed in fifteen months. It is expected to transform Mexico into a very healthy city.

The New York Board of Electrical Control has condemned three-fourths of the electric-light iron poles in that city, and ordered them replaced by wooden poles with cast-iron bases.

American corn shipments are moving into Mexico as heavily as last year. It is estimated 7,000 car loads will be shipped into the republic before the close of the year if the duty is not restored.

There seems to be a fair chance for the restoration of the death penalty in Michigan, for the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature has reported favorably upon the bill introduced to that end.

A stone 150 feet long and 10 feet square at the base has been quarried at Prentice, Wis., and it is proposed to use it as a monument to James G. Blaine. It is forty-six feet longer than Cleopatra's needle.

The Western General Agent of one of the larger New York insurance companies is authority for the statement that a number of retirements of insurance companies may be expected before many weeks.

Wall-street brokers have adopted a new gambling device in the shape of a phonograph which squeaks out from a colossal funnel quotations on mining stocks, as many as a dozen fluctuations being recorded in a minute.

Secretary of the Interior Smith is trying to correct the evils that have been constantly growing at Yellowstone Park in the way of monopolies and consequent excessive charges for everything the tourist is required to use.

Heavy rains near Chillicothe, Ohio, have washed the earth away and disclosed some valuable relics on the historical Massie farm, consisting of stone implements, bullets, coins and silver buttons. The gold coins are dated 1727 and 1750.

The great dam now being built across the Colorado river at Austin, Texas, is built of large, rough blocks set in concrete in the interior faced on both sides and on top with cut granite. It has a total length of 1,275 feet, and a maximum height of 66 feet.

The story is revived in Washington that the White House is to be devoted exclusively to residential purposes. President Cleveland is said to be considering the moving of his office to suitable apartments in the army, navy and State Department buildings.

Southern California is the Mecca toward which the restless negroes of the section about Chattanooga, Tenn., are now turning their faces. Great excitement exists among them over an emigration scheme to the Pacific Slope. The impression among the negroes is that all that is to be done is to go out there with a few dollars, buy as much land as is wanted and live like a nabob.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mark Twain's eldest daughter, Miss Clara Clemens, not yet 20, has written an allegorical play.

Ismail Pasha, ex-Khedive of Egypt, now 63, lives in regal splendor on the shores of the Bosphorus. His wealth is \$25,000,000.

Alva Gage has presented to the Unitarian Church of Charleston, S. C., a handsome brick parish-house, costing over \$11,000.

A son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, is a Captain in the artillery and an enthusiast in the art of war.

Mrs. Laura de Force Gordon, a well-known woman lawyer on the Pacific Coast, has filed her application for the Consulship at Honolulu.

Queen Victoria is traveling in Italy, and in England she isn't missed, so little does she really have to do with the government of that country.

Dr. Haffkine, the bacteriologist who has been investigating cholera, writes that he has conquered the disease by an inoculative method, which he will give to the world.

Frederick Weyerhaeuser, one of the richest of the lumber kings of Minnesota, began work in a brewery when he came to this country from Germany. He worked for \$1 a day.

Coningsby Disraeli, who has just come into his inheritance at Hughenden manor, is described as bearing a striking resemblance in personal appearance to his uncle, Lord Beaconsfield.

The ex-Empress Eugenie is said not to put trust in French medical men. When she fell ill of a sore throat in Paris not long ago she telegraphed to England for a physician to attend her.

The Trustees of Lane Theological Seminary have accepted the resignation of Prof. Roberts, one of the prosecutors of Prof. Henry P. Smith in his trial for heresy. The Trustees also re-elected Prof. Smith for the ensuing year.

Dr. Buchner, the African traveler, broke from the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro, a piece of rock, which he presented to the German Emperor. The Kaiser now uses a mountain summit as a paper-weight on his writing desk.

Mme. Paul Mink is a picturesque candidate for a seat in the Paris municipality. She is the wife of the French anarchist and the mother of a child named "Lucifer Satan Vercingetorix Mink." Her political platform is that of "woman, mother, Socialist and Republican."

Pope Leo XIII. spends most of his mornings in the Vatican gardens catching birds with nets, a sport which he practiced when Bishop of Perugia, and of which he is particularly fond. Hundreds of birds are caught every morning and distributed among the hospitals and the poor.

BUSINESS BREVITIES.

Great Britain has more than twenty-thousand trained nurses.

There are nearly sixteen thousand miles of railroads in Canada.

Great Britain levies a tariff on about twenty articles of commerce.

The streams of Wisconsin yield \$100,000 worth of pearls in a year.

There are 20,000 American publications, a gain of 1,292 in a year.

The money circulation of the United States is estimated at \$1,600,000,000.

Of the 51,000 breweries estimated to be in the world 20,000 are in Germany.

Fully 25 per cent of all the champagne made is lost by the bursting of bottles.

It requires more than 1,000,000 sheep to supply the mutton consumed in London.

A total destruction by fire in the United States for eighteen years before 1892 was \$1,700,044,617.

Eight hundred and thirty-eight pairs of corsets for men were made by one firm in England last year.

It costs \$30 to decorate a room properly with flowers for almost any entertainment.—Philadelphia Record.

A dollar loaned for 100 years and compounded at 24 per cent, will amount in that time to \$2,551,709,404.

An uptown genius has invented a slot machine that will furnish a small brick of ice cream.—Philadelphia Record.

The roll of paper as used in the Hoe press on which the Bulletin is soon to be printed, is from four to six miles long.

Alaska produced \$1,000,000 in gold last year, and California \$12,000,000. The gold product of the United States was \$33,000,000.

The hot-house peach crop has not failed, but a man who bought enough for a large dinner party did.—Philadelphia Record.

A company of colored people is being formed at Charlotte, N. C., for the purpose of building a cotton factory to employ only negroes.

There is still an enormous quantity of gold in the banks and among the people variously estimated at between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000.

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