

The silver question is now the only question in debate in politics. In the far East there may be places where they still discuss the tariff and other questions upon which parties have held together, but Western politicians talk only of silver, taking sides for and against free coinage.

The patriotic citizens of Frederick City, Maryland, are engaged in the work of collecting money to build a monument to Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner," who was a native of that town.

Henry Blackburn, collector of internal revenue for Oregon and Washington, has his wife on the pay roll as clerk in his office.

The GLACIER has received the National Geographic Magazine, containing an address by Senator John H. Mitchell delivered before the National Geographic Society, March 29, 1895, on "Oregon, its History, Geography and Resources."

The attorney general has rendered an opinion that the secretary of state is the only proper auditing officer of the state government, sustaining Mr. Kincald in his refusal to send out money to state institutions in lump sums and let a number of persons do the auditing.

Judge Galloway of Yamhill, late democratic candidate for governor, will deliver the oration before the twenty-third reunion of the Oregon Pioneers, June 14th, at Portland.

A company has been incorporated in Portland to engage in buying and slaughtering horses and preparing the flesh for food and the refuse for fertilizer.

The bountiful rains of the past week extended to Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Eastern Washington, and good crops in the Inland Empire are assured.

The Pacific Farmer came out last week in a new dress and with a handsome cover. The Farmer is a good paper and deserves its success.

The argument in the rehearing of the income-tax suits in the supreme court ended on the 8th, and a decision is expected by the 20th.

Attorney General Olney has ordered his district attorney to press the suit for \$15,000,000 against the Leland Stanford estate.

Are They Friends or Enemies. HOOD RIVER, May 8, 1895.—Editor GLACIER: But yesterday morning I witnessed the most wonderful gathering, or convention, of little feathered songsters that I have ever seen.

est of the fruit grower by preying upon the aphid and other fruit pests. As they were all strangers to me I thought it possible they were the offspring of the imported birds of the Portland bird society. I captured one with a view to sending it to Portland, to headquarters, in order to learn its history.

[These little birds have been seen to strip the bloom from oak trees and the wild currant. In some orchards in the valley where they have been seen in great numbers it is found that cherry trees, that were so full of bloom, are some of them almost bare of fruit.

Those Immense Gates. Moro Observer.

Think of gates, half a pair of which would close up any street in Moro, and tower above our court house on the hill, opening to let The Dalles City up or the Regulator down at Cascade Locks on the Columbia!

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The state teachers' association are serving Hood River wrong if the annual meeting be held there this year. As Prof. Shelley says, so say we, "Hood River is known far and wide, and is the peer of any of the places named, for quiet rest and recreation and for the building up of wasted mental and bodily energy."

Here is a typical return by a rich New Yorker of his income for the purpose of the federal tax: Income from real estate, \$73,000; from government bonds, \$22,500; Chicago city bonds, \$12,000; from other sources, \$5,000—total income, \$112,000. Taxable income under the supreme court decision, \$1,600; on this the amount of tax would be \$32.

The lady bugs, imported from Australia several years ago, are doing good work in freeing fruit trees in the vicinity of The Dalles of San Jose scale. This pest was so destructive to The Dalles that fruit growers despaired of ever getting rid of it.

Patriotism and politics are two very different things. One trouble with this fair, great country of ours is that there are too many politicians and not enough genuine, intelligent patriots.

A small insect seems to be playing havoc with some of our peach orchards this spring, but whether the pest is general or confined only to a small locality we have not yet learned. The insect resembles a hop louse somewhat and feeds on the young fruit. The fruit inspector has not found a remedy for the evil yet.—Milton Eagle.

Many of the teachers of Eastern Oregon are indignant at the action of State Supt. Irwin in selecting Oregon City as the meeting place of state teachers' association, after the teachers had selected Hood River, and they will manifest their displeasure by remaining at home.—Fossil Journal.

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PARENTS IN JAPAN.

Where the Fifth Commandment is Obeyed in Letter and Spirit. The moral and social law of Japan is: "Thou shalt love thy father and mother with all thy heart, mind and strength."

"Teacher, I have been told that if a European and his father and his wife were all to fall into the sea together, and that he only could swim, he would try to save his wife first. Would he?" "Probably," replied the teacher.

"Not always, but generally, perhaps, he does." "Why, teacher, according to our ideas, that is very immoral."

GIANTS DO NOT LIVE LONG.

An Abnormally Tall Individual Generally Has One Inately Weak Spot. As a rule, giants are not long-lived. They have too many gauntlets to run; being giants, they naturally drift into the show business and are thereforc incarcerated in vans, close rooms, and in the dingy and effluvia-laden air of the exhibition room, says the Popular Review.

RURAL CHINA.

The Population is Dense and the Houses Homelike. On every side white homesteads are scattered, each in its setting of giant bamboo shoots. When you have realized the fact that each of these little clusters of lime-washed cottages represents the home of fathers, sons, grandsons, and all their female belongings, you will begin to appreciate the density of the population.

The general effect, says a writer in Blackwood's Magazine, is most homelike and pleasant. It must be added that a closer inspection of one of these farms does not prove so satisfactory. Round about the ground is strewn with litter and broken earthenware, while the drainage from the cattle sheds forms puddles on the roadway.

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A Pioneer.

Amos Underwood of White Salmon, Wash., was in town today. Capt. Amos Underwood was one of the earliest settlers, and has lived in this vicinity since 1852. He was the commander of the little band of heroes who went to the relief of the settlers at the Cascades in 1856, before Lieutenant Sheridan—afterwards General Sheridan—of the Union army, and one of the leading generals of the civil war—marched his command forward and punished the Indians for their barbarous acts toward defenceless women and children.

First of the Season.

The first shipment of Oregon grown strawberries was made on Monday by Mr. Samuel L. Brooks of The Dalles to the weather bureau office in this city. They were sent to the man in the tower in grateful recognition of the fine weather of the latter half of April and as an offering for more of the same kind of bright sunshine in the near future.

The Star Spangled Banner's Author. Many interesting things about Francis Scott Key—the author of the Star Spangled Banner—are contained in a pamphlet, which may be obtained free, from the Key Monument Association of Frederick, Maryland, by sending me 2-cent stamp for postage.

Digest of Land Decision.

The supreme court of the United States, in case of Joel Parker vs. Frank C. Taylor, held that where, on the records of the local land office, there is an existing claim on the part of an individual to land within a railroad grant under the homestead or pre-emption laws, which has been recognized by the officers of the government, and has not been canceled, the tract is excepted from the operations of the grant.

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