

# WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

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## EXPENSIVE REFORMS.

Secretary Whitney has succeeded in brightening American shipbuilders. Proposals for building the new cruisers were advertised for some time ago and apparently the navy department despairs of receiving bids from any responsible contractor. Shipbuilders may have taken warning with reason from the treatment which Mr. Roach received at the hands of the secretary. Certainly they have been alarmed by the stringent conditions of the circular calling for proposals. There were two particulars in which the government's terms have been unnecessarily rigid and oppressive. The contractor's bonds, involving a personal sum equal to one quarter of the bid, and the limitation of the period allowed for construction to eighteen months, have evidently deterred shipbuilders from competing for the vessels.

The department, in anticipation of the probable failure of its attempt to have the armored ships built in private shipyards, has instructed the various bureaus of construction to prepare designs for them. Secretary Whitney perceives that he will never be allowed by congress to make contracts with foreign shipbuilders; and, consequently, that the new vessels will have to be built at the navy yards, if private yards are closed against them. He is already making preparations for government shipbuilding on a large scale; probably he is not unmindful of the political advantages to be derived from employing large bodies of workmen in the navy yards before and during the next presidential canvass.

This, then, is to be the outcome of Secretary Whitney's pretentious naval "reforms." There is to be a revival of the pernicious system of navy yard construction, involving an enormous increase of expenditures and multiplied facilities for political corruption. Before a steel cruiser, armored or unarmored, can be built at the government's yards, a most costly plant must be procured; and when the machinery is furnished, the vessels will be certain to cost far more than they would if built under contract at private yards. Experience has demonstrated that war vessels cannot be economically built in the navy yards. Secretary Whitney, by making war upon the ship building industry, has closed the private yards against the government and opened the way for political jobbery on a large scale.

The Taylor brothers, who are attracting considerable attention as republican and democratic candidates for governor of Tennessee, recently had a falling out, their first disagreement during the campaign which is described as follows: "At Franklin Bob ridiculed Alf and threw him off his guard, when Alf in rejoinder gaffed Bob to the quick. The circumstance produced a sensation. When Alf got to his hotel he sent for Bob. The governor and other friends went with Bob to act as mediator. Alf said: 'No gentlemen, Bob and I can settle this.' They returned to Alf's room, and in five minutes they came out arm in arm, and since then the canvass has been free from the slightest asperity. They speak one and a half hours each, with fifteen minutes for a rejoinder."

H. J. Landers, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a defaulter to the amount of \$20,000. He was for a number of years county clerk of Marion county, Indiana, elected by the democracy. His uncle was U. S. Senator Landers, of some notoriety on account of a contract held during the war to furnish mules for the government. He shod them with thickened shoes in order to bring them up to government standard. His nephew, H. J., was clerking for him in the big pork packing establishment of Landers Given & Co., at the time of his defalcation, and the uncle is one of the heaviest losers.

The secretary of war has informed the treasury department in regard to the action of the commanding officer of the division of the Pacific in issuing permits to land liquors in different parts of Alaska, that hereafter no permits will be issued by the war department for the introduction of liquors into Alaska, for medical, mechanical or scientific purposes. The collector of customs at Sitka has been notified accordingly. He is instructed, however, to permit the entry of wines for sacramental use, upon presentation of proof that it is intended for no other purpose.

The Jewish inhabitants of New York city have been making a fight on the subject of allowing Jewish children who are attending public schools to be absent to observe Jewish holidays without losing their standing. The fight was decided in their favor, as on the 23d instructions were given to all the principals of schools to observe that rule hereafter. This will give a practical recognition to the Jewish holidays.

Blaine left Pittsburg Wednesday morning for his trip thro' the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania. The tour will take up two days, and Blaine is to make sixteen speeches. It is considerable of a contract he has taken on his hands, but James will make sixteen speeches in the two days.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

The Hillsboro Independent's cylinder and job presses are now run by steam.

Washington county has 25 men who pay taxes on \$10,000 and over, and 67 who pay on \$5,000 and over.

It is rumored that Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot, is about to be married to Miss Yore, an Oakland heiress.

Last Saturday the track of the Northern Pacific had been laid to Cleelum, 33 miles west of Ellensburg, where track-laying was delayed while the mechanics put up a long trestle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25.—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ending October 23 was \$1,008,821. The shipment of fractional silver coin since October 1 amounts to \$742,429.

Last Thursday Mrs. Rev. J. T. Wolfe of Corvallis was engaged in her household duties she overturned a pan of hot grease into her hand, which burned so severely that it is feared she will be crippled for life.

There is trouble between the Postal Telegraph line builders and the section men of the N. P. R. R. about thirty-five miles from Tacoma on the line of the road. Just as fast as the telegraph men dig holes for the posts the section men fill them up.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Cornelia M. Stewart, wife of the late millionaire dry goods merchant, A. T. Stewart, died suddenly this morning at her residence corner of Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, of congestion of the lungs and heart trouble.

The Prohibition Star, which was suspended a short time ago on account of attachments placed upon it, will at once resume publication. The directors met, made Dr. Owens Adair president, lifted the attachments and made arrangements to continue the paper.

Dave Latourette, for many years past night watchman and special policeman at the depot of the O. & C. R. R. in Salem, was found dead in his bed, at the Chemeteka hotel, Monday morning. He has been ailing since Wednesday last, but his case was not considered dangerous.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, in a mood to be enterprising, printed a fac simile of the new ten dollar silver certificate. The fine for such an act is \$100 under the statute. The Enquirer being in good democratic standing, was not fined, but was ordered by the government officials to destroy the plate instantly.

SAN FRANCISCO Oct. 26.—The city passenger agents had a meeting in the Palace hotel to-day. They simply organized. This afternoon a committee was appointed to draw new articles of agreement. The session will probably last several days. The people have no faith in their ability to stop the cutting.

There was a little excitement on the streets in St. Paul between the Manitoba and Northern Pacific. A party wanted to go to the Pacific coast and there was quite a fight for them. As a result the Manitoba secured them, but the Northern Pacific says at a very much reduced rate. This is the first gun in what may become a large sized skirmish.

On Sunday, about noon, Mr. Hare, who lives about five miles east of Salem on the "John Baker" road, was "fooling" with a Smith & Wesson revolver, when the "blamed thing" went off.—Whether Hare "knew that it was loaded" or not, is not stated. But he found out. So did another young man named William Brown. The charge passed through Hare's hand, and into Brown's left leg.—Statesman.

It now transpires that Clara Foltz, the lady lawyer of California who recently delivered a series of lectures in the different Willamette valley towns, is imitating admirably the ways of the wicked men in political affairs. It is said that recently she wrote a letter to the republicans offering to stump the state for the party for \$2,000. Soon after she came out for the democrats, causing the belief that democratic money caused her to espouse their cause.

The story of the loss of 40,000 head of cattle in Montana, the property of a St. Louis syndicate, reported in a Walla Walla paper and copied into a great many of the state papers, is contradicted by the manager of the syndicate. Only about 250 head were lost, a very small percent of the great drove which reached the range in British Columbia in fairly good condition. The cattle lost were from Texas and arrived at the rendezvous in Oregon and Washington which started in good condition got through without loss.

The "Saratoga walk" is said to be the latest fashionable walk for women. One who describes it says that "the first requisite is to throw your shoulders back, the chest forward, chin up, and stomach in, and then walk, wriggling head, limbs, body, and especially bustle. The aim is to secure a series of revolutions which shall be simultaneous, but opposite. In simple brevity, if your head moves to the right your body must move to the left, and before your foot reaches ground you must describe a curve with your entire limb. The gait is practised in a night dress before the mirror. The part of the business most difficult to master is the proper position of the head.

## BOLD EXPRESS ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—The Adams express car attached to passenger train No. 3, on the St. Louis and San Francisco road, which left this city at 8:30 last night, was robbed of over \$50,000 in cash between here and Pacific, Missouri. From meager reports it seems that before the train left this city a man giving the name of Cummings presented letters to express messenger Frothingham, purporting to be signed by the officers of the company, stating that Cummings was about to take a run of the line, and asking Frothingham to him the points. When near Meremac the stranger overpowered the messenger and gagged and bound him to the safe, after which he coolly rifled the safe. He cut open the bags containing silver, but took none of it. At Meremac the robber left the train. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Pacific, when the express car was broken open and Messenger Frothingham found tied to the safe. Express officials are reticent, but admit that over \$50,000 was taken. The robber is imperfectly described as a tall, dark man of prepossessing appearance, dressed in black, with very large hands and feet. It is a singular coincidence that he gave the name of Jim Cummings, the only member of the once celebrated James gang who has never been accounted for.

The stranger who gave the name of Cummings to Frothingham, the messenger, presented to him a cleverly forged letter bearing a perfect fac simile of the signature of Barret Route, local agent of the express company at St. Louis. The letter stated that Route had decided to put an extra man on the line; that the bearer was he, and that Frothingham was directed to teach him the details of the business. The stranger was allowed to enter the car and took great interest in all the movements of the messenger, apparently desiring to learn quickly the ins and outs of the duties which he was expected to perform. The two men busied themselves with the accounts, etc., and all went well until a point between St. Louis and Pacific, Mo., was reached. Frothingham was busily engaged over his accounts with his back turned to Cummings. In the course of time it became necessary for him to go to the safe, and, turning to do so, he saw the stranger calmly sitting in his chair with a cocked revolver leveled at him. Cummings cautiously approached the dumbfounded messenger and told him if he remained quiet and made or raised no alarm he would not be endangered. Frothingham had nothing to do but submit, and the robber bound him hand and foot, pressed a gag into his mouth, tied him to the safe so that he could not move, and proceeded with his work.

Dispatches a day later say there are absolutely no new facts in the case. No clue has been found to work on, though of course detectives are in charge of the matter.

Several millions have been wasted in this city to break down the Ledger, and that journal is more prosperous to-day than ever before. The successful journal of to-day and of the future, is the public journal that trusts the intelligence of newspaper readers; that avoids foolish controversy; that gives all the news in the freshest and most reliable shapes; that stamps integrity in every column of its pages, and that advances with the matchless progress of the best civilization and the best government of the earth.—Philadelphia times.

The Salem papers manifest displeasure at the avowed intention of Governor-elect Pennoyer to make Portland his home during his official term.

It is in better form now to say to a man who is boring you, "Oh, bring me a chair," than to remark bluntly, "You make me tired."

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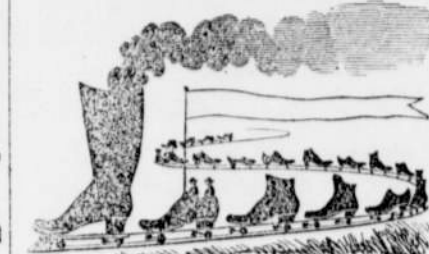
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