

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, FRIDAY FEB. 25, 1887.

In answer to an article in the last issue of the Register criticising the TELEPHONE's editorial of the 15th inst. regarding the condition of the county buildings, we have very little to say. We are not engaged just now in fighting the present county seat, or any of its inhabitants, neither have we as said correspondent states "wilfully misrepresented the facts." The correspondent takes exceptions to the few lines in our article which said the county was badly in need of new buildings and new ones would have to be built, and accuses us of being ignorant of or misrepresenting the facts, with a view of misleading the taxpayers. There may be a difference of opinion regarding the condition of the county buildings, the correspondent of the Register to the contrary notwithstanding. He may be of the opinion that the county buildings are in a good condition; we do not question his sincerity. But we have heard it expressed, not only in McMinnville, but in almost every town in the county, by men who perhaps have just as much intelligence, and are probably just as well qualified to judge, as this correspondent that the present county buildings are not in a good condition, and that the county does need new ones, hence our assertion. "Everyone" who has examined the county buildings do not agree with the Register's correspondent. In conclusion we will say with our opponent, "It is simply a business transaction for the tax payers of this county and if they think they can afford" to erect new buildings at Lafayette "it is their privilege and duty to do so." But should they desire to erect them at some more prosperous and important center—McMinnville for instance—our people will welcome them with outstretched arms.

Civilians who are talking so freely about the sort of fortifications needed for defense of New York harbor, are taken aback by Admiral Porter's letter to Congressman Lawler, stating that in a nine-mile circle of fire, hundreds of ironclads could to-day, if anchored off Coney Island, reach nearly all of Staten Island and a large portion of Bergen Neck, the southern railroad docks, Jersey City, and all the lower portions of New York City, nearly a quarter of a mile above the city hall, and all Brooklyn to near Hunter's point, including the East river bridge, the navy yard, Jamaica bay and Rockaway beach, with the mortar which is now being experimented upon abroad. It would be possible with a few of these mortar boats to devastate the country for miles around.

The supreme court of Indiana has handed down a decision in the Smith-Robertson case, in which the former prayed for an injunction to restrain the latter from exercising the duties of lieutenant governor, a position to which he was chosen at the general election in November last. The opinion refuses the injunction on the ground of want of jurisdiction, thus in effect, declaring that the case must be decided by the general assembly and not by the courts.

A bill has passed congress creating a new department to be known as the "Department of Agriculture and Labor," with a secretary and assistant secretary, and a commissioner at the head of the bureau of labor. The weather service of the signal service is to be transferred to the new department July 1st next. The chief signal officer of the army may be assigned to the charge of the weather bureau until the chief of the bureau is appointed and confirmed.

So anxious was the Marquis of Queensberry to go with Stanley on his expedition to relieve Emin Bey, that he was willing to pay \$20,000 toward the expenses if he were allowed to share with Stanley and his little band of five Englishmen the dangers and glories of the enterprise. He would be a good man to have along. He could "knock out" the natives "marquis of Queensberry rules" you know.

The president has intimated to some of his most personal political friends that during the summer, in company with Mrs. Cleveland and members of the cabinet with their ladies, he will make an extended trip through the south and west. He will visit the south in the spring and the west after warm weather.

The recent legislature established two new counties, one under the name of Malheur, out of the central and southern portions of Baker county, and the other to be known as Wallowa county, out of the northeastern portion of Union county. The governor will appoint the first officers of the new counties.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

James Kelly, driver of a logging team at Blanchard's logging camp near Seattle, was killed instantly by falling under the wheels of a car Tuesday.

The Portland News came to hand Wednesday, with complete telegraph service furnished by the Mackay-Bennett line. Success to the News.

Reports from the cattle ranges of Victoria, continue unfavorable. It is estimated that fully 40,000 head will perish before the spring feed comes.

At Washington, Geo. Branner, the venerable historian, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and owing to his advanced age, little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

John Sherman has tendered his resignation as president of the senate, to take effect on Saturday. The reason he gave was that his term expires March 4th. The senate will be left without an executive officer during the recess.

The legislative assembly fixed the county school tax levy at five mills instead of four as in the past. This will increase the length of the school term throughout the state very materially, and prove beneficial to the public school work in the state.

TELEGRAPHIC.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Advices from Zanzibar state that the Portuguese men-of-war, by order of the governor of Mozambique, have seized the Sultan's steamer Kalva at Tougi, and towed her to Moambique.

STOCKTON, Feb. 22.—Police Judge Clement went gunning in a boat this morning on the San Joaquin river, accompanied by his son, aged 13. When near Rough and Ready the boy fell overboard and was drowned, and the father nearly met the same fate in attempting to save his son.

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 22.—There was a shooting scrape at midnight Sunday in Peterson's saloon. David Gutfield was shot in the breast by James Fitzroy. The ball penetrated his lung and is probably fatal. Fitzroy declares that Gutfield assaulted him with a knife, and he fired in self defense. He has been arrested.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Speaker Carlisle has tendered the secretaryship of the treasury. He has not yet decided whether to accept or refuse the honor, but the impression prevails that he will decline. The president is very reticent about the matter, and no one has any definite information about his intentions or even his desires.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Wm. Rown the hackman who killed M. J. Dolan on the corner of Geary and Kearny streets in December, was found lying unconscious on the corner of Third and Market this morning. There were severe scalp wounds, and he was badly cut and bleeding. He could not say how his injuries were received. He is out on \$3,000 bonds pending trial for manslaughter.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—The session of the department encampment of the Grand Army opened here to-day. 175 members are present and a favorable report is presented for the past year. California now has 121 posts with 6,445 comrades. This shows the membership has doubled in two years.

No new cases of smallpox are reported to-day and no alarm is now felt. The eleven cases are all at the pesthouse. The disease is in a very mild form.

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 22.—The excitement over the brutal murder of Mrs. Lyons increases hourly. Searching parties are out in every direction, and it is thought the murderer will certainly be captured.

Information reached here yesterday that he stole a horse Sunday night from a farm four miles south of Calistoga, and that he was making for the coast. The sheriff of Santa Rosa was notified and immediately took the track, but was unable to find trace of the fugitive. A complete description has been sent in every direction. No motive for the murder has yet been developed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—When the president signs the bill for the redemption of trade dollars there will be a big rush to exchange the old coins for standard silver dollars. About eight hundred thousand trade dollars, it is thought, are being hoarded in this city against the time when the government will redeem them. Millions are in China and Japan as bullion, and many of them are stamped with names and marks to identify them in those countries. All coins, however, which are thus stamped or otherwise mutilated, will not be redeemed under the new law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The report of the director of the mint containing statistics of the production of precious metals in the United States in the year 1886, was transmitted to congress to-day. From the report it appears that the production of gold during 1886 exceeded that of any previous year since 1880, and almost equaled the production of that year. It amounted to \$35,000,000 in 1886 against \$31,800,000 in 1885. The production of silver, as nearly as can be ascertained, was \$42,805,930. The amount of gold bullion imported into the United States was \$17,947,418; exports, \$27,862,637.

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ELECTORAL COUNT BILL.

The electoral count bill is now a law, though it has occasioned but little discussion in the public press. It is sixteen years ago this month since the senate declared that the president of that body was not vested by the constitution with power to count the presidential vote. This law expressly denies to the president of the senate any such power. He is to preside over the joint convention of the houses at their meeting in February after the election, but simply opens and announces the returns. No objections can be made to the counting of returns, unless there is more than one set from any particular state. In the latter event, the returns endorsed by the highest court in the state are accepted. In the absence of a judicial decision, the set certified by the governor will be accepted, otherwise it will require "the affirmative vote of both houses of congress sitting separately to count the returns." Contests must be settled in the states in which they originate, and congress will not go behind a regularly certified return after a contest has been made and decided. The Chicago Herald in giving a brief synopsis of the bill, makes this comment:

Whatever laws may be passed on this subject, the counting of the electoral vote will always be attended by the possibility of fraud as long as it is done by a congress whose term is expiring, and which may not be politically sympathetic with the more recent expression of the people. For example, the congress that was elected last fall will count the next electoral vote, though another congress will be elected by that time. As long as any contingency is left open under which one house of congress, by refusing to accept a return, can prevent it being counted, it may be depended upon that the politicians, on occasion, will take care to have that contingency arise when congress, or one house of it, shall be of a political stripe suited to their purpose. The new bill greatly reduces the chances of fraud, however, and under any ordinary circumstances, congress, no matter how constituted, will have nothing to do but count the votes as it receives them, duly certified from the state.

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