

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, TUESDAY MARCH 15, 1887.

The labor party of Chicago proposes to be the first in the field with its candidates for city officers and to nominate a full ticket from mayor down. The election occurs April 5.

Walla Walla is preparing to rebuild its burnt district in a substantial manner, the buildings to be of brick, iron and stone. The land where the rookeries stood is said to be worth \$300 to \$350 per foot front.

Carl Schurz is still a severe sufferer from the fall he had about three weeks ago, and he does not obtain as much rest at night as his physicians could wish, but still the latter is of the opinion that in another fortnight Schurz will be able to leave his room. He will never be missed if he does not leave his room for six months.

If Cleveland didn't want to have the appropriation made for the rivers and harbors of the nation, he might at least have acted like a man with the courage of his convictions, and vetoed the bill, and given his reasons. But no, he was afraid the house would pass it over his head, so, like a sneak, he strangled it in his pocket.

A high London military authority states that if the outbreak of hostilities could be delayed until the end of April or the beginning of May, Russia will have a million troops on the German and Austrian frontiers, besides a force in Asia approaching 600,000 men. Upward of a quarter million are in Asia Minor and the remainder in Central Asia.

Freight agent Eccles, of the Union Pacific has gladdened the hearts of California fruit growers by stating that the inter-state commerce law would make no change in the low rates on fruit shipped east. The fruit-growers of that state have been much perturbed over the reports that the old rates would no longer be given, as a rise of rates would be a serious blow to fruit-raising.

Latest reports from the Mexican border state that great dissatisfaction is caused by the order from General Miles for the troops to return to Fort Huachuaca. The Mexicans still maintain their military post in their part of the town and the citizens consider that this government should do the same. Nogales is the third largest town in the territory and has the two most important custom houses on the border. There is not now a United States military post on the border.

Desperate efforts are being made by the attorneys of Goldenson, the murderer of little Mamie Kelley, in San Francisco, last winter, to prove his insanity. They have even attempted to prove that he was drunk for two days before he committed the atrocious crime. If drunkenness has anything to do with it, it should be to make the case more aggravating, and hasten his conviction. It is hoped by all law-abiding citizens of this coast that all efforts to prove his insanity will be unsuccessful, and that Goldenson will meet the just punishment he deserves.

More guess work is being indulged in, in regard to the members of the inter-state commission. No one seems to doubt that Morrison, of Illinois, will be one. The state of New York is thought to be sure of one of the five places. The man selected will more than likely be a democrat. Should the south get a place opinion is divided between Bragg, of Louisiana, and Indian Commissioner Atkins, who hails from Tennessee. One of the republicans to be nominated will, it is now believed, come from the Pacific coast, and it will very likely be John F. Swift. The other probability is either New England or northern or central states will be represented.

President Cleveland evidently believes in the old adage "a poor excuse is better than none." Representative Herman, of Oregon, called on the president Saturday to pay his parting respects. During his visit he took occasion to speak of the disappointment of the people of the northwest over the failure of the river and harbor bill to become a law. The president replied, in substance, that in his opinion there is as much money on hand as can profitably be expended during the coming summer; that congress has grown extravagant in the matter of appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and that for these and other reasons he felt it to be his duty not to sign the bill.

E. W. James, the man who so carelessly fired his shot-gun at Albina last month, killing Mrs. Julia Newton, has been tried and convicted by the Portland courts for involuntary manslaughter, and sentenced to the penitentiary. This is probably the first case on record of a man being sentenced for accidental shooting. James is said to be a poor inoffensive, sort of man with a wife and child dependent upon him, and it seems a pity that he should have to suffer so severe a penalty for his blundering foolishness. But the "didn't know-it-was-loaded" cry has become so common throughout the country, that public safety demands that a severe example be given to such foolish and untimely men.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Herr Most, the noted dynamiter is to be released from jail next week.

It is said that Grover Cleveland will not visit the Pacific coast, this year. It would be rather cold weather out here for him just now.

Lieutenant Gutierrez, the officer commanding the soldiers who had the recent shooting affray with American officers, has been captured, and will be turned over to American authorities.

The Stanley expedition for the relief of Emir Bey, which left Zanzibar about two weeks ago, has been heard from again, this time at Cape Town. It proceeded to the Congo river which Mr. Stanley expects to reach by the 18th inst. The men composing the expedition are all in fine condition.

An unfortunate girl known as Mollie Flippen, daughter of parents well to do in Washington county, was burned to death in Tacoma, Thursday, from her clothing taking fire as she stood with her back to the fire-place. She was one of the state witnesses against Carrie Bradley, at the time of the J. N. Brown murder in Portland.

The London Telegraph asserts that the admiralty has trust-worthy information that the Russian government received and now has the drawings and papers connected with the British naval designs, which were sold by Draughtsman Terry, who has just been discharged from employment in the navy yard in Catham.

They are having much the same fight in New York as we will have here on the prohibition question. The battle cry of the prohibitionists is "free rum or no rum." A New York paper remarks that it should not be much trouble for practical people to choose "between high license and low saloons." It should not be much trouble for the people of Oregon to choose "between high license and low saloons."

The San Carlos Apaches are again said to be on the rampage. The ranches of Southerland, and Griffith of Dripping springs had about forty head of horses and cattle stolen the other day, and one horse was killed because the Indians could not ride it. Communication is being held with the Indian agent at San Carlos. The advices say he will start a posse after the renegades and the promise is given that they will be justly punished if caught.

A year since the Gervais postoffice was robbed by unknown parties. The safe was cracked and the inside iron box extracted and carried off. Last week some parties found the iron box at a lonely point one mile north of Woodburn. In the box was found a lot of bank checks lost at the time of the robbery. The purse which contained the postoffice money was also found near by; also a hatchet with which the safe crackers had burst open the box. No other clues were found, and who the parties were who robbed the postoffice remains as big a mystery as ever.

H. S. Huse, engineer in charge of the construction of the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, reports that there remains but thirteen miles of track to lay as the road runs via the switchback. On the east side the track is laid to the portal of the tunnel. The road will be finished between the 1st and 15th of May. The tunnel will be finished in a year from May 1, provided the same progress is made in the future as in the past. The snow has been fifteen feet deep on the summit of the Cascades, but the rain of the past few days has reduced it to about eleven feet.

Capt. James B. Eads died at Nashua, N. H., on the 6th. Capt. Eads was a native of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and was in his sixty-seventh year at the time of his death. Like many other men, he was brought conspicuously before the country by the war of the rebellion, and his engineering skill was brought into requisition in the defense of western waters by the construction of the first ironclad gunboats and fortifications. To him St. Louis owes the construction of the magnificent bridge which spans the Mississippi at that place, and to him New Orleans is indebted for the jetties at South Pass, which have been the means of deepening the Mississippi and making the harbor of New Orleans accessible to the fleets and commerce of the world. Capt. Eads was an engineer of great energy and ability, and one whom the nation can ill afford to lose.

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