The president has written a dignified and manly letter declining to attend the annual meeting of the G. A. R. to be held at St. Louis in August. The ground given for his refusal is that a portion of that body threatened him with public to pay current expenses. insult. To avoid this, to save the nation from the disgrace, that its President may not be jeered, hooted at, and possibly mobbed, for simply attending a convention of the most loyal of his fellow citizens, are full and sufficient reasons. We are certain that President Cleveland could attend the meeting of every other society in the country, and that everywhere, however men would ed with the courtesy and consideration due the chief magistrate of a free people. We believe that even John Most of the red flag and the truculent jaw, weald do reason of these men for this disturbance. in the United States, and of these 300, fore the race for the American cup. 000 belong to the G. A. R. The president is not elected alone by the G. A. R., nor are they the only people, whose interests are to be considered. It was nation from bankruptcy. He killed the bill for good and all, which would have raised the pensions of this government to two bundred and twenty million dolthe cost of either the German or French and oppressive to those people. The bave a fair? government now pays \$74,000,000 per annum in pensions, by many times the greatest sum ever paid by a nation to its wounded veterans, and the most liberal laws on the statute books relating to the wounded and disabled soldiers have been put there by democratic congresses.

Yet there are others to consider in this matter. Is not commerce taxed enough already? Does not the laboring the Apaches and their whereabouts, man receive too little even now, that republican politicians would wring his little substance from him to perpetuate a priviliged class? Is the farmer so opulent that he can double the heavy taxes he pays to the government, and support ervation. another man off of his farm? This will come near being the issue of the next campaign. On this subject matter the San Francisco Alta says:

"The spectacle is becoming tiresome. If the president and the people of this country think it unwise to burden the taxpayers with a pension list of two hundred millions, the politicians in the G. A. R. will force the position by unjust censure, hard words and imprecations. The veto of the pension bill, which caused the intention to insult the Treadwell as executrix of the estate of president at St. Louis, saved this country James P. Treadwell, which involved the nations which maintain standing armies. Sauir ranch, close to the Lone Mountain What is it makes a great standing army cemetry, and worth \$300,000, was dea curse? It is not in the drill, the mili- cided, on July 15, in favor of the defendtary habit, the glitter of arms and uniforms, but the taxation which bends the filed in 1886. back of toil and wet s its foothold with hungers, in order that taxation may and whose duty it will be to advise the exemption from this curse within this the mail which may seem to require imrepublic. Our laborers go to their task mediate attention, and for which the dewithout carrying a soldier on their backs. When their hands earn their mouths are fed. But if the pension policy proposed Pacific coasts. is carried out, all of the consequences of a standing army will be visited upon our people. It makes no difference whether taxation makes every worker carry on his back a soldier of the next war, a present war, or the last war, the effect upon the country is the same. The measure which the president vetoed was estimated to imply an increase in pensions to a total of two hundred and twenty millions .- Guard .

The Boston Grand Army Record says: In a word, the chief magistrate of the nation-the choice of over fifty million American people—is to be ignored by a have been crushed with an axe or some loyal organization of his countrymen beof his own judgment in deciding a matter of vital importance to the entire country. Such action is essence of bad policy, and is to be deplored in view of discovery has caused the greatest excitethe fact that we are more than likely, at no distant day, to need his friendship.

One would think from reading the republican papers that Cleveland commithe sent a substitute to the war. On all positive information that John Sherman themselves blind shouting for Blaine who distinctly that unless the Toledo convensuch thin, stupid subterfuges.

Democrats will present Mr. Cleveland as their nominee for the succession, the Chicago Times thinks, not because they love him, but because he is the only available man they can present; and Hill, apparently in full health, ascended this journal thinks the country probab- the platform to announce the death of ly will accept him, as before, chiefly be- M. M. T. Dervias, and bad hardly finishcause they do not love him.

Portland, is at home to spend his twen- stairs leading to the door when he exty-first birthday. While engaged on the pired. The announcement of his death W. J. GARRISON & CO. Prop's. reportorial staff of the San Francisco was immediately made, and a special Examiner, and as a student of law, be meeting of the governing committee was became converted to democracy and will called to take action. The Exchange st his first vote for that party

NOTES AND NEWS.

Walla Walla has \$900,000 capital in her two banks.

A piece of land 16x34 feet was recently sold in Philadelphia for \$85,000; or \$7,000,000 an acre.

has to pay 7 per cent interest on money President Cleveland has fixed October

Multnomah county is out of funds and

15th as the date of his proposed visit to the exhibition at Atlanta, Ga.

hospital in Portland Friday evening, after an illness of three weeks, in the 68th year of his age.

at San Lana, Linn county, Oregon, with differ from his views, he would be treat- James Mitchell as postmaster. The Star Route from Myrtle Point to Elliott, Oregon, is extended to Denmark, 27

The Thistle will make a trip across pendent pension bill, and that is the sole receed topsail about the size of a sixtyso. President Cleveland voted the de- the Atlantic under one lower mast and ton yacht's malasail. It is intended to There are 12,000,000 men of adult age practice crulsing in American waters be-

Northern California has a character nicknamed "Strychnine Jack," through his capacity for taking that drug, of Cleveland's grit alone that saved this which he consumes a spoonful at a dose. If he cuts his flesh and lets a dog lick 250,000 GOOD HARD BRICK the wound, the animal dies.

The managers of the state fair will endeavor to make the coming fair a suclars per annum, millions more than the cess. They have offered a series of new expenses of the government, three times premiums which ought to add greatly to the popular interest of the occasion .army, which has become so burdensome | West Side. Why can't Yamhill county

A San Francisco morning paper says: More opium is smuggled into the United States through Port Townsend custom district than is legally entered at this port. The treasury officials, by their criminal negligence, are assisting in these trauds on the revenue.

An army officer perfectly familiar with said that the statement made a few days ago, that the bostiles were hidden in the Sierra Madre mountains 150 miles south of El Paso, is without foundation. He says all the Apaches are now on the res-

Vacant lands in the vicinity of the proposed route of the Oregon Pacific, it is said, are being rapidly settled. The only unfavorable feature of that section of country heretofore has been its inaccessibility. Now, however, that the Oregon Pacific is soon to traverse that region, available land is being taken and many new homes are being made.

The suit of Joseph W. Reay against John Butler, P. H. Owens, and Mabel from a fellowship of misery with the title to about sixty acres of the Sans ants by Judge Levey. The complaint

It is probable that the State Departtears. In Europe, from the Neva to the ment will station a confidential officer at Shannon, the hand that earns bread is San Francisco, to whom all state mail robbed on its way to the mouth that will be delivered from Pacific steamers, maintain an army. We have boasted department by telegraph of anything in partment ought not to wait the slow course of mails between the Atlantic and

Walla Walla Union: The wheat crop of this immediate section will aggregate 500,000 tons this season. The Oregon Railway & Navigation to take it all must haul 1500 tons a day, or five trains of 20 cars each. It takes a wheat train a week to make the round trip to Portland and back. This would necessitate the constant use of seven hundred cars, and that company has no such number that it can call into requisition.

Skeletons of sixty men were found in a cave at Cookville. Skulls discovered with bullet holes through them. Others other blunt instrument. It is stated the cause he presumed to follow the dictates skeletons were those of traders murdered for a number of years past for the valuables they carried. Their disappearance could never be accounted for and the ment. Steps will be taken to ferret out. the murderers.

A gentleman from Columbus, Ohio who is well versed in political affairs in ted treason against the government when the Buckeye state, said that he had occasions they refer to it as a criminal is disgusted with the carryings on of his matter, forgetting that they bawled leaders at home, and that he has stated had done the same thing when he was tion of the 27th endorsed him as the drafted. The dullest eye can pierce candidate of the state of Ohio, plainly and unequivocaly, be will positively refuse to allow his name to go before the national convention next year.

At the New York Stock Exchange July 15th, at noon, Vice-President A. B. ed when he was taken with a sudden weakness. Friends assisted him to the Robert Caples, son of J. F. Caples, of entry, but he had just passed a flight of limmediately adjourned.

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