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The four year old stallion *Alabama*, made a mile in 2:34 at Independence Iowa, August 29, 1890.

One of America's pet bruisers was knocked out by a pet English bruiser. When gentlemen of this class come together someone usually gets hurt.

The most valuable metal in the world is said to be gallium, which is worth \$3250 an ounce. Calcium brings \$1800 a pound, and cerium \$1200 per pound. Gold is worth \$230 a pound.

The mossbacks of this city say that railroads, like lightning, are bound to hit here soon, as they are striking every little town in the northwest. This is true, but they can bring it a great deal quicker if they will raise the wind and send up their little kites.—*Astoria Columbian.*

The university of Berlin, with its 6000 students and scores of famous professors, has a capital of but \$750,000. Its largest endowment that of the Countess Bose, is only \$150,000. Nevertheless, it is the seat of the highest German learning, and claims to have the ablest corps of instructors of all the world's schools.

Says an eminent physician: "So long as men uncover their heads in theatres, halls, etc., just so long catarrh will be a national ailment, and men suffer with facial neuralgia and bronchial affections. There is no more sense in a man removing his hat than there is in a woman laying aside her bonnet."

The republican party as represented in Congress is indeed a queer animal. They will unseat a democrat to place in his stead a negro, but who ever heard of a party showing partiality to ward a negro place hunter. They never have sacrificed a white office seeker for a black one and never will. It costs them nothing to oust a democrat for a negro republican.

The little English sparrows have learned a new dodge since the electric lights replaced gas in the New York city parks. When the current is turned off at dawn, the bottoms of the globes are filled with hundreds of insects that have been attracted by the light and killed. The sparrows come around after the globe has cooled off, slide down the carbon and devour the insects.

The suits brought by Col. Dudley against the New York newspapers have never been prosecuted. An order was obtained by the World for Col. Dudley's examination, under oath, as to the authorship of the letter, but the colored refused to answer the questions propounded to him. The suits have all been dismissed, although none of the defendant newspapers have made any retraction or apology.

The state agricultural college was created for the advancement of the farming interests, and if the farmers of this county do not attend the institute to be held in this city on the last two days of the year 1890, under its auspices, they lose a great chance for the exchange of ideas and information. By all means turn out and show by your presence that you heartily endorse the efforts of the state to improve the farming interests of the state.

Is prohibition to blame or is it only a coincidence, that the two western states showing the least gain in population during the last ten years are the prohibition states of Kansas and Iowa. In the New England states the two that report, one a loss and the other of just holding its own, are the prohibition states of Vermont and Maine. This is a fit subject for our prohibition orators to explain. The relation of alcoholic beverages to modern progress is a theme which they could discuss to the advantage of themselves, possibly.

A tax, properly speaking, is a burden with a benefit. You pay so much water, police or school tax, and receive its equivalent in waterworks watchmen and education. But when you pay \$1 for a thing and another dollar as duty on it, what do you get for that extra dollar? Strictly speaking, therefore, protectionist orators are right in saying the tariff is not a tax. It is a burden without a benefit, just as if the money had been lost or stolen.

As Republicans imagine that Great Britain is dying to have the United States lower its tariff, they will be surprised to learn that James Hill, a Scotch politician, who has just made a tour of the world, said the other day: "All I can say is, 'God help Englishmen when the Americans go for free trade.' At this moment they are paying thirty millions into our pockets on account of the ship building and carrying trade which their idiotic navigation laws have lost to them."

Mr. Boutelle requests the secretary of the navy to state whether he is using foreign ore for our new steel guns, and if so, why. The probabilities are that the secretary is using such ore and for the all-sufficient reason that it is best for the purpose, and if Mr. Boutelle were a wise man he would not have offered his resolution, which means, in the first place, that even twenty-five years of protection have not produced a first-class steel and, in the second, to get a first-class gun we must go abroad.

The World's fair is fast becoming a vehicle for the distribution of cash to party vermin. The salary list amounts to \$70,000 per year. \$55,000 of this goes to prominent republicans who have been appointed officers of the fair. Nearly all the offices created should be honorary, and about \$15,000 per year should pay the salary.

But how can a party die better than by facing fearful odds, fighting, not for the principles of its fathers, but for the Mammon from its Gods.

The national bureau of statistics furnishes some interesting information about the foreign increment of our population. In the forty years last past there have come to us, from abroad, the very considerable number of 12,915,943 human souls. Dividing the forty years into "lustrums"—periods of five years each—we find the heaviest income from 1881 to 1885, inclusive, numbering 2,975,683. In the last five years from 1886 to 1890 inclusive, the number of immigrants was 2,265,847. The largest increase for any one year was in 1882, when there came to us 788,992.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

After all the republicans seem to have had sufficient success in Wyoming. The first legislature of the new state will have in the senate fifteen republicans and one democrat, in the house twenty-nine republicans and four democrats. Thus out of a total of forty-nine members the republicans have fourty-four. This makes the legislature quite to be sided. A more even division of strength and responsibility is better for all interests.—*Oregonian.*

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People in this city do not take the time to figure the amount of water wasted which escapes from open faucets small leaks in pipes etc. Take for instance the amount of water which would escape during the year from a hole 1/4 of an inch in diameter, equivalent in size to a small cambric needle. Under the present head at the water works nearly 150 atmospheres or about 65 lbs. to the square inch, the quantity of water which would escape during the year if the hole was continually open would reach 36,280 gallons, or through an orifice the size of a pin the quantity escaping in the same time would be 115,682 gallons.

The difference between jury selection in the American republic and jury selection under British forms of government is amply illustrated by the Birchell murder trial, which promises to be one of the causes celebre in Canadian jurisprudence. From the opening of this case to the acceptance of the last juror, less than three hours elapsed. The selection of the entire jury was completed in a single session of the court. In Illinois a similarly important case would probably occupy at least three weeks in the selection of a jury, and when selected it would be less than the average intelligence. The abuse of the latitude in the examination of jurors in this country deserves the careful consideration of those who are charged with the administration of justice.—*Chicago News.*

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HORACE GREELEY'S PREVISION.

In his admirable speech at the unveiling of the Greeley statue, Mr. Dewey alluded to the greatest act of moral courage ever performed by a public teacher and a party leader in this country—the signing by Horace Greeley of the ball bond of Jefferson Davis—and said:

The act cost him the governorship of the state of New York, the estrangement of friends and loss of money. But it was one of those staggering blows by which a strong man wakes up his countrymen, though he may be killed by the recoil. It enforced the yet not understood lesson of Appomattox, that reconciliation and unity would not come through drum-head court martial and trial for treason. Still impatient for the burial of war issues, for the blending of the whole country into a common Americanism which would concentrate their energies upon the development of the wealth and resources of the land, and as he believed give to the freedmen their political rights, he organized and led a revolt of 1872. Its labors and anxieties sapped his strength, its slanders and dispersions broke his heart. But his victories would have cost the lives of thousands, for the blending of the whole country into a common Americanism which would concentrate their energies upon the development of the wealth and resources of the land, and as he believed give to the freedmen their political rights, he organized and led a revolt of 1872. Its labors and anxieties sapped his strength, its slanders and dispersions broke his heart. But his victories would have cost the lives of thousands.

Of course the state of Oregon must make an exhibit at the World's fair at Chicago, and it should be on a general scale. We are wedged in between California, whose citizens will ask a \$1,000,000 appropriation for the expenses of an exhibit, and Washington, which will no doubt be represented on a grand scale, for the people of that commonwealth are boomers, and will not miss such an opportunity. There is little doubt that this will be the greatest fair ever held anywhere, for the people of Chicago will have nothing else. The legislature next winter must take some action, and it's not too early to begin to outline what that action should be.—*Salem Statesman.*

The mortgage tax law is not the only measure which has acted as an incubus upon the growth and prosperity of Oregon. There is also the usury law which should be repealed. Money should be the same as any commodity in the market—bringing all it is worth whether that be 10 per cent a month. These laws which hamper trade do no good to any one. The borrower now has to pay more than one per cent a month, when the commission of money brokers is taken into consideration, and he is anxious and willing to do it, for if money is at a high price it is worth as much to the poor as to the rich man.—*Times-Montclair.*

It will take the *Oregonian* until after the next legislature adjourns to demonstrate that it doesn't know any more about the tax question than any body else," says the *Salem Statesman*. We do not think the *Oregonian* feels it has a monopoly on the subject, yet we have an idea that the *Oregonian* knows more of the question than the *Statesman*, because it discusses it, and the *Statesman* only swears at those who do. If either believes it "knows it all" we must decide that the *Statesman* is the paper; its silence on this important question bears us out in this.—*East Oregonian.*

It is a well-established fact that our present assessment laws fail to reach the end for which they were intended. The mortgage tax law was intended in a measure to reach these money loaners who, it was believed, were paying taxes upon but a small portion of their wealth. But it has failed to accomplish the desired result in a great measure, and men who were once strong friends of this law, now are favorable to its repeal.—*Solo Press.*

It would be a good idea to elect a newspaper reporter to the office of assessor in Multnomah county, and let him assess while making his rounds gaining facts about capital invested in business, and manufactures. There is too great a difference between the figures given the reporter and the assessor. Some other counties might profit by such a course.—*Eugene Register.*

The Mormons in Wyoming voted the republican ticket and the g. o. p. was saved. The Mormons in Idaho were disfranchised by congress. They had a habit of voting the democratic ticket. In Wyoming their allegiance to the party of Quay, Reed and Harrison, like clarity, covers a multitude of sins.—*Roseburg Review.*

The only reciprocity really understood by the republican leaders is that which has been established between them and the manufacturers. The manufacturers provide the campaign funds and the republican leaders reciprocate by taxing consumers to enrich the manufacturers.—*Albany Democrat.*

The great work of the next legislature will be the enactment of a good revenue law. Let that body devote its best energies to that. If it will give us a good and efficient assessment law, it may then adjourn covered with glory enough for one entire session, though it should do nothing more.—*Portland Leader.*

Union county has only fifteen divorce cases on the docket for the present term of court, and it is said to be a poor year for such proceedings, but taking into consideration that "these exercises" occur twice a year, there was a like number last spring, it makes rather a respectable showing after all.—*Tribeau.*

"If the foreigner pays the duties," as even Mr. McKinley did not scruple to intimate on the stump in Maine, why are the importing merchants of New York so concerned about getting money enough to take their goods out of bond before the new tariff bill goes into effect.—*Times.*

What The Editors Say

The horse stealing traffic should be abolished in this country, no matter at what cost. Horses are stolen, not only one or two at a time, but in bands as high as thirty, and right under the eyes of the state law. The owner of stolen stock does not feel able to offer a reward for the capture of the thieves, and it is at least the duty of the county court to offer a standing reward for their capture, a decent sum for any man who would risk his life to capture the thieves, since the county officers are unable to. If prompt action is not taken in the years gone by. We are in favor of hanging the rascals, without judge or jury.—*Weston Leader.*

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A unique canvass is now progressing in the Fort Scott (Kan.) district, where Gen. John H. Rice and his son are opposing candidates for the legislature. Gen. Rice asks his friends to deal leniently with the boy; that he is young and immature, and while he means well he does not know near as much as he thinks he does. The young man tells his audiences that the times and events demand the blood and vigor of youth and that the lean and slipped pantalon should seek the quiet of the chimney corner—and so the campaign goes, with the friends of each candidate certain their man will win.

The death of Mrs. Susan E. Merrifield, of Americus, Ga., revives interest in one of the most peculiar cases ever known of a vessel of silence made and kept for thirty years. In 1859 Mrs. Merrifield was telling her husband of some occurrence, when he, in a testy mood, requested her to be silent, as the sound of her voice was hateful to him. She replied that if her voice annoyed him he should never hear it again, and this vow, in spite of the entreaties of husband, children and friends, she faithfully kept for thirty years. Her husband died some years ago, appealing in vain to her to speak to him, and on her own death-bed she bade adieu to her children by means of the signs she had employed through her long years of silence.

Personal and Pertinent.

Adelina Patti will sing fourteen times in Russia, and get 1000 guineas for each time.

Senator Wade Hampton, notwithstanding his cork leg, is an expert horseman.

Dr. Talmage says that the report that he is getting stout is an invention of Satan.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is said to use still the same gold pen with which he has written for 25 years.

Pennsylvania prohibitionists are in a small measure hopeful. At least they have nominated Mr. Gill for governor.

Mr. Clarkson is the last to bark at Mr. Blaine. Presently the big mastiff will have the whole kennel of mongrels snapping at his heels.

Bismarck is not a very good conversationalist, and he is a worse orator. While making a public speech he sways backward and forward and twirls his thumbs.

Senator McMillan, though on the shady side of 50, is regarded as the best dressed man in the senate. Still, he hardly gets dressed down as much as Senator Quay does.

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