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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The President handles the Sandwich Islands treaty just right. Says it should be continued. So say we all of us.

The Evening Democrat says Secretary Manning is furiously in favor of the suspension of silver coinage, but the president is a little lukewarm upon it. All the same it will not be suspended. The proposition is like rattling peas upon a cowhide; they make a noise, but they never go through.

It is quite probable that Mr. Mickel, of Seattle, was murdered in broad day light in Portland last Saturday. He was lead off by three unknown men who professed to have a ticket to sell him. They probably sandbagged the man and robbed him. The body has not been found.

In about thirty days the Portland Daily News will furnish its readers with the most complete telegraphic reports ever published on the Pacific northwest. The days of associated press and Western Union telegraph monopoly are speedily drawing to a close in this country, thanks to John Mackay and the Postal telegraph. The new year will be a good time to celebrate the great event.

Queen Victoria and her court, including Mr. and Mrs. Battenberg and little Eatt, will leave London for Osborne as soon after the 16th of this month as the baby's mother is able to travel. The whole family will remain in the Isle of Wight until the third week in February. It should console the British people that it costs no more to keep their paupers at Osborne than at Windsor.

Chicago has lost its monopoly of the wheat traffic for some years past. The pork-packing and beef-dressing, in which it leads all other western cities, is now being taken from it and distributed among its rivals, Duluth, Minneapolis, Kansas city, Milwaukee, Peoria and other less known cities. The grain and provision trade no longer pays tribute to that city, but the products are sent east

more directly from the local centers of production. The first effect of railway and telegraphic communication is to concentrate business at certain points, but subsequently the same powerful agencies distribute the business over vast areas of country. The growth of the region west of the Mississippi is simply phenomenal. There is nothing like it on any part of the earth to-day. Although agricultural land is taken up for farming purposes, to a great extent, yet, curiously enough, it is the centers of population which show the most extraordinary growth.

The New York Graphic agrees with the Reporter that S. S. Cox will be cheerfully recognized by his party as there could not be a better selection. Mr. Cox is one of the best informed men in the country on economic subjects, and his relations with the president are so pleasant that there will follow a better understanding between the executive and the house than has heretofore existed.

The reason why the potatoes in the cellars this season are so small as to cause the cook to storm, and the waiter to indulge in profanity over the appearance of the tubers on his table three times a day, baked with their jackets on, has at last transpired. All of the big potatoes were winnowed from the crop and sent to newspapers offices for a puff. The drouth had nothing to do with it, unless it was to cause agriculturalists to thirst for fame of this sort.

Washington, becoming disgusted at remarks hurled at congress by New York, retaliates by saying that it would be quite becoming in the press of the latter to stop throwing stones at Washington till at least two boodle aldermen are convicted. Our local government is not perfection, but, at its worst, it is better than anything in the way of municipal government that New York has known for more than a generation.

It is a matter of wonder with what pertinacity prejudices and opinions that have been long entertained will stick to people. For instance in the discrimination against colored people, the feeling against allowing them any privileges has been so long cherished in sections of the south that it cannot be eradicated in one generation. A late dispatch from Richmond Virginia indicate that the color line are just

as prominent as ever. This is what it says: Richmond is building a city hall of granite, which will cost probably \$1,000,000. Skilled mechanics of the colored race have so far been unable to get work on the building, and on a formal application for it before the building committee of the city council the committee decided adversely to the colored mechanics, thus drawing the color line, which at election times the bourbons so deeply deplore. The colored people there represent two-fifths of the population, and many of them are skilled in the various trades, and save for the colored vote the present council would have failed of election.

A sword, the property of Hon. W. L. Adams of Hood river, which helped to hew out our liberties at Bunker hill, is on exhibition at The Dalles. It is a clumsy implement, and was apparently forged out of a scythe blade by a patriotic blacksmith of the period.

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