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SOME COMING EVENTS.

[No free ads. inserted in the JOURNAL.

Notices of religious services, free. Charita-

ble, religious or educational entertain-

ments, that charge for admission, adver-

tised at half price. Events of local im-

portance announced free under this head.]

April 6, Marion county Republican pri-

maries.

April 7, Levy concert at Reed's opera

house for benefit of Reg. band.

April 8, Union State convention, Oregon

City.

April 9, Marion county Republican con-

vention.

April 9, Yamhill Republican county

convention.

April 11, Astoria in Oregon.

April 12, Salem primary-school con-

vention at Minerva.

April 13, The Planter's Wife, by Home

Dramatic talent at Reed's opera house.

April 13, Democratic precinct primaries.

April 14, Republican State Convention.

April 14, Democratic county convention.

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## POLITICS IN GERMANY

The Relations of Italy and the

Triple Alliance.

THE EMPEROR AND THE SOCIALISTS.

A Restatement of the Theory That

Bismarck Was Forced to

Resign.

Foreign telegrams the past week

have brought the conclusion of the

great state tragedy whereby Bis-

marck was deposed as prime min-

ister of Germany. Some of the

scenes are pathetic and the lesson

is that the greatest and wisest are

not secure in their place of power.

Bismarck has deposited all his

stars, crosses and medals, but the

golden fleece and black eagle, in the

Reich bank.

"No more uniforms or medals for

me," the veteran said. "You have

forced me into retirement, where I

shall wear a frock coat and only a

red my iron cross."

"You will never see me in Berlin

again," said the venerable archite-

ct of German unity and power, in con-

clusion.

The resignation of Count Herbert

Bismarck has been accepted and

Herr Von Alvensleben appointed to

succeed him as Imperial Secretary

of Foreign Affairs.

Von Alvensleben has served as

German Minister at Washington

and Brussels.

The successor of Bismarck, Gen-

eral Caprivi, on entering the Chan-

cellery, is reported to have said:

"I shall not probably remain long

here. It would be impossible for

me to sacrifice my honest opinion

to the caprices of the Crown."

ITALY AND GERMANY.

Italy is as much frightened at the

retirement of Bismarck as if the

keystone had fallen out of the arch

of peace and the whole structure

was about to tumble down with a

rush.

Statesmen are bewildered and

stunned, and everybody is waiting

for a signal from Premier Crispi.

He could easily follow the lead of

such a mighty captain as Prince

Bismarck and still retain his pres-

tige, but those who know Crispi feel

certain that he will not submit to

the domination of other politicians.

"Disarm Europe?" is the cry at

the Vatican. The Pope is willing to

act as mediator. Judging by talk

with Cardinal Rampolla, the Secre-

tary of State, the other night, the

Emperor will succeed in forming a

strong political alliance with the

Vatican.

It is hardly necessary to explain

that what is known in Europe as

the "Triple Alliance" is a league

in which Germany, Austro-Hun-

gary and Italy are the contracting

parties. The exact terms of the al-

liance have never been made public,

but it has been shrewdly suspected

that it provided for a common de-

fence against the assaults of Russia

on one side and France on the other.

Whatever may have been the con-

dition of the contract, it is very

evident that the retirement of Bis-

marck from the Premiership of

Germany, has caused Italy to be

seriously alarmed as to the perma-

nence of the alliance.

If the young emperor of Germany

has been correctly judged, his rul-

ing passion is an ambition for mil-

itary distinction; in which case, no

matter how the game of war might

shape itself, he would have no scr-

uples whatever in leaving Italy to

fight her own battles. But we are

inclined to believe the young em-

peror has no disposition to shine as

a military autocrat, but rather stand

in history as a friend of humanity.

All this is necessarily conjectural

and even speculative. The emperor

of Germany holds the key of the

situation, and until he takes action

nothing can be decided. Italy is

divided between the popular and

Papal factions, and her future is, in

consequence, a matter of the ex-

tremest uncertainty. Time will

solve the problems which are agi-

tating Europe, but in any event Italy

is in a very critical position.

THE EMPEROR AND THE SOCIALISTS.

The Great German-American

Journalist, Mr. Oswald Ottendorfer,

in the North American Review

for April, discusses the emperor's

sympathies. The organizations of

the socialists were by no means

satisfied with the obscure, vapory

promises; they accepted with plea-

sure the increase to their ranks

brought about by the attitude of the

emperor, but with one single ex-

ception gave no sign of relinquis-

hing their opposition to the govern-

ment. The influence upon the

elections was not to be wondered at,

and could be easily foreseen. It led

to a crushing defeat of those parties

that supported the government in

the last chamber, the conservatives,

the liberal-conservatives, and na-

tional liberals, and their numerical

decrease turned to the advantage of

the socialists and radical

(freisinnige).

WAS BISMARCK FORCED TO RESIGN?

A Berlin dispatch of March 30th

says: No German newspaper dare

print the story of Bismarck's retire-

ment. Only foreign papers dare do

it. Bismarck has not gone willingly,

but has been forced, against his

will, to resign the Chancellorship of

the state he has served so well.

When he came to the helm in Prus-

sia in 1862 the power of the Crown

had never been so limited nor so

cavalierly treated by parliamentary

parties, especially by the Extreme

Right and the Extreme Left. To day

the authority of the Crown in Prus-

sia rests upon a rock. It has not

been so respected as it has been dur-

ing the reigns of the last three sov-

ereigns since the days of Frederick

the Great, and that it is so respected

at this time is due, as it was then,

to the genius of a single man.

The truth is the German Kaiser's

mind has been prejudiced against

his faithful old servant. He is per-

suaded that he can govern better

without a chancellor. The Kaiser

began to treat the prince coolly soon

after the latter's return to Berlin.

This coolness increased so rapidly

that the prince formally raised the

issue and finally, with characteristic

bluntness, asked: "Am I in your

way?" To the prince's astonish-

ment his majesty gave no positive

answer on the spot, but seemed in-

clined to temporize.

There is no sadder story in history

than the estrangement of the iron

chancellor from the reigning scion

of the royal house to whom he had

devoted the glorious gifts bestowed

on him by the Creator during a life-

time exceeding by several years the

usual period allotted to mankind.

It is not that old age has dimmed

his eyes, clouded his faculties or

impaired his strength, so I am as-

sured by one of his old friends who

talked with him the other day. He

was in the undress uniform of his

new rank, tall, erect, quick in

movement, his eyes clear, his com-

plexion that of an Oxford under-

graduate in training for a boat race.

He was rapid of speech, too, with

one brilliant simile after another

bursting forth with a continuity

quite bewildering. He rides for an

hour or so every day, and his figure

is stalwart and strong, without a

superfluous ounce of flesh.

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and all skin eruptions, and positively

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