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The Post-Intelligencer presents its readers with a twenty-page edition this morning, and proposes to give its subscribers an equally attractive and interesting paper from this time on.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The prompt response made by the people of Seattle to the suggestion of a worthy observance of the coming Fourth of July insures its success.

It may be too early for distinctive organization, but success depends so much upon individual effort and planning that it is not necessary to form committees on final arrangements until the separate firms and organized bodies have determined upon the part they will prepare to contribute.

ELECTING SENATORS.

The Portland Oregonian makes a suggestion which seems very fair upon its face, but which has very decided defects. It proposes that, since an amendment to the constitution providing for the direct election of United States senators is very improbable, nominations should be made informally and candidates for the legislature pledged to vote for the choice thus made.

How best to carry out the intention of the framers of the constitution and at the same time to keep the machinery of government progressively adapted to changed conditions is a serious problem. There is almost general dissatisfaction with the present method of electing senators because of the inefficiency of the law governing the mode.

But, in proportion to numbers, there are usually as many nonentities in the lower house as in the senate.

This is not because of the incapacity of the people, but because of their indifference. They do not always take any heed of the character of a man who seeks to go to the legislature.

It is as safe to trust the ordinary legislator as it is to trust the ordinary delegate to a convention. The character of neither is higher than the people permit.

A senatorial contest now disturbs a whole session of the legislature, and, as in the case of Oregon, prevents mischievous legislation; if the Oregonian's suggestion were adopted the whole campaign would be swirling around the senatorial pivot.

TURKEY IN EUROPE.

The action of the British forces in attempting to repress the Cretans has seemed even to the Turks to be marked by friendliness for them that rumors of an alliance between Turkey and England are current.

At the same time as the report of England's understanding with Turkey is circulated, comes a sort of confirmation of the secret treaty between Russia and Turkey. The history of Turkey in its relation to the other European powers during the past hundred years or so seems with justice to be the history of the Ottoman empire.

Russia at that time received the right of free navigation for its merchant ships in Turkish waters, the right to place consuls at Turkish ports, and the right of Russian warships on the Black sea.

The growth of this state is not yet realized by Eastern people, and it will not be appreciated unless Washington presents herself with some show of assurance.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

Hon. Oscar Straus, formerly minister to Turkey, has returned to New York after a tour of the principal European countries. He visited England, and was particularly impressed with the friendly feeling manifested by the people for the United States.

Later Russia and Turkey entered into a treaty, the most important condition of which was that whenever Russia was at war Turkey undertook to keep the Dardanelles closed to the warships of all nations. This alarmed the only other great power, France and England, and as a result Turkey suffered another loss.

to making a friend of the power she could not destroy, but under the guise of friendship worked to Turkey's ruin. Pretending to back the sultans during the reigns of three imbeciles, the porte was encouraged in its misrule, and the infamous Bulgarian massacres thrust Europe with horror.

This was Russia's chance and she marched to the gates of Constantinople. Chagrined as the English government was at this success, so intense was public sympathy against the Turks that even Lord Beaconsfield, usually so self-willed, had to remain neutral.

THE CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP.

The state of Washington has not received any share of the honors distributed since the new administration has been in power, but it has claims which it may urge without impropriety.

The circuit court, not taking into consideration the supreme justice, consists of three Federal Judges. Of these California has contributed two in the persons of Judge McKenna, of the Northern district, and Judge Ross, of the Southern district.

COL. GRANT DECLINES.

The tone of Col. Fred D. Grant's dispatch to President McKinley declining the office of first assistant secretary of war cannot be mistaken. He is evidently chagrined at the failure of the president to give him a foreign mission, and it is probable he contemplated a position in the cabinet.

THE ROTHSCHILDS.

The Rothschilds have congratulated the Argentine Republic upon its decision to pay the national debt in full, principal and interest. No doubt some people will jeer at this telegram, making a special point of the fact that the Rothschilds hold Argentine securities and are therefore thankful that they are going to be paid 100 cents on the dollar.

THE REFUSAL OF COL. GRANT.

The refusal of Col. Fred Grant to take the position of assistant secretary of war will occasion a good deal of surprise. Col. Grant is a good deal of a man, and for thirty years has labored under the disability of being the son of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

THE SUGGESTION OF A TREATY OF ARBITRATION.

The suggestion of a treaty of arbitration between the two countries, as an assurance of peace, was hailed most warmly all over England; the same cannot be said of the United States. The English newspapers have commented sarcastically upon some of the speeches in the senate, but not more so than many of our own newspapers have done.

THE STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN SLAYDEN.

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to on behalf of Crete than the United States has to interfere on behalf of Cuba. Yet each nation is restrained by England and to back the sultans during the reigns of three imbeciles, the porte was encouraged in its misrule, and the infamous Bulgarian massacres thrust Europe with horror.

E. J. Phelps, in a recent article in the Atlantic Monthly, discussing the proposed treaty, calls attention to the very kindred tone adopted by the queen in her message to parliament concerning the treaty in the debates not a harsh word was spoken concerning this country's attitude.

We do not need to fear England. It is exceedingly improbable that England will intentionally affront us or commit any act likely to provoke war with us. This is no reason why we should neglect the ordinary precautions for self-protection or refrain from speaking with decision and firmness when any of our rights are threatened.

POSTSCRIPTS.

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into this friendly contest, but the senate has enough to do with the new tariff bill without giving its attention to international chess.

A number of requests have been received for the publication of a map of the forestry reserves included in the proclamation of President Cleveland of February 23. A map is published in this issue, which gives the reservations as drawn in accordance with the descriptions set forth in the proclamations.

Of course there is a great deal of complaint from importers because the Dingley bill has practically gone into effect, but these importers have had four months to prepare for what was coming, and they are the last people who should find fault.

The Germans are pleased with the appointment of Ambassador White. They should be. He has been there before, knows his business and is about as good an all-around gentleman, scholar and diplomat as this country has produced.

For a hilly town, Seattle is the greatest bicycle center on the Pacific coast, and this season of wheeling promises to be the most successful of any yet recorded.

Now we hear of insurgents in Uruguay. Is there any country in either hemisphere outside of the United States which is not troubled with insurgents?

All this mystification about the United States sending its warships to Hawaii only makes the Hawaiian cable all the more necessary.

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