



CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Keep cool and you will keep well. Wild strawberries are plentiful this year. Ferry, of Seattle, was in the city yesterday. Country butter sells in our stores at 25 cents per roll. The May term of the Superior Court will begin Tuesday. Mrs. A. A. Phillips spent Sunday with friends at Tacoma. The Aberdeen will make the regular trip to Seattle Sunday. Little Dorris Jenkins is having a second affliction of measles. G. Rosenthal received a large shipment of new shoes this week. David Chambers, Jr., shipped 20 dressed veal to Seattle yesterday. Judge Langhorne, late of Chehalis, is preparing to take up his residence in this city. The weather prophet says there will be "occasional showers" to-night and to-morrow. Olympia girls are already making their patriotic dresses for the Fourth of July ball. A picnic of the Thurston county Sunday schools will be held on Tuesday, June 21st. Anarchy is reported to have broken out at the Hospital for the Insane in Eastern Washington. Mrs. John Clees was taken violently ill, Wednesday. The malady is supposed to be meningitis. Three Misses Bettman, of San Francisco, are visiting the family of our townsman, L. Bettman. Maj. Ballaine has left to take his place as Lieutenant of Company L. "Now the storm begins to lower." Memorial Services will be held in the Christian church Sunday, Rev. H. L. Badger delivering the discourse. Ransom J. Fraker and family are late arrivals from Ithica, Mich. Mr. F. is a civil engineer by profession. Now is the time to look after your rickety stove pipes and flues to guard against hot weather conflagrations. Jupiter and Venus are now splendid objects in the evening sky for observation with moderate-sized telescopes. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fuller, on Eastside, is blessed by the advent of a charming little daughter. Bert Tucker and Thomas Baurst are cutting 100 cords of wood, near Bloom's mill, for St. Peter's hospital. The drum corps of Olympia, at their meeting last evening, adopted resolutions of congratulations to Admiral Dewey. The steamship Umattilla sails from Seattle for San Francisco Sunday, and the steamship Cottage City for Alaska Monday. Mrs. D. H. Child and son Thad, of Perry, Iowa, are in the city, visiting at the home of Mrs. E. McReynolds, on Plum street. E. L. Melton has shipped 20 carloads of potatoes to St. Paul and Des Moines, the past ten days, the product of this county. Strawberries have commanded from 12 1/2 to 15 cents a box all the week. Very few of the local product have yet appeared in market. Italian honey bees are beginning to swarm early this year. Doubtless they have heard of the bread riots in the mother country. A ministerial district convention of the Congregational church was held in this city, Wednesday, with about a score of delegates in attendance. "Berric boxes for sale" is the way a Fourth street dealer announces his wares. And the fun of it is he insists that it is the proper autography. Mrs. T. J. Anders took cold while on a recent trip down the Sound and so serious has been the result that she has been in a critical condition at her home in South Olympia. Messrs. J. O'B. Scobey and A. D. Rogers have formed a partnership to market the festive strawberry this season. They received their first shipment of berry crates, last evening. E. L. Melton took a "header" from his bicycle, while riding from Centralia to Mound Prairie, Wednesday, sustaining a fracture of the shoulder. He was brought to town for surgical aid. The bicycle parade in this city on the fourth of July, as a feature of the celebration, is under the management of a committee of ladies consisting of Mesdames Blankenship, Lord, White and Stork. W. J. Canton has received the appointment of Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, to succeed J. E. Ballaine, who has accepted the position of Second Lieutenant of Company L. The STANDARD is quietly waiting for some mathematical genius to send in a solution of the well and bucket problem, as published last week. Don't all solve it at once and get the same answer. On Wednesday, Robt. F. Whitham, John D. Whitham and Carl F. Whitham, left on the O. R. & N. route for

Spokane, and over the same line Mrs. Caroline Whitham left same date for North-K. Neb. A special meeting of the local committee on memorial to the cruiser Olympia has been called by Mayor Lane for Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the Council chamber. A full attendance is urged. Mr. Filley is just the man to assume command of the many committees that are laboring zealously to make the coming celebration a complete success. He has all the executive ability of a field marshal. Close observers assert that thousands of dollars' worth of the larger fruits will go to waste in and about Olympia unless shippers begin in good season to secure the abundant crop. There is good money and plenty of it in this business for the lively operator. Capt. Sully says he is not existing a company of "Home Guards" or "Veteran Reserves," but an organization who will see active service, if it is within his power to get them to the front. It can be safely said that he will accomplish whatever he undertakes to do. The dry term is upon us and everybody should remember that it is easier to prevent a serious fire than to battle with one. Let the city officials bear in mind that there is a stringent ordinance regulating the use of explosives on the Fourth of July, and see to it in season that the public safety is preserved. A proposition has been made by the city by Mrs. Maynard & Cogswell, gentlemen of experience, who were about to locate a creamery at Plum Station to place it in this city, if a suitable building is provided without expense to its projectors. This is a condition easily met by our people, and we may consider this enterprise a "go." A correspondent writes the P-I from Skagway that Mr. and Mrs. John Harbst's two-year-old son Eckard had died from injuries inflicted by a kettle of hot water he had pulled from the stove. This is a mistake. A later letter received by Mrs. Martensen, mother of Mrs. Harbst, says the child was still alive and had fair chances of recovery. Frank Cotter seems to be determined to maintain his record as the champion light-weight amateur bicyclist on the Pacific Coast. It seems that he won three out of four matches at Victoria, last Monday. He was the victor in the one, two and five mile contests, and might have won the three-mile run had he not been at disadvantage in starting. J. Fischer & Bro., 7 Bible House, N. Y., has served us with a copy of a new and spirited march (two-step) entitled "The Patriotic American," composed by Geo. Fischer, which possesses a beautiful melody combined with excellent martial rhythm. It is without doubt one of the most effective marches published this season. Price 50 cents. It is arranged also for band or orchestra. At a mass-meeting, Tuesday evening, the matter of celebration of the approaching national anniversary was discussed and the most enthusiastic feeling seemed to prevail regarding united effort to make it the leading social festivity of the year. The whole matter of detail was left to a committee consisting of Geo. E. Filley, L. B. Faulkner, J. T. Mills, M. O'Connor and Mitchel Harris. Trevor Kincaid, of the State University, a son of Dr. Kincaid, of this city, has been invited by Prof. Gatch, of the Agricultural College, at Corvallis, Oregon, to spend a month on salary in that institution and aid the class in entomology. This is quite a compliment to the young naturalist, but he is becoming accustomed to the honors that have been showered upon him for proficiency in his chosen profession. The following officers were elected by the Woodmen of the World, last night: Past Consul, G. H. Funk; C. C. B. A. Vanderveer; Ad. L., S. C. Churchill; Escort, F. W. Aldrich; Watchman, E. E. Grimm; Sentry, W. E. Barton; Board of Managers, R. Bridges, C. H. Springer and J. T. Bethel. Representatives to the District Convention to be held at Everett, G. H. Funk, R. Bridges, W. E. Barton; alternates, S. S. Churchill, A. W. Wilson and R. G. Shore. Mr. T. J. McDonald, who ten days ago appeared to be in perfect health, died yesterday from a sudden attack of pneumonia. This event forcibly illustrates the uncertainties of human life. Mr. McD. was a man commanding universal respect. He had been a resident of this city several years. He leaves a wife and a sister who had just arrived from the East, a Mrs. Williams, to mourn his loss. The funeral rites were held to-day in the Christian church, of which denomination he was a member. This morning a "Smart Aleck" on a bicycle ran upon a pedestrian on the sidewalk, fortunately without inflicting any damage, and then added insult to injury by saying "I rang my bell; why didn't you get out of the way?" It seems that the "wide open" policy adopted by the city arouses only arrogance in some dispositions, and they imagine they possess as a right a privilege that is accorded by favor. Let it be understood that the sidewalk primarily belongs to the pedestrian, and the "bell" provision of the ordinance is only intended to give warning of approach and not to issue a command to yield a passage way. The exercise of a little common sense in this matter would be no more than adequate return for the favor our people have accorded wheelmen, with the implied understanding that the

privilege will not be abused. It is only a fortnight ago that a man was killed at Tacoma by a bicycle collision, and a young lady still lies in a hospital in Portland from injuries received by reckless riding of a "scooter." D. C. Blandy, wife and a five-year-old son, made their appearance in this city to-day in their "dog-cart," drawn by six massive cross-breed New Foundland and St. Bernard dogs. They started from their home in Minnesota in August, and every foot of the distance has been traversed by this unique mode of conveyance. The distance traveled each day is from 16 to 52 miles, the average being 20 miles. The dogs are driven by reins. The wagon weighs 210 pounds, having steel wheels and axles capable of carrying a ton's weight. The "family" seem to be happy and contented, and make their expenses by selling pictures of their outfit. The dogs are fed mostly on a mixture of shorts and corn meal, with very little meat. This diet keeps them healthy and strong, and free from mange, or other diseases peculiar to the canine species. A Belle of Olden Times. In the shop window of A. J. Burr, on Fourth street, this city, may be seen the "works" of an ordinary office spring-clock, which passes an interest to the general public from their antiquity and are the object of special regard from Mr. B., as being probably the pivotal point of an epoch of his early life-history. Way along back in the "fifties," Mr. Burr, then a young man, drifted to Olympia, and put up with Silas Gallier, at the old-time Washington Hotel, which in passing through the gradations of its extended career, has been in turn the "New England," "Young's Hotel" and has been lately renovated and reopened under the name of the Hotel Huggins. When Mr. Burr landed on the shores of Puget Sound, nearly half a century ago, he was among others, the boatsman of Western adventure, the creator of circumstance, the lucky-go easy, ready to remain or stay, as circumstances might direct. After boarding several days with "mine host" Gallier, Burr observed that the office clock, the "time-piece" on the premises, had "stopped short," and "never to go again," as subsequent events proved. A talk with the landlord elicited the fact that it had stopped many months before, and no body in the village could make it go. Here was Burr's opportunity. He had evidently picked up some knowledge of timepieces, and he boldly struck a bargain with his landlord for a week's board—the market value of which was \$10—he would repair the clock and "set" or "go" to mark the ever onward progress of time. Burr took the clock to his room and after a short time spent in brushing off an accumulation of dust and touching the bearings with oil, it ran as well as ever, and after the elapse of a reasonable time as an indication of labor bestowed and money earned, he replaced it above the pine desk in the sitting room, to the no small delight of the astonished landlord. Burr's fame was of instant growth. The whole village immediately knew of the wonderful service he had rendered the boarding-house clock. He leaped at once into the reputation of watchmaker and jeweler, and everybody having a time-piece of any description immediately took it to Burr for real or imaginary repairs. He was imported to remain and open a shop, which after a proper show of reluctance he did, and immediately an exceedingly lucrative business was developed from the bare fact that the landlord's clock had needed a little joggling. This incident shows how small a circumstance may at times influence human destiny. Had not the clock stopped as it did, probably Mr. Burr would never have become a permanent fixture of Olympia and we would not have known what a country we have for raising superior cranberries! Mr. Burr could not now be tempted to part with the ancient relic of his first job on Puget Sound, and as he gazes at it lovingly and reverently, one may imagine that they see the reflections of sunshine and shadow upon the face of the pioneer as his memory passes in review the fitting memories of yore. Graduating Exercises. The year of public school service closes to-day, and the graduating exercises will occur in Olympia Theater this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. Following is the programme: Overture, orchestra. Invocation, Rev. Henry L. Badger. The Occident and the Orient—An essay, Chappelle Skillman. Matter—a thesis with experiments, Ella Matsen. Music—Violin duet, Bertha Hall, Victor Stork. The Modern Lochovar, Carillon—A recitation, Esther Callow. Evolution—A moral essay drawn from the study of botany, Maud Scofield. Music—Vocal solo, Mrs. Ida Bolton. Character Building—An oration, Doc Johnson. The Painter's Masterpiece—A Class Prophecy, Anna Macleay. Music—Violin duet, Bertha H. H., Victor Stork. An Anglo-American Alliance—An oration, with valedictory, Paul Whitham. Presentation of diplomas, P. M. Troy, of the school board. Music—Piano duet, Fanny McCallum, Carrie Ford. Address—L. H. Leach, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A parting word, F. B. Hawes, superintendent city schools. Music, Orchestra. Notice. To those teachers who have expressed a desire to place themselves under my instruction for vacation study in preparation for the higher grades of school work, I would say there should be no delay; and unless immediate application is made they cannot be received. L. P. VENEN. OLYMPIA, May 25, 1898.

The annual convention of the Washington Pioneers will be held June 7 and 8 at Seattle. The first day will be devoted to business sessions and the second day to a reunion in the grove presented to the association as the site for a permanent home by Mrs. Pontius. Edna S. Meany will deliver the annual address on June 8.

Gold in the Black Hills. An old Skagit river placer miner was in the capital city, a few days ago, with the intention of looking towards the Black Hills as a place of systematic prospecting for the yellow metal. He asserts the belief that gold exists on the western slope of that range of hills in paying quantities and that sooner or later the people will ascertain that they do not have to seek inhospitable regions to demonstrate that they can secure gold nearer home and with a good deal less expenditure of time and money. Everybody knows that the sands of the beach in and about Gray's Harbor are glittering with the precious metal. Now the old miner from the Skagit diggings has traversed our Black Hills and he speaks from personal theoretical conclusions that he says the gold washed up by the waves of the Pacific at the mouth of the Chehalis river have been transported thither from the western slope of the Black Hills, through the region asserted that the gold is gushing down from the elevation of prospective work in the Black Hills, but not one of them carried the plan to a thorough extent, generally returning home footsore and disgusted after a few days' picnic life and hunting in those sequestered regions. The old miner from the Skagit diggings has traversed our Black Hills and he speaks from personal theoretical conclusions that he says the gold washed up by the waves of the Pacific at the mouth of the Chehalis river have been transported thither from the western slope of the Black Hills, through the region asserted that the gold is gushing down from the elevation of prospective work in the Black Hills, but not one of them carried the plan to a thorough extent, generally returning home footsore and disgusted after a few days' picnic life and hunting in those sequestered regions.

Some Guesses That Are Being Verified—Where Responsibility for Delay in Getting Volunteers in the Field Lies—Congressmen May Honestly Differ as to Methods of Raising the War Revenue—Chandler Charges That the Army Is Held Back to Make It Easier on Spanish Bondholders. From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, May 20, 1898. Under the secretive policy that was this week put into operation the administration can change its war plans even oftener than once in every forty-eight hours, and the Naval Strategy Board can keep our fleets on a continuous wild-goose chase, without being criticized. Under this policy, Secretary long is the only man who is allowed to give out a scrap of news concerning the movements of our warships, and nothing indicating their movements is to be allowed to be telegraphed from any place these vessels go to. The reason given for all this secrecy is that the Spanish have been regularly furnished with everything printed about the movements of our ships and that the knowledge thus acquired enabled the admiral of that Spanish fleet to avoid Admiral Sampson's fleet. This may be true, but had there been less criticism of recent movements of our warships it is probable that the new policy would be less strictly enforced. The policy is better than the motive which caused it to be adopted. It is learned unofficially—there are always leaks, you know—that the Oregon, the Marietta, and the Buffalo, the dynamite cruiser brought from Brazil, have joined Admiral Sampson's fleet; that the swiftest vessels in the fleet of Sampson and Schley are to be sent after the Spanish fleet, while the monitors and the slower ships are to maintain the Cuban blockade; that the plans for the invasion of Cuba are to be again taken up and carried out within a short time; that another call for volunteers is probable in a few days, and that orders have been issued to cut all the cables from Cuba, except the two to the United States, which are now under government control. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, about stated the position of the Democratic party towards the war revenue bill, not before the Senate, in his speech this week on the bill. He opened by saying that he doubted whether there was a man in the Senate who was not ready to vote all the money and taxes necessary to carry on the war, but he would consider it a neglect of duty to vote for too much money. He criticized the estimates made of the amount that would be needed, and quoted the Secretaries of War and Navy to show that he was right in calling them excessive, and said that even if they were not, there was no good reason why this session of Congress should provide for all of it. In reply to Senator Aldrich's questions, Senator Jones said: "I am willing to fix the amount that ought to be produced by the pending bill at \$150,000,000; but I believe it would be better and wiser for us to levy even more taxes rather than increase our interest-bearing obligations. If I had to take my choice between an issue of bonds and an increase of taxation, I would prefer to increase taxation." The State delegation in Congress and a number of others prominent in public life accompanied the Alabama Press Association, which had been in Washington several days, over to Philadelphia to witness the launching of the battleship Alabama. Senator Morgan's daughter christened the ship. Mr. W. Godfrey Hunter, of Kentucky, knew what he was about when he accepted the position of U. S. Minister to Guatemala. His contest for the seat in the House occupied by Hon. John S. Rhea was disposed of in two minutes without a word of debate, by the House adopting the report of the committee stating that Mr. Rhea had been legally elected. Numerous state officials who have been in Washington this week would have strongly resented the intimation of War Department officials that State officials were responsible for the delay in getting the volunteer army into service had they not feared that to do so would make it appear to foreign countries that the State and Federal authorities were wrangling over the formation of our army. Inasmuch as the greater portion of the volunteer army that have been regularly enlisted under the United States are to-day without proper equipments, it would seem that the War Department ought to be held very much responsible for the delay. Now that Secretary Alger has successfully pulled off an important family event—the marriage of his daughter—and has asked Congress to provide for an additional Assistant Secretary of War, it would have been interesting moving things a little faster in his department. That things connected with the army have not been satisfactory may be judged by Senator Chandler having openly expressed the opinion that influences were operating to prevent the army taking any part in the war, by retarding its preparation until our navy had destroyed the Spanish navy and Spain had sued for peace, and that the reason was to make it as easy as possible on the Spanish bond-holders. Had Chandler been a Democrat such talk had been regarded as near akin to treason. DEM.

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Pistols and Pestles. The duelling pistol now occupies its proper place, in the museum of the collector of relics of barbarism. The pistol ought to have beside it the pestle that turned out pills like bullets, to be shot like bullets at the target of the liver. But the pestle is still in evidence, and will be, probably, until everybody has tested the virtue of Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

A SUGGESTION. TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF AUDIT AND CONTROL: GENTLEMEN: We attempted to avail ourselves of your very kind invitation to meet your honorably body during your late session in this city, but just as we were about to follow you through the portals of the "Inner Chamber," we met with the prototype of the cherubim with the flaming sword, who majestically waved us from his august presence, and we went hence. But as we have a suggestion to make, we'll avail ourselves of the only method that remains, i. e., through the press, a right that has been denied an American citizen only once since the foundation of the "grandest government that the sun ever shone upon," and that was in the case of Tugwell & Baker. Now one of your honorable body, in addition to my letters, and the public only had Hill's word for it, but we know it to be the truth and we would suggest that you show your sincerity by dismissing from this State's service the two employees of the "pen" who have been in collusion with our country for mercenary purposes, thereby bringing reproach on his excellency and your honorably body, and as this demand has been made by two reputable State officials, and every honest citizen will demand it, for they have the credit of the State and the honor of the public only had Hill's word for it, but we know it to be the truth and we would suggest that you show your sincerity by dismissing from this State's service the two employees of the "pen" who have been in collusion with our country for mercenary purposes, thereby bringing reproach on his excellency and your honorably body, and as this demand has been made by two reputable State officials, and every honest citizen will demand it, for they 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