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EDITORIAL COMMENT

On the Washington State Country Press.

MANY THINGS WELL SAID

By Those Who Build Up Our Industries.

HORDES HUNTING HOMES

In the Fields and Forests of the Evergreen State—Turner on Woman Suffrage—Snohomish's Bike Path—Opening Colville Reservation—Buckley Mill to Reopen—Skagit County Fair—Columbia River Open to the Sea.

The Puyallup Chronicle says that Carey L. Stewart will certainly be the Republican nominee for state senator from the 19th district, as all opposition to him has been drawn off by contending factions.

Wanted—The missing link between wheat and silver. A liberal reward given to any one who will produce it, dead or alive. Address the Bureau of Curios, Lincoln, Nebraska.—Sultan Journal.

The discovery of gold near Tacoma proved no discovery at all. The same old story, everything that Tacoma takes hold of pans out in an unsatisfactory manner. Wake up, you sleepy beings, and see the world move.

Yakima papers report the accidental death of Hon. George S. Taylor, a noted pioneer of that county. For the past thirty-four years he has been staying by Yakima county and had accumulated a fortune in cattle and lands. His death is mourned by the entire community.

The opening of the north half of the Colville Indian reservation October 10th next promises to be a great time for those looking for homes. Before it is time to make the mad rush hundreds of home seekers will doubtless be ready and waiting to locate a claim.

Plans for the Skagit county fair have begun to take definite shape and it will be but a short time now before active work will begin on it, has been gleaned from the Mt. Vernon Argus. Good county fairs are splendid mediums for advertising purposes, and Skagit county is in need of just such an advertisement.

And now comes the Sidney Independent declaring that Kitsap county has excellent gubernatorial timber growing wild there, and can be had for the mere asking on the part of the Republican state convention. The same report would doubtless hold good with every other county in the state.

P. J. Smith is in Seattle this week. Rumor hath it that Pete is making connections with the political exchange and laying a few new wires in outlying districts. A judicious wire or two in this vicinity will be found very useful before all the campaign clouds have cleared away.—Issaquah Independent.

It is estimated, so says the Tacoma News, that there will be not less than 600,000 immigrants from Europe, who will seek homes in this country during the present year. If that be true, then Washington state should get the bulk of them, or get more than any other state, because it has more good farming lands, which they can utilize for homes.

From the similarity of editorials in many of the state exchanges it

would appear that the shears are more often used by the brethren than the pencil, but why not, since it takes less time and mental labor? And then again, no one but the exchange editor ever sees those little irregularities, and he had as well keep still about them.

A sermon in a nutshell can be found in the following excerpt from the Adams County News: "Unless something is done this fictitious prosperity is in danger of becoming permanent." It is barely possible that already is has made up its mind to become permanent; in fact, it has, and that is what is giving the Bryanites so confounded much trouble.

Paul Mohr, according to the Colfax Gazette, has about completed his gigantic undertaking of opening the Columbia river to the sea. He will begin operating by June 15th and will be able to handle the entire fall wheat output. It will be a great saving to the wheat growers, as well as other farmers, along that famous watercourse.

What can be the matter with the editor of the Vineland Journal? Did he fail to get a postoffice at the hands of Senator Wilson, or is he receiving his daily bread from the Ankeny senatorial mills? There seems to be no good and sufficient reason for its tirade of billingsgate against Mr. Wilson unless he happens to be in one or the other aforesaid political conditions.

The recent influx of Japanese, in wholesale numbers, into the Puget Sound country has given the newspapers much to talk about for the past week, with more yet to follow. This matter should be widely discussed, and discussed to that extent that, if there are no immigration laws at present to prevent their coming into this country, there will be at an early date.

It may be that the reason Senator Turner has always been safe on the "woman suffrage" question in this state, was because he felt absolutely certain it would never be a reality. If the women of this state had the right of suffrage they would certainly vote against Senator Turner to a woman, simply because he resorts to means of carrying elections that women do not stand for a single minute.

If Hon. S. G. Cosgrove is not nominated for governor by the next Republican state convention it will be no fault of the East Washingtonian, published at Pomeroy. Sam Cosgrove is a good man, and he has many friends in other places in this state besides Garfield county. Should King county not be able to land this place, it is more than probable that she would throw her forces to Sam Cosgrove for governor.

The Buckley Lumber Company plant, which has been idle for some months, will start to work about May 1st, so thinks the Buckley Banner. This property was once owned by State Senator Sargent, but legal complications arose, and since that time, it has been lying idle. It will be operated by the Pages, and they have expended not less than \$10,000 for new machinery and repairs, and promise to begin operating it by the above date, May 1st.

Already the Auburn Argus has picked its candidate for sheriff of King county in the person of Senator John Wooding. It would appear from the tone of the Argus last week that it does not support Mr. Wooding because it loves Mr. Van de Vanter less, but wholly from circumstances over which it has no control. That state of affairs often happens to us poor newspaper men, Brother Rankin, so do not feel bad over your awkward political predicament.

Puget Sound People
Going to Spokane, Butte, Helena, Minneapolis, St. Paul, or the East, will enjoy the luxurious ease afforded by the Northern Pacific's new North Coast Limited, in service on and after April 29. Up-to-date Standard Pullmans and the crack tourist cars of the Northwest on this new train.

RATHER DRAMATIC

At the University During the Past Week.

'EVERY BODY'S FRIEND'

Made a Decided Hit and Was a Winner.

THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Makes Some Important Changes—The Wave is to be Managed by the Assembly—Senior Class' Commencement Preparations Progressing Nicely—Junior Annual Soon Ready for Distribution.

The Dramatic Club of the University of Washington gave their second annual play last Friday evening. The play is entitled "Everybody's Friend," and to say that the Dramatic Club interpreted it well would hardly be doing justice to the leading amateur artists who took part. It was simply magnificent from beginning to end, and the audience showed its hearty appreciation of their efforts. "Everybody's Friend" is a three-act comedy and has had great success in many of the leading Eastern cities. The cast of characters was as follows: Felix Featherly, Clarence M. Larson; Frank Icebrook, Worth Densmore; Major Wellington De Boots, Alfred Giles; Trap, Ed McCammon; Eugenia Featherly, Elizabeth B. Hancock; Julia Swandown, Edna Robertson; Auerlia Mandeville De Boots, Florence Pearson; Fannie, Sylvester. The music for the occasion was furnished by the university orchestra. About all the students and their friends attended the performance. Then, there were a large number from town also present, so that the club scored a financial success.

At a meeting of the student assembly on Friday of last week two very important amendments were made to the constitution of that "august body." One of these empowers the assembly to elect its officers two weeks before the close of the spring term, instead of at the beginning of the autumn term. The other grants the assembly the right of choosing the manager of the Pacific Wave. Heretofore this important personage has been appointed by the publication committee, to whom it was his duty to report occasionally on the financial condition of that organ.

The Senior class is progressing nicely with its preparations for commencement day entertainments. At a meeting of the class on Thursday the various committees having in charge the arrangements for that day reported, and some careless senior has permitted it to leak out that the class intends to introduce new as well as unheard-of hits and jokes upon the faculty, regents and students. The class has among its membership some excellent material and no one need fear but that it will make the class day exercises interesting to all.

After the patience of the faculty and students have been sorely tried in waiting for the Junior annual, it is now reported that that publication will appear at the end of the week. It will be handsomely bound in heavy cloth board and will bear the university colors—purple and gold. It will contain about forty full pages of beautiful half-tone engravings, histories of various student organizations and fraternities. The writing has been done almost entirely by the Junior class and is in a somewhat humorous style. Many of the leading members of the faculty have been cartooned by the student artists. On the whole it will far surpass anything that has ever appeared at the university.

One of the most handsome books ever issued by the Northern Pacific company has just been sent out. It is certainly the most splendid review of the Northwest that has been issued by any one for years. It is not only replete with Northwest information, but it is likewise pleasingly diversified with historical reminiscences. "Wonderland," the title of the neat new book, is certainly a wonder in its get up and is deserving of the very highest praise. No book of its kind has ever been issued by any other railroad company in the Northwest.

Those Going To
The Lewiston, Buffalo Hump, Big Bend, Coeur d'Alene or Kootenai regions can enjoy the new North Coast Limited with its electric lights, steam heat, wide vestibules and Observation Cars, after April 29, and make close connections on the Northern Pacific at Spokane for all morning trains.

NEWSPAPERS LINING UP

Tom Dempsey's Daily to Beat the Piper's Daily in the Seattle Market.

"Lining up for the coming campaign," is not confined solely to the man who has an itching palm for an office, but it is likewise true of the Seattle newspapers and newspaper men. Within the past week some notable changes in the editorial rooms of the Times have transpired. Tom McGill, who has been city editor since the retiring of O. M. Moore from that position, has been fired and he is now in Tacoma on one of the papers in the capacity of reporter. J. A. Costello, who is said to be one of the best reporters in the city, is now city editor of the Times instead of McGill.

The Post-Intelligencer has also lost a splendid man from its editorial staff in the person of D. K. Larimer. Dave left the Times about a year ago, where he was getting \$10 per week, and accepted a position on the P.-I. at \$18 per week, but the Colonel could not do without Dave, and so he has succeeded in getting him to come back and is now giving him \$20 per week. Here is an instance where quitting and getting hired over paid and paid well.

Unless the Pipers get their papers in the Seattle field pretty soon, it appears that they will have another daily to buck, for it is being whispered about the streets that T. H. Dempsey, who for years ran a daily and subsequently a weekly paper in Seattle, has a daily proposition up his sleeve and has money to help him pull it out at an early date. It was positively given out one day this week that Dempsey would certainly start an evening paper in Seattle in the very near future, and that he had already been making contracts with well-known business houses for advertising space.

The consolidation of the Saturday Mail and Herald was the desideratum for the two papers. Practically speaking, they were of one opinion before they consolidated, and there was nothing else for them to do but consolidate, that is, if they proposed to do business instead of cut each other's throats. Messrs. Way and Hampton are rustlers from the word go, and there is no doubt but that the new concern will put out one of the most readable papers in the city, and likewise one of the best paying ones.

The Seattle Bee, owned by D. W. Griffin, in its last issue promises to be on hand regularly every Monday morning, by which it is understood that it is now on a business basis and will not have to get out this week and try to get out next, with no apparent hope of success.

All of these changes show very conclusively that the newspapers are rapidly lining up for the coming campaign, and a battle royal from the newspaper forts can be looked for.

AFRO-AMERICANISM

Told in Short and Pithy Paragraphs.

THE NEGRO JOURNALIST

Is Spreading the News of His Race.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

No Separate Schools in New York—Tuskegee's Picture—A Negro's Bravery—K. P.'s Benevolent Work—St. Louis' Undertaking Firm—Coleman's Cotton Mill—Tanner, the Artist—Taylor, the Musician—Ex-Confederate Soldiers.

Mississippi has 114 colored ex-convict pensioners on its pay roll. Wonder when they have last been to the polls to vote?

Robert Thompson, the wealthiest Negro in the vicinity of Carlisle, Ky., died recently, leaving an estate valued at from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The Walter Lippincott prize of \$300 for the best figure painting exhibited by an American artist in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts was awarded the gifted Afro-American artist, Henry O. Tanner.

Miss Estelle Hawkins, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been elected class poet by the members of her class in Walnut Hill High School. She is the first person of color whose true worth has thus been honored.

A bill is now under consideration in the New York legislature providing that no person shall be refused admission to any public school on account of race or color and repealing the law authorizing separate schools for colored children.

John F. Dorsey, of Washington, copyrighted his patent, a system for burglar alarms. He is well up in electricity, having for several years been in the employ of an electrical company. His invention will make a valuable acquisition to the Negroes' exhibit, if sent to Paris, France.

Within the last three years the Knights of Pythias of Ohio have divided over \$12,000 among the widows and orphans of its deceased members throughout the state. Already this year \$3,000 has been disbursed, with a surplus of \$1,000 remaining in their treasury.

A list of about 1,100 books and pamphlets by colored authors has been secured by Mr. Daniel Murry, of the library of Congress. These will be used in the Afro-American exhibit at the Paris exposition. Mr. Stoddard has been requested by Mr. Murry to make a note of this fact in a future edition of his Cyclopaedia of American Literature.

The undertaking firm of Russell & Gordon, of St. Louis, Mo., is the largest of its kind in America owned and conducted by colored men. They have in their stables some of the most blooded of Kentucky's animals, six of the finest rubber-tired carriages, two up-to-date hearses, and their drivers are always dressed in suitable livery. Russell & Gordon are members of the City Undertaking Association and employ regularly twelve men, paying over one hundred dollars per week for labor.

J. H. Tucker, Company H, 24th infantry, writes from the Philippines that the question, "What shall we do with our Negro graduates?" has been answered by the Spanish war, and that their place and opportunity in life is in the Philippines. He further says: "This is certainly a fine field for young Negroes, both as teachers

and preachers. Thousands of Filipino children are growing up throughout this island as wild as deer, and have not the least idea that there is any other church than the Catholic."

Mr. S. Coleridge Taylor, the son of an African father and an English mother, is today the man before the public's eye in the musical circles of London. Mr. Taylor has set to music Longfellow's great poem, "Hiawatha." This he has done in three sections: "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," "The Death of Minnehaha," and "Hiawatha's Departure." The newspaper criticisms were favorable indeed, and it is said that the three selections contain some of the truest and best music of the present century.

Concord, North Carolina, has a new establishment in the way of cotton mills. Warren Coleman, a Negro and one of the industrial leaders of that section of the country, after much work on the mill scheme has succeeded in forming a company, and they now have in operation a first-class, up-to-date cotton mill. The enterprise has attracted much attention, owing to the fact that it originated in the mind of a Negro and is owned and conducted by Negroes. The mill contains 5,200 spindles, 140 looms and 22 cards, besides other necessary machinery.

An excellent lithograph of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., has been sent out by that famous institution. There are fifty-seven buildings on the grounds, all of which were designed and constructed by pupils of that institution under the direction of their worthy president, Booker F. Washington. The picture is a reminder of what worth and intelligence can do—a grand monument, as it were, to the success of Negro production. Every Afro-American home would be better ornamented had it one of the pictures on its walls. The sum of 60c sent to Mr. Washington will secure the picture, post-paid.

A Negro during a recent fire at a flat house in New York distinguished himself and proved that the Negro's bravery is not "born of desperation only." He was on his way to work and detected the fire, which soon gained much headway. On the second floor a man with his six little children stood completely cut off from all escape by the flames. This Negro, M. S. Anderson by name, with two passersby ran into the building next door and on up to the third floor. With his two companions holding his legs, Anderson swung head downward, and swaying his body backward and forward managed to reach the children as the father held them up to him. And all were rescued from a horrible and speedy death.

(Roslyn Miner.)
The entertainment given to raise the traveling expenses of the pastor of the A. M. E. Church as a delegate to the General Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 7, 1900, was a grand success both financially and as a literary effort. The Silver Leaf Club, an auxiliary of the church, furnished the refreshments, and the Literary and Musical Club furnished the literary and musical treat. Both were perfect. The net proceeds amounted to more than \$60. The thanks of the pastor and church is gratefully returned to all who contributed to the grand success.

GEO. A. BAILEY, Pastor.
The Seattle friends of Rev. Bailey are quite pleased to learn that he will soon leave for the General Conference of his church at Columbus, and that the good folk of Roslyn sent him there in proper shape, financially and otherwise. Rev. S. J. Collins will also be a delegate to the General Conference, and he and Rev. Bailey will leave together.

Mining Men
Going to the Kootenai country Rossland, Coeur d'Alene country, or Buffalo Hump, will find the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific just the thing. In service after April 29. Close connection made at Spokane with all outgoing trains.