

ARBOR DAY.

To-morrow is "arbor day," and we hope it will be generally observed in Montana, in city as well as in country.

We do not desire to see any such stimulated enthusiasm as will expend itself in a season and involve so much machinery of organization, labor and expense as will break down and defeat the purpose of the occasion.

There are many difficulties in the way which will have to be removed in Montana. Among these may be mentioned the great many failures that have been made.

It may be said in the outset that there are varieties of shade, timber and fruit trees suitable to every habitable portion of the globe, and the study should be to find them out.

There is this general fact in American character, that it is too apt to be impatient for immediate results.

As it is confessedly hard to teach old dogs new tricks, we should start in with the young dogs of the schools and families.

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AN AMERICAN CONGRESS.

The conference committee of both houses of congress has agreed upon a bill that provides for a congress of the American governments to be held in Washington, next spring, to consider questions relative to their mutual interests.

Who is to select these subjects of discussion, and when are they announced? The bill may provide, but the telegraphic epitome does not state.

The main purpose for which this congress is called is undoubtedly to consider the subject of commercial relations.

There are somewhere about twenty States that would be entitled to representation, and if each sends ten delegates it would make a respectable body for size.

There will not likely be any attempt to form a general alliance, even to the extent of mutual defense.

Whether it is possible to come to any satisfactory general conclusions upon even these subjects is quite uncertain.

Another thing that seems feasible would be the establishment of the decimal system of reckoning money, and the same for weights and measures.

These matters will be subjects of discussion in our newspapers, magazines, school and lecture rooms, after the presidential contest is disposed of, perhaps before.

But we need not think that we shall have the discussion of these questions to ourselves. The nations of Europe are peculiarly interested, and they will exert themselves to the utmost to defeat any schemes to draw away the growing and profitable trade with Central and South America.

Innocent as the measure may seem to most readers, there are seeds of mighty contention that will be sowed broadcast when the possible significance of the measure is understood in Europe.

MINISTER PHELPS is home from Europe, not for the vacant Chief Justiceship, but as the bearer of important information that could not be trusted to the cable, to the effect that the English dread the adoption of free trade in this country.

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ROSCOE CONKLING.

Contrary to our earnest hope and prayers, Roscoe Conkling sleeps the sleep that knows no waking.

His life has been an active one in the heroic period of our national life. He was in his 59th year, born October 30, 1829.

He did not take a collegiate course, but spent the years usually devoted to college in reading law with his father, and entered the law office of Spencer & Kernan, in Utica, when only 17 years of age.

In 1856 he was elected to the Thirty-sixth Congress, and with the exception of the Thirty-eighth Congress, in which he was defeated by Francis Kernan, he continued to be re-elected to the House, until chosen to the Senate in 1866.

He was re-elected Senator in 1873 and again in 1879, ending his Senatorial career by a petulant resignation, one of the greatest mistakes of his life.

If we seek to know what great work in life Roscoe Conkling achieved, it would be hard to enumerate any special act or measure with which his name will be associated.

It would seem that with such talents as he possessed he might have done more for his permanent fame. With a noble wife and daughter, he was not happy with either of them.

There is much satisfaction in reviewing the finished work of many men, but in the case of Conkling there is an indescribable sadness as over magnificent ruins.

There is unusual cause to mourn the death of Roscoe Conkling, and it will be dark, deep and bitter.

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HIS LAST MOMENTS.

Affecting Scenes Around the Death Bed of Ex-Senator Conkling.

The Interment to be at the Old Home, Utica, N. Y.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Conkling died at 1:50 a. m. Dr. Barker called at 9:15 and remained until 9:35.

Dr. Barker seemed quite overcome as he stood on the steps of Conkling's house this afternoon and told the reporters of the impending dissolution of his patient.

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A GREAT LOSS.

An Incendiary Fire Destroys Senator Stanford's Valuable Stables.

San Francisco, April 18.—A fire at Palo Alto last night burned a portion of the stables of Senator Leland Stanford.

Later details go to show that the fire on the farm of Senator Stanford was incendiary. A very few minutes before the flames were discovered in a shed, the watchman made his usual rounds and found everything in proper order.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A Democratic caucus of Representatives has been called to meet in the House to-night.

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