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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

An Interesting Resume of the Week's Happenings in Both Branches of the Nation's Legislature.

McCreary hopes to get through the House at this session a bill to provide for a permanent exposition of the three Americas, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery by Columbus. The bill is merely preliminary in its provisions, authorizing the President to appoint a board of nine directors to formulate a plan for the exposition, and appropriating \$25,000 for the expenses of their meeting. Their plan, it is provided, shall be to constitute an advisory board of 62 members, appointed by the governors of the States and Territories and the executives of 16 American nations. Space is to be provided in Washington for the exposition, and a suitable site selected for the statue of Columbus.

A lively discussion arose in the House Friday afternoon, based on an article in a New York paper, declaring that there were two elements united against the Nicaragua canal bill, the agents of the Pacific railroads and the attorneys of the Panama canal, and containing an interview with Judge Daly on the subject, intimating that the gentlemen (naming them) who offered amendments to the bill did so for the purpose of defeating the measure. Messrs. Wils and Bland, of Missouri, Cobb, of Alabama, and Spinola, of New York, indignantly denied being influenced in their action in offering amendments by any purpose except a desire to perfect the measure. The latter referred to Judge Daly as a man who, since his retirement from the bench, had been connected with breezy enterprises. Cox, of New York, paid a warm tribute to Judge Daly's integrity, and in an emphatic manner denied the charge that he was a lobbyist.

As regards the commission recently appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, under a provision for that purpose contained in the last naval appropriation bill, to examine the coast north of the forty-second parallel of north latitude, in the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington and Alaska, and to select a suitable site for a navy-yard and docks, it may be said that the commissioners had an interview with the Oregon Senators at the capital, and discussed various possible locations. The names of prominent business men at each location were selected; also such other information as the Senators could give them. The commissioners will examine Coos bay, Yaquina bay, Portland, Astoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Port Townsend and other places on Puget sound. The commission will confer with prominent men at each point, and will make a careful examination of the advantages which each presents.

There are some very important measures affecting the north Pacific coast pending before Congress. Senator Dolph states that he has been promised a favorable report on the bill in the Senate for the payment of Oregon and Washington Indian war claims, pending before the committee on military affairs, and the bill for the creation of a court to adjudicate Indian deprecation claims, which is before the Senate committee on Indian affairs, which he thought would be reported with amendments making the bill perfect. He had strong hopes that the conference committee on the railroad forfeiture bill, now that the election was over, would be able to come to an agreement, and if not, when the disagreement was reported the House would recede from its amendment, and forfeiture of the land grant from Wallula to Portland would be secured. Among the bills which had passed the Senate and were pending in the House, he said, were his bill for forfeiture of Oregon wagon road grants; for the creation of public bridges at Portland and Salem; to grant certain townships to Oregon for a public park; to extend the limits of Portland as a port of entry, and to create ports of entry at Tacoma and Seattle, and a port of delivery at Port Angeles, and to credit the State of Oregon with the value of arms borrowed of Washington Territory and lost in the Nez Perce Indian war; also Senator Mitchell's bill making an appropriation for a boat railway at the dalles of the Columbia river. He said that it could be secured consideration for these and other measures of interest to Oregon, and that they hoped that some or all of them would pass the House at the present session. The bill which has already passed the House, providing for equipment of the militia of the State of Oregon with certain arms, ammunition and equipment, has been referred to Senator Stewart of the committee on military affairs. Senator Stewart will report in favor of the bill and in all probabilities it will pass the Senate within a short time. Senator Mitchell's bill, which he introduced in the Senate Friday, providing for the admission of Idaho to the Union, is identical with that introduced by Delegate Dubois, of Idaho, with one exception. The Mitchell bill confers upon women in the Territory the right to vote. Both of the Oregon Senators are in favor of woman suffrage, and on every occasion they have voted to give the ballot to women.

Safe-crackers and burglars are making profitable hauls in San Bernardino.

There is a larger yield of cotton per acre in Missouri than in any other State.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Matters of Local and General Import Gathered from All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

At Mariposa hay is \$25 a ton.

The Fresno Exhibitor has been enlarged.

The Dalles, Or., pays a bounty for dog scalps.

A turnpike from Chico to Oroville is projected.

The sugar refinery at Watsonville gives \$8 a ton for beets.

The streets of Traver, Tulare county, are to be graded this winter.

A woolen mill is to be started at Brownsville, Linn county, Or.

The strike on the Montana Union railroad has forced several mines to close down.

Hon. Stephen M. White fainted in the court room at Los Angeles recently, the effect of overwork.

Two squaws, who were intoxicated, rolled into a camp fire at Colton recently and were badly burned.

The Woodland town authorities want to drive out the Salvation army and raise the price of theatrical license.

Senator Stanford will be shown points for needed legislation on the southern coast.

The corporation publishing the San Bernardino Times has taken the name of The L. M. Holt Publishing Company.

Chinese gamblers have been hiring substitutes to appear for them in the Los Angeles courts and have thus escaped.

William Wright, a 14-year-old colored boy, stabbed Franklin McAllen, aged 13, with a pocket knife at Stockton last week.

The Board of Supervisors of Sonoma county have let a contract to build a \$20,000 bridge across Russian river at Cloverdale.

The orchards, vineyards and all nery connected with General Bidwell's rancho Chico are to be leased to a San Francisco company.

Diphtheria still afflicts Bloomfield, Sonoma county. Several cases are yet in danger. The schools have been closed for six weeks.

Four celestialists on a hand-car were badly injured near San Francisco, Los Angeles county, last week, in collision with a special train.

Jacob Hodge, a carpenter at the Coe mine at Grass Valley, had both arms broken recently in a fall, and it is believed he is internally injured.

Three deaths so far are reported to the Portland police as a result of the Chinese battle recently. Many are wounded, but they are keeping quiet.

Revenge and not robbery is declared to have been the motive that actuated these ruffians who attempted to wreck the Oregon express on Tuesday.

The Salvation army at Petaluma has won a victory. They have obtained permission to parade the streets, and parties molesting them will be arrested.

Samuel Shepler, of Chicago, has purchased a \$25,000 ranch a few miles west of Santa Rosa, which he intends converting into a stock and breeding farm.

Railway post-office service has been established on the line of the Northern Pacific and Puget Sound Shore railroads between Seattle and Tacoma.

Alfred Schwartz, of Slaughter, W. T., has been swindling the people by obtaining money on pretended certificates of deposit on San Francisco banks.

The first annual promenade concert and ball of the Grand Army of the Republic was given last week at the State capital at Sacramento and was a great success.

Rails have been laid on the Feather river bridge of the Knights Landing extension of the Northern California company, and an engine crossed from Marysville into Sutter county recently.

Oregon's tax levy has been fixed as follows: State levy for current expenses, three and seven-tenths of a mill; militia tax, one-fifth of a mill; University, one-tenth of a mill. Total, four mills.

Charles Marshall, a noted horse thief, was shot in the leg recently by Will Roberts, a San Bernardino deputy sheriff. Marshall was found in the brush in the mountains. He will probably die. There are eight charges of robbery against him in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

It is proposed to build a sea-wall 200 feet wide on top around the entire city front of San Diego. The idea is to furnish terminal facilities, main tracks, switches-round-houses, etc., for all railroads entering the city, besides coal bunkers and warehouses for all the shipping business of the water front.

In the trial of John A. Dimmig, of San Francisco, a book agent, for the alleged murder of Henry Benhayon in October, 1887, a number of witnesses were called, but the testimony varied little if any from that elicited at the former trial. Louis Goldberg, a cloak dealer and a close associate of Benhayon, testified that he didn't think that the latter could have written his alleged confession at the time he called at witness' place of business to do some writing, as he remained too short a time to write so long a document.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A Brief Mention of Matters of General Interest.—Notes Gathered from Home and Abroad.

Portsmouth, Ohio, is to have a corn fair.

Diphtheria rages in Morristown, New Jersey.

Heavy stitching on the back of a glove is bad form.

Archbishop Riorden has left Rome for the United States.

A famine is threatened among the East African colonists.

There are 3,000,000 women in the United States who work for wages.

The New York law against car stoves goes into effect January 1st.

Straw-bail goers are having an encounter with the courts in New York.

Two-fifths of the Dominion of Canada are under no-license liquor laws.

From 1880 to 1888 no less than 4,637,252 persons have come to this country.

Louisiana has five newspapers edited by women. The New Orleans Picayune is one.

The sword that Ethan Allen carried at Ticonderoga, is owned by a Lansing, Mich., woman.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, is rapidly becoming one of the most enterprising cities of Canada.

The Bible has to be printed in 29 different languages to supply the people living in Pennsylvania.

From the best statistics obtainable there are about 1,000,000 Union soldiers living at the present time.

Tramps have filled up the Brooklyn almshouse. One hundred men have been put at work on the sand pile.

Alexander H. Stephens during his life educated 150 boys and 50 girls, giving them all collegiate educations.

There are 1,100 colored preachers in Tennessee, and the highest salary received by any of them is \$200 a year.

Military men believe that the White Pasha, now at Bahr el Ghazel, and moving north, is the great explorer, Stanley.

A Brooklyn boarding-school proprietress has sued a plumber for \$15,000 because the pupils have become sick from sewer gas.

St. Louis painters have condemned the practice of the painting of fire-houses and police stations by policemen and firemen.

They are going back in Philadelphia to the old fashion of selling grains and vegetables by weight instead of measure.

The Brooklyn Engineers' society last week protested against the granting of permission to a company to lay pipes for hot water.

Governor Beaver has just sent in \$1,000 for the John A. Logan monument fund of the G. A. R., collected in various Pennsylvania posts.

The Newark Law and Order league is taking steps to counteract what it deems the "growing influence of liquor interests in State politics."

Minneapolis flour men have selected St. Albans, Vt., as their distributing center for New England, and intend building there two immense storage houses.

Public men in Canada say that the Liberal party will ultimately take up annexation in opposition to the Imperial federation policy of the Conservatives.

Colorado is becoming an oil-producing State. In the valley of the Arkansas, near Pueblo, there are a number of wells, the yield of which is 1,000 barrels per day.

The Rev. Dr. David Spurgeon, aged 89, is an inmate of Flatbush, Long Island, almshouse. He gave away large sums and was ruined by the failure of a company.

It is estimated that from five to six million pounds of turkey and a million quarts of cranberries were necessary to enable the city of New York to enjoy its Thanksgiving feasts.

Minneapolis street-car drivers are no longer furnished with free passes. Fare must be rung up when the passenger gets on the car instead of at the time of payment of the fare.

Seventy per cent. of the infants in the Foundling hospital at Ottawa have died during the year. Within five years 607 have been buried. Improper nursing is said to be the cause.

A deposit of natural gas was struck the other day nine miles north-east of Tuscola, Ill. The pressure creates a flame thirty feet high. The discovery has caused great excitement in the district.

There are 2,800 members of the Michigan Anti-Horse Thief society, and during the past year they have not had a cent's worth of property stolen, although they are worth an aggregate of \$2,800,000.

A man in New Brunswick has displayed a strange taste about dying. He dug his grave, lowered his coffin, got in and took a dose of poison and then pulled a string to a landside, which descended upon him.

The Toronto Trades Council has requested the city to inform intending emigrants from England that the Canadian labor market is overstocked. The Legislature will be asked to abolish the existing immigration laws.

THE AGRICULTURALIST

Newsy Notes Concerning the Farm and of Especial Interest to the Pacific Coast Husbandman.

The fresh fruit crop of California this season has an estimated value of \$10,000,000.

It is said that by forcing salt into the holes made by borers in trees, the borers will be destroyed.

The water trough needs a thorough scrubbing and scalding occasionally, or it will soon be coated with slime.

It is better to feed a cow every ounce of food she has the ability to take care of than to try to gain profit by saving feed.

Too much grain is more detrimental to breeding stock than not enough. The food should be bulky, with a small allowance of grain.

No animal is so hardy as to require no attention. The more an animal is exposed the less it will produce, either of pork, wool, mutton, beef or milk.

Major Alvord condemns dehorning in toto. He says in the Boston Cultivator that it is cruel, and argues that it does not render cattle less pugnacious.

No flower is more popular than the aster, and few have held so high a place in popular esteem for so many years, and it is still growing in favor. For an autumn show of flowers we have not its equal.

Feeding red pepper to laying hens is not beneficial unless given very moderately, and not often than three times a week. It acts as a temporary stimulant, but if given continually causes injurious effects.

Aged horses should have ground grain at all times or they will not thrive, owing to their inability to masticate the whole grains. Where a horse is subject to heaves it is best to moisten all the chopped or ground food.

There is no necessity for pampering a bull and allowing it to become vicious. It can be made to work, if desired, in providing power for fodder-cutters, grain-mills, etc. It is done in Europe, and is practicable here.

There is no dodging the fact that the American arbor vite is the best all-around tree for an evergreen hedge. Its hardiness, density obtained by shearing, and its rapid growth alone recommends it for the general purpose of a hedge above all coniferous competitors.

For a narrow and effectual wind-break, a double row of Scotch or white pine, in rows eight or ten feet apart and at about the same distance between the trees in the rows, will form in six or eight years, in a climate where they can be grown, a close and effectual screen.

The Iowa Agricultural college, it is said, has been crossing Southdown ewes with Shropshire bucks for four years. As a result the average of all fleeces has increased from 4.58 to 8.25 pounds, and the percentage of lambs from 77 per cent. in 1880 to 131 per cent. in 1888.

The estimated loss to the cotton, apple and potato crops from insects is \$40,000,000. Yet the farmers take no precaution to protect the birds. Every bird killed adds just the work it would perform to the labor of the farmer, who consequently has a greater number of insects to destroy.

Horses can, of course, stand more exposure in cold weather than men, but the same kind of exposure that produces colds, rheumatism, etc., in men, will be liable to effect horses in the same way. It is, therefore, apparent that warm stables, good blankets and protection from severe weather are necessary.

Professor Henry gives the following as a good ration for a dairy cow where corn fodder constitutes the main portion of the coarse fodder: Corn stalks, cut, 15 to 16 pounds; clover hay, 5 pounds; bran, 6 pounds; corn meal, 4 pounds. This can be fed twice or three times a day, as the feeder prefers.

The drains should be put down before the ground freezes. A single tile drain will sometimes carry off the surplus water from a large field, but enough drain should be used to render the field dry in early spring and be in proper condition for plowing. The use of the drain will add hundreds of dollars to an early crop.

A Western dairyman has hit upon a very simple plan of warming water for his stock to drink in winter. He puts an iron plate, say 18 inches square, on the bottom of his water tank, cutting away the wood of course, where the iron was. Under the plate he uses an oil stove. He says 10 cents' worth of oil a day would warm the water for 60 cows up to 70 degrees or more.

In developing cows for butter the feeder should be sure that he does not overfeed, but as he finds they eat with a good appetite he may add a little more to each feed, and so continue gradually to increase the feed as they will bear it. This power of digestion will increase, and he may gradually increase the milking capacity of his cows and their production of butter. The skill of that feeder has much to do with the result.

The editor of the Mark Lane Express advises farmers to cut off potato blossoms as they appear. The ball or true seed of the potato, which results from the blossom, are not only unnecessary to the formation of the tuber below, but are a prejudicial strain on the plant. He says: "I have tried it again and again on a large scale—three rows left and three rows cut—and the results have more than satisfied me."

PORTLAND MARKET REPORT.

The condition of the local market is all that could be desired, orders from the interior being numerous, owing to the greater circulation among the farming, Friday trade has augmented sales to a point entirely satisfactory to our merchants, and Christmas week promises to be unusually active.

GRAIN.—Wheat has declined 1c in all grades since last report, as follows: C. 3c, extra C. 6c, dry granulated 7c, cube crushed and powdered 7c. Coffee firm, with a limited stock on the market. Salvador 12 1/2c, Costa Rica and Rio de Janeiro 13c, Arbutle's roasted 24c.

PROVISIONS.—Oregon hams are quoted at 14c, breakfast bacon 1c, houlders 10 1/2c. Eastern meat is quoted as follows: Ham 13 1/2c, breakfast bacon 13c, lard 10 1/2c.

FRUITS.—Green fruit receipts 132 bxs. Apples 6 1/2c, Mexican oranges 8c, lemons 8 1/2c, bananas \$3.50, \$4.50 per bunch, quinces 4c, 5c per box.

VEGETABLES.—Market well supplied. Cabbage 1 1/2c per lb, carrots and turnips 7c per lb, red pepper 3c per lb, potatoes 40c per sack, sweet 14c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS.—Receipts 300 bbls. Sun-dried apples 4 1/2c per lb, factory slice-d 8c, factory plums 8c, Oregon prunes 7 1/2c, pears 9c, lemons 10 1/2c, raisins 2 1/2c per box, California figs 9c, Smyrna 18c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter receipts for the week 91 casks. Fancy creamery 32c per lb, choice dairy 3c, medium 7c, common 2c, eastern 25c 30c.

EGGS.—Receipts 192 cases. Oregon 35c, eastern 32c 34c.

POULTRY.—Chickens \$3.50 4, for large young and \$4 4 1/2 for old, turkeys 1 1/2 1 1/2c per lb, ducks \$5 1/2 7 per dozen, geese \$8 1/2.

WOOL.—Receipts for week 35,000 lbs. Valley 18 1/2c, Eastern Oregon 16 1/2c.

HOPS.—Receipts for week 25,630 lbs. Choice 12 1/2c 14c.

GRAIN.—Receipts for week 80,611 cts. Valley \$1.42 1 1/2c, Eastern Oregon \$1.37 1 1/2c, Oats 32c 35c.

FLOUR.—Receipts for week 3139 bbls. Standard 15c, other brands \$1.75.

FEED.—Barley \$23 1/2 25 per ton, bran \$16, chop \$16 1/2, shorts \$17, baled hay \$13 1/2 15, loose \$12 1/2 15.

FRESH MEATS.—Beef, live, 3c, dressed 6c, mutton, live, 3c, dressed 10c, lambs 8 1/2c each, hogs, live, 5 1/2 5c, dressed 7 1/2 7c, veal 6c 7c.

Manager William H. Eckert said he did not expect to see any radical change in the form of the telephone, save perhaps a contrivance to hold the receiver to the ear and leave the listener both hands free. He laughed when asked as to the practical use of a telephone audible to a person sitting several feet away from the instrument. "That has been perfected," he said, "but nobody cares for it. We were all amused and delighted with the invention when it was first shown, but after awhile it was agreed by experts that the thing was not likely to be of practical value. No one cares to have a thing in his office that will talk right out at the most inopportune moment. There are none in use, as far as I know."—New York Press.

Two Marriages in France.

There are always two marriages in France before the groom can claim his bride—first the marriage at the mayor's office, or civil marriage, and then the church marriage. Two, and sometimes three, days pass between the two ceremonies, during which time the announcement of the civil marriage is posted up on the court house door, and the young couple are not allowed to see each other. The civil marriage is a quiet affair, the bride wearing street costume, and the members of her own and her husband's families being the only persons present. The second ceremony is in accordance with the wealth of the groom and the position he holds in society.—The Argonaut.

Thought He Was Lucky.

He was a belated citizen going home. As he turned into High street from Beaubien a pedestrian suddenly confronted him and said:

"Mister, if you would please be so kind as to tell me what time it is, I'd be—"

"Just striking one!" was the reply, as the belated shot out with his right and knocked the fellow into the gutter.

The victim crawled out after a period of inactivity, gathered up a big ball of snow for his nose to bleed on, and muttered to himself:

"Wasn't it luck that it wasn't just striking eleven or twelve?"—Detroit Free Press.

Only Wanted Enough.

Not long since a huxton, newly arrived daughter of Erin found herself the only passenger on a steambot whose dock adjoined a slip from which rowboats are hired. Just as the lines were about to be cast off she approached the mate of the steambot, and, with artless politeness, exclaimed: "Ah, sur ye needn't take me in this big boat. Wan av thin small wans will do."

The official was so surprised at this thoughtfulness that his eyes got as big as saucers, and he walked away in silence, not daring to give expression to the words his tongue would utter.—New York Evening Sun.

A Sad State of Affairs.

Old Mrs. Bentley—Have you heard anything about Mrs. Brown lately, Obadiah?

Old Mr. Bentley—She died several days ago. I thought you'd know that.

Old Mrs. Bentley—I never heard of it. Poor soul! An' so she's dead?

Old Mr. Bentley—Yes, dead an' buried.

Old Mrs. B.—An' buried, too? Oh, my! Wuss an' wuss!—New York Sun.

The First Salutation.

The first kiss between the spinster patroness of a matrimonial bureau and the man introduced to her by the marriage broker as her "future husband," is described by hangars on as being amusing to a degree. They seem afraid of each other, until finally the woman rushes at him, and he seems glad it's over.—New York Graphic.

Something About Parasites.

"Pa, here's a piece in the paper about parasites. What is parasites, pa?"

"Parasites are they that live on the people who live in Paris