

They have a free and easy way of doing things in the Indian territory that is not wholly devoid of its advantages. For some time, for instance, the editors of two papers at Tallequah, finding news dull, and having no prohibition or other topics to discuss, went after each other and made it personally hot for each other, and it got to be so that the good and bad people of Tallequah sat up all night to see the paper in the morning and read what mean things Stone of the Telephone said about Baudenot of the Advocate, and vice versa, or versa vice, as the case may be. Finally Baudenot, who appears to be one of those fellows who get mad easy, got hot over some little pleasant allusion on the part of Stone to his alleged relation to the much-abused canine tribe, and last Sunday, the 23rd inst., after sitting in church awhile and reflecting on the vanity of human life and the mutability of earthly ambition, Baudenot went over to Stone's office where Stone was coloring a meerschaum cigar-holder, and asked Stone to take back what he had said. Stone refused, and Baudenot at once shot Stone stone dead. This was much better than to have kept the thing going, but some of Stone's friends that he owed money to, are angry at Baudenot and say it was real mean of him to go and set that way. Stone is buried and Baudenot has a gun in both hip pockets since the funeral.

ARIZONA may not be the most attractive place in the world to live in, but it boasts a public school system that is the pride of its citizens. It pays its teachers higher salaries than any other state or territory, and requires a higher standard of ability as equivalent. Good pay is the one thing necessary to secure good service in any professional capacity, says the Telegram. The country schools that limp along with the cheap services of amateur teachers from year to year, are weak and insignificant factors in the educational world, and city schools that are run on a policy the corner stone of which is cheap teachers are but little better.

It is reported at Washington that the resignation of general Sparks, commissioner of the general land office, has been demanded by secretary Lamar, by the authority of the president. It is said that the retirement of Sparks has become necessary, not only on account of the lack of harmony between the interpretation of the law by him and Lamar respectively, but also by the fact that the commissioner in some cases had obstinately adhered to his own views in his official acts after reversal of his decision by the secretary of the interior.

THE NEW ORLEANS Picayune professes to believe that the increase of murders, highway robberies and other violent crimes in Texas of late is due to the law prohibiting the carrying of pistols. It says this foolish law only disarms orderly and law abiding people, while the robbers, the roughs and the rascals generally take advantage of the defenseless condition of the rest of the community.

It is now reported that secretary Bayard will resign if he is not sustained in his opposition to the seizure of independent sealers in Alaskan waters beyond the league limit.

THE old war ship Tennessee, which cost the government something over \$1,500,000, left the Brooklyn navy yard Monday to go into the service of the Meriden railroad company as a coal bunker.

CITIZEN TRAIN expects to live 200 years, so he told a Chicago reporter. He'll probably lose his ambition in this respect after stopping in Chicago for a winter.

Cause of a Sudden Rise in Wheat.

There was a report during the week that from 46 to 50 cents was being paid for wheat at Garfield, Oakesdale and other points on the Spokane & Falouse. Upon investigation we found that 46 cents was paid last week, and that one day as high as 49 cents was offered. Since the freight rates from those points are the same as from Colfax, many people were at a loss to understand why buyers there could afford to pay several cents more for wheat. Like anything else, it is simple enough when you understand it. The ship Persia was lying at Tacoma under charter awaiting a cargo, and there was not sufficient wheat there to load her; hence Portland buyers were forced to make a sacrifice, and offered an advanced price at all Northern Pacific points in order to get the Persia started on her voyage. As soon as she was loaded the price of wheat at Garfield and Oakesdale fell to 42 1/2 cents, the same as is paid here, and the parties who supplied the cargo declare they will load no more ships at Tacoma.—Palouse Gazette.

FORT CANBY. (Oregonian.) The chamber of commerce of Astoria and the board of trade of this city have very properly protested against the abandonment of Fort Canby, at the mouth of the Columbia river. The station commands the entrance of the Columbia, and is the only protection of Portland, Astoria, and the whole river country, against hostile approach from the ocean. If it is worth while to defend the seacoast at any point, it certainly is at this one. Fort Canby protects the largest and next largest cities of Oregon and the main outlet of ocean commerce of one state and two territories. Owing to peculiar advantages of situation, a small force on Cape Disappointment using heavy guns could hold a hostile fleet at bay, and such a force should always be maintained ready for an emergency. The exposed position of the Columbia river, within a day's sail from the naval depot of a possible enemy, is of itself a circumstance calling for strict vigilance.

The formal protests, above referred to, voice a general public sentiment based on interests of a public nature. Behind these expressions there are no local or private purposes. Neither Portland nor Astoria makes any money through the business of supplying this station, and neither would suffer any appreciable business loss through its abandonment. But it is felt that the property interests here are large enough to merit protection. This alone is the motive of the protests submitted to the secretary of war. The policy of concentrating the military forces of the country in a few large garrisons centrally located and convenient to transportation, is good so far as field troops are concerned, but in the case of the artillery it is different. Posts long abandoned and suffered to fall into decay, cannot be rehabilitated at once. They must be kept up by constant occupation and vigilance, else they must soon become practically useless. Instead of being abandoned, Fort Canby should be improved to the standard of modern defensive science and maintained as a permanent military station. The citizens of Portland and Astoria have a right to demand that this be done.

The Snigger Point.

While reforming the language I beg leave to introduce an improvement to punctuation—the snigger point, or note of exclamation. It is written thus and represents, as nearly as may be, a smiling mouth. It is to be appended, with every full stop, to every jocular or ironical sentence, or, without the stop, to every jocular or ironical clause of a sentence otherwise serious—thus: "Mr. Pickering is the noblest work of God." "Our respected and esteemed contemporary, Mr. De Young, whom for his virtues we revere and for his success envy, is going to the devil as fast as two heels can carry him." "Deacon Fitch, a truly good man, is self-made in the largest sense of the term; he was born great, wise and rich, but the deflection of his nose is the work of his own coat-sleeve."—S. F. Examiner.

Some of the Coal Fleet.

The Umatilla, which has been on the docks four months, will be finished in about a month, with the addition of another deck and all the modern passenger steamship improvements. The staterooms and deck will be lighted with incandescent lights and, altogether, she will be one of the most convenient and best appearing steamers on the coast. The Walla Walla, the sister ship of the Umatilla, was docked last week in an hour and a half, which is considered to be fast docking. New plating was put on her bottom.—S. F. Alta, 21.

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Discovered Too Much. WASHINGTON, October 24.—Samuel Packard, who has been sent here by the prohibitionists, claims to have discovered a serious condition of affairs for the anti-liquor men throughout the country. Packard says that the question of the constitutionality of prohibitory legislation enacted since the adoption of the fourteenth amendment has never yet been decided by the United States supreme court, and that if the contention of the liquor men in the cases involving the prohibitory law were sustained by the supreme court, it will have the effect of overturning all prohibitory laws, local option or otherwise, enacted since the adoption of the fourteenth amendment in so far as they attempt to prohibit the use of distilleries, breweries and saloons owned and in use at the time of the passage of such laws. The only way to overcome this serious obstacle to the progress of the prohibition movement, he says, would be by constitutional amendment.

Who Wrote Shakespeare?

Hamlet overheard Julius Caesar tell King Lear on the Twelfth Night after the Tempest that Antony and Cleopatra had told Coriolanus that two gentlemen of Verona were the authors of Shakespeare's plays. Lear said: You may take it As You Like It, but I don't believe it, for I heard Romeo and Juliet say Love's Labor was lost when Troilus and Cressida stole the Comedy of Errors and sold it to the Merchant of Venice for a cup of sack and a dish of caraways. Timon of Athens and Cymbeline were parties to the theft, and after drinking Measure for Measure with the Merry Wives of Windsor told King John all about it. Richard III., a competent critic, said Bacon could not write even A Winter's Tale, and Henry VIII. said that settles it. So why make so much ado about nothing? Othello was busy discussing a point of honor with Henry IV., V. and VI., and as Richard II. was absent taming the Shrew, I could get no further evidence as to who wrote Shakespeare, but All's Well that Ends Well.

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