

THE PUGET SOUND MAIL,

La Conner, W. T.

JAMES POWER, PROPRIETOR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1882.

STATEHOOD.—We suggest that our worthy Delegate to Congress offer a substitute for his bill, now pending in Congress, providing for our immediate admission under the State Constitution already adopted.

As to TAXATION.—However apparently simple the question of taxation may be it is without doubt one of the most complex questions in the science of government.

CONGRESS met on last Monday, on which day the President's Message was read. This annual state paper is an unusually brief review of the affairs of the nation and our relations with the governments of foreign countries.

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TO THE COUNTRY TRADE. Having Opened a Stock of General Merchandise AT PADILLA BAY. For the Accommodation of the Settlers in that Section. WE WOULD ASK ALL TO CALL AND EXAMINE OUR STOCK AND PRICES BEFORE GOING FURTHER.

W. J. McKenna, Manager. It is our object to Sell GOOD GOODS at Low Prices and to Accommodate the FARMING TRADE by dealing in all FARM PRODUCE. Our Stock consists of a Full Line of Goods generally to be found in a Country Store, all of which we would ask your inspection and solicit a share of your Patronage.

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LOCAL COMMENTS.

THE MAIL AND CHRONICLE. THE MAIL has entered into arrangements with the San Francisco Chronicle...

Court commences on the 19th and not on the 20th, as was stated in a few of last week's papers, ere the error was corrected.

Som building and improvement will be inaugurated in La Conner next spring. Mr. McGinnis will build a large 2-story addition to his hotel...

Seattle was again up in arms on the occasion of a party of desperadoes breaking into a leading beer saloon one night last week...

Mr. Isaac Demar, one of our County Commissioners elect, has bought the Crockett ranch, formerly part of the Calloun place, 200 acres...

Seattle had quite a scare a week ago over rumors that found expression from improvements at Tacoma, that the 'metropolis' would probably be left out in the cold...

At the late election in Boise City Idaho, a Chinaman presented himself at the polls and offered his vote which was promptly challenged by a Democrat.

LETTERS LIST.—Letters for the following named persons remain uncalled for at the La Conner post office: Charles Basford, Jesse Cury, Chas. Carpenter, Gabriel Gobin, C. H. Mellson, Steamer McNaught, H. McCauley, Cms. Ludwig Wilson, John Palmer, Nels Polson, N. B. Richards, John Sterus, W. H. Tattershall, J. A. Titus, J. Wirth, Miss A. McAvay, Luella Wittenmeyer.

At the last term of the Court at Yakima City, thirty firms were sued for violating the Sunday law.

To HOUSEKEEPERS.—Wanted, a situation to do general house work; can do plain sewing and is a good cook. Address "F. H." Argus office, Port Townsend, W. T.

A QUERY ANSWERED.—A subscriber writes us to inquire who succeeds to the Presidency in case of vacancy in the office of President and Vice President. We quote from the law: "In case of removal, death, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice President of the United States, the President of the Senate or if there be none then the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for the time being, shall act as President until the disability is removed or a President elected."

So it will be seen that the Council consists of seven Republicans and one Independent of Republican antecedents, making practically eight Republicans to four Democrats; while the House stands eleven Republicans, eight Democrats and five Independents, but as it is known that at least two of the Independents are of Republican antecedents, the House may also be put down as Republican.

REV. MR. HANSAUER, of Oregon, has been holding a Baptist revival at La Conner this week, assisted by Rev. Mr. Davis of the Skagit.

The Taxation Question.

NOORACK, W. T., Dec. 4, 1882.

EDITORIAL: As laws are made for the people they should be discussed by the people as far as practicable before made. So I offer these remarks on your editorial of Nov. 25th, which may bring out other opinions more valuable than mine. You hold that if A owns real estate to the value of \$2,000 and it is mortgaged to B for \$1,000 the land is assessed to A and the mortgage to B. If B pays taxes on \$1,000, which he is expected to do, A is allowed exemption to that extent and pays taxes only on \$1,000, though he represents \$2,000 worth of property; and so out of \$3,000 worth of property of A and B combined the Government collects taxes only on \$2,000. And you call this a laudable failure. I beg leave to differ with you. If A borrows money on his real estate it is borrowed for a purpose. If the assessment is taken before the money is expended it is assessed as cash on hand in A's possession. If expended, it is for machinery, stock or the improvement in some way of the real estate, and is assessed at its full cash value. For A to pay taxes on the full value of the real estate and value of the money borrowed also, while B pays taxes on the mortgage, would be creating a false value, and would be a double burden on enterprising persons of small means.

Some editorial remarks on the above question will be found on the 21 page.

Coupeville Correspondence. COUPEVILLE, Nov. 30, 1882. EDITORIAL: The harvest being over, we will have a little more time to look after our growing interests. Railroad doings being the chief topic of speculation, we, with the rest, I suppose are entitled to our say. It appears from the report of the late meeting of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce that the S. & W. W. R. R. as a lever on the North Pacific has proved ineffective. If they find such a lively rival in Tacoma, which will be when the Ward's Pass road is built and the Sound tapped seven miles nearer the ocean, and at the natural outlet for the timber, mineral and agricultural country from the Snohomish north, all of which now pay her tribute. We wish her no harm; she has resources that by nature are hers; and if she controls them will always be a business place. Tacoma has hers; so has Olympia; but the Snohomish, Stillaguamish and Skagit Rivers, together with their deltas and Wilby Island, can support a city of their own, and must have an outlet to the ocean without going seventy miles and back for it. The N. P. will tolerate no rival to their terminal seaport. A terminus at Whatcom or at any point north of the Snohomish Plains would find a lively rival in Seattle for the trade of this growing country, owing to the difficulties of transportation through the Slough and Deception Pass. By caudling through this Island all this trade is secured together with one of the best harbors on the Sound, 70 miles nearer than Seattle and 90 miles nearer than Tacoma, and except Port Townsend the nearest practical harbor to the Pacific. Go slow, you that have money to invest. I saw a man yesterday who had been urged to buy a piece of land that was several feet under water, the inducement held out being that this country was rising, and that in a short time the claim would be high and dry. He said that the gentleman having the land for sale was from Seattle. However, wanting a claim for immediate use, and not seeing it rise any, he concluded to look elsewhere.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY.

The duplicate assessment roll of Whatcom County for the year 1882 is now in my possession for collection of the taxes levied therein. Taxes will be delinquent on the 1st day of December next at six o'clock P. M., an interest of ten per cent will be added to the amount thereof as a penalty, and interest charged at the rate of twenty per cent per annum from date of delinquency until paid. Taxpayers may now be paid to the Treasurer at his office. Wm. T. COOPER, Treasurer of Whatcom County, Whatcom, W. T., Sept. 28, 1882.

GRAND NEW YEAR'S BALL!

AT LA CONNER, ON MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 1. Under the management of the A. O. U. W. LODGE.

Meat by Prof. Goodwin and Graham Bros. SUPPER at McGinnis's Hotel; and fireworks in the evening. Tickets including supper per couple, \$2.50. Every effort will be made to insure the perfect happiness of all visitors. By order of the COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.

Stoneman's majority in San Francisco is 10,183. The city vote in the late election was a rise of 36,000.

Chas. Doer, a painter, 22 years of age, has committed suicide.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has given a \$500 check to one of the kindergarten.

The whaler "Bowhead" has arrived from the Arctic with a cargo of bone and oil valued at \$50,000.

Deaths for the week 102—males, 63; females, 40. Native of the Pacific Coast, 40; violent deaths, 5.

Louis Jones, alias Leffingwell, a young man from Petaluma, is held in \$5000 bail on six charges of forgery.

For the week ending November 11th, the immigration society reports the arrival of 854 immigrants in the State.

Wm. Bassett, manager of the Summit Ice Company, has died under circumstances suggesting suicide by poison.

The pulpit of Calvary Presbyterian Church has been made vacant by the resignation of its pastor, Rev. John Hemphill.

A child of John McShane was knocked down and run over by a brewery wagon on the 9th street.

The Market street cable railroad company will issue \$3,000,000 in bonds, redeemable eleven years hence, and bearing 6 per cent.

The Hawaiian government has placed a loan of \$500,000 on the San Francisco market, in the form of six per cent. bonds at 102 per cent.

In the recent election, returns came in from city precincts slower than the facts warranted, which is believed to be owing to a desire on the part of the judges and clerks to draw several days unnecessary delay.

Eight boys ranging in age from 10 to 20 years, confined in the Industrial School, have been indicted by the Grand Jury on the charge of committing an atrocious crime against nature, the victim of their brutality being a lad of 10.

Old time land suits of several years ago are being revived by Chas. Doer, who seeks to recover property from present occupants.

The owners of the land sued have organized in opposition and will resist Doer's demands in a body.

A dredger fished out of the bay lately a basket containing one dozen bottles Tennant's ale, which, from its position and surroundings, must have been in the water for twenty years.

A bottle of the ale has been sampled and found to be of an excellent flavor and quality.

The charge against Mary Jane Sweeney of uttering suspicious coin has been dismissed by the United States Supreme Court, it being evident the woman fabricated the money through fear of her husband, who is now serving a seven-year's sentence in San Quentin for a like offense.

An old case, and probably the first of its kind ever occurring in the United States, is soon to be tried in one of the city courts, the interesting feature of which is, that in a suit brought by the claimant against a brother-in-law, the complainant has written out the complaint himself, and that he will also argue and present his own case in court.

Henry W. Haskell died in Boston on the 11th. Deceased came to California in 1849, was at one time a resident of Sacramento, and at another period a hotel at Park Bar.

For many years he was manager of the Marysville Appeal and for the past eleven years had been engaged in farming in the Napa Valley.

The Fourth Ward of San Francisco must be allowed to have the boss vote—the man who shows the highest sense of responsibility for the exercise of the voting privilege.

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RICH RELATIONS.

Perhaps rich relations are almost as much of a bore and a bugbear, in their way, as poor ones are generally conceded to be.

Put your best foot forward ever so wisely when he or she comes to visit you, you are all the while conscious that she knows it is you.

You begin to feel as if your manners, your ways of thought, your speech, and perhaps even your religion were provincial and behind the times.

Your sense of fitness is violated by contact with her splendor, and your companionship seems to be an anachronism.

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A STRANGE DUEL.

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WIT AND HUMOR.

An Enormous Swell—A balloon. Autumn is now busily engaged "turning the leaves of time."

"What is sweeter than taffy?" asked Angelina of Augustus. "My sweetheart," he replied, and Angelina believed him.

A child thus defines gossip: "It's when nobody don't do nothing, and somebody goes and tells of it."

"That stove saves half the fuel," said an ironmonger. "Faix, thin, I'll take two of them, and save it all," replied his customer.

A schoolman, who was recently kissed in the dark by mistake, explained her omission to use any light for nearly two weeks afterwards on the ground of hard times.

An Iowa Quaker shot the contents of a loaded gun into a thief who was helping himself to watermelons, killing the miscreant instantly.

"Fellow citizens!" cried a stump orator the other day; "follow-citizens! I solemnly warn you that our country is rapidly drifting into anarchy!" Perhaps he meant anarchy.

The tramp who strayed into a farmer's premises and tried to make off with a cheese, came out with a black eye, acknowledging that he had been rather daisy-dipped in the pursuit of his duties.

The happiest moments in a woman's life are when she is undressing her wedding garments. The saddest, when her husband comes home late at night, and yells to her from the front steps to throw him out some keyholes, assorted sizes.

A country paper, in an obituary notice of a subscriber's son, says: "He was an uncommonly tall boy. Had a little too much curiosity, perhaps, or he wouldn't have peeped so factually into the muzzle of his father's loaded shotgun."

"Mrs. Henry," said John to his wife, the other morning, "if you give me a Christmas present this year please arrange it so that the bill won't come in till the next month. It's just as well to keep up the illusion for a short time."

A dissipated old negro in Montgomery, Ala., while watching the monkeys in the United States that city, spoke thus: "Dene children got too much sense to come out dat cage; white folks out der tails off, and set 'em to work in votin' and minkin' constitutions."

A gentleman who had tarried late at his club, found his wife awaiting his return in a high state of nervousness. She said: "Here I've been waiting and rocking in the chair till my head spins round like a top."

"Jess so, wife, where I've been," responded her: "it is in the atmosphere."

"Brutus Blinkenberry," said that gentleman's wife, drawing a paper from her pocket in the privacy of the chamber on Sunday morning—"Brutus Blinkenberry, I've counted, and out of the last thirty days you've come home intoxicated twenty-seven nights. What do you think of your self?"

Blinkenberry groaned. "Well, what are you grinning about now?" "Them three nights," replied Blinkenberry, with an expression of horrible suffering.

A new prison chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland. He was a man who greatly magnified his office, and entering one of the cells on his first round of inspection, he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it: "Well, sir, do you know who I am?"

"No, nor I donna care," was the nonchalant reply. "Well, I'm your new chaplain." "Oh, ye are! Weel, I'd heard o' ye before." "And what did ye hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the best of his dignity. "Weel, I heard that the last two kirks ye were in ye preached them baith empty; but I'll be hanged if ye'll find it such an easy matter to do the same with this one."

The supervising architect of the Irish harp, it is reported, received a fee of \$2500 from the Irish Skirmishing Fund.

A special collection in the Catholic churches of New York, which was taken up on the 29th of October, netted about \$17,000.

The Brush Company has offered to light the streets of Rochester, N. Y., at the price of forty-five cents per night for each lamp.

At Louisville, Ky., granite pavements have been introduced, much to the satisfaction of the citizens in general and of the merchants in particular.

The President of the Manhattan Temperance Association recently announced a subscription of \$50 from Richard K. Fox, as "a gift from the devil direct."

The safe of the County Treasurer of Hampton County, S. C., was taken into the night of October 25th, and robbed of about \$12,000 in cash, with a large quantity of bonds and other valuable papers, and the robbers left no clue behind them.

The organ-grinders of New York have been reaping a rich harvest by persecuting families afflicted with sickness with their insufferable music, and refusing to move off unless handsomely bribed.

The United States monitor Narwhal, in North River, New York, in such a position that vessels are constantly running on her prow, much to their damage.

An Atlas line steamer was one which thus suffered, and a grain-laden scow, carrying 8000 bushels, was another which was recently spilted and sunk.

General Sherman writing his regrets at his inability to attend a cavalry reunion in Ohio, added: "I beg you will say to your comrades, what is true, that I am simply amazed and delighted to find after seventeen long years of peace that our country appreciates its debt of gratitude to those who went forth so unselfishly to rescue their institutions from a more fearful danger, and that our memories brighten rather than diminish with time."

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