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PENSIONS FOR THE VETERANS.—The bill to provide for the payment of pensions to the survivors of the Mexican war...

RELIEF MEASURES.—The Washington (D. C.) Herald, a recognized organ of the friends of silver recoinage...

JUST SO.—A little seven-year-old boy in New Jersey was telling his brother that the portraits he was showing were those of the presidents of the United States...

SECRET SESSION.—At last accounts the Louisiana returning board had gone into secret session, and is likely to remain there for some time...

THE FRAUDULENT PRESIDENT.—The Cincinnati Times was the first paper in the United States to name Fraudulent Hayes as a candidate for president...

RETRIBUTION.—When Anderson was arrested he remarked: "Let's take a drink; this is the anniversary of the day on which we declared the vote of Louisiana."

SECRETARY EVARTS should now step forth and champion the cause of Anderson and his pals. Evarts is on record, as a lawyer, as having said in public speeches that the returning board was a model of honesty and patriotism...

A PLACE OF REFUGE.—The Louisiana returning board ran to the New Orleans custom-house for refuge from the state courts, according to their habit, but they soon got word from Washington that the present administration is not making a business of protecting soundrels...

JACOB HOOVER, charged with "raising Pierce county warrants," demands the fullest investigation and asks that his case be submitted to the grand jury at the next term of the district court...

WE DISSENT.—An exchange proposes that Dr. Mary Walker be made queen of Bulgaria. We dissent. That place should be reserved for Mrs. Andrew Jackson Duniway, the greatest woman of all time, and the rival of Mrs. Susan B. Anthony in everything except years...

DIVIDENDS.—The total dividends paid last year by mining companies, banks, insurance and express companies, and other commercial enterprises on the Pacific coast, not including the Central Pacific railroad, was \$34,306,000, an increase of \$1,250,000.

THE established mail routes in Oregon altogether exceed 3000 miles in length and as all have to be traveled twice each week, at least, and several six and twelve times, it is safe to say that not less than ten thousand miles of travel are required to deliver the mails each week in Oregon.

THE Ministerial Association of Walla Walla district, Columbia river conference, will hold its second session in Walla Walla, April 17, 18 and 19, 1878. It is expected that every preacher in charge will be present.

SCISSORS.—The long columns of names of congressmen voting against subsidies in the abstract look very impressive, but nobody is deceived thereby. The first vote on a real subsidy proposition is likely to show very different results.

SAN FRANCISCO papers are endeavoring to create sympathy for J. C. Duncan, the savings bank thief, by describing him as a penitent rogue.

A GREENBACK CLUB has been organized at Corvallis, Oregon, and already has on its rolls the names of a number of prominent citizens.

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THE BULGARIAN QUESTION.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch from Constantinople, February 21, via Syria, gives the principal points of the fresh conditions of peace demanded by Russia. The dispatch fully confirms the report from Vienna yesterday as to the proposed boundaries of the new province of Bulgaria, which will include the country between the Danube and Balkans, and a portion of Roumelia between the Black Sea and Servia, comprising Sophia and Philippopolis, a greater part of Thrace and Macedonia and the whole valley of the Moriza, except Adramitio. The conditions provide for the assembly of notables to elect a sovereign prince for Bulgaria, whose nomination is to be submitted to the porte and European powers for sanction. The Bulgarian tribute to the porte is to equal in amount the net revenue of the province. The Russian commission is to superintend the Bulgarian government for two years and 50,000 Russian troops are to occupy the principality during the same period. The conditions also require the session of Podgoritz and Antivari with territory to Montenegro. Russia to have power to co-act the Dobruzscha to Roumania in exchange for Roumanian Bessarabia, cessions of territory in Bosnia and towards Nish to Servia; prohibition of passage through the straits to men-of-war, except in isolated cases; absolute freedom of passage of merchantmen, even in time of war; payment of an indemnity of fourteen hundred millions roubles, to cover which Turkey is to cede Batoum, Kar, Bayazid, Ardahan and adjacent territory; Turkey also to pay forty millions sterling in bonds with interest and sinking fund, which is to be guaranteed by Bulgarian and Egyptian tributes; the annation revenue and Heraclea mines, and ten millions roubles to be paid immediately to indemnify Russian residents of Constantinople; Turkey to reimburse Russian capital invested in Turkish bonds; also to pay for the maintenance of prisoners of war; reopening of the Sulina mouth of the Danube. It is believed that Russia will accept four iron-clads instead of six, originally demanded.

MARRIED.—DEHAVEN-MEYERS.—On February 22d, 1878, by Rev. H. W. Egan, Eugene DeHaven and Mary M. Meyers, all of Umatilla county, Oregon.

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SQUIRREL SCALPS! NOTICE.—In accordance with an act, authorizing the County Commissioners of the several Counties of the Territory to offer a bounty for the scalps of SQUIRRELS, RABBITS AND SAGE RATS, approved October 30, 1877, it was ordered by the County Commissioners of Walla Walla County, at their regular meeting in February, 1878, that a bounty of two (2) cents be paid for the scalp of all Squirrels killed within the limits of said County.

For further particulars and information I publish herewith section 5 of the above act: "Whenever any person shall have any squirrel, sage rat or rabbit scalp upon which they wish to obtain bounty, they shall present the same to the county auditor, whose duty it shall be to examine them and ascertain if they have both ears upon them, and such person shall also present to said auditor a bill verified by affidavit that the squirrels, rabbits or sage rats from which the scalps presented are obtained were killed within the county and that it is just and correct; said bill shall be audited by the county auditor and presented to the board of county commissioners whose duty it shall be to order the same paid out of the county treasury in like manner as other claims against the county."

Now, I, Thos. P. Page, County Auditor of Walla Walla County, give notice that I will receive all scalps and audit all accounts as provided in the foregoing act on Saturday, the 30th day of March, 1878, and on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1878. All persons taking scalp will govern themselves accordingly. 13-2m

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WANTED! Wheat, Oats, Bacon and Lard IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

DR. DAY'S DRUG STORE! HAS A FULL STOCK OF Machine Oils, China Nut Oil, Lard Oil, Castor Oil, Polar Oil, Druggist Oil, Elephant Oil, AND Golden Machine Oil, better than China Nut, at One Dollar Per Gallon. PINE AND COAL TAR! Don't Fail to Call and Examine Before Buying Elsewhere.

LIEUT. SHELTON has gone to Vancouver, where he is to be tried on the charge of violating military rules and regulations. His offense is not serious, and it is supposed that he will get off with a reprimand.

ON WHEELS.—The M. E. church building that has so long stood at the corner of Second and Poplar streets, is being removed preparatory to the erection of a large and more commodious edifice.

STEAMSHIP COMBINATION.—The rival lines of steamships that have been running between Portland and San Francisco have formed a combination, and as a result freights and fares will be advanced.

PURE LIQUORS.—We call attention to the fact that Mr. John Burgess, dealer in pure wines and liquors, to be found in another column. Mr. Burgess makes it a speciality to deal in the best and purest wines and liquors, and hence he has already built up a flourishing trade.

SENATOR MITCHELL is fast gaining the title of the "great infidelizer." He introduces any number of bills, but unfortunately this is the last of them. They invariably "miscarry," and in this respect Mitchell resembles a class of beings we need not name.

SCHOOL REPAIRS.—The lower district school house is to be painted and in general placed in good repair for the summer season. The attendance at this school numbers within a fraction of one hundred daily, and altogether the reputation and character of the school has improved under the management of the present teachers.

JUDGE LACY has returned from a hurried trip to Washington, having been called there in the interest of the postal service. Judge Lacy says the democrats in congress are not harkening after another Colorado swindle, and that the effort to smuggle Washington territory in as a state will fail.

A FARE.—A score of republicans got together at the court house, Thursday afternoon, and placed in nomination a trio of very respectable gentlemen as candidates for the constitutional convention. The attendance was so slim, and the proceedings so nearly bordering upon a farce, it is doubtful whether any of the gentlemen named will accept the doubtful honor of such a nomination.

COL. TOR O'BRIEN, proprietor of the brick hotel, has returned from San Francisco, after an absence of just one month. He brings with him new carpets for the hotel, and contemplates many other improvements calculated to sustain the reputation of his house as the best hotel north of San Francisco. Mr. O'Brien is determined to be up with the times, and deserves credit for his enterprise.

J. BAUER, in his new brick store, keeps an immense stock of tobacco, cigars, pipes, etc., to which he invites the attention of all those who indulge in the use of the weed. His pure "Havanas" can at all times be depended upon as genuine, and all his brands are of the very best. Running a large stock he is now prepared to fill orders, and invites the patronage of interior traders. See his new card.

PATENT OBTAINED.—Several months since the STATESMAN published a full description of an improved hobbin for the use of sewing machines. Mr. C. Schumacher, the inventor, has now received a patent for his improvement, and already sewing machine manufacturers are negotiating for the purchase of the royalty. We congratulate our friend upon his good fortune, and trust that he may live long to enjoy the fruits of his ingenuity.

SENATOR MITCHELL has introduced in the senate a bill for the annexation of Walla Walla and Columbia counties to Oregon. The much-married senator is splendid at introducing bills, but somehow or other his bills never appear upon the statute books. He is like a man who is constantly going through the motions and never accomplishes anything. Oregon should endeavor to replace him with a man whose character is not a bar to the passage of his bills.

SOAP FACTORY.—The old warehouse at the lower end of Main street, formerly occupied by the late Joseph Helmut, has been fitted up for the purpose of a soap factory, and is now turning out soap in neat packages, and apparently quite as good as the soap brought from home. The manufacturer, Mr. R. H. Rumble, has had great experience in the business, and at the last Oregon State Fair took the first premium for the excellence of the soap exhibited by him. A local industry, we trust that Taylor & Co. will be liberally patronized.

DEPARTURE.—A large invoice of paper for the STATESMAN office, shipped from San Francisco on the 12th, arrived at Walla Walla and was ready for delivery on the 25th. This is a great improvement upon the arrangements of last year, when it required six and eight weeks to get goods through from San Francisco, and even then the same invoices were strung along the way. This year the arrangements, both by river and railroad, seem to be perfect, and having complained when delays were the rule, we deem it our duty to award the merit of praise now that all cause for complaint is removed.

SHOCKING MURDER.—At a late hour on Friday night, a couple of soldiers got into a quarrel in front of a house of ill-fame on Alder street, and in the course of the altercation one of them drew a knife and cut his antagonist in the abdomen, inflicting wounds from which he subsequently died. The perpetrator of the homicide was brought before Justice Whitman for examination, Tuesday morning, but waived a hearing and was committed to answer the charge of murder at the next term of the district court. The murdered man was named John Schneider, and is spoken of as a good soldier and inoffensive man. Wm. Murphy, the man who killed him, has a bad reputation, and less than a year ago made a murderous assault upon one of his comrades. Murphy claims to have acted in self-defense, but we doubt that he would stand the test of a proper examination into the facts that he has without justification.

A USELESS TERRITORY.—Congress at its present session is quite likely to inquire into the condition of the territories, and in making anything like a thorough scrutiny it will discover that maintaining Idaho territory involves a useless expenditure of public money. The territory is dwindling away in population, and the most prosperous parts wish to dissolve their connection with the organization. The people of Northern Idaho, to a man, wish to be annexed to Washington territory. The interests of the Owyhee country point to a union with Nevada. After these changes are made, what is left of the territory can without inconvenience be assigned, in about equal parts to Montana and Utah territories. If there was any prospect of Idaho ever becoming a state, there might be some excuse for keeping up the present expensive territorial organization, but in the absence of this promise, congress may very properly divide up the country after the manner suggested, and then abolish the territorial organization.

NORTH PACIFIC RAILROAD.—The House committee on railroads has reported a bill extending the time for the completion of the North Pacific railroad. The extension is for the term of ten years, and is subject to the following restrictions: 1. The said company shall, within one year after the passage of this act, commence the work of constructing its main line at or near Umatilla, in the state of Oregon, or some suitable point between there and the mouth of the Snake river, as the said company shall determine, and shall complete not less than twenty-five miles of the road within the year thereafter, and shall complete in addition to the road already completed, at least one hundred miles of its main line within two years after the passage of this act, and at least one hundred miles of said main line each year thereafter, including in each said one hundred miles the twenty-five to be completed per year eastwardly as aforesaid. 2. The main line of said railroad between Portland and a point as far east as Umatilla, in the state of Oregon, shall be located and constructed on the south side of the Columbia river. 3. Actual settlers on unsurveyed agricultural lands within the limits of the grant to said company, if said lands, when the government surveys shall be extended over them, shall be found to be enclosed in said grant, and actual settlers on any agricultural lands within the limits of said grant, who shall have settled thereon at a distance of one hundred miles or more beyond the completed portion of said road at either end, and actual settlers on any agricultural lands within the limits of said grant remaining unlocated at the expiration of eight years from the completion and acceptance of the section of the road opposite thereto, if said last mentioned lands shall be then surveyed by the government, and if not, then within eight years after the government surveys shall be extended over the same, shall be entitled each to purchase from said company one quarter-section, or a legal subdivision thereof, on which they shall have settled, at the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, excepting coal and iron lands within the right of way for said railroad. Provided, however, That this section shall not apply to the lands already carried by said company. The committee entirely ignore Mitchell's bill, thus proving what we have before stated that he is without influence in either house of congress.

A FAIR PROPOSITION.—We give place to an article copied from the Olympia Courier, in which it is set forth that the republican central committee will place in nomination the three supreme court judges as delegates at large to the constitutional convention, and allow the democratic committee to name the candidates for the three judicial districts. This proposition seems to be fair, and if carried out will ensure the election of at least six members respectable on the score of ability. The democrats may reasonably calculate upon carrying four out of the five council districts. Should this arrangement be carried out, the convention will most likely stand seven democrats and eight republicans. The old story of the electoral commission.

RUSHING THINGS.—Just now the Sound county is in a desperate hurry to frame a constitution and secure admission. The explanation of this hurry is to be found in the fact that the Eastern counties are gaining in population, whilst the Western counties are at a stand still. In the course of a year or two the Eastern counties promise to outnumber the clam counties, and if the formation of the state is delayed to that time, Walla Walla more than likely will secure the capitol. This is the reason why Seattle, Olympia, and other towns on the Sound are in such a hurry. In this matter the Eastern counties afford to wait, and in the end come in for a share of the "chicken pie."

FRUIT TREES AND SHRUBBERY.—We have been shown a private letter from Philip Ritz, from which we learn that he is making a very fine selection of every variety of valuable fruit and shrub known in the United States, that he did not have. They will arrive here about the 1st of March. He will sell Killmarnock willow \$1 50 Blood leaved peach 50 Foster peach 25 Dwarf peach 30 Totoski and other Russian apples 1 50 Tree roses 50 Rhea Quince 1 00 Irish Juniper 1 00

WON'T ENTHUSE.—After any amount of puffing and blowing on the part of the projectors of the constitutional convention, it now becomes apparent that the people will not enthouse worth a cent. The farmers are all opposed to the movement because it will increase their taxes. The business men regard it with disfavor for the same reason, and these classes constituting the bone and sinew of the community, the whole thing is just about as limber as a wet rag. Demagogues may prate about the great state of Washington, but the men who are expected to foot the bill fail to see it.

DR. EDWARD SHELL, a former resident of Walla Walla, died at Salem, Oregon, a few days since. At one time Dr. Shell owned considerable land in and around Walla Walla, and was regarded as a man of means, but bad investments crippled him, and at the time of his death he was quite poor. He was a man of dignified manners, and for this reason he was frequently called upon to preside at public meetings. In this and other ways he made himself quite prominent and commanded very general respect.

PRINTERS' STOCK.—We have just received from San Francisco full stocks of Paper and Card Board, such as will meet the wants of country printers. White and colored cards from number 8 up to 14. Flat Cap Paper, Folio Post, Bill-head Paper, Note Paper and Letter-heads, so all of which we invite the attention of the trade.

ENGINEER.—A thoroughly competent engineer, who can run any kind of engine, stationary or otherwise, desires to obtain employment. Any one desiring to secure his services will address the editor of the STATESMAN.

PROBATE COURT.—The following were the proceedings in the probate court. In the matter of the estate of Margaret Johnston, deceased; petition of distribution filed, hearing called; and on April 6th, and ordered that service be made by publication in the Walla Walla STATESMAN.

BOOK PAPER.—We have now on hand a full stock of fine book paper, 50 pounds to the ream, and are prepared to print pamphlets, constitutions, etc., in extra style.

LIST OF LETTERS Remaining in the Postoffice, at Walla Walla, March 2d, 1878: Ryanmaster, Jno C; Bennett, Charles; Couts, Robert; Coffey, R G; Cooper, A W; Hancy, J W; Hanson, J J; Hollingsworth, Josie; Knowles, A; Keiser, Frank; Lawell, Isaac; McDaniel, J C; McRobinson, J; McRien, Miss Maggie; Wood, R M; Nichols, Titus. Russell Johny; Roff, Sergt; Slatiehl, Joseph; Stuart, J; Suikart, S & J; Sullivan, Daniel; Stuart, Henry; Smith, Miles; Thompson, Doc; Thompson, C H; Wylie, William; Wheeler, J J; Wood, R M; Nichols, Titus. Persons calling for these letters will please say "Advertized." Wm. WALKER, P. M.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT. Adjourned Term, February 20, 1878. Commissioners present—D. J. Storms, Dion Keefe, Joseph Braden. In attendance—Geo. F. Thomas, sheriff; Thos. P. Page, clerk. EXAMINATION OF CANCELLED WARRANTS. Upon examination of the cancelled warrants returned by the county treasurer to the auditor upon settlement made between said officers, for the months of August, September, November and December, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$17,757 89, and the same appearing correct, and comparing with the books of the auditor during said months, it is therefore ordered that said settlement be and is hereby allowed and approved, as the same has been represented to this board.

SECOND DAY. The board of health presented various affidavits in relation to the treatment of the county by the contractor, which were laid over until the May term. The following persons were selected and the same certified by this board to the clerk of the district court: Grand Jurors—W. P. Bruce, A. G. Lloyd, R. R. Keefe, T. G. Lee, Gid. Cummings, H. H. Fleiner, Orley Hull, Jas. Lamar, A. Zaring, Harvey Slaw, Geo. Welch, B. B. McClure, Frank W. Paine, F. F. Adams, Sig. Schwabacher, Wm. Martin, John Folsom, Mark Evans, John Davis, Geo. Evans, G. W. Young, Jos. Herbert, Chas. Kitchen, John McGuire, J. P. Woods. Petit Jurors—J. M. Hill, J. R. Hood, J. A. Howard, John Tracy, Henry Martin, John Scott, Oliver Dewitt, Orlando Demaria, Martin Campbell, Wm. Brown, Samuel Keese, Geo. Lewis, C. Smith, Ben. Royce, J. J. Bruce, O. Butler, S. Cameron, Thomas Moore, James Dobson, Thomas Tierney, John O'Donnell, Wm. Hammond, Manson Bryant, Wm. Masterson, Fletcher Fields. Claims against the county, amounting to the sum of \$101 88, allowed and ordered paid as follows: Geo. Rasmus, road supervisor \$53 00 Wm. O'Donnell, nails for road dis. 5 5 00 L. K. Grim, school superintendent 10 00 J. E. Bingham, visiting patients sup. 58 88 J. D. McCarty,) road to be affixed 10 00 L. H. Goodwin,) with small pox, by or 10 00 J. M. Boyd,) der of health board 10 00 A. Rumney, road supervisor 20 00

Ordered, That C. R. Frazier be appointed road supervisor for district number 7, in place of John Goodwin, now residing outside of this county. Bonds of the following liquor dealers approved: Bender & Kellin, John H. Stahl, Jacob Betz, J. B. Montague, O. Bochtel, J. F. Tempest, Bassett & Boucher, J. J. Spansal, Chas. Rose, John Burgess, Lucinger & Schumacher, E. J. Williams.

CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION. Ordered, That the following named persons be appointed to serve as inspectors and judges at the following precincts, viz: Walla Walla, north—Inspector, D. M. Jesse; judges, A. H. Reynolds, Mark Evans; place of voting, J. D. Laman's office. Walla Walla, south—Inspector, S. Jacobs; judges, Chas. Dickram, F. Kimmerly; place of voting, Allen's carpenter shop. Wallula precinct—Inspector, Wm. Martin; judges, T. J. Perkins, G. Cummings; place of voting, school house. Frenchtown precinct—Inspector, F. Louden; judges, Henry Martin, James Dobson; place of voting, upper school house. Russell Creek precinct—Inspector, Thomas Scott; judges, Chris. Maier, Orley Hull; place of voting, Maxon's school house. Mill Creek precinct—Inspector, J. Bryant; judges, Geo. Evans, John Davis; place of voting, Mr. McCain's house. Dry Creek precinct—Inspector, W. S. Gilman; judges, W. T. Barnes, M. Aldrich; place of voting, Dixie school house. Wallburg precinct—Inspector, P. Preston; judges, H. A. Vansyckle, C. Vincent; place of voting, Vansyckle's hall. Middle Touchet precinct—Inspector, J. Pettyjohn; judges, H. Shaw, Ed. Ross; place of voting, Fletcher's school house. Lower Touchet precinct—Inspector, A. A. Jones; judges, H. Bachman, John Braden; place of voting, John Manyon's house.

Ordered, That Andrew Masterson be appointed to fill the place of A. Cameron, at the Mill Creek precinct, in road asked for by F. Martin, at the regular term, and that he (A. Masterson) proceed with the other viewers and view said road March 26, 1878, or 5 days thereafter, as provided in order of view.

Ordered, That A. Rumney be excused from serving as road supervisor of road district number 8, for reasons satisfactory to the board, and that J. J. Rohu be and is hereby appointed in his place. Ordered, That R. Jacobs be appointed a member of the board of health. A. F. Cate was awarded the contract for the keeping of the county poor and sick at \$1500 a year. The contractor, A. F. Cate, entered into bonds in the penal sum of \$2000 for the faithful performance of said contract. Foster peach 25 Dwarf peach 30 Totoski and other Russian apples 1 50 Tree roses 50 Rhea Quince 1 00 Irish Juniper 1 00

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