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LOCAL ITEMS.

(FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.)

THE poor house contains but three inmates at present.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH looks well since it has received its new coat of paint.

GROWING.—Several new buildings are in course of erection at Milton, and that flourishing little town is assuming an air of importance.

FREE FROM ICE.—Thus far the Columbia river is free from ice, but should this dry cold weather continue long, navigation may become somewhat impeded.

WILL NOT PLAY.—Owing to some misunderstanding about the renting of the City Hall, the Dramatic troupe advertised in last evening's paper to perform next week, is indefinitely postponed.

POSTPONED.—The trial of the Italian, Agostino Bernadino, arrested for the robbery of \$500 from Frank Orselli, a few months ago, was called up yesterday afternoon before Justice Lacey, and will be held until Monday next on account of an accumulation of free evidence concerning former exploits and pilferings of that individual.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.—To be prepared for any emergency that may arise in the early spring, Gen. Howard has determined to take time by the forelock. To that end he is making a careful distribution of the troops at the command.

AND STILL WE GROW.—It is a noticeable fact of late that many of the prominent merchants throughout California are turning their attention towards Walla Walla.

AN AMUSEMENT SHOW.—This is what one of the gentlemen composing the association of amateurs who contemplate giving an entertainment in this city at an early day, said to our reporter this morning.

BEWARE OF THE SNAKE.—An Italian, supposed to have been at one time a nobleman, but who for some years has been acquiring both fame and money in San Francisco as a dealer in snakes, has come to Walla Walla.

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Dame rumor has it that the accomplished daughter of one of our prominent citizens is shortly to be led to the hymeneal altar by a young gentleman, whose many brilliant qualities have won him a host of friends.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Cannon, formerly in the sewing machine business in Portland, has lately opened a store at Spokane. Mr. G. A. Pease, well known on this coast, has also opened a boot and shoe store at that point. And still more are to come.

RETURNED.—Hon. N. T. Cator, who has been in attendance upon the sessions of the District Court at Dayton, returned to the city on yesterday. Mr. Cator was employed in all the important suits disposed of at this term, and the Court, and was successful in his efforts to protect the rights of his clients.

SEND US THE NEWS.—Send us the news and we will publish it. Friends of the STATESMAN make yourself useful and send us the news. Write up what occurs in your neighborhood and forward us the items. Make them as brief and interesting as you can.

SMASH UP.—Sunday forenoon a certain young gentleman hired a team at one of our livery stables, and taking his "orange blossom" started out for a drive in our suburbs. Unfortunately for our Luchario and his Duciana one of the hind wheels catching in a deep rut snapped the hind axle of the buggy, necessitating the couple to tramp home on foot.

BEST AFTER ALL.—Mr. Short well known in this place, being not a pioneer, but the first settler that cried on the streets of Walla Walla, has lately been visiting some of the cities in California, but says that he saw none to surpass Walla Walla in point of business. He reports he will make this his permanent residence, and will employ both Mr. and Mrs. Short back to their old home.

WALLA WALLA WHEAT.—We find this in the Commercial Reporter: "The first full cargo of Walla Walla wheat loaded this year, is just put on the American ship, after Dr. Cooper, at Astoria. It is a fine quality, and is well known to the general public. The quality is good; fully up to the average shipment of California. The cargo was selected with unusual care and a round figure is looked for."

ARRESTED.—We learn that Wm. McDonald, who for years was agent for the O. S. N. Co. at Celilo, was arrested in Portland on Saturday on a charge of embezzlement. McDonald was about leaving for San Francisco when taken in charge by the officers of the law. The amount supposed to have been appropriated by him figures up in the neighborhood of \$8,900. Being unable to give the requisite amount of bail, he was compelled to go to jail.

"MERRY MAKERS."—This is the title of a troupe of artists who are contemplating a tour through the upper country. They will open at Watsburg, on Thursday, December 19th, visiting Dayton on Friday and Saturday following. From the latter place they go to Lewiston, giving an entertainment in that city on the evening of the 22d inst., and should they receive proper encouragement will remain longer. The company is composed of first-class artists, and our friends can anticipate the enjoyment of something rare. There is not an indifferent performer in the troupe.

SAME CLASS.—It is a noticeable fact that Major Hancock, Capt. Chambers and Quartermaster Dandy, now on their way to attend Col. Perry's court of inquiry were in the same class at West Point, although Capt. Dandy resigned before finishing his course of studies. He subsequently entered the army, and soon after obtained a commission. Captain Chambers has recently returned from Constantinople where he was sent as American army attaché to the Turkish army during the late Russo-Turkish war.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

A Blow at Chinese Labor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Following is the text of a bill introduced to-day by Senator Grover to regulate the employment of labor on the public works: In the construction and repairs of all fortifications and canals, and upon all improvements of rivers and harbors, and upon all other public works, no person shall be employed who shall not at the time be a citizen of the United States, or who shall have failed to declare intention to become a citizen; and in case any contractor or officer shall employ any laborer not authorized by this act, they shall forfeit to the United States all monies paid or contracted to be paid for such labor. The bill was referred to the committee on Commerce.

Mortality Among English Troops. PESTH, 14.—Telegrams from Pesthann say there is much sickness, principally pneumonia, among the troops at the front. One regiment lost 15 men in four days. Another regiment has 80 sick.

Death of Princess Alice. DAINSBURY, Dec. 14.—Princess Alice of England, and the third child Queen Victoria, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Florida Evicted. JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 15th.—At Mt. Carmel a short time ago, four negroes attempted to burn a mill at that place. Later they beat the superintendent's wife, and compelled her to give up \$100. The negroes were arrested, but the jail at Lake City where they were lodged having been destroyed by fire they were confined in the court house, which was also destroyed by fire. At an early hour this morning a party of masked men entered the guard, and took the prisoners from the Baptist church, killing two of the negroes and mortally wounding another. The fourth escaped, but subsequently surrendered himself to the authorities.

The Texas Pacific. A bill of complaint has been filed in the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia against the Texas Pacific railroad company by H. Taylor and thirty-one others, most of whom are citizens of France, and who represent themselves as the owners of the land grant bonds of the El Paso Pacific, praying that the Texas Pacific be restrained from disposing of any stock or other property. They say they are interested to the amount of \$30,000,000, but have not received any dividend or payment thereon.

Heavy Fall of Snow in the West. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14th.—Despatches from Missouri, Iowa and Kansas report the heaviest snow storm in years. Railroads are obstructed, and some roads have been obliged to suspend the running of trains. The Mississippi at Rock Island is closed, and people are crossing on the river. The Missouri is full of floating ice, and its closing is looked for soon.

Securo Builders. NORFOLK, Dec. 15th.—At Weldon, North Carolina, Samuel Jacobs and Edgar Gold, both colored, have been sentenced to the penitentiary for six years for assault and battery with intent to kill Marcus Williams, colored, for voting for Yates, democratic candidate for Congress.

An Explosion. EVANSVILLE, Dec. 14.—An explosion of nitro-glycerine and gunpowder occurred to-day at the St. Bernard coal mine at Evansville, Ind. The shock was felt for miles. A train of mining cars, mules and negro drivers were blown into atoms. A panic among the miners was created.

An Indigent Jury. MEMPHIS, Dec. 15th.—To-night the jury in the case of Robert Drury, who killed his uncle, A. Gilson, a deputy U. S. marshal, about two years ago in this city, returned a verdict of not guilty. This was the third trial.

Fitz John Porter's Case. WEST POINT, Dec. 14th.—The Fitz John Porter Board of Inquiry has adjourned to-day at West Point. The Judge Advocate stated that, in his opinion, the testimony, as it now stands, will secure Porter's acquittal on all charges.

Resumption. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued circular instructions concerning the resumption of specie payments.

The Hawaiian Treaty. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A joint resolution was introduced in the House yesterday directing the President to give notice of the intention to terminate the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty in accordance with the terms of the treaty.

Cold Weather in California. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—This locality was visited last night by the heaviest frost seen here for years. Water exposed in basins and other shallow vessels froze to the thickness of an inch. Young orange trees suffered considerably. Bananas trees, except those in low localities, are badly injured.

Quotations. LONDON, 13.—Quotations of good cargoes of coast per 480 lbs. Cal. 46s. Good shipping Cal. on passage per 500 lbs. 45s 6d. No business doing, Mark Lane slow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Wheat dull and weak, best not quotable above 75 though there are but few sellers. New York market strong.

Army Reduction. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Opposition to the new army bill is daily gaining in strength, as the details of the same become generally known. An opinion now prevails in this city that the details will fall to the bill through both branches of Congress if it passes the House.

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SENATORS.—The vote in the Senate a few days since on the motion Matthews to proceed with the consideration of the Texas Pacific bill clearly shows that the day for subsidies has passed.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.—A number of our exchanges have fallen into a blunder in reference to the election of the next President in case the electors fail to elect.

THE NEXT NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—A New York special says: Democratic president makers now suggest the propriety of taking their candidates from important doubtful States.

TEMPER IN A TEA POT.—For the past few days the people of this particular locality have been at fever heat. The reports in circulation were of the most alarming character, and while nobody had been murdered, yet everybody soon expected to be.

BUTLER'S "NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY."—This telegram, evidently the work of some bold man, appeared in the New York Tribune of the 6th inst.

UMATILLA RESERVE.—In his annual report Indian Commissioner Hoyt proposes that the Umatilla reservation, in north-eastern Oregon, between the Umatilla river and the Blue Mountains, containing 268,800 acres, be abandoned and the lands sold.

THE ARMY AND THE INDIANS.—It is easy to understand why the management of Indian affairs through army officers is to be preferred to the present management by civil officers—that is, by politicians.

THE INDIAN SITUATION.

This telegram was sent from San Francisco, Dec. 16th: General Sherman:—The following has just been received from Gen. Howard:

The following from Yakima appears reliable. Three Indians were dispatched to Moses from Sincove after the Indian council of Dec. 1st, ordering him and his tribe to the Yakima reservation.

This telegram was transmitted by the President to the Secretary of the Interior, the following being the former's endorsement:

Referred to the Secretary of the Interior, who will take prompt action. The Secretary of the Interior immediately telegraphed to the governor of this Territory, asking for information in regard to the reported outrages by citizens upon Indians in the Department of the Columbia.

A dispatch received yesterday by General Howard from his messenger, who had just arrived at the Dalles, states that he had just returned to the Dalles, late on the 12th inst., twenty-seven hours later than he had expected.

WANTED.—Several hundred gentlemen who imagine they have a peculiar talent for the newspaper business can find immediate and lucrative employment at this office.

STILL ON THE STAGE.—Ex-senator Gwin, of California, has announced himself as a candidate for the secretaryship of the U. S. Senate.

Our Washington Letter.

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The interest of yesterday's session was almost confined to the speech of Senator Stanley Matthews in support of the bill in aid of the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

General Sherman and Quartermaster General Meigs yesterday gave their opinion at length on the subject of the Indian Bureau transfer.

Indian Troubles Ahead. A telegram in yesterday's STATESMAN from Wallula contained news of an alarming character.

Not Dead After All.—A few years ago The Dalles was considered a "dead town." Property there was almost worthless, and the owners were willing to sell at any price.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON.—The STATESMAN is informed that it is the intention of the Hon. Thos. H. Brents to leave for Washington at an early day.

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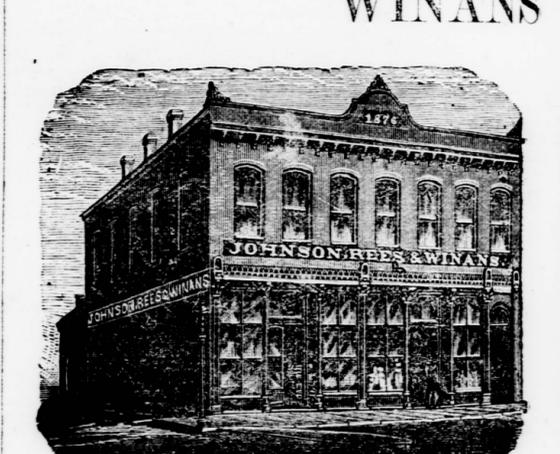
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