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SAN FRANCISCO ITEMS.

The Board of Health has decided that they have no power to declare Hongkong an infected port. Officer Maroney is on trial for his attempt to murder J. Murphy in the Police Court.

NEWS SUMMARY.

General De Cissey is dead. The number of suspects imprisoned in Ireland is 963. Hayti sends 2000 to the Garfield Memorial Hospital Fund.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

WHEAT—At this date last year the situation as compared with to-day was as follows: Local market, \$1.35; choice, \$1.35; extra, \$1.35; Oregon, good to choice and country grades, extra, \$1.35.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Mr. Whittier has written a poem somewhat complimentary of our children's love for our fellow and of our own death. —Mr. Edward Freeman, the English historian, has been so kindly received in the United States that he says he will never believe anything ill of the Americans in the future.

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—William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, appointed to be Secretary of the Navy, is a native of Concord, in that State, and is forty-seven years of age. He was Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy in 1855, and subsequently, for two years, First Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Since that time he has practiced law in his own State.

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**SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1882.**

The telegraphic news of the week is comparatively of little importance. The usual batch of casualties incident to the Fourth throughout the country, the most serious of which was the colliding of two excursion steamers on the Ohio River, by which several lives were lost. England is preparing for war with Egypt. But then this matters not, for England is always preparing for war. Monarchies like her, must have a blustering foreign policy to hold up to the admiring gaze of her people at home, on the principle that distance lends importance to governmental achievements.

**Enterprises of the Present and Future.**

The Willamette Farmer says: It is difficult to comprehend, at a glance, the great work that corporations are doing in constructing railroads in Oregon and Washington, and the immense amount of money that they are expending in such construction. With all the men they can procure, and with practically unlimited means at command, they find it impossible to put through the work as fast as they desire. Much of the work now to be done is very difficult and expensive. The task of completing construction between this city and the Cascades is one of more than ordinary difficulty, but the work is being pushed with all possible energy. Another difficult and expensive work is the construction of the California and Oregon Railroad south of Roseburg. That is also pushed with all possible expedition, but cannot be completed before two years from the coming autumn. Then the chief work of all, that must be put through with the least possible delay, so as to give us connection with the east at the earliest possible moment, is to build the Northern Pacific through Montana. That work goes on steadily and surely, and will be completed to a point beyond Missoula the present season. The Northern Pacific Company is also closing the gap between Portland and Kalama, needed to make through connection with Puget Sound. This consists of bridging the Columbia near Kalama and building fifty miles of road down the Columbia River on the south side. That will be a great work to accomplish. The construction of the bridges across the Columbia at Kalama, the Willamette at Portland, and Snake River at Astoria, will require millions of dollars, and employ the ablest engineering the world can afford. The O. R. & N. Co., besides the heavy work between Portland and Cascade, are building the road to Pendleton, in Umatilla county, and the contract is let for grading 120 miles, from Twin Wells on the Northern Pacific, to Moscow, in Idaho, which work was already commenced when we passed down from Cheney three weeks ago.

The combined enterprises alluded to must already employ ten thousand men. Besides the white men and Chinese already employed, it was ascertained that the companies had made contracts for the shipment of 9,000 or 10,000 more Chinese, that are already arriving by steamers and sailing vessels and being sent on to the front. With these additional forces at work the total number of men employed in railroad work in this State, Montana and Washington Territory must reach 15,000 persons, for all white men that offer are able bodied, and work at good wages. When we look at the work to be done, it is apparent that all this force will be kept at work for years to come. The Northern Pacific will require all next season to complete its through connection, and when the main route is completed there will be branches of equal length to construct. Railroads will be constructed through this part of the United States for the next two years, requiring all the force that can offer. From Tacoma the Northern Pacific will go down to Seattle, or beyond. The branch system will include roads south from the Columbia in Wasco and Grant counties. The Blue Mountains will be crossed to Baker City. The Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific must go across to the Sound. Yakima and Klickitat counties will have to be developed. Three branches are projected into the Palouse country.

It is impossible at this time to show all the routes that railroads must eventually traverse, but through this wild region the steel rails must be laid over many a route not yet in sight, and will develop regions that are not now talked of as homes for agriculture. The march of improvement will go on for all time, but the prosecution of enterprises in the near future will give employment to thousands, and insure good wages to all able bodied men who wish to earn them. It is fortunate for this great region that men who control unlimited capital have identified themselves with its destiny. It is in many respects the most attractive and inviting portion of the national domain. The natural wealth and undeveloped resources that exist here, in the shape of forests, coal, iron and precious metals, give opportunity for building up prosperous States. Climate and soil are unrivaled, and the men who spend these millions and tens of millions here will reap a great return, while they enhance our prosperity.

Two hundred and eight thousand feet of lumber were sawed at Port Blakely recently, in eleven hours and a half.

**MASONIC.**—The report of the Secretary of Masonic order in this jurisdiction shows the order to be in a very prosperous condition. During the year dispensations have been issued for the formation of Mount Baker lodge at Skagit city; Farmington lodge at Farmington; Corinthian lodge at Puyallup; Ellensburg lodge at Ellensburg; and Tacoma lodge at New Tacoma. A few of the lodges have fallen off in membership, some barely retaining their members, while others show a marked increase, which with the addition of the five new lodges swell the net increase to about 100 members during the year. The total membership is 1,200. From official and private sources of information and the rapidly increasing population of our Territory we may reasonably expect not only a larger increase of membership to existing lodges during the year, but also several additional applications for the establishment of new lodges. At the close of this communication our number of chartered lodges will have reached 40 on the roll, 35 of which are in active existence. The peace, quietude and harmony prevailing among the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is a fact worthy of mention. Not a single case of appeal, nor complaint or grievance of any note, has been reported to this office since the last communication. No better evidence need be shown for the healthful and prosperous condition of the fraternity throughout the jurisdiction. A misapprehension exists on the part of some lodges in relation to the remission of the dues of the members. The constitution provides that honorary members, elected as such at the will of the lodge, and also those whose impetuous circumstances require their support at the expense of the lodge, shall pay no dues to the lodge or Grand Lodge; and while a lodge may for a good cause show, also remit the lodge dues of a member, it has no power under our laws to remit Grand Lodge dues. This is not infrequently the cause of error in returns, and rarely there is any explanation given. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows there are at present no outstanding loans due the Grand Lodge; all orders drawn upon the treasury have been promptly paid on presentation and there remains a small balance on hand. Total receipts from all sources during the year, \$3,772.69; total expenditure, \$2,609.34; balance on hand \$1,163.35.

The recent address of the Irish Bishops to their flocks, which is signed by Cardinal McCabe, two Archbishops and twenty-two Bishops, is unquestionably a very important document, dealing as it does directly and in unequivocal language with the present condition of affairs in Ireland. While a strongly conservative document in the best sense, it does not truckle in the least to the Government. It reads like Cardinal McCabe tempered by Archbishop Croke. The result is sound and strong advice to both sides, to the Government as well as to the Irish people. There is a clever double stroke in the statement that "what is morally wrong cannot be politically right." This, of course, with Irish adroitness, applies equally to the people and to the Government. The refusal to pay just debts, or the attempt to prevent others from paying them, is condemned, as also the injuring of neighbors in person or property, forcible resistance of the law, the formation of secret societies and obedience to them. All these methods of agitation are condemned as "utterly subversive of social order." The man who would commit or recommend any of these offenses is to be regarded as "the worst enemy of his creed and country." On the other hand, "the national movement, purged of what is criminal, shall have the earnest support of the clergy." It is declared to be the duty of the clergy to press their claims in every peaceable and just manner. The Bishops claim the right of the Irish people to live on their own soil to be indisputable. It is the right and duty of the oppressed, either by State or individuals, to seek redress by lawful means; and so far, it is stated, the Irish national movement has the approval of the priests and bishops, of the Pope and all just and generous men, without distinction of race or creed.

Mr. Blaize has a barrel of money; it holds \$10,000. And it has been honestly and honorably filled. We have never yet had a rich President. How would it do to try the experiment of having a President whose own private income would be \$500,000 and his official salary only one-tenth part of that sum.

Some South German farmers have petitioned Prince Bismarck to protect them from the Italian competition to which the opening of the St. Gothard Tunnel will expose them. They think it was not "well to break through, with art, the natural barriers set up by Divine Providence for the protection of agriculture."

It would never do for legislators like ours to live in Holland. In that country, according to the Modderman act, which is now in force, it is forbidden to sell spirituous liquors of any kind to any persons holding a public office or appointment.

A correspondent of the London Times proposes that a law be passed to the effect that any British-born subject who throws off his allegiance shall not be allowed to return or reside in the United Kingdom without permission of the Executive.

There are only seventy-six Senators in the United States. Each of them is now to have a private secretary, paid for at the public expense, at the rate of \$1,200 a year—a trifle of \$91,200.

**LEGAL NOTICES.**

**Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT LAND OFFICE, OLYMPIA, Washington Territory. Notice is hereby given that, in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," JOHN J. BROWN, of King County, Washington Territory, has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section No. 22, and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of section No. 23, in Township No. 33 north, Range No. 7 east of the Willamette Meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely the said described land, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty (60) days from date hereof. Given under my hand, at my office in Olympia, W. T., this 25th day of May, A. D. 1882. J. T. BROWN, Register of the Land Office.

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LOCAL COMMENTS.

THE MAIL AND CHRONICLE.

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

WE OBSERVE that our esteemed contemporary on the beach at "Long Branch," otherwise known as the terminus of Anacortes, is somewhat torn up, so to speak, at the proposition to extend the semi-weekly mail service clear through to Sehome, a proposition which, by the way, originated not at Seattle but at La Conner, though of course the people of Seattle favored and numerously signed the same.

We will inform it that the petition referred to was drawn up by the publisher of the MAIL in anticipation of the capabilities of the new mail steamer now being built to make two trips a week to the end of the route instead of a trip and a half at present.

We knew they had a semi-weekly mail from Sehome up the Nooksack country while they had only one through mail a week from the outer world. It has been so for years, and now that there is an opportunity of improving the service we propose to do so.

The Anacortes paper would not have the Seattle mail steamer go through to Sehome or Whatcom and thus connect with the Nooksack mail on the Friday trip, but instead would have it stop short at Anacortes and leave there all the mail for Samish, Whatcom and the Nooksack country to be picked up by the go-as-you-please Port Townsend steamer.

The objection to such a proposition is that the Islands or Port Townsend boat is not only irregular and uncertain but carries no route agent to take care of the mail, it all being knocked about from one postoffice to another, a system of mail service that the people should have as little to do with as possible.

Another point that should be considered is that our mail steamer not only carries the mails but serves in the capacity of an accommodation line for freight and passengers, and the business of the people of Whatcom County being wholly with La Conner and Seattle, they do not want to make piecemeal of their mail, traffic and passenger business by stopping short and changing routes at any such place as Anacortes nor accept so utterly unreliable a steamer line as that of Port Townsend and San Juan to carry their through mails.

No; the people of Guemes, Samish, Whatcom and the Nooksack do not want the Port Townsend boat step in between them and Seattle, not even for the inestimable pleasure of a stroll on beach of Anacortes. The petition for a full semi-weekly service between Seattle and Sehome direct has already been forwarded to Washington and we want no interference from Anacortes with it, as is evidently the object of some printed petitions now in circulation. The people should not be humbugged into signing any such incongruous and unintelligible documents. La Conner is probably the least interested in the question whether the steamer should go any further than this point or not. It would not conflict with our interest to have her go to Anacortes; we have, in fact, already petitioned to that effect, but we have asked that the steamer not only go to Anacortes but clear through to Sehome, the end of the route. The people of Guemes, Samish and Whatcom should insist upon it and not be content with anything less, and upon this assumption the MAIL has already laid their grievance or wishes before the Department, through our Delegate to Congress. No further petition or proceeding is necessary until we hear from Washington; so Anacortes may as well call in its "inside here and outside there" petition. It is n g—"no go."

THESE annual celebrations of our National Independence are a fruitful source of inspiring and inspiring with a laudable patriotism and respect for the rising generation in the history of our country, and hence should never be abandoned or discontinued. It has well been said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and this is the most unique and systematic vigilance that can be devised is for the people of every city, town, village and hamlet throughout this broad land to meet annually and review the noble achievements of the Revolutionary patriots and the leading subsequent events in our political history.

A DEER ADVENTURE.—As Mr. D. O. STORTS and Mr. E. COMPTON, with two little parties from Fidalgo Island, were coming down the slough on the morning of the Fourth to attend the La Conner Celebration, a deer emerged from the Indian reservation as if very much scared and plunged into the water close to the boats. Both parties gave chase to him and ere he could again return to the woods was captured without the aid of fire arms. It was quite an interesting scene to observe both boats in pursuit of their game, which was swimming for "deer" life away from them, but they finally caught him and brought him to town with them as a trophy of adventure.

MR. BAKER POSTOFFICE, with Mr. M. S. COOK postmaster, is now fully established and in running order at the mouth of what is known as Joe Larey's slough at the southern end of the Samish Flats. For the present it is the intention to have it supplied by special service from La Conner. Mr. Cook has purchased what is known as the Ben Welsher claim, on which it is his intention to establish a trading post. It will doubtless eventually be quite a good business point, particularly when the Olympia Marsh will be reclaimed and cultivated, as it is believed that Joe Larey's Slough is the most available outlet for that important region of country.

THE FOURTH AT LA CONNER WAS OBSERVED in the usual patriotic eclat and decorum.

The celebration was not quite so imposing as that of last year, as the preparations were not so extensive nor the attendance as numerous, but we had a first-class time all the same and all were as happy as happy as the day was long—and the glorious Fourth of July at La Conner is always as long as days ever attain in the United States.

The people were evidently well pleased with the solemnities of the morning exercises, the sports of the afternoon, and the very orderly ball in the evening; and that they may all meet again to celebrate the next Fourth, with several hundreds of others added, is the sincere wish of the MAIL.

To be a little more specific as to the general proceedings of the day, we should say that the fantastic procession of the "Horribles," the first on the program, was a very novel affair which created considerable merriment, being a new feature in our celebrations.

The procession from the hall to the ceremonial stand was led by the members of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, with Mr. J. F. Dwyer grand marshal. At the grand stand, Rev. E. O. Tade was chaplain, Mr. J. A. Gilliland reader of the Declaration of Independence, Mr. W. T. Stoll orator, with J. Power presiding.

The young orator, in the opening of his remarks, paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the late President Garfield, whose assassination threw the country into consternation a year ago; and further on in the course of a very spirited speech created quite a sensation by an arraignment of the corporations of the country for their tendency to monopoly and consolidation.

The formal exercises were closed by the assembly joining in singing "Old Hundred" and Rev. Mr. Tade invoking the divine blessing.

In the afternoon, considerable interest was taken in the horse racing, children's foot-racing, and also the boat and tub races. The horses of James Harrison and Jake Myers won two races, with Albert Leamer as rider. The report is that several thousand dollars changed hands on the horse races. J. Chenoweth, jr., won the tub-race, and Ed. Stacey the boat-race.

The ball-room was crowded with a happy throng, who "tripped the light fantastic" all night to the excellent music of Messrs. Graham, Sharp and Goodwin, with Messrs. Eyer and O'Loughlin as floor managers.

Mr. McGlinn furnished the supper in the most approved style of the art. The executive committee consisted of Messrs. Martin, Andrews, Gaches, Cook and Jorgenson.

MOUNT VERNON, on the Skagit, celebrated in becoming style the occasion of our great National Anniversary last Tuesday, Judge I. M. Hall of Seattle being the orator. If there is anything in a name, Mount Vernon should feel proud of its title, and we have reason to believe it is so. These reflections are inspired by a recollection of our visit to the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon on the Potomac ten years ago. It is proper to observe that the historic place on the banks of the Potomac is not a town but merely the former estate and home of General Washington, now set apart and preserved as the final resting place of him who was "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen," and many are the pilgrimages to the patriotic shrine by those visiting the National Capital, Mount Vernon being only a few hours' run down the Potomac.

THE CELEBRATION AT EBRON was, likewise, numerously attended and a grand success. Mr. W. H. White being the orator. He delivered a regular sledge-hammer oration, and after "whoopin' up" the American Eagle, dilated upon Civil Service Reform and corporate monopolies, insisting that these were the great absorbing questions of the hour.

THE NOOKSACK PEOPLE were not behind in their patriotic manifestations on the Fourth. They had two celebrations—one at Ferndale and the other at the Upper Crossing. Who the orators of the occasion were we have not learned, but we know they had a good and joyous time.

SEATTLE had a monster celebration, Olympia, Tacoma, Port Townsend and the mill towns of the Sound sending large delegations. Dr. Thos. T. Minor, of Port Townsend, was the orator of the day, and right handsomely did he acquit himself. The following is the concluding portion of his oration:

"This is not the time or place to particularize and enter into details. Labor and capital and their relations to and dependence upon each other, corporate power, municipal and State indebtedness, local option, Sunday laws. Why, every group of thinking men you meet on a street corner are already discussing and arguing the questions which have arisen, or are soon to arise, for our decision. Let us not be selfish or narrow-minded. Let us meet these and all other questions fairly and justly and honestly, and settle them rightly. Let us make no compromise with wrong, lest generations to come reap the dire harvest. Let us make no mistake that shall hereafter result in sorrow and suffering. By the memory of Washington—that name historic, whose simple utterance is suggestive of noble and patriotic sentiments—a name which I trust our Territory will never outgrow; by the memory of all his great and good associates; by this day, with its blessed revelations to humanity, let us resolve, unselfishly and fearlessly, at all times, in all things, to do our duty as good citizens, even as they, yea, better than they did it one hundred and six years ago to-day."

Brief Local Mention.

POSTAL BUSINESS.—Postmaster Jorgenson reports the following as the business of the La Conner postoffice for the month of June: 100 money orders were issued amounting to \$3,415.70; letters registered, 26; stamps cancelled, \$34.50.

MR. STOLL, the dentist who located here last week, has left us; finding business in his line unprofitable at La Conner. We regret this.

MR. F. M. WALSH, one of the publishers of the Anacortes Enterprise, favored us with his participation in our local celebration last Tuesday.

REMEMBER the meeting to be held at Skagit City this Saturday evening, to take action in regard to removing the South Fork jams. All should attend and see what can be done to keep the river open.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Cincinnati Commercial is making a tour of the Sound and writing up the country for that paper. He visited La Conner yesterday.

DR. SPARKS, now Register of the Vancouver Land Office, is on a visit to this county, and passed north to the Nooksack yesterday, where he has some land interest.

THE FRIENDLY CAMPMEETING, as previously announced, will open on next Tuesday. Those religiously inclined will find a congenial gathering there on that occasion. For this we vouch, for we have attended some of these demonstrations on former years and know whereof we affirm.

MR. AMOS BOWMAN, of Anacortes, has been employed by the Dominion Government to make a geological survey of all the territory lying between the Snailkameen and Thompson Rivers in British Columbia, and has already departed for that field to enter upon his duties.

THE preliminary meeting at the Pleasant Ridge school house last Saturday evening for the purpose of organizing under the dyking law and other purposes, was well attended. The meeting was harmonious and successful, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a formal meeting for the purpose of legal organization.

COL. C. B. LYMONS, Land Commissioner of the Northern Pacific Railroad, accompanied by Charles J. Woodbury, of the New York Evening Post, and Richard Goederler, Land Agent of the Northern Pacific resident at Berlin, Germany, arrived on the Sound last week. The party came over the line of the Northern Pacific road from Bozeman, Montana.

LETTERS LIST.—Letters for the following named persons remain uncalled for at the La Conner postoffice: S. P. Anderson, Alberson Wilson, B. Barde, Wm. R. Bailer, J. S. Charukle, D. E. Cunningham, B. L. Davis, A. C. Davis, Oliver Holman, Chas. Johnson & Co., Casper Henderson, John Munson, Henry Havenkost, Wm. C. Miller, Peter H. Miller, J. H. Miller, James Pigot, James Waunamaker, Mrs. Ida Clark, Mrs. Mary Flagg, Mrs. R. G. Holman and Miss Nettie Howard.

A COMPANY has been formed in Seattle with capital stock of \$25,000, to publish a daily and weekly newspaper, called the Herald. The incorporators are G. C. Phinney, J. L. Thatcher, Kyle V. Stewart, Thos. H. Bates, and Wm. G. C. Pitt.

THE Democratic Territorial Committee of Washington Territory have called a convention to meet at Vancouver on the 11th of October next, for the purpose of nominating a Territorial ticket.

IS the six months ending June 30th the O. R. & N. Co.'s steamship brought from San Francisco to Portland 4,716 cabin, and 11,993 steerage passengers; total, 16,685. During the same six months last year the passengers from San Francisco were 2,197 cabin, and 3,655 steerage; total, 5,852. Outgoing passengers during the past six months were: cabin, 774; steerage, 497; total, 1,241.

THE Philadelphia New Northwest says: "There are only three good harbors on our entire Pacific coast, 1,500 miles long—San Diego in the south, San Francisco in the centre, and Puget Sound in the north. Through these three natural gates must flow the immense commerce of the valleys and great regions back of them. And the best of these harbors is Puget Sound. It is unequalled in the United States or on the western continent."

THE REV. TALMAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.—Rev. Dr. Talmage, in a recent sermon, said of newspapers: "I tell you, my friends, that a good newspaper is the greatest blessing God has given the people of this country—the grandest temporal blessing. The theory is abroad that anybody can make a newspaper with the aid of a capitalist. The fact is that fortunes are swallowed up every year in the vain effort to establish newspapers. We have seven thousand dailies and weeklies in the United States and Canada, and only thirty-six are half a century old. The average life of a newspaper is five years. Most of them die of Cholera infantum. It is high time that it was understood that the most successful way to sink a fortune and keep it sunk is to start a newspaper. A man with an idea starts the Universal Gazette or Millennium Advocate; finally the money is all spent, and the subscribers wonder why their papers do not come. Let me tell you if you have an idea, either moral, social, political or religious, you had better charge on the world through the columns already established."

Our Coupeville Letter.

COUPEVILLE, June 26, 1882. EDITOR MAIL: The warm weather of the past week or two, following up the previous copious rains, imparts to the growing crops a full share of the general boom of prosperity that at present envelopes Whidby Island. Truly, after reading the accounts of the awful devastation by flood and tornado visited upon other portions of the country we have abundant reason to feel grateful to Divine Providence that we have not only been exempt from these dreadful visitations but have otherwise been specially favored with more than ordinary prosperity.

In my last I promised to give some reasons why the metropolis of Puget Sound and the great Northwest would eventually be established here. Railroad lines representing a thousand million dollars capital are pointing this way. No matter how much these lines may apparently deviate their initial and objective points are New York on the Atlantic and Puget Sound on the Pacific. San Francisco, tho' at present the metropolis of the West, is out of the world's great channel of commerce which is on this northern latitude, for evidence of which observe the position of Liverpool, New York, Puget Sound, and the ports of China and Japan on the map. The great elementary resources of commerce on this continent are most abundant on this belt, such as iron, coal, timber, together with the productive agricultural lands, on which manufactures and commerce are chiefly dependant.

The pioneer line of the railroads referred to has a delicate task in selecting a terminal point, as the future of the road hinges upon that selection; any mistake will be taken advantage of by competing lines. That the company is alive to this is apparent from the recent investigation of its officers hereabout, and if I prophesy aright there will be nothing left for competing lines but to make terms with this company and follow in its track to the terminal point, for it is not likely there will be more than one grand railroad centre on Puget Sound. The advantages of Port Townsend as a port of entry, at the very door of the Sound, is acknowledged by all; and nearly opposite is the harbor of Penn's Cove, a place brought to the notice of Jay Cooke (as I am informed) by J. G. Swann, and recommended as the largest extent of good anchorage, with the requisites of a harbor, on Puget Sound, containing, as it does, fifteen miles of good anchorage at a reasonable and uniform depth from shore to shore, and which experienced seamen pronounce as unequalled in the known world. To use this harbor, together with the others on the east of this island, it will be necessary to cut a canal from Penn's Cove through to the Straits, no very difficult engineering project for the reason that Nature has already partially done the work. Willard will doubtless do the rest, and thus preempt this important and strategic site for a great terminal sea port. Connection with Port Townsend can be had by ferry the same as San Francisco with Oakland. In a sanitary point of view, this island is all that could be desired for a great city. The general lay of the land for building and sewerage could be no better. The advantages of the place are so apparent that when once proclaimed as the terminus of men of capital will not hesitate to invest and a city will be built with the same rapidity and enterprise which characterized the rise and growth of San Francisco. These are some of the reasons why I say it will be Island City and Port Townsend on the Pacific as it is New York and Brooklyn on the Atlantic.

About three years ago the U. S. Marshal for California, either himself or by his deputies, evicted a large number of settlers from what is known as Los Balsas, in the southern part of Los Angeles county, Cal. Several hundred people were thus dispossessed of their homes. From the decree under which this action was had an appeal was taken to the U. S. Land Commissioner, and under his rulings the people are restored to their homes and their homes to them.—Ledger.

Postmaster-General Howe, in recommending the abolition of postage on newspapers and magazine literature, pays this compliment to the press: "It may well be doubted if the whole people get as much information of public affairs from the volumes thrown at them by the Government as they do from the newspapers and magazines which they purchase and pay for. Congress may at the present time safely abrogate all discrimination between the newspapers and magazines, and send the same through the mails without charge, whether such subscribers are within the county of publication or out of it."

Ex-Gov. Curtin has a very original idea of Civil Service reform. He is at present a member of the House of Representatives, and he has brought in a bill providing that appointments to the several departments shall be apportioned among the Congressional districts, and that the Representatives of these districts shall make their selection in the manner now followed in the appointments to the military and naval academies. The Senators would not like to see all the patronage gobbled up by the Representatives. Should an alteration be made in the bill which would give the Senators a share in the appointments, and the passage of the bill be thus secured, we are sure that the President would veto it.

The machine shops and foundries of Seattle are crowded with work.

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LUKE BURKE, General Blacksmith, La Conner, W. T. I hereby notify the public that I have opened a BLACKSMITH SHOP at La Conner, and will do all Logging Work, Repairing Machinery, Etc., on short notice, as cheap as the cheapest.

LUKE BURKE. LA CONNER, June 4th, 1882.

PAY UP AND SAVE COSTS. NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts due to M. B. Cook, late of the La Conner hotel have been assigned to us.

Persons indebted on said accounts will save costs by making immediate settlement.

S. BAXTER & CO. SEATTLE, June 3, 1882.

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For sale, one yoke of well-broke work-cattle, eight years old. Inquire of Eddy C. Thomas, of Lynden.

For sale, one ox suitable for farm or logging work. For particulars apply to Bishop & Wright of Nooksack.

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