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VANCOUVER INDEPENDENT. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23, 1899.

Washington produced 10,000,000 bushels of wheat from 600,000 acres, this year, the market value of which was \$6,500,000.

The republicans have withdrawn their whole state ticket in Mississippi, which has resulted in the democrats withdrawing—the charges from their shotguns. It is not necessary to use them this fall to win the election.

Preparations are already under way to have a genuine ratification and jubilee when the president issues his proclamation making Washington a state. It will not be confined to a political party, but all will join in a grand rally around the American flag and the new stars added.

The old King of Portugal died on Friday, and his son, the new king of Portugal stepped into the old man's shoes the same day. There was no election, no contested precincts, and no fuss among the parties, but the people had no fun either. It was a funeralistic affair, and can't compare with the proceedings in Montana.

It is now reported the Prince of Wales has Bright's disease of the kidneys, and may not live a year longer. The Queen of England is depressed, thereat, and fears that Albert Victor, his oldest son, is not fit for a ruler. Grandmothers in private life generally have a better opinion of the abilities of their grandchildren.

Gen. Green B. Raum of Chicago has been appointed commissioner of pensions to succeed demagogue Tanner. It is to be hoped this appointment will be a happier one than the original, as Gen. Raum is accredited with being the possessor of some sense, and a knowledge that no man is higher than the law he is bidden to execute.

Henry Villard is once more the head of power in the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad, his votes having controlled the election last week, the Harris party stepping out. Six years ago he had a mighty fall from power in the same corporation, but it is believed that he is now more firmly seated than ever. As he always predicted great things for this coast he may be able to help them along now.

The great want of sense in the prohibition party is more prominent than ever since the election, in which the prohibition idea was set down upon by a vote of three to one. The leaders are holding conventions and meetings to give thanks for the few votes they did get, and concocting new disturbances for the future. If they would confine their exertions to earnest prayers for wisdom the general public would be better served.

The indictments against Judge T. L. Stiles at Tucson, Arizona, were called up last Friday. Judge Stiles was there, and demanded immediate trial. The prosecutor put in a plea that he was not ready, though the indictments were made on his evidence several months since. The prosecution refusing to proceed, the indictments were quashed, and the case ended. This ending of the case shows very clearly that it was instituted through malice and for political effect.

J. B. Orman and C. R. Griffin, of the firm of Orman, Crook & Co., railroad contractors of Pueblo, Col., arrived in Albany, Or., Oct. 18th, for the purpose of prosecuting work on the eastward extension of the Oregon Pacific railroad. Their plant, consisting of seven carloads of tools, outfit, etc., and sixty mules, arrive this week. They will employ 800 men, and complete the work to the summit of the Cascade mountains, a distance of forty miles, this fall and winter, and they expect to undertake the extension contract in Eastern Oregon after finishing this forty miles.

It is authoritatively stated that the Hawaiian minister at Washington has been instructed to ascertain whether the government of the United States is willing to entertain a proposition looking to the extension of the treaty relations between the two countries.

The cabinet states that among the objects which it is desired to secure are the following: "To provide for the entry into either of the two countries without the payment of duty of all products of the other, except opium, spirituous liquors, and all articles prohibited by law in either country; also a guarantee by the United States government of the perfect independence and autonomy of the Hawaiian government."

The cabinet further states, "that to enable the United States government to do this without the danger of complication with other powers we do agree not to negotiate treaties with other nations without the knowledge of the United States government."

The police in some of our towns are having a streak of good luck. Two highway robbers have been arrested at Port Townsend, two at Seattle and one at Walla Walla.

Sim Coy, who was elected to the Indianapolis city council the other day, got out of jail just in time to enjoy the honor, having served a term for ballot-box stuffing. The democracy of Indiana never goes back on its ablest men.

The czar of Russia has recently visited the emperor of Germany, and exchanged kisses and Kirchwasser with him. Whether this portends peace for Europe or not depends upon accident, not their good will. Some trivial affair may precipitate a general conflict, against the will of either mighty ruler.

At a socialistic meeting in Chicago, which was attended by over a thousand men, the American flag was hissed and scoffed at, while the red anarchistic emblem was loudly cheered. The New York socialist, Schevitch made a violent incendiary speech. About a dozen more hangings would be in order.

There are seventeen contested election cases awaiting the action of next congress, all of which have been brought by republicans. Of this number three are located in each of the states of Virginia, Alabama, and one each in Indiana, South Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee Florida and Arkansas.

The steamer Mountain Queen, now being rebuilt in Portland by the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, will be brought to Tacoma and placed on a Puget sound route about the middle of November. The old machinery and cabin of the steamer is being placed on a new hull, the bottom of which will be coppered.

Jersey justice or something akin to it, has found its way into the new or proposed new state of Washington. Three vagabonds in attempting to escape from jail attacked and nearly killed the jailer, but they will not do it again in a long time. Judge Hanford thought it best to dispose of them effectually, so he gave them a total of 89 years in the penitentiary—two 36 years each and the third 17. That is "rigid Jersey justice" of the kind such fellows ought to have.

Mr. Whitney, when he was secretary of the navy, declared the Dolphin, built by John Roach, to be "structurally weak." After a cruise of 58,000 miles the Dolphin has come back to the United States, and the report made by the commander is "without a joint sprung or a sign of weakness." The success of the Dolphin is a crushing rebuke to the Cleveland administration, which broke the heart and caused the death and ruin of John Roach, her builder, by at first refusing to accept the vessel.

It is stated on good authority that the Puget Sound and Alaska Steamship company has purchased the Hudson river steamer the City of Kingston, and that she will be taken to Tacoma through the straits of Magellan and run between Tacoma and Victoria in the interests of the Northern Pacific road. The City of Kingston was built two or three years ago, and plied between New York and Albany. She is a propeller, about the size of the Olympian, and said to be a fast steamer. The Puget Sound and Alaska company paid \$135,000 for her. It will take her 70 days to make the trip between New York and Tacoma.

Senator Sherman of Ohio is the clearest and most concise political speaker of the age. In opening his campaign in Ohio he compared the parties saying: "And now more than ever, that we have grown so great, the full exercise of all the powers of the national government is absolutely necessary for the growth that surely awaits us in the future. This republican party must continue to be, as it has been in the past, an affirmative, progressive party, meeting all questions boldly as they arise, while the democratic party must continue to be, as it has been in the past, a negative party, a hold-back party, without any definite measures of public policy, but purely a party in opposition to measures essential to our growth and prosperity proposed by the republican party. Therefore, I believe it is better for every man who chooses his party upon broad principles of public policy to choose the republican party rather than the democratic party."

Of the state issues he said: "This, with me, is not a personal campaign. It is not a contest between Governor Foraker and Mr. Campbell. I have the highest regard for both of these gentlemen. Governor Foraker is one of the ablest, one of the most brilliant men in public life. Either of these gentlemen will perform the personal duties of the office with credit to the state, but the contest is not between them, but between the two parties they represent. Gov. Foraker represents the principles and

tendencies of the republican party, its progressive national policy, the purity of elections, state and national, and its willingness to take the lead in Ohio in all proper measures to promote good order, temperance and morality, so far as they can be promoted by human laws and popular opinion. Mr. Campbell represents the aims and tendencies of the democratic party, its jealousy of national authority, its want of genuine patriotism, its reactionary policy as to tariff laws, its lawless disregard of fair elections, both North and South, the criminal gangs that disgrace our cities, and its low tone on all questions affecting good order and morals. In my view the choice is as plain as the sun-light of heaven in favor of the republican party. It may falter for a time in meeting new questions, it may be disturbed by passing clouds, and like all human agents, may yield to expediency or be tarnished with the corruption and faults of individuals, yet it is the best organized guide in state and national affairs, and should, and I confidently trust will, receive the hearty support of the people of Ohio.

The new modified lease of the O. R. & N. Co. properties to the Oregon Short line and Union Pacific have been executed. It provides, among things, that no additional railroad or branch shall be constructed without the consent of all the parties to the lease; that the lessors may supply at the expense of the lessees necessary additional equipment, and may also make improvements and betterments, including corrections in alignment of track, provided that the cost of such corrections of alignment between Portland and The Dalles could not exceed \$500,000, and provided that the cost of such corrections other than the above, shall not exceed \$150,000 in any one year.

In the burnt district of Ellensburg, there are 4500 feet of brick front buildings completed; this means almost a mile. Of all these buildings there is not two hundred feet of one story work—the majority being two and three stories high.

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Washington's Wealth.

The returns made of the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Territory for the current year make a magnificent showing. The increase for many years past has been gradual and steady, indicating a wholesome, permanent growth; but of late the valuations have augmented so rapidly as to excite the wonder even of our own people, who, knowing our resources, have expected great achievements. The returns in 1885 showed an aggregate valuation in round numbers of \$51,000,000. In 1886 this had increased to \$61,100,000, which was considered a fair step in the line of progress. In 1887 there was a jump to \$84,000,000, but this was deemed to be owing mainly to the assessment of railroad lands, which had up to that time been exempt under the gross earnings system of taxing those corporations. There was doubtless a healthy increase independent of that cause. Now, in 1889, we are gratified to find that the grand aggregate is \$125,000,000, a net increase of over \$40,000,000, without any further addition of new classes of property valuations to the roll. The assessment by counties is as follows, compiled from returns to the Territorial auditor:

Table with columns: Counties, 1888, 1889, Increase, Dec. Total. Lists counties like Adams, Annapolis, Astoria, etc., with their respective values and increases.

It will be seen from this exhibit that Whatcom county nearly trebles her assessment of the previous year; Spokane and Douglas more than double it; Pierce nearly doubles; King adds more than one-half, and all other counties, except Clatsop, Garfield and Skamania, make exceedingly creditable gains. If this ratio of augmentation of values continues, the cost of state government will in time become a light burden, despite the expensive scale on which it is planned.

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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. FULL WEIGHT PURE.

Having leased my farm for a term of years, I have for sale a lot of farm machinery, including one Mitchell wagon, largest size, and small tools. Also 14 head Chester White hogs, 14 tons baled straw, and 20 tons baled hay. Terms Cash. C. A. CARLSTON, Vancouver, Oct. 18, 1899.

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J. J. HEALY, DEALER IN STOVES, TINWARE, IRONWARE, AND HOUSEKEEPERS' GOODS. THE CHARTER OAK IS THE BEST STOVE MADE. JOHN MILLER, DEALER IN Agricultural Implements, Vehicles, WAGONS, BUGGIES, CARTS, & C.

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THE WORLD'S BEST Kid Button \$2.50 Shoe. PEPPLES SHOES.

JOHN JAGGY, VANCOUVER, W. T. City Bakery AND Restaurant.

FOR SALE. Some fine bull calves from 3 to 6 months old. Also some very fine Berkshire Pigs. One fine draft of improving their stock will find it to their interest to call and examine them at my farm on Fourth Pl.

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L.S.L. Louisiana State Lottery Company. Incorporated by the Legislature for Educational and Charitable purposes, and its franchises made a part of the present State Constitution, in 1879, by an overwhelming popular vote.

AGENTS WANTED. For Club Rates, or any further information desired, write to the undersigned, giving name, address, and occupation, and stating whether you are a resident of the State, or whether you are a stranger.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of James Jamison, deceased, to the creditors of said estate, to present their claims against said estate, within the time specified in this notice, to the undersigned, at his residence in Clarke county, Washington Territory.

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