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ST. HELENS, OREGON, MARCH 23.

The democrats of the state are in a "peck of trouble," because Cleveland's appointees have seen fit to retain in office one or two republicans because of their eminent fitness for the place they hold, and have been holding indignation meetings in Portland to discuss ways by which said objectionable employees may be dispensed with.

If the people interested in the Scappoose bay channel movement can but succeed in securing action by the government they will have accomplished something which will prove a great benefit to the entire southern portion of Columbia county. The valuable lands along the bay will be greatly increased in worth should the undertaking be successfully carried out.

WHATSOEVER else may be said either for or against the late legislature, the fact remains that it reduced the appropriations a half million dollars as compared with those made by the previous legislature. This is no small item in favor of the late legislature. Indeed, since retrenchment was urged so strongly by the people, and promised by the candidates, on that particular point, if no other, they redeemed their pledge. One-half million dollars saved to the state at this time will be appreciated by the tax payers. Oregon could stand another cut of this kind in its biennial appropriations and yet have all the burdens to bear consistent with our present prosperity.

The Deer Island correspondent to THE MIST this week advances some ideas in regard to a county poor farm, and among other things urges the necessity of such an institution. It is true the county is at a very great expense in supporting the helpless, and perhaps it would prove a great saving if there could be a place provided for these people where they could produce a part of what they consume, at least. We are unable to state the exact amount which has been drawn from the general fund of the county during the last year for this purpose, but it, no doubt, would be a surprising sum should it be enumerated, item by item, and would go a long way towards maintaining a poor farm.

In the Clatskanie Chief of last week appeared a report of the United States engineers in regard to the improvement of the Clatskanie river. While we were aware of the fact that there was a great amount of shipping done on the Clatskanie, we did not know its commerce was of such magnitude. The report recommends the improvement of the river by the general government, and states that less than a quarter of a mile of new channel is necessary to be made. The total amount of commerce of that stream for the year 1893 is considered as being estimated very low at a half million dollars. Where such an amount of commerce can be carried on under existing circumstances, it is no more than justice that there be some improvement made in order to aid the enormous traffic of that stream.

The Iowa State Register, the leading republican paper of that state, contains the following: "Senator McBride, of Oregon, who succeeds Senator Dalph, is spoken of by Iowa men as a man very much like Senator Allison of this state. He is spoken of as a scholar, a gentleman and a man of literary as well as political tastes. He is kind and affable and full of good fellowship; a warm friend and inclined to draw near to the people. He is a republican of unstained record and

untainted faith. On the money question he is a bimetalist in the republican sense, and not the radical man some have tried to make him out to be. Senator Dalph is a man of great abilities and his record has been in many respects consistent and courageous, but he seems never to have been very popular with the masses, as he is naturally proud, distant and austere—qualities that are not prized in the long run. Senator McBride has many warm friends in Iowa and other of the great middle western states, as well as in the east, and will stand well in the United States senate."

CLOSER CULTIVATION.

The question of large land holdings is again attracting considerable attention throughout the country, and more especially through the middle west. The newspapers and magazines are discussing the question and devoting a great deal of space to correspondents who desire to handle the subject. In almost every instance the drift of sentiment is in favor of smaller holdings and closer cultivation, if it would be made profitable. Oregon is today afflicted with the same condition of affairs. Farmers undertake to handle too much land and in consequence the soil is not properly tilled nor the crop sufficiently cultivated. This is especially true in the large wheat-growing sections of the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon. In those sections the farms are too large to handle profitably under present conditions. Nearly all the leading and most successful agriculturalists recommend that the large tracts of agricultural land be divided into smaller holdings; that one man should not attempt to cultivate a greater number of acres than is in his power to cultivate well. There are very few farms, says an eminent writer, but what could be made produce more than they do, with close cultivation. This close cultivation can only be accomplished by dividing the large farms into small tracts with a tenant for each, or better still, by selling small tracts to men who will operate them for themselves. Through the universal plan of large land holding too much valuable and otherwise profitable soil is allowed to grow up in weeds every year. A forty-acre farm properly cultivated will produce a margin for any ordinary family in Oregon.

POINTED AND PERTINENT.

Great Britain is always willing to arbitrate disputes with nations strong enough to fight, but very seldom with weaker ones. Coxe did not find Philadelphia congenial, so he has gone back to Ohio. He is sore about being left out in all the new party deals.

It was unfair in those continental European nations to take advantage of the United States by beginning a tariff war while Cleveland and Gresham are in office.

France and San Domingo have made up, but there are no indications that the former has forgiven Secretary Gresham for putting his mouth in the quarrel.

If more politicians would become private citizens without being compelled to their stories of the woes of public life would be more sympathetically received.

It is not surprising that Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle have been sick, but it is surprising, after they have so clearly demonstrated their incapacity, that they should still be in office.

Since that European bond syndicate "held up" the administration men have been held up in the streets of Washington and robbed of their money and jewelry. So much for the force of example.

The democratic congress is dead and buried, but the country will have to stand almost two years more of Greshamism, unless some unexpected occurrence shall give us a new secretary of state.

When society demands you get it?" before recognizing the newly rich, would be social splurgers a long step will have been taken towards the suppression of stealing.

Representative Henderson voiced the opinions of the best Americans when he said: "The question is not so much, what is the amount of the appropriations? as it is, are those appropriations needed?"

That Howard Gould was "done" out of a large sum of money in a game of poker with one of the foreign "noblemen" who attended the sister's wedding, may or may not be true, but it is certain that the family was thoroughly "done" by the wedding.

No higher tribute to the value of the American market, which a democratic congress and president has divided with Europe, was ever paid than is contained in the following extract from the last annual report of the Belfast, Ireland, Board of Trade: "Since the passage of the new tariff law in the United States business has improved and the demand is not equal to what it was at any time in the past five years. It is not generally known that England's commerce with 65,000,000 people under the stars and stripes amounts to quite as much as her trade with the 368,000,000 under the British flag. America is, therefore, the best friend of English commerce." What pleasant reading that makes for Americans whose occupations have been lost for the benefit of British manufacturers.

Proof was made before the county judge Wednesday by Frank Stringfield on homestead entry No. 8596, for the southwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, sec 11, and the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4, sec 10, and the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4, sec 15, and the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4, sec 14, township 5 north, range 3 west. His witnesses were Michael Fresh and E. O. Varney.

A SERIOUS ASPECT.

International Affairs Becoming Very Complicated.
WASHINGTON, March 20.—England's ultimatum demanding indemnity from Nicaragua for the expulsion of Consular Agent Hatch, at Bluefields, with the report of a British warship on the way to enforce the demand, caused a hasty meeting of the cabinet this afternoon.

The possibility of European concert against the United States is considered. It is a fact that the United States has complications with every maritime power in Europe, Russia and Scandinavia excepted.

With England it is the unsettled Canadian sealing claim. With Germany, France, Holland and Belgium the meat and cattle question. With Italy the killing of the Italian citizens in Colorado. With Spain the Alliance incident, following the friction over the tariff customs duties, and underneath all the feeling that every gun and every cartridge in the hands of the Cuban insurgents were smuggled into Cuba from the United States.

Both France and Germany as well as Great Britain have determined to force matters against Venezuela on account of unsettled claims, and there is just a foot deep on the Monroe doctrine. The trouble with the Hawaiian minister, does not, of course, help matters in the least.

The naval officers feel the situation more keenly than any one else, and they know better would be the humiliation in a combat with a great naval power. They point out that Europe is more quiescent now than at any time in twenty years. There is accord and concert on the Asiatic situation with England, France and Russia to demand that the Korean independence shall be guaranteed.

We are still away down the list as a naval power, and in case of trouble the neutrality laws would limit our coaling ports to our own stations, which are few and unprotected. We have surrendered to international law the right of privateering, which would be simply invaluable in case of war with England. We haven't enough of a fleet to guard our own coast, let alone adopt an aggressive campaign.

In this connection the coast defense plans have been matured for over a year to protect New York harbor and every principal coast city in case of war.

SCAPPOOSE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Watts, of Reuben, were in town Sunday.

Joseph Bush, past grand master of the I. O. O. F. D's, suddenly disappeared one day last week.

Mrs. St. Helens, of Portland, arrived in town Sunday. Mrs. St. Helens will take charge of the school at this place.

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Swager Tuesday evening of last week. Dancing and merry-making was the order of the evening.

Samuel Wilson, king of tramps, who left England the 11th day of last August, with his friend Mr. York, intending to walk around the world in eighteen months without spending a cent of money, was a guest at the section house Friday night of last week.

An amusing incident happened one day last week in which Mr. Leonard played the part of a bold man with a gun. He became enraged at a poor tramp because he would not cut any wood after getting something to eat. The tramp started to run down the railroad track and Leonard gave chase with his pistol, shooting at every jump. The tramp, thinking he was hit, fell to the ground. Scene II.—A badly scared man running for home like mad, and never once looking back to see the tramp walking leisurely away.

DIED.

FRENCH.—At St. Vincent hospital, Portland, Oregon, March 19, at 9 o'clock a. m., Levi French, aged 70 years and 7 months, of dropsy.

Deceased was a resident of Houlton for nearly five years prior to his death. He was a pioneer of 1845. He suffered several years from the disease which finally caused his death. He was taken to Portland Monday evening and at 9 o'clock the next morning he came to the river which marked the unknown boundary. There are no relatives of which there is any knowledge. What of this world's blessings he possessed, were put in the possession of Lindsey Meeker, of Houlton, consisting of his little home at Houlton and a certificate of deposit from a Vancouver bank for \$1350. His remains were laid to rest in Oddfellow cemetery Wednesday.

POPULISM IS SOCIALISM.

A correspondent writes the New York Advertiser to know whether populism leads to socialism, and receives the following reply:

"Populism not only 'tends' to socialism, but is socialism. Socialism, broadly speaking, looks to the collective ownership and management of all branches of production and exchange, and all methods of transportation and communication. The application of this principle, however, takes various forms. Some socialists insist upon the total abolition of private property and individual rights, while others less revolutionary are not ready for such an extreme.

"An idea of the character of populism is afforded by the platform adopted last year by the Wisconsin populists. That platform embodies the following demands: 'Municipal ownership of street-cars and gas and electric plants; the nationalization of telegraphs, telephones, railroads and mines; the collective ownership by the people of all means of production and distribution known as corporations and trusts; the exemption of improvements on land from taxation; and the furnishing of employment by the public at 'reasonable wages' to all who need it.' These demands in some Western states are supplemented by others equally fantastic, such, for example, as the issuing of paper money by the government on the deposit of agricultural products. The correspondent can judge for himself to what grade of socialism such mad proposals belong.

"Populism, it is not amiss to point out, is radically at war with American principles. It assumes and declares virtually that poverty and misfortune are due to the government, and therefore that the government owes every man a living. It looks upon the possession of wealth as a crime, and by confiscation and taxation would punish men who, by sobriety, skill and frugality have succeeded in rising above their fellows in material advantages.

Populism, in brief, is the gospel of class rapacity and discontent, and every good citizen will treat it as the foe of justice, freedom and prosperity."

FROM RAINIER.

Mrs. Deits has been spending the past week in Kelso.

Our school will begin on the 25th of the present month.

A. Brant has returned from an extended visit to Lane county.

The beautiful weather has greatly facilitated farm work here.

Several of our business men have been in Portland the present week.

A social hop at the school house last Saturday evening was a pleasant affair.

One-street "kids" are all singing the revised version of "Ta ra boom de ay."

Charles Meserve, of the Oregon City Enterprise made a short call at this place on his way from Clatskanie.

Joseph Rich and wife are richer by the addition of a daughter to their family which they hold to be worth a million.

Frank Reed and family, who have been spending the winter with Marlon Riggs, have returned to their home on Lewis river.

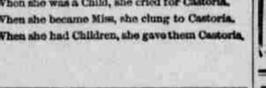
The present officers of the Ladies Aid Society are Mrs. A. L. Richardson, president; Mrs. V. A. Perry, vice president; Mrs. N. Bearce, secretary; Mrs. S. Dibblee, treasurer.

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