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STATE OF WASHINGTON.

The question of calling a convention for the formation of a Constitution for the state of Washington was submitted to the voters of our sister Territory at the late election and so far as we can learn a majority without distinction of party have favored the convention by their votes. This has not been a result from any urgent effort made by the Press of Eastern Washington, for so far as we have been cognizant the newspapers of Walla Walla have been comparatively silent upon the question having previously committed themselves in favor of transferring the counties of Walla Walla and Columbia, the most densely settled counties of Eastern Washington, to the State of Oregon. If we read the sentiment of the people of these counties aright, by the result of the late vote, we interpret it to be a strong rebuke to the men who have been endeavoring to sell these counties to Oregon. Only one journal in Eastern Washington, out of the four published there has spoken favorably of a Convention to form a State Constitution, and that was the little *Dayton News*, whose editor in our opinion, has comprehended the true interests of the people of that Territory in the position it has taken, both as to going to Oregon and as to a convention. The natural elements existing in Washington which promise for her an early admission into the Union as one of the States never existed in any territory in a larger degree. She has the finest inland sea for commercial purposes in the known world. Her resources in lumber, coal and fisheries in proximity to this sea cannot be excelled. These are now furnishing, and will continue to furnish for years hence the strongest inducements for rapid settlement of the Sound country with a mixed lumbering, mining, fishing, and trading population.

The location of the western terminus of the Northern Pacific Rail Road upon this sea, and the commencement of the building of this road from this terminus eastward furnishes another strong incentive to early and dense settlement of that section, and every year witnesses the rapid growth of the Sound country in an enterprising population.

Coming east of the Cascades the Territory embraces one of the greatest grain growing and stock raising countries in the known world. No where on the American continent has the grain product per acre been larger during the past year, than in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, the latter of which though now separated by an artificial political line, yet this will soon be obliterated by the commercial and social interests of the people and the good sense of the powers that form political divisions of our territories. Considering the remoteness of this section from the great centres of population whence emanate settlers for a new country, and the great expense attending an immigration to this section, and the want of knowledge of its resources, the large numbers who have come to this country since it was open for settlement, and the satisfaction and content they find in making homes here, all speak in the loudest praise of the advantages of the country. Their praises of it have gone back to the older states and the people there are just waking up to the importance of changing their location for a settlement here. The present year is witnessing the arrival in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho of hundreds of families of hardy emigrants from the older states, many more than during any previous year. These report thousands of others desirous and struggling to come, many of these are sure to find their way here within the ensuing

two years. The capacity of the country to locate hold and maintain a large population is no longer doubted by the most skeptical who have fairly tested its soil and climate.

In view of all the above causes to induce population, who can say that in less than five years Washington and North Idaho combined will not contain a much larger population than did Oregon when she was admitted as a state into the Union, without enumerating Indians, as was done to give to Oregon her requisite population for admission?

Therefore the vote of the people of Washington for a convention to form a constitution is not premature, but a wise and prudent policy.

PROGRESS.

The *Oregonian* of the 13th has the following items in relation to the improvements on Snake river and Cascades:

Col. Wilson awarded Mr. J. B. Montgomery the contract for the improvement of Snake river by removing the rock at Pine Tree Rapid. This is in addition to Mr. M.'s contract to improve the Upper Columbia by sub-marine blasting at Umatilla Rapid. Notwithstanding the high water which has prevailed ever since he commenced work, he has made good progress at Umatilla. The time for finishing both contracts is April, 1877.

We learn that Mr. Bolton, who is to have personal supervision of the work of improving the Columbia at the Cascades, is expected to sail for this city on the steamer which leaves San Francisco to-morrow and, with a party of surveyors, will be in the field by the 1st of December, after which the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

From the above we have good reason for believing that the Snake river will be much improved before Spring, and that the Cascade canal will be fairly under way of construction.

TERMINUS.—It is reported that Burrard Inlet has been selected as the western terminus of the British railway across the American Continent.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

The telegraph of Nov. 13th reports the following:

In the Supreme Court to-day, the following decisions were rendered: *U. S. vs. Leveriere & Grant*. Error from Circuit Court for Minnesota. The defendants in error in this case were indicted for selling liquor in the Indian country. As it appeared that the Territory where the offence was committed was a portion of the State of Minnesota, the court below sustained a demurrer to the indictment, holding that the effect of the admission of Minnesota into the Union was to withdraw the Territory from the Indian country. It is here said as prohibition was extended to the lands when ceded by the Indians to the United States, the provisions of the treaty still apply to them, the fact that the ceded Territory is within the limits of Minnesota, is a mere incident and not foundation of prohibition, the fact that Congress imparted into the treaty, applies alike to all Indian tribes occupying particular country, whether within or without State lines, and it is based exclusively upon federal authority over the subject matter. There is no disturbance of the principle of State equality. The power to make treaties with Indian tribes, it is said is co-extensive with the power to make treaties with foreign nations. Reversed, with directions to try the indictment.

IRATE subscriber (excited and pointing to an objectionable article)—"What does that mean? Every statement is false." Editor (gazing reflectively at the article in question)—"I shouldn't wonder if the whole article was a typographical error."