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DIDNT SAY IT. The following note of inquiry and letter from General Sherman needs no explanation: OFFICE OF JOHN SWINTON'S PAPER...

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST. Portland will spend \$6,000 to clean its streets. Less fog and more rain is what the Eastern Oregonians want. The Washington Territory division movement has died an unnatural death.

DEAR SIR—Here are some words that within the past fortnight have been attributed to you by hundreds of papers all over the country. Only two weeks or so ago, General Sherman, on Governor's Island, N. Y., made a little speech in which he said, 'that there would soon come an armed contest between capital and labor. They will oppose each other, said Sherman, 'not with words or arguments or ballots, but with shot and shell, gunpowder and cannon. The better classes are tired of these insane howlings of the lower strata, and mean to stop them.' I myself have been so often misreported that I am cautious as to what reports I believe.

But did you ever use any such language? Could it be used by the American soldier whom I cheered eighteen years ago when I saw him in Washington at the head of his triumphant army after 'marching through Georgia'?

I would not ask such questions if I had not at other times heard language of a surprising kind attributed to you about the same subject. I take the liberty, General, as an American editor, of thus addressing you, and if you think proper to answer this note it would give me pleasure to know your views upon the question involved in the remarks attributed to you.

Furthermore, I should like to give publicity to any reply you may be pleased to make. Yours, in the memories of the old war. JOHN SWINTON. 912 GARRISON AVENUE, ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 2, 1883. John Swinton, 21 Park Row, New York City.

DEAR SIR: Yours of Nov. 29 is received, embodying a printed slip from some newspaper to the effect that 'General Sherman has recently predicted that there would soon come an armed contest between capital and labor,' and that 'the better classes are tired of these insane howlings of the lower strata, and mean to stop them.' I hardly know whether to treat this seriously, or in jest. Of course it is not true; but that you already know, because the report on its face carries its own contradiction. After leaving Washington I had occasion to visit New York. As was my habit, I visited Gen. Hancock on Governor's Island, and timed my visit to be coincident with the meeting of the United States Institution to hear a paper on 'Cavalry' by Col. Brachet, of the army. The attendance was quite large, and after the reading of the paper, which was the sole object of the meeting, the members were asked to discuss the subject generally. Gen. Crittenden, who presided, noticed my presence, and especially called on me. I acknowledged the compliment and spoke, it may be, five minutes extempore, confirming much which Col. Brachet had recorded, encouraged the members of the Institution in their laudable object to profit by the present period of profound peace to study, improve their minds and be ready for whatever the future might bring forth. I doubtless said what has been said a thousand times before: 'In peace, be prepared for war,' and 'Be ready, for no man can tell what to-morrow may bring forth. But I am sure the words Capital, Labor, gunpowder and cannon never were spoken. I don't think the New York papers of the day reported me as a prophet, or so belligerent as the printed paragraph you send; but distance and time swell a rumor, as Horace records, the flight of a rumor is like that of an eagle, which ascends from its perch straight for a time, and then in circles, larger and larger, till its original starting point is lost. Our newspapers, it seems to me, are utterly reckless in their wild statements. I commend you for your manly way of writing me direct, and if you will sleep the matter over, I will be glad to impart to you my opinion that at no epoch or period of our National history has our country enjoyed a larger measure of prosperity than to-day, and never was there less reason to apprehend danger from without or within.

I am sure no friend of mine has been disquieted by this absurd bundle of nonsense, and that contradiction simply increases the vanity and self-esteem of the smart boys of the press whose imaginations are better than their judgment, and who claim the noble privilege of invention, or what used to be called 'lying,' leaving the victim the humiliating right of denial or explanation. I address you as the man, not as the editor, and leave you free to do what you think is proper in the premises.

With great respect, yours truly, W. T. SHERMAN. Tennyson can take a worthless sheet of paper, write a few words, and make it worth \$1000. This is genius. Rothschild can write still fewer words on a similar sheet and make it worth \$50,000. This is capital. The writer can take just such a paper and write a check for \$79,208,000 on it, and not be able to raise a punched nickel. This is rought.

Give us the Vasco, the million and a half acres of land in Wasco county, not locked up by grants which have never been earned, and allow us the use of the Columbia river and our right-of-way out to sea, and we will defy hand times. The Walla Walla Union says: Gen. Tannatt, the general agent of Villard's Oregon Improvement company, has received from the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, of New York City, the trustees for the bondholders, six long documents, releasing the claims of the bondholders to all lands of the O. I. C. Co. sold in Whitman county, and all town lots in both Prescott and Endicott.

Articles of incorporation of the Northwestern Foundry have been filed by J. Lowenberg, Louis Kuhn, and Sol. Oppenheimer, with a capital of \$200,000, with shares at \$2,000 each. The object is to manufacture stoves, ranges, castings, and all kinds of manufactured tinware in Oregon, California, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Montana, and to do everything else necessary to the interest of the business. Principal office to be kept at Portland.

There are certain papers in this state, says the Silverton Appeal, whose editors are owned and run in the interests of banks, railways and other corporations, and whose duty it is, like that of a chained bull-dog, to growl and menace the independent press of the state whenever uncomplimentary allusions are made to their Shylock masters. Whenever the farmers find that they are contributing money to a Hessian newspaper to boomerang themselves, they should 'drop' on the scheme.

In New York they are finding out what is the matter with it. Butterine, a mixture of 40 per cent hog's lard, 30 per cent cotton-seed meal and 30 per cent first-class creamery butter, can be had and sold at 22 cents, and there is no end to the capacity for its manufacture. It retails at 33 cents, sold not as butterine, but as butter, and is sold to the retailers by the regular butter dealers.—Towa Register.

And we might say that's what's the matter in Oregon. Butterine is sold in large quantities here. It retails at \$1 per 2-broil, and the rolls are light weight at that. White clover (creamery) butter, from Elgin, Ill., retails at 55¢ cents a pound, or \$1.75 for a 3-lb box, full weight; while Oregon butter, unless from some favorite dairy, customers who are not good judges prefer to purchase it. But any one with a taste for good butter will at once detect the difference in butterine from the pure article. Butterine is known here as Illinois butter. Northwestern Farmer.

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