

THE INDEPENDENT
HILLSBORO

"Western Fallacy."
The forthcoming report of the Commission of Agriculture contains the following paragraph which illustrates the necessity of the distribution and variety of industrial pursuits in our country. It will apply with even greater force to Oregon than to Iowa:

The West has much to gain from the teachings of statistics. Iowa, vigorous and ambitious, too young for despondency, is in a spasm of indignation against monopoly and an excess of middlemen, and yet in trade and transportation she has but eight per cent., or little more than half the proportion of the Middle States. She may have too many and too greedy go-betweens, and she needs justice in the transportation of her products; but these evils remedied, the burden of her trouble will still remain. The great difficulty in her crops of industry, has sixty-one per cent. of farmers instead of twenty-five. Double track railroads, canals vexed with steam propellers, Grange associations, free trade, and every other fancied boon obtained, she will still remain in comparative poverty and positive discontent while she continues to have less than fourteen per cent. of her people engaged in manufacturing and mechanical industry. History does not point to a permanently prosperous people having such a preponderance of population engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Portland Custom House.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the Senate appropriating \$100,000 to construct a Custom House and a bonded warehouse in Portland. There is no necessity for this appropriation at this time. The Custom House at Astoria and the branch at Portland are amply sufficient for all practical purposes. Mr. Mitchell would better secure this appropriation for the improvement of the Upper Columbia and Willamette rivers. We have enough Custom Houses. The revenues collected through most of them are stolen by officials to perpetuate them in office and to support their extravagance. The Portland Custom House ring has been a curse to Oregon and a burden to the Government. In the first place the Custom House at Astoria was all and is all that is needed for the business of the Columbia and Willamette rivers and money appropriated for this purpose at Portland is money thrown away.

Slaughter of Back-Pay Grabbers.

Out of one hundred and two Representatives in the forty second Congress who voted for the salary grab, says the Cincinnati Commercial twenty-four only secured a re-nomination to Congress, while seventy-eight were either beaten for re-nomination or otherwise withdrawn from public view. Out of the twenty-four who voted for the salary grab in March, 1873, who were nominated for Congress in 1874 twelve were defeated at the polls.

Out of the whole number of one hundred and two members voting for the salary grab, only nine have been re-elected to Congress. And not all of these nine spared monuments even took the money given them by the high salary Act.

A New Poet.

"In Tempa Dei" is the Latin subject of a Long Tom youth's poem in last week's Statesman. Tommy Chesler would better learn Latin cases before he attempts to use that language. Tommy indited an "Odious" to Joaquin Miller in the same paper recently and we have been looking ever since for Joaquin to answer in the OREGONIAN, or come. In his "In Tempa Dei," Tommy says sorrowfully:

I've worshipped at thy shrine, Oh, Art! And thought thee great, but now thy heart Remorseful can never at thy shrine Bow to thee as a thing divine, etc.

Now we are sorry that Tommy has got disgusted with Art. It is sad that a Long Tom youth should have devoted so many years to Art and then to leave her in her greatest need, and in his gray hairs to go a courting "In Tempa Dei".

Swamp Land Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Following is an official syllabus of the late decision of the Secretary of the Interior in the case of the State of Oregon against Frank L. Stott and Waggoner, pre-emption claimants of what was formerly Wapato Lake. First—The act of March 12, 1860, made a grant in present to the State of Oregon of all lands within her limits at that date, swamp and overflowed, and made thereby unfit for cultivation, with the exception of that class mentioned in the proviso of the first section of said act. Second—A tract of land is not necessarily excluded from the grant because at any given date it may be found covered with water having the appearance of a lake, or in the judgment of surveyors to be meandered. Third—The State, notwithstanding the returns of the Surveyor General, had a right show by any competent evidence, parole or otherwise, the character of the land at the time her right accrued, and the weight of such evidence should govern. The land was awarded to the State.

Specie Resumption.

The Senate bill in Congress providing for the resumption of specie payments was taken up in the House on the 7th instant and passed by a vote of 136 to 99.

A Deputy Marshall in a town east of the Mountains without sufficient reason arrested and put in the calaboose an Indian and here is what Lo thought about it:

Tenas yee tickee capsawala nika skookum-house, yaka wake cum tux nika, siwash wake cum tux, pesioux wake cum tux, Boston man wake cum tux, nika tum-tum yaka tenas yee hias pilton man.

All that this disgusted Indian means to say in the above paragraph is that the Deputy Marshall was an ass.

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