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—From Robert Toombs comes the doleful sound that the building of the ox-cart is among the lost arts of Georgia, and that the people of that State might raise their own hay if they would, instead of sending North for it. He tells the planters to hold on to their cotton until easier times, except as much of it as is required to pay their debts.

—It is not every great man who is gifted with fluency of speech. Franklin, Jefferson and other of our most illustrious statesman and writers, were men of few words when adressing legislative bodies or public audiences, and President Grant takes these for his models. On the occasion of receiving the members of the Evangelical Alliance at the White House, he made a speech which occupies just five lines in one of the Eastern papers; but he gave the gentlemen a warm welcome, and that was enough.

—The stir created by some of his ministerial associates because the Dean of Canterbury partook of the communion which symbolizes the Lord's Supper, with ministers of a different denomination, is a curious commentary on the proceedings of the Evangelical Alliance, which this same Dean of Canterbury had come three thousand miles to attend. To a secular journal, the affair looks very much as though the efforts of the "Evangelical Alliance" would come to naught. In the eyes of the Rev. William George Tozer, late Missionary Bishop at Zanzibar, whose protest against this action of the Dean of Canterbury has been pulished in the East the cause of Christianity has suffered a blow from which it can scarcely be expected to recover. This ex-prelate does not suggest any punishment for the English clergyman's unprecedented action, but, judging from the intensity of his feelings, as expressed in his letter to Bishop Potter, it should be something serious.

—The coolie laborers of Peru are becoming a very dangerous class to their masters. Negro slavery, as it existed in the Southern States of America, was a mild institution compared with the Peruvian system. A recent letter gives the following terrible picture of plantation life in Peru: "A Chinaman on a plantation near Callao accidentally committed a blunder while waiting at table, and his master struck him across the mouth so severely as to bring blood. Choking down his rage, the coolie waited till night, when, armed with a common bread knife, he perpetrated a terrible revenge, murdering his master and the family, seven in all, as they slept. But his punishment was as speedy as it was cruel. The infuriated populace, taking the poor wretch to the public plaza, chained him to an iron post, and, after pouring oil over his entire body, the torch was applied and he was burned to a cinder, his coolie brethern being driven in from the neighboring estates to witness the edifying spectacle. So exasperated, however are the down-trodden Chinamen becoming at the manifold injustice practiced upon them, that an open revolt is anticipated, and some of the plantations are guarded by government troops to prevent, if may be, such an uprising. If they should rise, their overwhelming numbers would enable them to carry everything before them in the country districts, and a reign of bloodshed and terror would be inaugurated such as marked the war of races in Hayti in the days of Toussaint L'Ouverture."

—Capt. McDonald, of the British ship City of Paris, which sailed from this port for Liverpool, Tuesday, in company with the British ship Lord of the Isles, Capt. Cragie informs us that the company owning his vessel have thirty-nine others. The duty of the master of each one of these vessels is to report to the home office every detail of their voyages minutely. His report to his owners of the trip to Portland for the present cargo will be substantially as follows: "Ship City of Paris, 990 tons register, (freight 1,350 tons), ascended the Columbia river in ballast grounding at several places, drawing 13 feet 8 inches. On the downward passage, coming out of the Wallamet drawing 15 feet had no water to spare. Dropped anchor at Columbia city, and took on 200 tons which brought the vessel down to 16 feet. Two miles above the hog's-back grounded in the channel. Came over the hogs-back at high tide. Took on 500 tons more at Astoria, loaded to 19 feet, and would be glad to take another 100 tons, but as the vessel has been detained, consuming nearly thirty days to get that amount of cargo, conclude not wait for the balance complete but put to sea with what I have on board." Does anybody suppose that Capt. McDonald would have consumed nearly thirty days and put to sea with 100 tons less than his full cargo, if the wheat had been here in the first place?

HOME MADE STARCH.

Mr. G. W. Raymond of this city, in response to a call for information concerning the production of starch in Clatsop county, has laid upon our table samples of an article produced by him from the common potatoe which excells any similar article imported from abroad, and proves to us that right here is a field for a domestic industry that will pay handsome returns for labor and capital invested in its development. The wealth of a country is not truly stated in its export of raw material—but consists in the manufactures it can sustain. But a few years ago Oregon sent thousands of dollars abroad for matches; thousands for harness, leather, boots and shoes, etc., etc., but gradually the break is being filled by the production of such articles, and retaining the money at home. We remember when Oregon sustained large dairy establishments outside of the State by her consumption of cheese and butter, but now dairies of this State, make enough for our home uses, and have a surplus to export. So it might be with the article of starch. As no large amount of capital is required to manufacture starch, almost any person may enter upon its production, and in a short time not only stop the importations, by supplying home demands, but actually have a surplus for export which would command cash in almost any market. The process by which this sample of starch was produced is so simple that we give Mr. Raymond's directions as follows: It was made of common potatoes, grated raw and strained into a vessel. Cover the strained part with water, let it stand a few hours, pour the water off and boil slightly—just enough to cook it—when you have a good article.

A correspondent at Knappton, who has worked in a starch mill in the Atlantic States, informes us that from ten to twelve pounds of starch may be produced from a bushel of potatoes. He prefers the Apple and Peach-blow varieties. The cost of manufacturing altogether depends upon the character of the works. Three men could do all the work about an establishment with a capacity to consume from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five bushels of potatoes a day, producing from sixteen hundred to two thousand pounds of starch. The mills in which he was employed were run by water, and cost from $5,000 to $8,000, and the proprietors clear annually from $5,000 to $6,000. This shows that it is a money making business, and that the profits of a small beginning here now would soon provide a handsome business to the projector.

The starch made by the process described by Mr. Raymond, is also a good article for food.

—It seems that Col. W. W. Chapman surprised some of the Portlanders a few days ago by returning from Wasco county with a franchise for right of way for the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad in his pocket, from the authorities there, who say he can go over the Cascade portage by way of the Sandy wagon road. It is said this will obviate the necessary suit between the railroad company and the Oregon Steam Navigation Company for the right of way at that difficult place, and work may progress at an early day for the Portage Railroad.

—Govenor Grover and President Grant have fixed Thursday, the 27th day of November, a day to be observed as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, the great giver of all good and perfect gifts, for the mercies and blessing of the year now drawing to a close.

—There was a slight variation in the price of Greenbacks last Monday. Gold is now quoted at 106½ and legal tenders at 92 and 93 cents on the dollar.

—No more dead heads will be carted about the country by the Oregon Steamship Company, the Oregon and California Railroad, or the Oregon Central Railroad.

—The Benton Democrat uses the arguments of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to prove the construction of the Yaquina bay Railroad. We quite agree with the Democrat that the cheapest, shortest and best routes of transit will always claim and receive the attention and adoption of the producing classes and to get their wheat to tide water, at the least expense, is the grand object of farmers, but that paper is very much mistaken in its suposition "that a boat built to run on the upper river cannot go to Astoria with any degree of safety, as it is liable to encounter, in the Lower Columbia, a sea in which it would not live an hour." We assert that when the National Congress appropriates money for the improvement of your upper rivers, Brother Head, and that appropriation is rightly expended, so that a few inches of water can be relied upon to Corvalis, our Astoria steamboat men will be found constructing boats that will take the wheat from your city wharves and land it here for direct shipment almost any day in the year. You may with as much propriety say that a ship could not with any degree of safety leave the Columbia river for the United Kingdom, as it is liable to encounter gales off Cape Horn in which it would not live an hour. We are in for your Yaquina bay Railroad—for the improvement of the upper Wallamet, the Cascades, the Dalles, etc., but let us have no nonsense such as that.

—A handsomely-bound book, without a single idea, has been exhibited in London. Its contents are: "Thirty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-five ways of spelling "scissors."

—The Domestic Sewing Machine took the first premium at the State Fair—also, four blue ribbons for work. It also took the blue ribbon at two of the county fairs. I. W. Case is agent for Clatsop county. Call and see it for yourselves. 15t

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