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NOT DISPOSED TO TREAT THE COMMISSION FAIRLY.

The railroad committee of the state Farmers' Alliance publishes the following:

"We, your committee, firmly believe that the only way the people can successfully control railroads, is by statute law. If the next legislature of Oregon will pass a maximum rate bill specifying just what the passenger and freight rates shall be, the railroad company will obey the laws of the land, and our organization will not be called upon to employ expert attorneys nor go into the courts to get justice and enforce the laws. We therefore recommend to our members and all other reform organizations throughout the state as the only practical way to settle this railroad question until government ownership is secured, to demand the repeal of the law creating a railroad commission, and enforce these demands at the ballot box by voting for only such men as will pledge themselves in writing to repeal this law, and thereby rid this state of this utterly useless, deceptive and expensive railroad commission."

The sixth plank of the Omaha platform demands, reads thus: "We demand the most rigid, honest and just state and national governmental control and supervision of the means of public communication and transportation, and if this control and supervision does not remove the abuse now existing, we demand the government ownership of such means of communication and transportation."

We would like to ask the public in general and the Alliance members in particular if, in the light of sixth demand, the above constitutes fair treatment of the Oregon railroad commission and its workings under the present law.

The framers of the above report assailing the commission system promises that the railroads will obey a maximum rate law. How does he know that? In other states they fight such laws harder in the courts than commission laws and as a rule more successfully.

We fear the gentleman has an antipathy entirely out of keeping with plank six of his order, which especially recognizes state control and supervision of railroads. Only after this has been tried and failed shall government ownership be attempted.

Aspersions of the commission will not weaken it in the minds of fair men, and deserve no answer for the simple reason that aspersions are not facts. The Alliance would do better to lend its influence to make the commission useful to the people. In place of trying to weaken its influence.

PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE FARMER.

President L. L. Polk, in his address at the supreme council of the Farmers' Alliance held at Indianapolis, drew this picture of the distress of the farmer:

"The gray-haired sire, whose sinews and hardened through a life of toil and labor in the production of wealth, has been forced, by unjust legislation, to address himself to the no less important problem of securing a just and equitable distribution of that wealth. Diligent, honest and earnest research and investigation as to the causes which have brought the American farmer to the verge of bankruptcy and ruin has forced upon him the alarming conviction that many of the most sacred and important functions of the government have been usurped and appropriated for the benefit of the favored few, to the detriment and ruin of the neglected millions. Two-thirds of the wealth of the country is not assessed one farthing for purposes of taxation, and yet the government has the power to force every tax-payer in the land to offer his life in defense of that untaxed wealth. With all his facilities for transportation, which are equal to the demands of the productive power of the country, and his accessibility to markets, the farmer is forced to sell his products at prices barely covering the cost of production."

"He fails to understand why a United States bond, bought for less than 60 cents on the dollar, bearing 4 per cent. interest, should command a premium of 20 cents on the dollar, while a note secured by a mortgage on the average farm at half its value, bearing 8 per cent. interest, and due at the same time, could not be sold at its face value."

"That existing conditions are not to be ascribed to incidence or thriftless improvidence on the part of our farmers, we point to their broad and well-tilled fields and abundant harvests which crown their toil, and which, with an exception of two years, have furnished annually since 1850, over 70 per cent. of all our domestic exports."

NECESSITY OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE. Next to opening the natural water way of this great Willamette valley the people of Western Oregon feel a deep interest in the immediate opening of the Columbia. By immediate is meant in time to move the crop of 1892. The obstacle at the Cascades is overcome by the Portage railway built and equipped by the state of Oregon at a cost of \$500,000. The longer portage at The Dalles is still unsurmounted but should be overcome in a similar manner in 1892. If congress does not do it the state must do it. The people of Eastern Oregon must not be forced to wait ten or twenty years until a boat railway or canal and locks can be constructed. The great eastern empire region must not be left with its development checked for all that time. It will be a check upon all Oregon to allow that great highway of nature to the seas to be closed in the time when the capital of the whole world is anxious to come and develop Oregon. What are the chances of getting a portage railway in 1892? There are two ways. Let us examine them.

1. Governor Penney will ask of congress an immediate appropriation of \$500,000 to build a portage railway at The Dalles. He proposes in the name of Oregon and of the party he represents to ask at the hands of the Rivers and Harbors committee of the Democratic house that sum. If all goes well he will secure it, though the chances are against him. How will his bill fare in the senate? The senators from Oregon are Republicans. If Governor Penney can get his Portage railway bill through the house, which is doubtful, will the Republican then feel like covering him with glory against the plans for improvement at The Dalles to which they are committed? It is not likely. It is not in the nature of things. The senators are still elected by the legislature and are answerable to the party that elects them only as represented in the legislature. Penney cannot make party capital out of their actions because the legislature has already several times memorialized them for boat railways. The senate would sit down on a Portage railway at The Dalles if the house would pass it.

The people of this state believe that Governor Penney is sincere in desiring to open the Columbia, and thus secure relief for the people of Eastern Oregon. The people must look upon their executive as being above playing with them or concealing schemes to generate political thunder in mockery of their dire necessities. Yet they can see no possible chance to get a portage railway at the hands of this congress. To wait for it to adjourn will carry the matter over into another year. A portage railway is a novelty in congress. It is doubtful if the president would not veto a bill to build and operate 13 miles of railroad for one section of one state. It is a line of business the federal government would hesitate to go into. With one portage operated by the state of Oregon and another just above by the United States there would be a lack of harmony. The state would have no control over the federal portage. While we do not believe it is possible to secure a portage railway appropriation at the hands of this congress it would not be worth much if we had it.

What can be done? It is obvious that the right and only way to build the second portage railway at The Dalles is for the state of Oregon to build it just as it built the first, which it is now so successfully and economically operating. To do this in time for the next crop and save the producers of Oregon waiting one year until another legislature is elected and meets, the governor of Oregon should call a special session of the legislature for that purpose at once. Will he do it? The best answer he could make in his own mind would be to answer the question, do the people of Eastern Oregon need relief?

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A shortage of over \$200 has been reported in the accounts of City Marshal Thompson of Athens, taxes collected by him that have not yet been turned over to the city. His bondsmen have been notified of the fact, and the matter will probably be straightened up soon. The exact amount of the shortage is not yet known, but it will not fall far short of \$200.

The Dalles Sun: An item is going the rounds of the press that Sherman county is the only one in the state that has not a saloon in its borders. Such was possibly the case for a short time after the two saloon keepers at Gran's were fined for violation of the license law, but the county was not allowed to enjoy such distinction long, as outside of drug stores there is at least one place where the "long felt want" is supplied. The owner calls his saloon a rattlesnake ranch, and there are not a few who make regular calls for the purpose of getting bit or spending one.

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A tramp died at Athens Wednesday night from eating frozen apples. After a repast of this delectable diet, he slept with a comrade tourist in a barn, and became ill during the night. He was removed to a hotel, and there died. His partner gave the alleged number and address of the dead man's home, somewhere in Canada, together with his name, and a telegram was sent, which brought the strange reply that no such party was known at the place mentioned. The man's name is Frank Greenwood, and he is a French Canadian. He came from Montreal.

The state board of horticulture is keeping a close lookout for pestiferous insects, and have sent out circulars warning the people against admitting them into their orchards. They say the San Jose scale already infests many orchards, and among fruit trees is as much to be dreaded as smallpox among humans. The woolly aphis is said to infest nearly every orchard in Western Oregon, and winter washing and spraying is advised by the best authorities. The trees now being in a dormant condition, stronger and more deadly washes can be used than in the growing season.

A Wanderer Worker.

Frank Hoffman, a young man of Burlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds and at that time was not able to walk across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to use it and is today enjoying good health. If you have any throat, lung or chest trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. This bottle free at Fry's drugstore, 225 Commercial Street.

THE JAPAN EARTHQUAKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—W. J. Morgan, of Cleveland, O., is in the city, having just returned from an extended trip through China and Japan. He reports that great distress still continues among the sufferers in the Japan earthquake. Two million yen, equal in value to the same number of Mexican dollars, distributed among the needy. The most intense suffering prevails

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES

Associated Press Report and Digests of all Important News of To-Day.

MISCELLANY.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Particulars of the recent battle reported near Fochow, in which it is stated that the rebels had been routed, have just been received here, and show the imperial army suffered a crushing defeat. The people had risen en masse in the district of Tuk Fa, three days' journey from Fochow, in a north-east direction, and had slaughtered several officials. Five thousand imperial troops were sent against the rioters by Viceroy Pin, and a bloody engagement ensued, in which over 2000 of the soldiers were killed, the remainder fleeing, panic-stricken. A new subject for discussion and excitement in Fochow is just now detaching some attention from the rebellion, and the authorities hope it will help them in the suppression of the rioters. It is talk about a possible war between Russia and China. Doubtless this has been caused by dispatches from London reporting the advances of the Russian expedition over the Chinese frontier. The authorities are fanning the flames and making the most of it.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Bonaparte divorce case came up for further hearing yesterday. Justice Jenne decided when the case first came up that the petition should be so amended as to include the charge of adultery, and ordered if the petition was not so amended it should be taken off file. When the case was called the petitioner failed to amend her petition as directed by the court. Princess Clotilde Bonaparte then presented a counter petition asking for dissolution of her marriage to petitioner on the ground that the ceremony was void because the woman's first husband was living.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A correspondent of the Times at Santiago de Chili says that the entire Chilean cabinet will resign December 25, when President Montt will be formally installed in office. The president will then appoint a new cabinet. Advances state that the ravages of yellow fever in Brazil are growing heavier daily. A wide spread panic has seized upon the people, and all those able are fleeing to the mountains for safety.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Yesterday was a great day in the battle for supremacy between the rival factions of the Irish parliamentary party. It is conceded that the election which takes place in Waterford is a decisive struggle in the Irish fight, and upon it will depend the future course of the factions. There was no disorder, and everything passed off quietly.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch was received in this city from Buenos Ayres saying reports are current there that political troubles in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande have broken out again. Disorders occurred in various parts of the state, and where the civil and military authorities attempt to suppress the independent movements are succeeding rapidly.

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—An extra official gazette was published advising the legislature and appointing another royal commission to investigate the further alleged hoodling by the late government. Nominations will be made March 1, and voting on March 5. The writs are returnable on the 15th. The legislature is called for April 7.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Julien Simon, the distinguished French statesman and author, who has been critically ill for some time past, is dying. He was at one time prime minister.

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