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OUR WATER BILL AGAIN.

We have heretofore taken occasion to urge the passage of Senator Watkins' bill proposing amendments to the present law relative to our city water works. From statements which have come to us, both the bill and our position in relation to it have been grossly misrepresented by its opponents. We regret that the length of the bill is such that it is impracticable to publish it in full, but we re-affirm that the only material change proposed are to eliminate all that portion of the old law which gives to the city council any control over the city water works and requires the city to account for and turn over to the water commission all monies received by it from the sale of the water bonds and from the sale of lands under the law of Oct. 19, 1878.

Our special dispatches yesterday report that this bill has been referred to the Wasco and Sherman delegation and that a compromise would be effected whereby the exclusive control of the water works will be in the hands of the water commission, the funds to remain in the hands of the city treasurer, and the commission to have the power to loan the funds; the matter of further bonding the city is referred to the taxpayers of the city. While we hoped to see the bill passed as introduced, we much prefer the compromise to nothing.

MR. HERMANN AT WORK ON THE CASCADE LOCKS.

The river and harbor bill had a hearing last Friday in the committee room, through the effort of Mr. Hermann who prevailed on the speaker to call the committee on rivers and harbors together for the purpose of considering Mr. Dolph's bill appropriating the total estimated amount necessary for the completing the work at the mouth of the Columbia and the Cascade locks and canal. The limited time of the remaining congress precludes the possibility of getting the appropriation through, but in view of this Mr. Hermann thought it more practicable to submit a substitute authorizing contracts to be made at once for the entire completion of the work. Mr. Hermann said similar bills had been reported on favorably by this committee, and to pass this by without favorable recommendation would be an unjust treatment of one of the great waterways of this country, and explained at length the importance of immediate action in this matter which does not directly make an appropriation but expedites the great work through the systems of contracting for the material and entire work. Mr. Hermann was authorized by the committee to make a favorable report to the house. The substitute provides that the contracts shall not exceed \$1,872,000 for the month of the river, and \$815,000 for the Cascade locks and canal. The unexpended funds of the last appropriation, together with the amount asked in Mr. Dolph's bill is believed to be sufficient to complete this great work at the Cascades if done by contract, at an early day. Mr. Hermann is very confident if he can get a recognition in the house for the considering of the substitute it will be favorably acted on as the river and harbor bill is the only one that harmonizes all sections and unites all rival interests.

THE CILLO PORTAGE BILL.

The Oregonian of yesterday ably urges the passage of Senator Raley's bill appropriating \$400,000 for a portage railroad from Cello to The Dalles. Whatever may have been the attitude of the Oregonian and Portland toward the opening of the river in the past, we believe the desire, from one end of the state to the

portant improvement. The time has arrived when the river must be rendered serviceable to the commerce of the northwest; the inability of railway companies to move to market the products of the past year emphasizes the urgent demand of the people. Eastern Washington is alive to the importance of these improvements and Eastern Oregon, reinforced by all the northern portion of Western Oregon, appeals to the legislature as will respond to our call. The legislature of Washington will not be out done by us and just as surely as Senator Raley's bill becomes a law will the Washingtonian relieve us of the burden of building a portage at the Cascades? The railway companies have done and are doing much to advertise and settle up the country; they will continue to be a great convenience and a necessity but they are now incapable of handling our products and we must utilize the means nature has given us.

OUR DEFEAT.

Senator Raley's Bill, upon which Eastern Oregon was building its hope for increased and cheaper transportation facilities has apparently been defeated. The responsibility of this action is laid upon the democratic members of the house; if this be true, Eastern Oregon will forget its old time democratic proclivities entirely and send to the legislature a unanimous republican representation. We are at loss to understand why the democratic members should have taken this position when the governor has from the beginning declared himself strongly in favor of the measure. Is the party divided? or has the governor taken the position favoring the measure to increase his own popularity and then directed his political associates to kill the measure? We sincerely hope there has been no treachery; to be defeated by an honest majority can stand it, but to be surrounded and scalped through treachery, well we hope for all concerned this is not our fate. The bill may possibly yet be passed as returned from the senate, without the amendment, but we have little hope of this. Now, gentlemen of Washington, we look to you. Let the generous spirit, broad mindedness and wise foresight which has brought your state to its present greatness, once more come to the front. Build the portage between Cello and The Dalles and open to the producers of your great rich territory east of the Cascades the only economical a route of trade within their reach.

A sad and impressive incident occurred in our circuit court Saturday evening; it was the passing of sentence upon four young men, all under the age of 28 years. Three had been convicted for grand larceny and one for simple larceny. In passing sentence Judge Webster forcibly called attention to the great need of some better means of correcting such young offenders than the rigorous and necessarily harsh discipline of the penitentiary. One of the criminals was only 18 years old and another appeared very little older. To place such offenders in the company of and under the same kind of treatment necessary for old criminals is simply to thwart the ultimate purposes of law and punishment. When graduated from such a school they are only the more dangerous to society. The discipline to which they must necessarily be subjected there appears to them only a kind of revenge, every officer becomes to them an enemy and they come out impressed with the idea that society has turned against them and that their only safety is in preying upon society; their names are blackened, their pride, if they had any, is gone and hope has fled. The additional expense necessary to maintain them in a reform school would not be felt after the school was once established and the state can not afford to sacrifice its youthful criminals for the sake of what such an institution would cost. In a properly conducted reform school alone can the ultimate purposes of the law—punishment, protection to society and reformation—be accomplished with such young people. We believe the present legislative work under the state and humanity great service by appointing a committee of the holder senators to investigate this matter, to devise a plan to establish such an institution and to report to the next legislature.

There are said to be those who object to The Dalles portage railway bill on the ground that it will make taxes too high. But for what purpose can taxes be paid? When the object is considered, an appropriation of \$400,000 is but a bagatelle for the state. Isn't it high time to crawl out of that old shell? A fair assessment will raise the valuation of the state to \$250,000,000 and payment of \$400,000 on such valuation will be easy enough. Of course the state has no money to be wasted, but for a purpose like this it should have money in ample supply.—Oregonian.

The amount of money saved to the producer in Eastern Oregon in two years would build the portage road and the success of the farmers would be so great that land would be taken up and cultivated in so much larger quantities that the taxable property of this section would be more than doubled within the same time. The tax for the building of the road will never be felt so great would be the increase of the products of the state. We believe, too, that as a speculation, it would pay the state to build the portage road, as the volume of business done by the road would soon make it a paying investment. The legislature of this state should not quibble for co-operation with Washington, but march straight up to the work and pass the bill. Do not let this long suffering people wait two years longer for justice and remain at the mercy of a robber railroad corporation longer while relief is so easy and so near at hand. The legislature has done well in passing one portage bill now let that body finish the grand work and it will receive the thanks of a people released from a worse than Egyptian bondage.

A Washington, D. C., special says: "Mitchell's boat railway bill, which was amended by the house committee for a portage railway, is on the calendar, but as it comes to over \$400,000 of an appropriation, can scarcely expect to get through this session. Dolph's month of the Columbia and Cascade improvement bills may by some good fortune get through the house this session, but it is only a chance."

Stock Man Killed. TEMPLETON, Cal., Feb. 19.—Last night a young man named Anderson enroute to Oregon with stock was accidentally shot and killed while in a scuffle with his wife for the possession of a pistol.

DUST TO DUST.

The Funeral of General Sherman Taking Place With Much Pomp and Glory Today.

Governor Penoyer Vetoes all the Wag on Road Bills—Other Important Legislative Matters.

GENERAL SHERMAN'S FUNERAL. Taking Place With Great Pomp in New York Today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—New York is today paying every possible tribute of respect to the memory of General Sherman. The dawn of his funeral day opened bright and clear. General business was brought almost to a standstill, from almost every house along the street American flags floated at half mast. There were few visitors in the early hours this morning. Only most intimate friends and a few old soldier were admitted and the latter had to show certificates that they served in the army.

Rev. Thos. Sherman the late general's son whose arrival was so anxiously awaited arrived at the house at 1:30 this morning. A large floral shield was received at the house from the West Point cadets. The shield was six feet in height and four feet broad and was made of white and blue immortelles and calla lilies. At 11 o'clock secretaries Blaine, Proctor and Rusk and generals O'Brien, Homer and Ewing arrived at the house. President Harrison will not look upon the remains of the dead General. He preferred to keep within him the remembrances of the General while alive. He said he did not wish to see him in death when their associations had been so warm and genial.

At 12:25 a caisson drawn in black and drawn by four white horses was drawn up in front of the Sherman house. The horses were mounted by regulars and army officers and were in their charge. Behind came the military trappings of the General. The services of prayer began at noon and were over at 12:30. Prayers were read by Rev. Father Sherman assisted by Rev. Taylor and two other priests. There were about 150 persons present at the services, the greater number of the relatives and among the friends were Mrs. Grant and Senator Cameron.

The decorations along the route are not so numerous or so elaborate as when General Grant was buried but nevertheless they were strikingly handsome and are in great profusion. About 2 p. m. six lieutenants appeared in the doorway bearing on their shoulders the casket of the general, which they placed upon the waiting caisson. Members of the family, friends, invited officials and pall bearers then took their places in the carriages and were followed by members of Lafayette post, G. A. R. formed on either side of the caisson. The procession then commenced to move but very slowly as both sides of the street were crowded with hundreds of carriages waiting to take their place in the line.

At Washington square the parade except the guard of honor and escort of honor and escort of mounted police was dismissed and Lafayette post, having in its center the caisson and black charger, swung into Broadway and marched to Desbrosses street ferry. The carriages in which were the family, followed closely and all boarded the ferry boat which was in waiting and which took the remains across to Jersey City. There the body will be placed in a special car and the family and those who are going will occupy another car. It is announced that a brief burial service of the Catholic church will be conducted at the grave.

The people of Sherman county are again agitating the subject of a local branch railroad and are very anxious to assist in its construction. With ordinarily favorable weather there will be harvested from eight hundred thousand to a million bushels of grain in that county next fall; and a railroad constructed through the central or southern portions of the county would nearly double the grain acreage of the county a year hence. A road connecting with or furnishing a part of the proposed road to the Fossil mines would bring all this grain to our market and the producers would thereby reap the benefit of the additional transportation facilities which will inure to the benefit of traders in our market by reason of the portage railroad at the Cascades. Without the opinion of a practical railroad man, we venture the suggestion that a narrow gauge railroad would do this work and could be constructed at comparatively small expense. Where is the railroad man to undertake this enterprise?

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

For God and Home and Native Land. THE DALLES W. C. T. U. UNION.

KEEP YOUTH'S SCUTCHION LILY-WHITE. BY REV. J. C. HASKINS. Keep youth's scutcheon lily-white. Let youth's steady be his light. If life's freshness should be blight, You can ne'er regain it; Keep pure speech in your tongue. In your eye, truth's lustre; Walk as though angels among— Around your steps cluster. Take your sandals off your feet, Lie as if you were dead; Every where you walk, you meet Him, the meek and lowly; God, your Father, in the sky. You a son forgiven, Look the future in the eye. Face it up with heaven. You shall have the morning star Mid the sad and glory. In their they've gone before you, Keep your youth's scutcheon white: True to those that love you, Bought with blood, and child of light. True to God above you.

TO THE PUBLIC. The principle object of temperance workers is to create a public sentiment which will lead to better social and legal conditions. The public conscience must be reached and molded before success can be attained. This must be done by planting the truth. The question is how is the best way to reach the people. Do everything that helps to make people better. Do everything that in a greater or less degree enlightens the multitudes. Not least among the instrumentalities for good is the family newspaper. "As a man readeth so is he." In this busy pushing latter-end of the nineteenth century every one must take time to look into the paper. Everyone wants to know what the world is doing. We want to use this medium in a very condensed way to tell the world why we are an organization. What we are doing, and what we want the people to do, and so we make our bow.

What Has the W. C. T. U. Done for Great Reforms. By Miss Francis E. Willard. Its mightiest work has been to unsecularize the temperance reform and illustrate its true character. It is the crusade it was baptized at the altars of God and received into the church. The translation of womanhood out of the passive and into the active sphere is the next greatest result of this movement. The W. C. T. U. is the Woman Movement under church auspices, and this is at once its safeguard and its glory. Its department of work is evangelistic work; bringing into the great system of our public schools direct and well-seasoned temperance education, training the children in the habits of abstinence from alcoholics, tobacco and bad language; teaching teachers how to teach the science of temperance and the basis of physiology, hygiene and chemistry; promoting dress reform; introducing temperance habits and education at all fairs and expositions, and other holidays of the people; visiting all institutions for the defective, dependent and delinquent classes; organizing special work among railroad employees, soldiers, sailors, miners, lumbermen and ranchmen; holding mothers' meetings in the interest of the White Cross work; circulating temperance literature and building up a great publishing house with headquarters in Chicago; studying the relations of the temperance and labor movements; working for peace and international arbitration.

The efforts of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union are directed rather toward the formation of a reformation, towards prevention rather than cure. They seek to teach the children the injurious effects of alcoholic drinks, and to lead them, by their instructions, to be good house-makers. By free reading-rooms they endeavor to keep working boys away from saloons and improper places of amusement during their leisure hours. They strive by social influence to raise the standard of total abstinence among their own associates, and by the distribution of literature, they seek to create an intelligent temperance sentiment among all classes.

On September 29, 1892, the order of Sons of Temperance will be 100 years old. In connection with the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus an effort will be made to increase the membership of the Eastern New York division to 20,000. If this is accomplished, the order will number on this continent over one hundred thousand.

Words from an Old Teacher. Here is some good advice which forms not a little of the basis of the temperance propaganda. It comes to us in the form of four proverbs from Confucius, namely: 1. "The man that knows and knows not that he knows, he is asleep; wake him." 2. "The man that knows not and knows not that he knows not, he is a fool; leave him." 3. "The man that knows not and knows that he knows not, he is an open-minded man; reach him." 4. "The man that knows and knows he knows, he is a sage; heed him."

We have heard it suggested that the board of trade of this city is not representative of the business interests of the city and as at present constituted can not speak for the people of this community. If this be the fact we sincerely deplore it. We suggest to those whose interests are not there represented that it is high time they should be. We never knew the board refuse the right of membership to any business man of the city, who was willing to pay his dues. There is in every community people who are unwilling to bear their share of the public burdens, who shrink the work necessary to advance matters of general interest, who, with their purses in their clinched hands and their hands in their pockets go about abusing those who give their time and money to the public because what is done is not done as they believe their individual and selfish interests demand. If a church or school is to be built or supported they keep out of sight or suggest unreasonable reasons for withholding their aid. If a board of trade exists they avoid sharing the expense, labor and valuable time necessary to make it of any value, and growl and snarl from the outside and declare that it is a clique trying to run things to suit themselves. Our board of trade is composed of the leading business men of the city; it has a large membership and has done and is doing a valuable service to this community. If it does not represent your sentiments we suggest that you put yourself in a situation to induce it to do so. You can't do this by growling from the outside.

Pendleton saloon keepers propose to boycott the East Oregonian for having sanctioned the action of the recent grand jury in indicting so many of them. Their boycott cannot affect the East Oregonian seriously. It is too valuable a paper and too necessary to its patrons for any one faction to hurt it very much.

THE PORTAGE ROAD.

The House Passes Raley's \$400,000 Bill with an \$125,000 Amendment Tacked to It.

Then Turns Around and Kicks it all Over by a Vote of 29 to 26. WE'LL GET THERE. The House Does Us Justice by Forty to Nineteen. SALEM, Or., Feb. 18.—In the house this morning the report of the committee on railways and transportation on Raley's \$400,000 bill with amended bill for \$125,000 for a transfer boat in case the government builds the portage road was adopted by a vote of 40 to 19. The bill as amended was re-referred with instructions to prepare house bill covering the subject at once, which bill will no doubt pass the house this afternoon.

[LATER.] The Amendment Has Failed to Pass. SALEM, Feb. 18.—Senator Raley's bill as amended for \$125,000 for a transfer boat in case congress builds the portage railroad, has just failed to pass by a vote of 26 to 29. The democrats nearly all voted against it. OREGON LEGISLATURE. Welch's Pilotage Bill Gets Through—Other Matters. SALEM, Feb. 17.—In the senate this morning Welch's pilotage bill on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, was read the third time and failed to pass. The bill was afterwards reconsidered and passed, 21 to 6. Welch, Olua, Greenville and Fox's seaside road bills were advanced to the third reading as was also the world's fair appropriation bill. The house passed the bill increasing the powers of the state horticultural commission. The bill regulating salaries of stock inspectors and a bill repealing the mortgages tax law was laid on the table.

Oregon Legislature. The bill for The Dalles \$50,000 indebtedness is referred. SALEM, Feb. 18.—In the senate this morning a bill regulating salaries and fees of stock inspectors of Gilliam, Harney, Sherman and Polk counties, passed. The house bill allowing The Dalles to incur \$50,000 indebtedness was read first and second time and referred to judiciary committee. The house concurred in the resolution regarding the publication of 50,000 pamphlets relative to Oregon for distribution at the world's fair. The house concurred resolution that congress be appealed to for appropriation for the completion of the portage and boat railway at The Dalles and Cascade of the Columbia was concurred in. The assessment committee reported on the house bill 248 by McCoy, known as the assessment and taxation bill.

The Governor Vetoes the Wagon Road Bill—Other Matters. SALEM, Ogn., Feb. 19.—In the house this morning Veatch's bill repealing the railroad commission was indefinitely postponed. In the senate the assessment and taxation bill failed to pass. The governor has vetoed all wagon road appropriations. The house can pass the bills over his veto but it is likely the senate cannot do so. If not, this will reduce the appropriation of the session about \$130,000. The senate has defeated the big assessment and taxation bill. There will hardly be any legislation on this subject at this session. SHERMAN'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF. His Son Says the General Has Always Been a Roman Catholic. NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Rev. Thos. Ewing Sherman was seen by a reporter today touching the subject of General Sherman's religious belief. He said in a positive way: "My father was baptised in the Catholic church, was married in the Catholic church and attended the Catholic church until the outbreak of the Civil war. Since then my father has not been a communicant, but always said 'If there's any true religion it is the Catholic religion.'"

Burned to Death. PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—Emmett Robb, a switchman in the employ of the Union Pacific, was killed today in the Albina yard. He was coupling cars and was caught between them and fearfully crushed. He leaves a wife and one child. Gibson Gives Ball. CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Ex-secretary Gibson of the Whiskey Trust who arrived from Peora last night walked into Judge Shepard's court today and gave \$25,000 bail.

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