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THE CHRONICLE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Twelve months ago today the first number of The Dalles WEEKLY CHRONICLE was issued and today its publishers send forth to the world the first number of its second volume. The story of its origin needs no rehearsal here. Suffice it that the merchants and business men of The Dalles believed there was a mission in the field of journalism in this city yet unoccupied and the CHRONICLE was started to fulfill that mission. It was never intended to be the vehicle of a faction or the organ of a party. Its founders were no disgruntled politicians nor disappointed office-seekers but business men whose interests were bound up with and inseparable from the interests of the whole community. It is with no desire to stir up unpleasant recollections that we remind our readers that before the advent of the CHRONICLE the press of this city had descended to the level of a narrow and miserable factionalism where it is still bound as firmly as the prince of darkness in the vision of the apocalypse. The rights of the "major portion of the community were ignored and the columns of at least one journal teemed with daily denunciations of everything and everybody who could not pass the censorship of its imperial boss. In this unhappy condition the CHRONICLE became the child of necessity. It had to be born. A field of usefulness, wholly unoccupied, lay open before it and how well it has fulfilled its mission, let the record of the past year testify. On political questions, about which men may honestly differ, the CHRONICLE has sought to guide rather than to lead, but on all questions affecting the material interests of The Dalles and of the empire from which the CHRONICLE draws its support, it has aimed to be honest, unselfish and fearless. And it has the supreme satisfaction of knowing that its labors in the people's interests have been appreciated. Twelve months ago today the CHRONICLE was launched upon the sea of journalism without a solitary subscriber. Today its daily and weekly editions have a larger number of subscribers than any paper published in Eastern Oregon with one possible exception. Before the CHRONICLE was six months old its circulation in Wasco and adjoining counties had outnumbered its local contemporaries (one of which started into life over 20 years ago,) and since then constant and almost daily accessions have been made to its subscription list. This is a statement of fact and a record of which any journal may be proud. The publishers of the WEEKLY CHRONICLE have so far appreciated the patronage it has received that they send out the first number of its second volume in a new and enlarged form. The change involves an addition equal to nine columns of reading matter equal to its present size, but the price remains the same, while the volume of news furnished weekly to its subscribers vastly exceeds that of any of its local contemporaries. We need scarcely add that it is confidently expected that this last effort to make the CHRONICLE more worthy of public support will be duly appreciated, and that large editions will in consequence be made to its subscription list and advertising patronage.

It is by no means certain that the Chilias troubles will end peacefully. Notwithstanding the assurance of Minister Montt that Chili does not want war and that justice would be done in the Baltimore affair, late dispatches intimate that the Chilias are bent on returning another imprudent answer to the claims of the United States. Both Consul McCreary and Minister Egan have advised the authorities at Washington that an ugly feeling against the United States was again cropping out in Chili and that trouble of a serious nature might occur in the near future. The impulsive Chilias are accustomed to work themselves up into periodical paroxysms of frenzy against the government, goaded on, as reports say, by the meddling and mischief-making interference of resident British merchants who have labored assiduously ever since the revolution ended to inflame the Chilias against the United States. Whatever may be their object there can be no doubt of the fact, and if Chili gets into trouble with this country she will have this British interference to blame more than anything else.

They have a gritty Chinese minister in the Korean peninsula. A report gained currency there to the effect that the present reigning family was about to enter into a secret treaty with Russia the chief provision of which was that that country was to obtain a protectorate over Korea and Port Hamilton be ceded to it for a coaling station. As soon as the Chinese representative got into possession of the secret he promptly called on the Korean prime minister and told him to stop this foolishness else he would seize the whole Korean ministry, bag and baggage, "do them up" and pack them off to China. It was no idle threat for six years ago the same Chinaman seized the king's father and sent him into exile in China and here for the present the protectorate business ends.

The gentlemanly agent of the Union Pacific at this place, Mr. Lytle, informed the CHRONICLE man this morning that the Baker will make her last trip to the Cascades today. The CHRONICLE has said some hard things about the company but at this moment it has no feeling but that of gratitude towards it. There is not local business enough for both boats and the company will have learned by this time that no inducements they could offer is sufficient to buy up a community united almost as one man in support of their own boat. If the company gives us the river (and we'll have it whether or no) it can have the railroad and our blessing with it, which itself is no small thing.

One hundred citizens of Milwaukee, representing a capital of several millions, have signed their names to a guarantee fund of \$100,000 to pay the expenses of the democratic national convention should Milwaukee secure it. A "booming" committee of 100 has been chosen to go to Washington. The members of the committee will wear dark suits with cream colored trimmings and one of the big breweries will send a car load of beer to Washington for free distribution. The attempt to capture a democratic convention with free beer is contrary to all precedent. The scheme wont work.

The prospect for peaceful times in the Sandwich Islands is not promising. The islands seem to be infested with a set of professional revolutionists who, it may be believed, are working the game of overthrowing the government, for all there is in it, for themselves. One of them at the Washington end of the line says "the revolution will be sprung when Mr. Blaine gives assurance that

the United States will not be allowed to interfere" which appears to mean that the revolutionists want permission to demolish what they call the "mean, rapacious, cruel, hypocritical and tyrannical missionary ring and their tool the queen." It is safe to say that Mr. Blaine will give these professional revolutionists no such assurance.

The Oregonian believes there is no possible hope of getting an appropriation for a portage railway in Oregon from a democratic congress, nor, it might be added, from any other congress. When Senator Dolph addressed the people of The Dalles, while on a visit here last summer, he distinctly pointed out the difficulty of getting congress to make any improvements not of a permanent nature. He said it was contrary to all precedent. A portage railroad at best was only a temporary expedient and congress was not accustomed to deal in anything short of permanent works. But if Governor Penney can persuade Speaker Crisp and a democratic congress to depart from congressional precedent for just this once the people of the Inland Empire will be devoutly thankful. In that case you won't look a gift horse in the mouth.

One of the half dozen copies published by our evening contemporary, by the merest fatuity, fell into our hands this morning and from it we clip the following: "It was rumored today that the Baker had tied up for the winter; but the report could not be traced to any official source. After diligent inquiry we were informed that the boat was stopped for repairs." The report could have been "traced to an official source," if anybody had taken the trouble. It did not take the least bit of "diligent inquiry" for the CHRONICLE to discover, and that from the highest official source in these parts, that the Baker has been ordered to be tied up and that she will be removed to her winter quarters at Crate's Point this afternoon.

Until the full returns come in we shall always think that Arlington is entitled to the cake for the possession of the biggest whiskey drinker in America. That is, he possessed him till last Saturday night when he drank over fifteen bottles of whiskey, in a space of two or three hours and then the stuff did not "set" well on his stomach or something and he fell asleep to wake in a land where he'll need a whole hoghead of water to quench his thirst and won't get it. His name was John Teban and he was an old logging camp hand. He was attacked with violent spasms and in spite of all a doctor could do he died two or three hours after having loaded up, frothing at the mouth.

The fact that thousands are perishing of hunger and starvation in the east's dominions contrasts vividly with the story that comes over the wires to the effect that he is about to make a present to his wife of "the most marvelous pearl necklace of modern times." It took its former possessor twenty years to collect the pearls of which it is composed and is valued at \$120,000.

It looks now as if Simon will not be appointed to the federal judgeship. It appears certain that strong protests have been sent in against the appointment and that they have had their effect. This is good news with only one qualification. If Simon does not get the judgeship he will remain as a curio to the republicans of Oregon.

Since Russel Sage's recent dynamic experience Governor David B. Hill has got scared and now wherever the governor goes he is followed by three red-tailed detectives. Poverty has some decided disadvantages but it never needs to hire any one to protect it.

The almost universal opinion in conservative circles in England is said to be that the bill granting local government to Ireland never can be passed in the present parliament.
There is nothing small about the Grant County News. It offer to take young cattlemen subscribers.
Oregon horses are equipping respect the world over. This time it is a common every-day bunch-grasser that has made a record for himself and a name for Oregon. A letter to John Schmeer, of Albany, from Little Rock, Ark., states that a horse sold several months ago by Mr. Schmeer in Portland, and afterwards purchased by an eastern man, has just paced a mile in 2.22 1/2 and was considered worth 10,000. When sold he was merely a bunch-grasser, and was not then known that he could pace at all. The fact is that running, trotting and pacing horses, capable of making a world-famed record, can be taken from the ranges of Lake county almost any day.—Lakeview Examiner.
On a rough estimate there has been shipped from Rufus this season something over 250,000 bushels of wheat. Assuming that the same amount has been shipped from Biggs and 100,000 bushels from Grant, we have the sum total of 600,000 of grain shipped from Sherman county this year, besides the large amount of grain that is being held over until next spring. The amount of grain shipped this season has required something near 900 cars to haul it off or putting it in another light, the amount of grain shipped from Sherman county alone would load a train of cars about seven miles long. With favorable conditions our county will do even better next season.—Hasco News.