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WHAT AUSTRALIA WANTS.

The Melbourne, Australia, Argus, of May 14th, 1892, in an editorial on the political situation in the United States and the approaching presidential election, says:

As regards free trade, the democrats are inclined to alter their tactics, and instead of demanding wholesale tariff changes to ask for the redress of grievances in detail. The battle will rage as before (in 1888) about Australian wool. The manufacturers are declaring that they want Australian wool, and they put in the plea of light taxes on raw materials. The democrats are glad of this assistance, as they argue that if the woolen manufacturers will help them this campaign, the sheep farmers will be on their side in reducing charges (tariff on woolen goods) a little later on (at next election for members of congress.) We are quite able to understand the value to Australia of a democratic victory.

The last sentence of the above extract should be pondered by every American voter. Australia desires the success of the democratic party, not for the benefit of the people of the United States, but for the advantage Australians would thereby gain at the expense, and to the injury, of our American citizens. Democratic success means free wool, and this means the ruin of the wool industry in the United States, and this means that lands now devoted to the grazing of sheep must be employed in producing more wheat, and corn and oats, thus increasing the product and reducing the price of these crops to our farmer. It means still more a reduced demand, because sheep husbandry makes a demand for hay, corn, oats and other farm products. When we import wool we practically support the hay and grain that produces it. The wool industry is the only industry of farmers not overdone and the democrats propose to take this from them, and injure what remains. The manufacturers who aid the democrats for their demand for free wool should take notice that the Argus foresees that if the manufacturers force free wool on "the sheep farmers" the latter will demand and secure free woolen goods, and thus wool growing and wool manufacturing will perish by the same suicidal policy of free-trade. "United we stand, divided we fall."

A good deal of curiosity was excited by Mr. Edison's statement some time ago that he was about to bring out an electric railway trolley through which it was possible to "pick up" the current from a conductor on the ground through mud and dirt. A patent has been granted for this device, which consists of a wheel from whose rim steel spikes project outward. As the car moves along and the wheel turns the lowermost spikes are in contact with the rail and are pushed in through the wheel flanges. They are restored to their normal condition by the pressure of springs which project them against the conductor. The spikes are placed so close together that there is always a sufficient number in contact with the conductor to make a connection of the necessary conductivity. It will readily be seen that a wheel of this description can stalk along and with its pointed steel spikes pierce its way to a connection, or rather to connections, under conditions where a solid rim with but one flat point of contact would be useless.

In the Dakotas, Minnesota and Kansas 60,000 harvest hands are wanted. Wheat producers are fearful that they will be unable to harvest the crop on account of the scarcity of hands. The calamity howlers are so busy with election matters that it is impossible for them to turn out and aid in saving the products of the farm.

There are six territories yet to be admitted as states, and the probability is that one or two of them will come in next year. Utah is well entitled to statehood, as regards population and wealth, but has properly been kept out because of polygamy practiced by a large proportion of its people.

The Walla Walla Statesman is authority for the statement that a wild man is making his annual visit to sheep borders along the John Day. His reported presence is creating much excitement there, and an organized effort may be made to capture him.

The second annual lawn tennis tournament for the championship of the Pacific northwest will be held at Tacoma beginning on the 17th of next month. It promises to be well attended and great interest is being already manifested in it.

THE CASCADE LOCKS.

A gentleman who visited the cascades one day last week, states for a fact that the men were cutting over stone that has been cut over time after time, for ten or twelve years past. Now, in all seriousness, with malice to none; but for an open river; how long are the people of this Inland Empire going to sit, supinely stupid of their power, and tolerate these methods of the past? The Oregonian says: "There has been no one at work there for some time, except a gang of stone-cutters, and the old appropriation is about exhausted." That has been the style, apparently. "A gang of stone cutters" whittling down the appropriation. A clause in the new river and harbor bill provides, in regard to the cascade locks, "that contracts may be entered into by the secretary of war for such materials and work as may be necessary to complete the present project, to be paid for as appropriation may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate \$1,410,250, exclusive of the amount herein and heretofore appropriated." From the Portland (Major Handbury) point of view "there are several different views of the scope and meaning of the clause, and Major Handbury will await definite instructions in regard to the matter, as to whether the work is to be let as a whole and completed in a certain time, or whether work is to be done only in proportion to the amount of appropriation made from time to time, or whether contracts be made for the completion of parts or classes of the work, and whether these contracts are to be made now or not until funds are provided, and the necessity for each particular class of work arrives." The Oregonian says that nobody "would hardly like to take the contract to do the whole work and push it to completion as fast as possible and then wait the convenience of congress and politicians to get his money;" and follows this cunning announcement with this bit of sarcastic sentiment: "It is, however, hinted, that parties at The Dalles who are anxious to see the work completed will make a bid for the whole work and take all the chances for slow appropriations and change of administration as to getting their pay;" from which it is very plain to be seen that the people of the Inland Empire (not The Dalles alone) have a duty to themselves to perform. They must unite, and demand the removal of Maj. Handbury, if necessary, that this important work, now provided for by congress shall be pushed to speedy completion. Nobody in The Dalles wants to have any other hand in the work. The people here are in earnest to see that it is done; and it is nonsense to presume that a contractor, capable of putting in a bid under the law, for the completion of this improvement, with the government at his back, would hesitate about the certainty of compensation.

Last week the Oregon Pacific railway company was reorganized by William M. Hoag, Wallis Nash, B. W. Wilson, Z. Job and Abram Hackleman on a capital of \$18,000,000. The object is to build and maintain telegraph, telephone or phonophone lines from Yaquina bay to a point on the eastern boundary of the state with the right to extend it to Boise city, Idaho; to build and operate all kinds of water craft; the terminus of the main line of said railroad within the state of Oregon shall be at tide water on Yaquina bay, in Benton county, and at a point on the eastern boundary line of said state; the terminus of said navigation lines shall be Yaquina bay and San Francisco, the headquarters of the Columbia and the mouth of the same, the head waters of Snake river and the mouth of the Columbia, and Yaquina bay and such foreign and domestic ports as the corporation may desire to reach. The principal office will be at Corvallis.



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Looking for his binder. Albany Democrat. Jack Allphin was in Corvallis Monday. He told the Times he has just returned from a trip up on Long Tom, where he saw illustrated the natural habits of the Oregon farmer. Jack said he was driving along when he noticed a man on the roof of a large barn anxiously viewing the surrounding country. When asked what he was doing up there he replied that he was looking for his binder; that his wheat was ready to cut and he had forgotten what field he left the machine in last fall.

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