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THE IDAHO CAMPAIGN.

In the absence of anything at home interesting in campaign work, it may not be inappropriate to call attention to the vim displayed at the beginning in Idaho. The campaign opened on the part of the republicans at Sand Point yesterday, and our dispatches show that it was rightly opened. The point made that the people party is a part of the product of anarchism is rightly taken, and it is curious to know whether the farmers of this country are prepared to receive its dictation in the future. Farm strikes would indeed be something new; and they may be looked for if the third party succeed in placing a few anarchists in power. That is what it is intended for, beyond doubt.

The democrats of Idaho are totally demoralized politically. There has appeared on the scene in Idaho democratic politics a lot of political adventurers who have combined for the purpose of retiring the old party workers whom they term mossbacks. Such men as Hailey, Ainslie, Stevenson, Wilson and others who have sacrificed the best days of their lives in advocacy of what they term Jacksonian democracy, have been sat down upon, and Tammany methods are to be substituted. Certainly the friends of these gentlemen who have been so ruthlessly retired do not feel very sympathetic toward those who are in the combination. Then again the action of the recent democratic house in repealing the tariff on lead has not had a tendency to stiffen the backbone of those democrats who are interested in the mines. It is predicted that they will make a very small showing when the polls are counted in November.

It is reported that President Hill of the Great Northern has taken another important step. He has filed a notice of withdrawal from the western traffic association. This was not unexpected, as his contempt for that organization has always been evident, and his ultimate withdrawal at a time when he was fully able to hoe his own row was regarded as a matter of course. A glance at the railroad map and a knowledge of rate-making will show that the Union Pacific cannot remain a member and be hampered by the association rules when the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific are free lances. It is confidently believed that the Union Pacific will withdraw this week. When this inevitable result occurs, there can be no further thought of continuing the association in its present form, nor in any other so far proposed. Chicago officials see no hope of any new agreement until the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific come to an understanding. Until then through traffic will go by the board, and every energy will be bent toward fostering local business.

The East Oregonian has a theory that disease exists in ratio to the ignorance of the masses of the people. We believe that with the coming of universal intelligence and freedom, disease and pain will decrease until humanity is comparatively free from its ravages. The cholera scare of the present time bears us out in this statement. The dreaded disease hails from the most poverty-stricken districts of the world, where the ignorance of the masses is more dense than anywhere else on the face of the earth. Now look at the different ways of handling the disease, intelligently in America, and so lacking in intelligence in other portions of the world.

Yesterday began what promises to be the best state fair ever held in Oregon. The exhibits are varied and complete and more fine stock is shown than ever before. The races also promise to be an excellent feature of the fair. But it is a question yet to be decided, whether any fair can be run successfully without the aid of a little home production printers ink.

The East Oregonian cites as an instance of what thrift and industry will accomplish in Eastern Oregon, the case of a farmer near Pendleton who came to that section nine years ago a poor man. He now owns 1,000 acres of the finest farm lands, not more than one acre of which is unfit for plowing. This is but one instance among hundreds in the Inland Empire.

There are some very queer things found in the Cascade mountains. Near the summit of the range, east of Roseburg, were recently found porphyry boulders that so closely resembled watermelons in size, shape and color, that it would puzzle an expert to tell the difference without putting his hands on them.

THE LOTTERY POISON.

There are three inharmonious factions in the Hawaiian legislature, and that august body is having a very serious time over the proposition of the Louisiana lottery company. A bill was read in the legislature August 30th, granting an exclusive franchise to D. H. Cross, of Chicago; S. W. B. Davenport, of St. Louis; and John Phillips, J. J. Williams and Dr. Gilbert Foote, of Honolulu, for a term of twenty-five years; the company to pay for the franchise \$500,000 each year in quarterly installments. The minister of the interior is to disburse this sum for the following purposes: An ocean cable between Honolulu and any port on the North American continent connecting with the American telegraph system, \$100,000 per annum; a subsidy for the construction of a railroad around Oahu island, of \$50,000 per annum; subsidy for a railroad through Hilo and Hamadua, \$50,000 per annum; roads, bridges, landings and wharves in the Hawaiian kingdom, \$175,000 per annum; improving Honolulu harbor, \$50,000 per annum; encouragement of industries in the kingdom, \$50,000 per annum. If, however, the reciprocity treaty with the United States is abrogated, the last two items are to be applied to building drydocks. The last item is \$25,000 for the encouragement of tourists travel and immigration. The capital stock of the company is fixed at \$5,000,000, 50,000 shares, which may be increased to \$10,000,000. The bill provides that two commissioners shall be appointed by the queen at a salary of \$6,000 per year to preside at all drawings of the lottery. The grantees are to be exempted from all taxes and license fees and to have the use of the Hawaiian mails. The bill has created much discussion, and though there is a strong opposition present appearances favor the passage of the bill.

Not one of the inhabitants of this country who has its best interests at heart will deny the justice of President Harrison's arraignment of the steamship companies, which are still bringing immigrants from infected ports. Mr. Harrison properly characterizes it as an outrage, and intimates that in case the offending companies persist in it, we "may be compelled to turn back their pest-laden vessels." The particular offender at the present juncture is the Hamburg-American company, which, knowing the freedom from taint enjoyed by this country, has been sending over cholera-stricken pilgrims from Hamburg, the very hotbed of the pest. If the officials of this line have not conscience or sense enough to stop this jeopardizing of the inhabitants of this continent, they should be made to stop. By every law of decency they should not be allowed to bring any more infection to our shores. If they do not recognize this moral bond, Mr. Harrison will be justified in taking any measures in his power to punish them for their infamous conduct.

The fools may not all be dead, but they are killing themselves off at a lively rate. The latest is "Pretty Lulu" Godfrey, a 16-year-old type writer of San Jose, who killed herself yesterday for the following "gentle" reproof of conduct by her mother. She had been with a young man to witness a fire. Her mother met her at the door on her return, and in the presence of the young man upbraided Lulu for remaining out so late. "I have telegraphed your stepfather, and when he comes he'll thrash you till your flesh falls off," said the angry mother. The girl, overcome with grief and mortification, went to her room and fired a bullet into her brain. The mother is prostrated with grief. The affair has created a great sensation, as the young lady is well and favorably known among a wide circle of friends.

Two thousand men at work along the line of the Great Northern west of the Cascades. The work on the big tunnel at the summit has not yet been commenced, but switchback is being built up the side of the mountain. Only about ninety miles remain to be built to join the two ends of the line, but as the unfinished portion is all heavy rock work, the road can hardly be completed before April. Everything used by the men and teams has to be freighted up on wagons from Snohomish, and costs enormous prices. Hay is \$100 per ton, and potatoes 6 cents per pound, with other necessities of life at similar figures.

The regions now known as Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Grant and Crook counties were famous for their gold product forty years ago. And today the vast mineral belt which stretches eastward from the Cascade mountains to the boundary line of Oregon has just as many mines, and just as famous for richness of its gold and silver-bearing specimens as formerly. The only thing is men are too busy to prospect.

The Yukon river, which is now navigable for steamers of 14-foot draught for 300 miles, can, with very little improvement, be made navigable for 1,600 miles. The region lying along the river is marvelously rich in minerals and is attracting much attention.

The sum of \$64,000 which has been appropriated for surveys in Washington this year, while totally inadequate for the needs of the state, is remarkable, considering that the \$35,000 set aside for Eastern Oregon has to be held up, prize like, to tempt people.

MIDWAY IN THE CAMPAIGN.

It is gratifying upon reaching a halfway station in the national canvass to observe that some of the most optimistic predictions concerning it are being entirely fulfilled. Up to the present, with but few exceptional instances, the batting has been right along the line of the main issue. From coast to coast there has been abundance of oratory and proselyting. Mr. Reid has his coat off and is working as if he earned wages by the piece; Mr. Stevenson is scurrying hastily about in high-tariff districts; the presidential candidates are conducting themselves discreetly, and Messrs. McKinley, Reed, Boies and others are directing the steam of their persuasive talk into willing ears. And everywhere this campaign is being fought intelligently, considerably coldly—even politely—on the question of the tariff. Of personality there is but little; of blackguarding none at all. The inevitable result of this state of affairs is that no voter need go to the polls next November without a clear conviction as to how he is going to vote and why. No flying rumor or belated personal diatribe should be able to deflect one degree the convictions made up in weeks of calm study of the situation.

Lieut. Totten, the millennium crank of Yale college, says in a recent letter: "The time will come when you hear of some person, it may be in your own family, who is gone and no trace can be found of them. You will wonder, and the first you know some other person in some other family will also be missing. Disappearances will become common, and no one can explain them." If Totten will only inaugurate the movement he will receive the thanks of a long-suffering people. But, professor, can those who are to remain and do the wondering select the wonders?

Gov. Tillman of South Carolina, is said to be so earnest on the stump that he actually foams at the mouth. This phenomena wouldn't be so surprising if it happened just after the governor of North Carolina had made a remark about time distance between refreshments.

Ignatius Donnelly says the peoples party will carry Minnesota by 30,000 majority. This is on a par with his fearfully and wonderfully made Baconian cipher, and should be accepted as gospel truth.

BOEN.

In The Dalles, Sept. 15th to the wife of A. J. Friendly, a daughter.

A Word for Wasco Vineyards.

Can any region duplicate the quality of the grape crop of vineyards near The Dalles? Samples from Mr. Cushing's, from Seufert's, and from the Columbia river fruit company's Mill creek ranch, lead us to positively say, No.

And this is the opinion of Professor Lorient, the French chemist, who is preparing Wasco fruit for exhibition, at his room over A. A. Brown's store on Second street. The size of the Wasco county grapes is a wonder, but the size is not its only special recommendation. The dry hilly soil of Mr. Cushing's place is proof that this region is adapted to the production of grapes every way superior to those of the choicest lands of California, or the more favored vineyards of France. The climate here is so dry, and the freedom from fog so uniform, that all the grape has to do is to grow and mature, and ripen with all the desirable flavor and solidity for which the grape is noted under the most favorable circumstances. A simple test is all that is required to sustain these statements and while we regret our inability to furnish the practical test to all of our wide circle of acquaintances, we take pleasure in the dissemination of the facts by publication so far as they go, and follow up the publication as much as possible with the samples, which are sent to a few friends in Portland and Astoria, to let them understand that what THE CHRONICLE may say about Dalles fruit is equally as reliable as what may be said for other abundant resources of the Inland Empire and an open river.

A (I am) Bake.

An Astoria dispatch Saturday says 600 Odd Fellows and friends went down to Flavel on an excursion that day. At Kalama they were joined by 400 over the Northern Pacific. At Astoria a few hundred boarded the boats. The clam bake at Flavel was a feature, and addresses were delivered by leading Odd Fellows. Yesterday the visitors attended Portland churches, and today a grand parade was held. The city is profusely decorated in honor of the occasion, numerous arches spanning the leading thoroughfares.

A Chance For Protest.

Telegram. Now is President Harrison's chance to manifest his interest in foreign affairs. The introduction of the lottery bill into the Hawaiian legislature gives opportunity for a first-class protest from this government. The lottery has been wedded out of this country because of its demoralizing influence. If it gets a foothold at Honolulu it will continue to prey upon Americans. Practically there is but little difference between the lottery being established at Honolulu and New Orleans.

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J. T. ROBERTSON. NANSENE, Aug. 8, 1892. 6tw

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County. In the matter of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased, notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Abner B. Smith, deceased; all persons having claims against said deceased are notified to present them to me, with proper vouchers therefor, at the office of Mays, Huntington & Wilson, The Dalles, Or., within six months from the date of this notice. Dated August 20th, 1892. J. H. SMITH, Administrator. 8.26wt10.7

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