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THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

Campaign orators are now going about the country, telling the farmers how they should vote. Many an agricultural fair resounds with earnest discussions on the tariff, on the financial questions, reciprocity or the force bill. These questions of national concern are kept uppermost in the campaign. Most of the thinking of the nation is done in the country districts, and campaign managers send thither their solidest literature. The floating vote in the centers of population comes under different methods of campaign management. While the tribute to the intelligence of voters from the farms is natural, the farmers should not forget that there are other questions in the campaign which concern them still more directly, but which campaign managers affect to ignore. A new congress is to be elected this fall, besides national officers. Each nominee for congress in the country districts might profitably be asked to define his position regarding these matters:

Free postal delivery in the villages and thickly-settled farming districts. An increase in the permissible weight of certain classes of mail matter that circulate chiefly in farming communities.

The building of good roads, either under the supervision of federal authority, or with the encouragement of that authority.

The introduction of postal savings banks.

There is not one of the benefits mentioned that the country districts cannot obtain in the near future, with a proper presentation of these matters. Not one of them does violence to the traditions of either party. Some may object that these homely topics should give way before the great national issues of the hour. Not necessarily. It is a good year for the farmers to find out where their would-be representatives stand, on other issues besides those that seem to claim the exclusive attention of the parties.

Since 1878 a system of taxation has been proposed in the District of Columbia by which the people of the United States are robbed for the benefit of rich real estate syndicates in Washington city. Real estate and rents there are very high, while taxes are very low. The explanation of the disproportionately low rate of taxation is that since the year 1878 the United States government pays one-half of all the taxes in the district and improvements in the capital city on the flimsy plea that the government owns so large an amount of property in the district that it would be unjust to the property owners to expect them to pay a higher rate. The real estate ring of Washington contrive constantly to project statutes, parks, buildings and other improvements to be largely or wholly paid for out of the public purse. Is it any wonder, therefore, that real estate in Washington has been booming beyond all precedent? Does the state of New York pay half the taxes of the city of Albany because the ten-million-dollar state capitol is located there? Does the German government pay half the taxes of the city of Berlin? Does the French government pay half the taxes of the city of Paris? Does Great Britain pay half the taxes assessed against the property owners of London because Westminster Hall and other public buildings are located there?

The Rock Island Sun reports that some of Hunt Bros.' men, grading south of town, recently found a peculiar stone which puzzles the geologists in that section. It is a crystal, having the appearance of a petrification, with cubiform projections, some of which were quite brilliant. Some one has suggested that it may be petrified lime, while another, who is entirely familiar with the chemical experiments and pranks of the elements for ages past, ventures the belief that it is petrified water. A smaller specimen of the same kind of rock was found further east on the line of the Great Northern, and it is worn as a pin by H. D. Culver, of Rock Island.

Stevenson and Reid still continue to occupy the center of the stage, while Cleveland and Harrison hold prominent positions in the wings. Stevenson's speeches show that he knows about as much regarding the tariff as he does about how it feels to wear a blue uniform. It is safe to predict that he won't exhibit himself as the man who put down the rebellion.

Why should the door, which has been closed to keep out pestilence, be opened again to permit the free entry of that which will produce social disorder and fill this country with an element that it can not absorb and assimilate? It is time says the Telegraph, to draw a line somewhere which will lessen and limit excessive immigration.

A startling story comes from Salt Lake city as the reason for the postponement of the case of the board of trade against transcontinental lines for maintaining higher rates to Salt Lake than to San Francisco. It appears that the preparation of the case was in the hands of Secretary Sears of the board of trade. Matters seemed to be progressing favorably until last Saturday, when sixty-six of the most prominent business houses in Salt Lake united in a petition to the interstate commerce commission for a continuance on the ground that they had no confidence in the prosecution. Before this the Union Pacific, it being mainly interested, was in receipt of letters from a writer calling himself E. E. Edwards and offering to sell to the board the argument of the prosecution, copies of all the affidavits and lists of names of all witnesses. The correspondence was kept up until the Union Pacific became satisfied from the reports of detectives and from slips in the correspondence that Edwards was the pseudonym of the son of Secretary Sears. The investigation did not connect Secretary Sears with the attempt to sell the testimony in advance, but the Union Pacific claims there is no doubt of the guilt of his son. The correspondence with the elusive Edwards was closed by the affirmative reply of the commission to the petition of the Salt Lake merchants.

The artesian well at McMinnville only yields up wind. It has a pressure equal to thirty-eight pounds to the square inch. A test of the temperature showed fifty-three. It is a very remarkable phenomenon, and gives rise to a great deal of speculation. The question naturally arises, how extended is the chamber in which compressed air is retained, and is the supply practically inexhaustible. If so, there is a hitherto unknown source of mechanical power stored beneath the earth's surface. Such a jet as that properly converted would amount to several horse power. If the source is inexhaustible, of course it could be duplicated indefinitely. The doctors of learning will find employment for their talents in formulating a theory as to how this air came to be pent up in the bowels of the earth. If the flow had been water instead of wind they would have said it was forced up by gravitation from a reservoir having a source higher than the surface vent; but we suspect they really know as little about the facts in one case as in the other. The same compressing force, acting upon a body of water, without reference to its source, would cause an artesian flow.

This is a curious political year, with plenty of tickets in the field. With so much confidence of success we are apt to be careless. Republicans must work, and work hard and persistently, this year. This is not because their cause is weak or that there is any lack of arms and ammunition. Indeed, the fight before them is probably harder than it would be if there were weak spots in the cause, defective arms and insufficient ammunition. It is just because everything is in their favor—so much so that it may fairly be said that "even the stars in their courses fight for them"—that there is danger. That feeling of confidence which makes a man careless about going to the polls is not the right sort. And there are evidences that we have too much of it.

The late Daniel Dougherty was once surprised by a visit from an aged gentleman who called himself the Emperor of the French. He was insane, but Mr. Dougherty listened patiently to a recital of imaginary grievances. He investigated the case, ascertained that he had gone crazy over some financial complications, looked into it and succeeded finally in obtaining a decree for \$5,000 a year for his demented visitor.

That was a happy thought of Supt. R. W. Mitchell; but almost invariably his thoughts are happy ones. From expressions of opinions heard on all sides from the Odd Fellows who visited our great Portland Exposition last night, the conclusion can be reached that they were surprised at the splendid showing, and will carry away flattering impressions of the resources and industries of Oregon.

Persons whose zeal outruns their discretion and whose tempers discount their judgment do not take disagreeable consequences into consideration when joining a mob or urging men to violence. It is the old lesson, older than the proverb which declares that "the prudent man foreseeth evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."

A gold and silver statute worth \$300,000 will be on exhibition at the Columbus fair. The most artistic sculptors living will despair of doing anything of equal value.

If an unsophisticated civilian and clergyman can find gambling houses in active operation it certainly ought not to be impossible for Chief Spencer.

A prophet of Java has been paid \$400 a year for the last fifteen years "for not predicting a tidal wave which will sweep clear over the island."

Walla Walla is alive today with horse-men. The Dalles is represented largely. Seventeen races have been arranged for, and there will be many special features to attract the attention of the public. Prominent among these will be the introduction of the celebrated bike sulky, popularly known as the pneumatic tire. It was in one of these vehicles that Nancy Hanks recently lowered the world's record. Bicycle races between heats will be another feature of the meeting. Purse amounting in all to \$5,500 will be paid the winners in the running, trotting and pacing races. Some well known western horses are on the track, the owners of stables from The Dalles to California are there. There will be no long and tedious delays between races and one heat will follow another at intervals of not more than ten minutes. To do this the trotting and pacing heats of the same day will be sandwiched. Mr. J. O. Mack is there "pulling" for the fair at The Dalles next month.

The latest evil for which the tariff is held responsible is the cholera. The Chicago Herald proves it to its complete satisfaction by a chain of reasoning something like this: "Protection increases the prosperity of American wage earners, and thus makes our country a very attractive one for the poverty-stricken masses of Europe. Some of the latter, coming from the pestilential centers of the Old World bring with them the germs of the disease. Hence the tariff brings the cholera!" The remedy is easy. Elect Cleveland, pulverize the tariff system, pauperize American workmen, and no foreigners will come here. They will prefer to starve at home. Hurrah for free trade and poverty!

The authorities have at last decided which of the portraits of Christopher Columbus is to be reproduced upon the Columbus souvenir coins. If Columbus did not look like the man whose likeness is stamped upon these coins, nobody of this generation will be to blame.

The enthusiasm with which the defeated John L. Sullivan is received is apparently more pronounced than that which used to greet John L. Sullivan, the champion. Public sentiment knows a good thing when it sees it.

Saved His Child's Life.
 A. N. Dillabough, York, Neb., says: "The other day I came home and found my little boy down with cholera morbus, my wife scared, not knowing what to do. I went straightway and got a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and gave it according to directions. You never saw such a change in a child. His limbs and body were cold. I rubbed his limbs and body with my hands, and after I had given him the second dose he went to sleep, and, as my wife says, "from a death-bed he was up playing in three hours." It saved me a doctor bill of about three dollars, and what is better, it saved my child. I can recommend it with a clear conscience." For sale by Blakely & Houghton, druggists.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.
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 W. R. ABRAMS,
 WM. STEWART,
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Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the late firm of Abrams & Stewart, of The Dalles, or W. R. Abrams, either by note or account, to make payment of the same immediately at the bank of French & Co. All notes and accounts remaining unpaid November 15th, 1892, will be placed in attorneys' hands with instructions to collect. Any claims against the late firm must be presented at the same place, with proper vouchers, on or before above date. The business of the firm must be closed up without further delay. Respectfully,
 W. R. ABRAMS,
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Stray Mare And Colt.
 A light gray mare, weighing about 1,100, branded on the left shoulder with an inverted T with a quarter circle over it, came to the premises of the undersigned with a sorrel colt, about June 15th, near Nansene P. O. Owner is requested to call and prove property, pay charges, and take her away.
 J. T. ROBERTSON,
 NANSENE, Aug. 8, 1892. G.1W

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. S.25w110.7

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