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WILL PAY FOR ITSELF.

A calculation based upon the shipments of wheat from the Inland Empire the past eight years, tributary to the Columbia river, shows that if the state of Oregon would build the dalles portage railway, the outlay should be returned to the state treasury within that period of time, if not less; at the nominal rate of 25 cents per ton, and the vexed question of an open river would thus be effectually settled without cost forever.

From the best sources obtainable THE CHRONICLE learns that for the period of eight years past, 70,000,000 bushels of wheat alone, in round numbers, have been transported to the seaboard from that portion of the Inland Empire tributary to the Columbia river. This amount, reduced to tons, would furnish annual shipments of this one commodity, aggregating 2,100,000 tons, which would present the sum of over \$525,000 at the price, 25 cents per ton transportation; a sum more than equal to the cost of construction, equipment and operating expenses of the road for the entire eight years.

It is quite probable, however, that the state could be reimbursed for the outlay in much less than eight years, for the simple reason that there would be perhaps double the acreage cultivated, when it was known that shipments were possible. Besides, we have not taken into consideration various other commodities shipped to the seaboard from the Inland Empire, chiefly beef cattle, mutton, sheep, fruit, etc.

This is a subject demanding the undivided attention of the press of the whole Inland Empire, irrespective of location or partisan preferences. Heretofore the press of the regions drained by the Columbia above The Dalles, seemingly have regarded the press of this city specially allied to the opening of the cascade locks and canal, but if we could, we would disabuse them of this erroneous idea. THE CHRONICLE has never flinched in its efforts for the full and complete development of an entirely free, open and unrestricted river: from its sources to the sea; and while we may have appeared perhaps more earnest in behalf of the cascade canal, because we considered that the most important feature of all, now that the canal is provided for by contract awarded, we are more deeply concerned with interests farther inland, and would suggest that the press of the upper country look as earnestly to their constituency; that they may guard against any remonstrances to the state appropriation, and see to it that petitions from the people for an appropriation are substituted.

The basis for bidding on the Oregon Pacific railway, steamers, etc., ordered to be resold January 10th, at sheriff's sale are that no bid less than \$1,250,000 for the property will be received by the sheriff. The sum of \$200,000 must be deposited with him before a bid will be received from any party, and if the successful bidder does not pay the entire amount within thirty days, the deposit will be declared forfeited.

The last congress happily passed a law against trusts and combinations which had begun to sap the foundations of the republic, and it remains to be seen if the act will be enforced. Perhaps we may again see a representative of one of the most gigantic trusts in the country in the cabinet of the next president, as there was in Glover Cleveland's administration. Let us hope not.

There is no doubt that Mr. Cleveland intends to institute a system of rigid economy in national expenditures. Of this he has already given proof in his former administration. This will have a salutary influence in a moral way without doubt. What its effect will be on our progress and prosperity we shall see in the fullness of time.

Speaker Crisp has the sympathy of the entire country. Few things are more painful to a public man than to be coked and primed for a speech and then not be permitted to unload himself. This is merely a new illustration of the familiar fact that the speaker is a man who is hired to listen to other fellows' speeches.

A peculiar circumstance is reported in the East Oregonian, respecting relationships. Perry Gould remarks that his brother Will may be a distant relative of the great financial monarch, Jay Gould, but he himself claims no relationship.

Jay Gould did not leave a dollar of his stealings to charitable purposes, says a contemporary. Charitable institutions should not "hanker after stealings."

SECRETARY FOSTER'S FIGURES.

To run a big machine like the United States government is a tremendous business, and the monetary considerations involved, as shown by Secretary Foster's report, are something immense. For the present fiscal year the revenues are estimated as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Customs (\$188,000,000), Internal revenue (\$653,000,000), Miscellaneous (\$2,000,000), Postal service (\$9,236,250).

The expenditures are as follows: Civil establishment (\$18,000,000), Military establishment (\$1,000,000), Naval establishment (\$1,000,000), Civil service (\$2,000,000), Pensions (\$18,000,000), Interest on public debt (\$2,000,000), Postal service (\$9,236,250).

This leaves an estimated surplus for the year of \$2,000,000. The available cash balance in the treasury at the end of the fiscal year was \$120,992,378. The revenues for the fiscal year 1894 are estimated at \$490,121,365. The appropriations required are \$457,261,335, exclusive of the sinking fund, or estimated surplus of \$32,860,030, which with the cash balance above the gold reserve would make the available balance \$63,852,407, and deducting accruing obligations would leave \$48,852,407. Chargeable against this are unpaid river and harbor and ordinance appropriations of \$44,000,000 and no account taken of the sinking fund of the requirements amounting to \$48,000,000 beyond the redemption estimated at \$5,000,000.

Congress has adjourned over to Monday. The famous Garreghan case is still pending. A vote may be taken on the anti-option bill Monday. A bill making it unlawful for any common carrier to insert in a bill of lading a clause to release it from liability or loss in transportation of merchandise committed to its care, passed the house. Representative Anthony, of Texas, introduced a bill repealing the act of June 17th, 1890, granting pensions to soldiers, sailors, widows, minor children and dependent parents of soldiers and sailors. The bill also provides that all pensions granted under the act shall be discontinued.

The funeral of Henry L. Yesler, the Pioneer who died at Seattle on Thursday took place yesterday under the auspices of the Pioneer association. The body lay in state at the residence on Saturday and many old friends called to see it. Among them was Angelina, the daughter of Chief Seattle, who wept bitterly as she looked at his face and exclaimed in Chinook, "My best friend is dead." Yesler was one of the fathers of the town, and his generosity and many good qualities endeared all to him, whites and Indians.

Democratic leaders from all parts of Kansas are attending a meeting of the democratic central committee in Topeka today to decide the senatorial question. There are numerous candidates in the field. With the aid of one democrat the populists can elect a senator, and Senator O'Brien, though a straight democrat, makes it impossible to elect any democrat other than a fusionist and populist. The caucus is to decide who that fusionist will be.

We hear occasionally that there are democrats still fighting Cleveland, but it is a little hard to understand what they are doing it for. Even Grover's gall is not large enough to make him think there is anything for him after his term as president expires. He can hardly have the ambition to run the political scale backward and round off his life by being once more sheriff of Erie county.

While the alleged diamond discovery in Idaho has been a great puzzle, there does not seem to be good ground for doubting that such discovery has been made. Mr. Vandorn admits that there has been a purpose to prevent the public from hearing just now where the fields are. He said this evening that it would be two weeks before the secret could be disclosed.

In May next Frank Fordyce, a young stock baron of Idaho, will attempt to drive from the center of that state to Ogallala, Neb., 45,000 sheep, a distance of 1,000 miles. The trip will occupy six months. The sheep will have to cross the Rocky mountains in the wildest part, and will have to ford scores of streams.

President Lilly of the Pullman agricultural college has been discharged without trial seemingly, and while unable to be present and answer the charge that had been filed. It looks as though the regents had taken an undue advantage of their opportunity.

It is learned from an authoritative source that the Mexican government will present a petition to the United States asking that the Apache Indians, who now occupy a reservation in Arizona near the Mexican boundary, be removed to a greater distance.

In consequence of official news that cholera has broken out again in Hamburg, the Colombian government has closed its ports against all vessels having left Hamburg after today.

Blaines' condition is much less favorable. All reports indicate that Death will soon visit the Blaine mansion.

The democracy are determined upon one thing evidently, and that is not to monkey with the McKinley buzz-saw. They are preparing to go squarely back on all promises. Last week one of the few New York democrats who occupy toward the president-elect the position of a personal friend and confidential adviser on matters political, openly declared that Mr. Cleveland is not in favor of an extra session. He sees no great advantage to be gained, and numerous dangers which may bring disaster. Conditions in the party and in the country will have to change greatly, said he, before the president changes his mind, and unless events of an unexpected character come to pass there will be no extra session. This will be a matter of great disappointment to the more pronounced and extreme revenue reformers of the Tom Johnson stripe. In addition to this it will become an accepted fact in political circles in a very short time that Mr. Cleveland will not lend his sanction or influence to the proposed slaughter of Speaker Crisp. It is represented on good authority that he has gone as far as he cares to in recognizing the tariff-reformers. He thinks Crisp's defeat would be a mistake; that it would be almost suicidal for an element to get control of the house which would wipe the McKinley bill off the statute books at one session and pass a tariff law on the basis of tariff for revenue only.

There is little doubt but that a general war of rates is about to break forth on the Pacific coast among the railways. The smoldering fire is liable to belch forth any day. The Southern Pacific hit the Canadian Pacific another rap last week on passenger business, and railroad men are indulging in a deal of speculation as to the probable result. The first-named corporation has just issued notices to all general passenger agents in the United States of its refusal to pro rata with the foreign road after January 1st, on tickets reading over the Shasta route from San Francisco to Portland. On and after the date mentioned, passengers purchasing tickets over the Canadian Pacific, via the Southern Pacific, to Portland, will be charged full local rates. Many are of the opinion that this forced rate will necessitate the much-talked-of line of passenger steamers between San Francisco and Vancouver, the present western terminus of the Canadian Pacific, while others urge that a different method of retaliation will be pursued, aggressive enough to throw the transcontinental lines into a big war.

A New England journal, apparently afraid of losing some of its subscribers, says: "We received in one day four copies of a paper devoted to investing capital in the west. We hope they have not been sent broadcast among our readers, for such papers are as dangerous as circulars of the lotteries in the hands of any but the most experienced financiers. When a man is anxious to make other men rich and pays for a big ad. to let them know it, look out for him, and keep one hand on your purse strings. New England men should be careful how they are tempted by gilded promises in the west. For factory men our saving banks are the best for reasonable amounts, and for a thousand or more seek a first class home mortgage, which is the safest. But don't go west with money to invest, for the chances will be against you." What foolish advice to offer sensible readers.

The international monetary conference at Brussels was adjourned until May 13th. One of the final resolutions adopted was for the purpose of recognizing the great value of the arguments set forth in the reports presented and of the discussions held in the plenary sittings, and that while reserving final judgment on the questions submitted, the conference expresses gratitude to the government of the United States for affording an opportunity to study anew the present position of silver. Continuing; the motion declares the conference has agreed to suspend its labors and subject them to the approval of the governments represented. The American delegates are booked to sail from Southampton for New York, December 21st.

The burlesque of a "model for the Montana silver statue," so much paraded, has descended to the level of a fake advertising scheme for some actress. Probably the end will be a plaster-of-paris figure, cast from the mould of an Indian girl cigar-store sign, and covered with lead-foil from old tea chests.

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American Cholera. From the DAILY REVELLE, Whitson, Wash. "T. C. Barnett, the democratic candidate for sheriff, was taken violently ill at Clearbrook. He had all the symptoms of Asiatic cholera, and for an hour or two it was feared he would die. They finally gave him a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which revived him until a physician arrived." That is precisely what the manufacturers of that medicine recommend for cholera. Send for a physician but give their medicine until the physician arrives. If cholera become prevalent in this country next summer this preparation will be in great demand because it can always be depended upon. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

Monthly Meteorological Report.

Weather bureau, department of agriculture, Station, The Dalles, Oregon, for the month of November, 1892. Latitude 45° 32' 30". Longitude 121° 12' 34" west. Altitude 116 feet above sea level.

Table with columns: DATE, Temp., Wind, Rain, etc. Includes monthly summary for Nov 1892.

Mean barometer 29.921; highest barometer 30.46 (date 12th); lowest barometer 29.156 (date 25th).

Mean temperature 45.2; highest temperature, 60 on 3d, lowest temperature, 28, on 7th. Greatest daily range of temperature, 26 on 7th. Least daily range of temperature, 1 on 22d.

MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THIS MONTH IN 1873.....1878.....46.5 1883.....44.5 1888.....39.6 1874.....1879.....37.5 1884.....43.5 1889.....40.5 1875.....40.0 1880.....39.0 1885.....42.5 1890.....41.5 1876.....39.5 1881.....43.0 1886.....38.7 1891.....40.0 1877.....42.5 1882.....34.0 1887.....39.2 1892.....45.2

Total excess in temperature during the month for 18 years, 3.4 deg & min. Total excess in temperature since January 1st, .38.

Prevailing direction of wind, S, SW, W. Total precipitation, 1.15, number of days on which of inch or more of precipitation fell, ten.

TOTAL PRECIPITATION FOR THIS MONTH IN 1873.....1878.....1.22 1883.....2.19 1888.....1.30 1874.....1879.....1.24 1884.....0.82 1889.....1.30 1875.....6.18 1880.....0.69 1885.....1.78 1890.....0.00 1876.....4.21 1881.....0.75 1886.....0.21 1891.....1.25 1877.....4.18 1882.....0.75 1887.....1.00 1892.....1.19

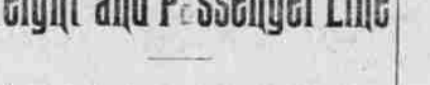
Total deficiency in precipitation during month for 18 years, 54 inches. Total deficiency in precipitation since January 1st, 4.84 for 18 years.

Number of cloudless days, 5; partly cloudy days, 7; cloudy days, 18. Dates of frost 13th, 20th, 27th (killing). Barometer reduced to sea level. T indicates trace of precipitation. Solar halo on 1st, 27th with parhelia. Lunar halo on 23th.

SAMUEL L. BROOKS, Voluntary Signal Corps Observer.

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