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THE DALLES THE BEST BUSINESS POINT.

The advantages of The Dalles as a business point was never so forcibly demonstrated as at present. The rates on wool shipments from here to eastern markets are 55 cents per hundred pounds less than from Arlington and other points in the interior.

This spring the clip from about 20,000 head of sheep near Rock Creek, in Washington, a locality across the Columbia from Arlington, is being hauled to The Dalles by teams. We are also informed that a large clip from the vicinity of Fossil is this year marketed here.

The advantageous rates are due entirely to the fact that The Dalles is made a competitive point by the D. P. & A. N. Co.'s line of boats; and to the citizens who have put their capital into this enterprise is due the fact that The Dalles is now the best business point in the interior of the state.

THE ROAD FROM FOSSIL TO THE DALLES.

A mass meeting was held at Arlington Wednesday evening to discuss what had best be done to hold the trade and shipping of southern Gilliam county, which the proposed new road threatens to transfer to The Dalles. The citizens showed that they were thoroughly alive to the danger that menaced Arlington.

A good road from Fossil to The Dalles may not be for the practical interest of Arlington, but it is for the best interest of every farmer and stockraiser in the central and southern portion of Gilliam and Sherman counties. We are pleased that the Fossil Journal sees the subject in the right light. We hope the business men of this city will take hold of the matter promptly and energetically.

THE REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury, which was discharged last Saturday, calls attention to one matter which should not be longer overlooked, namely, the careful examination of the books of the county officers. For many years no one has given any thought or attention to the books of the officers of the county, further than the cursory examination made by each grand jury, until within a short time, when by accident it was found that a considerable number of county warrants, aggregating over \$1300, have been placed in circulation. We have had in some of the county offices in years past some men who have not given the closest attention to the details of their offices, and however honest they may have been, there is no certainty that at all times the county has received all the monies to which it is entitled. The duties of the county court are many, and it cannot often devote to these details the attention they deserve.

We hope the suggestions of the grand jury will be followed.

GOOD ROADS A NECESSITY.

The enterprising business men of The Dalles have made The Dalles a competing point for transcontinental roads; all we need now to complete the good work of good roads into the interior. Mr. J. H. Sherar has this year been devoting much time and attention to the Current Creek road, in Crook county. In this good work he has been encour-

aged and aided by the business men of this city; but more aid of the same kind is required. We consider this subject next in importance to transportation facilities between here and the markets of the land. Mr. Sherar has made money by building and maintaining fine roads between here and Bake Oven. The Dalles business men will likewise receive a generous return for every dollar expended in the improvement of the roads beyond Bake Oven and in other directions. Some attention could be given the free bridge road to very great advantage to this city.

SHEEP AND CASCADE RANGE.

Some active steps should at once be taken to induce the commissioner of the general land office to rescind his order excluding sheep from the Cascade reservations. This has been the summer home of the flocks of Oregon for many years, and the commissioner himself would have to concede, should he visit his new parks, that no trace of the grazing remains. It will not do to disregard this order, for even a democratic administration will not ignore contempt of its authority.

A fair and full presentation of the facts, we think, would effect a recession, so far as sheep and cattle are concerned.

"Let's have another Declaration of Independence," is the suggestion of some very good citizens. A very good idea. What is the use of allowing England to dictate the price of wheat, wool and cotton; Germany the price of pork, and France the price of wines. Why let Europe longer interfere with us? China was quite independent of the rest of the world for ages, and there is no reason why we can't. It might cost something to build a wall, but the industrial army want employment, and we have lots of silver in the vaults at Washington which is very much desired by thousands of people throughout the land. We can pay for the work in silver; this will give the land free silver, and we will be done with these arrogant nations of Europe, which are now trying to run our affairs. Let's have a Chinese wall.

Business men who fail to collect, fail to pay and ultimately fail to do business at all. For many years there has been practically no effort to enforce the payment of taxes in this county, and until recently no effort to collect what could be collected by a demand. At the same time the indebtedness of the county has been on the increase; it would be remarkable had the result been otherwise. Greater determination in the collection of taxes would reduce the weight of taxation and be only justice to those who pay their taxes promptly and regularly.

The verdict in the Maloney case was anticipated by those who watched the case carefully. If the testimony presented on the part of the defense is true, there was a chance for the jury to find a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the defendants. There is a wide difference in opinion as to the correctness of the verdict, but the public should bear in mind that the jury heard all the testimony and were better qualified to pass upon it than they who have heard the testimony only in part, and that second hand.

THE CHRONICLE and other republican papers insisted during the last national campaign that the democratic idea of the tariff was more in the interest of England than the United States; every democrat denied it. Today the English press are suggesting to Mr. Cleveland that Mr. Wilson, the author of the present tariff law, be made secretary of state to succeed Mr. Gresham. This, too, would suit England, but it strikes us that this country has had all of Mr. Wilson that it can stand.

The Smith portage railway law is pronounced unconstitutional by lawyers who have examined it carefully, and there is no prospect of its ever becoming operative. That was the reason the law was permitted to pass; had there been any question as to its validity, the railroad company would have seen to it that it died before it was born. As it was, there was little opposition to it; it did the railroad company no harm, and satisfied the demand of the restless farmers.

The man, Brown, who was so thoroughly converted recently in Seattle as to acknowledge his guilt of crime, and express a desire to return and complete the service of the term in the penitentiary, from which he had escaped, has in him something worth saving. He has before him infinitely more of possible happiness than the man who, by the shrewdness of skilled lawyers, escapes the natural and just consequences of a committed crime.

In connection with the subject of good roads Dalles City might do well to take a hint. The road from the top of the brewery hill grade to the east side of Thompson's addition is about as rough as any road in the county. Couldn't our energetic street commissioner and marshal, with the aid of the hobos, improve that short piece of road?

We understand that the county commissioners have assured Mr. Sherar that further aid will be provided for the completion of the Current creek road. This is as it should be.

HEROISM IN SONG.

The feelings of every one who read of the wrecked Colima are touched by the recital of how Captain Taylor died. Standing near the bridge, he gave orders for the lowering of the boats, and did what could be done for the saving of as many lives as possible; and then when nothing more remained, he raised his hand and gave three blasts of the whistle as a dying farewell to all that he loved. As long as poetry and song remain, such deeds will always be a favorite theme for minstrelsy.

The loss of the steamer, Arctic, away back in the fifties, when the signal gun, fired by the hand of a mere lad, sent its boom across the weary waste of waters till silenced in the ocean's deep embrace, was studied in the readers by sympathetic youth. And many tears have dimmed the pages of Whittier which told of Conductor Bradley and how he died. Bradley was a conductor on an eastern road, and killed in a collision. The poet, Whittier, most beautifully tells the story of how, when the first shock of the collision was over, and his mangled body was taken from the wreck, those who bent over him heard the words "Put out the signal for the other train."

"We bow as in the dust, with all our pride Of virtue dwarfed the noble deed beside. God give us grace to live as Bradley died."

It remains for some sweet singer in verse on the Pacific coast to tell of the Colima and her captain. Censurable as he may be in some things, his death was heroic. Perhaps Oregon's own gift of genius, Sam Simpson, will tell the story.

AN UNGOVERNABLE GOVERNOR.

Governor Altgeld is fuming and stirring up anarchical sentiment because the supreme court of the United States has decided that a court has the power to punish contempt of its orders. It is useless to denounce the U. S. courts as being the tools of corporations and servants of millionaires; they do not make the laws, and are not responsible for them, but it is their duty, as it is that of a governor, to assist in enforcing them. Men of Altgeld's stamp, who openly espouse every influence tending to unsettle society and nullify the government, ought also to be within the reach of the court's order; they are far more worthy of the punishment that falls upon the men whom they misled and who have to suffer the consequences of a violation of the law. The court that punishes a violation of the law is far more the friend of labor than the demagogues who encourage a disregard of the law.

We regret that Altgeld is not the man to go to prison instead of Eugene V. Debs.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY.

The people of Hood River are to be congratulated upon the large yield and certain returns of their strawberry crop of 1895. Last year, because of want of transportation facilities, their labor, time and money was a dead loss, but this year their perseverance in improving and enlarging their berry fields has been rewarded. The success of this portion of the county, both in berry raising and apple culture, is due to the fact that the most approved methods are studied and adopted with great painstaking. Hood River apples have a reputation more than state wide, and many orchards on the Columbia, not in Hood river valley, reap the benefit of that reputation.

There is no reason why other portions of the county should not succeed as well if the same care is given to the business; but until we learn to keep our apple tree from insects and properly cultivated and pruned, we will never produce apples that are fit for anything but cider, and not very good for that.

A RIVER LINE TO FOSSIL.

The Fossil Journal expects during the next year to see boats load at its wharves and those of other towns east of the mountains, and never break cargo until they land their freight at Portland or Astoria. With such a waterway, and such transportation facilities, the development of our state's resources would be beyond limit. The prophecies of pessimists do not possess the ghost of a chance of fulfillment.—Portland Sun.

We knew Fossil had too much life for its name, but we had not heard that it had crawled to the Columbia river from eighty miles away. Possibly the Sun is off on its geography.

The fish situation still continues anything but bright to those whose money is invested in wheels and nets. The reports all along the river indicate that very few fish are being caught. In 1889, which was the year in which the biggest catch was made, the fish began coming May 23rd; but last year, when there was also an abundance of fish, but no wheels to catch them, the run did not come till much later, and the biggest catch was during July. There is yet plenty of time for the fishermen to reimburse themselves for the outlay they have made and have a balance to their credit.

The people of the Pacific coast are better satisfied than ever with the land that is given them. The reports from the sweltering East, and the cool breezes that sway our trees and make the days a delight, are strong enough in contrast to bring out clearly the blessings that are ours.

VITAL BENEFIT TO THE DALLES.

The Increase in Business From the Current Creek Grade.

Since the establishment of the boat line there is no more important question before the people of this busy town than the building of good roads. The Dalles is eminently a commercial city and upon the trade of the surrounding country depends its sustenance. The advantages of freight rate competition have made The Dalles a much better market for the products of the interior than places farther Eastward and our merchants reap the benefits from the increase in traffic. Fifteen years ago we did the business for all the country south of us as far as California. With the building of the O. R. & N. railroad, stations sprang up along its line which diverted a great amount of trade which heretofore had been exclusively ours. The loss was not severely felt as the country immediately around The Dalles was fast developing and at that time the railroad shops were here, dispersing \$500,000 yearly among our merchants.

Now they are gone and we must not count upon their coming back. So it is to the land "south and east of here that we must look to maintain our supremacy and efforts must be made to secure again and firmly hold the trade with places that now are sending their grain and wool to other markets.

The southern portion of Gilliam county is justly tributary to The Dalles but of late most of its business has gone to Arlington. But with the knowledge that The Dalles is the largest wool shipping point in the world and that the competition among buyers is greater here than anywhere else, the people of Gilliam county wish communication with us. The abominable condition of the roads has heretofore prevented, but with the building of the Current creek grade closer relations will now be possible. A gentleman from Mitchell called at The CHRONICLE office and told of the efforts the people of that section are making to improve the highways of travel. Mr. Shearer has built the grade up the Current creek hill and is now going over the road again, smoothing and leveling it. The hill is over six miles in length and yet a team hitched to a buggy can trot the entire distance. The roadbed is very solid, in some places being of blasted rock. Part of the grade is through an opal bed which, considering the times, is giving the work a rather rich setting. The merchants of The Dalles have responded liberally to the building of this enterprise and no better investment could have been made. Already this year freight teams have come in which formerly have gone to the railroads at other points and this is but the beginning of long trains of teams that will wind their way hither. When the work is done Mr. Shearer intends pushing farther south and build the road into the Mitchell country.

By reason of the work that is already done there will be a saving this year of 20 cents per hundred in the freighting charges from the country tapped by the new grade to The Dalles and a proportionate saving will be the result as the road is extended farther south. A great saving will also result in freight on the merchandise taken from The Dalles. The farmers of the localities that are benefited can afford to subscribe liberally to the new road, as the bread that is cast upon the waters will surely return many times increased. They can afford to donate as much as they will save the first year and the saving of succeeding years will be clear profit.

THE EXCURSION YESTERDAY.

A Ride Along the Beautiful Columbia—Stops at Multnomah, Oneonta and Cascades.

Yesterday morning the train bearing the Redmen's excursion pulled out of town amid the shouts of the excursionists and the playing of lively airs by the band. The crowd was not as large as was anticipated and the three coaches of the train were not crowded. The day was perfect and a larger number of people should have attended. In the observation car, which had been attached to the train for the special purpose, was seated the band and the excursionists had the benefit of the best music Eastern Oregon can give. A very slight wind was blowing, just enough to cool the air but not to cause any discomfort. No stops of any length were made till Multnomah Falls was reached—thirty-two miles this side of Portland. The train only stayed fifteen minutes at this beautiful spot. Those who had never before looked upon this wonderful exhibit of nature were charmed by the scene. From a cliff over 850 feet in height pours a magnificent stream of water rivaling the boasted waterfalls of the Alps. At the foot of the cataract a deep pond has been formed in the rocks by the steady wearing of the water. The change in temperature in descending to the shaded basin from which the spray dashes restlessly, is very marked and reminds the traveler of Jungurtha when he was taken to the clammy dungeon in Rome, exclaiming "How cold are thy baths, O Apollo." In the days of Henry Villard it was intended to make of Multnomah Falls a summer resort and build a large hotel, but with the collapse of his fortune the scheme was dropped.

From Multnomah the excursion train pulled back to Oneonta Gorge, where a short stay was made, not long enough to

allow many to go from the train. At Cascade Locks the greater portion of the time was spent. The crowd assembled at the picnic grounds and for over an hour the large platform was filled with dancers. The band boys gave a concert during the afternoon and their music was much appreciated by everyone, residents and visitors.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the signal to return was given and the excursionists started for home. The train reached The Dalles about 7 o'clock. All those who went report having had a pleasant day and were entranced by the scenery along the river. The Columbia is already far-famed for its matchless views and the time is now fast approaching when a trip to the Pacific coast will not be deemed complete till it includes a journey up this grand river.

Boyd Locals.

An accident occurred here on the 24th inst., which might have cost two lives.

While Mr. Robt. Snodgrass, known as "Uncle Robert," and a man named Williams were on their way to the mountains for a load of logs, they met a young steer with a five-gallon tin can fastened to its tail. As the steer approached the team, which was being driven by Mr. Snodgrass, they became terribly frightened, and when just opposite the horses, they made one vigorous plunge, causing Mr. Snodgrass to lose his balance on the seat and fall to the ground, carrying the reins with him. The heavy wagon struck him on the right hip, and bounding into the air it came down a second time on his ankle with great force, causing an ugly wound. He was also cut and bruised about the head, and shaken up in general. Considering that Mr. Snodgrass is a man 73 years of age, we scarcely know how he ever escaped with his life. Mr. Williams made an effort to get the reins, but in vain; and he also was thrown to ground, when the wagon ran over his leg near the knee. Williams, however, escaped without serious injury. Mr. Snodgrass is getting on as well as could be expected, and it is hoped will be able to be about in two or three weeks.

Before leaving this subject, I will ask THE CHRONICLE to inform me as to the law regarding the attachment of tin cans to the tails of animals belonging to a neighbor, and then turning them into the public roads. Is there a law to prevent such action? or is a man who acts as though he were born in a saw-mill, and all sense he ever possessed gone to the winds, to go on without chastisement? However this may be, I would advise him to use his tin cans for a rattlebox at home; he may find amusement in that. More sensible people have ways less idiotic from whence come their pleasures.

The recent rains have done much to promote growth in the crops in this locality. The grain, and in fact all vegetation, is looking bright, and the farmers anticipate a good harvest. Bill and John caught a fine string of fish last Saturday. John caught eighteen fine salmon trout. Well, Bill caught two. Mr. Galley is also a good fisherman. He brought home a large pan full of shell-fish, known as periwinkles, which roused the animosity of the cook to the extent of serving Ralph with mush straight up for his evening meal. What's the matter with Ralph? Ah, Yes! I forgot what that nasty pole did to him.

Huntington and Wilson and A. S. Bennett, who are the attorneys for Otis Savage, in the famous Pacific Express robbery case, have prepared their brief

in the appeal to the supreme court. It comprises thirty-seven pages of matter and alleges eleven causes of error in the circuit court. The testimony of Jackson as to a plan to hold up the train is one of the portions objected to while the verdict is attacked in that it returned a judgment for a crime greater than the one charged. The attorneys for the state have until August 3rd to prepare their brief and it is likely the matter will not be decided until late in the fall and it is doubtful if it be that soon.

How Our Schools Have Grown.

Prof. Gavin has made a table showing a comparison of the number of students in our schools for the past three years. The statement is very encouraging, as it shows an increase every year. No other evidence is needed that The Dalles is growing at a healthy rate and that even in the hardest times the country has known there has been a steady increase in population. Following is the report:

Table with 4 columns: Year, No. residents bet. 1 and 20 years, No. pupils enrolled, No. teachers employed. Rows include 1892-93, 1893-94, 1894-95.

We are informed that our suggestion as to the road from the top of the brewery hill to the east side of Thompson's addition is criticised because, as it is claimed, this portion of the road is not within the city limits. A portion of that road must certainly be within the city limits, but where the line is we do not know. The location of the line is of small consequence. The city could well afford to let the street commissioner and the hobos do some work upon it.

One in Four.

One person in four has a weak or diseased heart that entirely unfit them for business and social life, or is simply a little annoying.

When the trouble first commenced, "Oh! well, it don't amount to much," and you let it go, let the disease insidiously get the mastery of you. You lose all courage; the slightest exertion tires you; your feet, ankles and legs swell; you cannot lie on your left side. Finally you become so bad that you cannot lie down without snoring, and are compelled to get what sleep you can in a chair. You are urged to avoid the company of your friends. You are invited to get well. Have you the least little ambition left? Mrs. Eliza Chapman, first copyist of Lowell, Mass., had slight heart troubles many years ago.

She neglected it for years. Her son calls the story best in his letters. Lowell, Mass., April 6th, 1894. "I must tell of the wonderful things your Heart Cure has done for my mother. She is 58 years of age, and always had good health until a severe cold left her with a slight heart trouble, which kept getting worse and worse. Physicians called it bronchitis of the heart seven years ago, but they did not help her; we had the best physicians in Lowell, and would take weak, fainting and palpitating spells; several times we thought she would not live to see morning, and every day she seemed to be worse than the last. On March 18th, she was prepared for death and we watched for her last breath, but reviving somewhat, I was prompted to try your Heart Cure. We found it to relieve her almost immediately, and she is now using the third bottle, and thanks be to God, your medicine she has had no more spells and goes up stairs as well as ever and don't have to stand and wait for breath. Her cough has left her. I write to let you know, as there are others suffering same as she. Mother says 'May God bless you every day of your life.' Lowell, May 7, 1894.

"Mother tells everybody in praise of your medicine which saved her from the grave; she is gaining strength and flesh every day. No palpitation or trouble of the heart at all now, and is at work every day since I wrote you last. If any person wishes any information, we will be only too glad to have them write or come to see us and will give full particulars concerning the good your valuable Heart Cure has done her. We remain yours 263 Thordike St. JOHN T. CASSIDY. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold by druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee. If the first bottle does not help you, your money is refunded. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart Ind.

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