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WON BY DIPLOMACY.

Whether or not the first news that came from Constantinople, stating that Russia and Turkey had formed an alliance for offensive and defensive purposes, should be modified into the statement that only an understanding of policy and action exists between them, the report is of the greatest interest to the civilized world.

Time brings curious changes, and Russia has obtained by diplomacy what she could not by force of arms. Russia's attempt to gain an outlet from the Black Sea plunged Europe into the bloody Crimean war, a conflict that gave opportunity for the display of strategy and shining examples of heroism, but whose results were negative, only postponing the events for which the time was not then ripe, but which had to come and which, from the reports of the last few days, are now consummated.

The opportunity is opened for the clash of arms, for which Europe has been preparing for a score of years, and which needed a less occurrence than this "understanding" between Turkey and Russia to precipitate.

THE MEANING OF MONROEISM

One of the most lucid and satisfactory of the many definitions of the Monroe doctrine, says the Globe-Democrat, is that furnished by Prof. McMaster, the well-known American historian. He draws an analogy between this doctrine and other declarations which our country had previously made, such as that government derives its power from the consent of the governed, etc.

Much as this Yankee nation showed its determination and, in some instances, inclination, to fight over the Venezuelan affair, there are none of us who, if war is to come, would not rather see it fought on the fields of Europe. The enterprising Yankee is thinking that if a European war is coming, we Americans can occupy the position of disinterested spectators, at the same time taking the opportunity of bringing back gold in exchange for wheat and other necessities that those who go to war must have.

part of our policy of self protection.

As for England's contention that territory once settled by her subjects belongs to her, even if the boundary line be disputable, Prof. McMaster declares it to be illogical and inequitable, and shows that she has not herself insisted upon it in previous and similar instances. He points out that in the case of Maine, England had declared that the watershed between the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence should be the boundary, and though a watershed is comparatively easy to find, she located it away down in the Maine lakes; but she subsequently withdrew the claim. In the case of Oregon, the settlement of her subjects in the disputed territory was asserted as her right to said territory; but she receded from that position, if not entirely, at least to an extent that implied its practical relinquishment.

Senator Mitchell has succeeded in getting his measure, known as the double minimum refunding bill, reported favorably by the public land committee. The bill, which is an important one to the people of this section, provides for the refunding to the settlers within forfeited railroad grants of all more than \$1.25 per acre, paid by those who settled on even numbered sections, and who paid the double minimum price. The fact that the railroads were not built as anticipated, made these lands no more valuable than other sections and the proposed refunding would be a simple act of justice to those settlers who paid the double price, thinking that the expected construction of the roads would justify it.

The Hood River Glacier, in a friendly spirit, favors The Dalles as the place of holding the next Republican state convention. Eastern Oregon is entitled to this honor, and the bunchgrass cities should be given a chance. As The Dalles is the first in geographical position, the convention, if it comes east of the Cascades, should be held here. Two years from now Pendleton would have a valid claim. If all the Eastern Oregon cities will give their support to The Dalles, this place can secure the convention. Next time we will return the favor. An earnest presentation of our claims at the meeting of the state committee, backed up by the solid support of Eastern Oregon committeemen, will secure the honor.

What has become tired of waiting for a European war, and is taking a rise on its own account. Fifty cents a bushel will cause no complaint, but 60 will be better. Those who have held their wheat will have made good interest on the investment.

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A STATEMENT OF FACT.

At a recent meeting of the county court a lease was entered into between the county and the Hood River Lumber Co., declaring Hood river a public highway and providing that should the company build a dam and boom at the mouth of the river, it should have the privilege of floating timber, cordwood, etc., down the stream, subject to certain restrictions contained in the lease.

We are informed by Captain Blowers, one of the commissioners, that no franchise was given to this company while he was present and acting with the commissioners' court; that nothing further was done in the matter except declaring the river a public highway. But since his return home the county judge has communicated with him over the telephone in regard to granting this company the privileges asked for. Captain Blowers advised against granting the lease. It has since been learned by some of our citizens who have visited The Dalles that the company secured the lease of the river and have five years in which to make the improvements.

It is not the wish of THE CHRONICLE to enter into any controversy with the Glacier, or with any people of Hood River, but the article quoted does in the interests of fairness the facts in the case are given to the public.

The request of the Hood River Lumber Co. was made in open court, and by that body carefully considered before any action was taken. It was shown that about twelve miles from the mouth of Hood river lay a body of fine timber, wholly inaccessible unless the river could be improved to such an extent that the timber could be floated. The company offered, if the court would grant them the exclusive privilege of transporting the timber, to build a dam and boom and make it possible for the timber to be brought to market. A lease was drawn up, legal representatives of both sides being present, which provided that the company should complete one-fifth of the work the first year, one-fifth the second, and so on till the entire twelve miles were done.

It is probable that the Glacier has incorrectly quoted Mr. Blowers, since that worthy gentleman would hardly declare that he had advised against the granting of the lease, when the fact is that his opinion was freely asked and the giving of his approval of the matter was conclusive to the remaining members of the court that the proposal would be satisfactory to the people of Hood River. Mr. Blowers was present when the granting of the franchise was decided upon, as the entry in the commissioners journal will show, and that his consent and approval of the proposal was obtained is evidenced by the following affidavit:

I, A. Winans and I, L. Winans, being each duly sworn, say that these affiants presented the application to the county court of Wasco county for the lease of certain portions of Hood River as a public highway; that the said affiants representing in said matter the Hood River Lumbering Company, a corporation; that said court was composed of Hon. Geo. C. Blakeley, judge, and Hons. A. S. Blowers and James Darnielle, commissioners, and all the members of the court were present at the time said application was made, and the matter was fully discussed by the members of said court, as well as by these affiants; that Judge Blakeley and Commissioner Darnielle particularly consulted Capt. Blowers with reference to the wishes of the people living along Hood river and the vicinity, and particularly referred to him for their information before acting; that Capt. Blowers in our presence at said time, and in the presence of the other members of said court, expressed

himself personally as in favor of the proposition and stated that it was something greatly needed by the people of that section and would meet with the universal approval of the people there; that a draft was made and presented to the court of the lease desired by said company and an order made directing that the county judge and clerk execute the lease on the part of the court, and Capt. Blowers acted in all such matters with the other members of said court; that the draft presented by these affiants of the lease proposed to be taken by them for said company, was inspected by Capt. Blowers fully and approved by him in all respects, with one exception only; that exception being with respect to the price for driving and booming cordwood, and the price was changed according to Capt. Blowers' suggestions.

And I further swear that during all the time said matter was being considered by said county court that said Capt. Blowers appeared to be the most enthusiastic member of the court and greatly in favor of entering into said lease with said company.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of January, 1896. B. S. HUNTINGTON, Notary Public for Oregon.

The Glacier probably knows, or if it doesn't it should know, that the county judge and clerk can give no valid lease of this kind without being ordered so to do by the court, and if they did sign what purported to be such an instrument, its invalidity would be so apparent as to cause no one any inconvenience. THE CHRONICLE has no interest whatever in the matter. The issue is purely local and the people of Hood River would rather settle their local matters without outside suggestion, and we are willing they should. Whether or not the rates allowed the company to charge are excessive we do not know; but if they are they can be regulated by future action of the court. All this paper wishes to do is to show the facts in the case and to make plain that whatever was done in the matter, was done with the full concurrence of all the members of the county court.

More Than Six Million Pounds.

Some time ago THE CHRONICLE published the statement that over \$600,000 had been received in The Dalles for wool during the past summer. These figures were based on an estimate of 6,000,000 pounds as the product which had been shipped from the producers of the country tributary to The Dalles through the city warehouses. The Pendleton Tribune was disposed to look upon these figures as inaccurate, and in an article upon the respective merits of The Dalles and Pendleton as wool markets said: "Conservative estimates place the amount of wool handled at The Dalles at about 5,000,000 pounds. This is in excess of the number of pounds shipped from Pendleton last year by about one million."

Although the first figures quoted were an estimate, THE CHRONICLE believed them substantially correct, but in order to settle all doubt has taken the trouble to verify them. Access was given to a record kept of all the wool shipped through The Dalles warehouses in recent years and the result of the inquiry shows that the figures given by this paper were not one whit too high, but that 6,000,000 was an under-estimate. The following table taken from authentic records, shows the amount of wool shipped from The Dalles for the past four years to be as follows: In 1892, 4,161,547; 1893, 4,691,548; 1894, 4,995,412; 1895, 6,215,963. Between the first two years mentioned the increase was 500,000. Between '93 and '94, 300,000, the latter being the flood year when the transportation of wool was interfered with for a time. The increase which '95 shows over '94 is 1,219,681 pounds, which at an average of 10 cents per pound or even less is no inconsiderable sum itself.

The reasons for the increase in the amount shipped through The Dalles is not due to any great stimulation of the wool growing industry, but because this city became the shipping point for sections which, in former years, sent wool to other places. Many teams came here that before went to Heppner, Arlington and points similarly situated with regard to the railroad. The higher price paid in this market was the magnet that drew these shippers here. The price ranged in The Dalles from 3 to 4 cents higher than in Pendleton or the towns mentioned. Next year the warehouses expect to see another large increase in wool receipts. Buyers have recognized this place as the largest market, and will be here to do their buying. The wool will be here to meet them. Already the warehouses are planning for additional room to handle the expected clip.

It is not thought improbable that wool from the Yakima country will be hauled here, as with the opening of the locks, or without it, such rates can be secured that will make The Dalles the best point of consignment on the coast, from the grower to the Eastern consumer.

These figures are given with pride. They are weighty with meaning, since the steady increase from year to year shows that the advantages of this market are not transient. What the figures will be for the coming summer, there is no guessing, but it is safe to say all previous gains will be surpassed.

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The Dalles Public Schools.

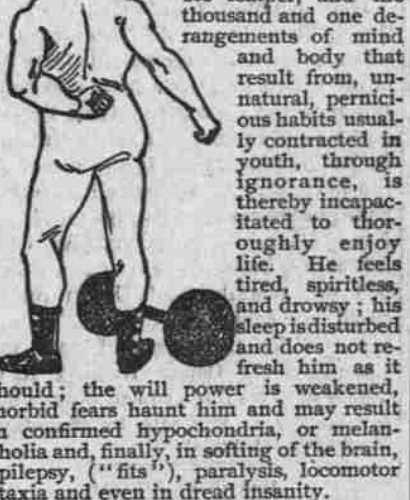
A meeting of the board of school directors was held last evening at which were present Directors S. B. Adams, O. Kinerly and O. D. Doane. The meeting was called to consider matters which would be laid before the meeting of the taxpayers next Friday. The directors had asked and obtained from Principal Gavin some statistics relative to the attendance, present and past. The figures which are published below, show that the present classes are crowded to their full capacity, and that the corps of teachers has about all it can do in caring for the pupils that crowd the rooms. The statement for the last four years of the value of school buildings and property owned by the district is as follows: 1892, 28,200; 1893, 28,250; 1894, 29,000; 1895, 53,000. The increase between '94 and '95 is due to the purchase of the academy building and grounds. The attendance by rooms and grades is shown by the following table of figures:

Table with columns for Department, School Name, and Enrollment. Includes departments like East Hill Primary, Academy Park, Union Street, and various grades from first to eleventh.

Two deeds were filed in the county clerk's office today. One was from E. and F. Spicer to A. S. Bennett for an undivided one-fifth interest in the NE 1/4, NW 1/4 Sec 5, lots 3, 6, 7; Sec 5, Tp 1 N R 13 E; consideration \$200. The second was from Bruce L. Carr to Nate Cecil for lots 13 and 16 in block 4, Hood River Park Addition to the town of Hood River.

PHYSICAL STRENGTH,

cheerful spirits and the ability to fully enjoy life, come only with a healthy body and mind. The young man who suffers from nervous debility, impaired memory, low spirits, irritable temper, and the thousand and one derangements of mind and body that result from unnatural, pernicious habits usually contracted in youth, through ignorance, is thereby incapacitated to thoroughly enjoy life. He feels tired, spiritless, and drowsy; his sleep is disturbed and does not refresh him as it should; the will power is weakened, morbid fears haunt him and may result in confirmed hypochondria, or melancholia and, finally, in softening of the brain, epilepsy, "fits," paralysis, locomotor ataxia and even in dread insanity.



To reach, re-claim and restore such unfortunate to health and happiness, is the aim of the publishers of a book of 136 pages, written in plain but choice language, on the nature, symptoms and curability, by home-treatment, of such diseases. This book will be sent sealed, in plain envelope, on receipt of this notice with ten cents in stamps, for postage. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. For more than a quarter of a century physicians connected with this widely celebrated Institution have made the treatment of the diseases above hinted at their specialty. Thousands have consulted them by letter and received advice and medicines which have resulted in permanent cures. Sufferers from premature old age, or loss of power, will find much of interest in the book above mentioned.

List of Bills Completed.

Below are the last of the claims against the county allowed at the late term of the county court. The list is an unusually long one, and the footing will be a large one. The November term of circuit court, with its heavy criminal docket, was the main cause of the increase. The county court has kept the amounts down to the lowest possible limit, and every claim was carefully scrutinized.

Table listing various bills completed with names and amounts. Includes entries for Peter Godfrey, German Sequie, N W Wallace, Alex Fraser, S M Baldwin, B F Swift, Frank LaPier, M O Wheeler, W B McBe, Dr Hugh Logan, P A Kirohner, E F Sharp, John Swaney, Dr O C Hollister, Mays & Crowe, M M Cushing, Robert Walter, C F Mitchell, Hugh Glenn, G W Phelps, L Rorden, R H Bernie, John Trana, Geo C Blakeley, C L Phillips, F A Cram, Chronicle Pub Co, Simpson Copple, Miss Anne Lang, Monroe Heisler, Mel Leavens, A Y Marsh, O Y Buford, Geo Ryan, John Hix, A A Jayne, Pease & Mays, Dalles Lumb Co, Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co, J T Peters, C L Phillips, F W L Skibbe, Williams & Brosius, O T & Co, T J Driver, T J Driver, J B Crossan, W C Johnston, George Dufur, T W Lewis, E P Ash, A M Barrett, Thomas King, Robt Mills, Geo Brown, Geo Wilson, Clegg, H Wilson, J M Kelsby, J G Day, W H Batts, Wm Brookhouse, John Bowler, R Brookhouse, A E Lake, Henry Williams, George Reed, James Fulton, Ward & Sons, E K Russell, J B Rand, J W Russell, M Kennedy, M B Potter, L M Smith, L M Smith, Geo W Smith, J H McHaley, G B Halvor, A S Blowers, St Vincent Hos, care D W Sullivan, John W Taylor, Geo T Frather, R B Tucker, Harbison Bros, E H Waterman, D G Hill, O L Paquet, M Doyle, J C Egbert, M J Anderson, T J Driver, R R Hinton, A A Urquhart, Mrs L Trasse, Mrs L Trasse, J M Huntington.

Some Notes Concerning the Woodmen Circle.

Last evening the Woodmen Circle, of The Dalles, was duly organized, and the officers installed at the K. of P. hall by Deputy Supreme Guardian, Mrs. Helen Southwick, of Salem, Or. The grove was organized with thirty-two charter members, nineteen of these being beneficiary members.

This order is a beneficiary and social one, and is one of the cheapest and best beneficiary and fraternal orders of equal age in the United States, the number of assessments being very small, there having been but one assessment since last April.

The supreme grove will appropriate \$100 from the beneficiary fund for the erection of a beautiful and enduring monument at the grave of every deceased lady beneficiary member.

The members of the circle chose the name of their order here last evening, and it will hereafter be known as the Cedar Grove, No. 10. There are 500 members of the Woodmen Circle in Oregon alone, and it is only a comparatively new order in this jurisdiction, and it is rapidly growing, its excellence is being learned everywhere and we bespeak for the circle here unbounded, prosperous future. The members, one and all, take the deepest interest in the work of their order, and will do everything in their power to make it a success and a school for social improvement, and making the circle a favorite element of the social life of the community.

A January thaw is always more productive of colds and coughs than a January freeze. Then is the time Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is needed and proves so extremely efficacious. Ask your druggist for it, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.