

The Weekly Chronicle.

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**THE DALLES OREGON SUBSCRIPTION RATES.**

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TO WHOM THANKS ARE DUE.

Mr. Ellis has taken the advice THE CHRONICLE proffered some time ago and hurried through the house the resolution making \$20,000 immediately available for work at the locks. The resolution having passed both houses makes this amount assured, and nothing now remains but to make proper application of the money.

To our delegation in congress who have made this laudable effort to make the locks available for traffic, the thanks of a grateful people are due. To Senator Mitchell for his promptness in taking the initiative in the matter, and to Mr. Ellis for his supplementary efforts—since in the absence of knowledge to the contrary, we are glad to give him a good measure of credit—the people of Eastern Oregon express their appreciation. The members of the delegation have done all that has been asked of them, and we are the more certain in our conviction that the interests of the people have been uppermost thoughts in the minds of these gentlemen.

We wish we could say as much for the government engineers and the contractors, but we cannot. We cannot even give vent to any exuberance of feeling over the action of congress since it is by no means certain that the money will be wisely or justly applied. By all right and reason neither the engineers nor contractors can expect the people to have any confidence in their work or promises, and none of their statements will be believed until proven true by facts.

We would have been well pleased had congress tacked on to this resolution a provision that the work should be done under charge of a committee selected from such men as the people trust. Such a committee could then have as members neither the Messrs. Day nor the government engineers.

Let us hope the money will be so applied that the early operation of the locks will be realized; but in no wise let our vigilance be relaxed.

**THE PUBLIC DEBT.**

The present Democratic administration will long be remembered for its incompetency. In every phase of government the party in power has shown its utter incapacity to handle the problems which have been presented for solution. In its foreign policy the present administration has been wavering, un-American and inconsistent. In its financial management it has shown an ignorance which amounts almost to a crime, a fair illustration of which is the bond sale just preceding the last, when the Morgan syndicate was allowed to make an exorbitant profit.

But the severest arraignment of the Democratic party is found in the figures furnished by the treasury department, and which show the public debt at different time since 1865. On Oct. 31, 1865, the public debt, without deducting funds in the treasury, amounted to \$2,808,549,437.55. The reports for 1871 state that the total decrease of the public debt from March 1, 1869, to December 1, 1871, was \$227,211,892.16. During the same period the annual interest had been reduced \$16,741,436.04. In 1876 the debt, including accrued interest, less bonds issued to the Pacific railroad and

less cash in the treasury, was \$2,099,439,444.94, a reduction since 1865 of \$656,992,226.44.

From the time the war closed in August, 1865, to the close of Benjamin Harrison's administration, a period of twenty-eight years, the public debt was reduced at an annual average of \$75,528,753, and in addition thereto the pension fund had been increased from about \$16,347,656 to \$134,583,052. The total interest bearing debt as given by Secretary Foster, was on August 31, 1865, \$2,381,530,294.96; on August 31, 1892, it was only \$585,029,330. According to these figures the interest bearing debt had been reduced \$1,796,500,964.96 during twenty-eight years under protection, although the pension law called for from \$130,000,000 to \$134,000,000 annually.

This statement is one that can bear verification. It is not an argument for a theory; it is a lamentable condition that confronts us, and one due to the mistake the American people made in 1892, when they overthrew the policy of protection under which the country had prospered for thirty years.

**MORE LIGHT NEEDED.**

Pendleton is making much ado about her scouring mill, and undoubtedly there is cause for satisfaction on the part of the proprietors of the mill and citizens generally. This matter is one that should well be considered by capitalists in The Dalles, though unlike some subjects, there are two sides to be considered and arguments can be brought up against such a project as well as in its favor. It is claimed by the opponents of the scouring mill proposition that the woolen manufacturers in the East prefer to buy their wool in the grease and scour it to suit themselves. In this way they say better satisfaction is given to the individual manufacturers.

A scouring mill established in The Dalles, independent of connection with any woolen mill, might find it hard to secure the product necessary for its operation, and again encounter difficulty in disposing of its scoured wool.

On the other hand, obvious advantages exist in favor of such a plan. A saving of seventy per cent approximately would be secured in freight rates, owing to the elimination from the wool of dirt and grease. Where the freight rate on 1000 pounds from The Dalles to Boston is now \$9.90, a saving of over \$6 would be effected, which would be money left in the country.

From such information as can be gained upon the question outside of expert opinion, the conclusion is reached that a scouring mill located here would be a paying institution only as connected with some woolen manufactory, either in the East or here. At the same time, nothing but a superficial investigation has been made, and the conditions are such as warrant careful consideration.

The Dalles has become established as the largest wool market direct from the producers to the buyers, and its prestige and position will grow as the industry increases. A few years ago the building of the Oregon Pacific over the Cascade mountains was feared as a menace to The Dalles, but woolgrowers assure us that even with the building of the road wool will continue coming to The Dalles from the southern part of Eastern Oregon because of the superior advantages this place possesses as a wool market.

Nothing should be left undone which may aid in hastening The Dalles to the bright future to which there is every indication our city is coming, and with the return of prosperity throughout the country the establishing of such industries as will keep at home money that is now paid to transportation companies, and bring in wealth from abroad, should be encouraged. If a wool scouring mill is itself impracticable, then let attention be directed towards a woolen mill which would embrace also the scouring plant.

Your own pick of the finest assortment of pansy plants in full bloom, at 25 cents per dozen at the Stabling greenhouse.

**GILLIAM COUNTY WOOL SHIPPERS.**

Under the rule that if a thing is good, push it along, too much cannot be made of the growing importance of The Dalles as a wool market. Last summer all previous records of the amounts of wool shipped from this point were broken, and those who have studied the question declare that the coming season will see previous years surpassed. As each wool shipper in the interior received his returns last summer from his wool sales and compared the figures he received with those paid in other places, he immediately announced his intention of shipping to The Dalles again; and not only that, but each wool shipper and teamster became an advertising medium of the advantages to be found in The Dalles, in this way such intelligence reaching remote places where the newspapers do not go.

A striking confirmation of the truth we have been telling is found in the last issue of the Arlington Record, that paper editorially declaring:

We understand that a proposition will be made to the railroad company, coming from the Sheepmen's Union asking a minimum rate for hauling wool to The Dalles. If the proposition is accepted the wool will be hauled here for shipment, otherwise it will be taken with teams direct to The Dalles. Whether we are willing to admit it or not, The Dalles is the best wool market in the state east of Portland, and the wool growers, who, to say the least, have suffered their share of the reduction of prices during the hard times, are determined to get all possible out of this year's clip. At present the rate for wool from Arlington to The Dalles is 40 cents. Without doubt the representatives of the company will meet the sheepmen on any reasonable proposition rather than lose the shipment of all the vast wool clip which otherwise would be loaded at this station.

We doubt exceedingly if the shippers will be able to secure the desired reduction from the railroad. Although the cause is just, railway corporations are not accustomed to look at the equity of a thing.

A reading of the article quoted will show to the business men of The Dalles of what vital importance it is that every facility possible be given to wool shippers to reach this city. The Fossil people are asking to come, and now the Sheepmen's Union of Gilliam county, a representative organization of its kind, declares the intention of wool men to haul their products to The Dalles.

More important to the people of this city just at present than the questions of national policy is this business proposition which we are called upon to face. Every citizen interested in the material growth of The Dalles must consider the subject of making such roads into the interior as shall draw to The Dalles the trade from distant sections. It is a subject which will bear repeated consideration, and it is the intention of this paper that its readers shall never have cause to complain that THE CHRONICLE was derelict in not urging with all possible vigor the need of intelligent, concerted action.

The news from Rhode Island will be disappointing to Democrats. Several free trade organs have been predicting a decreased Republican majority in little Rhoddy, but their expectations met an early death. The returns show the re-election of the Republican governor, Lippitt, by a plurality over Littlefield, Democrat, of 10,978. One year ago these two ran against one another and Lippitt's plurality reached 10,899. So not only is Rhode Island steadfast in her fidelity to the Republican party, but gives a larger plurality than a year ago. All the Republicans have to do in order to land their candidate in the White House is to hold the vote of last year and this, judging from Rhode Island, they are likely to do. The only time for the Democratic party to rejoice is before election, for after that event there will be a wailing and gnashing of teeth for the followers of free trade. Rhode Island leads the way.

A circular issued by the promoters of the new transportation company, organized to operate boats above the Celilo rapids, gives some

**Kid Glove Sale, Saturday, April 4.**

Having decided to clean up our Stock of Kid Gloves, we will put the balance of the following popular makes at

**50c pair, Saturday only.**

- LE TRESOR, in black and modes, 4-button, regular \$1 pair.
- APOLLO, in modes only, 4-button, regular \$1 pair.
- CAROLA, in black and modes, 5-button, regular \$1.25.
- EMPRESS, in black and modes, 5-button, regular \$1.25.
- FOSTER HOOK, only a few pair, regular \$1.50.
- BIARRITZ, regular \$1 Glove, on Saturday at 85c pair.

Positively no Gloves Exchanged during this sale.

Our new Shirt Waists will be on display Saturday

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interesting figures regarding the reduction secured in freight rates through water competition. In one of its statements, however, the circular is in error. In giving a comparison of rates charged before the instituting of the Regulator line and afterwards, it is stated that a reduction has been made on the local wool rate from \$3.50 to \$3 since the boats were put on. The reduction was much larger as the rate on wool from The Dalles to Portland charged by the railroad was \$10 per ton, so the saving brought about by the D. P. & A. N. Co. on every ton of wool amounts to \$7. On consignments to Boston a saving of \$11.20 per ton has been effected. This is but one of the many instances of the benefits derived from the independent line of steamers instituted and maintained by the citizens of The Dalles.

**THE DALLES TALKED ABOUT.**

Arlington Record: The Dalles papers are still talking of the road from that city to Fossil. It is about thirty miles farther from Fossil to The Dalles than to Arlington, besides over a much worse road. Mr. Steiwer was in The Dalles this week looking after the building of the road.

Salem Statesman: "The business outlook in The Dalles was never brighter than it is today. Not only is the amount of building and improvements going on large, but a feeling of confidence exists which augurs well for the city's future," says THE CHRONICLE of that city. We are glad to hear it. The good times are not far distant. The year 1892 will see the coming period of prosperity and purpose for the whole country, and more especially in the Northwest, well under way.

An inhuman spectacle was witnessed near Wedderburn last week. A thing in human shape called William Guff, captured an eagle by breaking one of its wings and a leg, afterwards arranging a fight to the death with two dogs. The eagle was large and powerful, measuring over seven feet, and the battle lasted more than an hour, at the end of which time the bird lay dead on a feather-covered field.—More Observer.

There is a giant ten and a half feet high in the country above Canton in China, and an American showman has lately been trying in vain to induce him to travel. The big fellow is ashamed of himself for being so unduly long, and does not care to become an exhibit. A seven-foot giant is considered a good deal of a fellow, and they have been few and hard to find on this mundane sphere.—Boston Transcript.

The Portland Telegram says that returning parties from McMinnville, where exciting stories abound regarding the new finds of gold there, have not so much to tell regarding the discoveries of ore as the attitude of the people toward strangers. There is said to be a decided disinclination to give out information regarding the ore, and the people are actually opposed to newcomers invading the place and creating a boom.

Go to Moore's for your fresh creams. He will not sell you chewing gum for marshmallow taffy. Don't be deceived by the name, for this is the only place in the city you can get the genuine marshmallow taffy. Try his combination taffy this week.

**The Coming Comedy.**

The potpourri of hilarious fun, "Finnigan's Ball," will be seen at the Baldwin opera house Monday, April 6th. The stars of the organization are that excellent celtic character comedian,



Chas. Murray, and that funny little Irishman, Ollie Mack, supported by a large and versatile company of fun-makers, including Geo. H. Emerick, the author of the farce; Bert Leslie, Clayton E. White, Chas. Lamb, Frank Carleton and Vincent Minnelli. The piece is one of the most enjoyable combinations of ridiculous situations, funny dialogue, catchy medleys, and parodies and high class specialties that has ever been thrown together and called a "farce comedy." Everyone seems to have been put upon the stage and instructed to let all the fun that is in their nature escape, and the result is what is known as a "burrah show" from the time the curtain rises until it falls, without any regard to plot or author's lines. A pleasing feature is the large number of unusually pretty young women who make up the feminine portion of the company, including the Loring sisters, Gracie Cummings, Edith Newton, Lonnie Deane, Winnifred Stewart and Clara Burgess. The Loring's are late of Hoyt's farces.

**Democratic Caucuses.**

Caucuses were held in the several precincts of The Dalles last evening to select delegates to be voted for at the democratic primaries tomorrow.

One held in East Dalles precinct at the engine house resulted in the selection of the following names: J. M. Fillion, Ad Keller, F. A. Seufert, Al Bettingen, J. M. Benson, R. H. Weber, Wm. Cushing, R. E. Williams.

For Bigelow, at a caucus held at the office of Dufur & Menefee, there were chosen A. S. Mac Allister, Harry Liebe, Joe Bonn, jr., R. H. Guthrie, S. B. Adams, R. H. Lonsdale, Frank Egan.

The meetings for Trevitt and West Dalles were held at the court house, resulting as follows:

Trevitt—J. H. Jackson, Chas. Michelbach, N. H. Gates, James Harper, Chas. Schutz, Geo. Gibbons, Hugh Glenn, J. B. Crossen, H. Hampshire, W. H. Allatt, Theo. Seufert.

West Dalles—F. Lemke, E. M. Wingate, M. Doyle, Victor Marden, P. Stadlerman, W. J. VanBibber, H. S. Ward, W. H. Shackelford, Wm. Young, C. Burchtorff, John Caseburg, James O'Leary, A. S. Bennett, Henry Maier.

The Democrats will take their choice of delegates from these tickets, leaving 8 names for West Dalles, 6 for Trevitt, 8 for East Dalles and 7 for Bigelow.

**Trouble Over a Fish Wheel.**

John Gomez, a well-known river fisherman of Spanish descent, and J. T. Rorick, justice of the peace at Rockland, have conflicting interests as to fishing rights, which culminated this morning

in the arrest of Gomez by Rorick. He was arrested and released twice, and at last accounts was again re-arrested, and whether at this moment he is under arrest or at liberty is a matter of conjecture. Gomez has a fish wheel across the river, upon which Rorick claims a mortgage. This morning a force of men undertook to cross the river to perform some work upon the wheel, when they were forbidden to land. They landed, however, and began work. They were then ordered not to work. The trouble came into court.

**Rathbone Sisters.**

A very entertaining evening was spent by the Rathbone Sisters last evening, including lunch, games and the usual accessories. The following program was rendered:

- Reading—H. H. Riddell.
- Song—Mrs. Capt. Wand.
- Reading—Mrs. Lytle.
- Duet—Mrs. Bradshaw & Miss Gosser.
- Song—Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Bradshaw, Miss Gosser, T. A. Hudson and C. L. Phillips.

The last two numbers were enthusiastically encored, and the singers were compelled to respond.

**Reduced Rates.**

Effective March 22d. The O. R. & N. Co. will reduce their round trip rates between Portland and The Dalles as follows: Two day rate, good going Saturday and returning Monday night, \$3. Ten day tickets \$3.50. Good on all trains. E. E. LITTLE, Agent

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. For sale by Snipes-Kinersley Drug Co.

**From Mr. Erickson.**

Mr. F. L. Erickson at Wapinitia, writes: "The work is going on fine, and Mr. McCoy is kept very busy ten hours a day building a 20,000 feet capacity lumber mill. The weather is very chilly, but no snow on the flats, though there is considerable in the mountains. The men are working steadily and do not quit, nor care to stop work. The farmers are doing fairly well by the company, with the exception of a few who have not yet got over their former scare, but I think they will all be in a good frame of mind very soon. I know the company does all in their power to do justice to the men all around in this vicinity. Yours respectfully, F. ERICKSON.

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