

The Weekly Chronicle.

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DOUBLE-MINIMUM LANDS.

The Eastern Oregon delegation in the legislature should memorialize congress to pass a bill providing for the re-payment of \$1.25 per acre to those persons who purchased the even sections of land within the forfeited railroad limits of the Northern Pacific, who paid \$2.50 per acre for the land.

In this connection it might be proper to mention the fact that about nine years ago D. P. Thompson secured powers-of-attorney from many of these people, authorizing him to collect excess money of \$1.25 per acre. At the time it was understood Mr. Thompson was to go to Washington and pass the bill granting re-payment. This he did not do.

A contract to influence legislation would find little favor in the courts. If the bill can be passed, those signing the contracts need have no fear that they will cut any figure in the re-payments.

We have received a printed blank petition, several of them in fact, which we are asked to sign and forward to the Oregon delegation in congress. The petition is against the passage of what is known as the Loud bill, providing for excluding a certain class of publications from the list of second class matter.

The blamed scientists have been turning their microscopes on the towels used by the human family, and pronounce them full of microbes, bacteria and other disease germs that would be annihilated if they had to pronounce their own names.

Senator Thurston, who was at one time attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, says he has not taken interest enough in the Pacific railroad

funding bill to know anything about it. As it only involves a matter of \$130,000,000, perhaps it is too small an affair for Nebraska's senator.

BEEF SUGAR FIGURES.

A Nebraska man gives some figures on the beet sugar industry, that sound very pretty, but will not bear examination. He gives the importation of sugar at nearly four billion pounds, with about \$125,000,000. Then he says this sugar, if grown in this country, would give steady employment to 2,500,000 people.

WHICH WILL WAG?

Mr. Jonathan Bourne would probably make an efficient speaker, but just why he expects a Republican house to confer that honor upon him is beyond comprehension.

The Telegram, like the Oregonian, is much concerned over Senator Mitchell's position on the financial question. It thinks in the above article that Jonathan Bourne should "show some respect for the St. Louis platform before demanding any favorable recognition from the representatives of the party that is standing upon that declaration of principles."

In this case, however, the Telegram fails to see what its big brother is barking at, and so goes nipping at the heels of the question under the mistaken idea that it is assisting in downing Mitchell.

The papers under the big tower need an umpire, or a board of arbitration. Congress would do well to pass an act compelling assisted railroads to take out patents for their lands, and for all of them.

The first ballot for the election of a United States senator will take place at Salem January 19th. The Oregonian thinks it is a fight between Mitchell and the field, and that the result is uncertain.

what has been, it is pretty safe to say that if Mitchell needs either Populist or Democratic votes, he will get them. If they are to choose between a senator favoring international bimetalism and one favoring the single gold standard, they will take the former.

THE FISH LAWS.

It is quite likely a bill will be introduced in the coming legislature changing the fishing laws. Heretofore the laws have all been made with a view to conditions existing on the lower river.

It will also be attempted to change the close season. A law leaving the season open from May 1st until November would be an improvement on the present plan.

ISSUE THE PATENTS.

When the Northern Pacific lands from Wallula to Portland were forfeited, President Oakes, of the company, said: "This action confirms the title to all the balance of our lands, which, at a conservative estimate, are worth one billion dollars."

If the railroads own the lands they should pay taxes on them, and some senator can win fame and the enmity of the railroad companies by having passed a bill compelling all corporations that have been given lands by the government to apply for patents within a given time.

DISPATCHED.

The Dispatch is dispatched, turning up its little toes this morning. There was never room for it here; in fact, is not room for the papers already here, and that it was doomed to an early death every person who knows anything of newspapers was well assured.

Marion county's judge has ordered that the increase in the assessment of that county by the state board of equalization be not paid, claiming that the increase was unlawful. It is probable a mandamus suit

will be commenced by the state against Marion county to compel the officers thereof to collect the taxes as equalized by the board.

Sandy Olds, the Portland gambler, has been arrested for buncoing John Mohrly. Sandy should have another chance in the pen, to consider the evil of his ways.

Development of the mines in the region north of Spokane has demonstrated, or is demonstrating, that that is the greatest gold mining region in the world.

Concerning the funding of the Pacific railroad's debts to the government, congress can always have an infallible guide—that is to find out what Huntington and his partners want done, and then do something else.

Max Pracht announces himself as a candidate for the position of governor of Alaska. The Yukon now has two mouths, one of which is sixty miles wide; but if Pracht gets up there, both of them will go out of business.

Salem's leading hotel is advertising for 500 fat chickens. We do not doubt the figures, but we draw the line at the "fat." We've been there.

The Oregonian wants Mitchell to get off the St. Louis platform; and the Telegram wants Jonathan Bourne to get on.

W. E. Walther Held Up.

As W. E. Walther was going home last night about 8:30, and when about a block this side of his house on Ninth street, two men suddenly stepped up to him and commanded him to throw up his hands.

The Knights at Hood River.

Wancom Lodge, K. of P., at Hood River held a public installation of officers last night. The following program was rendered, after which one of those elegant suppers for which the lodge is famous, was served.

- Opening Ode—"America"
Prayer: Rev. Horshner
Roll Call of Officers
Installation of C. C.
Solo (with chorus): Miss Ann Smith

The Rathbone Sisters.

The Rathbone Sisters installed their officers last night as follows: P. C., Mrs. Phillips; E. C., Mrs. Lytle; E. S., Minnie Gosser; E. J., Mrs. Davis; M., Mrs. Kelsey; P., Mrs. Rorden; O. G., Mrs. Waud.

The Value of Flax.

From the test made by competent experts in Ireland on a sample ton of Puget Sound flax, a report made to Dr. A. W. Thornton, of Whatcom county, Wash., indicates that, when properly grown, the flax of that section will be worth for its fiber \$500 a ton.

noted that information and skill necessary to success in growing flax for fiber needs to be acquired. Dr. Thornton is in a position to acquire this knowledge, and upon its impartment to farmers of this region a flax movement will undoubtedly be inaugurated of great volume and profit.

THEY WERE ON THE ROOF.

Small Boys Have a Good Time, and Came Off the Roof Suddenly.

Boys will be boys, and in their efforts to find some new and exciting amusement, each generation outdoes the one before it, simply because the opportunities grow steadily larger.

Yesterday evening Nightwatchman Wiley discovered half a dozen or more boys on the roofs of the houses between Washington street and the Umatilla. He called upon them to come down, but they had not finished their fun, and refused.

By the time Wiley reached their run way the kids were at home eating supper and happy in the knowledge that they had done something new.

To Cancel Patents on Swamp Lands.

Some time since, United States Attorney Murphy received telegraphic instructions to bring a number of suits on behalf of the government, in the United States court, to secure the cancellation of patents to various tracts of swamp and other lands.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for Jan. 9, 1897.

- Anderson, Mrs C
Buxweid, Chas
Carlson & Alexander
Cook, Chas
Cannon, Jake
Crooks, Mrs Cardine
Cheeseman, H. S.
Cheeseman, Jennie
Hansen, Nicholas B
Harris, Mrs M F
Johnson, Mrs O N
Kauck, J M
Leet, O E
McDonald, Annie
McCormick, J E
Morgan, H G
Rennington, Jno
Spangler, Phil
Sorenson, G C
Smith, Willard A
Smith, O
St Clair, Alce
Vingen, Ann M
Weston, G
West, F A
J. A. CROSSEN, P. M.

The Wheat Market.

Under date of the 7th inst. the San Francisco wheat market report is given, and it indicates that higher prices are to prevail. As high as \$1.62 per cental has been paid, and it is stated that the supply in the state has been diminished 75,000 tons within the year.

A New Year Revert.

The editor of the Eugene Guard, being undoubtedly lured thereto by contemplation of the office devil, thus breaks loose in a recent issue:

"Backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight; make me a boy again, just for tonight. Give me the bliss of that rapturous time, when I would go swimming, say, half of the time. Give me the blither that followed the bliss on the part of my neck that the sun didn't miss; give me the belting that followed it then; make me a jubilant archer again. Backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight; give me one chance at the teacher who larnped me six times a day—Oh give me a chance at that teacher I say. And give me the woodpile as big as a hill; let the pleasure of splitting it cheer me and thrill, while the boys gaily cheer me from over the fence. Oh, give me that bliss again, darn the expense! The small reservation just over the hill, where the thought of the hoeing would give me a chill; the cow that caressed me each eye with her tail as I tried to draw milk for a twenty-quart pail, the hens that forever are wanting to set, the pig with a stomach man never filled yet, measles that hit me; that colicky pain—Oh give me the bliss of my boyhood again! If you'd fill me with rapture and cheerful delight, backward, turn backward, Oh time in your flight."

Death of Bradford Bonney.

Our account of the death of Bradford Bonney yesterday was not entirely correct. He died on the Southern Pacific train near Ashland. He had been sitting for some time, and during the last week gave unmistakable symptoms of consumption. He was being taken to Southern California in the hope that the change of climate might prove beneficial, and expired suddenly and unexpectedly. The body was brought here, arriving on the noon train today, both the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. holding their trains so that there was no delay in reaching here.

The funeral will take place from the family residence tomorrow (Saturday) at 10 o'clock a. m.

There is Nothing So Good.

There is nothing just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, so demand it and do not permit the dealer to sell you some substitute. He will not claim there is anything better, but in order to make more profit he may claim something else to be just as good.

Here is another juvenile claimant who is younger than his Linn county competitor. The Salem Statesman says that George Victor Evans, of Marion county, is the youngest person in the state holding a certificate to teach school. He is 11 1/2 years old and passed the examination held by County School Superintendent Jones last August. His general average was 73 1/2 per cent. He is a son of D. M. Evans, who lives south of Salem.

CURSES OF INTERMARRIAGE.

Afflictions Entailed Upon the British Royal Family by Blood Marriages.

A writer in America, discoursing on the results of intermarrying, gives an appalling list of the diseases and deformities with which various members of European royal houses are afflicted, owing to this cause. From mere facial deformity up to insanity, says London Truth, there is scarcely any distressing affliction with which humanity is afflicted which does not find a place in the list. Very possibly this catalogue may be incorrect, but experience unquestionably proves the fact that there is a degeneration in royal families. To a certain extent this may be due to intermarriage, but I suspect that it is still more due to the species of cult that is paid to royalties from generation to generation, and which must in the nature of things weaken their intellectual fiber.

This is Your Opportunity.

On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Oatarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate the great merits of the remedy.

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