

The Weekly Chronicle.

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AMERICAN AND BRITISH SYSTEMS

In discussing the comparative merits of the American and British commercial systems, it is necessary to study the respective conditions out of which they arise. In the first place, the American people possess a variety of soils adapted to every species of agricultural product.

In England the Malthusian theory has become a stern reality. Her population increases while her food supply relatively falls behind, and the gap in the proportion widens in an alarming manner.

In our manufactures we start with the advantage of having our raw material ready at hand, while England must go thousands of miles for every cotton ball she spins.

Free trade has been a failure even in Great Britain, despite her elaborate colonial policy. A special cable from London, dated Nov. 7th, states that the total decrease in the value of British exports for ten months of 1897 is \$30,000,000.

We require for continuous and increasing prosperity, not so much any particular tariff schedules, as the general, vital, conserving principle

of protection, practically applied and prudently adjusted to the industries and interests of all sections and classes.—Wool Record.

NEWSPAPERS IN SCHOOLS.

A New England man has just given \$50,000, the interest of which is to be spent in buying newspapers for the public schools of Boston. Of course if the right papers are purchased, the money will be well expended, but in Kansas City, where newspapers have been adopted as text books in the public schools, the selection is queer, to say the least.

The Jersey City News, in commenting on this, calls attention to the character of the issue in which the Journal announced proudly that it had been made a text book for the public schools of Kansas City. One of the articles in this issue was an account of how Anna Held, an opera singer, had been "kissed to a standstill" in 150 kisses, with full page illustrations, and an interview with the "lady" telling how she felt while the kissing was in progress.

THE WHEAT TRADE.

The local market is very inactive, and the same is true of interior markets. The export value of wheat has declined a great deal during the week, and holders prefer to take chances on a rise in prices after the turn of the year, rather than market at present quotations, which to merchants and speculators represent quite a loss on their dealings with the farming community.

The East Oregonian, noting the fact that a case was pending in the Washington supreme court to test the constitutionality of the law preventing aliens holding real estate in that state, says that "if it is right for land to be owned, it is right for aliens to own it," and that "rights that cannot be conferred upon all men irrespective of nationality, become privileges and stand in the way of progress under any government conferring them."

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of education or otherwise; cannot accept the single tax theory as correct. It is, in our opinion, the correct thing to prevent foreigners owning lands in the United States, and it is the best thing that can happen to this or any other country when every one of its citizens owns a piece of the soil.

GROSS EXAGGERATION.

Last year Col. Pat Donan was ripping Republicanism up the back and howling calamity for political purposes. Now he is employed by the O. R. & N. to boom Oregon, and he sings like the cylinder of a threshing machine. The trouble is, was, and always will be with Donan's work, that it is so grossly exaggerated that it loses all its power for good and becomes a positive evil.

"From the northern line of California and Nevada to the remotest limits of Alaska and the Northwest territory, the whole Pacific slope is booming—booming beyond all precedent. I am one of those who devoutly believed that McKinley, as the 'advance agent of prosperity,' was traveling a long way ahead of his show; but the caravan has caught up with the foremost bugler and bill poster, so far as the Pacific Northwest is concerned. The stars in their courses have fought for protection, Billy and the 'grand old party.' Prosperity has swept like a golden cyclone over Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia. Great as the Yukon gold boom is, and infinitely greater as it is to be, it is, as yet, but a trifle compared with other booms that are pushing the Pacific coast forward. Take Oregon, for instance. With an area of 96,000 square miles and but about 400,000 population, it has this year produced 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, worth \$30,000,000. In addition, Oregon has this year turned out 600,000,000 feet of lumber, worth \$12,000,000; about 50,000,000 lbs. of fruit, worth about \$5,000,000; something like 15,000,000 pounds of wool, worth \$2,000,000; fish, amounting to \$3,000,000; gold, silver, copper, lead and coal, aggregating \$10,000,000—a grand total of \$70,000,000, or about \$175 for every man, woman and child within her borders for one year's yield."

The report that comes from England as to thread and twine manufacture will interest persons in Oregon who have been paying attention to growth of fibers. A movement is on foot to start opposition on a great scale to the Coates company. So many applications for stock have been received that it has been decided to increase the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The Coates company is capitalized at \$37,500,000. Fourteen leading firms of threadmakers in cotton, silk and linen, have been absorbed by the new anti-monopoly, and a war in the trade is looked for. The Coates people, however, are taking things comfortably, and they say that there is room for both in the field.

The report that there will be a two-thirds majority in the senate for the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty is probably correct. The annexation project gains friends as time passes, says the Oregonian. All the objections which can be urged against annexation have been heard, and they are not formidable. The president will, in his message, recommend early action, and nearly all the Republicans and a majority of the Democrats are likely to stand with him on this question. Nobody need be surprised if annexation comes before the end of January.

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skins being dressed there, and the United States puts up the expenses. It is high time for this government to quit guarding Behring sea for England and Canada, and policing Cuban waters for Spain. The sensible thing to do is simply to permit the killing of seals by any American citizen. In two years the herds would be exterminated, and the question forever settled.

The Portland Tribune, we understand, is to blossom out with the dispatches and bloom in the early morning. Another daily paper is sadly needed in Oregon's metropolis, and we hope the Tribune will be able to fill the long-felt want. It may do so, but the public has lost confidence in all such experiments, and will not believe in its continuance until it is known that behind it is money enough to carry it and build it up.

The wealth of Wasco county in money, as shown by the assessment rolls for 1897, is but \$4,987, and yet thousands of dollars worth of business is being transacted throughout the county every day. Either money is not absolutely necessary for the transaction of business or else somebody has lied to the assessor.—Glacier.

Big Gale at Astoria.

A dispatch from Astoria on the 16th said: "A furious gale has been raging since 3 o'clock this morning, and is now increasing. The wind is blowing sixty miles an hour at the cape. No ships have arrived or departed. The mouth of the river is obscured by a heavy fog and rain. The steamer State of California, due this morning, it is presumed, is lying outside near the lightship. In Astoria, fences were blown down, awnings swept away, and the old Anglo-American cannery was tumbled over onto the railroad track in East Astoria, compelling the work train to stop and the hands to clear away the wreck before the train could proceed. A runaway skiff was blown across the bay at a high rate of speed, and passengers on river steamers were seasick.

"A man just in from Elsie, in the Upper Nehalem valley, reports that the storm is very severe all through the Nehalem country. The Big Fishhawk is so swollen it is difficult to cross it. A large tree was blown across the Clatskanie bridge, knocking out four spans. It is feared there will be much damage."

Donation Wanted for the Children.

The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is at this time in great need of funds, and in fact, of everything that would be of use to children. Last summer, as stated in THE CHRONICLE, the superintendent of this society planned a visit to The Dalles to canvass for subscriptions, but was prevented by a severe attack of typhoid fever, which kept him in bed for almost the entire summer. However, having now recovered, he will wait on the business men of this city in a few days, and any and all donations will be thankfully received, such as money, children's clothing, both new and second hand, or provisions. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists, will receive them or notify Mr. Gardner on his arrival. Nearly every person is familiar with the work of this society, viz: Rescuing homeless, neglected and abused children, and finding them suitable homes. It is hoped that all who are able will respond with what they can afford.

Will Hunt Gold on Copper River.

A party of New England men, most of whom hail from Boston, are in Seattle outfitting for a most hazardous trip over the glacial fields and snow-covered mountain ranges of Alaska. They are captained by F. Herbert Haines, a newspaper man from Salem, Mass.

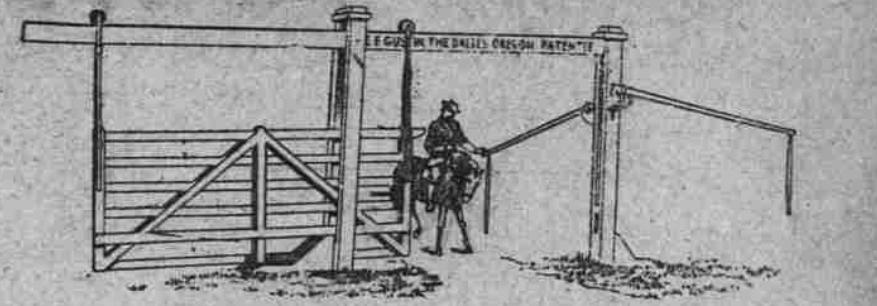
The party is bound for a second Eldorado lying in the upper Copper river country in Alaska. In preparation for a possible encounter with the hostile tribe of Indians living in the region, they will go well armed.

The Copper-river Indians have for years brought down gold to the trading stores at the mouth of the river. They will not tell where they got it, and oppose anything like exploration of the country. They carry this policy to the point of armed hostility.

He Was a Big Man.

He was big of chest and limbs, and as he came in he said: "I'm going to give you all the trouble I can till I get what fits me." Less than five minutes later the salesman said, "Try this one." It was a first rate fit, one of those clay worked, size 48. The vest perfect; the trousers 48 around the waist, 30 in length—perfect, without an alteration of button or anything the most trifling. He wore it away on his back, a more than pleased man. Couldn't have been fitted better had it been made to his measure, and it cost fully one-half less. Everybody, big man or not, can be fitted at A. M. Williams & Co.'s. Your money back if you want it.

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E. E. GUSTIN. THE DALLES, OR.

Dalles Public Schools. Following is the enrollment on Friday, November 12, 1897:

Table with columns: TEACHERS, Attendance, and Total. Lists names of teachers and their respective school enrollments.

No. days of school, 20. Per cent of attendance on number being long, 96. JOHN GAVIN, Principal.

Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles un-called for Oct. 29, 1897. Persons calling for the same will give date on which they were advertised:

- List of names and addresses: Aldrich F M, Adelson Base, Alley Geo M, Aldrich Frank, Bennis Geo, Barnes Lizzie, Blue Mrs L, Barber C O, Bacon B B, Connolly Delia A, Campbell Mrs Nettie, Darvis T F, Davidson Chas E, Davidson Harry, Davidson Daisy, Deyfus J A, Deyfus A, Flemming A, Floory Mary, Grove Sadie, Gordon Lela, Groves E, Grosney Lue, Greenleaf Lewis, Hoyt M, Hawley Ira, Harris G W, Hamilton C H, Johnson J A, Johns Bess, Johnson Frank, Johnson Hilda, Jarules Mr, Johnson Dave, Johnson C W, Jenkins J A, Juiks Amanda, King Michael, Lemons Josiah, Leaking Susie, Lona Mrs H M, Leinenger Martha, Lage Mattie, Lynch T E, Lowery Chas F, Model Feath Clr-Co, Myers W C, Moe Frank, Margan Lou, McDonald J M, McAllister Jos, Mayer Lizzie, Olson John, Poole Chas, Rogers Dick, Robbins Minerva, Robins Mary, Salden Sarah, Sears H, State Olive, Schanner Johan, Shane I A, Wmth Fritz, Swanson Jno, Tall Geo, Thompson C F, Thomas J D, Wren Clay, Vermont Mar Wks, Von der Helen H, Vinegar S W, Wattle Jno, Watt J N, Walker Mary, Warfield Edw, Wakefield & Jacob, Warner M, Wilson R E, Woodford W T, Woodcock Wm, Wing G L, Wright J T, Wickham Clarence, Witham Verona, J. A. Crossen, P. M.

Robbed at Huntington.

The Baker City Democrat prints the following dispatch from Huntington, dated November 16th:

D. McCrawley, who shipped some sheep east from here a short time ago, was robbed of \$135 here early yesterday morning by a gang of hoboes. McCrawley had been drinking heavily all night with the hoboes and had displayed considerable money with the result that when he reached a stage of intoxication bordering upon helplessness, he was robbed. It is understood the party was from The Dalles and was returning there.

William Thorn, said to be well connected in Eastern Oregon, was arrested in Weiser last night for the robbery, and \$101 of the stolen money recovered. He had bought a ticket for Pocatello, but owing to the vigilance of the officers he had no chance to use it. He will be bound over to the grand jury, and stands a good chance of getting a long term in the penitentiary.

J. W. Neamth Woman's Relief Corps will hold a memorial service in Schanno's hall next Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. This meeting is called in pursuance of general orders received from national and department officers, in memory of Mrs. E. Florence Barker, past national president, who died at her home in Malden, Mass., on September 11, 1897, and Mrs. Julia Abraham, past department president, who died at the family home in Roseburg, Or., on October 6, 1897, and our own members who have "crossed over" during the present year. All friends of the order are invited to be present.

Wanted.

Freight teams to load for the interior. For particulars inquire at the Jacobson Book and Music store. 16 2t

FOUNDER OF TOMBSTONE.

Remarkable Career of a St. Louis Boy Who Became a Miner.

Edward Schefflein, who was found dead the other day in his miner's shack in Oregon, had an eventful life, says the St. Louis Republic. "I remember well," said William H. Boothe, an old-time mine promoter, to a reporter, "when he opened up the Contention mine at Tombstone and gave the place its queer name. I ought to remember it, for it was I who grub-staked Schefflein on that prospecting tour. He bunked me out of all but a few hundred dollars."

"The stories that have been told about Schefflein's daring in penetrating into the Apache country and particularly into the Cochise mountains, where he found the Contention lode, are not much exaggerated. It was a pretty ticklish thing to do down there. Old Cochise had been 'pacified,' it is true, but he had a lively son, Natchez, and a valiant nephew, Geronimo, and they were the active young leaders of about as 'pizen' a set of Indians as ever swung a Winchester.

"So when Ed Schefflein struck the Contention lode and called the place 'Tombstone,' we thought it a happy play of Ed's mind.

"The Contention proved to be a great mine. It was enormously rich in silver, but it was discovered just about the time every condition arose to put down the price of that metal. However, it yielded an amount away into the millions. The Scheffleins sold half of the mine to Walter Dean, of San Francisco; Dick Gird, of Los Angeles; F. A. Tritte, then governor of the territory, and others in San Francisco for \$500,000.

"Of course the Scheffleins lost most of their fortune. They couldn't help it. Ed was a restless fellow. He wasn't dissipated, nor did he gamble or have other expensive vices, but he was generous and a plunger on his luck. He wouldn't settle down and do business on business principles."

CRUSHED THE CONDUCTOR.

A Passenger's Quick Wit Roundly Reproved His Gruffness.

The passengers on a crowded cable car the other day were immensely "tickled" at the discomfiture of a conductor, who was both rude and disobliging, but was cleverly circumvented, says the New York Commercial Advertiser.

The conductor handed five pennies in change to a well-dressed woman. She requested that a nickel be given to her instead, as she had no purse and the pennies would probably be lost. Gentle as was the request, it irritated the conductor, and he said: "No, I have to take pennies and you can do the same. They will buy just as much as a nickel." The woman remained silent and the conductor proceeded down the car.

At that moment a man who was about to pay his fare touched the lady's arm and handed her a nickel, taking in exchange the pennies, which he immediately gave to the conductor. It was all done quietly and quickly, yet many saw the play, and all who did smiled with satisfaction.

WINNING A WIFE IN GREECE.

Sponge Gatherers Engage in Subaqueous Contests for Her Hand.

In many of the Greek islands diving for sponges forms a considerable part of the occupation of the inhabitants. A visitor to this unfrequented region describes the following rather startling custom. He says: "Himia, which is a little island directly opposite Rhodes, is worthy of notice on account of the singular method by which the Greek inhabitants of the island get their living. On the bottom of the sea in this locality the common sponge is found in greater abundance than in any other part of the Mediterranean. The natives make it a trade to gather these, and their income from this source is far from contemptible; their goods are always in demand among the Turks, who use an incredible number of sponges in the ablutions prescribed by the Mohammedan ritual. A girl in this island is not permitted to marry until she has brought up a certain number of sponges and given proof of her skill by taking them from a certain depth. But in certain of these islands this custom is reversed. The father of a marriageable daughter bestows her on the best diver among her suitors. He who can stay longest in the water and bring up the biggest cargo of sponges marries the maid."

The Obesity Record.

Daniel Lambert, the famous fat man and the most noted example of obesity recorded in medical annals, was born in 1770, and died at the age of 40, of excessive fat. His weight was 739 pounds.