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THE WEST RULES.

In discussing the development of the imperialistic sentiment in the United States, the London Times says that it has grown more rapidly in the Western states...

There is no mystery, however, about the ambition or about the strength that is back of it. The West is now the governing factor in the nation's politics by force of numbers...

Though the West is inland, it is constantly looking outward, because it is a tremendous producer of exports. And as its vast resources are further developed the diversity in its exports which has begun already will increase and compel a recourse to still wider and wider markets...

FOURTEEN WERE RIGHT.

If General Grant still lived, in the full possession of his faculties, he could not express himself upon the great question of the day more strongly and pointedly than he did in his second inaugural address, March 4, 1873...

The question of expansion at that time in its immediate practical bearing was of comparatively trivial moment. It is related to a small island in the West Indies which Denmark was willing to sell to this country...

The United States has had twenty-four presidents, and with the one exception of Grover Cleveland not one of them all ever opposed the extension of our national territory...

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS.

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rich man of political ambition likes it, because it affords him a chance to buy a seat in the senate. It suits the political boss, who knows he could not be elected by direct vote at the hustings...

A voice more vehement than the present feeble outcry will be required to break up the existing system. There must be long agitation, and some day a great uprising at the ballot box...

THE OPPONENTS OF THE TREATY

The country is tired of the performance of the little gang of Democratic malcontents and obstructionists and of Republican renegades who have been delaying the ratification of the Spanish treaty...

Moreover, the delay in the present instance is inexcusable. Ostensibly the opposition to the treaty represents the hostility to the retention of the Philippines which is manifested by the fragment of obstructionists...

The principal offenders in this conspiracy against the country's interests and wishes are the little band of Republicans led by Hoar and Hale. The Democrats' opposition is easily understood. They want to embarrass the administration and humiliate the Republican party...

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Aguinaldos of the senate, will shame these obstructionists into silence and roll up an overwhelming majority for the treaty when the vote takes place.

The United States has nearly twice as many postoffices as any country, the total being 71,468, and the largest number of employees, 198,605. Germany is second, with 39,382 offices and 183,212 employees...

Senator Stewart has succeeded in his ambition to get a third term from Nevada. The senator, originally elected as a Republican, was an active member of the convention that nominated Bryan...

PERSONAL MENTION

D. C. Herrin is in the city. Jacob Haas, of Portland, is in the city. B. E. Snipes, of Seattle, is a Dalles visitor today...

BORN.

In this city, Thursday, Feb. 2, 1899, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadley, a son.

Scalp Bounty Bill Passes the House.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Feb. 3.—Williamson's bill, termed the scalp bounty bill, passed the house today. This bill provides that a tax of one and one-half cents be levied on each head of sheep...

The governor today signed the reapportionment bill. Also six charter bills and one creating the office of state biologist. A measure providing for a lien on farm products, for the purpose of protecting farm laborers, passed the house...

Announcement.

To Whom It May Concern:—I have this day disposed of the dental office heretofore occupied by me, to Dr. G. E. Sanders, who will continue the same in the rooms formerly occupied by me in the Chapman block, The Dalles, Oregon...

I have seen Dr. Sanders work for the last four years and I must say it places him among the best operators of the present time. And I am sure that he will treat all who call upon him kindly, patiently, intelligently and fairly.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with the transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system...

WATER COMMISSIONERS MEET.

The Dalles water commission met on January 31st, Commissioners Seufert, Fish, Phirman, Crossen, Randall and Bolton being present. The following bills were audited and ordered paid: J. B. Crossen, for labor... \$ 4 25...

J. W. French appeared before the commission and requested that they make an extension of the water main on Second street to the east end of the Waaco Warehouse. The commission decided not to take immediate action regarding the matter...

In the matter of Dalles City water rent for fire protection, Dalles City is paying the sum of thirty-two dollars per month for the same, and as the commission has made valuable improvements in the water system...

The treasurer reported as follows: To bal, cash on hand \$570 75. Recd. during mo 1174 30. Total cash \$644 05. By warrants redeemed \$634 26. Balance cash on hand \$ 97 79.

SUBJECTS FOR CHARITY.

The Stiles Boys to be Taken to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and the Mother to the Poor Farm.

A case deserving of special attention and the charity of the people was brought before Judge Mays yesterday by several citizens, under whose notice it came. It is that of the Stiles family, who for some time has resided in a little house up in the pines...

In the meantime a committee of citizens has been busily engaged in making the boys respectable looking and has patronized Parkins' bath rooms, the clothing stores, etc., so that their former friends would hardly recognize them in the boys of yesterday.

Latest From Salem.

SALEM, Capitol, February 2.—Curtis' amendment to the law protecting salmon passed the house. The bill providing for convict labor on public highways passed the senate.

The bill granting a charter to Woodburn passed the House. At a special session of the joint committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the soldier's home reported today. They made a full examination and exonerated Byers, praising his management...

New Line of GARLANDS Just Received.

No. 7 Woodland k stove \$ 7.50. No. 8 " " " 8.50. No. 8 Wood Garla. jr., cook stove 15.00. No. 8 Wood Garland, jr., reservoir and base 25.00.

Also a full line of Cole's Hot Blast Air Tight Heaters just received.

Everybody knows that "Garland" stoves and ranges are the world's best. They combine elegant finish, durability, and convenience, with economy of fuel, and in spite of all competition hold their station far in advance of all others.

MAIER & BENTON, Hardware and Grocery Merchants..... The Dalles, Or.

but leaving provision in the governors hands, for the home and certain rules turning their pension over to the roles. They also reported a bill on the subject.

SHOULD NOT BE LEASED.

To the Stockmen, Farmers and all other Citizens of the State of Oregon:—The point we wish to make in this communication is to show that our timber reserve should not be leased for the purpose of pasturing stock.

The timber reserve of the Cascade mountains in Oregon extends from the Columbia on the North to the California line on the south and without definite figures we estimate its breadth at about sixty miles. Thirty miles from the extreme east and west brings us to the summit of these heavy timbered mountains, the west side of which is more dense with timber and undergrowth.

Thirty years ago this timber belt was the largest of any body of timber in the world of equal dimensions. The silt moss sticks and leaves had formed a seed bed all over the ground from one to ten inches deep, and the undergrowth, small and large timber, was so thick that you could not get through it with a horse, where now you can drive through it with horses and wagon, and in places, almost to the summit. We are speaking more particularly of the east side of the reserve, for it is in a much dryer climate than the west.

In traveling down these mountains east about ten or fifteen miles the high ridges begin to get thinner of timber and soon you come to traces of bunch grass and open ridges, but the hill sides and hollows were yet densely timbered. The snow fell very deep in winter upon this thick mulching of silt, moss, sticks and leaves before mentioned, and also among the thick undergrowth and trees which would cause the snow to go off very slow, in fact, it would last, some years, until almost the first of August and the ground then was very loose and absorbed the water from the melting snow like a sponge, and thus seeps slowly into the creeks and keeps them flush all the season.

A great change is now being wrought in many of these things. Our timber, the pride and boast of the United States, and the peer of the world, is being wasted, and destroyed much faster than ever before. Who can compute the value of the timber wantonly destroyed in the last eight or ten years; or what it would be worth when our commerce has attained its full development in the orient, which market will be almost boundless.

We hear some one crying, visionary, for by the rule of progress we, nor our children, will ever see a market for this timber. We answer, that we already live in a time when all things are worked by the double rule of progress and now who can tell what a year may bring forth, especially, if we judge the future by the past.

Let us again turn from fancies to facts. Large tracts of this indispensable and essential seed bed before spoken of, is now destroyed by fires and the tramping of herds, and is bare and dusty, upon which the snows fall in winter. With much of the timber, the undergrowth and mulching gone, the first winds and warm sun of the spring melts this snow very rapidly causing the rivers and creeks to overflow their banks and washing away many acres of valuable land as well as precipitating and running off the whole season's waters in a very few days.

In the hot summer time the herds are kept the most of the time on the creeks and other watering places and from these places the freshets take all their filth and deposits down the mountain streams, and fouls all the water and air in the settlements below. Our rivers and creeks are affording more impure water; the air is drier and less healthy; our seasons have less rain in spring and summer, and our crops are shorter.

It will be very nice for this peerless belt of timber to be parceled out to us and leased to us for the pittance of one cent a head per year. If we can thus succeed, we can safely promise that in less than eight years we can make of it the best stock ranges on the Pacific coast, and by that time we can herd on every foot of this now grand timber reserve, and will have truly "killed the goose that laid the golden egg."

One proposition more claims a few thoughts here, and that is this, that herding stock on the timber reserve is a benefit to it. Does this need repeating? Will any man say who was in this belt of timber thirty years ago, that it is now better, thicker, thriftier and more young timber; the water plentier; the seasons damper; the climate healthier and all together the country was better? We have been more or less familiar with this timber belt for the last thirty-five years and know whereof we speak.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a humming sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.