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MANUAL LABOR PROSPEROUS.

In almost every railroad station between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains, notices have been posted during the last three months offering high wages for track hands, says the New York Sun. At \$2 a day it was impossible to get a supply of this cheapest grade of manual labor. One reason was that it was easy, in Nebraska especially, to make from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day shucking corn. Many clerks got leave of absence to go into the corn field and work for a few days. Now the wages of railroad laborers in that region have risen from \$2 to \$2.50, with board, and the chances are that the figures may go somewhat higher, for the railroads can get few men to go into the mountains, where the work is severe in winter. It is only five years since the president of one of the great Western railroads said freely in private conversation that the time was coming within a decade when the day laborer, especially the railroad day laborer, would be getting 90 cents a day, and would be glad even of that. The great advance in the wages of day laborers and the mistaken views of one of the great directors of labor in this country serve to emphasize the fallacy of the assertion that the workman is not getting a fair share. Next to the Western farmer, who is making from 75 to 100 per cent clear profit on what he produces, the manual laborer seems to be about the most prosperous individual in the land. In work on Western railroads his wages have gone up fully 100 per cent. Few other callings can show such a record.

THE RESPECTABLE ELEMENT.

The Astoria News says: "United States Senator Simon, who is now in Portland, is quoted as having made the statement that Henry W. Corbett will be elected to succeed Senator McBride. Mr. Simon is said to base his prediction on the alleged fact that Mr. McBride cannot be re-elected unless he gets democratic votes, and that he cannot hope for this support because the Corbett crowd has 'crystallized' the democrats. It is evident from this purported statement of the distinguished Portlander that the Corbett people also despair of success without democratic aid. That the democrats will support Corbett in preference to McBride is, however, extremely improbable, as they are not purchasable, notwithstanding Mr. Simon's statement to the contrary. The success of the citizens' movement in Multnomah county was due to the aid rendered by McBrideites, it is said, and, if the democrats support a republican, he will be a representative of the respectable element of the party."

"Respectable element of the party" is good—exceedingly good. It shuts out Simon, Corbett, the small fry like Graham Glass, and all who had anything to do with Jonathan Bourne's harem at the bold unarchivist, debauchee legislature of 1897.

VERY CONSIDERABLY MIXED.

Shall Great Britain now be free to assume and exercise dominion and plant colonies in Central America? asks the New York Times. In the Clayton-Bulwer treaty she bound herself not to do that. It is now said that the Monroe Doctrine will restrain her. But, why was it necessary to embody an express prohibition in the treaty of 1850? The treaty was law. The doctrine is law only for us, merely doctrine for the others. If they chose to disregard it we must stop them with fleets and armies. With the treaty in force we are free from all concern about attempts to control the destiny of Central American republics. We shall not be free from concern in the

future, for at any time a straining of relations may lead to unfriendly demonstrations there. That is a complication created, a dead question made alive, by the amendments.

There is the further question of Nicaragua. We must now make a new treaty with her, and she must make a new treaty with Great Britain before we can begin the canal. In the treaty of 1867 with her "the United States agreed to extend their protection to all such routes of communication as aforesaid, (meaning the canal), and to guarantee the neutrality and innocent use of the same. They also agree to employ their influence with other nations to induce them to guarantee such neutrality and protection." All that becomes a dead letter if the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty is accepted. A new treaty must take the place of the treaty of 1867. But Nicaragua also has a treaty with Great Britain by which she is bound not to grant to the United States or any other power any exclusive privileges in regard to the canal; and Great Britain is bound not to permit such exclusive privileges to be exercised by any power. We must ask these two powers to be good enough to oblige us with a new treaty not containing the offensive restriction upon the exercise of our preference for a war canal of exclusively American make.

The statement by some of the press in this state that the only objection that has been raised to the selection of H. W. Corbett as United States senator was that he was wealthy, is erroneous. Several of the leading republican papers of the state, outside of Portland, are opposed to his election, not because he is rich but because he is the representative of a ring and, if elected, would work for the interests of that ring; therefore he is not the best man to represent the whole people of the state of Oregon in the United States senate. Another statement, which is not true, is that the objection to Corbett is a silly mania, emanating from populism, etc. There are surely a few men in this state beside Mr. Corbett who are successful and who are as competent and capable as he, and who are not owned or controlled by a certain political faction. True, we want a capable and successful man to represent us but let us have one who is free to work for the interests of the United States, and the state of Oregon; not one who is bound hand and foot to work for a very small portion of the state.—Antelope Republican.

State Senator Daly is out for H. W. Corbett for United States senator, on the ground that Oregon needs an energetic man to represent it in the halls of congress. Well, this is a joke! remarks the Astoria News. Senator Daly says Mr. Corbett will certainly be elected, which is another joke. Mr. Corbett doesn't stand as much chance as Mr. Daly. He is not the fit man for the place and the Oregon legislature will not elect him.

The state auditor of Kansas has prepared a bill, which he will endeavor to have passed at the coming legislature, making it an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment for an assessor to assess property at less than its true value. Such a law would not work here unless some plan could be invented whereby proceedings would be inevitably instituted against the offender.

"Colonel" E. Hofer, the pre-eminent free silver lunatic of the Salem Capital Journal, is out tooth and nail for H. W. Corbett for United States senator. The consideration, for obvious reasons, has not been announced, but it is not thought to have been much. "Verily, politics," as a contemporary once sagely remarked, "makes strange bedfellows."

The Statesman says a visitor to the state house recently noticed on a table a set of incorporation papers for the organization of a "Natural Gas Company." "Hello," he said, "the populist party is going to reorganize, is it?"

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PROTECTION'S LATEST PHASE.

The American people are paying \$200,000,000 or more a year to foreign ship owners for ocean carrying. They ought to do their own ocean carrying and thus keep this money at home. The ship subsidy bill is a plan to encourage them to do this. It offers inducements for the construction and operation of new ships of American register, giving in subsidies to the owners of such ships under prescribed conditions and limitations enough, according to the judgment of the experts, to offset the higher cost of American labor, which at present is the chief obstacle to successful American ocean steamship competition against the well-established and small-wage European lines.

In other words, it applies to ocean shipping, the identical doctrine and principle under the workings of which our great inland industries have been built up—that is to say, the doctrine and principle of protection to American labor and invested capital. The democrats used to tell us that we could never have home industries without meeting the low wage levels of Europe. The republican party disputed that assertion, insisted upon a protective tariff, and enjoys today an unqualified vindication in the form of an industrial prosperity never so pronounced, with wage levels never so high. What has been done for our factories and mills can be done for our ship yards and docks. We can develop the infant industry without sacrificing the superior American wage, and it is the policy of practical statesmanship to proceed to do so without delay.

Just think of it! The United States is today the largest manufacturing nation in the world, with the greatest export business and the longest coast line, washed by the waves of the greatest commercial oceans; yet it does not carry a tenth of its own enormous and growing ocean commerce. It has, in unequalled abundance, every material necessary for the building of great ships and a genius for mechanical achievements well calculated to put it in the lead of marine architecture and construction. It has natural facilities without limit and inactive capital in great plenty. Yet other nations do its shipping and pocket the profits, while also in large measure dictating terms. This situation to Americans of spirit is intolerable, and the remedy proposed, not having been supplanted by a better, is certainly worthy of a trial.

Another Pioneer Gone.

Joseph Burger, an old and respected resident of The Dalles and a California pioneer of 1849, died at his residence in this city at 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, after an illness that began a year ago in an attack of paralysis that rendered him practically helpless ever since. The immediate cause of death was strangulated hernia, from which he suffered intensely during the three closing weeks of his life.

Joseph Burger was born sixty-nine years ago in Mansfield, Ohio. He crossed the plains to California in 1849 and for years was engaged in mining and other occupations in that state. He came to Oregon about thirty years ago, and for many years was engaged in the express business in this city. He was married sixteen years ago to Mrs. Belle Dickerson, who survives him.

The deceased was a hard-working, honorable man and a good and worthy citizen. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias for over twenty years, and the funeral, which takes place at 2 p. m. tomorrow from the residence on Third street, will be conducted under their auspices.

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A VERY SAD CASE.

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Thursday's Daily W. T. Gardner, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, was in town today looking after the case of a young girl of 16, who had fallen into bad company and had apparently started on the road to ruin. The girl, who is a mere child in looks, is an orphan, her mother having died when she was two years old and her father when she was seven. She never, therefore, knew a mother's care, and living here and there, at times among relatives and at other times among strangers, like Topsy "grewed" up rather than was reared up.

Coming here eight or ten days ago the girl put up at one of the hotels and soon after her arrival took the bell-boy, a lad of her own age, into her confidence and told him she was without money and wanted to find work, either in the hotel or anywhere where she could earn a living. The young scrub took advantage of her situation and, as the girl alleges, ruined her. Most of the rest of her story cannot be told in these pages. It must suffice to say that her visitors became so numerous that the matter came to the ears of the hotel proprietor and she was summarily ejected.

After the girl had gone to another hotel Special Nightwatchman Alisky heard of her and reported the matter to Sheriff Kelly. Mr. Kelly immediately placed the girl under the care of a respectable elderly woman and reported the case to Judge Blakeley, who wired Mr. Gardner to come here at once. Unfortunately for the ends of justice the girl is past the age of consent and, much to Mr. Gardner's regret, a number of well-known young bloods of The Dalles are spared the disgrace of open exposure and possibly terms in the penitentiary.

After a long conference with the girl this morning, in the presence of Judge Blakeley and Sheriff Kelly, Mr. Gardner had the offending bell-boy summoned and in presence of the girl read the lad a lesson that he is not likely to forget for many a day. As the girl is too old for the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Mr. Gardner concluded to take her to Portland and place her for the present under the care of a lady who will look after her welfare. The girl appeared to be penitent and was perfectly willing to go with Mr. Gardner, promising that she would do all in her power to be a good girl in the future.

Football on New Years.

The game between The Dalles and Wasco for New Year's day has fizzled, swing to Wasco not being able to get a team together for the game; but The Dalles will play at that time with a Portland football team at The Dalles.

This paper did not intend to speak of it, but since there is to be no game between The Dalles and Wasco, and after the senseless and brutal attack of the Wasco newspaper regarding the game there recently between Wasco and our home team, it becomes necessary to say that The Dalles boys have used all honorable means to bring about a return game. This paper has no doubt that Wasco has good reasons for declining to meet The Dalles again and we accept them in good faith. However, The Dalles is ready and willing to meet Wasco at any time. We will play them with high school, our first team, second team, or any old team, crippled or otherwise.

The game between the Portland and the Dalles aggregation will be interesting. The players below are not allied with any club and have won four games out of five this season, and the other was a tie game between the Orientals and themselves. It is composed of amateurs entirely.

As New Year's day is a holiday, it is hoped that all will attend and contribute to the support of the game. Our young athletes have spent a great deal of time and some money to put our town where it belongs in the ranks of the progressive ones. The Athletic and Commercial Club is also extending a helping hand, which is much appreciated, and after this season all athletics of our city will doubtless be under the auspices of our splendid club.

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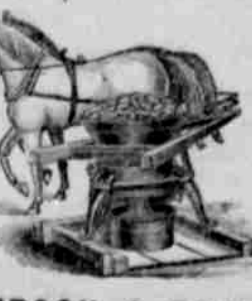
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