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WHY PAY IMPORT DUTY.

The secretary of agriculture, in his annual report, devotes a paragraph to the middleman, and the extent to which he is enabled by various conditions especially prevalent in America, to absord a large proportion of the prices paid by the consumers for farm products, thus unduly limiting the profits of the farmer. Admitting the difficulty of remedying of this evil, he points out that a partial remedy, to provide which is the duty of his department, is to keep the farmer fully informed in regard to the market values of his wares. This will, at least, save him from the penalty of ignorance and the unscrupulous greed of traders, and he concludes by stating that it is his earnest desire and intention to extend the work in this direction until every farmer in the country may know, before he markets his goods, just what their value is in the nearest market. The secretary emphasizes the value of a greater diversification in our crops to take full advantage of our home market, and says that although noting with satisfaction the effect upon some of our agricultural imports of the present tariff law, it is nevertheless strikingly apparent that many of the agricultural products imported are such as could and should be produced in this country.

THERE is a movement on foot with the press of the state in favor of good roads to the interior, from railroad stations and river landings. This is very important, and no community can expect to develop without having available means of transportation from the farm to the town. But the matter should not stop here by any means. It will not benefit the producer but little if he can get to his market town by a good road, when the rates to seaboard from his shipping point are so exorbitant that he can realize no profit on his crop. In the language of holy writ, the one should be done and the other not left undone. Good roads should be constructed to the remotest part of every county, and the waterways of the state freed from every obstruction. By such means the resources of the commonwealth will be developed, and an era of advancement inaugurated which will place this country in the position she is destined to occupy.—Times-Mountaineer.

A large number of the country papers throughout the state have issued large New Years editions. Those so far which have reached this office are Oregon City Enterprise, Yamhill Reporter, Hillsboro Independent and Salem Statesman. The Statesman is far in the lead of all others, and does the state capital and the proprietors of the paper great credit. Second to the Statesman is the Enterprise, which is beyond question the finest sheet ever sent out from Clackamas county. The Oregonian, with its large edition, which will appear about January 14, will, of course eclipse all others, from the fact only, that it has so much larger field, and so many more resources of wealth to work from.

THERE are 72,800 pounds of pennies encumbering the vaults of the subtreasury. This is more than thirtysix tons, and the coins are still accumlating. There are 10,400 bags, weighing seven pounds each. The accumulation is partly the result of the general establishment of the penny slot machines. The headquarters of the companies owning these machines is in New York, and all the pennies are therefore sent there when the agents make their returns. The companies thereupon unload them upon the sub-treasury. The treasury department will send these pennies to be distributed among the country banks.

APIARY GLEANINGS.

Weather fine as usual—some mud for a change.

D. M. Dorsey, Apiary's grocer, is spending a few days at the hub. His return is daily expected.

Lewis Butts is trying to buy a mate for "Billy." Something is surely going to happen. Lew., we are all watching you.

Dan Stehman is receiving bids for the erection of a large barn. Dan believes in keeping pace with his "baching" friends, and is going to do it. Success, Dan.

Among our old friends we again have in our midst Isaac Johnson as one of Apiary's semi-weekly visitors. Judging from the parcel of mail he receives, there is certainly something in the wind. If Isaac should get married first it would be a fine joke on Charlie and Dan.

Our neighbor, James Gallion, is making considerable headway in his clearing in spite of bad weather. More men like Jim and Tom is what our county needs.

Our New Year's entertainment, given by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Debast, was a success in every sense. Dancing commenced at 8, supper at 12, a most bounteous feast prepared by the hostess and her daughters, Jeanie and Maggie.

Talk, of a business nature, is to the effect that the county road from Cedar Landing to the mile-post south of C. A. Girt's residence, is to be planked if volunteer work sufficient to lay the plank can be secured.

The dance given at Dan Stehman's Christmas Eve. was well attended. The services of the Lowman String Band were secured. Supper was served by Dan's lady friends, and a most enjoyable time is reported by all.

SANTA CLAUS.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(*From Our Regular Correspondent.*)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1, 1892.

The president's official New Year reception was one of the most brilliant and largely attended ever held. The new decorated White house adding no little to the brightness which pervaded everything. These receptions always attract a large crowd, aside from those who take part in them, for at no other place can so many celebrities be seen at one time. The reception began at 11 o'clock the carriages going in at the east and out at the west gate, and passing through a lane of closely packed spectators, extending nearly a square from each gate. First came Vice President Morton and the cabinet, headed by Secretary Blane; then the diplomatic corps, all of the foreign ministers and attaches wearing the uniforms of their rank and their breasts covered with decorations bestowed upon them by their own or other governments. The supreme court and other United States court judges came next followed by senators and represnatitives in congress ex-ministers and ex-members of the state cabinet. Then came the brilliantly uniformed officers of the army, navy and marine corps, followed by officials only a grade or two below members of the cabinet. Next came the grizzled faces of the associated veterans of the Mexican war, closely followed by the Grand Army of the Republic, the loyal legion, and the oldest inhabitant association of the District of Columbia. The rest of the time until 2 o'clock was taken up by plain everyday citizens, who wished to extend the courtesies of the day to our chief magistrate.

Vice President Morton left as soon as he had been received by the president for his own residence, where a reception began at 12 o'clock that was as near a duplicate of the one at the White house as the attendance of all the same people could make it.

In spite of all stories to the contrary Gen. Nelson A. Miles, says, and he certainly knows, that he did not come to Washington under official orders, and that it was the marriage of Miss Rachel Snerman, a cousin of his wife, which brought him and Mrs. Miles here. Some extra enterprising purveyors of sensational news had assigned General Miles to the command of an army that was being made ready to invade Chili.

General Horace Porter, the popular New York orator, who came over to attend the wedding of Miss Rachel Sherman, is one of those who do not hesitate to speak in favor of a foreign war. He said: "I scarcely look for a war with Chili, although I think a little brush with an outsider would be a good thing for the United States. Patriotism becomes stagnant by too long an epoch of peace. I rather regret that we did not administer a thrashing to Italy."

The Schedule of articles embraced in the reciprocity treaty with Great Britain for the British West Indies was made public this week and it is regarded with mingled praise and wonder. Praise because of the benefits certain to accrue the reform to our farmers and manufacturers, and wonder that England should have been persuaded to give us so much of the trade she has practically monopolized for many years. One of the commissioners, on the part of the colonies, who negotiated the treaty, said that England never did anything more unwillingly than outhorizing the the negotiation of this treaty, but it was recognized that the American market was absolutely necessary to the colonies, and that it would be closed to them unless satisfactory concessions were made.

Secretary Elkins took formal charge of the war department yesterday, and his office was crowded all day with friends who called to tender their congratulations.

The democratic members of the house are beginning to realize that they have been indulging in some wild talk about making wholesale reductions in the annual appropriations, and they are already hedging on that subject. It is an easy matter for anybody to criticise the total amount appropriated by the last congress and to call it extravagance, but up to this timen one of them have been able to point out one single instance in which money was appropriated where it was not needed or where $1 was appropriated for which the government will not get 100 cents in value. And if the democratic house, in its anxiety to make a showing of economy, shall dare to attempt to cripple any branch of the government service by withholding necessary appropriations its party will pay dearly for the niggardly policy. The people of this country do not object to liberal appropriations, so long as they know that they are receiving full value for the money spent.

Reciprocity treaties with Guatemala and Salvador have been signed by Secretary Blaine.

TRYON.

The old year was praised out the new one introduced by a social dance at the résidence of Mr. E. Smith. There was about sixty of his neighbors present. The general remarks were that it was one of the finest dances in this part of the country for some time. For proof of the same, dancing commenced at 6 o'clock New Years Eve and continued until 10 o'clock next day.

The Alliance meetings have taken quite a boom here lately.

Rain still continues to fall and mud is the prevailing element.

A sensation has been created near here by the report that a married man had got tired of his wife and taken her home to her parents.

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RAILROAD TO ASTORIA.

COLUMBIA CITY, Jan. 6, 1892.

EDITOR OREGON MIST—Sir: We are in doubt as to whether the railroad from Goble to Astoria, if ever built, will give the relief and satisfaction to those people they so much desire and are worthy of. While their liberality is commendable, there is grave doubts as to whether this road is just what Astoria and the state of Oregon can afford. The principal seaports on the Pacific have direct transcontinental lines, save Astoria, the port above, and beyond all others, most deserving, backed by the best state on the coast. And now, to give ourselves away for a road which will be entirely under the control of the Northern Pacific, and tributary to Tacoma, is not a wise policy; in fact the lumber and fish now shipped at Astoria will all go via Tacoma.

As a proof, the Northern Pacific now has more shipping points in Oregon than they use, or want—Portland, Columbia City, Hunter's Point, Goble, Coffin Rock and Kalama—with Astoria added, we had as well sell out.

As a reminder; when the Tacoma branch of the Northern Pacific was built to Portland, eight years ago, we gave to the Northern Pacific company all the land they asked for, 1500 feet of river front and twenty acres for a side track and depot grounds. Since that time we have not sold a town lot; before that we could and did sell readily, lots at $100 to $200 each. This is costly experience, and we hope it may not be duplicated upon our people.

What Astoria and the commerce of Oregon demand is a railroad directly through the interior to connect Portland and Astoria with the Union Pacific company, the Southern Pacific company and the Northern Pacific company. When this is completed the products of Oregon, the timber, coal and iron of Nehalem and Carico valleys, will largely be shipped at Astoria and Portland, notwithstanding the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific would wish it otherwise.

In conclusion, we wish to say this, the suicidal strife existing between Portland and Astoria, is a damage to the state. With a proper understanding and undertaking with the people of Portland and with the managers of trunk lines, a railroad could and would be built to Astoria direct, developing the interior within one year. Better show the wisdom of our neighboring states; build our railroad, open our rivers and take our place with the commercial world. Until that event will be looked upon as massbrained.

D. W. C.

STEWARD CREEK.

The storm which passed over this part of the country Monday night a week ago did no damage except laying a few trees across the roads and fences.

Charles Lowe, who has been visiting in this neighborhood for several days, returned to Portland last week.

Mr. Young commenced school again Monday, after a week of holidays. Guy and Frank Barnes are unable to attend on account of sickness. Peter Syverson is sick also.

Mr. Chipman is home from Astoria to stay all winter. He is now engaged in building a good sized barn on his homestead.

Mrs. Roberts, (nee Miss Payne) of Mayer, is visiting her parents this week.

Benson is still running logs assisted by J. Powers and J. Quigley. His lawsuit with Mr. Kemp has been carried to a higher court and will not come off until next May.

Several couple from this place took in the Christmas dance at Clatskanie Christmas night.

Our tin band has grown in size very rapidly in the past few days and now numbers over thirty members. The last serenade took place at the residence of Nathan Tingle New Years Eve. We found Mr. Tingle busy making sauer-kraut and Mrs. Tingle was ironing. The music rendered was fair, considering the short time the band has been practicing. The key was b flat or c flatter; but the flattest thing there was H. T.'s tin can at the end of the first tune. You must remember that the first time was also the last, as but one was played. After the first excitement was over the men helped Mr. Tingle make his kraut and the ladies helped Mrs. Tingle iron. We then concluded to watch the old year die, in fact this was the original idea. The time was spent playing games, singing, etc., until the new year was born. Most people "eat to live," but it would seem that some "live to eat." Suffice it to say that your correspondent could not eat a much headcheese at the grand feast which followed the other exercises as J. T. did.

NUM-SKULL.

MIST.

EDITOR MIST:--Not seeing anything in your columns from Mist lately, I thought I would write and let you know we were still alive, although we are pretty badly watersoaked, as it has done nothing but rain for some time. We had quite a heavy wind on December 28, and as far as we can learn the roads are all blocked with trees. But our citizens are awake and it will not take long to open the roads again.

Our School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Adda Gilbert.

There was an entertainment Christmas night, held at the residence of Mr. A. J. Orwig. We return our thanks to Mrs. Nettie F. Courter for furnishing the instrumental music, which kept everybody in good humor between scenes. Following is the programme:

Welcome song ..Mrs. Courter, Mrs. Fisher
Tableau—"French Flower Girl" .... Hattie Fisher
Dialogue.. Etta Baker and Charlie Parsons
Recitation—"My Perfect Love" .... Minnie Baker
Instrumental music .... Minerva Orwig
Dialogue—"Felicity" .....Maud Orwig and Ollie Fisher.
Tableau—"Simple Simon". .... A. J. Orwig
Declamation.............. Miss Anna Orwig
Tableau—"Courtship Under Difficulties" Misses Rosa Parsons and Etta Baker Messrs. Will Berkheimer, Arthur Hiatt and Ollie Fisher.
Song—"One of His Little Ones" ...... Minerva Orwig, Anna Orwig, Lou Orwig and Anson Orwig.
Recitation .... Sadie Orwig
Dialogue—"Polly Ann" .... Maud Orwig and Daisy Parsons
Tableau—"Babes in the Woods" .... Three scene
Dialogue ... Minnie Baker and Ollie Fisher
Song—"Homeless Tonight"..... Ella Hiatt
Tableau—"Irishman and his Dog" .... A. J. Orwig
Song—"Serenade"... Minerva Orwig Anna Orwig, Ed Orwig, Lou Orwig and Anson Orwig.
Recitation—"Filander Cole"..... Ed Orwig
Song............... Mr. and Mrs. Scudding
Dialogue.. Willie Hiatt and Charlie Parsons
Dialogue—"Pantaloon Fight" ..... Ed Orwig, C. B. Fisher and Will Berkheimer.

The programme ended by Santa Claus distributing candy and nuts among the audience. We then partook of an excellent supper, furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Orwig, after which all went home well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

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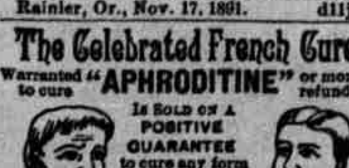

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