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## ST. HELENS, OREGON, AUGUST 17

The present congress and the Killikny cats are very much alike only that the Killikny cats were held up by their tails while the master of ceremonies has congress where the wool is short.

The opinion will be general that China is big enough and old enough to fly her own flag on her own vessel. If she runs up the British flag for any reason, Mr. Bull's quarrel will be with China, not Japan.

COLUMBIA county is cursed with petty litigation. It has got to be that if a man stubs his toe over a cobblestone, a lawsuit is the inevitable result and Columbia county foots the principal part of the cost. If the litigants were compelled to bear the burden of expense they would not be so keen to engage lawyers and burden the courts with neighborhood disputes, neither would there be so much contention and strife in the different communities.

Now that Japan seems to be getting the best of China in the Oriental war, the English press are getting very much exercised over the matter and insist that the other nations of the world should join together and put a stop to the conflict, and especially insist that the United States should take steps in that direction. It seems to us that if England wants to assist either it is her privilege to do so. But so far as this country is concerned it has long ago learned to attend to its own business, and taught England a very good lesson many years ago along that line.

FULLMAN is not the only place in the country where deposits of workingmen in savings banks under the last administration have disappeared under this. During the year ending June 30 last, eight New York savings banks paid out to depositors three and a third millions more than they took in. During the same period the excess of withdrawals over deposits in five Brooklyn savings banks was nearly twenty-five per cent. The working people who put their savings in these banks had to draw on them in order to live. Either they had to supplement their scanty wages which they had saved up, or being thrown out of work altogether, had nothing else to depend on. These workingmen probably have altered their opinion of the utility of the "change" many of them voted to bring about two years ago.

The people of Upper Nehalem seem determined to have better roads and have set themselves to work in that direction. The meetings recently held at Vernonia have resulted in some good already, inasmuch as they have started the people to thinking about the matter seriously, if in no other way. That section of the country has people enough, timber enough, and undeveloped resources enough to justify building a substantial highway of some kind. This labor should not devolve entirely upon the Nehalem people, but those living along the route should be equally interested, not forgetting, too, that all the merchants on this side of the mountain should add their portion towards bringing the business of that fertile valley to them. It is strictly a business proposition which, if successful, will bring dollars to every man in Columbia county either directly or indirectly in the end. Now is the time above all others when the proposed road could be built, because for lack of other employment our people have plenty of time to put in on the road. And because what little material in the way of hardware needed could be purchased at bottom prices. As the road proposes to come to St. Helens, the people here and at Houlton, it seems to us, ought to take some action in the premises and help the matter along.

## CONCENTRATE THE WORK.

The time has come when good roads are an absolute necessity. The conditions of today leave farm products almost the only source of income to a large percentage of our people. Inasmuch as all demand for other articles of American production, by reason of strikes, lockouts and like demonstrations has been cut off, it is imperative that as a last resort the product of the farm must be relied upon for relief to a great extent. This, too, to be available, requires a forerunner of ingenuity and preparation before its utility can be secured. Good roads is the key to the situation, and must of necessity, be the first step taken to attain any considerable benefit along this line. As the former prosper so also does all classes of people and industries prosper, the latter more largely dependent upon the former but to a great extent both dependent upon the other. From the soil comes the foundation of all business enterprise, and consequently its products must be available before prosperity can crown its outgrowth.

To attain good roads, in our opinion, will require new tactics on the part of the farmers themselves. While it is true that a few householders, by petition, to the county court may have a new road ordered opened, it is none the less true that in so doing they injure themselves in the end in a great many cases. We have too many roads located already without sufficient means to put them in repair or keep them so should they be completed by private subscription. Instead of laying out new roads all the while and dividing up the road fund so completely, the road fund should be expended only on main lines for a time and afterwards if sufficiently able, improve the branch lines. This is solely in the hands of the people, for the county court in this state is compelled to order a new road opened upon the petition of a certain number of householders. While it is true everybody wants a road and perhaps through his premises it is impossible to divide up the money and labor to such an extent and at the same time be advantageous to any. Until the people see this error of the present method good roads will be unknown in Western Oregon, especially in the timbered counties. The Mist has heretofore stated its position on this point and as the years go by it becomes more apparent that fewer roads and more concentrated action is absolutely necessary to be of material benefit. As we said before the court has no power to refuse a road when properly petitioned, and hence it rests solely with those who most need better highways to remedy the evil.

There are within this county certain routes where toll roads could be established profitably; and communities could combine into joint stock companies and establish private roads which could be made substantial at a nominal cost by using the timber along the route and occupying their individual time during seasons of the year when they have little or nothing else to do. This is especially true of the Nehalem valley which should be assisted by the farmers on this side of the mountain in such an effort. This road question is a slow one but in the end is going to be unraveled.

THE house on Monday, by a vote of 162 to 105, concurred in the senate amendments to the tariff bill, and its action is characterized by President Cleveland as "perfidy and dishonor" to the nation and to the democratic party. The bill is now ready for the president's signature. Will he sign a measure so full of "perfidy and dishonor" or will he get down and crawl in the dust before Gorman's dictation, as his lieutenant Wilson, the father of the bill, did, when it came from the conferees for final action? Indeed there seems but one honorable way for President Cleveland to proceed in the present emergency, and that is for him to return the bill to the house without his approval.

It is nearly one year since President Cleveland convened congress in special session, claiming that extraordinary circumstances justified the executive in that extraordinary action. The extraordinary circumstances still exist and the extraordinary action of congress during the entire twelve months has been fruitful of naught save condemnation by the whole American people.

It is now stated upon what seems good authority that President Cleveland will neither sign nor veto the tariff bill, but allow it to become a law without his signature. By so doing he will allow "perfidy and dishonor" to reign supreme in this country when he could prevent it. Such action is beneath the dignity of an American in such an exalted position and savors of nothing short of cowardice.

SWEEP THE WALKS.—Either cows should not be allowed to roam the streets or else the sidewalks should be swept occasionally. We don't present a very creditable appearance to metropolitan visitors in this respect. The sidewalks are a good thing but in their present filthy condition one would better take the middle of the street in many places.

## HE DIDN'T SEEM TO KNOW.

Someone wrote to the Kansas Breeze, asking if a young man could succeed in Kansas; if a few hens would do well under the present system of legislation; if it is best to start in without some action by the government, or should he wait until plutocrats have been knocked out? The following is an extract from the answer given the young man by the Breeze:

"We have seen men succeed in Kansas just as if the plutocrats were not running things. We have a man in mind now. He started in a dozen years ago with all the load of legislation on his back, and without a cent. He seemed to be unconscious of the fact that he was the slave of Wall street, and in a worse condition than the African before the war. Of course he was a slave, because even then there were several persons in Kansas who had stated that such was the case, but he did not know it. He went right along and worked for another slave of plutocratic tyranny at \$20 a month, and saved up his money and bought a piece of land, and married him a wife. His wife was just as foolish as he was; she didn't seem to know that they were simply a couple of slaves and victims of oppression. The man worked and saved and the woman worked and sang. They managed to gather a few hens and a female swine or two. The hens laid their eggs right along, just as if the wealth of the country wasn't concentrating into the hands of a few. He fattened his hogs on ten cent corn and made it bring him sixty cents a bushel. He paid his debts and built a house right in the face of plutocratic legislation. He was one of the most unresponsible men you ever heard of. The question whether a thousand men owned a third of the property didn't seem to worry him so long as he got a good price for his pork. He seemed to have an old fashioned fool notion to attend to his own business. This, of course, was not in proper form; he ought, of course, to have followed off after some orator whose mouth was hung on a hair trigger. He built a good house and paid for it just as the orator was proving that it wasn't possible to get out of debt. He didn't talk much about national finance, and wasn't so much about plinies to do up monopolies; but he bought more hogs. He put money in the bank in spite of the fact that Wall street was after him all the time. In fact he never seemed to find out that Wall street was after him at all. He succeeded in Kansas; we think you will succeed in Kansas, but we would advise you not to wait for legislation. We never have had much faith in legislation to increase the output of eggs from a given number of hens."

## CROP AND WEATHER BULLETIN

For the Week Ending Monday, August 13, 1894.

WESTERN OREGON.  
WEATHER.—The temperature was very warm on three days and quite cool the remainder of the week. The temperature averaged about 2 degrees cooler than the normal. The precipitation was less than the normal, only a trace occurring at inland places and light showers on one day on the immediate coast. The sunshine was nearly normal.

CROPS.—Threshing fall grain is being advanced rapidly and spring-sown grain is being harvested. Now that threshing has been done the amount of damage which was done by the grain aphid is known. All counties in the Willamette report a falling off from the average, except in Yamhill and Washington. Fall grain is not reaching the average in the Southern part in the grain-growing sections of the coast counties. Oats are yielding nearer an average than wheat and the spring-sown crop of wheat promises to yield better results than the other grains. Correspondents in Yamhill and portions of Washington counties report the yield of wheat as an average. In the counties where an average is not realized the sole cause is attributed to the grain aphid, since in these sections the quality of the grain is also lacking. Great quantities of fruit was packed during the week to be sent east. There seems to be a ready market for fruit. Apples, pears, plums and prunes are plentiful. Blackberries, owing to warm weather, are drying up and will not continue bearing long. Hops are doing well in all sections. The hop crop is the pride of Yamhill county, so a Yamhill county correspondent writes, and this seems to be the sentiment of all other sections. There are many lice on the vines and spraying is being resorted to freely. Hops would be benefited by rain together with the potato crop. Gardens and pastures need rain badly. Unless rain comes soon, the potato crop will fall short of expectations. Harvesting of fall grain is yet to be done in the foothills. The grain that has been threshed has been hauled to places of safety, for fear of damage by rain as was the case last year.

## FROM VERNONIA.

August 13, 1894.  
EDITORS MIST.—Our meeting Saturday was not largely attended owing to the harvesting, but it was a success. The people are waking up to the fact that if we have connection with the outside world we must go to work and not wait for outside capital. If residents of your city and land owners on your side of the divide will co-operate with us we will have a road. The feeling seemed to be for a road to St. Helens, on or near the one-half mile line south of the line separating townships 4 and 5. This side of the mountain, residents here say, furnishes a good grade, near that line.

I go to Pittsburg today. They had a representation at the meeting here and want it to follow East Fork from the mouth until the headwaters of the Scapoose are reached. Of course the route will depend upon the lightest grade and shortest route to river navigation. Hon. E. E. Quiek of your city and Sidney Dell were added to the committee. The committee stands: John Pringle chairman, Vernonia; William Price and Harry West, Scapoose; M. Manning, Manning, Washington county; and Messrs. Ridgeway, Rose, and R. U. McNutt, of Vernonia, and the two above mentioned.

All that is needed now is for the people to work together and we will get the road. Can you have a meeting of your citizens and see what can be done in the matter. Prompt work now will give St. Helens the position she is entitled to—thence between Portland and the mouth of the Columbia. E. N. OGDEN.

## GENERAL NEWS.

The dead body of a man was found near Yew Park schoolhouse in Salem Monday. He was covered with an overcoat and a valise lay beside him. On his person was found a note saying he was on his way to his home in Shasta county, California.

Mrs. Philomena Miller and her 18 months old babe were murdered in Seattle Monday by robbers who entered the house expecting to get money which Miller was thought to have.

The Catholic church containing all its furniture was destroyed by fire at Gervais, Oregon, Monday. Loss about \$9,000 with \$5,000 insurance.

The Northern Pacific overland train last Sunday ran over a little child which was playing on the track a few miles out from Tacoma, and cut its body in twain.

Postmaster Froziman, of Portland, has been asked by the postmaster general to file a new bond by reason of five of his bondsmen withdrawing for political reasons.

C. J. Mulkey, who was recently convicted of conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the United States, by the United States court at Portland, is circulating a petition asking for a pardon, and the papers have been forwarded to Washington.

CONGRESS has voted \$2,440,000 for fortifications, most of which will be expended on existing works. The best fortification is the courage and patriotism of the people, a fact emphasized by the great useless wall China built around her borders.

## The New Chinese Treaty.

The United States senate in executive session Monday approved the Chinese treaty, better known as the registration or Geary law. We give below the two first sections of the treaty, and more particularly pertaining to this country:

SECTION 1. The high contracting parties agree that for a period of ten years, beginning with the date of exchange of the ratification of this convention, the coming, except under conditions hereinafter specified, of Chinese laborers, shall be absolutely prohibited.

SECTION 2. The preceding section shall not apply to the return to the United States of any registered laborer, who has a lawful wife, child or parent in the United States, or property therein of the value of \$1000, or debts of a like amount due him and pending settlement. Nevertheless, every such Chinese laborer shall, before leaving the United States, deposit, as a condition of his return, with the collector of customs of the district from which he departs a full description in writing, of his family or property or debts, as aforesaid, and shall be furnished by said collector with such certificate of his right to return under this treaty as the laws of the United States may now or hereafter prescribe and not inconsistent with the provisions of this treaty, and should the written description of the aforesaid Chinese laborer prove to be false, the right to return thereunder or of continued residence shall in each case be forfeited. Such right of return to the United States shall be exercised within one year from date of leaving the United States, but such right of return to the United States may be extended for an additional period, not to exceed one year, in cases where by reason of sickness, or other causes of disability beyond his control, such Chinese laborer shall be unable to sooner return, which facts shall be fully reported to the Chinese consul at the port of departure, and by him certified to the satisfaction of the collector of the port at which the Chinese subject shall land in the United States, and no such Chinese laborer shall be permitted to enter the United States by land or sea without producing to the proper officers of the customs the return certificate herein required.

The treaty further provides that if, six months before the expiration of the said period of ten years, neither government shall be formally given notice of its termination by the other, it shall remain in force for another like period of ten years.

NOTICE.  
Notice is hereby given that the board of equalization will meet at St. Helens, in the Courthouse, August 27, 1894, for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of 1894. All claims for correction must be made before the board.  
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