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ST. HELENS, OREGON, JUNE 23.

THERE are two sides to the Hawaiian annexation treaty, but the right side appears to be the side of annexation. The Hawaiian islands and Cuba should both belong to the United States. Not entirely for their agricultural wealth, but largely for use as coaling stations.

The queen's jubilee has been celebrated this week. Victoria has reigned sixty years and her subjects are glad of it. The house of Hanover, once almost extinct, stands today as a monument to the greatest era of prosperity ever witnessed in the history of a monarchy.

If farm prices do not stop advancing and silver prices do not stop their downward course, there will be nothing left to sustain the chief theory of the free-coinage orators of last fall that prices of farm products kept pace with those of silver. Leading farm products have increased in price more than 50 per cent. since this beautiful theory was exploited on the stump last fall, while the price of silver has meantime steadily decreased.

THE Omaha World Herald, Mr. Bryan's organ, in its extremity over the agony that 35 Southern men in congress are supporting the protective tariff bill, charges that they are Northern carpet baggers, and do not represent Southern sentiment. An examination of their autobiography in the congressional directory, however, shows that this statement is without foundation, as a very large per cent of the 35 Southerners supporting the protective tariff bill are natives of the states which they now represent, or if not, are natives of the South.

THE erstwhile vice-presidential candidate of the populist party, the Hon. Thomas E. Watson, still has his knife up his sleeve for the Hon. Marion Butler, chairman, of the populist national committee. He is also dallying with the same knife with reference to his running mate on the late presidential ticket, the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan. He says in a recent editorial in his paper: "If Mr. Bryan is a democrat let him say so. Then we will know what he is. If, as his friends assert, he is a real populist, let him be honest enough to quit parading in democratic clothes."

DISAPPOINTMENT follows disappointment among the popocratic leaders. Not only are they disappointed in the fact that the republicans have presented a solid front on the tariff question and failed to quarrel among themselves upon currency, or any other question, but they are even more distressed to find their own party falling to pieces on the question of protection as well as silver, since their vote against the protective features of the tariff bill is growing weaker daily, while their arguments in behalf of free silver are being disproven by every week's developments since election.

THE Dalles Times-Mountaineer and the Astoria Budget, two Bryan organs, are just now busy calling each other names. The Times-Mountaineer says Gratke of the Budget, who was a member of the Salem race last winter, sold out, and thereby injured the silver cause. It is largely a case of the pot calling the kettle black. It must be admitted, though, if Gratke did sell out he stuck to his bargain, while those for whom the Times-Mountaineer presumes to speak, sold out to every man that produced the price, and it is not disputed that some of them sold to the same party more than once during the legislative session.

BROTHER EMERY orders us to either put up or shut up concerning his legislative record. Under the necessity of obeying orders, we have decided to put up. We will put up the populist member, U'Ren of Clackamas, who says the hold-up members, with one exception, were paid out of a sack raised by the enemies of Senator Mitchell, meaning "Joe Simon and his gang," as the populist brethren are fond of putting it. We will put up Brother Emery himself, who promised, if elected to the legislature, to abolish the railroad and other useless commissions, reinstate the mortgage-tax law, and assist the people to any amount of remedial legislation. Instead of fulfilling these obligations we see him consorting with such fellows as U'Ren in a herd managed, fed and fattened by Jonathan Bourne and Joe Simon, to prevent a legislative session; to prevent the railroad commission from be-

log abolished; to prevent any remedial legislation whatever. And he says the populists of Yamhill county are satisfied with such a report.—Yamhill Reporter.

THE theorists who insisted during the last fall's discussion of the silver question that the adoption of the silver standard would prove advantageous to our foreign commerce will probably be surprised to find that it is this very subject which led Japan and Peru to adopt the gold standard. Statements by the officials of these two nations show that in each case they found that their foreign commerce was suffering by reason of the fluctuations in the value of their currency since for signers in accepting their coin simply planned it as bullion, while they forced it upon the citizens of those countries at its face value in payment of their exports. This testimony as to the real effect of a silver standard on foreign commerce, coming simultaneously, as it does from two nations widely separated, is extremely valuable, and must show to those who were inclined to accept the foreign commerce theory of the silver proposition last fall that it was an erroneous one.

The important report comes from Washington that President McKinley will no longer interpose his influence against the passage by the house of the Cuban belligerency resolution which has already passed the senate. It is said that the president defines his position in regard to the resolution by remarking: "Let the people have their way." It may be taken for granted that the recent course of Spain in giving renewed approval to the Canoyas ministry, and its evident purpose to permit General Weyler to continue his policy of exterminating non-combatants, leaves our government without a hope that real concessions will be offered to Cuba, or the warfare against its people conducted on civilized lines. The president therefore decides that the time has come for congress, as the representatives of the people, to use its deliberate judgment in regard to granting belligerent rights to the struggling Cubans.

FARM NOTES.

(Willamette Farmer.)
Cucumbers for pickles need not be planted until the middle of June or first days of July.

Plant peas every week until the middle of June, and a succession may be had until the end of the season.

Level culture has been shown by the repeated experiments to be better than hilling up in cultivation of all garden crops.

Sheep will get more sustenance from poor land and do the land more good at the same time than any other stock.

Prune blackberry vines as soon as the blossom appears, being careful not to cut away bearing canes. Keep raspberry vines plucked back to three feet.

The best proof that there is a fair profit in raising good cattle may be found in the men who handle that sort are not complaining about the business.

The ordinary drouth is harmless when berries have frequent cultivation, for the roots strike deep into the mellow soil. An early and a vigorous growth is stimulated.

Many good thrifty weeds will produce 50,000 seeds. One cut with the hoe will destroy the parent weed; how many cuts will it take to thoroughly eradicate its progeny.

Many an acre produces its \$100 or more in grapes, and yet many farmers do not grow for family use, preferring to let the odd corners and nooks grow up in weeds and bushes.

To stock a farm with twenty cows and the necessary fixtures will cost \$1000. A flock of 150 sheep can be bought for half that sum, and will feed upon the same land.

It has been observed that grape rot never attacks grapes that climb into trees or that are fastened to the wall of a house. This is one of the things not yet explained by scientists.

If the singletree injures the bark of a tree when plowing, apply clay made into a thick mortar, and wrap it about with burlap. Probably the tree will heal without serious damage.

Good farming is not possible unless you have efficient teams. Horses are cheap now, and it is a good time to dispose of the poorer work animals and fill their places with better ones.

Bog meadow grass is well known to have but a small percentage of nutritive properties, but if cut early and cured in the heap by sweating it has a value as coarse fodder. A ration of it can be brought up to the right proportions by the use of wheat bran and cotton seed or linseed meal, and be made to serve a very useful purpose.

The really good cow is like the really smart man—a little nervous. She is liable to be influenced by new surroundings or those which disturb the even tenor of her way in any fashion.

A flock of sheep demands little care, comparatively, while cows must be milked, the milk cared for and the butter and cheese made. Where the former would thrive the cattle would starve, almost.

Thousands of acres of hill lands, which are apparently worthless, could be redeemed and made profitable by encouraging the growth of clover or other green crops, and then using the land for sheep.

Before you think you have money to burn or to put into fast horses or a shiny buggy, put it into a wind mill. It will often permit the use of an idle pasture field, or will save the garden in time of drouth.

Success upon the farm depends not so much upon the capital which is expended as upon the labor and skill with which it is used. In no other business is the man with but a little money at a less disadvantage.

When the cattle market became depressed the poor stuff suffered first. When there is but a slight profit at the best, with poor stock it does not require much of a drop before said profit is entirely annihilated.

A horse can do so much more work than a hog that there will be many times when the possession of an extra animal will save

the paying out money for labor. Get young horses, if for no other reason than that they will last longer.

A Michigan cheese factory has sent out the following pointers to its patrons: Milk cannot be strained from milk. Milk will catch and hold bad odors from table, woodhouse and filthy yards. The best milk, if shut into a can tightly when warm, will spoil inside of three hours.

When the milk cow is growing fat she is not being fed right to produce the largest yield of milk, or she is not the breed for the dairy. Since butter is the object, test her cream while she is fattening, and after she becomes fat, and decide her fate without any scruples.

Attention cannot be fixed too intently upon the importance of knowing the composition of food and adapting it to the end for which an animal is kept. There is no department of modern farming to which there is so much difficulty in making converts as in the rationing of live stock.

Crop and Weather Report.

PORTLAND, June 21.

The rain has been beneficial, though has not been sufficient rain to insure good crops of late sown grain; oats and wheat, sown after May 1st, are not more than 6 to 10 inches high and heads are forming. Fall and winter sown grain have been greatly improved by the showers. The grain sown before March 1st now promises to be a good average crop; that sown after March 1st will not make an average, though its condition will be improved by more rain. The correspondents all report an improved appearance in the grain crop, though more rain is desired.

Haying has commenced; the rains have delayed the work, and some hay has been wet. The hay crop will be short; a few localities in the coast counties report a large hay crop, but elsewhere it is reported to be a short crop. The rains have been a benefit to the hay not as yet cut and will materially improve it, but no amount of rain or other weather conditions will now make the hay crop an average one; the crop is by no means a failure, however.

Hops are making rapid growth. The cool, cloudy and humid weather conditions are favorable to the development and increase of the hop house, and they are appearing in large numbers. Sugar beets are making excellent growth, and the growers are delighted with the prospects. Flax for fibre is 10 inches high, and is making most satisfactory growth. Vegetables have made good growth, the weather has been very favorable for them. Late planted potatoes are up and growing well, while early planted are being dug and put upon the market.

Cherries are plentiful; the cherry crop is larger than was anticipated. Peach trees are being hand-pruned on account of being overloaded with fruit. The prune, pear and apple crops are more promising, and many correspondents report trees as full as they will hold. The small berries are ripening, and are plentiful.

A brief summary of conditions, as they at present show, is: Fall and winter sown grain a good crop; spring grain improved, yet poor. Vegetables, including potatoes, a good crop; small berries fully an average; fruit of all kinds, on the whole, a fair average; hay a short crop.

FROM MAYGER.

There are about 30 Japs at work on the railroad at this place.

Thomas Meserve, of Delena, was seen in our vicinity last Sunday.

If it rains any more here at present there will not be a half a crop of hay.

Mart Matthews is hauling plank for the county road at this place from Meserve's mill.

Mrs. Smith, Miss Maud Symons and Mr. Will Symons, of Dent, were visiting friends here last Saturday.

Will Scheider and Leon Malcolm, of Kyster, were visitors at John Hoffman's last Saturday and Sunday, and while here will attend the Macabees' lodge.

Mr. J. S. Mitchell, of the K. O. T. M., delivered a lecture here last Sunday for the benefit of the order. At the close of his speech four persons made known their desire to become members of the order.

Real Estate Transfers.

A. J. Beaman and wife to Emma E. Mason, nee of n.w. 1/4, sec. 6, t. 4 n., r. 1 w.

Frank Bears to Astoria Railroad Co., part of E. G. Bryant donation claim; \$25.

G. W. Gross and wife to G. W. Pitsenberger, e. 1/2 of n.w. 1/4 of s.w. 1/4, sec. 2, t. 6 n., r. 2 w.; \$500.

E. Friedrich to John Callahan, ne 1/4 of s.w. 1/4, sec. 23, t. 3 n., r. 2 w.; \$150.

John Keller, by J. V. Lankin, adm., to Fritz Willard, s. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4 and w. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4, sec. 26, t. 7 n., r. 5 w.; \$400.

W. H. Musgrove and wife to B. T. Smith, part of Bonser donation claim and other lands, 800.00 acres; \$21,000.

G. W. Pitsenberger and wife to G. W. Gross, e. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4, sec. 19, t. 7 n., r. 3 w.; \$500.

Robert Wingate, receiver, to Traders Trust Co., s.w. 1/4, sec. 29, t. 5 n., r. 3 w.; \$48.

United States to George W. Pitsenberger, e. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4, sec. 19, t. 7 n., r. 3 w.; patent.

Poultry Notes.

It is getting rather late to hatch chicks, unless the smaller breeds are used.

Of course, it is better to hatch a few chicks late even of the larger breeds, but they will not pay as layers.

Fifty hens on the farm, properly handled, will pay better the year through than 200 in the same place or roost. Quality rather than quantity should be the rule.

Eggs and chicken meat beat salt pork all to death as an article of diet. Use plenty of each. Do not expect that the eggs will pay all the grocery bills unless an abundance is produced.

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TREASURER'S NOTICE.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
ST. HELENS, Or., June 18, 1897.
NOTICE is hereby given that all unpaid County Warrants of said county, which have been presented and endorsed "Not Paid for Want of Funds," prior to September 14, 1897, will be paid upon presentation at this office. Interest will not be allowed after this date.

J. M. WHARTON,
Treasurer of Columbia County, Or.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A. P. Arny and S. H. Kistner, copartners, doing business as "Arny & Kistner," are hereby required to present their daily verified claims, with proper vouchers to me at my office in Rainier, Columbia county, State of Oregon, within three months from the date of this notice. Dated this 21st day of May, 1897.

J. B. DOAN,
Assignee of "Arny & Kistner," insolvent debtors.

SUMMONS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County.

Pauline F. Bonnick, James Bonnick and George R. Hawkins, defendants.

To George R. Hawkins, one of the above-named defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on the 5th day of July, 1897, said day being the first day of the next regular term of said Court, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof said plaintiff will apply to the Court for judgment as prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For judgment against the above-named defendants for the sum of \$400, with interest thereon from January 15th, 1897, at the rate of eight per cent per year, and the further sum of \$200 as attorneys' fees in said action and the costs and disbursements therein.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. B. Doan, judge of said Court, dated April 29, 1897.

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