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ST. HELENS, OREGON, NOV. 20.

The republican party has always been a party of the people, desiring their success and working for its promotion. All of its legislation has been directed to the promotion of industrial activity and it has always pointed with pride to increasing wealth and advancing wages, as the greatest achievement of its legislative and administrative ability. It hopes for better things and always works to build up and not to tear down and demoralize.

SOME years since an effort was made to stock Oregon streams with carp, and the attempt proved highly satisfactory. Indiana streams were stocked with the fish, and this is the plaint of a paper from that state: "No monument will ever be erected to the man who suggested that the Indiana streams be stocked with carp, but a vote of thanks and a medal are awaiting the person that can suggest how the streams can be rid of them."

A FOLL of the United States senate shows that nearly two-thirds of its members are unqualified in favor of the ratification of the treaty with the Hawaiian islands providing for annexation. By Christmas the picturesque and fruitful isles of the Kanakas will be under the dominion of Uncle Sam, and the stars and stripes will float proudly under the tropical sky, never again to be hauled down by any "paragon" personal representative of a president.

THE advance in the price of charters, owing to scarcity of shipping on the Pacific coast, is estimated at ten cents a bushel on the Oregon wheat crop. In other words, with plenty of shipping, and the sharp competition of last year, farmers would receive ten cents a bushel more for their wheat. The opening of the Nicaragua canal would not only supply the competition, but the great reduction of sailing distance would enable ships to carry at much lower figures than ever before.

NEXT to the construction of the Nicaragua canal, there is nothing which would be so fortunate for the Pacific coast at this time as the development of Alaska. The gold discoveries will probably attract such a horde of people within the next two or three years, that its period of normal development will be hastened by perhaps half a century. Like California, in the days of forty-nine, the eyes of the whole world have been drawn by the seductive glitter of gold in Alaska's direction.

THANKSGIVING of 1897 has come and gone, and we firmly believe the people of this state can never be able to return thanks with a gracious spirit than has been the case for several years. The people are in a more prosperous condition, with brighter prospects for the future, wrought by many acceptable changes, and they returned thanks with much emotion, probably, in thousands of cases. The day was observed in every household in our city, and the expression was freely given that we had many things to be thankful for. Reunions of separated families brought cheer to many hearts and gladdened the homes that had long seen gloom. In fact our whole Union rejoiced.

THE Boston Herald calls attention to the important fact that the stock of gold now in the United States is the largest ever held here. On November 1, according to the treasury estimate, the amount of gold, coin and bullion in the country was \$712,690,417. The Herald points out that this broke the record, the largest previous showing at the beginning of a month being that of November 1, 1888, which was \$711,705,050. This is an encouraging circumstance. In the treasury, as well as elsewhere, the stock of gold is rising. The treasury fund has gone above the \$154,000,000 mark, and the drift is steadily upward. These are facts which should be kept before the country. They are bull factors of great consequence.

TEACHERS of district schools in this country should encourage their pupils in every possible way. One most effective manner is to send to the local paper a report of the condition of your school and the standing of the pupils each month. Too often this important part of the teacher's duty is overlooked, a fact which school directors should inquire into. This duty should be one of the requirements by the school board when hiring a teacher, because it encourages the pupil and he or she will make a greater effort to be noticed as among the best in the school. There is no one, probably, who does not like a favorable mention in the newspaper, and certainly that may be expected to exist to a greater degree among the younger of us. The county papers, each and all, perhaps, would gladly publish the school reports, which have a double effect. They not only encourage the pupil but they encourage the parent, and with the latter inspire them to greater effort in assisting their little ones that they may be noticed as among the brightest. In fact, all that we look through, the whole community receives a benefit. It will create greater interest in many ways and inspire our people with a sense of the greatest demand of the day—better school facilities and a greater degree of education, industrial and otherwise.

COLUMBIA COUNTY'S NEEDS.

Much may be said in regard to the resources of Columbia county, and all that is said may be true, but there is much work to be done before we can boast too greatly of our superiority. Our resources are of inestimable value, but we must develop them. As an agricultural district Columbia county has no superior in the state, and would rank even higher were our farms in a higher state of cultivation, which will rapidly follow the improvement of the times and an increased demand for our lumber and shingles, the magnitude of which scarcely has a limit. Eventually we will be classed among the greatest producers in the state of the products of the farm, but at present there is another possession of ours which must claim a part of our attention until we have created a market for our lumber and shingles, which we firmly believe will be witnessed in the next two years, and then we can claim the commercial importance which is our due. The summary statement of Assessor White, which was published in this paper on the 8th of last month, showed a total acreage of non-tillable land of 340,721 acres against 12,101 acres of tillable land. From this statement you will readily perceive what there is for us to do. You will see that there are about 30 acres of non-tillable land to one of tillable land within our county. Our commercial importance lies not so much in our agricultural possibilities as it does in the creation of a market for our timber. Perhaps Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties contain one-third of the pine and cedar timber of our state. Hence it is readily to be seen that in order for us to prosper in a degree to place our importance where it belongs we must have a market for our timber.

The fact is becoming more apparent each year that our possessions are deserving of more than a passing notice, and within another two or three years Columbia county will reap a beautiful reward for her long years of waiting. Once another demand for our timber is created there will be quickened pulsation exist within the heart of our industries, and this done we will be the home of more activity than any county in the state. In this connection it is to be said too, that progress must be made in our farming sections, for once our other industries receive an impetus then will there be a greater and steadier demand for our farm products. By all means, however, do not destroy the valuable timber you possess, and by all means do not deter the improvement of your farm. Both these suggestions go hand in hand, because there is scarcely a one-hundred and sixty-acre tract of partly improved land in the county that does not contain from one to fifty acres of slash timber, and this is where the improvement should be made. Save your timber, but put your other land in a prime state of cultivation, and then you will be ready to meet the two great coming demands.

DIVERSIFY THE TRAINING.

SOME time since a miscellaneous article appeared in these columns in regard to industrial education. The writer fully demonstrated the fact that more attention should be given the different parts of industrial training in the schoolroom, which, since the idea is receiving some attention by prominent educators, we may branch out and offer new fields in which to train the children. One of the important features of industrial training in the schoolroom, in our opinion, is the teaching of better methods of road building. This is an absorbing question in Columbia county, all classes and professions being interested in it. With all respect for the general policy of our educational institutions, it is proper to say that much is taught which has not the practical value of some other branches which are taught at present only in the rough school of experience. It is a very nice thing for a young lady to understand music and painting, it is even desirable that she be able to speak several languages, so long as English is one of them, but when that young lady finds herself the wife of a common, everyday, human man, and the mother of several healthy children she may regret that it is impossible to swap culture for cinders. To translate Latin to English is good if the translator can also translate flour into bread. If but one of the accomplishments is to be had the choice should be easily made. A person may be rich (in money) but riches "make pinions for themselves to fly." The only wealth which neither time nor fate can change is that which is stored away in the form of practical knowledge.

We are glad to notice that much is being done in the way of teaching the rudiments of road building in the schools of Eastern states. "The New South," too, is beginning to know that roads are an important factor in the development of any section, and our state and county have been wrestling with the question for many years, without any very great degree of success, we are sorry to say. True, timbered countries like Northwestern Oregon, where such quantities of precipitation maintain the greater part of the year, make good roads a difficult thing to keep up. But we believe the time is not far distant when our people will unite on some practical method, and its successful execution will be the result. Road building is fully equal in importance to anything now taught in schools, and infinitely more important than much that is given greater prominence.

A KENTUCKY paper which has for a long time been trying to save the democratic party, "all by itself," has given up the fight since this party took up the salvation business the other day. The editorial which announces the abandonment of the enterprise is a curiosity in circumlocution, and a fine specimen of trying to "come down," while maintaining the appearance of still floating high. Properly translated it would read about this way: "We have done our best, but we fear that notwithstanding our splendid efforts everything is going to the devil; but we feel it a duty to get back in the band wagon and go to the devil with the old party, and all its aids, provided we are given dilatory consideration and are allowed to return to a seat at the first table. Of course

we think this much ought to be accorded to us for old times sake; but the fact is we have to go along if we only get the scraps. We're out of meat."

A NATURAL DRYDOCK.

ST. HELENS, Nov. 19.—(To the Editor.)—In good old Missouri language, I have been "hearn tell" a 'grat' deal about drydock-bulldozing through the columns of your paper. So far, I have not seen any "grat" word. Now, if the people of Portland are really anxious for a drydock, not a floating dock, and if they want a delegation down to this place, I will take pains to show them one already made; been out of the solid rock, by nature. It is large enough for the largest vessel afloat. Hard by the plenty of iron ore and timber to repair and build boats. About \$15,000 will open a passage way into it, and secure it. The location of this place for a drydock speaks for itself.

The above article appeared in the Oregonian of Saturday last, and the suggestion carries with it much merit. The site Mr. Piggott refers to is, perhaps, the canyon through which flows "Sugar" creek, and no more natural place for a drydock exists, perhaps, on the Pacific coast. The length of this canyon is about 400 yards, and into it flows a sufficient amount of water to float any vessel, by the proper means being provided to retain it. Once into the aperture, the gates could be opened and the vessel left dry upon a dock, with everything at hand to work with and an abundance of room. The suggestion of Mr. Piggott is a good one, and merits more than mere talk if the chamber of commerce of the state metropolis really is looking for a favorable site for such a requisite to our commerce.

Kindly Remembered.
Last Sunday afternoon Mrs. M. C. Gray, who had been sick for several days, was called on by a host of young friends, who brought beautiful bouquets and presented them as an expression of sympathy. Flowers and happy faces filled the room in defiance of every thing gloomy, and sadness, and as each presented the token, which conveyed what words could not, it sent joy to the heart and brought forth words of deep gratitude. Although the flowers may fade and lose their fragrance, the time of their coming and the message they bore will never be forgotten.

CLATSKANIE NOTES.

J. L. Johnson is spending some time with his son, Giles, at Nehalem bay.
Rev. Shannon and Frank Elliott were taking in the sights at Portland this week.
The egg supply is not equal to the demand in town this week preparing for Thanksgiving.
W. R. Conyers is in Portland this week as a member of the grand jury in United States circuit court.
E. Hankins and family left Wednesday evening of last week for Vale, in Malheur county, for the winter.
Ed Elliott brought a small cargo of turkeys to town Tuesday morning to supply the demand for Thanksgiving.

J. M. Larkins, formerly a resident of this locality, now of Castle Rock, Wash., was here visiting friends recently.
George Dixon, of Clatskanie county, Wash., has been spending a few days with his parents and friends in this vicinity.

A. McGilvery has moved to town and established himself and wife in the McConnell property, which he recently purchased.

The way goods are being packed at Page's store looks as though he was really going to leave town for Eastern Oregon, as mentioned last week.

O. J. Bryant shipped twenty-five boxes of choice apples Monday. His orchards have yielded him a very generous quantity and variety of fruit this year.

E. Hughes moved his family into the house on the Station property, now owned by W. Elliott, who proposes to make various repairs, and put the house into more habitable shape.

Henry Kratz was reported sick on Monday, but was on duty again the next day "weak as a cat." He was in bed these days to lay aside for illness, and was fortunate in getting out so soon.

The steamer Shaver omitted its usual call on our town Monday to go over to Beaver bridge and load cedar lumber from the Andy mill. The steamer James E. Stevens looked after the passengers and took them to meet the Shaver at the mouth of Clatskanie.

Our worthy townsman, C. P. Clark, was seen in his best suit last Monday, with grip-sack in hand, heading for town. His wife is in Portland visiting her daughter and grandchildren, and Mr. Clark, who very seldom goes away from home, thought the grandchildren would like to see him, also.

B. M. Sigler, of Portland, who has been spending most of the past summer at Bryant & Co.'s shingle mill, which he is interested, left last Friday for home, having shut down the mill for the season. He reported several inches of snow on the ground when he was in progress at that time by the young ladies' athletic club, and it was also told confidentially to a few that some of the lovely creatures were so still they could scarcely walk for a day or two afterward. They enjoyed the game and went at it too vigorous for the first time.

On Tuesday evening the C. I. L. society, composed of the pupils of the intermediate department of our school, under charge of Miss Myrtle Jones, held what they called a "pic social" at Kratz's hall. A literary and musical entertainment was followed by the distribution of a piece of pie to each one in the audience. The entertainment was highly prepared and as a result some of the performers were not very well up on their feet, but a very pleasant evening was spent and most of the exercises were good. Miss Jones, herself, giving a piano selection which convinced the audience that she could play as well as sing, and the songs by the scholars were well rendered. The hall was well filled and the generous applause testified the appreciation of the audience.

VERNONIA GLEANINGS.

U. C. Adams commenced school at Pittsburg last Monday.
The high water of Friday did some damage to bridges and fences.
Attorneys Hall and Timmons attended the justice court here Saturday.
Omar Shannahan came over from St. Helens Saturday to remain this winter.

Dow Keasey returned to his father's home Sunday, after an extended absence.
Pittsburg Peck went to St. Helens Friday after a load of goods for the Pittsburg Mill Company.

Pat Parker and Charley Selamon paid this valley a visit last Friday, returning to Houlton Sunday.
Cad Keasey was visiting friends here the latter part of last week. He will soon return to St. Louis.

We are informed that Otto Malinzen expects his parents to arrive here soon to remain in future.
Two persons are reported lost on the Upper Nehalem. At last reports they were still missing, and quite a crowd is searching the woods for them.

Irish Mellinger, accompanied by J. F. Sheeley and E. G. Shannahan, paid the county a visit, the latter part of last week, the former making final proof upon his homestead.
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