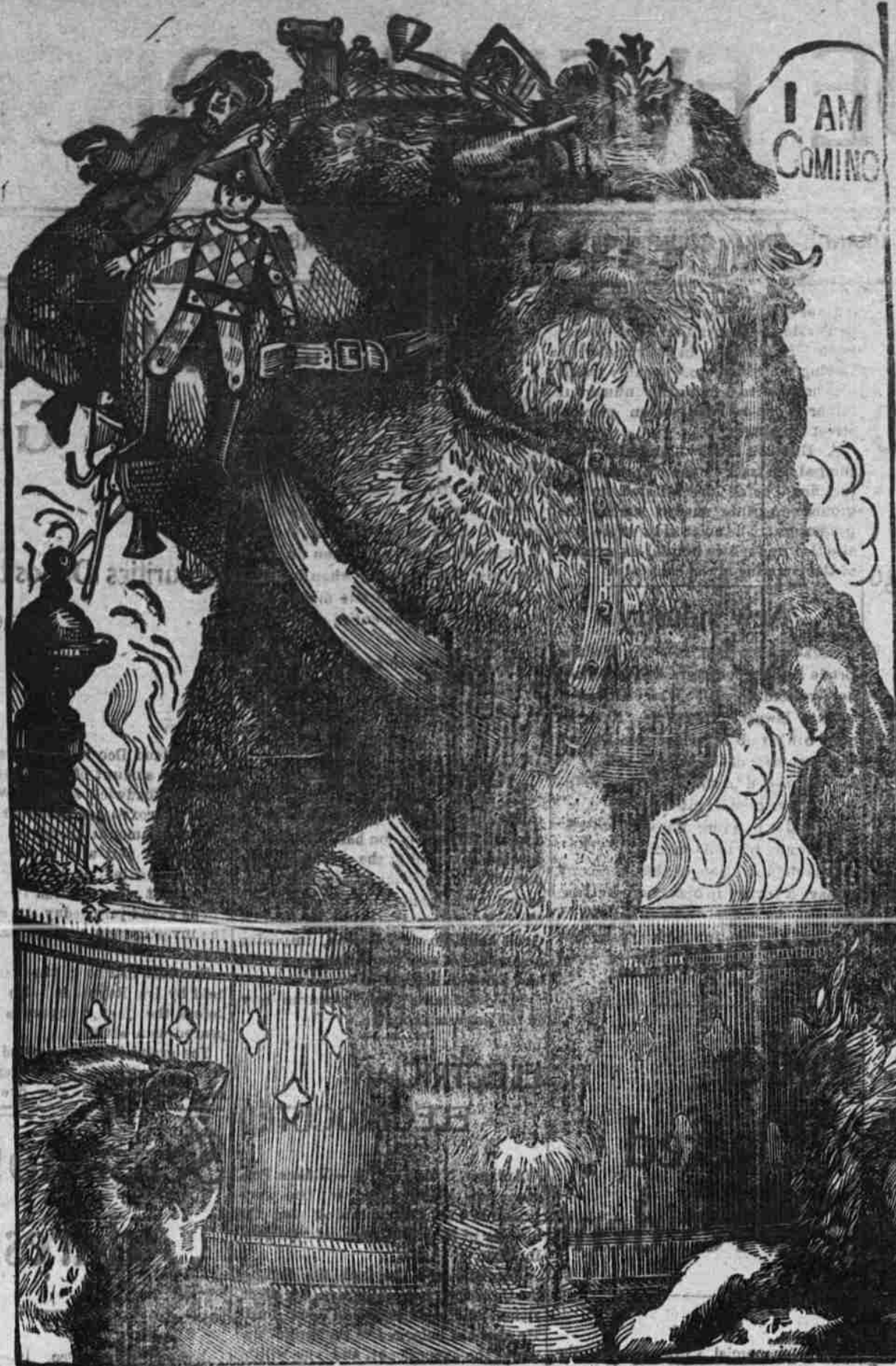


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THE VALUE OF TIMBER

There are many millions of acres of timberland in Oregon that belong to the General Government, and as two sections of 640 acres each in each township of 36 sections of this unappropriated land belongs to the state of Oregon which by the terms of the grant from the United States is irrevocably dedicated to the support of the common schools, the state of Oregon has a large interest in the timber growing in Oregon.

The state should take a careful interest in this land. The next Oregon legislature should devise some plan for securing for the children now in Oregon and those that will be here in all the years of the coming future as good a price for its school land as possible. If the school land cannot be made to realize an adequate price at this time, the sale of school land should be stopped until such future time as it will bring what it is worth.

The United States on December the 12th received sealed bids for the timber growing on 116,000 acres of land in Minnesota. Sealed bids were submitted by twenty three different persons ranging from \$5 to \$8.81 per 1000 feet of lumber in the trees board measure as determined by

regulation gauging. At this sale the matured trees were sold on 69,000 acres of white pine forest for \$931,319 or \$13.50 per acre for the standing timber.

Oregon has many thousands of acres of school land that will gauge as much board measure as the Minnesota land, and if disposed of in the same way would bring to the school fund at least four times as much as the land and timber will bring if sold under our present law for disposing of the school land at \$2.50 per acre. There are hundreds of quarter sections of Oregon school land that the matured timber alone thereon would sell for at least \$1,920 whereas land and all will now bring but \$400, a clear loss to the school fund of \$1,520 and to the children of Oregon for all time.

The Oregon school lands have been managed long enough in the interest of the purchasers, and it is high time the interest of the children should be considered.

Today's snow is piling up wealth for the citizens of this valley. Snow is a wealth producer in this section of the state. It insures a good grass crop, and is therefore a benefit to the stock men. It insures a sufficient supply of logs and therefore benefits the mill men. It insures a bountiful water supply and therefore is a benefit to the farmer. And all these in turn guarantee to the business man a sale for his wares. Let the snow continue.

Statesmen of Russia are of the opinion that it would be well to wait and see what comes of the Baltic fleet before turning out the Black Sea fleet for Japanese consumption.

The puzzle in the Chadwick case—find the man.

DOCKED HORSES

The following signed editorial is taken from "Our Dumb Animals" and expresses our sentiments to a dot regarding the brutal method of disfiguring horses. If the government has officers who wish to ape this foreign style of brutality, they should be allowed to resign and enter the service of some European Nabob.

"We have recently read a severe attack in one of our leading papers on the riding of docked horses in military parades. If anything can be imagined more disgusting than to see a military officer or cavalry man mounted on a mutilated horse with its tail cut off and sticking up like a shoe brush, we hardly know where it can be found.

Geo. T Angell."

Mrs. Chadwick was sufficiently shrewd not to venture among the lambs gamboling in Wall street.

Mrs. Chadwick's sister insists that Mrs. Chadwick is crazy. Her methods certainly have a look of bank insanity about them.

As Commander-in-chief of the Massachusetts militia General Miles may be called upon to pacify the anti-imperialists of the Hub.

Japan's acceptance of the invitation to The Hague bars consideration of the present conflict in the expectation that "there won't be no Russia" when it is over.

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