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The latest news from the Orient leads us to believe that China and Japan are both sparing for wind.

The domestic troubles of William K. Vanderbilt and his wife have been aired so much in the public press lately that it has become a chestnut.

Christopher Buckley, "the Blind Devil" has again the San Francisco democracy by the throat, and is holding on with such a grip that will surely rend that helpless party assunder.

General George Stoneman, ex-governor of California, who had a brilliant war record, but as a statesman was a failure, died September 5th at the home of his sister in Buffalo, New York.

Hon. D. W. Sears, the chairman of the democratic state central committee, is keeping as mum as an oyster, in regard to the great benefits that the people of Oregon will receive from his party's tariff legislation.

Gorman and Wilson have gone over to England to receive a flattering ovation and to be royally entertained for the way they have legislated for Great Britain to the detriment of American industries and American labor.

It looks like the people of Washington will send Levi Ankeny, the Peabody, Oregon banker to the U. S. senate from that state at the next session of the Washington legislature.

Governor Waite, of Colorado, was re-nominated on the first ballot at the populist convention held at Pueblo, Colorado. The people of Colorado have had more than enough of their war governor and he will be overwhelmingly defeated in the coming election.

The close of the long session of congress was very tame. There are few who are proud of the work done by the fifty-third congress, aside from those interested in certain trusts which have been largely benefited, and many of its members have gone home with the certainty of being condemned by their constituents for neglecting opportunities they had to assist in obtaining legislation which they knew was desired by those who sent them there.

Speaker Crisp, Hoke Smith, Pod Dlamuke, Dink Batts & Co. opened the democratic campaign in Georgia last week, Crisp and Smith speaking from the same platform. Crisp declared himself in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver. Smith opposed free coinage of silver supported Cleveland's views on the repeal of the Sherman act, and finished his speech by appealing to the people to return Crisp to congress because his views on the tariff and financial questions, were sound.

The country editors who are predicting a tight next winter over the senatorship have not delved very far into the political future, says the Welcome. The fight will be two years hence, and the forces are already organizing. The bosses in Portland are determined to beat John H. Mitchell in 1897 for re-election. The Oregonian's old grudge has suffered no abatement of strength or bitterness by the lapse of time. And within certain limits the Oregonian editor is now boss. It is the program here in Portland to down Mitchell, at whatever cost. But whether republicans in other parts of the state will meekly submit to their dictations remain to be seen. It is liable to cause a pretty battle.

THE COMING WINTER.

There is to be a big field for charity work during the coming winter, and it is time that the workers are formulating these plans. While there are

abundant evidences of improvement in business circles, we must not deceive ourselves with the belief that the era of destitution has passed and that prosperity is going to suddenly burst upon us. The recuperation will be slow, and prosperity will return by gradual processes. There will be a little spurt during the fall season, more money in circulation, but it will terminate with the coming of winter. From December until the opening of spring will be the hardest times that this country ever knew, or possibly will ever know again. It will not be a long season of distress, but it will be a severe one. The destitution will exceed that of last winter, while the sources of relief will be more limited. There will be more persons out of employment next winter than last, and on an average the people of means will have less from which to supply those who are destitute. The accuracy of these statements will not be questioned by one who has studied the situation. Hence some plans must be formed for tiding over the distresses of the coming winter, and this should be done before the winter is upon us.

THE MINNESOTA HOLOCAUST.

Never before in the history of our country has such a terrible calamity befallen the people of any state as that which occurred in Minnesota last week. Over a dozen towns were wiped up by the forest fires and over 700 lives were lost in the flames. The fires swept over an area of several miles square leaving the charred remains of hundreds of people smoldering in the ruins of the burnt district. Not even the great Chicago fire, of 1871, which caused the loss of so many lives and where millions of dollars worth of property were destroyed; not even the Johnstown flood of Penn., in 1889, where so many people perished in the roaring waters caused by the bursting of a dam equal it.

Neither of the above disasters was any comparison to the horrible scene of carnage, caused by the sea of flames, which swept over our sister state on the northern border. It is impossible to describe, or for the people to realize, the terrible sufferings of these poor and helpless people. Cut off from all avenues of escape they were compelled to face the burning flames and be cremated in their own homes. Many a father and mother offered themselves up as a sacrifice to the flames in attempting to shield their children, but they all perished together. There was one mother who was a heroine of which the ages of time can never efface her noble self-sacrificing nature. Her charred remains were found in the burnt district with the remnants of her three children huddled up close together under her, while she was lying over them in her vain endeavor to shelter them from the burning heat while she was suffering the tortures of death that her children might live. Time will never blot out that terrible sight from those who gathered up those lifeless victims and the picture of that woman will forever live as a monument to her memory showing her Godly love for her perishing children.

We could have devoted several columns to this unfortunate catastrophe but it is impossible to get all the particular facts until after the relief committee, (which was recently appointed by Governor Nelson, of that state) makes their report. We can state in conclusion that the American people are responding liberally and a large amount of money, clothing and provisions have been contributed to relieve the immediate wants of the suffering people. Among those who donated money at once was President Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, who sent the committee his personal check for \$5000, and an additional \$5000 in behalf of his company. Another noted person, Mr. Henry Irving, the great English tragedian, called \$500, to the mayor of New York to be applied to the wants of the Minnesota sufferers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BUENA VISTA NOTES.

Ex-Sheriff Wells and family are visiting in and around this burg. Sam Baldwin and Miss Nora Prather, spent Sunday in Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Ballentyne have gone to Corvallis, but will return soon. J. L. Contu, our leading merchant, returned from Portland last week. Miss Maud Cole, of Annsville, has been visiting here for the past two weeks. N. Anderson, of McMinnville, was in our town the first of the week visiting. Miss Ruth McDevitt, of Dallas, was here visiting her cousin here, left for her home Sunday. Miss Mildred and Berta Linville, two of Corvallis' most attractive young ladies, were visiting here last week. The love match, of Sam Baldwin, in the South has a romantic foundation. Thus the story ends as all good stories should. Hop picking has begun, and most of the yards in and about Buena Vista will be picked despite the poor prospect for good prices.

IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

A FORMER RESIDENT OF OREGON WRITES ENTERTAININGLY.

Wealth and Happiness For All Under the Tropical Skies of Costa Rica.

CARTAGO, COSTA RICA, August 10, 1894.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE WEST SIDE:

Dear Sir: As I have received a great many letters from residents of Oregon, and especially from Portland, where I spent several years with the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, asking for information regarding this country, I have concluded the best way to answer them all is through your valuable newspaper.

Noticing the times were growing harder and harder every year, and the time had come when it was impossible for a poor man to make a raise in the States, I determined to try my luck somewhere else, so last September, a year ago, I left Portland, bound for the country. When I arrived at New Orleans, I found a regular line of steamers plying between that city and Port Limon, Costa Rica, run by J. L. Phillips & Company, a steamer leaving every Wednesday. After spending a day and a night in New Orleans I paid my fare on the steamer, which was \$30, and started for Port Limon. After a voyage of six days over remarkably smooth water, we arrived at Port Limon. Here I found a thriving seaport town of five thousand people. There are probably one hundred Americans here, mostly railroad men, working on the Costa Rica Railroad, which is owned by an English company, and operating between Limon and San Jose. I began to look around among the railroad boys, hoping to find some old acquaintances, but only succeeded in finding one, Ernest Fisher, from Arlington, who is running a Parengua train, learning that my brother was train master on the road, and living at Cartago, a distance of eighty miles, the next morning I took the train for that city.

ENGAGES IN THE BANANA BUSINESS.

After meeting my brother and getting all the information I could regarding the country, I began to consider what to do. Being a civil engineer by profession I naturally expected to engage in railroad work, having spent ten years in that occupation on the Pacific coast, but when my brother told me of the advantage of farming, I determined to engage in that lucrative business, so the next thing was to get some land. My brother had twenty-five hundred acres of good pasture land well stocked in the interior, forty miles from San Jose, which was paying well. He offered me an interest in that, but I thought I could do better on the coast, where I could raise fruit as well as stock. I learned there was an American colony living five miles from Limon that had a large tract of land they had acquired by concession from the government, which they would sell cheap, so I went to see them. I found them situated at a place called Port Vargas, where there was a beautiful and magnificent harbor, surrounded by the finest land I ever saw in the world, but instead of purchasing land from them, although they offered me good land cheap, I concluded to see the government first, and see what I could do. I had no trouble in getting all the land I wanted on easy terms. My brother went in with me, and we secured one thousand hectares of land adjoining the colony, five hundred hectares of which was leased for fifty years, paying five hundred dollars a year after the third year, and five hundred hectares we got a deed by paying two dollars a hectare; so I immediately went to work farming. We now have nearly two hundred acres cleared and planted to chocolate and bananas, besides abundance of other fruit and vegetables, and when I read in the papers of the hard times and strikes in the United States, I think how fortunate I was to come to Costa Rica. This is certainly

PARADISE OF THE FARMER.

There is nothing he can engage in but which will pay from one hundred to three hundred per cent on money invested. The richness of the soil is something wonderful, and the way the different fruits and vegetables are raised is astonishing to a person from the States. In the way of vegetables, I find that anything will grow that is planted. Cabbage, turnips, tomatoes, beans, onions, sweet potatoes and such like, produce amazingly. Corn will grow four crops in the year, and all that is to be done is to plant and gather the crop. No one ever thinks of working anything unless it be to cut the weeds with a machete [a large knife]. Such a thing as a plow is not known in the country; nor do they ever use a hoe only to plant. Such is the productivity of the soil. And yet though everything grows so bountifully, it sells for a high price. This will seem strange to one not accustomed to the country. The reason is the people here do not trouble with raising anything but coffee, bananas and chocolate. These pay such enormous profits that they can afford to buy everything else, and do not bother themselves with the trouble of raising it. All vegetables mature in about three months after planting. Bananas begin to pay the first year; chocolate pays after the third year, something it will do nowhere else in the world, as it takes from four to six years in most of the other localities. Coffee pays the third year, but it requires capital to go into the coffee business. It only does well at an altitude of from four to five thousand feet, and all the coffee land accessible to the railroad is owned and cultivated. Good coffee land not planted, but cleared, is worth from two to five hundred dollars a manzana, (nearly two acres). Planted and bearing is worth from eight hundred to two thousand and a manzana, owing to age of trees. There is plenty of good coffee land that can be had cheap as soon as railroads are built to it, which I think will be soon.

Mr. Keith, who has spent about forty million dollars in building railroads and developing this country, is now in London for the purpose of raising money to be used in further developments, and I hear he is meeting with success.

The American colony I spoke of has raised money to build twenty miles of railroad, and they will put on a line of fruit steamers. They will open up a fine country and bring their lands into market. It is surprising to me that people will stay in the States, working hard and barely making a living, when they can COME OUT HERE AND GROW RICH. In a few years. Any man with from five hundred dollars up can start in and make a good living and make money besides. He can buy land, as I have bought it, or he can go on any land he finds vacant, and clear, and it is his own property, without paying one cent. The only advantage in buying is to keep others from crowding you, as of course, all have the same privilege of taking land. The squatter right is as good a title as any other, but one can only claim what he has cleared.

CLIMATE.

Now as to climate, it is so much like Oregon that I can hardly realize that I have exchanged countries. It is the same the year round as the Willamette Valley 14 the month of May. In the interior the thermometer ranges from sixty-five to seventy-five to ninety degrees. On the coast from seventy-five to ninety degrees. In the interior there are six months of rainy weather, lasting from May until November, during which time it rains a good deal, mostly in the evening, hardly ever raining in the morning. The other six months are dry. On the coast where I am situated it is the same the year round, one or two good showers almost every week, the rain falling generally at night. I wear the same clothing which I wore in Portland and I am comfortable. There is occasionally a day when it is oppressively warm, but nine-tenths of the time it is as near perfect as any other place in the world. It is always cool at night. There is no place in the world more healthy than the interior of Costa Rica. On the coast there is more or less tropical fever, which is very injurious unless one takes the precaution necessary to avoid contracting the disease. I have never enjoyed better health in my life than I have had here. Excepting fever there is scarcely any sickness at all. Three months residence here on the coast will cure the worst case of catarrh; also, indigestion.

NO REVOLUTIONS.

Now, as to revolutions, there is no such thing, and how such reports happened to be published in the newspapers throughout the States is a mystery to me. There has been no such thing as a revolution since I first came here, although I have frequently seen accounts of a revolution in this country in the newspapers received here in the United States. My brother has resided here the past five years, and he says there has been no revolution since he came here. During the late election there were a few political riots, such as might occur in the States or any other place. I think I heard of one man being killed. The people here are peaceful, law-abiding citizens. Don Rafael Iglesias was elected President last May for five years. He is a very intelligent and progressive man, and I am confident the country will have a peaceful and prosperous time during his administration.

I would not advise any man to come here to work for wages. Railroad men, such as conductors, engineers and office-men are paid good wages, but aside from this kind of employment, labor is very cheap and living in the hotels is very high, but for a man who wishes to engage in farming I know of

NO BETTER PLACE IN THE WORLD.

I do not like to advise any one to come here for fear they would not be satisfied with a new country, but I give my honest opinion for what it is worth. A man can work a little and use his brains and get rich, or he can live without work, just as he likes. There is plenty of game and fish of any quantity and size. A man can raise all he wants to eat in three months, so that for the farmer there is no cheaper or easier place in the world.

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