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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Huntley, the road supervisor, says he could make the Willamette navigable for boats from Salem to Independence all the year, for a few hundred dollars. We need a board of trade to discuss these questions.

In the state school appointment the per capita was fixed at \$1.20 as against \$1.04 in 1897. Polk county gets \$4568 on her 3897 children. There are 797 more school children in Oregon this year than last, and \$21,749 will be distributed more than in 1897.

Joseph Leiter, of Chicago, was not the only person who thought that wheat would go still higher in price, for we have learned the names of a number of our farmers in Polk county who are holding wheat right now, which will bring only 50 cents a bushel, that could have been sold for 90 cents about the middle of May. They, like Leiter, were so sure that the price would go higher that they hung on too long. Why is it that men in such cases will speculate? The spirit of speculation is among our farmers and they cannot resist any better than the stock broker of New York.

This is the season of the year when all who can should take a vacation from business and hide themselves to the lakes, mountains and sea shore. Quite a number of Independence people are disporting themselves over the face of the earth, searching for solid rest and enjoyment. Somehow the majority of people enjoy a taste of outdoor life occasionally. They imagine there is more fun wearing aches in the back, sleeping on the hard ground and eating debris that always sifts in the cookery over a camp fire, than staying at home living like christians. It is a change anyhow, and an innocent method of vagabonding away a few days or weeks during the dog days, and whether they always stick close to the truth or not, few camping parties return from an outing without declaring they enjoyed a most delightful time.

One of our readers expressed his opinion to the editor last week about the salary of our county officers. He said the salary of the county clerk is too high, and that \$1000 a year would be enough. In regard to the sheriff he said the public interests would be much better served if the sheriff were paid in fees instead of a salary. That Polk county has already lost not less than twenty-thousand dollars through the salary system being applied to the sheriff's office. It must be apparent to any one that the salaries of the two offices are not properly

graded, being as they are now, both the same, namely, \$1600 a year. Pay the clerk \$1000; that is enough, and let the sheriff collect fees, and pay all his own expenses. The business of the county would be better attended to, and the expense to the county be no more, and the results much better. This is a subject for consideration by the next legislature.

### THE BEST ANSWER.

The best answer to all democratic platforms attacking the Dingley law is the report of the bureau of statistics. It is a habit of the democrats to say that the republican tariff measure is a failure. There never was a time when such a declaration was further from the truth. The statistical report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, shows a balance of trade in our favor of \$615,259,025, more than double that in any previous year in our history. The value of our exports for the year is more than seven times that of 1865, 20 per cent. in excess of the great commercial year of 1892, and \$180,000,000 more than that of 1897. The imports of merchandise are less than in any year since 1889, and, with this single exception, less than in any year since 1879.

The purpose of the Dingley bill was to stimulate manufacturing in this country and to increase exports. If the Dingley law had been a failure there would not have been great increase in exports and there would not have been a decrease in imports; but as a matter of fact there has been great increase in exports, not only of grain and merchandise, but all American manufactures. There was great demand for all manufactured articles in the home market. This was supplied by our manufacturers and the exportations of manufactured goods amounted in value to nearly \$300,000,000.

We have not only sold more goods to European nations, but to Asiatic and African countries. In 1888 our exports to Africa amounted to \$3,000,000; in 1898 they are valued at \$17,000,000. In 1888 Japan bought from us goods to the amount of \$4,000,000; in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, she bought goods to the value of \$21,000,000. Ten years ago China bought American goods to the value of \$4,500,000; in the fiscal year just closed she bought American goods to the value of \$10,000,000.

This is certainly encouraging, but still more encouraging is the fact that all the manufacturing countries of Europe are buying more and more of American goods every year. In 1888 our exports to France were valued at \$40,000,000; in the last fiscal year the value increased to \$100,000,000. Ten years ago Germany took from us goods to the value of \$56,500,000;

in the last fiscal year our exports to Germany were valued at \$150,000,000. Great Britain, our rival in manufactures, bought from us in the last fiscal year goods to the amount of \$540,000,000; in 1888 our exports to Great Britain were only \$362,000,000. Our exports to British North America have increased from \$38,000,000 in 1888 to \$85,000,000 in 1898. Austria-Hungary ten years ago bought from us only \$500,000 of products; in the last fiscal year our exports to that country were valued at \$5,000,000.

It has been stated in some of the Democratic paper that we make a great showing in exports this year because of the unprecedented exportation of grain and other foreign products. This would not be discouraging were it true, but in the last fiscal year 71 per cent. of the exportations were products of agriculture, while in 1894 72 per cent. of our total exports were agricultural products; in 1893, 74 per cent., in 1892, 78 per cent., 1891, 82 per cent., and in 1890 more than 83 per cent. of our exports were agricultural products. During the Cleveland administration there was an outgo of gold to pay for American purchases abroad. In the last fiscal year, the first under the Dingley law, the net importations of gold—that is, the total gold importations in excess of exportations—were \$104,085,279. The net imports of gold in no preceding year ever reached \$100,000,000.

The truth is that no Tariff law was ever more of a success in the first year of its operation than the Dingley law. At home, industrial activity has been stimulated and the purchasing power of the hundreds engaged in manufacturing has been increased. When the armies of industry were idle there was little demand for the goods of the merchant or for the products of the farm; but when the wage-earners had money there was demand for merchandise and for all things grown on the farm. Legislation that promotes the welfare of the wage-earner and increases the prosperity of the farmer at the same time, is good legislation. Legislation that carries our foreign trade into new districts that increases its volume in Europe, Asia and Africa is not a failure. The Dingley law has done all this.

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### Wood Wanted.

J. H. Collins, out at Talmage, wants 100 cords of four-foot fir wood, delivered at the Willamette Roller Mills. Persons having wood for sale please call at the mill. J. C. COLLINS, Manager.

### LATE WAR NEWS.

A Battle at Manila—Peace Terms Accepted by Spain.

Spain's reply to the terms of peace is an acceptance of all the conditions laid down by the United States, but Spain presents elaborate views of each point involved, and on questions which would naturally arise when American conditions were carried into execution.

General Miles says he needs no more help in Porto Rico. His Plan of attack is to march on San Juan from four different points. Reinforcements have been stopped. He intends to press forward to San Juan regardless of peace negotiations until Washington orders hostilities to cease.

Chaplain Mc Intyre, of the battleship Oregon, in an address at Denver, Colorado, in which he scored Admiral Sampson, and "Fighting Bob" Evans, of the Iowa, also said: The reason Eastern-made ships did not come up to expectations was that the contractors who made them got the contracts through political pulls, and did not care how much they cheated the government. The Oregon was the only one made honestly, he added. Captain Clark, who fought with the Oregon as never a man fought with a ship before, will get only \$500, while Sampson, who was four miles away, and did nothing, will get \$10,000 of the prize money.

The German steamer Petreah which left Manila August 6, brought the first news of the severe engagement between the Spaniards and Americans near Manila, July 31. The Americans were victorious, and lost only 11 men killed and 37 wounded. The Spanish losses are not known but are reported to be heavy. The insurgent forces remained neutral. The Spaniards, who numbered 3000 men, made several desperate charges upon the American lines, but each time the fire of the Americans drove them back, and finally broke the Spanish center, causing the enemy to retreat. Some estimates place the Spanish losses at over 500 killed and wounded.

### STEVENSON, WASH.

A Party of Campers from Eastern Oregon—Typical Pioneers.

STEVENSON, Aug. 7th.

To the West Side.—Thinking that a few lines from the mountains, over here in the state of Washington, just across from the Cascade Locks, might be interesting I shall endeavor to tell you how a party of about fifty of us from Sherman county are enjoying our outing.

Not having been well since leaving the dear old Willamette in May (not liking Sherman any way) when the thermometer got up to 110° in the shade, I concluded it was getting too warm for me, so a party of eleven of us left Wasco last Tuesday morning and were joined at Hood River by another party, bound for Rock Creek, and I think whoever named this creek had in view the eternal fitness of things judging from the number of rocks your humble servant climbed over this morning on the way to the falls, but it was worth the trouble when we got there, for it is a beautiful place.

We are camped near some old settlers by the name of Imon. They came here in 1852 and, although living here in about two miles of Stevenson, the county seat of Sherman county, the old lady informed me she had never been there. She is the mother of sixteen children. They are typical mountaineers and have their fiddles and shot guns and country dance to amuse themselves, but what seems so strange is, it is in hearing of the boats and trains and still people can be so terribly isolated from civilization, but I believe they are better contented than some people I could mention who live in Eastern Oregon.

There are plenty of fish in the streams here but I have not been able to coax any of them into my frying pan as yet. There was a party went up the creek yesterday fishing and have just returned; they report 140 of the speckled beauties, but after all I do not believe it is any more enjoyable than hot picking was last year, in Mr. Percival's yard, and not nearly so remunerative.

Kindly send my paper to Stevenson, Wash., for I shall be here until the first of September, if not longer.

R. J.

### Big Price For a Broken Heart.

Not long since a Danville, Ill. jury ordered the male defendant in a breach of promise case to pay the competent sum of \$54,833.33 to the afflicted fair one. Though it is a pretty high estimate of blighted affection, there is another estimate which, if not in dollars and cents exactly as high, yet in general consideration of excellence reaches as lofty an altitude. This is the estimate of the people as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for constipation. The action of this gentle but effective laxative is never accompanied by the griping so marked in the operation of most cathartics. It is an incomparable remedy for all preventive of malarial, rheumatic and kidney complaints, and a promoter of appetite and sleep.

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### THE OMAHA WEST SIDE.

Superintendent Dorsch Says Such Literature is Welcome.

OMAHA, Neb., August 2, 1898.

To Editor West Side:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13th ult. and also a package of souvenir West Sides. A reply was only delayed on account of an injury to my right hand. Nevertheless I desire to thank you very much for your contribution. The demand for Oregon literature is so great that it keeps us continually bankrupt, and such contributions as you sent us are therefore doubly welcome. If all of our counties and large publishers would get out souvenirs of this kind to present the resources of their own immediate neighborhood, it would be a great benefit.

You know, as we are here to represent Oregon at large, we do not favor any one particular section, but there are many persons making inquiry about this, first or the other county, and then of course we will give them the desired information and if we have such a publication as yours, so complete in all its details, it is a great help and every word of it will be read by the applicant with great eagerness and with benefit to himself as well as to yourself.

The attendance of this Exposition is increasing, though not so much as anticipated, but after the harvest is gathered we look for a great influx of intending immigrants. Already a great many have gone to Oregon upon representations made here by us and a great many others are preparing to go this fall, so I find I am reasonably satisfied that from the little money spent in the coming year in advertising the resources of our beautiful state, we will be amply rewarded. You know, as well as I do, that immigration is what we want and if we could increase our population to 10,000,000 people, we would have none too many, for we have the climate and soil conditions to make all of them happy, amidst scenes of splendor and magnificent surroundings. Thanking you again for these contributions, I am, yours truly,  
HENRY E. DORSCH,  
Commissioner and Gen'l Supt.

### Free Ads.

The Independence West Side, under the heading, "Free Advertising," sums up the Portland Exposition as follows: "Advertising space in the Oregonian, \$800; same in 135 county papers, \$900; postage on sending notices to county papers, \$11.20; printing passes for 155 county editors, \$5; total, \$816.50."

Our neighbor is correct on the proposition. The country press is the means of Portland reaping several rich harvests annually while the Oregonian receives a big rake off at their expense. When the paper men from the "how counties," cease being a lot of "gulls" the metropolitan "jinks" will learn to respect them—and not before—McMinnville Transcript.

It is the same principle displayed by a great many people at home, that of getting their advertising free.—Albany Democrat.

Too true, but what is the use talking about it? It is action in such matters that counts.—Brownsville Times.

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Glimmer Co., W. Va. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.

The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Newwood, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.