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Hops, that is good hops, are going to be worth money this year. We know of a man who, a short time ago was offered four cents for a number of hales; within a day or two, the offer was doubled and he believes it will go higher.

With the hot wave in the Dakotas, parching the crops; the floods in Texas, Georgia and other southern states, and failure in Minnesota, Oregon will be decidedly "in it" with her wheat crop this year.

According to the idea of working out the road tax every man is a born roadmaker. According to the way some of them loaf the day out it appears that they do not take much interest in their calling.

The new three cent piece to be issued soon will be of nickel, the size of the old three cent piece, but thicker, and with a quarter inch hole in the center so it can be distinguished easily by daylight or in the dark.

The Boston board of health has classed tuberculosis as contagious, and required reports from physicians of cases of the disease. In the past five years deaths from consumption in Boston have been about double the combined mortality from scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever.

The silliest story that is going around in politics is the one that has it fixed so that John H. Mitchell will be elected United States senator next winter. It is merely a logic intended to scare people with. But there is no one in all Oregon, outside the asylum for the insane, silly enough to be scared, or who would believe the story.—Salem Statesman.

Would it really, then, be such a great calamity were John H. Mitchell elected.

An Iowa professor has been appointed to be instructor of farming for the Turkish government. Perhaps he can assist the Sultan in raising the wind.

Gen. MacArthur is not only winning his stars in the Manila campaign, but he is capturing a considerable number of those worn by the Filipino commanders.

A careful scrutiny of the British war dispatches fails to indicate whether the development of the burghers into bush-whackers will make them limb-burghers or not.

Ex-Senator Peffer is delivering lectures on spiritualism, although he insists that he is not a spiritualist. However this may be, no one can say that he doesn't look the part.

Smaller farms mean more civilized communities, better schools, better society, telephone service and in the near future rural mail delivery. They mean a better type of agriculture; better stock and a greater variety of crops.

It was observed at the first performance of Sousa's band in the American section of the Paris exposition that the enthusiasm of the great audience of Americans that gathered to hear it did not break all bounds until the cakewalk and other ragtime pieces were played. Then the American colony became delirious. It danced and whooped, and demanded encores until the band was exhausted. The Frenchmen present couldn't understand it.

The dispatches on Wednesday indicated that D. B. Hill would be Bryan's running mate, the headline being "Bryan and Hill," but Zed Rosendorf thinks it will be Bryan and h—l.

A farmer friend of the writer could get no sacks just when he wanted them, so he put his wheat in bins after cleaning it up, and it is there yet. Wheat is up now, and he is glad sacks were scarce. It would be a good idea for more of our farmer friends to prepare for storing their wheat on their farms.—Salem Statesman.

A farmer friend of the West Side is in pretty much the same predicament. He has four thousand bushels left over from last year and he says that every time the price goes up a cent he feels lots richer. With prospects of a good crop this year and a good price for it, he feels sort of independent.

When six or seven cows will provide milk for a large family, raise five or six calves and bring \$30 to \$35 per month for the milk taken to the creamery there is no use trying to make the average farmer believe that there is no profit in dairying. Anyone can make a good living on a small farm with a few good cows, and there are very few who can do the same with a large farm sown with wheat. Why not give up the grain raising idea and try a few cows and note the difference.—Santiam News.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., June 18.

The situation in China grows worse instead of better, and it may become necessary for this government to send soldiers from the Philippines to properly protect American interests in China. The break in telegraphic communication with Peking has resulted in the circulation of many sensational stories, but which may or may not be based on truth. The administration has not the slightest desire to meddle with China, but it intends to protect our large and increasing commercial interests in that country at all hazards.

An official statement, prepared at the Treasury Department, shows that during the first three months of the new financial law, there have been 362 applications for authority to organize National Banks, with a total capitalization of \$16,196,000; 280 of which were for banks of \$50,000 or less capital. During that period 159 National Banks with a combined capital of \$8,045,000 have been actually organized and opened for business with an increase of \$51,997,910 in national bank circulation. If proof were needed of the wisdom of the national banking clause of the new law, it would be furnished by these figures, showing the quickness of the people to recognize the benefits open to them by a provision for national banks with less than \$50,000 capital.

Senor Nicholas Rivero, editor of a leading Havana paper, who is now in Washington, pays this high compliment to General Leonard Wood, military governor of Cuba: "General Wood is an honest and wise official and is doing all he can to give the Cubans a good administration."

Mr. James J. Walton of Idaho, stopped long enough in Washington to give his ideas of the political outlook in his state. He said: "Idaho will go Republican this year. We lost the state four years ago by nearly 20,000, but the elections of the last two years brought that majority down considerably, and we think that this year we will again get control of the state. McKinley and prosperity are responsible. We have not had such prosperous times in ten years past as we are experiencing today. We are rapidly developing our industries. Our people are paying off their debts. We are too well off to think of making a change. We are satisfied with the present state of affairs. McKinley and prosperity are much better than Bryan and demoralization."

Although the farmers in all sections of the country are prosperous, the Democratic congressional campaign committee has undertaken to convince them that they are not. The committee actually puts out a claim that the farmers have lost two billions of dollars under the McKinley administration by the decline in prices of farm products. The farmer who remembers that he was heavily in debt when the Cleveland administration closed, and who is now out of debt and has a balance to his credit in bank, will be convinced by this sort of literature that the correct reading of the adage should be, "figures can lie," especially when manipulated by those who care nothing for facts.

Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional campaign committee, who has a record of never having made a mistake in sizing up the political outlook, says the Republicans will not only hold their majority in the House, but will increase it at this year's elections. He regards the Democratic claim of the next House as a bluff, with absolutely nothing behind it.

An Oppressive Monopoly. We are glad to note that Representative Poorman, of this county, intends to introduce some legislation tending to regulate that greatest monopoly of the Pacific coast, Wells, Fargo & Co. This company has enjoyed a monopoly of the express business on this coast for many years. Each year it has oppressed its patrons a little more, until now the smallest kind of package costs 25 cents, with an additional one cent stamp for revenue, which the company kindly makes the patron pay. We sincerely hope that the press of the state will give its moral support to Capt. Poorman when the time comes, and aid him and all other good citizens in their efforts to make Wells, Fargo & Co. pay a good tax for doing business in Oregon and also to reduce its excessive rates for carriage. The Independent for one paper will do what it can to aid Representative Poorman in his proposed laudable legislation.—Salem Independent.

The word "compound," which is frequently used in the dispatches from China, means an inclosure. In that country and in Japan it is customary to build high brick walls around factories, business houses, banks and residences for protection, and these are known as "compounds."

PARIS EXPOSITION LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Paris, France, June 14.

The exposition is a whitened sepulchre clean, even dazzling without, but within full of rubbish, scaffolding, lime dust, grease of machinery and other varieties of uncleanness. It will not be ready for visitors for at least five weeks. This is the plain truth about it no matter how much the Paris papers may try to disguise the fact of its unreelness or how loud they may proclaim their invitation to come now. The exposition management; the Paris hotels and thousands of landlords with rooms to rent; to say nothing of a quarter of a million of shopkeepers, would like to have a crowd at once and all the time, but those who wish to see the exposition itself, and not the process of preparation, will do well to wait until the first of July. I have talked with many Americans here, some are seeing Paris, others finding it impossible to see the exposition with cleanliness and comfort, have scattered over Europe, intending to return here later. This is the better course for those who can control their time and who are not restricted by an itinerary made before leaving home.

I confined my visit to the exposition today to the art gallery which is one of the permanent buildings massive and handsome. It has quite as much floor and wall space as had the art building at Chicago. Of course, the great majority of paintings was in the French section, but I do not think France has come up to her art displays of former years when the walls were covered by canvases by Meissonier, Jerome, Dore, Bonnat and Corot. There are many imitators of these in the present art exhibit and of course a large number of paintings of high merit. It would not be a French exhibit if it did not abound in female nudes in various poses and postures. There appears to be some change in the treatment of these owing perhaps to the decadence of idealism and the prevalence of impressionism or realism in art. If the model had more angles than curves, prominent shoulder blades and big, tight-shoe deformed feet, the artist has felt that it was his duty in some instances to reproduce them.

One gets the impression that the artists of France feel very profoundly the friendship of Russia. Not only is the splendid new bridge over the Seine named after the Czar's father a monument to that friendship, but many incidents of the Czar's visit to Paris of three years ago are displayed on large canvases in the French section. The best of these is the introduction of the Czar and the Czarina to the Immortals, as the French academy is called. The subject is admirably handled. The Czar and his consort occupy seats in front while the members of the academy sit at tables in the room in attitudes of attention while a member is reading an address of welcome. Every face is a portrait; there is no stiffness, but grace, dignity, high bred seriousness and composure throughout, making a very pleasing picture and embalming the features of some distinguished men and a most humorous sovereign and his wife. Another picture in this section is that of the French Minister, Cambon, signing the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States in the presence of President McKinley and all his cabinet. Here also the portrait is good and the French artist has accentuated the resemblance of President McKinley to the first Napoleon in a way that is almost startling.

In paintings, the German, Italian and English sections are very good. The English I think is better than at any previous exposition. Of the United States art exhibit not much can be said in praise. If it could be taken by itself it would be worth seeing, but in comparison with others it is painfully weak. It has some good portraits and landscapes and in the four or five rooms covered by American artists it may be said that if there is nothing excellent, there is much that is worthy and nothing utterly bad.

Malapropos of art I want to describe a merry-go-round I saw yesterday. Instead of wooden horses it had real live donkeys on the circular revolving platform; these while standing stock still were carried around to the strains of enlivening music. The boys and girls supposed they were riding the donkeys, but here is where the joke comes in. The saddles in which they sat did not touch the little beasts but were supported by a frame work, and held two or three inches above the backs of the animals. Long skirts extending from the saddle concealed this framework. It is the first time I ever knew the poor donkey to have his innings. He was getting a ride without being ridden.

Seattle proposes to make the biggest noise in the state of Washington on July 4. Five thousand dollars worth of fireworks will be exploded.

Nursing Mothers dread hot weather. They know how it weakens and how this affects the baby. All such mothers need Scott's Emulsion. It gives them strength and makes the baby's food richer and more abundant.

Ordinance No. 53.

A BILL, for an Ordinance to provide for the Taxing, Licensing, Impounding, Selling, Killing, and Burying of Dogs, by the City of Independence, Oregon, and providing penalties in connection therewith.

The People of the City of Independence do ordain as follows: Section 1. It is hereby made unlawful for any person or persons to keep, own or care for, within the corporate limits of the City of Independence, Oregon, any dog, or dogs, of the age of more than four months without the having obtained from the City Marshal of said City a license for each and every dog, as specified in this Ordinance.

Section 2. The owner, keeper or caretaker of any dog or dogs as hereinafter described, within this City, shall, on or before the 1st day of July of each year, pay to the City Marshal of Independence, Oregon, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) in gold or silver coin, as and for a license fee, for each and every male and female dog kept or owned; and said payment shall entitle said owner, keeper or caretaker to a receipt from said City Marshal designating the name of such owner, keeper or caretaker, the number of such license, the name of the dog or dogs, if possible, the date of payment, and a brief description of the animal or animals; and the number of said license shall correspond with the number of a metal tag which shall be given by said City Marshal to such owner, keeper or caretaker, to be placed by the latter, at his own expense, upon said dog or dogs. And the license fees arising under this section shall be paid into the City Treasury of Independence, Oregon, by said City Marshal.

Section 3. It shall be lawful for the City Marshal, with the consent of the Common Council, to appoint a capable and trustworthy person or persons to seize, impound, maintain, pound, sell, kill and bury any dog or dogs as aforesaid, under the terms and conditions of this ordinance, found at large within the corporate limits of this City, the owner, keeper or caretaker thereof has failed to procure and pay for the license herein prescribed; and upon the impounding of any such animal or animals as aforesaid, the City Marshal or his appointee, shall immediately post written notice of any such impoundment upon the bulletin board at the City Hall, and shall also advise in writing the owner, keeper or caretaker of such animal or animals, provided such address is known with any degree of certainty; and said notices shall contain a brief but careful description of the animal or animals hereunder, the date of impounding, and the statement that unless the owner, keeper or caretaker thereof appears and claims possession of said dog or dogs and pays the prescribed license fee, together with the costs of keeping and posting said animal or animals, the City Marshal will sell the same at public sale at the highest and earliest legal sale, to the highest bidder for cash. And no bid shall be received at any such sale that shall be less than the aggregate sum of such license fee, the cost of maintenance of said dog or dogs at twenty-five (25) cents per day each, and the fee for posting and mailing notices, hereby fixed at the sum of twenty-five (25) cents for each and every male and female dog, while five days, from the date of said notice appear and claim possession of said dog or dogs and pay the prescribed license fee, together with the costs of keeping and posting said animal or animals, the City Marshal will sell the same at public sale at the highest and earliest legal sale, to the highest bidder for cash. 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