

PORT ORFORD POST.

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WILL THE "MAIL" EXPLAIN?

By the way, during the Presidential campaign last year, coal happened to be in brisk demand at fair figures, and the Mail took advantage of the circumstance to inform the people on Coos Bay that the "boom" was wholly due to the policy of the Republican party, which levied a tariff on coal! But now coal has declined to a point so low that that commodity will not pay the expense of mining, and hence the mines on the Bay have been compelled to shut down and discontinue work. How will the Mail explain this? The same tariff which was the subject of eulogiums in its columns last year is still in force, and yet coal will not bring the cost of handling. Strange philosophy, ain't it?

MUSSEL SLOUGH VICTIMS.

HANFORD Sept. 21.—Extensive preparations are being made here to tender a great ovation to the Mussel Slough men, now in the San Jose jail, on their arrival at home. A large delegation of friends will leave here for San Jose by private carriages on Thursday afternoon next, arriving there on next Monday, and will reach here on their return on the following Saturday. The public reception will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 5th. A committee of arrangements has the matter in charge, and will spare no pains to make the event equal to the expectations of the public. The exhibition of the one-track railroad, now in successful operation, will take place at the same time. A great crowd is anticipated, and the committee will see to it that all are accommodated.—Tel. dispatch.

One almost loses faith in human nature upon a calm survey of the devious ways of the "powers that be." These Mussel Slough settlers were incarcerated in dungeons at the beck of Leland Stanford, the great Central and Southern Pacific sharp, for an effort to save their homes, of which Stanford and his crowd had determined to rob them outright. A petition containing near 40,000 names backed by a memorial from the Legislature of California for the release of the prisoners that they might return to the succor of destitute families was presented to Hayes just prior to the close of his term, but that "pious sneak," as Conkling called him, turned a deaf ear in the matter. Efforts for the release of these men were renewed before Garfield with no result. They have now served out their allotted terms, and return to their former neighborhood to be received with an ovation by the people who know how cruelly they have been wronged. During the long, weary months these people have pined in jail, hundreds of Government thieves of various degrees have been acquitted through the guilty connivance of Government agents, and others pardoned who had been convicted of stealing great sums from the peoples' treasury. What must be said of the times when such things can be?

WAGES AND THE TARIFF.

It is argued that the tariff on woollens is intended to afford a margin in the interest of work-people employed in our factories; but proprietors do not distribute their enormous profits among their employes. Some San Francisco ladies who were compelled to quit the Mission mills because they could not support themselves therein, tell an Examiner reporter that, from 70 to 75 cents per day is all that female help can earn, and to do that they must work 12 and 13 hours out of the 24. Yet these same robbed and starved women have to pay from 40 to 100 per cent. tariff on the woollens they wear and dress their children with, and all that the "American factory hands may have good wages"—say \$4 00 per week! Will people ever learn that, if the tariff were even twice as high as it is, wages, always subject to the chance and caprice of supply and demand would be no higher in consequence? And yet the agricultural and industrial interests of the country must be weighed down and crushed that the few may roll in ill-gotten wealth.

The San Francisco Examiner of Sept. 29th, contains by far the completest and most readable description of the funeral services held in that city in commemoration of the dead President. The Examiner stands at the head of the San Francisco press for enterprise.

The ship upon which the Villard party sailed from San Francisco for Portland ran aground in the Columbia river and the party had to complete the passage up on a river vessel. They were disgusted.

When the Czar of Russia and Bismarck met recently on the occasion of the former visiting Germany, they fell upon each other and wept. "A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind."

Some of the most eminent surgeons of the country denounce the blundering treatment of the President's case, for which Dr. Bliss was chiefly responsible, in very emphatic terms.

The ship "Alice Burke," with a cargo of steel rails for the Northern Pacific Railroad struck on a rock below San Francisco and sunk. All but 12 of a crew of 24 were lost.

District Attorney Corkhill has achieved an unenviable notoriety by cheap, clap-tarp utterances concerning his relations to the felon Guiteau.

Comings, the "pal" of "Jimmy Hope," now in the clutches of the law, in San Francisco, has netted nigh unto a million dollars in bank robberies.

Guiteau is rejoiced at the death of Garfield, claiming that thereby the Republican party has been saved.

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Should Heresy be Encouraged?

The heresy trial, says the San Francisco Alta, has shown that bickering, ill-nature, false witness, backbiting, and all manner of meanness, prevail among some of the "Lord's elect." In this respect it has been a very unseemly exhibition, and must work injury to the churches. If preachers, deacons and Bible-class teachers sneer and bicker and say evil things of each other, "the world's people" will be apt to think that there is but little benefit in religion. It is not too much to say that this trial has not compared favorably with an ordinary case in a police court. Short of coming to blows, and barring the routine prayers at the opening and close of each session, it has been scandalous. Ministers and deacons have vie'd with one another in saying spiteful and ill-natured things, and business have directly contradicted each other's testimony, the facts were shown to have been indicated in, and one of the leaders of the contending parties openly sneered at the other dead. The exhibition is a proof that the common weakness of human nature are to be found everywhere—in the saloon and the gin shop, among confessed believers as among confessed scoffers. It is as plain as a thousand electric lights could make it that these people have been for years taking the communion together with anger and uncharitableness and ill-will in their hearts. Such a church cannot be other than spiritually dead, and it is well that at last there is the prospect of some sort of a settlement, which will remove some or all of the causes of the grievous mischief.

Murder Will Out.

In 1877 a well known citizen of Lincoln, Placer county, named Singleton, disappeared. A farmer named Niles, a respectable citizen, and now a resident of this city, owed Singleton \$3,000. Singleton visited Niles to collect the money, and the two men visited Sheridan, in the same county, together. From that day Singleton has not been seen. The men were old friends, having crossed the plains together. Niles' statement that Singleton went to Arizona was accepted and believed by the community. Soon after the disappearance of Singleton, Niles filled up an abandoned well near his house. Latterly some property belonging to Singleton has been seen in Niles' possession; especially a gold watch which is known to have belonged to the missing man. The few neighbors who remembered the circumstances of the disappearance and the filling of the well connected the two circumstances together. Niles had sold the farm, and the new proprietor consented that the well should be opened to its old depth. This was done on Thursday, and Friday last; the body of Singleton was found at the bottom of the well. The high respectability of Niles, the popularity of Singleton, and the prominent relations sustained by both to the community invest the case with much exciting interest.

A dispatch from Wheatland announces that Niles was arrested near there to-day charged with the murder of Singleton. Niles refused to make a statement and was taken to Lincoln.—Sacramento dispatch.

George Scoville, of Chicago, Guiteau's brother-in-law and counsel, has arrived at Washington, and will fight out his client's case on the "hereditary insanity" line.

President Arthur being a widower it is said a sister will preside at the White House.

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